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Music teacher Kim Kox instructs junior high students in the Xavier Charter School show choir Monday afternoon during a rehearsal in the school's foyer for their Wednesday night Winter Showcase at the College of Southern Idaho. Xavier officials are in the early stages of planning a new school building that would have more room for students and classes.

Xavier Charter School considers building project

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

Xavier Charter School in Twin Falls might be in a new building as soon as next fall. Xavier officials are in the early stages of planning a building for the growing charter school that would provide more room for students in a school-owned facility. Xavier Charter School is requesting a special use permit from the city that would allow a school to be constructed on 10 acres located at the northeast corner of Creekside Way and North College Road West.

The Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission will hear the request at 6 p.m. today. A special use permit is needed to build a school because the site has a residential zoning designation. "I'll satisfy our needs for what we'd like to do," said Cindy Fulcher, the school's principal. Currently, Xavier Charter School is in a leased building

at 771 North College Road. The school added a ninth-grade class this year and will expand an additional high school grade for the next three years.

The new school with more room could change current enrollment limits, and allow two sections of classes for each grade, said Renee Robbins, the charter school's board chairwoman.

That would double the existing enrollment limits. The current limits are: 24 students for the kindergarten class, 28 students in each first- through third-grade class, and 33 students for the fourth-grade class and 33 for each higher grade.

The school building would be about 45,000 square feet, with the capacity to grow to 858 students with 41-staff members, according to the school's request. The school hopes to begin construction early next year and have the building ready by fall 2009, Robbins said.

However, officials stress

Proposed site of new building for Xavier Charter School, Twin Falls

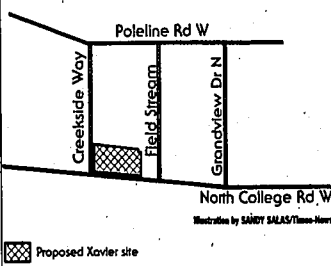


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that planning is very tentative.

"We haven't made any firm decisions at this point," Robbins said, adding that officials are still gathering information and don't know yet what the cost for a new

school would be. Robbins said the school is still looking at financing options for the new school, which include loans or bonds, but haven't been decided upon yet.

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Convicted killer Jensen ordered to pay restitution

Woman killed estranged husband's girlfriend in '99

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

A former nurse convicted eight years ago of a heinous murder in Twin Falls County was ordered on Monday to pay back the state of Idaho further victims' expenses.

Wicki Arlene Jensen, 39, was locked up for life after admitting to killing Aleta Diane Ray on Sept. 9, 1999, in what prosecutors and judges have called one of the county's most horrific murders.

At the time of the killing, Jensen's husband, Vern Jensen, had left her and was living with Ray and Ray's 3-year-old daughter. Jensen and two young accomplices — her niece Autumn Pauls, now 24; and Paul's friend Matthew W. Pearson, now 27 — wore disguises and fooled Ray into letting them

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into her home. Ray's 3-year-old daughter watched as they held a gun to Ray's head and administered a deadly injection of meth and insulin.

All were convicted of first-degree murder.

But only Jensen has tried to get out of paying \$22,500 back to the state for Ray's funeral expenses along with restitution to her daughter, said Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loebes.

"Pay as much as you can, for as long as you can," Loebes told Jensen Monday in 5th District Court in Twin Falls. "This is an issue of principle."

But Jensen sees paying back the restitution for her victims as an impingement

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Par for the course

T.F. Council raises golf rates, OKs plans for new building

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

Capping an evening of votes on golf issues, the Twin Falls City Council on Monday raised rates at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course — including weekday greens fees by almost 18 percent — with the goal of reducing losses at a facility that had been profitable in more than 10 years.

Almost all increases are between 6 percent and 7 percent, amounts suggested by the city's golf advisory board to offset the 6 percent

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sales tax the city pays the state, said Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Bower. More than \$40,000 in gross sales would be raised if course use is unchanged, he said.

But the 6-1 vote followed a lengthy debate over whether to accept the proposed increases or instead use existing rates and simply apply only a 6 percent tax; the second idea passed after councilmen said it

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Two young vandals charged with more than 20 instances of property crimes

By David Cooper
Times-News writer

Two youths, ages 12 and 13, have been arrested and charged with more than 20 instances of property crimes from a late-night vandalism spree on Friday, according to Twin Falls Police.

The two juveniles could be charged with felony crimes, including arson, burglary, and malicious injury to property, according to Twin Falls Police Capt. Matt Hicks. "It's still an ongoing investigation," said Hicks. "Hopefully we'll have the victims all lined up. But right now it looks in excess of 20 (instances)." Hicks said the property

"We woke up Saturday morning, went out and our sleigh and four reindeer were knocked over, stomped and smashed."

— Jan Waters, resident whose home's Christmas décor was destroyed by two young boys

crimes began after the two boys allegedly stole paint from Fred Meyer at 705 Blue Lakes Blvd. Police said the two suspects headed eastward, spray-painting cars, then damaging vehicles, residential properties and holiday decorations.

Hicks said the arson charges resulted from two vehicles being set on fire. Properties hit were located along Falls Avenue East and

Eastland Avenue. The suspects were arrested by Twin Falls County deputies shortly after midnight.

Jan Waters was just one resident who found her home's Christmas décor destroyed at the tail end of the vandalism spree.

"We woke up Saturday morning, went out and our sleigh and four reindeer were

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Former Precious Cargo owner Estep pleads guilty to possessing pot

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

The former owner of Precious Cargo, a Jerome-based transportation company that drove around children on Medicaid was sentenced Monday for possessing marijuana.

Steven D. Estep was sentenced in 5th District Court in Jerome, after pleading guilty to the misdemeanor charge. He received a year of supervised probation, with 30 days of time to serve as suspended by his probation officer.

Estep had also been charged with possession of paraphernalia, but that was dropped with his guilty plea.

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WATCH: A video of the hearing.

Charges stemmed from an August search warrant at his home at 408 E. Ave. D, where marijuana, paraphernalia and a scale were found, court records show.

Since Estep's arrest registered ownership of Precious Cargo, still operated out of Estep's home, has shifted to Stephanie McMullen, according to Idaho Secretary of State records.

Estep took the court Monday he had an addiction to marijuana. Prosecutors told the court

Estep admitted to smoking a "bowl" the day before his arrest, and had a strong physical addiction to the drug.

Precious Cargo Transportation drives Medicaid patients through a provider agreement with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

State officials can't conclusively say if Estep ever drove children stoned, and no one in court Monday addressed the question.

"We did not receive any complaints that that happened," said IDHW Spokeswoman Emily Sinnitt. "That's the primary

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MORNING BRIEFING



Pat's Picks

Things to go and do today

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Burley Rotary Club, noon, Burley Inn, 878-8382.
 Rupert Kiwanis Club, noon, Rupert Elks Lodge, 350 S. 200 W., 436-8124.
 Snake River Flute meeting, an all-male singing group, 7:30 p.m., Harmony Hall, 123 K St., Rupert, 436-6047.

EXHIBITS

An artist reception for Russ Heworth's "Retrospective," 7 to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, College of Southern Idaho's Herrett Center for Arts and Science, Twin Falls, open to the public, no cost, 732-6555.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
 Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Holey, 789-5500.
 Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln Ave., 644-2700.
 Blaine County commissioners, special meeting, 5:30 p.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Holey, 789-5500.
 Jerome City Council, 5:30 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8159.
 Butte School Board, 6:30 p.m., district office, 320 Main St., 543-6436.
 Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave., 878-2224.
 Castleford School Board, 7 p.m., school library, 500 W. Main St., 537-6511.
 Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 F. St., 436-9600.
 Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 885-2030.
 Wendell School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 750 E. Main St., 536-6318.
 Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., council chambers, 300 Main St., 326-5000.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

College of Southern Idaho's Over 80 and Getting Fit programs, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Hagerman High School Gym; and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Buhl old middle school gym, no cost, 732-6475.
 TOPS Weight Support Group Chapter ID No. 374, 10 a.m., 410 E. Third St., Rupert, 436-6037.
 Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Living Waters Presbyterian Church, 821 E. Main St., Wendell, no cost, 737-5988.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 2410 Miller Ave., Burley, no cost, 737-5988.
 Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., First Segregation Fire Station, Eden, no cost, 737-5988.

Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977.
 SilverSneakers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.
 Adult Children Anonymous (ACA) meeting, for individuals recovering from alcohol or dysfunctional family environment, 6 p.m., Canyon View National Fire Station, 228 Shoshone Ave. W. (west entrance), Twin Falls, no cost, 308-5656.

Mini-Casita Domestic Violence Support group for women meeting, 6 to 7 p.m., 123 S. C. St., Rupert, (208) 436-0987.
 Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 H. Ave. E., Jerome, 324-7237.

MUSEUMS AND PARKS

Mingle In the Jungle free reptile review, 6 p.m., Herrett Center Rain Forest, no cost; Family night telescope viewing, 6 to 9 p.m., Centennial Observatory, \$1 or free with planetarium show admission; Paulkoer Planetarium "The Christmas Star" 7 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for senior citizens, \$2.50 for students, no cost for children under age 2 and a special price package for families with five children or less; and Entertainment Show, "Steaming through the Holidays," 8:15 p.m., \$4.50, 732-6555.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magicvalley.com, by fax, 724-5538; or by mail, Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

Relax from hectic Christmas shopping and go some art.
 • "Little Reminders," a collection of new work by Magic Valley native Grant Olsen, will be displayed from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday through Jan. 31 in the Magic Valley Arts Council's La Galería Pequeña, 132 Main Ave. S. in Twin Falls.
 • In Buhl, you can see

Gertrude Hudson's "An Idaho Narrative," paintings from Idaho's 44 counties, on display through Dec. 31 at the Eighth Street Center, 200 Eighth Ave. N. It's open from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday or by appointment.
 • An artist reception for photographer Russ Heworth's "Retrospective" will be held 7 to 9 p.m. in the Jean B. King Gallery at the

College of Southern Idaho's Herrett Center for Arts and Science. Heworth's show runs through Feb. 14.
 The shows are all free and who knows, you might find some artwork to give as gifts.
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Jensen

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 on her rights.
 She argued firmly against Loeb's, then tried to interrupt the judge, and didn't acknowledge Ray's family, including her young daughter, who was sitting behind Jensen Monday in the courtroom.
 Jensen said she'll never be able to pay off her debt — while making only 20 cents per hour working in prison. She also says her restitution paperwork was filed last week, so she shouldn't be ordered to pay.
 "I shouldn't have my rights violated," Jensen said firmly on Monday in court. "That's not my fault. Mr. Loeb's, you don't order restitution in a timely manner."
 Loeb's continued Monday

he filed paperwork late, but 5th District Judge Randy Stoker agreed that Jensen will need to pay anyway.
 "I think if I had been required to pay restitution at my sentencing, I would have been more compliant," Jensen said Monday.
 Jensen's concern for her own health also prompted her opposition of paying restitution. She told the court that the Idaho Department of Correction makes inmates pay a small fee to see doctors, dentists, as well as to buy eyeglasses.
 She said IDOC has been garnishing about 50 percent of her prison account, originally without her knowledge.
 Stoker noted Monday the delay in ordering Jensen to pay was to her benefit.

Jensen's in prison for life, but her accomplices could go up for parole; Pearson is eligible in 2015; Pauls in 2012.
 Loeb told the court on Monday that Pauls and Pearson haven't objected to paying their part of the restitution.
 Pauls this month filed paperwork with U.S. District Court in Idaho to reverse her sentence. She says because she was just a minor at the time of her arrest, she was scared into pleading guilty, according to court records.
 Loeb said the murder was the most horrendous he's dealt with, and "that's not an idle statement," he told the court.

Andrea Jackson may be reached at 208-735-3380.

Xavier

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 By law, charter schools cannot put bond proposals out to voters for approval like traditional school districts can, according to State Sen. Dan Gannon, R-Rupert. Instead, the board of Xavier Charter School will make the final decision for a financing agreement, and possibilities for paying for the project include fundraisers and donations, Robbins said.
 The school hasn't bought the land yet, which is owned by WS&F, a limited liability company. Other unrelated

projects planned near the school site include a church building for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to the east and a residential development called Stoker Cottages to the northeast.
 The state does not provide money for charter schools to construct buildings, said Tamara Baysinger, charter schools program manager for the Idaho State Board of Education.
 Charter schools are public schools that receive state funding based on their average daily attendance.

Most frequently, charter schools need bank loans to build their facilities, Baysinger said, adding that private investors sometimes help.
 Heidi McKee, a parent with three children at the school, said she likes the idea of a new school that would have more room and serve more students.
 "I think the more kids that could benefit, the better," she said.
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COMING UP IN THE TIMES-NEWS

Festive favorites

Southern Idahoans share recipes for their holiday drinks.

WEDNESDAY IN FOOD



Vandals

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 knocked over, stomped and smashed," she said, adding that other light decoration fixtures and strands were either smashed, torn or shredded.
 The juvenile records were sealed on Monday. Hicks said he didn't believe either boy had a prior record, but

authorities are looking into whether the suspects were involved in other connected crimes. They are being held at the Snake River Detention Center in Twin Falls.
 Malignous injury to property can carry a minimum \$1,000 fine or year in jail. "But penalties like these are unlikely for juveniles," Hicks

said. "I think based on their age, it's unlikely they'll be incarcerated for a lengthy portion of time."
 Counts of malicious injury to property may be combined, based on whether total damage exceeds \$1,000. But arson charges would have to remain separate.

Council

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 wouldn't raise enough money and was a cumbersome alternative.
 "We're going to make a nightmare out of this and I think it's pretty straightforward," said Councilman Trip Craig.
 The opposing vote was Councilman Will Kezelle, who said he wanted to see ways to cut costs at the course before fees were raised.

percent, to \$475. But adult greens fees would rise by \$3 to \$20 on weekdays and \$23 on weekends — nearly double their respective prices in 2004. Punch, crabs, which offer 10 rounds of golf and cost \$100 two years ago, will cost \$150.
 In related news, the City Council unanimously agreed to allow city staff to solicit bids for the construction of a 1,200 square-foot maintenance facility at the course that would have an office, bathroom and work bays.

problems — is a dangerous workplace.
 The new building was not included in the 2008 budget, but city officials said it was only recently said it was found a good option.
 "Nothing much has changed, first of all," Community Development Director Mitch Hamblin said in the meeting. "Our primary concern is the safety of the employees."
 The city council also extended by one year the contract with PGA Pro Mike Hamblin to manage the golf course, a move designed to give the city ample time to engage in request for proposals for management of the course. Councilmen said they hope Hamblin will apply.

Jared S. Hopkins may be reached at 208-735-3204.

"We are constantly seeing fee increases," he said, "I'm not seeing cost-cutting."
 When asked by Councilman Don Hall if the changes would affect the course's competitiveness with nearby courses, Bowyer said, "I'd say very competitive."
 Most fees will rise minimally, such as the single adult season pass \$30, or 6.7

The building is estimated to cost between \$50,000 and \$70,000, officials said, and is the most cost-effective way for the city to provide a modern, safe facility for the course's grounds crew. The existing nearby building — full of holes, leaks and other building

Estep told the court Monday he's learned a lesson and apologized to the community and his friends. "I learned one can lose a lot," he said, noting a business partner had filed for bankruptcy.
 Estep also told the court publicity of his case caused problems for him. "I've never been in the public eye like I am now."

Estep

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 "The state does not make Medicaid transportation providers under contract with Idaho drug test their employees," Smitth confirmed Monday.
 Not all clients were satisfied with Precious Cargo services, and complained to the state about dirty vehicles.
 Vehicles were dirty and ran late, drivers looked unkempt, and children

sometimes weren't picked up, Melody Lenker, director of the Northern Idaho Learning Center recently told the Times-News. The SILC works with children who have learning disabilities. "We were very concerned," Lenker said in October. "We stopped recommending them to parents after our experience."
 Marijuana wasn't being sold or manufactured in Estep's home, said his lawyer, Hyong Pak.

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CORRECTION

Wedding date wrong

Due to incorrect information provided to the Times-News, the wrong date was published in Sunday's Family Life Section for the Annmarie Hawkes and Jacob Medina wedding. The wedding will be Friday, in the Twin Falls LDS Temple. A reception and dance will follow, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., at the LDS Church at 2700 Elizabeth Blvd. E. in Twin Falls.

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A lapsed Mormon's improbable journey

The most famous Twin Falls native you've never heard of has been back in the news recently ...

Bruce Bastian, Twin Falls High School class of 1966 and co-founder of Word Perfect, gave \$1 million to an effort to defeat Proposition 8, the constitutional amendment on the Nov. 4 California ballot designed to overturn a state Supreme Court decision legalizing same-sex marriages ...

Prop. 8 was approved by voters, 52 percent to 48 percent ...

Bastian, a 60-year-old Orem, Utah, resident, is gay and a financial supporter of progressive causes ...

At one time, Bastian's net worth was estimated at \$1.1 billion, earning him a place on the Forbes 500.

He was angered when The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints got its "big nose" into something he considered a legal, not a religious, matter, Bastian told the *Deseret News* ... So he wrote a check for \$1 million ...

Bastian was born in Twin Falls in 1948 ... He founded WordPerfect with Alan Ashton, a professor at Brigham Young University, in 1978 ...

WordPerfect is a proprietary word-processing application ... In the late 1980s and early 1990s, it was the de facto standard word processor, but since has been eclipsed by Microsoft Word ... Bastian and Ashton subsequently sold WordPerfect to Corel ...

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Bastian grew up in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served a Mormon mission in Italy ... He was married in the LDS temple ...

He had a family before deciding he was gay and becoming an activist ...

Since then, Bastian has given thousands of dollars to social causes ...

After graduating from TFHS, Bastian enrolled at BYU as a music major and was for a time the director of the BYU Cougar Marching Band ... He developed a software program to help choreograph band performances ...

He was dismissed as band director when it was suggested that he pursue his master's degree in computer science rather than music ...

After graduating from BYU in 1978, Bastian worked for Ashton and another partner, developing word-processing software ...

When that company failed because of inadequate funding, Bastian took a job with the Eyring Research Institute, working with language translation programs ... He signed a contract with the city of Orem to produce a word-processor ... That was the beginning of WordPerfect ...

Bastian and Ashton are now estranged, according to

Do tell

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the *Salt Lake Tribune* ... While Bastian, who came out as a gay man, divorced his wife and renounced his faith almost simultaneously, Ashton is still devoted to the church ...

"It's a personal slap in the face by people I was close to, people I worked so hard for and stood up for in many ways," Bastian told the *Tribune* ... "People I thought were my friends and saw me as an equal have helped push me back ... They consider me second class" ...

Steve Crump is the *Times-News Opinion* editor.

Idaho justices order death row inmate resentenced

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Supreme Court has ordered that death row inmate Darrell Edward Payne be resentenced for the abduction, rape and murder of Boise State University student Samantha Maher in 2000.

In a ruling Monday, the high court said that 4th District Judge Thomas Neville should have limited the victim impact testimony given during the sentencing hearing. During the testimony, some of Maher's family members and friends told the judge that Payne should "rot in hell" for the crimes, and that he was evil and less than human. Those sorts of statements should have been barred because they were unduly prejudicial.

The five justices were unanimous in the ruling written by Justice Roger Burdick. But Chief Justice Daniel Eismann wrote a special concurrence, reminding Neville for what Eismann said was a failure to follow existing case law, and as a result forcing Maher's friends and family to go through the trauma of another hearing.

Payne was convicted by a jury but sentenced by

Neville in 2002 — a year before Idaho began requiring juries, not judges, to decide whether to impose death penalties.

Now that Payne is being

resentenced, a jury will be asked to decide if the death penalty is appropriate.

The justices said that an excessive number of letters from Maher's family and

friends were attached to the pre-sentence investigation report, and that several of them included opinions about Payne, his character and his crime.

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Lee delays filing of annual report

Parent company of Times-News plans to restructure debt

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Lee Enterprises, the parent company of the Times-News, announced Monday that it will delay the filing of its annual report on Form 10-K until Dec. 29.

Corporate officials say increased market volatility and deteriorating economic conditions have forced the company to delay the filing in order to determine the extent of additional non-cash charges associated with the acquisition of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch LLC, a Pulitzer Inc. subsidiary, and its \$306 million in debt. "None of the matters under review would impact cash flows, but per share results will be reduced, as will stockholders' equity," officials said in a written statement.

Company officials also told publishers that the delay will not affect individual newspaper operations such as the Times-News.

"As the economy has con-

tinued to worsen, Lee is actively engaged in discussions with the noteholders to extend or renew the Pulitzer Notes as soon as possible, and we are simultaneously working to obtain the necessary waivers under our various debt agreements," said Mary Jurck, chairman and chief executive officer of Lee Enterprises. "Although the credit markets remain very difficult, lenders have shown a willingness to work toward acceptable solutions to help us avoid violating performance conditions in our debt agreements."

Without such an agreement with lenders, Lee would default in the guaranty agreement. The notice of default will allow creditors to provide greater leniency on outstanding debt. KPMG, Lee's independent public accounting firm, notified Lee's Audit Committee chairman that, because of Lee's inability to meet its debt obligations, it will include an explanatory paragraph relating to Lee's ability to continue as a going concern.

Lee Enterprises owns 49 daily newspapers and more than 300 weekly newspapers and specialty publications in 23 states.

Judge sets Madrid trial date

Burglary case has ties to Dale Miller death

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

Trial is around the corner for Rachel Madrid, who allegedly burglarized the home of a murdered man found stuffed inside a barrel in her garage.

Police found the body of 18-year-old Dale Miller more than a year ago on Sept. 12, 2007, in Madrid's apartment garage at 322 Morningside Drive in Twin Falls.



Madrid

Two men were charged with killing him: John McElhiney, 32, and Cameron Watts, 30.

Two women have also been charged with felony crimes connected to the slaying. Madrid, 27, and McElhiney were once romantically linked. Another woman, Bobbi Woolsey, 30, whom authorities said was involved with Watts, is charged with giving a false alibi for him.

She pleaded guilty to that charge and faces a maximum punishment of five years when she's sentenced Feb. 2. Before pleading, though, Woolsey skipped out on a court date and was arrested on a warrant in October, when police allegedly found her with drugs and three folding knives in a room at the Capt. Motel on Kimberly Road.

Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb's said Monday that case will be dismissed, but Woolsey faces another drug case in Mindokota County that unfolded before the one in Twin Falls and after Miller's murder. "It was the appropriate thing to do given the facts of that case," he said, declining to elaborate.

Madrid was charged nearly a year after the murder, and Woolsey was charged about eight months after the killing.

Loeb's has said there wasn't a rush to charge Madrid because she was at the Pocatello Women's Correctional Center, doing time for a conviction out of another county. He said Woolsey was charged immediately after police became aware of the crime.

Madrid's attorney, Loren Bingham, said during a short hearing in Twin Falls that negotiations in her case weren't progressing well.

Judge G. Richard Bevan set trial for Madrid's burglary case for three days, beginning March 31.

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WATCH: A video of the hearing.

Madrid told police in June that Watts and McElhiney were going to intimidate and rough up Miller in her apartment because Miller owed money to Watts, court records show.

Police assert Madrid told them she removed items from Miller's bedroom and put them in his living room. McElhiney and Watts then allegedly moved the items to Madrid's apartment, court records show.

To commit burglary, which carries a maximum punishment of 10 years, someone needs to intend to steal something or commit a felony while unlawfully entering a home, said Loeb's.

The burglary charge isn't the only charge Madrid currently faces.

She was also charged this month with battery, after allegedly fighting with other female inmates inside the Twin Falls County jail. Her next hearing for that case is in January.

Watts and McElhiney both pleaded guilty to murdering Miller. Watts is set for sentencing on Friday, but McElhiney has had a change of heart and wants to withdraw his plea. There's a hearing next month on that motion.

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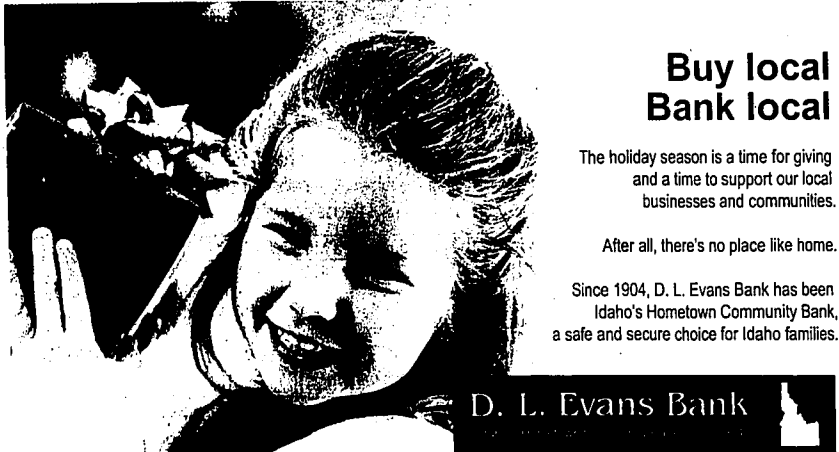
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Lincoln County approves CAFO ordinance

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

Maybe the public didn't have much to say, or maybe the public already said it.

On Friday, Lincoln County commissioners heard from just a single person before quickly discussing and approving an ordinance revising the county's regulations on confined-animal feeding operations.

The new CAFO ordinance changes a number of rules, including how many animals make up an "animal unit," the cost to get a permit and the way noncompliance complaints are handled. It also requires new CAFOs to be set back from roads, neighbors and property edges — the bigger the CAFO, the farther away it has to be.

For example, under the new regulations, a dairy farmer who owns 300 dairy cows and 100 heifers — a total of 500 animal units, because dairy cows are now worth 1.4 units and heifers .8 units — must set his operation back a half-mile from the perimeter of the CAFO. He must also own an additional quarter mile of land around the CAFO.

The commissioners heard from former commissioner Rusty Parker on that issue. He noted that any CAFO with

more than 1,000 animal units has to be a mile from the perimeter, plus own half a mile around it, no matter how big the operation gets.

"I really think you should have considered animal units per acre," Parker said. "To me, a one-mile setback is fine for a 1,000-head dairy, but as the size of the CAFO grows, the size of the setback should increase."

Lincoln County attorney E. Scott Paul wondered whether a proportional increase in setbacks would effectively prohibit any new dairies from opening in the county,

simply because pieces of property might not be big enough to accommodate huge setbacks. Parker said he wasn't thinking the increase in setbacks would increase proportionally; rather, they'd go up a small amount for each significant increase in the size of the CAFO.

Commissioner Jerry Nance said he understood the concern, and recommended that the commissioners instruct the county's planning and zoning commission to revisit the issue soon.

"I think you're right, but we're not going to change it

tonight," Nance said to Parker. "This is a big step from where we were."

Also under discussion on Friday were ordinances about Lincoln County's zoning and subdivisions. The zoning ordinance originally would have put boundaries around where CAFOs could be built, effectively limiting them to the southeast corner of the county. After hearing complaints from the public at previous hearings on the ordinance, this boundary limitation was removed from the ordinance passed Friday night.

Mattel settles with 39 states over tainted toys

Idaho to get \$202K

NEW YORK (AP) — Toy maker Mattel Inc. will pay \$12 million to 39 states to settle an investigation over Chinese-made lead-tainted toys shipped to the U.S. in 2007, state officials said Monday.

Mattel and its Fisher Price unit recalled more than 21 million Chinese-made toys last year, beginning in August, fearing the items were tainted with lead paint and tiny magnets that children could accidentally swallow.

All the affected toys were pulled off shelves by December 2007.

As part of the agreement, Mattel also agreed to lower the acceptable level of lead in toys shipped to the states to 90 parts per million down from 600 ppm, which is currently the federal standard.

When new regulations go into place next year, however, the federal standard will also fall 90 parts per million. "We are pleased this agreement with Mattel and Fisher Price will result in much safer standards," Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley said during a press conference Monday.

Massachusetts will receive \$625,000 as part of the settlement. The state plans to use \$500,000 of the money for a grant program funding organizations that foster awareness of the dangers of lead paint and \$125,000 will cover legal costs Coakley said.

Idaho's portion of the settlement — just over \$202,000 — will go to pay for the state's actions under the Consumer Protection Act, said Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden.

"When it comes to lead ingestion, there simply is no safe level for a child," Wasden said in a prepared statement. "I am pleased that Mattel is taking steps to ensure the safety of their toys for Idaho's children."

Meanwhile, Vermont will get almost \$450,000, Wisconsin will receive \$234,700, New Jersey will get \$259,000 and Delaware will receive \$197,000.

"Mattel has demonstrated its commitment to children's safety by pledging to meet standards even more stringent than those currently required," El Segundo, Calif.-based Mattel said in a statement. "Mattel also has taken steps that go beyond current requirements to give parents greater confidence that the Mattel toys that they buy this holiday season will be the safest ever."

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EDITORIAL

We can live with a 4-day work week for awhile

So what's more important: government services at a price taxpayers can afford, or government services on Fridays?

Nampa, Idaho's second-largest city, announced last week that it's the latest Idaho municipality considering a four-day work week to save money.

City officials reckon the city of 76,500 could save \$60,000 a year in utility, vehicle and other costs by shutting down one day a week.

Offices would be open from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays. The change would not affect the city's libraries, recreation facilities or fire and police services.

As usual, cities are far ahead of Idaho state government on this issue. When gasoline prices were \$4 a gallon last summer, Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter authorized all state agencies to alter work hours at their discretion.

Only the Department of Environmental Quality did so significantly.

Meanwhile in Utah, Gov. Jon Huntsman ordered about two-thirds of state employees to start working four 10-hour days a week instead of five eight-hour days.

Huntsman's primary motivation was gas prices — now about a third of what they were back in July — but the four-day work week still makes sense.

Public buildings are expensive to heat, light and air-condition, and they're open whether they're being used or not. Back when the government wasn't busy jettisoning programs for the disabled and the elderly and laying off employees, that may have been a justifiable extravagance.

No more. If banks can afford to be closed for three days running — as they are several times a year — so can state offices.

It's a question of priorities, really: Should government continue to do business as usual when times get hard, or should it maximize limited resources?

Nampa's idea is a good one. Twin Falls city and county and the governments of south-central Idaho should consider copying it.

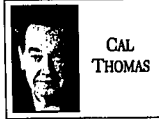
Our view: Making sure government services are effective in hard times is a higher priority than keeping public office buildings open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

A one-world government conspiracy? Not so crazy

For years I have received letters written as elegantly as ransom notes, advising me of certain worldwide conspiracies. Sometimes the writing instrument of choice has been a crayon.

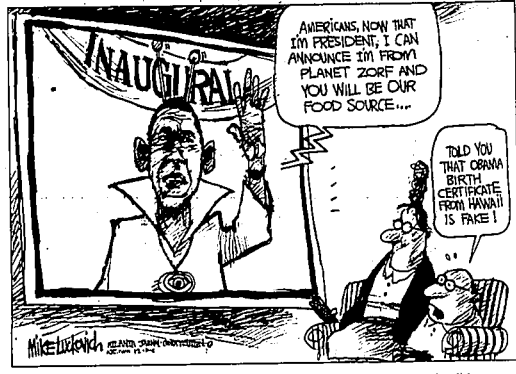
The most dangerous conspirators, said many of the scribblers, were the Jews, who allegedly were intent on dominating the world's finances and everything else, which would be remarkable, given their small number. Then I met a Council on Foreign Relations and the Trilateral Commission that supposedly were conspiring individually and collectively to ruin America through their secret meetings and conspiratorial plotting. I listed them because I know members of both and found at least those I knew to be patriotic Americans. To conspirators, that either made me "one of them," or it made me a dupe.



CAL THOMAS

I consigned all the letters to the same file, File 13, which held other bogus conspiracies, from the late columnist Madelyn Murray O'Fallon's alleged attempts to ban religious broadcasting, to the "fluoridation is a commie plot" campaign of the '50s to GM's supposed "death car," the one who said to cause the demise of whoever owned it, to the one about alligators in the New York City sewer system that bit women when they used public toilets.

Recently, though, I have been giving more serious consideration to another "conspiracy" that seems to be growing legs. It is the conspiracy of one-world government. As governments increasingly demand more



power to direct and shape our future by mandating how we live (not to mention their increasing invasiveness with cameras, wiretaps and other forms of "monitoring"), those who believe in individual liberty are on the defense.

On Dec. 8, columnist Gideon Rachman of the Financial Times (www.ft.com) wrote as if he, too, is a reluctant conspiracist, listing themes related to global concerns: a global financial crisis, "global warming" and the global war on terror. He also pointed to the obvious shrinkage of the world through communication. In this, he is of the same frame of mind as Thomas Friedman in his book "The World Is Flat."

Rachman quoted Australian historian Geoffrey Blainey: "For the first time in human history, world government of some sort is now possible." Blainey forecasts its establishment as some time in the next 200 years. I think it could arrive much sooner.

The European Union might be Barack Obama's model, as could the United Nations. In nominating his

top campaign aide, Susan Rice, to be America's U.N. ambassador, Obama also announced his intention to raise the post to cabinet rank. In his book, "The Audacity of Hope," Obama wrote, "When the world's sole superpower willingly restrains its power and abides by internationally agreed-upon standards of conduct, it sends a message that these rules are worth following."

In fact, the message it sends is that the ideas and ideals which made America unique in the world are no longer worth following, because in a one-world government, the United States would inevitably have to compromise its beliefs, laws, faith and everything else that makes it unique. European and Third World leaders would effectively be running the show. Barack Obama was elected president of the United States, not president of a world order, or worse, one of many equals among one of many nations that are nothing special.

It's bad enough to have the Democratic Congress drifting to Detroit and borrowing

money from the Chinese to keep automakers afloat, as they make cars fewer people want. It would be something far worse to have a world body pass laws that require Americans to live by standards they would never choose for themselves. Rachman concluded on an optimistic note. Noting that even within the EU, a one-world government remains unpopular, he wrote, "The world's most pressing political problems may indeed be international in nature, but the average citizen's political identity remains stubbornly local."

Maybe, but if we get too many "global" crises happening at once, the possibility of a one-world government to bring order, even at the expense of liberty, may be too strong for some politicians to resist.

So, yes, I'm starting to believe in the possibility of one-world government and it should be vigorously opposed if America, as we know it, is to be preserved.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A different kind of Christmas story

It's Christmas, Dec. 20; the Jerome children — Fire District, Ambulance and Highway — hang their stockings; Santa Taxpayer will bring Tax Revenue Presents. There's a new stocking with the name Crossroads and a receipt. They question Wicked Stepmother, Jerome County Urban Renewal Agency, who says, "Mr. Crossroads didn't buy his own stocking so he asked us; we used our credit card to buy this red-ribboned stocking."

The children say there aren't enough presents. Stepmother URA soothes, "You'll get the same presents as always. Mr. Crossroads is having business elves come work for him making widgets and generating many presents for his stocking. In 24 years, there'll be lot of

presents for everybody." The children say that's a long time — how about they just get their own elves! URA says, "It takes a red-ribboned stocking to attract elves."

An elf comes to work and the children help him. His shop caught fire, so Fire District put it out. When he fell, Ambulance rescued him.

Next December the children hope, by helping, there might be extra. No, they see the same meager presents. However, Mr. Crossroads' stocking is bulging. There are so many he gives some to his buddies on New Year's Eve.

The children whine: URA hushes them, "Soon everybody'll have many presents." The children watch for more elves — but nobody comes. It's the economy. The widget market falls; the elf stops making them. December arrives, and in the stockings there are hardly

any presents. URA says, "Sorry, we still owe for the red-ribboned stocking so we have to cut back. Ask Santa Taxpayer for more."

That's the story of How Green Stole Christmas. That's the Urban Renewal Agency Commissionners are considering to give the owner of Crossroads. The public hearing is Dec. 17, 9:15 a.m., at the Courthouse. Speak up, Santa Taxpayer. **CHERI CONDIE**
Jerome

Important things to worry about than gay marriage

Every now and again, I see letters, articles and so on about gay marriage. We have an economic problem, we still have troops in Iraq, that we need to be thinking about, this bailout bull — and gay marriage is something that you are going to worry about right now! Are

you serious? How is that a threat to us?

The only reason this can be an issue is through the eyes of religion, this is a terrible sin and morally wrong, if gays want to get married, let them. I read a report that it will send us all to hell; it is their choice. There should be no prejudice at all.

When religious people go out and shove the Bible down everyone's throat to show that gay marriage is a bad thing and the day gays are able to get married will be the day the world comes to an end. Pushing one's beliefs on someone is not right.

Let us just push these things aside and work on the "major issues," because gay marriage is not one of them — so pull those corks out of your heads and let the steam out, people. **STEAMY GALLEGOS**
Heyburn

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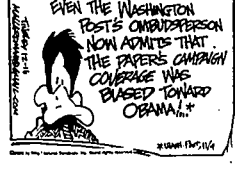
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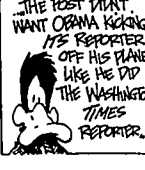


By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Filmore



By Bruce Tinsley



Never trust the feds to do a state's work

Let's say you're driving down the road and three wheels fly off your car. How do you get rolling again?

If you're Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, you take a knife and slash the one remaining tire.



LOREN STEFFY

Back in March, Paulson released a 218-page report on reforming financial regulation that called for, among other things, replacing state regulation of securities and insurance with federal oversight.

The issue has been overshadowed by the financial crisis, but it's a topic of discussion this week as state securities regulators from the U.S. and Canada gather for the annual meeting of the North American Securities Administrators Association conference in Washington.

At the time the plan was unveiled, Paulson argued the changes were needed because excessive and overlapping regulation was costly and hurting the competitiveness of U.S. markets in the global economy. That was one of his favorite battle cries back when he was still in denial about the looming financial crisis.

The ensuing eight months have refuted the report's the-

sis of streamlined federal oversight.

At every turn, state regulators have been the only friend for consumers and investors.

It was the states, as my colleague R.G. Ratcliffe noted earlier this week, that forced banks to make good on auction-rate bonds they sold to investors, often under false pretenses, when the market collapsed in February.

It was the states that backed class-action lawsuits against subprime mortgage peddlers such as Ameriquest and Countrywide, forcing the companies that bought them, Citigroup and Bank of America respectively, to modify loans for beleaguered borrowers.

"We tend to be on top of what's happening earlier than our federal counterparts," Texas Securities Commissioner Denise Voligt Crawford told Ratcliffe before she left for Washington.

When it became clear that the murky market for credit default swaps needed transparency, it was the state insurance commissioner from New York who stepped in, declaring what Congress had dangled around for years: the swaps are insurance and need to be regulated as such.

The feds, of course, had long ignored swaps, arguing that regulation would result in decreased competition and additional costs. Instead, the opacity of the swaps market compounded our current financial crisis and hastened the recession.

The states have long fought on the front lines of securities regulations, battling penny stock fraud and the boiler rooms that promote it. The Federal Securities and Exchange Commission has neither the resources nor the interest to tackle relatively small scams.

The SEC, of course, has proved inept at protecting investors from far bigger problems. It couldn't see, or didn't want to see, the impending collapse of Bear Stearns even days before it happened.

Nor is this a new problem. In 2002, it federalized a series of states took the lead in forcing a \$1.4 billion Wall Street

settlement over tainted equity research.

The SEC itself has seemed largely oblivious to its role of investor protection, a finding underscored in an inspector general's report on the agency released late on the Friday after Thanksgiving. Damning in its findings, the report portrays an agency rife with potential conflicts, including a lack of proper oversight to prevent SEC employees from trading on insider information.

In other words, it's the SEC itself that's ripe for reform. Paulson, though, wants to transfer some of its duties to the Federal Reserve and combine the rest with the Commodities Futures Trading Commission.

In fact, his plan is nothing more than a shell for Wall Street, which would have to love to see state regulation weakened, leaving the obligatory SEC and the self-regulatory arms of the stock exchanges as the primary enforcers.

The same is true for insurance. Paulson's plan is a paeon to the industry, something for which insurers have been pining for years. The huge and complex regulation would result in simplification and increased competi-

tion, but it would overrule stricter state rules, such as those in Texas, that attempt to rein in runaway rates.

Paulson's plan, unveiled just eight months ago, reads like it came out of a time capsule, a reminder of the failed thinking that fueled the crisis in which we're now enmeshed.

The plan has some good ideas, such as a national regulator for mortgage brokers, and Paulson's right that

financial regulation needs reform.

But if the past eight months have taught us anything, it's that the wheels have come off federal regulation.

Slashing state oversight isn't the way to get on the road to reform.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We shouldn't forget about our soldiers

I am writing this letter because it seems like everyone has forgotten about our soldiers.

Well, I have a few soldiers in my life that I know but no one could compare to my brother-in-law. He married my sister. They have two beautiful little girls together. He was recently in Iraq helping the hundred soldiers fight for our freedom. They are living in Georgia right now, but they are both from here in Idaho. My brother-in-law is from the Twin Falls area. He just got back from Iraq on Dec. 6.

To me, what is so special about him getting back on this date is that it was his youngest daughter's birthday that day — she turned a year old. This was also my brother-in-law's second time serving in Iraq.

I just think it is sad how everyone is forgetting about the 9/11 attacks and about our soldiers that are fighting for us. We need to do more

to support them than to put them down.
DELLA HEATH Gooding

Scout writes in support of gray wolf delisting

I'm a Scout working on my communication merit badge.

This was my first year big game hunting, and I was very fortunate about getting my elk and deer. All I would want to know is why did they bring in the gray wolf when they are not native to Idaho and we already have the timber wolf?

Also they're meant for chasing down the caribou over the tundra of Alaska and Canada. My feelings are the gray wolf should be delisted off the endangered species list and Fish and Game should control their numbers, thereby assuring that I will continue to enjoy the traditions of hunting with my father.

LOGAN NEEBEKER Hagerman

Owner seeks information about stolen dog

To the couple who picked up a black dog on Dec. 5 near Castleford at 3700 North and 800 East:

We searched the neighborhood, roadsides and animal shelters for him. Wednesday, Dec. 10, we learned from a neighbor that the dog was picked up and brought to his home by someone trying to "return" the dog to his owner, thinking he was "lost" on the road. The neighbor had just seen the dog and gave you instructions to our home, less than a mile away.

The dog was on his "turf;" he is used to being on our farms. He travels to our son's home, next to the neighbor's with whom you spoke. The dog does not leave the area nor would not have run away. He probably did jump into your car when you opened the door; he is used to riding in our vehicles and on tractors and the ATV daily around our farming operation. He loves people

and would trust anyone inviting him to load up. We would love to have him returned to our family; he's been a pet and constant companion for six years.

If you were honestly trying to return a dog that you assumed was lost, we would love to hear from you, no questions asked. If you were looking for a new family pet for yourself, we hope you will take good care of him, respecting his unique personality. If your taking him was a part of some other devious activity, heaven help you deal with your conscience.

A word to travelers along country roadsides: Country dogs know their way around their "turf;" they are usually not lost. Neighbors know each other's dogs and respect that ownership. Information concerning this male black lab would be appreciated.

JON WELLS CAROL WELLS Buhl

QUOTABLE

"I can sense the excitement and the confidence that's spreading around the entire organization about what we're getting done and what we may get done still. A rising tide lifts all boats, and the confidence and the excitement right now among the team and the organization is contagious."

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Court allows lawsuits over 'light' cigarettes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Monday handed a surprising defeat to tobacco companies counting on it to put an end to lawsuits alleging deceptive marketing of "light" cigarettes.

In a 5-4 split won by the court's liberals, it ruled that smokers may use state consumer protection laws to sue cigarette makers for the way they promote "light" and "low tar" brands.

The decision was at odds with recent anti-consumer rulings that limited state regulation of business in favor of federal power.

Alltria Group Inc. argued on behalf of its Philip Morris

USA subsidiary that the lawsuits are barred by the federal cigarette labeling law, which forbids states from regulating any aspect of cigarette advertising that involves smoking and health.

Justice John Paul Stevens, however, said in his majority opinion that the labeling law does not shield the companies from state laws against deceptive practices. The

decision forces tobacco companies to defend dozens of suits filed by smokers in Maine, where the case originated, and across the country.

People suing the cigarette makers still must prove that the use of "light" and "lower tar" actually violate the state anti-fraud laws, but those lawsuits may go forward, Stevens said.

Alltria senior vice president and associate general counsel Murray Garnick said the company still could prevail in those fraud lawsuits. "We continue to view these cases as manageable, and the company will assert many of the strong defenses used successfully in the past to defend against this very type of case," Garnick said.

Stevens was joined by the

other liberal justices, Stephen Breyer, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and David Souter, as well as Justice Anthony Kennedy, whose vote often decides cases where there is an ideological division.

The conservative justices, Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Samuel Alito, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas, dissented.

Thomas, writing for the

dissenters, said the lawsuit should be thrown out because it relies on claims about smokers' health.

"The alleged misrepresentation here — that 'light' and 'low-tar' cigarettes are not as healthy as advertised — is actionable only because of the effect that smoking light and low-tar cigarettes had on respondents' health," Thomas said.

AROUND THE NATION

ILLINOIS Obama: Investigation shows no inappropriate contact with Ill. gov.

CHICAGO — President-elect Barack Obama said Monday a review by his own lawyer shows he had no direct contact with Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich about the appointment of a Senate replacement, and transition aides "did nothing inappropriate."

Obama said he is prepared to make the review public, but decided to hold off because prosecutors asked for a delay and "I don't want to interfere with an ongoing investigation."

Controversy has swirled around the presidential elect and his incoming White House chief of staff, Rep. Rahm Emanuel, following Blagojevich's arrest last week on charges he schemed to trade Obama's Senate seat for personal gain.

Obama, fielding questions at a news conference, sidestepped when asked whether Emanuel had spoken with aides to the governor.

President-elect Obama pledged the results of the investigation by his incoming White House counsel, Gregory Craig, would be released "in due course."

NEW YORK N.Y. governor says Caroline Kennedy wants Clinton Senate seat

ALBANY — Caroline Kennedy told New York's governor on Monday that she's interested in the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Hillary Rodham Clinton, making her the highest-profile candidate to express a desire for the job.

Democratic Gov. David Paterson will choose the replacement.

"She told me she was interested in the position," Paterson said. "It's not a campaign. She'd like at some point to sit down."

Caroline Kennedy's spokesman, Stefan Friedman, declined to comment.

Clinton is expected to be confirmed as President-elect Barack Obama's secretary of state.

At an afternoon news conference to discuss last week's analyzing tie term, New York's senior senator, Charles Schumer, said he has also talked to Caroline Kennedy about the job.

"And she's clearly interested," he said.

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- 4 Temperature

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- Automatic Dry

WED5100VQ

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Amana Dryer

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- 7 Drying Cycles
- 3 Temperature Settings

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Stocks end lower as scam victim list grows

(AP) Investors sent stocks lower Monday as anxiety over the growing list of firms affected by investment manager Bernard Madoff magnified Wall Street's concerns about the health of the financial sector.

Dow Jones Industrials -65.16
8,564.53

Nasdaq Composite -32.38
1,508.34

Standard & Poor's 500 -11.18
868.57

Russell 2000 -15.86
452.57

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Dairy group holds off on surcharge.
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FUEL REPORT

Fuel prices in south-central Idaho declined slightly since the previous week. The average price for a gallon of regular-grade gasoline in the region was \$1.50 — down about 6 cents from the previous week. The average price for diesel remained mostly unchanged at about \$2.38 per gallon. Fuel prices in south-central Idaho were lower than the state average of \$1.55, according to the AAA Fuel Gauge Report. Oil futures peaked briefly above \$50 early Monday, but then fell \$1.77 from Friday's level to settle at \$44.51 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Gas prices

- Twin Falls: Maverik Country Store, 120 8th Ave. W.: \$1.45
- Jerome: Maverik Country Store, 352 S. Lincoln Ave.: \$1.43
- Burley: Maverik Country Store, 1209 E. Main St.: \$1.61

Diesel prices

- Twin Falls: Chevron, 3193 Kimberly Rd.: \$2.41
- Jerome: Flying J Travel Plaza, 5350 U.S. Highway 93: \$2.35
- Burley: Overland - Sinclair, 560 Overland Ave.: \$2.35

*Price quotes by Mapquest.com as of Monday afternoon. Subject to change at anytime.

COMMODITY PRICES

Dairy

Block	Close	Change
Average price	\$1.685	-.10
Barrel		
Average price	\$1.658	-.112
Butter		
Average Price	\$1.188	-.102
Whey protein concentrate		
Average price	\$4.25	+.25
Class III milk		
Average price	\$15.51	-.155
Class IV milk		
Average price	\$12.25	-.137

Feed

Corn (Per 100 pounds)		
Dairy Feed Supply	\$7.50	+.50
Land O'Lakes	\$7.00	-.50
Ogden	\$7.45	-.95
Barley (Per 100 pounds)		
Rangen	\$6.80	-.80
Ogden	\$6.25	-.90
Pocatello	\$5.65	-.85
Burley	\$6.00	-.50
Hay (Mid/Ton)		
Alfalfa(Supreme)Low	\$160	High \$160
Alfalfa(Good)Low	\$145	High \$150
Alfalfa(Fair)Low	*	High *

Small grain

Soft white wheat	Ask	N/A
Rangen	-.27	
Ogden	\$4.54	-.02
Pocatello	\$3.80	-.55
Burley	\$3.70	-.45

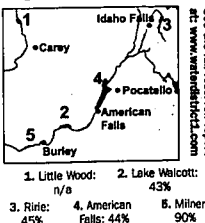
Livestock

Lambs and hogs		
Foster lambs	Low \$94	High \$116
Fat lambs	Low \$89	High \$98
Killer ewes	Low \$6	High \$21

Price quotes as of Monday afternoon. Prices subject to change at any time. To be included in this table, call Joshua Palmer at 208-735-3231.

More commodities on B2

RESERVOIR LEVELS



Fertilizer prices expected to climb

Demand up as world looks to address food shortages

By Clady Snyder
Times-News correspondent

COEUR D'ALENE — For years fertilizer has been an afterthought. That was good for crop producers because it helped keep prices relatively stable. But those days are likely gone.

Ford West has worked with The Fertilizer Institute, a trade organization, for 30 years. He believes escalating food prices earlier this year served as a wake-up call to the rest of the world that fertilizer has a role to play when it comes to food security.

Fertilizer use is expected to jump from 175 million tons of nutrient to 200 million tons — all of that forecasted increase in fertilizer use is projected to come

from outside the U.S. In fact, that projected increase is greater than total U.S. fertilizer use of 22 million tons.

"Fertilizer use in the U.S. has been flat for the last twenty years," West told grain producers from Oregon and Idaho during their convention in Coeur d'Alene.

When corn acreage jumped to 93 million acres, fertilizer use increased slightly but not to the extent competing countries are using fertilizer. About 45 percent of the commercial fertilizer used

in the U.S. is applied to corn.

"The use of fertilizer is directly related to 40 to 60 percent of the world's food production," he said.

Last June, 140 countries participated in a world food crisis conference, called because of the impact high food prices were having especially in developing countries. According to the United Nations, 1 billion people out of a world population of 6.5 billion are nutritionally deficient. To meet the growing demand for food, world food production

must increase by 25 percent by 2020 and double by 2050, the UN forecasts. Even though the U.S. is not a major rice producer on the world stage, U.S. rice yields are about double that of the world average. U.S. corn yields are 200 percent that of the world average.

"The world looks at that and the food scare woke them up," West said. "They realized that fertilizer is a commodity and they want it."

West characterized 2008

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Gerard Hamre deposits oats in a grain trailer. Production of oats in the United States is at its lowest level since Civil War days, but those who use the grain in breakfast cereal or animal feed aren't worried.

U.S. production hit lowest level since Civil War — but Canadian imports meet demands

By Blake Nicholson
Associated Press writer

BISMARCK, N.D. — Production of oats in the United States is at its lowest level since Civil War days, but those who use the grain in breakfast cereal or animal feed aren't worried.

"There's an abundance of the crop to the north, and it's getting cheaper by the day."

"We are not having any issues sourcing oats," said Heidi Geller, a spokeswoman for Minneapolis-based General Mills Inc., maker of Cheerios cereal.

Terri Long, a spokeswoman for the North American Millers' Association, said oat millers in the U.S. get

most of the grain from Canada because of U.S. production is not enough to meet the need. Canada exports about 114 million bushels of oats annually — nearly equal to the 119 million imported by the U.S. each year, said Jack Dawes, secretary-treasurer of Canada's Prairie Oat Growers Association.

"This year, oat growers in Canada outproduced

the province of Manitoba. "We as Canadian producers do supply the majority of milling oats in the U.S. We have overproduced, and prices are reflective of supply."

That means cheaper feed for horses, too. "These commodities have fallen out of bed. Right now, we're running backwards with prices where a year ago we were running up with prices," said Alan Woodbury, owner of Woody's Performance Horse Feeds in Dickinson, which supplies racetracks around the country.

The oats situation is more complex than just a big crop in Canada. Commodity markets in

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On the Net

Prairie Oat Growers Association: <http://www.poga.ca>
North American Millers' Association: <http://www.namillers.org>
General Mills Inc: <http://www.generalmills.com>
N.D. Agriculture Department: <http://www.agdepartment.com>
Ag Commodity Research: <http://www.oatsinsight.com>

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Conference to discuss future of sugarbeets

The University of Idaho's annual Snake River Sugar Beet Conference will meet Jan. 8-9 in Twin Falls.

The general session will begin Thursday afternoon at 1:45 p.m. at the Canyon Crest Event Center, located at 330 Canyon Crest Drive.

Sugarbeet geneticists from BeateSeed, Inc., and Hillsgrow Seed will outline what's on the horizon for biotechnology in sugarbeets, and molecular biologist Imad Eujayl of the USDA Agricultural Research Service in Kimberly will describe the impacts of molecular

genetics on sugarbeet growers. Executive director Mark Duffin of the Idaho Sugar Beet Growers Association will also share his thoughts on the future of the U.S. sugarbeet industry.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. Friday at the College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Auditorium. For more information, contact research technician Tamie Keeth at 208-736-3623.

IDAHO Potato conference aims to assist growers during difficult times

POCATELLO — Efficiency, sustainability and profitability will be the focus of the University of

Idaho's annual Potato Conference Jan. 21 through the 22 in Pocatello.

John Keeling, executive vice president and chief executive officer of the National Potato Council, will address the conference's keynote Sustainability Symposium on Wednesday morning.

The Potato Conference, which will be held at Idaho State University's Pond Student Union Building, is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, and 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 22.

In-state registration is \$15 until Jan. 9 and \$20 at the door. Out-of-state participants pay \$75 until Jan. 9 and \$90 at the door. More information is available online at <http://extension.idaho.edu/district4/Potato%20Conference/potato.html> or by calling 208-529-8376.

NATION

Agricultural groups to launch study of runoff in Mississippi

MADISON, Wis. — Four conservation and agricultural groups say they will launch a three-year partnership to study reducing agricultural runoff into the Mississippi River.

The Nature Conservancy will study four upper Mississippi watersheds, including the Root River in Minnesota, the Pecatonica River in Wisconsin, the Boone River in Iowa and the MacInnaw River in Illinois. The group also will

work with farmers to reduce agricultural runoff.

The Iowa Soybean Association will conduct research on the Boone and MacInnaw rivers. Delta Wildlife will work to reduce runoff on about 1,000 farms in the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta region, which includes 4 million acres.

In northwestern Mississippi, The National Audubon Society will encourage people throughout the Mississippi watershed to improve water quality and habitat for birds and other wildlife.

St. Louis agricultural company Monsanto Co. will back the project with \$5 million. About \$3 million will go to the Nature Conservancy, while \$1.5 million will go to Delta Wildlife.

— Staff and wire reports

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with columns for NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, MOST ACTIVE, GAINERS, and LOSERS. Includes stock names, prices, and volume.

Table with columns for INDEXES, STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST, and GAINERS. Includes market indices and local stock performance.

How to Read the Market Report: Market closed are listed alphabetically by the company's last trading price. Includes instructions on interpreting market data.

DAIRY: Advanced 2.32, Unchanged 2.32, Declined 2.16. Volume 4,372,803.88. Includes news about dairy market trends.

For a complete listing of stocks and mutual funds, go to Maglevia.com/business. All stocks are reported in real-time, as well as the latest news on issues affecting the market.

Table with columns for CLOSING FUTURES, CHEESE, POTATOES, and LIVESTOCK. Includes commodity prices and market news.

More for the check-off

Dairymen agree to increase contributions. The Idaho Dairymen's Association approved a request by cattlemen to increase the check-off for beef cattle by \$1 per head.

The Idaho Cattle Association passed the recommendation at its annual meeting Nov. 17-19 in Sun Valley. The resolution, which must be approved by the 2009 Idaho Legislature, was based upon the following criteria:

COMMODITIES REVIEW

Gold prices advance, other commodities mixed. NEW YORK — Gold prices advanced Monday as the U.S. dollar weakened against other major currencies.

IDA

Continued from page B1. Valley District III, which covers Eastern Idaho, will retain all three of its board seats. The change was approved by a 67-12 vote at the annual meeting in Boise in November.

Oats

Continued from page B1. general are affected by demand from the biofuels industry, Woodbury said. The global financial turmoil also has dealt a blow to prices for most crops.

BEANS

Valley beans: Prices are set to grow. 100 pounds, U.S. 1. Beans are likely to be sold at storage. Prices are expected to change without action. Producers desiring more recent price information should contact:

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Vermont dairy commission holds off on milk surcharge

Members concerned over disparity between retail and farmer prices

By Lisa Rathke
Associated Press writer

MONTPELIER, Vt. — A general looking for ways to help Vermont dairy farmers is holding off on adding a surcharge on milk sold in the state, opting instead to continue studying the plan.

The Vermont Milk Commission, which is made up of farmers, legislators, the state agriculture commissioner and a dairy processor, has been hearing testimony on milk pricing — and a possible retail milk premium — since dairy farmers were hit with record-low milk prices in 2006.

The commission originally proposed a 39-cent premium on a gallon of milk but decided later to set the premium amount, if at all, on a monthly basis.

"What the commission has been trying to do is to say, is there any way a state can prevent what happened in 2006 with the cost of production being higher and farmer price being much lower," said Agriculture Secretary Roger Albee, chairman of the commission.

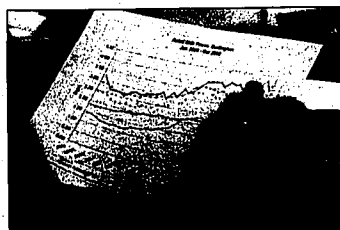
Dairy processors and retailers are opposed to a retail milk premium in Vermont, citing competition from nearby states. The Vermont Grocers' Association has less of a problem with a regional surcharge program.

"We don't support a Vermont-only surcharge because it just makes costs to Vermont retailers more expensive than neighboring states and invariably will mean higher retail," says a Vermont president Jim Harrison said.

If New York and Pennsylvania were to imple-



Vermont Agriculture Secretary Roger Albee listens during a meeting of the Vermont Milk Commission in Montpelier, Vt. The commission formed to find ways to help Vermont dairy farmers has decided to hold off on creating a surcharge on milk sold in Vermont and opted instead to continue studying the issue.



A member of the Vermont Milk Commission holds a chart showing increasing retail milk prices during a hearing in Montpelier, Vt.

ment a pricing program, then Vermont probably could, Albee said.

The challenge is that only 5 percent of Vermont milk is consumed in state and a lot of the milk is processed out of state, Harrison said.

A number of Northeast states have tried to help dairy farmers since the 2001 demise of the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact,

which offered emergency funding and other programs.

In Massachusetts, for instance, the Legislature passed a program that gives farmers a tax credit when the federal milk price falls below a certain level.

In Maine, a state milk commission sets the minimum prices that farmers get for their product. The difference is that most of Maine's milk is

consumed in state, Albee said.

In 2004, the Maine Legislature enacted a dairy relief program to provide an additional safety net of sorts for dairy farm, setting target prices for farmers based on the size of their farms and providing subsidies when milk prices fall to meet those levels.

In fiscal 2008, which ended at the end of June, the program paid out \$1.07 million to farmers, said Tim Drake, acting executive director of the Maine Milk Commission.

But because milk prices have fallen, the program has already paid \$1.6 million in the first five months of the current fiscal year, Drake said. Commission members raised concerns about the disparity between the retail price of milk and what farmers are paid.

"There's a lot of money that's going somewhere that should be divided up a little bit more fairly," said state Sen. Robert Starr.

STOCKYARD REPORT

Twin Falls Livestock Commission	
Steers	500-600 lbs., \$75-\$83.50
	600-700 lbs., \$70-\$81
	700-800 lbs., \$77.50-\$81.50
	800-1000 lbs., \$77.50-\$81.50
	Baby and Starter Calves
	Hot bull cfs, \$3-\$10
	Started bull, steer cfs, \$40-\$140
	Started hi cfs, \$50-\$150
	Bk, utility, com cows, \$35-\$41
	cut, can, cows, \$30-\$35
	Shelly/lite cows, \$22-\$30
	Heiferettes, \$50-\$59.50
	Slaughter bulls, \$41-\$52.75
	Dairy Sale
	Top springer, \$
	Top 10 springers, \$
	Top 50 springers, \$
	Top 100 springers, \$
	Feeder bulls, \$37-\$45
	Commercial utility cows, \$37-\$48
	Canners and Cutters, \$24-\$37
	Heiferettes, \$57-\$71
	Saturday sale
	Baby calves, \$2-\$35
	Started Holstein Calves, \$45-\$140
	Goats, \$20-\$90
	Hogs:
	Wearers, \$12.50-\$45
	Feeders, \$50-\$80
	Fats, \$55-\$68
	Sheep:
	Feeders, \$94-\$116
	Fats, \$69-\$96
	Killer Ewes, \$6-\$21

Shoshone Livestock Auction	
Heifer Calf	Under 300 lbs., \$175
Six Cow	1100-1300 lbs., \$500-\$530
Bull	1100-1300 lbs., \$48
Wearers,	1500-2000 lbs., \$39-\$43.32
2000-2500 lbs.,	\$39.25
Cow	900-1000 lbs., \$27.50-\$30.80
1000-1100 lbs.,	\$29-\$32.66
1100-1300 lbs.,	\$25.50
\$33.79	
1300-1500 lbs.,	\$24-\$35.49
1500-2000 lbs.,	\$23-\$35.09
2000-2500 lbs.,	\$33.75
\$38.69	
Heifer	500-600 lbs., \$41-\$69.63
600-700 lbs.,	\$71-\$73.11
700-800 lbs.,	\$53-\$69.53
800-900 lbs.,	\$55
900-1000 lbs.,	\$75
1100-1300 lbs.,	\$51
Heifer Calf	500-600 lbs., \$77
Steer	400-500 lbs., \$71-\$82.76
500-600 lbs.,	\$45-\$57
600-700 lbs.,	\$41-\$71.50
700-800 lbs.,	\$44-\$76.48
800-900 lbs.,	\$50-\$76.36

Jerome — Producers Livestock Marketing	
Holstein steers	275-400 lbs., \$49-\$65
400-500 lbs.,	\$49-\$65
500-600 lbs.,	\$38-\$47
600-700 lbs.,	\$38-\$47
700-800 lbs.,	\$45-\$54.50
800-1000 lbs.,	\$45-\$54.50
Choice steers	300-400 lbs., \$96-\$94
400-500 lbs.,	\$79-\$85.50
500-600 lbs.,	\$82-\$93.75
600-700 lbs.,	\$75-\$85
700-800 lbs.,	\$84-\$89
800-1000 lbs.,	\$84-\$89
Choice Heifers	300-400 lbs., \$78.50-\$84
400-500 lbs.,	\$76.50-\$83.25

Fertilizer

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as a year in which a lot of price discovery happened. As he pointed out several times during his 1-1/2 hour talk during the grain meeting, he discusses trends, not prices.

But the FOB Gulf Coast price for urea gives an example of what those trends were. In December 2007, urea was priced at \$425 per ton. That fell to \$375 per ton in March 2007, before climbing to nearly \$600 in August 2008. By last month, the latest numbers available, urea had plunged to \$200.

Potash shows the same trend: rising from \$275 per ton in December 2007 to nearly \$800 per ton in September, and back to \$300 per ton. Even micro nutrients that saw wild price fluctuations. Sulfur hit \$820 a ton on July 1, but is trading at around \$40 per ton now.

"The price of fertilizer got high, you guys said. We're not going to use this and it happened world wide," West said. Not surprisingly, the peak in fertilizer prices occurred just weeks after the peak in corn prices. Falling energy prices are helping bring the cost of producing urea — most of which is produced using natural gas — down, but many fertilizer companies find themselves in the position of owning warehouses full of product purchased when prices were high.

"The late snow fall in the Midwest has kept many growers from completing their fall field work and that means warehouses can't move that expensive product out the door, West said. No matter how high fertilizer prices seemed to growers who were writing the checks to their local fertilizer dealer, West suspects those dealers were actually changing a blended price in March and the lower prices in March and the higher prices in June. Those

Top 5 Fertilizer	
Canada	4.2
France	3.0
Brazil	2.9
China	1.4
U.S.	1.6

These five countries together produce 50 percent of the world's fertilizer.

SOURCE: The Fertilizer Institute

same dealers are likely to charge a blended price on the way back down, including both the higher July prices and the lower November prices.

"Decisions about what fertilizer use was going to be in the fall of 2008 and the spring of 2009 had to be made in June and July because of the distribution system," West said. "The inventory pipeline is full. We've got to get all of this high priced inventory cleared out of here. It's going to be painful."

And he doesn't expect all fertilizer suppliers to survive. He ran through an example. If a dealer purchased a barge of urea at the peak price — \$800 per ton, that dealer paid \$16 million. A barge holds 20,000 tons of urea. To sell that product today at \$300 per ton is a net loss of \$10 million.

"Everybody in our business is trying to write a business plan to deal with that," West said. When asked if the price volatility in fertilizer was a short term problem or a long-term reality, West reiterated that fertilizer demand is driven by food demand.

"All fertilizer is priced in the world market and we're going to have trouble bringing fertilizer into the U.S. in the future," he said.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow. Düstings to as much as an inch possible. Highs around 25.
Tonight: Snow ends with mostly cloudy skies remaining. Very cold with overnight lows 5 to 10.
Tomorrow: Another cold day with partial sunshine. Afternoon highs near 20.

BOISE WINTER FORECAST

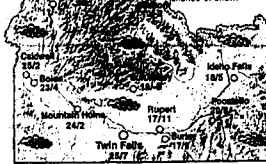
Today: Generally cloudy with a chance of snow. Düstings to maybe as much as an inch possible. Highs 15 to 20.
Tonight: Snows ending, but skies remain mostly cloudy. Cold with lows 5 to 10.
Tomorrow: Partial sunshine, but temperatures will still be cold. Highs around 20.

BOISE FIVE-DAY FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
A few snow showers are possible today as temperatures remain quite cold. Very cold tonight under party to mostly cloudy skies. Partly cloudy Wednesday. Another round of snow moves in Thursday.

Today Highs 10 to 17 Tonight's Low -13 to -3
BOISE Cold and mostly cloudy today with gusts of light snow. Mostly cloudy tonight and quite cold. Partly cloudy Wednesday. A chance of snow returns Thursday.

Today High/Lows 21 to 28 / 2 to 7
NORTHERN UTAH
Light snow and cold today. Partly cloudy Wednesday, maybe a mountain snow shower. Thursday will see a better chance of snow.



Weather Key: H=High, L=Low, S=Snow, P=Partly Cloudy, C=Clear, W=Wind, M=Mostly, N=Night, D=Day, A=Afternoon, E=Evening, M=Morning, N=Night, D=Day, A=Afternoon, E=Evening, M=Morning.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

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Table with 3 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity. Includes monthly and yearly averages.

Table with 3 columns: Moon Phases, Moonrise and Moonset, Barometric Pressure. Includes dates and times.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Large table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists various cities and their weather forecasts.

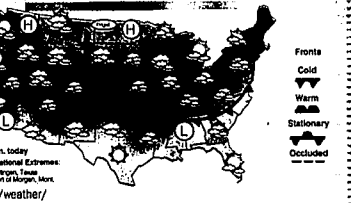
Weather's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, High/Low. Lists cities like Boise, Coeur d'Alene, and their weather.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists international cities and their weather.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

...occasional heavy rain, but no snow showers, snow, or rain. No heavy rain, but no snow showers, snow, or rain.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists Canadian cities and their weather.

Illinois lawmakers take first step to oust Gov. Blagojevich

By Christopher Wells Associated Press writer



Illinois Speaker of the House Michael Madigan, D-Chicago, addresses the House chamber on the speaker's podium during session as lawmakers take the first step toward possibly impeaching embattled Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich at the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield, Ill., Monday.

The embattled governor continued to conduct business Monday, signing a bill giving tax credits to Hollywood movie studios who film in Illinois. But he also appeared to be digging in for the legal and professional battles ahead.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Illinois lawmakers took the first step Monday toward removing Gov. Rod Blagojevich from office as the disgraced Democrat conferred with a bulge defense attorney known for taking cases to trial.

Amid the developments, President-elect Barack Obama announced that a review by his own lawyer shows he had no direct contact with the governor about the appointment of a replacement for his Senate seat, and transition aides "did nothing inappropriate."

Illinois Speaker of the House Michael Madigan, D-Chicago, addresses the House chamber on the speaker's podium during session as lawmakers take the first step toward possibly impeaching embattled Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich at the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield, Ill., Monday.

Blagojevich was arrested last Tuesday after being under federal investigation for three years. He is also accused of shaking down businesses seeking state deals and scheming to get Chicago Tribune editorial writers fired.

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Feverishly festive

Decorating to his heart's content

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

Stepping into the Twin Falls home of Dick and Lynn Zerbe is like escaping into a Christmas wonderland. It's tough to tell where decor begins or ends.

A Christmas tree towering 12 feet high and covered in soft-white lights, ruby red bird ornaments, silver strands of garland, bright red bows and countless sparkling crimson and gold bulbs greets visitors just beyond the front door. Short trees line the ceiling, tucked onto a recessed wall. Wreaths hang on every window, and strands of garland twist around hanging lights and window panes.

Even the caribou head above the Zerbes' living room fireplace is decorated for the holiday.

"He's our very own Rudolph," Dick Zerbe said. "I went out and bought the ornaments on him special."

Zerbe, a retired law enforcement officer, and his wife, an endocrinologist, moved to Twin Falls a little over a year ago. Decorating on this scale is as new to the couple as the neighborhood is.

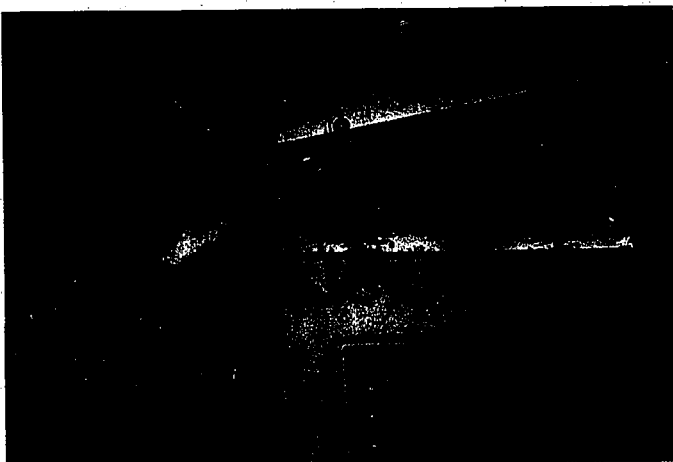
"I have time for this, my wife doesn't, but I'm glad that she can enjoy it when she is home," Zerbe said. "Decorating this elaborately is a first for me, but it's been fun."

He's thrifty, too, said the Michael's Arts and Crafts assistant manager in Twin Falls, Joe Gavagan, but an inspiring customer all the same.

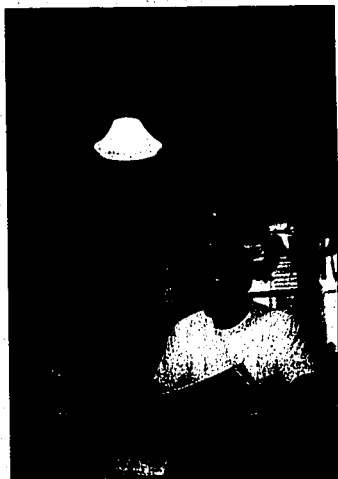
"He thoroughly enjoys coming in and seeing the opportunities for his home," Gavagan said. "But he'll wait until things are at an acceptable price. When he decides what he wants he goes after it."

Gavagan said he hasn't visited Zerbe's home, but his curiosity is growing.

"I'm definitely going to have to check it out,"



For Christmas, Dick Zerbe of Twin Falls has extensively decorated his home's interior. This caribou head in Zerbe's living room is a mere snapshot of the decor, which has taken since October to accomplish.



Dick Zerbe sifts through newspaper advertisements, looking for Christmas decorations on sale.

he said. Zerbe grew up. Raised in rural Pennsylvania, Zerbe



Of many large and small Christmas trees scattered around Dick Zerbe's home, this 12-footer is his favorite. It took Zerbe more than three days and countless hours to unwrap the artificial evergreen's branches into lifelike positions and several more days to get the decorations just right.

said, he promised himself that someday his home would be as decorated as the homes he remembered from childhood.

"I told myself I was going to do this one day," Zerbe said. "This is that day."

Sharing the decadence with friends is a joy,



Zerbe said, and he can't wait for his 35 Christmas dinner guests to join the couple. One of those friends, Mike Tykka of Jerome, said you can't help but get in the Christmas spirit when visiting the Zerbe home.

"It's some kind of extravagant Christmas land," Tykka said. "I've never seen anything like it in my life, and I'm 63 years old."

Zerbe is already buying for next year.

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Spend January learning to make your garden sing

Times-News

Burley gardeners, take note: The College of Southern Idaho's Mini-Cassia Center has a new enrichment class on the spring schedule. "Garden Fever" will run from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 6-27, with a different topic each night.

Master gardener Terri McAfee will cover information every gardener needs regardless of experience. "Participants will be able to spend the late-winter months planning for a great growing season," McAfee said in a press release.

Seed starting class will cover soil, moisture, warmth and light. Germination viability in old seed will be discussed, as well as light or dark germination requirements. Students will understand how to time their seed starting to match the garden's needs in April and May.

Vegetable gardening class will teach plot location, size, sun and shade requirements, rotation requirements and how to group plants so they can be easily rotated from year to year. Learn which plants like what weather; some plants and seeds like it cool, and others suik if the ground isn't warm enough. Learn how to jump-start the growing season.

Herb and salsa gardening will cover how a herb differs from a spice. Garden preparation is always important, but in this case, being too generous can lose your herb crop. The most popular herbs will be discussed, including ones you may start from seed and those you can't. Also learn salsa plant requirements — tomatoes, peppers, onions, garlic, an cilantro — and how to keep the small salsa garden growing and producing for the summer.

Perennials and propagation covers soil preparation using a "secret recipe" that promises quart-size perennials will be gallon-size at the end of the first growing season. Other topics include sun and shade problems; microclimates; protection for your garden; landscaping ideas; how to start a rose from a cutting and other propagation methods.

Cost for the four sessions is \$40. Organizers recommend early registration; 678-1400.

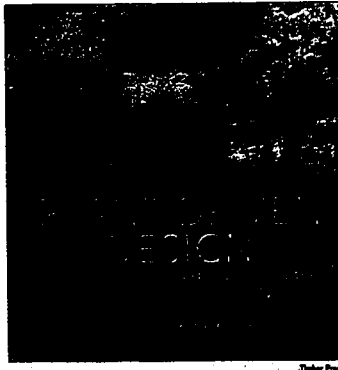
Five books for the restless gardener

By Adrian Higgins
The Washington Post

This year's holiday season offers a festive distraction from the workday woes of life in a recession, but for gardeners December brings its own, happy diversion. The solstice starts the slow conquest of light over dark. The depths of winter lie ahead, but the lengthening days point to the spring and rebirth in the garden.

January is the month to procure seeds, make cold frames and work the soil, if you can. But the next few weeks offer the only real downtime for green-blooded gardeners, along with a moment to broaden our knowledge and draw inspiration. That's why books — tactile, navigable, portable — remain coveted gifts in this multimedia age. Dozens of titles cross my desk each fall, but here are five that would keep me going contentedly till the snowdrops stir.

—William Robinson: The



In "Plant-Driven Design," the authors argue that too many gardens are designed by professionals lacking an understanding of the plant world.

Wild Gardener," by Richard Bisgrove (Frances Lincoln, \$60). Robinson is not a household name, but he is one of the most influential gardeners in history. More



The perfectly formed fire bowl, from "Listening to Stone," by Dan Sewen. Sewen has spent many hours meditating on the meaning of stone.

than 70 years after he died, his ideas of gardening resonate in domestic landscapes in temperate zones around the world. He championed the ideas of border plantings of hardy perennials, and of informal gardens that sought to harmonize with nature, not compete with it. These notions have come to define how we gar-

den today. No movement has momentum without targets, and Robinson famously railed against the prevailing Victorian mania for bedding annuals and the sterility of formal, architectural gardens. Robinson was an opinionated and irascible visionary — in short, a great subject for

a book — and Bisgrove finds lots of entertaining material in voluminous writings in a career that spanned decades.

Robinson (1838-1935) set forth his principles in two key books, "The Wild Garden," which espoused the transformation of weedy edges of the garden into meadows, woodland, etc., was first published in 1870 and still in print in 1928. The second, "The English Flower Garden," advised the relaxed form of planting throughout one's garden and was in print from 1883 to 1956.

In "Plant-Driven Design," by Scott Ogden and Lauren Springer Ogden (Timber Press, \$34.95), the authors argue that too many gardens today are designed by professionals lacking an understanding of the plant world.

As veteran horticulturists and designers, the Ogdens missed the argument that is compelling: "You can't have a garden without gardening."

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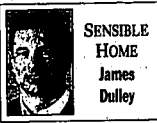
Don't fall victim to carbon monoxide poisoning

DEAR JIM: This time of the year, I always hear about families suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning. How do I know if my family is at risk? Should I install carbon monoxide detectors, and where should I locate them? — Rita W.

DEAR RITA: More than 500 people are killed each year by carbon monoxide gas (CO) poisoning. Many thousands more are poisoned, but do not die.

Even if someone lives after severe CO poisoning, there can be lasting effects, such as blindness and other neurological issues.

If you have any combustion appliances, such as a furnace, gas or oil water heater, gas or wood-burning fireplace, gas range or water heater, you should install CO detectors. The most frightening aspect of CO poisoning is CO is an odorless and colorless gas. There really is no way for your senses to

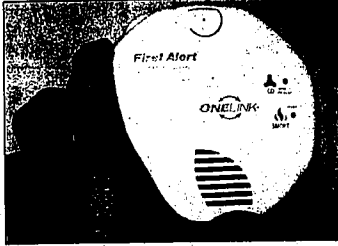


SENSIBLE HOME
James Dulley

detect it other than by the symptoms you may or may not recognize in time.

People often mistake the initial symptoms of CO poisoning as just the flu or a head cold. The symptoms may include nausea, dizziness, fatigue, vomiting, etc., so homeowners go to bed to rest, but the risk still exists. Without a CO detector, the CO concentration may slowly increase while they sleep and then it is too late to revive them when they are found.

Have your furnace professionally serviced regularly. The technician can test the combustion process and actually test for CO gas. If



This is a CO/smoke detector being installed on a ceiling. Notice its small size and separate warning lights for CO and smoke.

natural gas and propane burn properly and completely, very little CO gas is created.

Newer furnaces with induced draft combustion fans and sealed combustion are definitely safer than old ones with a chimney; still, have them checked.

It would be wise to install CO detectors wherever you have combustion appliances running. This typically is in the utility room or basement where the furnace and water heater are. Locate one near a fireplace, particularly an unvented gas fireplace, even if the fireplace

has an oxygen depletion sensor.

If the chimney is checked and cleaned, a typical open wood-burning fireplace gets plenty of combustion air so CO gas is created. Also, if the chimney is blocked, you will likely smell the smoke. An airtight wood-burning stove or fireplace is another story. The amount of combustion air can be reduced to a longer burn resulting in the possibility of more CO gas generation.

Even though CO gas is not generated in the bedroom, while you are at it, place a CO detector by your bed. Installing communicating CO detectors can give you earlier warning because you may not hear one go off in the basement while you sleep on the second floor. With a communicating detector, when one goes off, all of the detectors sound the alarm. The better ones also electronically record the CO

levels for later analysis.

DEAR JIM: I just moved into a house which has old cast iron hot water radiators in the rooms. I don't know if they are efficient or not. Is there anything I can do to make them more efficient and look better? — Robbi D.

DEAR ROBBI: Hot water heat from radiators can be as energy-efficient as any other heating system. The overall efficiency depends upon the efficiency of the boiler and how well it is maintained.

Placing metal radiator covers over the radiators can improve their efficiency and make them look better. These covers block heat loss to the outside wall behind the radiator and direct the heated air out the front.

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Making the most of a small bedroom

By Alan Zibel
Associated Press writer

If you have a tiny room that you're looking to turn into a bedroom for your child or a guest, getting the most out of a small space is a challenge, but not an insurmountable one.

Think carefully about what space you have and whether you can use furniture that folds away, or has more than one purpose. Loft beds, which allow a desk underneath, and Murphy beds are good space-savers. Also, filling up the wall with built-in cabinets or a flexible storage system are great options.

For example, the Container Store sells its \$633 wall-mounted "Ella" shelving system that's designed both as storage space and a kid-sized desk. For adults, similar office shelving and desk systems cost anywhere between \$335 and more than \$1,000.

A good way to save space without spending too much money is to turn old dresser drawers into under-the-bed storage containers, said Kathy Wilson, editor of the Web site www.thebeddecorator.com. In a small bedroom, it's essential to put things in their place. "Keep clutter to an absolute minimum," she said.



Pottery Barn's Savannah Daybed with Trundle.

To create the illusion of a larger room, Wilson advises painting woodwork and trim the same color as the walls. Also, use light colors and make sure that curtains and blinds don't block the win-

dow. "You want as much light in the room as possible," she said.

Elizabeth Mayhew, special projects editor at House Beautiful magazine, lives in a three-bedroom co-op apart-

ment. Her 8-year-old son's room is a "classic New York shoobox" — about 6 1/2 feet wide by 12 feet long.

To maximize the space, she had a cabinet maker build floor-to-ceiling drawers and



Old Creek Wall Bed Factory's 'Ella' fold-down wall bed.

cabinets on one wall of her son's room. Everyday items are in the bottom three drawers. There's also a tiny desk.

"You have to maximize every bit of storage," Mayhew said. "You have to use that space under the bed very efficiently."

Mayhew says trundle beds are great for a kid's room if your child is having a friend sleep over. Or, for studio apartments, a day bed such as Pottery Barn's \$650 Savannah daybed (another \$50 adds a trundle) can make a decent couch during the day and a twin-sized bed at night.

She's not a big fan, however, of bunk beds. "It dominates the room," she said.

Another of her decorating tips: Use a striped rug to give the illusion of space.

Wall beds, also known as Murphy beds after inventor William L. Murphy, are another option. They are popular among empty-nesters who want their guest rooms to double as exercise rooms or offices, says Kristin Johnson, marketing director for Old Creek Wall Bed Factory in Corvallis, Ore.

The company's fold-down beds range from \$1,900 to \$2,500 and can be installed by the homeowner.

"People are trying to find new creative ways to use and optimize their space and keep it as a functional space but also get the most use out of it," she said.

Baker injects a touch of Hollywood allure

By Jara Knochels
The Washington Post

A new home collection by Baker Furniture dips into the rich legacy left by Los Angeles designer Tony Duquette, who decorated for J. Paul Getty and the Duchess of Windsor.

Last year's lavish coffee-table book on Duquette's life as a set designer, jeweler and interior decorator fueled interest in him and his enormous body of work, even though it has been nine years since his death at age 85. Baker teamed with Duquette's business partner, Hutton Wilkinson to reproduce some of the iconic pieces. There are tall resin Regency Pagoda Lamps, an undulating gold Biomorphic Mirror and Console designed for a Bel Air estate in the 1960s and copies of his delicate Paris Snowflake Screens.



A steel Abalone Chandelier from Baker Furniture, described by one designer as being 'like a brooch on an elegant sheath dress.'

Warrenton, Va., designer Barry Dixon has already ordered one of the steel Abalone Chandeliers (\$19,992) to install in a modern family room of some clients in suburban Washington. "This chandelier is like a brooch on an elegant sheath dress," Dixon

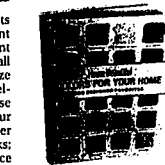
says. "You only need one truly amazing thing like that in the room."

New paint book showcases 300 designer favorites

By Jara Knochels
The Washington Post

For those whose walls are jammed with paint chips and who scour paint fan decks before they fall asleep, a new pocket-size handbook will be a welcome resource. "House Beautiful Colors for Your Home: 300 Designer Favorites" (Hearst Books; \$14.95) is a reference packed with paint swatches in the tried-and-true colors of top decorators.

"The best ideas are simple," says Stephen Drucker, House Beautiful's editor in chief. The library of hues comes from the magazine's popular paint column,



launched by Drucker in 2006. "Every month we come up with a problem, and we call between eight and 12 designers and say,

"Tell us what paint color you would use to solve this problem," he says.

You'll find Kelly Wearstler's favorite ceiling paint (Pratt & Lambert's Seed Pearl) and Charlotte Moss' idea of the perfect green for a dining space (Breakfast Room Green by Farrow & Ball).

Drucker says lots of readers rip the paint column out of the magazine each month and keep it in a notebook. Thus came the idea of a paint chip compendium. "The book costs less than a gallon of paint," he says.

It might make a wonderful Christmas gift for the paint-obsessed person on your list.

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Many ways to cast light during winter gloom

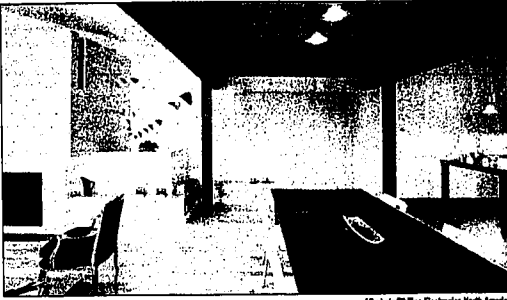
By Morris and James Carey
For The Associated Press

During the long darknesses of winter, your home's lighting takes on added importance. And when it comes to creative choices, there are many possibilities.

Here are just a few worth looking into:

"Rope Lighting" can add drama and interest. It's nothing more than flexible plastic tubing that contains a tiny light every few inches. Rope lighting is approximately 1/2 inch in diameter and can easily be concealed behind the front edge of cabinets, above crown molding, even as edging on stairs and counters. It is easy to work with, and sometimes comes with an extension cord that can be painted to match the existing baseboard or wall.

Recessed halogen lighting is very bright and too harsh for many uses, but a little can go a long way. The nice thing is it can be purchased in a low-voltage variety that uses



Recessed halogen lighting above a table.

a lot less electricity for the amount of light provided. Low-voltage halogen bulbs are inexpensive and last forever. Unfortunately, the recess fixtures themselves are somewhat costly — about \$100 each.

Xenon lights also are very

bright, and are available in a low-voltage version as well. Best of all, they don't burn very hot, and they work well in damp locations such as kitchens and bathrooms. Bulbs that burn hot can be a problem in moist areas because they can crack in

cool moist air. Compact fluorescent lighting is still the best bang for your buck. Bulbs are available to fit just about every conventional light socket, and they last forever. Take your time and shop wisely. For a couple of bucks,



A high-efficiency compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulb glows in the home of Darrell Brubaker in Elizabethtown, Pa.

you can pick up a compact fluorescent that will last for nearly a decade. Old fashioned tungsten bulbs just don't cut it anymore.

Keep in mind that when working with light fixtures — especially the recessed type — heat buildup can be a problem. In fact, recessed light fixtures now come with built-in thermostats that will shut the fixture off when it overheats. Once it cools

down it will work normally again.

If you are experiencing recessed lighting overheating, you may want to look into ventilating the fixture from within the attic by clearing away surrounding insulation. If the bulb is not burned out and yet turns itself off from time to time, the recessed light fixture is trying to tell you something. Maybe the fixture (too many watts) or the wrong type.

By the way, changing a light fixture can be arduous. Three wires to replace: a white one, a black one and a green (or bare) one. Make sure the power is off before attempting the project. Also, use a voltage tester (about \$5) before touching any wires in the electric box. Keep in mind that just turning off the light switch is not safe; turn the power off at the electric panel. And don't forget to put a sign on the panel that warns others not to open it while you're working.

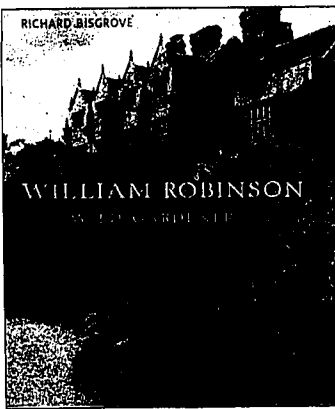
Books

Continued from page C1 - they write. "And you aren't likely to do very well designing one without getting your hands dirty, because gardens change over time. The gardenmaker becomes both author and editor, entering a relationship of observation, enjoyment and thoughtful intervention."

This book is full of inspiring pictures of garden plant communities: plants for containers, perennials that still look good after the flowers fade, the orchard floored with daffodils, herbaceous foundation plantings. The authors also offer sophisticated plant lists that will have even seasoned gardeners Googling away.

"The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation has published a handsome book on the quiet annuals, vines, herbs and perennials that brought cheer — and healing — to Colonial settlers. It is called "Flowers and Herbs of Early America," by Lawrence D. Griffith (co-published with Yale University Press, \$50).

Basically cottage garden plants from the New and Old worlds, they all have a humble 'honesty' about them, drawn out in the lovely photographic portraits by



Richard Bisgrove
William Robinson argued against the sterility of formal gardens. The history of gardening is marked by a debate between those who think gardens have become too wild and those who think they are too structured.

Barbara Temple Lombardi. Some will be as familiar to us as our forebears: the striped marigold, the nasturtium, the corn poppy. But others remain delightfully novel. I can't wait to get seed

of some of them to try myself. The ragged robin is a lychnis with delicate and highly dissected pink flowers. Its cousin, the Maltese cross, grows up to four feet and is topped with

scarlet blooms.

"Listening to Stone," by Dan Snow (Artison, \$23.95). Snow, from Vermont, is a master with stones. His work at times rises to the level of land art you associate with British sculptor Andy Goldsworthy.

I love well-crafted stone walls, especially in an appropriately rural setting. When they are assembled well, the walls take on an organic quality. They certainly speak to Snow, who has spent many hours meditating on the meaning of stone as he goes about his work. "A dry stone wall," he writes, "is both a human work framed by nature, and a work of nature touched by humanity."

Readers will have their own favorite projects featured in the book, perhaps the medieval tent — he calls it an archer's pavilion — but made of stone; or the perfectly formed fire bowl; or

the hillside shelter for sheep, with its stone-tiled roof. One of his earlier works remains to me the most special, a simple stone pen used as a vegetable garden. This rectangle of stone, 100 yards long in total, took him three months to build. As with his favorite projects, he harvested the stone from the remnants of old field walls on the property.

My last book choice is achingly practical, thick and spiral-bound. It's the new and updated manual that

the University of Maryland extension service uses to teach master gardeners. The Master Gardener Handbook is not cheap, at \$69. But it is a comprehensive and well-illustrated manual that covers just about everything you need to know about growing turf, ornamentals, fruits and vegetables, etc., and diagnosing the pests and diseases that visit us from time to time. To order, click on www.mastergardener.umd.edu/Handbook.cfm.

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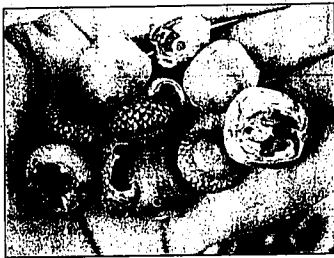
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From seed to tree: Growing a monument to time and patience

By Adrian Higgins
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — How many times have you been in the garden and discovered a sprouting acorn or a winged maple seed erupting into life, and muttered to yourself, "I should put that in a pot"? But then you think life's too short to wait for a tree to grow. You might also see hundreds of oaks, maples or elms sprouting from a bumper seed crop, and regard them merely as stubborn weeds.



Fresh Books

Starting a tree from a random seed or acorn on the ground is not just fun and rewarding. It's a way to vegetate your landscape cheaply while fighting global warming and preserving biodiversity.

For Henry Kock, a horticulturist at the University of Guelph's Arboretum in Ontario, it became an obsession. He spent more than two decades learning the singular germination needs of various native trees and shrubs, and decided he would share his secrets with others in a new book, "Growing Trees From Seed" (Firefly, \$45).

Raising slow-growing giants is an exercise in patience and foresight, qualities not valued too much these days. But talk to people who are hooked on this, and there is a palpable sense of accomplishment and satisfaction. Gardeners are used to slowing down, of being servants of the natural cycles of the seasons, but sowing little acorns for mighty oaks that one will never see takes a special degree of forethought.

Kock's book offers this

ing out the optimum methods for each species.

You might think the horticultural world had already figured this out, but pros much prefer to propagate woody plants from cuttings or by grafting. These methods replicate the desired traits of the donor plant (a yellow flower, for example, or a variegated leaf or a dwarf habit) and provide a predictable plant that can be mass-produced for the market.

The resulting good news: Every plant is a clone of the other. That's also the bad news.

Seed-grown trees and shrubs are more varied and unpredictable and certainly more genetically diverse. "That's the whole beauty of growing trees from seed," Ambrose said. "If you have a whole street of cloned trees, one disease could come in and wipe them out."

There is also aesthetic value in natural variety. Ambrose recalls seeing cloned trees and shrubs in fall colors and all of them in identical plumage, whereas seed-grown individuals would present a striking tapestry of, say, reds, oranges, maroons and yellows.

Ambrose was one of three of Kock's professional acquaintances who stepped forward to finish Kock's unpublished manuscript. The others are Paul Alrd, a forest conservationist, and science writer Gerald Waldron.

Two salient points raised by the authors: It's not OK to

help yourself to tree seeds in public gardens and parks; seedpods, fruits and nuts are part of the decorative and educational qualities of plants on public display. If you're collecting from private property, ask permission first. Second, make sure you can identify the parent tree. You may think you are propagating a lovely red maple tree while you are actually spreading a lot of time and trouble raising a Norway maple, an invasive alien.

Just as veggie gardeners find the biggest or most disease-resistant heirloom tomato and save the seed, a tree hugger should look for

seed from a particularly robust, beautiful or ancient mother plant. A tree that has lived to great age has shown a genetic resistance to pests, disease and drought episodes.

Growing trees from seed would be a perfect enterprise for anyone with a rural property in need of habitat restoration, Ambrose said. But it works in urban and suburban sites as well, he said. Though Kock died relatively young, Ambrose said, "he created this amazing little forest in a downtown backyard." It lives on, alongside his guiding hand, and inspiration.

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Preparing for your guests

The Washington Post

- 1. Terrycloth robes**
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- 2. Warm throw**
A wool or cashmere blanket to use while reading a book or taking a nap is welcoming. It can also be an extra layer on the bed for a guest who likes to sleep warmly.
- 3. Extra pillows**
If you keep down pillows on the bed, provide something hypoallergenic as an alternative for people with allergies.

- 4. Luggage rack**
How annoying is it to keep your suitcase on the floor? Not only are racks good for unpacking, they can be used as extra storage during a stay. Designer Charlotte Moss painted her simple wood rack in black and trimmed it with fancy webbing.
- 5. Goodies**
Provide toiletries that guests might have forgotten, such as shampoo, conditioner, disposable razors, lotion, toothpaste, a tooth-

- brush and cotton swabs.** A hair dryer and bottles of Eftan are also in Moss' closet, as well as her favorite amenity: Mr. Bubble bath foam.
- 6. Hangers**
Stock a variety of hanger sizes for pants, skirts and coats. Moss likes for them to all hang at the same height. A space-saving pants rack is great for ties and scarves. Most important, try not to stuff the guest room closet with your out-of-season clothes.

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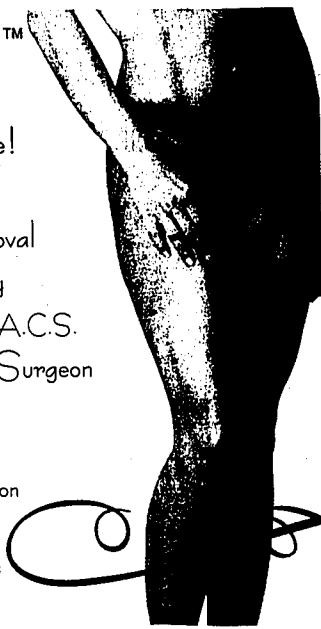
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Gooding hospital continues to see advances

By Mary Hanson
Times-News correspondent

Diagnostic technologist Dr. Rick Albertson has been practicing his medical specialty for 20 years and since 2005 has divided his time between Gooding County Memorial Hospital and Saint Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.

"When I was growing up, my family lived all over the place. We moved a lot. My father was a lab tech," he said. "After all that traveling and 10 years in the San Diego area attending Loma Linda School of Medicine and completing my Internships, I realized I wanted to practice my medical specialty in a small-town working culture."

The turn of events in technology has enabled Albertson to participate in first-world technology, he said, while living and practicing in areas with small populations.

The software and technology

Albertson is using now is the best there is, he said. The images he takes have their own dedicated server located at Twin Falls St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. The digital images can be sent to hospitals in various locations, as the need arises.

"And hospitals have moved quickly into first-world technology where imaging is concerned, especially," said Albertson. "So everything is stored there and when we need it, we have it within minutes."

Recent software improvements have helped aid in the detection of ailments, including lung cancer, Albertson said.

"This is first-class computer aided detection," Albertson said. "I can visually detect nodules and other indications of possible cancer in the lungs, for instance. But, the software is an extra back-up pointing out all the suspicious areas."

"So far, I can only recall one incident pointed out that might not have

been detected without this software," said Albertson. "Helping in that one incident doesn't seem like much until you realize that it is a human being whose image we are dealing with. One incident of discovery makes all the technology and software costs worthwhile."

Albertson lives in Twin Falls and spends much of his leisure time fishing and tending to his family.

But I can't wait for the new hospital here in Gooding to be ready for occupation," he said. "There we will have almost all new equipment in the imaging department. And we will have the best there is in software. That is wonderful for this area."

"I cannot say enough for the hospital administration who had the vision to bring this new hospital about. I think the new hospital is going to be awesome."

Mary Hanson may be reached at mhansonmbd@aol.com.



Dr. Rick Albertson speaks about current medical practices in his diagnostic room at Gooding County Memorial Hospital in Gooding.

Area nonprofits celebrate grants

More than \$240K doled throughout southwestern Idaho

By Mary Hanson
Times-News correspondent

Representatives from area community-based organizations gathered in Gooding Wednesday as Idaho Community Foundation Donor Relations Development Officer Lauren Carlson congratulated grant recipients from ICF's latest funding cycle.

Gooding, Lincoln and Jerome counties are included in the foundation's Southwest region. The foundation awarded on Nov. 19 \$243,048 to 122 regional nonprofits. The ICF, founded in 1988, currently oversees 400 charitable funds.

Gooding resident Pat Nelson is a panel member for ICF's Southwest region, one of eight members from the Magic and Wood River valleys serving the foundation. The volunteer members meet to consider grant applications and dole out awards.

"We choose requests that would serve a lot of people," Nelson said. "And we like the non-profit to be a small group. We consider if the group will be able to carry out their intentions; be able to carry on."

With the amount of nonprofits looking for aid, sorting through the applications can be a tedious process.

"We want to encourage applicants," Carlson said. "But, it is painful to see that some applicants have left out such things as being very specific about what they need money for and exactly how much items will cost. We can only consider those requests that are properly handled."

Area grant recipients in the most recent award cycle include:

- Gooding County Senior Citizens Organization, Inc., \$1,197 for new mul-



From front to back, Debbie Infanger and Gayle De Smet, from North Valley Academy, and Lynn Corbett from Gooding Senior Center, celebrate grants recently received from the Idaho Community Foundation.

tiltask copier for the Gooding Senior Center.

- North Valley Academy, Inc., \$2,500 to start a string orchestra and drum corps.

- Gooding Partners in Health Care, \$3,000 to purchase three crash carts.

- Jerome County Senior Citizens Service Area, Inc., \$3,000 for a dishwasher.

- Jerome School District, \$1,000 for social studies and geography materials for Jerome Middle School students.

- Magic Valley Christian School, \$1,800 for textbooks, electronic components and electrical test equipment for

vocational technical electronics programs.

- Jerome-Lincoln County Fair Board, \$2,500 for 20 activity tables and 160 stacking chairs for the Tri-City Community Center.

Nelson addressed the need for attracting new donors by saying, "We are always looking for donors. We have a new program called 'Together Idaho.' With that program we are expecting to attract more funds that will stay in the community."

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Gooding places fourth among small schools in technology

Gooding School District was recently honored at the National School Boards Association Annual Technology and Learning Conference, where it placed fourth nationwide among small school districts for its technology.

The school district won the recognition through a survey that looks at how technology is used for district operations and communication with patrons. Heather Williams, superintendent of Gooding School District, said the award was primarily based on the district's new Web site, which includes features like posting meeting agenda documents and school lunch menus.

That's also cutting down on paper expenses, Williams said.

"We're trying to use the Web site to inform parents and patrons about what we're doing instead of sending out a district newsletter," Williams said.

"The district's Web site is www.goodingschools.org."

North Valley Christmas program is tonight

North Valley Academy in Gooding will have its first Christmas program at 7 tonight in the gymnasium of the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, 202 14th Ave. E., Gooding.

The event will mark the school's 50th public orchestra performance. All classes from kindergarten through eighth grade will perform "Christmas Around the World," which includes music and drama.

Admission is free. Donations of canned food items will be accepted for distribution to the needy by Helping Hearts and Hands of Gooding.

Glenns Ferry senior center receives grant

The Three Island Senior Center in Glenns Ferry has received a \$3,500 grant from the South Western Region Greatest Need Fund of the Idaho Community Foundation.

The grant will be used to purchase hearing aids for four seniors at the center.

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The grant will allow the center to upgrade its dining facility and enable it to purchase a new steam table. It will also be installing new window blinds to help reduce energy costs.

The Idaho Community Foundation is a nonprofit foundation comprised of more than 370 individual funds pooled together for efficient management. It contributes to many different service organizations across the state. For more information regarding the foundation, 800-457-5357.

The senior center needs people to join its group and participate in its nutritional program. For more information or transportation: 366-2051.

CSI North Side prepares for spring semester

More than 25 credit courses will be offered at the College of Southern Idaho North Side Center in Gooding during the Spring 2009 semester, which begins Jan. 20.

English and sign language courses offered through the North Side Center are Basic English and Writing, Developmental Composition, English Composition 1, Sign Language 1, and Sign Language 2. Social science offerings are Western Civilization 2 and Principles of Macroeconomics.

In mathematics, the course offerings are Prealgebra, Beginning Algebra, and Intermediate Algebra. Two science courses are available at the North Side Center: Human Anatomy & Physiology 1 and Physical Geography.

Courses from the Fine Arts Department this semester are Ceramics I, Ceramics 2, Studio Art Ceramics, and Fundamentals of Oral Communication, and two humanities core classes: Music Appreciation and Theater Appreciation.

The Over 60 Getting Fit course is available at four sites on the North Side: Hagerman High School, Shoshone High School, the Jerome Recreation Center and the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind in Gooding.

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Recycling kiosks come to Ketchum

The Environmental Resource Center has been awarded a national grant for recycling bins, valued at more than \$5,000, to be set up as recycling kiosks along the Fourth Street corridor in downtown Ketchum.

The Coca-Cola Company and the National Recycling Coalition awarded only 85 grants to 1,400 applications to support community recycling programs with collection containers in public settings. The ERC grant was the only one awarded in Idaho and came about with the support of Blaine County Recycles, a partnership between Blaine County, Southern Idaho Solid Waste, and the Environmental Resource Center to strengthen local waste reduction and recycling efforts.

The grant will create three recycling kiosks for pedestrians along the Fourth Street corridor to recycle plastics, aluminum and glass. Now people attending special events at the Farmer's Market or even playing chess while enjoying an ice cream will have options for recycling.

Craig Barry, the ERC's

recycling kiosks like this one will soon be set up along Fourth Street in downtown Ketchum.



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Second knee replacement didn't correct kneecap problem

DEAR DR. GOTT: Last October, I had my second knee replacement. I really don't think it was done correctly.

Before I had the surgery, my left kneecap would slide to the left and lock. The doctor told me it should be replaced. Now, after the surgery, it continues to do the same thing. I often have to take my hand and push



ASK DR. GOTT
Dr. Peter Gott

it back into place. It happens a lot when I go up and down stairs. Does this

sound right to you?
DEAR READER: I am not an orthopedic knee surgeon. You were told you needed a knee replacement because of a problem with your kneecap, yet, after the surgery, you have the same problem. This suggests that something was not done correctly.

I recommend you return to the surgeon who operated

on you and ask why you had the knee replaced if it did not fix the problem. You are entitled to answers. If your surgeon refuses to help, ask for a copy of your medical and surgical records so you can take them to be reviewed by a second orthopedist, who may be able to tell you what is happening and whether it was a problem with the surgery or

something else.

To give you further information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "An Informed Approach to Surgery." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope No. 10 and \$2 to Newsletter, PO Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 4-

year-old grandson recently had tubes put in his ears because of several earaches. I remember as a child using eardrops, heating pads and bags of heated rock salt. Will these tubes dissolve or need to be removed as he grows older? Will they affect his balance and equilibrium during everyday activities

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Recent activity in Cassia County 5th District Court included the following:

FELONY DISMISSALS
Fred V. Smith, 87, battery, domestic violence/traumatic injury, dismissed on motion of prosecutor; aggravated battery, dismissed on motion of prosecutor; enhancement, use of weapon, dismissed on motion of prosecutor.

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS
Wilfredo Arceaga Celis, 22, petty theft, guilty, \$29.39 restitution, 30 days jail, 28 suspended, 2 credited.
Richard L. McLean, 22, driving under the influence, guilty, fined \$1,000, \$700 suspended, 12 months probation, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, 1 credited.
Pavel A. Sukhodolov, 32, failure to wear a seatbelt in commercial vehicle, guilty, fined \$43.50, \$75.50 court costs.

Lonny J. Taylor, 29, exceeded allowable gross loads, guilty, fined \$805, \$75.50 court costs; exceeded allowable gross loads, guilty, fined \$40.
Debra A. Spedosa, 49, seat belt violation, guilty, fined \$43.50, \$78.50 court costs.
James L. Elmer, 66, seat belt violation, guilty, fined \$43.50, \$75.50 court costs.
Ronald C. Kennedy, 41, seat belt violation, guilty, fined \$43.50, \$75.50 court costs.
Erick Padron-Cleobas, 32, driver's license or commercial driver's license violation, guilty, fined \$68.50, \$75.50 court costs.
Arnulfo Mendoza Jr., 36, fail to stop at checking station as required, guilty, fined \$118.50, \$75.50 court costs.
Joseph Vitely, 27, fail to stop at checking station as required,

guilty, fined \$118.50, \$75.50 court costs.
Melissa Ann Stockman, 27, fail to stop at checking station as required, guilty, fined \$118.50, \$75.50 court costs.
Jason Hunter Ward, 29, fail to stop at checking station as required, guilty, fined \$118.50, \$75.50 court costs.
Cody A. Garrard, 19, minor possession/consumption of an alcoholic beverage, guilty, fined \$100, \$75.50 court costs, 12 months probation.
Raymond Cope, 20, minor possession/consumption of an alcoholic beverage, guilty, fined \$100, \$75.50 court costs, 12 months probation.
Raymond Cope, 20, minor possession/consumption of an alcoholic beverage, guilty, fined \$100, \$75.50 court costs, 12 months probation.
Drew D. Blake, 21, minor possession/consumption of an

alcoholic beverage, guilty, fined \$150, \$75.50 court costs, driver's license suspended 90 days, 12 months probation, 30 days jail, 30 suspended.
Jonathan Bruce Marshall, 32, violation of trip permit and display, guilty, fined \$27.50, \$75.50 court costs.
Jonathan R. Everett, 31, failure to wear seat belt, guilty, fined \$43.50, \$75.50 court costs.
Sokha Singh, 49, failure to wear seatbelt in commercial vehicle, guilty, fined \$43.50, \$75.50 court costs.
Zurab T. Gudishvili, 47, seatbelt violation, guilty, fined \$43.50, \$75.50 court costs.
Nikolai Jeffrey Roberts, 27, alcoholic beverage, unlawful transport/open container, guilty, fined \$100, \$75.50 court costs.
Irene C. Lerna, 25, driving without privileges, guilty, fined \$200, \$90.50 court costs, driver's license suspended 180 days, 12 months probation, 30 days jail, 28 suspended, credit 2 served.
William Timothy Anderson, 34, weight exceed allowable gross, guilty, fined \$976.50, \$75.50 court costs.
Kermit Milajonov, 44, fail to stop at checking station as required, guilty, fined \$118.50, \$75.50 court costs.
Leo Thomas Moran, 60, fail to stop at checking station as required, guilty, fined \$118.50, \$75.50 court costs.

MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS
Crystal R. Dominguez, 31, failure to purchase driver's license, dismissed by court.
Richard L. McLean, 22, placing debris on public/private proper-

ty, dismissed on motion of prosecutor.
Verdie Lee Vandenberg, 58, fraud, insufficient funds check, amended to public disturbance, dismissed on motion of prosecutor.
Jeff Milton, 47, fraud, insufficient funds check, amended to public disturbance, disposition bond forfeited, case dismissed, fined \$175.50; fraud, insufficient funds, dismissed on motion of prosecutor.
Joansy Sanpedro, 25, driving without privileges, dismissed on motion of prosecutor.

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Recycling

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Executive Director said, "This is an exciting development for recycling. Locals and visitors alike will now have a convenient option to recycle those containers instead of trashing them."
The recycling kiosks have been planned in conjunction

with the City of Ketchum and the Ketchum CDC and are seen as a welcomed addition to Fourth Street. Ketchum Mayor Randy Hall said, "This ERC grant just goes to show how much of a community effort this Fourth Street project is. These recycling kiosks will be a great addition to Fourth Street and I greatly appreciate ERC's efforts."
The community has almost

doubled its recycling rate to 20 percent in the past five years (the national recycling average is 33 percent). Each year, community recycling efforts keep more than 11 million pounds of carbon out of the atmosphere, which is the equivalent of saving over 21,000 gallons of gasoline or 20,000 square feet of asphalt. Additionally, recycling generates more than \$105,000 in

revenue each year.
For more information on this grant or on recycling: 726-4333 or www.wvcs.org.

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Dr. Gott

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and sports? I am completely clueless about this. Please help.
DEAR READER: Tubes placed in the ear are surgically implanted through the eardrum to allow fluid to escape easily rather than build up and cause infection. They will not dissolve and in most cases fall out after about a year. The tubes are minute, and chances are, he will never know when they have fallen out.

infection, swelling or balance problems.
I remember the drops and heated water bottles, too. Thankfully, today, our children and grandchildren do not have to suffer as we did. Repeated middle-ear infections can cause permanent damage and hearing loss. Drops and heating pads merely made the infections more bearable. Tubes, however, are helping these unfortunate repeat sufferers to avoid these risks.

Peter Gott is a retired physician and the author of the book "Dr. Gott's No Fluor, No Sugar Diet," available at most chain and independent bookstores, and the recently published "Dr. Gott's No Fluor, No Sugar Cookbook."

As far as affecting his balance, yes, they will affect it, but in a positive way. An ear infection is basically a build up of fluid within the ear, often behind the eardrum. This can push on the sensitive ear parts, causing pain, swelling and a loss of balance. With the tubes in place, this fluid can drain away freely, which means no

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Thelma (Bott) Engkeling

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BOISE — Thelma (Bott) Engkeling, 95, of Boise, died peacefully Thursday, Dec. 11, 2008, at Life Care Center in Boise.

A memorial gathering of family and friends will be held between 2 and 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, in the front parlor at the Heatherwood Retirement Community, 5277 Kootenai St. in Boise. Arrangements under the direction of Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel.

Thelma Leonard (Bott) Engkeling was born Oct. 13, 1913, in Wendell, Gooding County, Idaho, the daughter of Henry Cecil Bott and Leona Beatrice (Dunn) Bott. She started school at age 5 in 1918 at Wendell. The family moved to Jerome in 1924, where she finished her junior year in high school in 1929. That summer, the family moved to Hazelton, where her father ran a grocery store. She graduated from Hazelton High School in 1930.

Her older sister Viola went to Albion Normal School in 1931 while Thelma stayed home to care for her younger siblings Pauline, Donald and Gwendolyn while her mother worked in the grocery store with her dad. In 1932, Thelma attended Albion Normal School for teachers. It was during The Depression she was working as a waitress in a rooming house while dishes and cleaning house for her room and board while going to school. She graduated with a two-year teaching certificate in 1934.

Her first job was in Hazelton teaching first grade from 1934 to 1936. While teaching in Hazelton, she lived at home. In September of 1936, she moved to Moscow to teach first grade in Russell Grade School from 1936 to 1940 (this is the same school, Russell Elementary, that her daughter, Sandra, started her teaching career at in 1965).

Thelma was married to Delmer Frank Engkeling in November 1939 in Moscow and moved to Rubens after the school year in Moscow ended in 1940. Del and Thelma (and now daughter, Sandra) moved to Craigmont in the summer of 1943, then on to Kamiah in the fall of 1943. Son, Jerl, was born in 1947, and Thelma was a stay-at-home mom until the family moved to Grangeville in 1950. Thelma again took up teaching first grade at Grangeville Elementary School. The family moved to Blackfoot in 1954, where she taught first grade starting in January of 1955 at Elmwood Elementary. In the fall 1958, Del was elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction and moved to Boise to start his job in January. Thelma and the family followed at Grangeville was over in the summer of 1959, and she started teaching again in the Boise Independent School District in 1960. She completed her four-year degree in elementary education graduating from Idaho State University in 1965. She taught first grade for the Boise Public Schools at Whittier Elementary School.

and Taft Elementary, retiring in 1975 after teaching for 29 1/2 years.

As a public educator in Idaho, she met and worked with many outstanding people whom she enjoyed very much. Her many years in education touched the lives of generations of students, teachers, administrators, parents and others both in and out of the educational community. Through her guidance as a first-grade teacher, one of her greatest pleasures was to watch her students' joy as they discovered they could read.

Thelma was a 50-year member of the Crescent Chapter 43, Order of the Eastern Star in Twin Falls, No. 40, Daughters of the Nile and a member of First Methodist Church, Cathedral of the Rockies.

Along with her husband Del, Thelma loved to fish, snipe, crocheting and watching Wheel of Fortune. During their years of retirement, they split their time between springs and summers in Idaho and Falls within the California and then Yuma, Ariz. They played lots of golf and participated in many of the activities of the Wintergardens Senior Co-op.

Thelma celebrated her 85th birthday in October 2008 with her two children, her two grandchildren and all five of her great-grandchildren, plus a foster grandchild and one of her two surviving sisters, several members of her extended family, many friends from her teaching years, the Heatherwood Retirement Center, and various other activities she was involved with over the years.

She is survived by a daughter, Sandra Pritchard, a retired elementary teacher from Santa Rosa, Calif.; a son, Jeri Engkeling, associate dean of the scheduling department at the University of South Dakota, and his wife, Ellen (Buchanan); two grandsons, Christopher Pritchard and his wife, Jodi (Garfinkle) and four great-grandchildren, Courtney Halle, Leahle and Emmeline Pritchard; and David Engkeling and his wife, Alicia (Moerke) and a great-grandson, Logan Lee Engkeling, and a foster great-granddaughter, Amber Ackel; her sisters, Pauline Knight and Gwen Gibbs (Wayne) Pool; and numerous nephews and nieces and their extended families. Thelma was preceded in death by her husband, Delmer; her parents, several siblings, one brother, Donald; and a sister, Viola and her husband, Ad Lindsey.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Leo Willis (Bill/Papa) Stevens, born Aug. 4, 1933, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2008, at his home in Lake Stevens, Wash.

He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Richard (Marlyn) Stevens of Layton, Utah; his sister, Mary Lou Matthews Burley and his sister and brother-in-law, Patricia (Boyd) Fox of Elizabethtown, Pa. He is also survived by his children, Debra Mcgaughey and Susan Knowles, both of Brier, Wash.; Sandra Alexander of Lake Stevens, Wash.; Staff Sgt. Wilhelm Stevens (Sarah) of the U.S. Army and Johanne Stevens (Shawn) Peters of Fair Oaks, Calif.; grandchildren, Jeremy (John) Nelson, Cally Short (Bryn Kell), Shannon Stevens (Glen Cooper), David Nelson, Brian Knowles, Courtney Knowles, Jimmy Moorhead, Trevor Alexander, David Spingola, Aida Peters and Kristina Stevens. He also leaves behind 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Ellen Stevens of Declo; his first wife, Diane Stevens of Burka, Calif.; his grandson, Ryan Short of Anchorage, Alaska; his brother, John

Stevens of Burley; and his sister, Margaret Eames of Grants Pass, Ore.

Dad worked in the timber and pulp mill industries in northern California before retiring to Washington State in 1977. In 1985, he returned to Idaho and lived there until March of 2008. Despite his paraplegia, Dad lived on his own and cared for himself until late 2007. He came to Lake Stevens, Wash., in March of 2008 to be near his children and grandchildren. With their care and support, he was able to stay in his home until the end.

A special thanks to his grandson and caregiver, David Nelson; his wife and caregiver, Johanne Stevens; Shannon Stevens; Glen Cooper; Gary and Sandy Alexander for their loving support; and Cally Short, who kept vigil at Papa's bedside and witnessed his last moments.

Services will be announced at a later date.

Arizona LDS Temple, which gave him two stepchildren, Rick Johnson, Penny Bower (Barry), Kristy Rose (Scott) and Kyle Johnson (D.V.). Combined they had 26 grandchildren and are great-grandchildren. Together, Dan and Melba served two missions, one to the South Island of New Zealand and the second to Austria. They also worked in the Boise Temple. Dan loved the gospel of Jesus Christ and served in many capacities in the LDS Church throughout his life.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Fern; parents; three brothers, Archie and Lewis; one sister, Vonnie; a son-in-law, Arnall Katz; and a grandson, Daniel Craig Warburton.

The funeral will be held at noon Friday, Dec. 18, at the Paul LDS Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis St., with Bishop Douglas D. Hartley officiating. Military rites will be provided by the Mini-Cassia Veterans and Auxiliary. A graveside service and dedication of the grave will be held at noon Saturday, Dec. 20, at the Cedron Cemetery near Driggs. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 11 until 11:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

We wish to extend a special thanks for the kind and tender loving care of Dr. Reed Harris, and to the nurses and staff of Intermountain Hospice.

Some of his joys in life included flying, participating in the American Legion and also Scouting. He went through Wood Badge training and, in 1987, he and Fern received their Silver Beaver award. He married Melba Jean McCann Johnson on Dec. 8, 1987, in the Mesa Chapel in Buhi).

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Milford (Mip) James Burgemister of American Falls, military graveside service at 1 p.m. today at the Aberdeen Cemetery in Aberdeen; visitation at 11 a.m. today at the Aberdeen American Legion Hall, 180 S. Main (Davis-Rose Mortuary in American Falls).

Jennie (Marilu) Kendall of Hagerman, memorial service at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Casleford First Baptist Church (Farmer Funeral Home).

Barry O. Bragg of Jerome, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the mortuary.

PAUL — Roger Glenn Spriggs, age 74, of Paul, died Monday, Dec. 15, 2008, at his home.

He was born June 3, 1934, in Gilbert, Ark., the son of Herbert Allen and Merle Moore Spriggs. He was a graduate of Nampa High School. He married Juanita Jordan in 1952 in Nampa. Together, they had three children, Rick, Debbie and Kathy. Roger started his working career at the Subline Mine. In 1952, he began working for Union Pacific Railroad as a brakeman and retired as a conductor. He also was co-owner of Freddie's Bar in Twin Falls.

Roger was an avid sportsman. He played football, basketball, baseball and ran track throughout his school years. He also golfed, fished and enjoyed hunting. He was quite the pool shark and liked shuffle board and playing cards (especially pinochle). Roger's greatest love was coaching softball and baseball. He coached in the Twin Falls area for more than 30 years. He was a member of the Christian Church and also of the Elks Lodge for 46 years. After the death of his wife, Juanita, he later married Shirley Milton on Feb. 3, 1996, in Jackpot, Nev.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley of Paul; three children, Rick Spriggs of Nampa, Debbie (Mike) Tremayne of Fernley, Nev., and Kathy Carlsen of New Castle, Wash.; three stepchildren, Debbie (Gerry) Bowden of Twin Falls, Pamela (David) Fulvyr of Pocatello and Brent Patchett of Idaho Falls; his grandchildren, Ane (Bob) Lynch, Matt Tremayne, Lindsay Tremayne, Jason Carlsen, Kimberly Carlsen, Jeff (Chad) Bowden, Candl (Chad) Cooper, Ty (Kriszy) Iwakiri and Alec Pulvyr; four great-grandchildren, Aidan Lynch, Bay Bowden and Emma Cooper; and one brother, Richard Spriggs of Nampa. In addition to his first wife, he was preceded in death by his parents and his grandparents, Clint and Edith Spriggs and Jessie and Alfa Moore.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley. A graveside service will be held at noon Friday, Dec. 19, at the Meridian Cemetery, 895 E. Franklin Road in Meridian. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, and one hour prior to the service Thursday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home.

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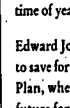
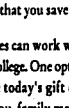
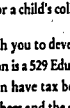
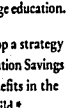
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Susan Becker

BURLEY — Susan Becker, age 44, of Burley, passed away Sunday, Dec. 14, 2008, at the View Care Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

She was born Jan. 23, 1964, at Magic Valley Hospital in Twin Falls, the fourth child of George and Eileen Adams Becker. She attended schools in Cassia County. She loved sports! The rougher and tougher the better. She especially enjoyed the Chicago Bulls basketball team. She liked four-wheeling, playing card games, cutting out and was an avid sports cards collector. She also loved her cats. Susan was a member of the LDS Church. She enjoyed helping her family on the farm and had worked through Magic Valley Rehab at various jobs in Twin Falls.

She is survived by her

mother, Eileen Becker Burley; her siblings, Janet (Norman) Radabaugh, Paul Allen (Jane) Becker of Burley and Brent Becker of Twin Falls; two nieces, Sadie Chaffin and Tara Stree; three nephews, Steven Smith, Russell Smith and Cameron Becker; and five great-nieces and nephews. Susan was preceded in death by her father, George; and her maternal and paternal grandparents.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 20, at the Oakley LDS Stake Center, 355 N. Center Ave., with Bishop Douglas K. Cranney officiating. Burial will be in the Marion Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1500 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from noon until 12:45 p.m. Saturday at the church.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be directed to the Special Olympics in memory of Susan.

SERVICES

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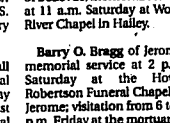
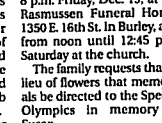
Lynn Nielsen Bradshaw of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Rupert LDS West Stake Center, 26 S. 100 W. in Rupert; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary in Rupert and one hour before the service Wednesday at the church.

Lawrence A. "Bode" Sheridan of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Tressie Marie Covgill of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

William Bonner Shappee of Bellevue, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Wood River Chapel in Halley.

Barry O. Bragg of Jerome, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the mortuary.



Florence Warren

4, 1968. In 1972, she married Willard Warren and moved to his farm in the Paul area. Willard passed away in 1982.



Florence was a very creative person who loved to sew and do embroidery work. She made many beautiful quilts with her friends. She was a member of the Rupert Christian Church, Ruth Rebekah Lodge and IOOF Lodge of Burley, and the American Legion Auxiliary. She was also active in the Rupert and Burley Senior Citizen centers. She enjoyed participating in the county fairs and won many blue ribbons. Additionally, she liked playing cards, particularly pinochle.

In addition to her husbands, and her parents; brothers, James, Daniel, Lawrence and Wilbur, and sisters, Clara Baker and Lucille Martin. She is survived by her four children, Barbara McClain-Soderling (Robert) of Idaho City, Robert E. McClain of Boise and Gerald (Mary) McClain of Olympia, Wash.; a stepson, Dr. Merle (Jenny) McClain Jr. of Fort Smith, Ark.; one brother, Benjamin (Huth) Martin of Vere Beach, Fla.; and four grandchildren, Benjamin, Zachary, Hailey and Tyler.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, at the Rupert First Christian Church, 1110 Eighth St., west of Burley. Pastor David Graham officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be directed to a favorite charity in honor of Florence. Funeral arrangements and cremation arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

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

Marvin E. Stigall

Marvin E. Stigall, 69, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 12, 2008, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Boise.

At Marvin's request, there will be no service at this time.

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In new report, lye, boric acid banned as food additives in China

By Anita Chang Associated Press writer

BEIJING — Substances commonly used as industrial dyes, insecticides and drain cleaners were included on a list of illegal food additives China released Monday as part of a month-long government crackdown aimed at improving the country's shoddy food safety record.

Among the 17 banned substances was boric acid, commonly used as an insecticide, which is mixed with noodles and meatballs to increase elasticity, a statement posted on the Ministry of Health Web site said. Also forbidden was industrial formaldehyde and lye, used in making soap and drain cleaner and added to water used to soak some types of dried goods to make the products appear fresher and bigger.

A scandal over melamine-tainted infant formula, which likely killed six babies and sickened

294,000 others earlier this year, prompted the government food safety campaign last week.

The list of banned substances was released by a government committee tasked with weeding out food products with non-food additives. Local authorities were also warned to watch out for another 10 food additives that are often used excessively.

"This list provides clues for relevant departments as they carry out this campaign," said the statement, adding that the list was not comprehensive.

The government had previously banned some of the 17 substances as separate scandals rocked the country and raised concerns over products such as milk and eggs, but the list released Monday appeared to mark the first attempt at compiling the information.

Also on the list were various industrial dyes that are added to improve the

appearance of food products, ranging from chill powder to tea to cooked meats.

The government working list even listed an additive substance made from the poppy plant and related to opium, which can be used as a painkiller. It is often used in hot pot, a Chinese dish where meat, vegetables and tofu are cooked at the table.

Along with the banned additives, the government named 10 substances such as colorings, preservatives and artificial flavorings that should not be used excessively.

The list will help local inspectors target food products more likely to be problematic. The investigation will focus on goods made by small food factories, which are often poorly regulated, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

Among China's 500,000 food processors, 70 percent have fewer than 10 employees, Xinhua said.

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Physicist, inventor Arthur R. Kantrowitz, 95, dies

By John Johnson Jr. Los Angeles Times

Arthur R. Kantrowitz, a physicist and inventor whose research pioneered the development of nose cones for rockets as well as pumps for helping hearts move blood more effectively, died of heart failure Nov. 29 in New York. He was 95.

Although his expertise was in fluid mechanics, particularly the behavior of super-hot gases in confined

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Boise State tailback Ian Johnson shares a moment with his wife Chrissy as the Boise State seniors are introduced prior to a game against Fresno State Nov. 28 at Bronco Stadium in Boise. *AP photo/illustration by SEAN SANCZ*

Humble senior Ian Johnson has done it all for Boise State

By Dustin Lapray
Times-News correspondent

When I first saw Ian Johnson take the field his redshirt freshman season, he was solid, but not too impressive. I couldn't look at him and foresee what he would become at Boise State. But now I know, Johnson is the face of the program.

In 2005, Johnson shared the tailback role with three other Broncos. Still, he finished second on the team with 663 yards and four touchdowns. He showed signs of the spectacular that season against Louisiana Tech, his first 100-yard game.

The following season the three tailbacks he shared the position with all graduated and he was left to carry the load. And boy, did he carry it. He became a first-team

All-American, led the nation in scoring (12.67 ppg) and touchdowns (25), set a BSU single-season rushing record (1,713 yards) and took a backside handoff on a 2-point conversion to beat Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl.

Since that moment, and the others that followed (his engagement proposal and media-darling status) he calmly usurped the role as the face of the BSU program. Johnson's recaps the journey like this:

"My freshman year was just learning stuff. Redshirt freshman year just going out there, getting the few plays I could, making the most of them. Sophomore year, it was then that they called my name to do whatever they needed me to do, and it was a huge role. Then junior year, sort of a fall-off. Then senior year, you see us as



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much, we're going to do some other things. Then this year it's just that 100 percent buy into the system, be whatever they need me to be."

Not many players peak their sophomore season. Johnson didn't either. His burden just got lighter with the aid of an ever-deepening talent pool at BSU. Even though his role changed, his attitude never did. His humility remains intact.

"It's easy to do it when you're on top, but it's hard

"The old dog's still got it. It's what you expect from a Boise State player."

— Boise State senior tailback Ian Johnson



when you remember the days when you were the man," Johnson said. "That's all I've ever been since I've been here, just exactly what they asked. If the role was big, it was big. If the role was small I was small."

At 6-0, 196 pounds, Johnson never was the biggest guy. But his determination made up for it. He swallowed a 9,000-calorie-per-day diet to bulk up in the offseason. He has bruised his kidneys, suffered a partially collapsed lung and encountered hundreds of hits, all taking a toll on his body. With the added weight, he played his entire senior season.

Johnson ran for 128 yards and two touchdowns in his

final game at Bronco Stadium, tying Marshall Faulk for the all-time WAC record for rushing touchdowns (57) and taking over second place on the BSU career rushing list, with 4,155 yards.

"The old dog's still got it," Johnson joked. "It's what you expect from a Boise State player. Some things aren't clean all the time, but if we believe and just stay at it (which this team does), if players stay with it, then eventually something will happen in your favor."

A lot of things have gone his way. He has been part of four WAC championships. He has amassed at least 100

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McNabb leads Eagles over Browns

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Written off last month, the resurgent Philadelphia Eagles are making a strong playoff push.

Donovan McNabb threw for 290 yards and two touchdowns. Asante Samuel scored on an interception return and the Eagles beat the struggling Cleveland Browns 30-10 on Monday night for their third straight victory.

Philadelphia (8-5-1) remained a half-game behind three teams in the race for the two NFC wild-card spots. The Eagles have to win their final two games — at Washington and home against Dallas — and need Atlanta or Tampa Bay to lose once to secure a playoff berth.

The Browns (4-10) have lost four in a row. At least they finally scored a touchdown on Brandon McDonald's 24-yard interception return in the fourth quarter. The Browns, who didn't reach the end zone in the previous three games, could be looking for a new coach to replace Romeo Crennel after the season.



Philadelphia Eagles defensive end Trest Cole celebrates his sack of Cleveland Browns quarterback Ken Dorsey, on ground, in the second quarter of an NFL football game Monday in Philadelphia. *AP photo*

Jason Avant had five receptions for 101 yards — his first career 100-yard game. McNabb finished 26-of-35 before he was replaced by Kevin Kolb with more than 10 minutes remaining. Just three weeks ago, the Eagles were in shambles. People were calling for coach Andy Reid to be fired and McNabb's days in

Philadelphia seemed numbered after he was benched for the first time in his career at halftime of a 38-7 loss at Baltimore.

But the Eagles answered with impressive wins over the playoff-bound Arizona Cardinals and New York Giants. They easily handled the Browns, despite squandering several opportunities. The Eagles reached the red zone on all seven possessions with McNabb under center, but managed just two touchdowns and three field goals. They had a 17-3 lead at halftime that likely would've been bigger if it weren't for two interceptions in the end zone.

Rookie wide receiver DeSean Jackson threw the first one after taking a direct snap at the 7. Sean Jones made a diving catch to pick off Jackson's underthrown pass early in the second quarter.

McDonald then intercepted McNabb's pass on the final play of the second and ran it back 98 yards to the Eagles 7. McDonald was chased by Brian Westbrook and finally caught from

behind by Hank Baskett, who was the intended receiver on the play.

Cleveland's Ken Dorsey, making his second straight start for the injured Derek Anderson and Brady Quinn, was intercepted twice.

Since his benching, McNabb has played like the guy who went to five Pro Bowls and led the Eagles to four consecutive NFC championship games and a Super Bowl. He has completed 72 of 104 passes for 741 yards, seven TDs and one interception in the last three games. His passer rating is 107.9 on those games.

McNabb came out firing, completing all four of his passes on the opening possession, including a 14-yard TD strike to Kevin Curtis that gave the Eagles a 7-0 lead. A 20-yard completion to Jason Avant on third-and-5 kept the drive going.

In the second, Samuel stepped in front of Dorsey's pass intended for Dontie Stallworth and raced 50 yards for a touchdown to make it 17-3. It appeared

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CSI athletes learning life's X's and O's

Mistakes. We all make them. Some big, some small. We live and hopefully we learn.

For most, it seems we do the bulk of that living and learning during our high school and college years.



MIKE CHRISTENSEN

Athletes at the College of Southern Idaho are no different. Like their peers, they do their share of living. And that means making mistakes. But when you're a Golden Eagle, those mistakes are accompanied by a spotlight.

Over the past several months, four members of the CSI women's basketball team have made mistakes of varying degrees that landed their names in the 5th District Court records.

Martina Holloway (driving under the influence), Cassie Wood (shoplifting), Soana Lucet (willful concealment of merchandise) and LaCale Pringle-Buchanan (driving without proper license) each experienced seeing their names printed in a newspaper section not headed "Sports."

Bill Cosby made famous the phrase, "Kids say the darndest things." Turns out, kids do the dumbest things, as well.

That's why the folks at CSI recently revamped the athletic department's code of conduct for athletes. It's a document that sets a drug and alcohol use and other behavior, which the players must read and sign.

"We do have a standard and we talk to the kids about it constantly," said CSI athletic director Joel Bate, who said the policy — which includes random monthly drug testing — has led to progress with student-athletes.

Still, "every once in a while we have a blip in the system where a kid makes a poor decision," said Bate.

For Holloway, her second DUI — the first came while she was playing at Stephen F. Austin in Texas — cost her a chance to play in CSI's first three games this season. The suspension was automatic as part of the code of conduct.

A second violation by a CSI student-athlete leads to an eight-game suspension. A third, and the player in question is off the team and expelled from school.

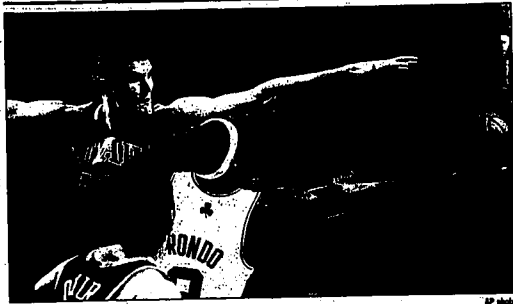
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The difference? When those kids are Golden

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Utah Jazz forward Andrei Kirilenko (47) stretches as he tries to stop Boston Celtics guard Rajon Rondo (9) on a drive to the basket in Boston, Monday.

Rondo, Celtics topple Jazz

BOSTON — Rajon Rondo scored 12 of his career-high 25 points in the final 5:20, and Kevin Garnett had 19 points and 10 rebounds on Monday night to lead the Boston Celtics to their 15th consecutive victory, 100-91 over the Utah Jazz.

Kendrick Perkins added 15 points and 14 rebounds for Boston, which avenged the worst loss of its championship season. Paul Pierce scored 15 points before he hurt his left knee during a scramble for a defensive rebound with 31 seconds left. He said he should be all right.

Paul Millsap scored a career-high 32 points with 10 rebounds for Utah.

SUNS 111, KNICKS 103
PHOENIX — Steve Nash scored 21 points, including a game-clinching 3-pointer with 28 seconds to play, and the Suns spoiled New York coach Mike D'Antoni's return to Phoenix.

Shaquille O'Neal had 23 points, making 11 of 18 free throws, and 12 rebounds. Amar'e Stoudemire added 21 points and 10 boards for the Suns, who topped 110 points for the fourth game in a row.

Nwe Robinson scored 27, 17 after halftime, in his second game back in a groin injury that kept him out of Houston's debut Dec. 12. D'Antoni's run-and-shoot squad was just 6-of-37 on 3-pointers.

NUGGETS 98, MAVERICKS 88
DALLAS — Reserve J.R. Smith scored 25 points. Carmelo Anthony added 23, and Denver beat Dallas to extend its winning streak to four games.

Chauncey Billups had 15 points and eight assists for the Nuggets, who have won seven of eight and improved to 16-4 since Billups joined the team after a Nov. 3 trade with the Detroit Pistons.

Dirk Nowitzki had 27 points and 10 rebounds, and Jason Terry scored 19 points for the Mavericks, who had won 11 of their previous 13. Mavericks forward Josh Howard was back after being inactive for 11 straight games because of a sprained left ankle. He came off the bench late in the first quarter and played 14 minutes, scoring seven points.

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Kings fire coach Reggie Theus

SACRAMENTO — Calif. (AP) — Reggie Theus got barely more than 100 games to lead the Sacramento Kings before they headed in yet another direction with yet another new head coach.

Theus was fired by Sacramento on Monday after a 6-18 start to his second season with the club.

Assistant coach Kenny Natt took over the last-place Kings for Monday night's game against his Minnesota.

Natt, a first-time head coach who has the job on an interim basis, is the fourth coach in less than three years for the Kings, who are in disarray after a prolonged run as one of the NBA's elite clubs earlier in the decade.

Assistant coach Chuck Person was fired along with Theus, who went 44-62 in his brief tenure with Sacramento.

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Milwaukee started quickly before holding off a late rally to beat Miami.

Andrew Bogut had 20 points and 11 rebounds, and Charlie Villanueva added 20 points for the Milwaukee, which won on the road for the first time since beating Charlotte on Nov. 22.

Marlo Chalmers had 20 points, eight assists and seven rebounds, and Dwyane Wade added 15 points for the Heat, who lost their third straight game.

NETS 94, RAPTORS 87

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— The Associated Press

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Cedged. "They are held to a higher standard. And that's how it should be," said Bate. The time spent as a Golden Eagle is not just about learning to make a good pass or a good shot. It's about serving in the community — something CSI athletes do on a regular basis — and learning to consistently make good decisions off the court.

"There's been kids that have come through here with a checked past and left here as better people and hopefully as better citizens," said Rogers.

For those younger men and women, CSI truly is the winning program in junior college history.

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Johnson

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rushing yards in 16 of his 48 games.

He is now what BSU head coach Chris Peterson called an "ambassador" for the team.

"It's just got such a good heart and he's a good person and he wants to do it the right way," Peterson said. "He's done everything we've asked of him, and haven't even asked. He's just done it."

And he's done it with the blue-collar ethic that brought him here in the first place. Many of his teammates took notice of his changing role and respect him because he never complained about it.

"Now we have four running backs to rotate," Austin Pettis said. "We're winning, so he's just letting it roll with the punches. He's still making plays when he gets his chance."

The example he set with the younger players adds to the team concept that Peterson preaches. If Johnson is willing to sacrifice personal gain to team goals, after all he has personally gained, then anyone on this team can follow suit.

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"For me, it was just a guy buying into a system," Johnson said. "That's what it was."

BSU gave him a chance when no one else wanted him. When he leaves, no one will want him to go. That is character. That is Ian Johnson.

Dustin Lappay covers BSU football for the Times-Herald. Beginning Sunday, follow his daily coverage of the Broncos' trip the Dec. 23 Poinsettia Bowl in San Diego.

Hagerman knocks off Gooding

Times-Herald
Twin Falls Christian 45, Camas County 22

Jake Emerson scored 18 points, including four 3-pointers to lead Class 1A Hagerman over Class 3 Gooding 52-37 in boys basketball action.

"Gooding had a good game plan of taking away Tanner Owen," said Hagerman coach Kevin Kevin. "But our kids responded with their outside shooting especially Jake (Emerson) and Dylan (Brooks)."

For the Pirates (4-1, 1-0 Snake River Conference), Owen ended with 10 points and Brooks had three 3-pointers for nine points.

Tyler Rex led the Senators. With 11 points.

Gooding travels to Declo on Wednesday, while Hagerman is at Wendell on Thursday.

Hagerman 52, Gooding 37
Camas County 22, Twin Falls Christian 45

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MAGIC VALLEY CONFERENCE
Kamela Robinson 2, Malcolm Rogers 2, Camas County 22, Twin Falls Christian 45

RICHLIFF 65, MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN 17
The Richliff Tigers blew out Magic Valley Christian 65-17 on Monday to move to 4-0 overall and 3-0 in Northside Conference play. No other details were available.

GLENNS FERRY 58, MARSHING 52
Mike Crane scored 19 points and Glenns Ferry earned a 58-52 road win over Marshing on Monday. Ross Arellano and Gabe Arwold each scored 11 for the Pilots (4-2), while Johnny Popoca chipped in 10.

Glenns Ferry coach Jeremah Johnston said second-half ball pressure and transition play keyed the road victory.

The Pilots host Nampa Christian tonight.

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Cleveland State shocks No. 9 Syracuse

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Cedric Jackson swished a 60-foot shot at the buzzer to give Cleveland State a 72-69 victory over No. 11 Syracuse on Monday night.

Jackson took an inbound pass with 2.2 seconds remaining and let the desperation shot go just as time expired to send the Orange (9-1) to their first loss.

Cleveland State (7-4) led 69-64 with 26.5 seconds to play.

Jonny Flynn hit a 3 from the right corner to make it 69-67 with 19 seconds left, and the Orange press forced a turnover with 15 seconds to go. Andy Rautins went for the win but missed a 3 from the right corner. Syracuse's Arizon Onuaku grabbed the rebound and tied the game with 2.2 seconds to go.

"Nathan Bullock led Cleveland State with 18 points, all in the second half, while Norris Cole had 16 and Jackson 13, including his only make in five tries from beyond the arc.

Eric Devendorf led Syracuse with 17 points, while Flynn had 16.

NO. 2 CONNECTICUT 91, STONY BROOK 57
HARTFORD, Conn. — Jeff Adrien had 18 points and 10 rebounds and No. 2 Connecticut returned from an 11-day break for exams to rout Stony Brook 91-57 on Monday night in the end zone.

It was the 36th career double-double for the senior forward, who was one of five Huskies in double figures. Hashem Thabek had 18 points and nine rebounds, while Jerome Dyson added 16 points and

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Cleveland State's Cedric Jackson, left, celebrates with team manager Dave Asata after Cleveland defeated Syracuse 72-69 on a buzzer-beater shot by Cedric in Syracuse, N.Y., Monday.

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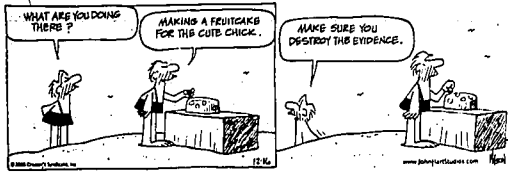
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By Johnny Hart



Baby Blues

By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



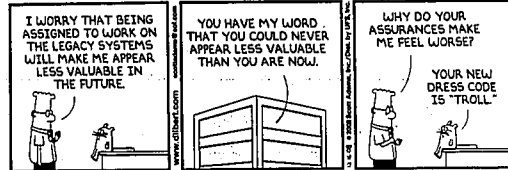
Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



Dilbert

By Scott Adams



The Elderberries

By Phil Frank and Joe Troiano



For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Brown



Hi and Lois

By Chance Brown



Luann

By Greg Evans



Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



Pearls Before Swine

By Stephan Pastis



Pickles

By Brian Crane



Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady



Non Sequitur

By Wiley



Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



The Wizard of Id

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Haytium, ID 83336
Spouse of Kenneth K. Blocker, If married
407 South 340 Lane West
Haytium, ID 83336
Occupant
407 South 340 Lane West
Haytium, ID 83336

Kenneth K. Blocker
410 South 345 West
Haytium, ID 83336
Spouse of Kenneth K. Blocker, If married
410 South 345 West
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Occupant
410 South 345 West
Haytium, ID 83336

RE: Irrigation District Assessment # 836-03
Legal Description: PL NW 1/4 NE 14, Section 14, Township 10 South, Range 23 East of the Boise Meridian, Minidoka County, Idaho
The name and telephone number of a person, firm, or business office from whom information concerning the location of the property may be obtained:
Ruth S. Bailes, Treasurer
Minidoka Irrigation District
98 West 50 South
Rupert, ID 83350
(208) 436-3188

The year for which the assessment was levied: 2005
The year for which the assessment is delinquent: January 1, 2008

	2005	2006	2007	2008	TOTAL
O & M Assessment:	\$468.00	\$192.00	\$40.58	\$40.58	\$1,141.16
Interest:	\$18.95	\$10.32	\$4.96	(\$2.48)	\$28.74
Recording Fee:	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00		\$9.00
Litigation Guarantee Fee:	\$200.00				\$200.00
Publishing Fee:	\$600.00				\$600.00
Registered Mailing Costs (11):	\$105.82				\$105.82
TOTAL:	\$972.27	\$60.22	\$57.54	\$47.10	\$1,137.12

The date the delinquent entry was made: January 1, 2008
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE ISSUANCE OF A TAX DEED IS PENDING DESCRIBING THE ABOVE DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY.

If the delinquent assessment, together with all penalties, interest, and costs and fees incident to the delinquent entry are not paid to the Minidoka Irrigation District and the lands redemmed on or before January 9, 2009, the Board of Directors of the Minidoka Irrigation District will, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on January 13, 2009 at the office of the Minidoka Irrigation District located at 98 West 50 South, Rupert, Minidoka County, Idaho, issue a tax deed.
The record owner(s) or any party in interest shall have adequate opportunity to be heard by the Board of Directors, to confront and cross examine any evidence or any witness against the record owner (s) and obtain and present evidence on behalf of the record owner(s) or any party in interest.
THE HEARING WILL BE HELD AT 9:00 O'CLOCK A.M. ON JANUARY 13, 2009 AT THE OFFICES OF THE MINIDOKA IRRIGATION DISTRICT LOCATED AT 98 WEST 50 SOUTH, RUPERT, MINIDOKA COUNTY, IDAHO.

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A hearing before the Board of Directors and judicial review of the Board's decision are the exclusive remedies for challenging the issuance of a tax deed. No other action can be taken to determine the validity of a properly executed tax deed. The tax deed shall convey complete title to the described land to the grantee named in the tax deed.

DATED: October 10, 2008
MINIDOKA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
BY: Ruth S. Bailes
Treasurer
cc: Pacific, Inc., Grantor
PO Box 112, Declo, ID 83223
Winn Bales, Inc., Judgment Lienholder
2560 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318
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PO Box 25899, Rochester, NY 14623
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350 West 400 South
Haytium, ID 83336
Cheryl A. Osterhout
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Haytium, ID 83336

Occupant
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O & M Assessment:	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$74.00	\$74.00	\$288.00
Interest:	\$23.80	\$15.40	\$7.40	(\$3.70)	\$42.80
Recording Fee:	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00		\$9.00
Litigation Guarantee Fee:	\$200.00				\$200.00
Publishing Fee:	\$591.10				\$591.10
Registered Mailing Costs (8):	\$76.96				\$76.96
TOTAL:	\$965.66	\$88.40	\$84.40	\$70.30	\$1,208.76

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Spouse of Kent L. Klosterman, If married
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70 West 5307 Lane South
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RE: Irrigation District Assessment # 303-43
Legal Description: Lot 4 of B9 2, Rich Subdivision, Section 32, Township 9 South, Range 23 East of the Boise Meridian, Minidoka County, Idaho
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O & M Assessment:	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$47.00	\$47.00	\$184.00
Interest:	\$15.30	\$4.70	\$4.70	(\$2.25)	\$27.55
Recording Fee:	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00		\$9.00
Litigation Guarantee Fee:	\$200.00				\$200.00
Publishing Fee:	\$557.10				\$557.10
Registered Mailing Costs (7):	\$87.34				\$87.34
TOTAL:	\$887.74	\$57.90	\$54.70	\$44.85	\$1,044.99

The date the delinquent entry was made: January 1, 2008
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE ISSUANCE OF A TAX DEED IS PENDING DESCRIBING THE ABOVE DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY.

If the delinquent assessment, together with all penalties, interest, and costs and fees incident to the delinquent entry are not paid to the Minidoka Irrigation District and the lands redemmed on or before January 9, 2009, the Board of Directors of the Minidoka Irrigation District will, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on January 13, 2009 at the office of the Minidoka Irrigation District located at 98 West 50 South, Rupert, Minidoka County, Idaho, issue a tax deed.
The record owner(s) or any party in interest shall have adequate opportunity to be heard by the Board of Directors, to confront and cross examine any evidence or any witness against the record owner (s) and obtain and present evidence on behalf of the record owner(s) or any party in interest.
THE HEARING WILL BE HELD AT 9:00 O'CLOCK A.M. ON JANUARY 13, 2009 AT THE OFFICES OF THE MINIDOKA IRRIGATION DISTRICT LOCATED AT 98 WEST 50 SOUTH, RUPERT, MINIDOKA COUNTY, IDAHO.

All written inquiries and objections shall be directed to Ruth S. Bailes, Treasurer, Minidoka Irrigation District, 98 West 50 South, Rupert, Idaho 83350 and must be received at the described address no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 9, 2009. VERBAL INQUIRIES AND OBJECTIONS SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR ANY PURPOSE.

A hearing before the Board of Directors and judicial review of the Board's decision are the exclusive remedies for challenging the issuance of a tax deed. No other action can be taken to determine the validity of a properly executed tax deed. The tax deed shall convey complete title to the described land to the grantee named in the tax deed.

DATED: October 10, 2008
MINIDOKA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
BY: Ruth S. Bailes
Treasurer
cc: Sharon Sheets
839 Burley Ave., Burli, ID 83318
Spouse of Sharon Sheets, If married
839 Burley Ave., Burli, ID 83318
PUBLISH: November 25, December 2, 9 and 16, 2008

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Loan No. 098097054
31567 ON 03/26/2009 at 10:00 am (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Cassia, State of Idaho: in the main office of Land Title & Escrow, 211 W. 12th St., Burley, ID 83318. Pioneer Lenders Trustee Services, LLC, as Trustee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of Cassia, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Beginning at a point which is South 05'55" West a distance of 63.0 feet from the Northwest corner of said Tract(s) of the Rivernew Acreage Subdivision; thence North 89'55" West a distance of 170.0 feet; thence North 05'55" East a distance of 83.0 feet; thence South 89'55" West a distance of 130.5 feet; thence North 05'55" West a distance of 164.03 feet; thence North 89'55" East a distance of 132.5 feet; thence North 05'55" East a distance of 41.5 feet; thence North 89'55" East a distance of 170 feet; thence North 05'55" East a distance of 122.23 feet to the Point of Beginning. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of the sale will comply with Section 60-1113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed address of 1702 Monroe Ave, Burley, Idaho 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 owed by the pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Jeffrey Frank Langer, an unmarried man, as grantor, to Wells Fargo Financial National Bank, a Trustee, for the benefit and security of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as beneficiary, dated and recorded on 02/13/2002, as instrument No. 231816 of Official Records of Cassia County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 60-1113 of the Idaho Code, no representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for the obligation set forth. The Default for which this sale is to be made is failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 04/18/2002. The monthly installments of principal and interest, including any applicable due per month for the month of 7/20/2008 through 11/15/2008, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the said Deed of Trust is \$12,171.15, plus accrued interest at the rate of 9.15% per annum, from 02-29-08. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, and fees, and any additions advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the amount of money paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Mermet Delatut Services, Inc., 7150 W. First Street, Suite 300, Santa Ana, CA 92705-4083. See Information Line: 714-256-7510 Registration and Pay-Off Request: (714) 490-5472 THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. DATED: 11/16/2008. Pioneer Lenders Trustee Services, LLC. Kara Lamberly, Assistant Trustee Officer ASAPP# 2930651
PUBLISH: Dec 16, 23, 30, 2008 and Jan 6, 2009

JEROME COUNTY
NOTICE OF SALE
North Side Rentals, Inc. under provision of Idaho Code 28-210 will sell at Klaus Union office December 30, 2008, the stored items of: Juan Lopez Hernandez, Burli, Idaho
Dean Mettberger, Eden, Idaho
PUBLISH: December 16 and 23, 2008

ADVERTISEMENT FOR RFQ
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR
NEW ELEMENTARIES
The Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 231, Minidoka, Cassia, Jerome and Lincoln Counties, Idaho, hereby announces that quotes will be received by Play Ground Equipment for New Heyburn and Azaquia Elementary, on Dec 22, 2008 until 1:00 p.m. local prevailing time, at the Minidoka County School District Office, 633 Fremont Avenue, Rupert, Idaho 83350. Proposals will be opened and publicly read at the above hour and date. Qualified bidders may obtain Drawings and Specifications from Minidoka County Schools 633 Fremont Ave, Rupert, ID 83350, or contact Theo Schut, Maintenance Supervisor at (208) 493-1254.
The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject or to select any portion thereof or of all bids and to waive any irregularity. No bid may be withdrawn after the bid opening unless the awarding of the bid is delayed for a period exceeding sixty (60) days.
Michelle Deluna, District Treasurer
PUBLISH: December 16, 17 and 18, 2008

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Tuesday, the 21st day of April, 2009, at the hour of 10:30 AM of said day at the front porch of the Twin Falls Courthouse, County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, DAVID A. COLEMAN, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit: Township 10 South, Range 17 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho
Section 10: A parcel of land in the SE1/4 SW1/4, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said SE1/4 SW1/4;

Thence due North 90.4 feet (record) along the Westerly boundary of said SE1/4 SW1/4;

Thence due East 171.00 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

Thence due East 180.00 feet;

Thence due North 99.00 feet;

Thence due West 150.00 feet;

Thence due South 99.00 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Commonly known address is 250 Juniper Street North, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

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 LOUIS J. SEPENTAKES, an individual, grantor, and DAVID A. COLEMAN, as Successor Trustee for the benefit and security of ERNEST E. BENEGOCHEA and PEARL K. BENEGOCHEA, BENEKOCHEA TRUST, created November 16, 2005, as Instrument No. 2005-025928, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

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

The remaining principal balance of \$174,548.84 together with accrued interest, collection charges and late charges.

Taxes for second half of 2007, plus penalties and interest, and the unpaid principal balance owing as of November 24, 2008, on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$174,548.84, plus interest, late charges and foreclosure costs.

DATED: December 2, 2008.

/s/ David A. Coleman, Successor Trustee

PUBLISH: December 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2008

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Argiron and Jeff Kruetes

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

ITUSE
CAUDT
SHULOC
ENPOTT

THE BUTCHER WAS LET GO BECAUSE HE _____

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

(Answers tomorrow)

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THE FAMILY CIRCUIS

By Bil Keane



"Be sure to tell Mommy."

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Man's career is two-year detour on road to marriage

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Felix" for six years. He moved in with me a year ago. We decided to do it because it made sense economically, and also to find out if our lifestyles meshed. We now know that we are compatible, and I feel that I am living with the man I would like to marry soon.

My problem is although I have a stable, high-paying job and am ready for marriage and children, Felix is not. He has given me the distinct impression that he has no plans to marry me for at least two years — until he finds a higher-paying job and can support himself instead of depending on me.

I feel awkward not knowing when — or if — Felix will propose. I now realize that I acted too soon in encouraging us to live together. I don't know if I should just accept our living situation or ask him to move out. I am making it for marriage. How should I approach this, without making him think I no longer love him?

—TOO QUICK
 IN SAN JOSE

DEAR TOO-QUICK: Felix may not be a bad guy — but Frank — conversation. I respect the fact that he doesn't want to be married until he is in a stronger financial position. And I also respect the fact that you don't want to live together indefinitely.

A lot can happen in two years. People's goals can change, they can meet others and their careers can separate them. It appears that you and Felix may suffer from a case of bad timing. It is important that both of you be free to grow in your own ways.

While this might seem sad, it does not mean that you do not care for each other, or that you won't wind up together. But for now, some separation would be the healthiest thing for both of you. If your relationship is meant to be, his moving out won't kill it.

DEAR ABBY: Our neighbors are taking advantage of us. They go on vacations every year and expect us to watch their cat and house — for no pay. This includes shoveling snow, watering plants and flowers, moving their lawn, getting their mail and feeding their cat, along with litter box duty. They insist that "Princess" be checked on twice a day.

My husband and I work full-time and have three small children. We have told our neighbors how busy we are, but they still expect of us. They don't even ask nicely. They'll say, "We're going to be gone for a week and will need you to take care of our place."

They're an older couple and generally good neighbors, but we feel that if they can afford to take all these trips, they can also afford to pay us. They do bring us trinkets from their travels, but we could really use the money. They have no children or other close neighbors.

What should we do? Please hurry because they have another trip coming up.

—POOPED-OUT PET SITTERS

DEAR POOPED OUT: Start checking around to see what professional house and pet sitters are charging for their services in your area. Then have a frank chat with what the going rate is, and that rather than trinkets you could use the money. If they're smart, they'll compensate you because you have already proven that you are honest and reliable as well as close by.

HOROSCOPE
 Jeraldine Saunders

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Listen to the words of those further up on the food chain. Feedback from others could have a great deal of influence on whether you can remain at peace and enjoy a growing sense of security.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): There is no such thing as an impossible dream. Some people might think you are tilting at windmills, but the fact that you are pursuing something lofty and fine will encourage you to be a better person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If you act like a professional you will be treated like a professional. You may be able to overcome or offset a financial drain by making a wise business decision. Be sure to live up to your promises and commitments.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A word from the wise is sufficient. Someone who possesses more experience or ability might be able to steer you in the right direction. Make sure you don't lose sight of an important objective.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Trust that your head will keep your heart from breaking. A companion or significant other might want to rush in to a new project. It is time that someone is reminded to start with baby steps.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Focus comes, but don't always get the chance to choose the lens that makes it happen. There could be some upsets at home that require your patience, but business dealings begin to make sense.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Multitasking makes money. Juggling numerous demands on your time and talent gives you a chance to show off some hidden abilities. See something through to the end where you get a reward.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Concentrate on the details and the big picture will begin to take shape. A potentially significant relationship might be growing by leaps and bounds. Eventually it will take off like Santa's sleigh.

TODAY IS HISTORY!
 Today is Tuesday, Dec. 16, the 351st day of 2008. There are 15 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On Dec. 16, 1773, the Boston Tea Party took place as American colonists boarded a British ship and dumped more than 300 chests of tea overboard to protest tea taxes.

On this date:
 In 1653, Oliver Cromwell became lord protector of England, Scotland and Ireland.

In 1770, composer Ludwig van Beethoven was born in Bonn, Germany.

In 1905, the entertainment trade publication Variety came out with its first weekly issue.

In 1907, 16 U.S. Navy battleships, which came to be known as the "Great White Fleet," set sail on a 14-month round-the-world voyage to demonstrate American sea power.

In 1944, the World War II Battle of the Bulge began as German forces launched a surprise attack against Allied forces in Belgium (The Allies were eventually able to beat the Germans back).

In 1950, President Harry S. Truman proclaimed a national state of emergency in order to fight "the conquest" by Communist imperialism.

In 1964, 134 people were killed when a United Air Lines DC-8 and a TWA Super Constellation collided over New York City.

In 1976, the government halted its swine flu vaccination program following reports of paralysis apparently linked to the vaccine.

In 1991, the U.N. General Assembly rescinded its 1975 resolution equating Zionism with racism by a vote of 111-25.

In 2000, President George W. Bush signed a executive order to become the first black secretary of state.

Ten years ago, President Bill Clinton ordered a sustained series of airstrikes against Iraq by American and British forces in response to Saddam Hussein's continued defiance of UN weapons inspectors. The House delayed a debate set to begin the next day on four articles of impeachment against President Clinton.

Five years ago President George W. Bush signed a number of measures into law, including legislation meant to stem the flood of junk e-mail known as "spam" and a bill to establish a national museum devoted to black history. President Bush told ABC News that Saddam Hussein deserved the "ultimate penalty" for his crimes. Germany and France, two of the most ardent opponents of the American-led war, agreed to relieve Iraq's debt burden. Actress Maddyin Rhue died in Los Angeles at age 68.

One year ago British forces reportedly handed over their responsibility for Basra, the last Iraq region under their control. Turkish warplanes hit Kurdish rebel targets in northern Iraq, the largest aerial attack in years against the separatist group. Singer-songwriter Dan Fogelberg died in Deer Isle, Maine, at age 56.

Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2008

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"Truth is the most valuable thing we have. Let us economize it." - Mark Twain

NORTH 12 10 A
K Q 9
6 3
K Q J 7 3
4 2

WEST 10 3 2
9 5 2
J 10 9 6 3

EAST 4 A J 7 6
9 8 2
7 1 1
A 8 5

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: East

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♦ Pass
4♥ All pass

Opening lead: Club jack
BID WITH THE ACES 12 16 B
South holds:
K Q 9
8 5 4
K Q J 7 3
7 4 2

South West North East
2♦ Pass 1♥ 1♠
4♥ Pass 2♦ Pass

ANSWER: Bid two no-trump. It is tempting to bid to three no-trump, but you have already shown a decent hand with your bid of two diamonds. The real danger of jumping to game is that your partner may go looking for slam, whereas you certainly do not want to go past game if you can help it.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolf," contact his agent at... Copyright © 2008, United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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