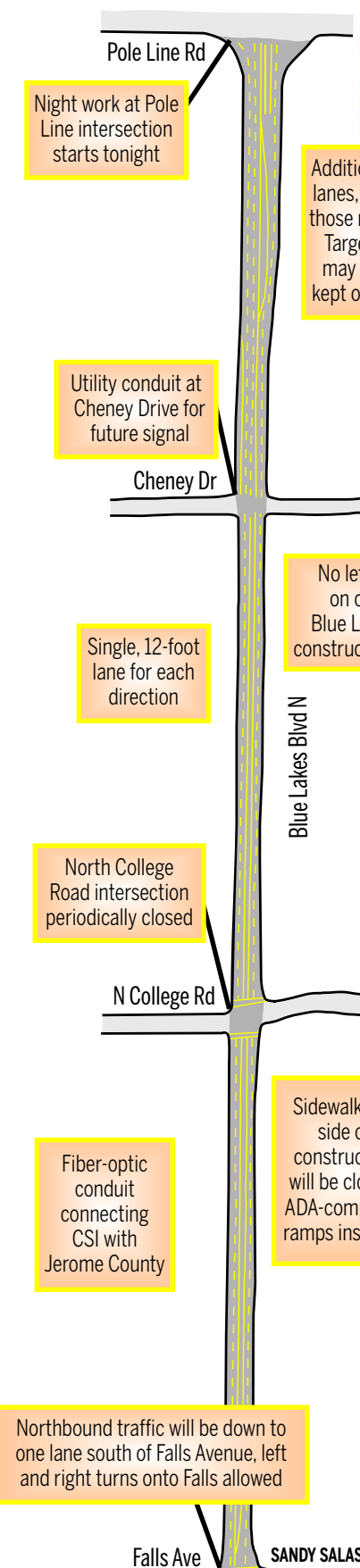


Ripped-up route



What the future holds for Blue Lakes Boulevard



Additional lanes, like those near Target, may be kept open

No left turn on or off Blue Lakes in construction area

Sidewalks on side of construction will be closed, ADA-compliant ramps installed

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ITD about to build a brand-new Blue Lakes

By Nate Poppino
 Times-News writer

If Blue Lake Boulevard is part of your daily drive, you might want to start searching for other routes. The Idaho Transportation Department, slightly ahead of schedule, plans to extend its Blue Lakes Boulevard roadwork south of Pole Line Road early next week, ripping up the road down to Falls Avenue and completely replacing it. Night work is planned to begin tonight between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. in the intersection of Pole Line and Blue Lakes, the last step before the project heads south. The road replacement, usually done once every 30 years, will also insert new storm-sewer lines, a fiber-optic conduit and other equipment under the road, said ITD regional spokesman Nathan Jerke. The \$4.6 million project, awarded to Western Construction Inc. of Boise, will replace 1.6 miles of road and even remodel the sidewalks, adding ramps compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Among new features installed will be nine right-turn-only driveways exiting

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various businesses, part of an effort to control traffic.

"I think a lot of them do realize that there are issues with people turning left," Jerke said of business owners along the boulevard.

The replacement requires tearing up one side of the boulevard or another for the entire summer and possibly into October, according to a still-changing ITD schedule. The southbound lanes will be torn up first, and all at once, so the contractor can move pieces of equipment elsewhere in the state, Jerke said.

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ITD timeline for Blue Lakes construction:

	Start	Length
Night work at Pole Line intersection	Tonight	2 days
Install traffic control on southbound Blue Lakes	Sunday night	1 day
Pulverize, excavate southbound road bed	Monday	11 days
Pave southbound Blue Lakes	July 23	9 days
Repeat process on northbound side	Tentatively starts in August	TBA

House: Here today, gone tomorrow

By Jared S. Hopkins
 Times-News writer

BOISE — The 107th day of the second-longest session in Idaho history was filled with drama as House members continued preparations to adjourn by tonight.

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Idaho lawmakers mix sports metaphors with politics.

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But Tuesday's action was largely about education funding instead of the road funding Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has made a top priority of this session.

The House passed two education bills, including one to freeze state teacher salaries for a year. The bills had been amended by the Senate, which chose to leave in about \$2.5 million in state funding for field trips.

The bills keep an early retirement incentive for teachers thanks to Senate

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Gooding sheriff: Two lawsuits against deputies are 'bogus'

By Andrea Jackson
 Times-News writer

Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough says two lawsuits filed in federal court alleging excessive force, civil rights violations and negligence by his deputies are "bogus."

The separate lawsuits spanning almost three years both allege inmates were physically injured by deputies who did not render medical aid.

"A lawyer can say anything they want on paper, they have to prove it," said Gough. "It's untrue. We have investigations that prove that."

Almost three years ago in August 2007, former county inmate Brian Bruffett filed suit against Gooding County, Lt. Gerlyn "Sam" Walker, Deputy Kelby Cornett and Deputy Chad Kingsland, saying he was injured more than once and not treated for all his injuries.

Bruffett claimed Kingsland handcuffed him, placed him against a wall and then hit him in the back.

"He said he would break me and Lt. Gibbs had plans for me," Bruffett said in court

See **GOODING**, Main 2

A fifth day in Gooding Schools

By Ben Botkin
 Times-News writer



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GOODING — Gooding School District is going through a historic change.

This fall, the district's schedule will shift from five days of school to four, leaving students with their Fridays off. Community members and school district officials are in the early stages of planning alternative activities and programs for students on Fridays.

About a dozen community members gathered on Tuesday for an initial planning meeting that was spearheaded by Gooding Mayor Duke Morton. Discussion centered on different ideas with potential for Fridays and what's needed for it all to come together in the months before stu-

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 Gooding County offices will also move to four-day weeks.

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dents return to class from their summer break. "The idea is: How do we want to respond to this?"

Morton said, adding that the four-day week is an opportunity for the community to work together.

The consensus from the meeting is that different community groups can coordinate their efforts and work together to help students on Fridays.

Earl Fitzpatrick, chief executive officer of Gooding County Memorial Hospital, said there's potential in a

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Kristina Bennett of Gooding works out Tuesday afternoon at the Gooding Fitness & Rehabilitation Center. Gooding school officials and area organizations are discussing programs that students could take advantage of on Fridays, like those offered at the center, after the district moves to a four-day school week in the fall.

Don't Ask Me

Steve Crump



Don't ask, don't tell: It's my wife's (fill-in-the-blank) birthday

Years ago, as a younger and far more foolish man, I listed my wife's age in a newspaper column.

That's not a mistake a guy makes twice.

So this week, when Victoria will celebrate A Significant Birthday, I'm at a complete loss for just what to say.

When I tell co-workers and friends that I'm planning to take Friday off, they ask why. If I tell them why, they want a number.

So I pretend that I didn't hear the question, or that I speak only Portuguese. That's my story, and I'm sticking to it.

Still, I'm wondering what to tell the florist, the clerk at the hotel and to the waiter in the restaurant when the time comes.

My tentative strategy is to follow the example of an actor I saw years ago on a Masterpiece Theatre program on public television. Ian Richardson played a smarmy but polished British prime minister who, whenever asked a difficult and leading question, would always reply: "You may well think so, but I can't possibly comment."

It's either that, or I can lie through my teeth.

Up until quite recently, Victoria was rather regularly carded — to her very great delight — in restaurants and grocery stores. So maybe instead of handling the age question directly, I'll simply point out that fact to anyone who inquires.

Trouble is, inevitably someone will want to know: "Really? And how old was Victoria the last time that happened?"

The age issue is one the two vexed questions in life with which every man must deal, the other being "Does this dress make me look fat?" Whatever a guy replies, he's not going to win, he's not going to break even and he's not going to get out of the game.

The best he can do — and I know this from hard experience — is to stand there with a terrified, stricken look on his face, say nothing and look as if he has the IQ of shower grout.

So, for the record, I can neither confirm nor deny how old my wife will be this week.

Further, I have no independent recollection that Victoria ever told me how old she is, and if asked I shall have to assert my Fifth Amendment privilege or possibly join the federal witness protection program.

Look, would it get me off the hook if I just said I have to accompany her whenever she buys anything at the liquor store?

I didn't think so either.

Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223. Hear him live on KLIX-1310 AM at 8:30 a.m. Fridays or on the Web at Magicvalley.com/opinion.

AROUND THE VALLEY

T.F. Council approves outdoor event permits

The Twin Falls City Council on Monday approved outdoor event applications for two events. The events are:

- An outdoor Cinco de Mayo celebration that Garibaldi's Mexican Restaurant will have from 6 to 9 p.m. on May 5. The event will be in the parking lot in front of the restaurant in Campus Commons, 645 Filer Ave. Last year's celebration had no additional calls for police service, according to a police memo given to the council.

- A family event that Lighthouse Christian Fellowship will have from noon to 7 p.m. on Aug. 22 at the north end of their facility between the Kmart and Lighthouse buildings. The two-part event will have a motocross stunt show from 1 to 3 p.m. and a Christian concert from 3:30 to 7 p.m.

Judge rejects lighter sentence for Tellez

HAILEY — Judge Robert

Elgee ruled Monday that the sentence of Freddy Tellez, the Hailey teen convicted of killing his girlfriend and burning her body in 2007, will stand in its original form.

Doug Werth, defense attorney for Tellez, now 19, argued that the next two years of Tellez's sentence should be served in a juvenile facility to provide him additional services and to allow him to mature before returning to adult prison for the remainder of his sentence. He said Tellez has been a model prisoner, is working toward a GED, and had only one conviction prior to his admitted commission of the crime.

Werth also argued that the parole board should have discretion to reduce the fixed portion of Tellez's 24-years-to-life sentence.

Prosecutors noted the heinous nature of the crime, in which Tellez bludgeoned then-16-year-old Margarita Guardado near her Woodside home, then burned her body in a trash bin.

"At the time of sentencing, the youthful age was outweighed by the crime,"

said Jim Thomas, according to court records. "The defendant still has an opportunity for life when he gets out; the victim does not."

The judge agreed with the prosecution, saying the court rejected a blended sentence and that the seriousness of the crime warrants time in an adult facility. He also declined giving the parole board discretion prior to the fixed sentence.

Filer schools hold nonresident student meeting

FILER — State funding cuts in education has the Filer School Board considering an adjustment to the district's out-of-district student policy. This change would remove a policy clause that closes Filer Elementary to nonresident students.

The district wants to hear public comment on the proposed change. A special meeting is scheduled for the Filer High School library at 7 p.m. Thursday.

"We will be going over

the general outlook of the budget, proposed changes to the out-of-district policy and how the two are

related," said District Superintendent John Graham.

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Rupert man arrested after alleged indecent exposure

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

A Rupert man has been charged twice in a month with indecent exposure after allegedly offending two female motorists from behind the wheel of his moving vehicle.

Ken Edward Swearingen, 56, is accused of masturbating while driving in public in a Jerome County case filed April 22, and in a separate Cassia County matter filed April 10.

He is a registered sex offender with eight convictions for lewd and lascivious acts spanning 20 years in Idaho and other states, according to Jerome County court records.

Swearingen was arrested on a warrant out of Jerome County on April 23, stemming from an alleged April 21 act of indecent exposure, Idaho State Police said Tuesday.

State police say a female driver called on April 21 saying she saw a man in a maroon Pontiac Grand Am fidgeting around in his seat while driving along Interstate 84 between Twin Falls and Burley, according to court records.

The vehicle accelerated and pulled beside her, court records show. "A white middle-aged man with glasses was lifting his body out of his driver's seat, looking over at her, and masturbating... Once he acknowledged she was looking over he slowed and pulled to a stop on the side of the roadway."

The woman told police she exited the interstate a mile later and called police. Authorities say Swearingen was working at Spears Manufacturing in Jerome before the alleged morning exposure, according to court records.

Another woman in Cassia County told police on April 10 that she saw a

red or maroon Grand Am or Grand Prix pull next to her as the driver masturbated and looked at her, according to Cassia County court records.

"I slammed on my breaks and dialed his license plate into my cell phone," the woman told Cassia County law enforcement authorities, according to court records.

Swearingen Tuesday was lodged at the Jerome County Jail on \$35,000 bond after he was appointed a

public defender on April 23. He has been ordered not to drive at all if he bonds out of jail in Jerome, court records show.

Indecent exposure is a misdemeanor in Idaho, and state police assert Swearingen is "a flight risk and a threat to society," Jerome County court records show.

Swearingen has a pretrial set for June 8 in the Jerome County case, but a court date is not set in the Cassia County case, according to online court records.



Swearingen

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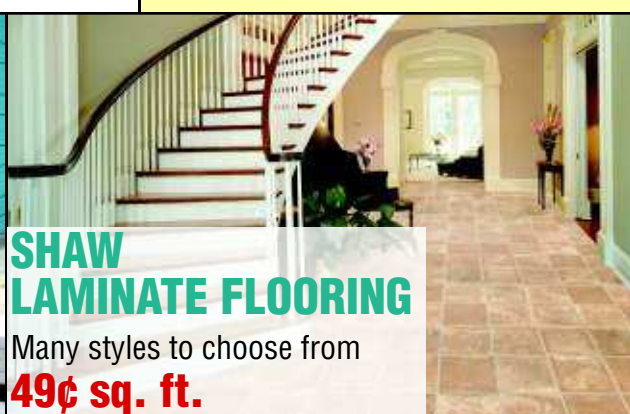
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Hailey hears concerns about skate park

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

HAILEY — As the Hailey City Council prepared to hear from a packed room of skateboarders and their parents, Councilman Fritz Haemmerle told the crowd that the future of the city's skate park is in their hands.

"Barking at us and telling us you don't want the park closed is not a productive solution," he said. "What we really do need to see tonight is solutions."

The Monday-night meeting came roughly one month after the park opened for the season. Since its opening, there has been increased vandalism, graffiti, littering, rule-breaking and an incident in which two 15-year-old boys shot a BB gun at younger boys. Police have stepped up drive-bys and enforcement at the park, and the speakers at the meeting said that increased presence, as well as more self-policing by users worried the park might close, has improved the situation.

Many of the speakers were adult skateboarders, some of whom had originally helped develop and raise funds for the park. They said the park, among the best in the country, is often taken for granted by the younger generation. They also said that, as adults, they feel a responsibility to keep an eye on the kids and teens using the park. However, they don't want to be seen only as authority figures, and the older teens often don't respond positively.

"It's beyond the ability of someone even my age to tell a 15-year-old what to do," said Ben Verge of Ketchum, who described a recent altercation at the Hailey skate park. "Those kids, they told me to hit them if I wanted them to leave."

Haemmerle said he understood the reluctance of the older skaters to crack down on the teens, but he said it was an adult responsibility to do so.

"It takes a lot of strength, and we need to do it a lot more," he said. "I absolutely volunteer my time to make the park a better place."

The council seemed encouraged by the ideas brought up at the meeting, and said they were more interested in improving the park than closing it, if it can be kept safe and clean.

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HAILEY SKATE PARK PROPOSALS

- Among the proposed ideas for improving the skate park:
- Organize a skater-parent committee for additional solutions.
 - Hire a "lifeguard" to watch for safety and rule-breaking.
 - Have skaters use cell phone cameras to catch illegal activity.
 - Put in solar-powered lights to allow late skating and deter illegal activity.
 - Put in an Internet-feed video camera to catch rule-breakers; parents could check out the activity at the park when their kids are there.
 - Install a street-skate park nearby to complement the existing vert park and make it more useable for less experienced skaters; this would cut down on usage of picnic tables and garbage cans as street obstacles.
 - Continue issuing no-trespass orders to those causing problems.
 - Require helmets for skaters under 18.

Jerome officials kick around budget-savings ideas Gooding Co. to adopt four-day work week

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

JEROME — It was just two weeks ago when Jerome County officials learned their budget this year might end up more than \$1 million short.

Tuesday morning, about 20 department heads and other county employees crowded into the county commission's chambers to discuss places the budget might be cut.

The shortage, based on a 3.3 percent decline in revenue each quarter, has improved and would now be about 10 percent of the county's \$10.6 million budget, County Commission Chairman Charlie Howell said. The county's fiscal year runs Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.

Most department heads said they'd found possible places to shrink their costs. Prosecutor John Horgan said his office is looking for a substitute for a \$500-a-month research service. Kyle Fisher, who runs juvenile and misdemeanor probation, said those offices are dropping a fee-collection system in favor of directly collecting fees themselves, hopefully streamlining

the process and bringing in more revenue.

Sheriff Doug McFall said he's managed to cut out-of-county jail costs, as well as regulate comp time and payroll better through the use of part-time yet well-qualified employees. He also suggested using community-service work crews more often for cleaning and cutting weeds on county property. Airport Manager Bonnie Deitrick said she's already been using juveniles through Fisher's office on her land.

"We've got more labor ready to work than we've got jobs available," McFall said.

One controversial idea came from Jerome County Treasurer Mary Childers, who said her department could save as much as \$2,000 in postage if it didn't send out reminders about property-tax payments in June. Childers said she worried not mailing the reminders would lead to a drop in income, and Howell suggested advertising the June deadline through local media outlets instead.

Officials even discussed the idea of moving to a four-day work week for most county departments, a move Gooding County decided to make the day before. Tom Faulkner, Gooding County commission chairman, told the *Times-News* most of his county's offices will switch in June to a 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. day, Monday through Thursday. The move will be re-evaluated at the end of August, he said, but a survey of county-

courthouse visitors already found most support the idea.

Not everyone in Jerome found room to spare. Planning and Zoning Administrator Art Brown said additional duties placed on his office, including a code-enforcement officer and a planned revision of the county's comprehensive

plan, make it difficult to cut from his budget without cutting services.

County commissioners and Clerk Michelle Emerson seemed happy with what they heard. Commissioners now plan to check in monthly to see how revenues and cost-cutting measures play out, Howell said.

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 — Mexican Health Secretary Jose Angel Cordova at a press conference on swine flu

EDITORIAL

What did Idaho taxpayers do to deserve this?

The circus under the big top of the Capitol Annex keeps getting curiuser and curiuser. Republicans in the House of Representatives declared Monday that they planned to go home today. Awkward, in that the Legislature hasn't actually passed a budget yet. But don't fret: They won't be gone long.

According to the Idaho Constitution, "neither house shall, without the concurrence of the other, adjourn for more than three days." So since the Senate isn't going anywhere anytime soon, the House will be back next Monday.

After which time, the House can adjourn again — only to come back in three more days.

And of course, gentle taxpayers, you get to pay for all this to'ing and fro'ing.

Meanwhile Gov. Butch Otter, having been told by everyone this side of Dick Cheney that he doesn't have the votes to get a gasoline tax increase through the House, dwells in a remarkable state of denial.

Granted, the governor is a stubborn man, but this time he's off the charts.

To make matters even more interesting, the House and Senate's barely concealed contempt for one other has degenerated into a full-blown cold war.

All of which adds up into the most dysfunctional government Idahoans have seen in many years.

Did it have to get this bad?

Yes and no. We're in a recession, and there were always going to be politically difficult and painful choices to make.

But the fact is that too many candidates for our Legislature — and for elected office in state government in general — get a pass by the voters. They make it to Boise without serious and thoughtful scrutiny. We — all of us — are to blame for not asking enough uncomfortable questions.

Here's hoping we do better in 2010.

Meanwhile, governor, find something else to talk about. You're on the rutted road to nowhere with this issue.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Governor needs to listen to the majority

I am finally frustrated enough to write this letter. Starting with our pouting Gov. Otter, who has vetoed every bill recently since no one will play his game — Mr. Otter, take a time out in the corner and listen to the majority: No higher taxes!

Now can you say "bailout" and "stimulus"? Where is the sense in giving money to those who contributed to the problem as in financial institutions and car companies? Why not give it to the U.S. taxpayers and let them invest it? Just maybe that taxpayer would buy a car, reducing inventory; companies would need to build more cars, thereby putting people back to work. That probably makes too much sense for a politician.

Then there is "green week." Global warming is a fairy tale. Please listen to

both sides of the issue. It is big money on one side that is crying "the sky is falling." Wish I had more space (word limit imposed by the *Times-News*) to state the rest of the story. Thank God for the time we had Paul Harvey.

Next subject, nothing but praise for Ms. California. She spoke her mind and stood for her beliefs. Shame on the fool that asked the question about gays and judged her for her opinion. If I remember correctly, one of many rights this country stands for, or did, is free speech.

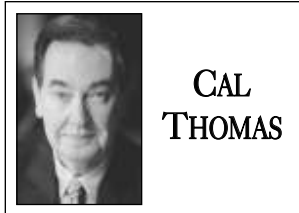
Please read the book, "The Shack," by Wm. Paul Young. It is a different and intriguing view of the most important thing in life. The belief and faith in God.

God bless our country and all those who have, are and will protect it and the freedoms we enjoy!

GLENN SCHUTTE
 Gooding

Boyle should run for prime minister

As nearly everyone must know by now, Susan Boyle is a Scottish singer who blew away the judges, the audience — and by the millions of YouTube hits — much of the world with her performance on the "Britain's Got Talent" television program.



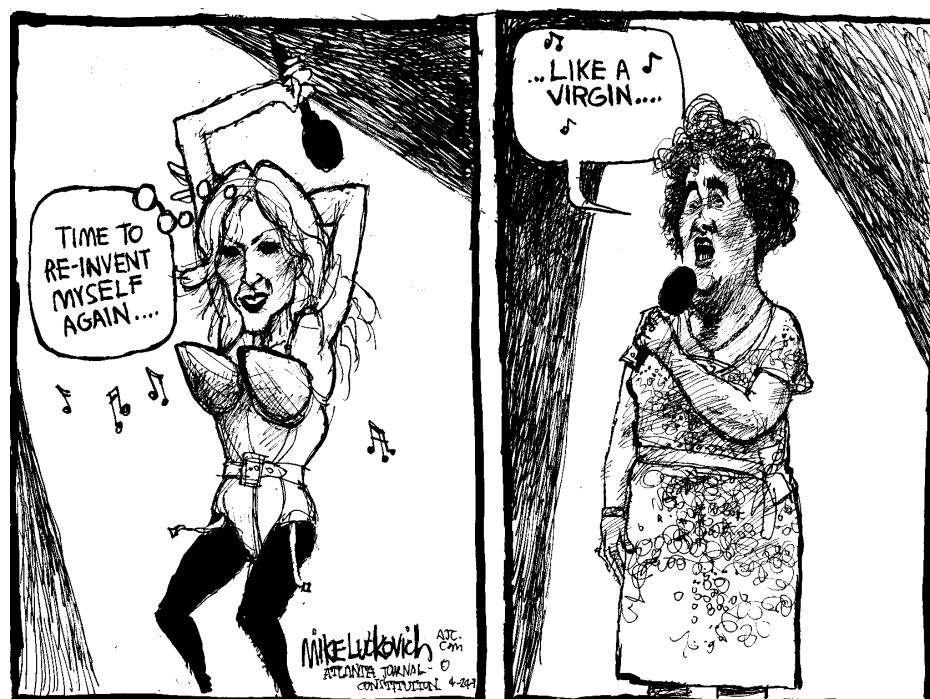
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Susan Boyle's performance is not the entire story, however. She's had her magnificent voice since she was a young girl. We are the story because of our reaction to her.

Watch the seven-minute YouTube video to get the full impact. One sees two young men assisting Susan backstage. We quickly size her up: a nearly 48-year-old woman with graying hair, a dress that looks as if it might have been purchased at the British equivalent of Wal-Mart hugging a body that even she described as "like a garage." Frumpy is the word that first comes to mind.

As she walks on stage, the condescension is as thick as a London fog. The judges are Piers Morgan, a former tabloid newspaper editor, the irritating Simon Cowell, the show's creator and also the co-host on America's talent reality show "American Idol," and Amanda Holden, a beautiful, blonde actress.

The message they send with their facial expressions and body language is reinforced by cutaway shots of the audience: What are you doing here? Shouldn't you be mopping the stage instead



of singing on it?

Cowell asks her to share her dream. Boyle says she wants to be like the English musical theater legend Elaine Paige. Cowell seems to struggle to hide his disdain, as if to say, "yes, and I'd like to be prime minister." He asks her what she intends to sing and she announces, "I Dreamed a Dream" from "Les Miserables." One of the judges is heard to mutter, "a difficult song."

The music begins and not 12 bars elapse before a stunned audience erupts in applause. All those hypocrites who thought nothing good could come from this dowdy woman because our narcissistic culture has taught us that the only thing that matters is beauty, not depth of character, suddenly want to embrace what seconds ago they had instinctively rejected.

More music, more words and the audience is on its feet cheering. Slowly, the

gorgeous Amanda Holden rises to applaud and the contrast could not be starker. Two women are standing, one the incarnation of all we define as beautiful, the other exuding a depth of beauty that Holden and the entire audience wishes it possessed. The faux beauty is paying tribute to the reality.

People are crying, not from the external beauty represented by Holden, but because of the internal beauty projected by Susan Boyle.

I have worked in television most of my professional life. I see many women before they have their hair and makeup done. Most are good looking enough; some are just average. But when they emerge from their makeovers, they have been transformed into something they are not. Reality was before. They are now someone's fantasy.

Even though we know where physical beauty ulti-

mately leads — to wrinkles and sometimes to despair — we still worship it. The 18th-century English poet Thomas Gray got to the heart of it when he wrote:

"The boast of heraldry, the pomp of pow'r, And all that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave, Awaits alike the inevitable hour: The paths of glory lead but to the grave."

In an interview with a British newspaper, Susan Boyle said, "Modern society is too quick to judge people on their appearances. There is not much you can do about it; it is the way they think; it is the way they are. But maybe this could teach them a lesson, or set an example."

Let's hope it does both.

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It's time for lenders to get off the dime

The office is at the end of a nondescript hallway in one of the countless midrise office buildings that dot the Greater Houston area.

No receptionist sits inside, but it's a small enough operation that the sound of the door opening brings one of the principals to the front. Two others join us in the windowless conference room, where they begin discussing the crisis they face.

Their company develops, builds and manages real estate, especially multi-family properties, and they feel it slipping away. In recent weeks, three of their projects were thrown into default, even though they say they've been current on all payments and had a 50 percent equity stake in the deal.

Their lender called for a new appraisal, and because the appraised value fell, the loan was deemed under-collateralized. The bank declared them in default and has refused offers for a compromise, they say.

They asked that I not name them or their company because they don't want to anger their lenders, with whom they're still negotiating. But their tale is echoed by others in real estate



LOREN STEFFY

around the city.

It's a story of the dark side of the TARP, the federal program to bail out banks and get them lending again, and it's a reminder that as strong as Houston's economy has remained, it isn't immune to the recession that engulfs the nation.

If banks are lending, this company isn't seeing it. Banks, they said, seem to want to get real estate off their books. After 16 years, they worry they'll be gone in a matter of months.

"We're basically going to lose everything we have," one of them says. "Nobody's making any loans. There's plenty of buyers, but they can't get financing."

That claim is backed up by the latest data released from the Treasury Department, which shows lending from the 19 biggest recipients of money under the Troubled Asset Relief Program fell 23 percent in February from October, when the program started, according to a Wall Street

Journal analysis.

A third-generation custom home builder in the Houston area said he's losing a thousand dollars a day because his bank refused to renew his loan on a \$2.7-million property. He asked that I not use his name because he has a suit pending against one of his lenders.

"I can't borrow money from anybody," he said. "My options are either to go bankrupt or give everything back to the bank and lose a half-million dollars. Six months and I'm done."

Most of the homes he builds sell for more than \$1 million, and banks are requiring borrowers to put as much as 30 percent down. Few can afford a \$300,000 down payment, he said.

Some banks are making loans, but the borrowing costs have risen.

"People are having to come up with more equity," said Susan Hill, managing director for the Houston office of Holiday Fenoglio Fowler, a commercial mortgage broker.

Deals now may require as much as 50 percent equity and carry an interest rate of as much as 8 percent on existing properties. Money for new projects has largely dried up, she said.

"The money's out there,

but it's a trickle," said Tom Fish, vice chairman of CBRE Capital Markets.

The frustration of Houston area builders and developers indicates a bigger problem in commercial real estate. Almost \$500 billion in loans is coming due this year nationally, but the decline in property values and the tighter lending practices mean there's only enough capital available to refinance 10 percent of them, Fish said.

"Losses in the commercial real estate sector for the most part have yet to be realized," Fish said. "This is going to be an extended period of time that it takes for de-leveraging, and de-leveraging is just about as ugly a process as there is."

In the 1980s, a wrenching revaluation of Texas' real estate market took seven years to complete, and it may take years for the Houston market to fully recover this time, too, he added.

Back in the developers' conference room, they shake their heads. They don't have years. They're measuring hope in weeks.

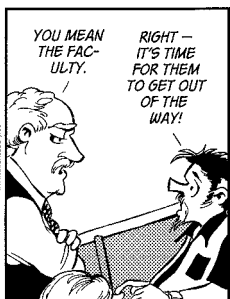
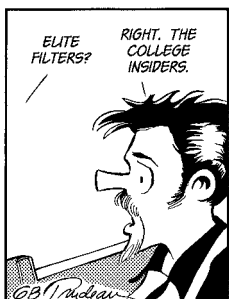
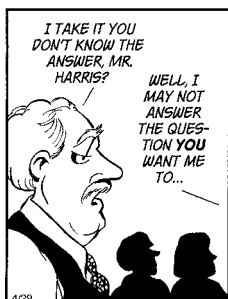
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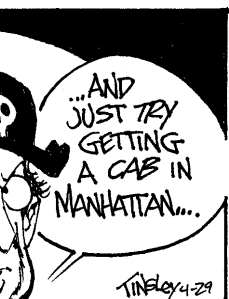
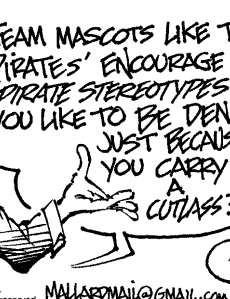
THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

What's the real tab for fixing global warming?

Few things are more appealing in politics than something for nothing. As Congress begins considering anti-global warming legislation, environmentalists hold out precisely that tantalizing prospect: We can conquer global warming at virtually no cost. Here's a typical claim from the Environmental Defense Fund:

"For about a dime a day (per person), we can solve climate change, invest in a clean energy future, and save billions in imported oil."

This sounds too good to be true, because it is. About four-fifths of the world's and America's energy comes from fossil fuels — oil, coal, natural gas — which are also the largest source of man-made carbon dioxide, the main greenhouse gas. The goal is to eliminate fossil fuels or suppress their CO₂. The bill now being considered in the House would mandate a 42 percent decline in



ROBERT SAMUELSON

greenhouse emissions by 2030 from 2005 levels and an 83 percent drop by 2050.

Re-engineering the world energy system seems an almost impossible undertaking. Just consider America's energy needs in 2030, as estimated by the Energy Information Administration (EIA). Compared with 2007, the United States is projected to have almost 25 percent more people (375 million), an economy about 70 percent larger (\$20 trillion) and 27 percent more light-duty vehicles (294 million). Energy demand will be strong.

But the EIA also assumes greater conservation and use of renewables.

From 2007 to 2030, solar power grows 18 times, wind

6 times. New cars and light trucks get 50 percent better gas mileage. Light bulbs and washing machines become more efficient. Higher energy prices discourage use; by 2030, oil is \$130 a barrel in today's dollars. For all that, U.S. CO₂ emissions in 2030 are projected at 6.2 billion metric tons, 4 percent higher than in 2007. As an example, solar and wind together would still supply only about 5 percent of electricity, because they expand from a tiny base.

To comply with the House bill, CO₂ emissions would have to be about 3.5 billion tons. The claims of the EDF and other environmentalists that this reduction can occur cheaply rely on economic simulations by "general equilibrium" models. An Environmental Protection Agency study put the cost as low as \$98 per household a year, because high energy prices are partly offset by government rebates. With 2.5 people in

the average household, that's roughly 11 cents a day per person.

The trouble is that these models embody wildly unrealistic assumptions: there are no business cycles; the economy is always at "full employment"; strong growth is assumed, based on past growth rates; the economy automatically accommodates major changes — if fossil fuel prices rise (as they would under anti-global warming laws), consumers quickly use less and new supplies of "clean energy" magically materialize.

There's no problem and costs are low, because the models say so. But the real world, of course, is different. Half the nation's electricity comes from coal. The costs of "carbon capture and sequestration" — storing

CO₂ underground — are uncertain, and if the technology can't be commercialized, coal plants will continue to emit or might

need to be replaced by nuclear plants. Will Americans support a doubling or tripling of nuclear power? Could technical and construction obstacles be overcome in a timely way? Paralysis might lead to power brownouts or blackouts, which would penalize economic growth.

Countless practical difficulties would arise in trying to wean the U.S. economy from today's fossil fuels. One estimate done by economists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology found that meeting most transportation needs in 2050 with locally produced biofuels would require "500 million acres of U.S. land, ... more than the total of current U.S. cropland." America would have to become a net food importer.

In truth, models have a dismal record of predicting

major economic upheavals or their consequences. They didn't anticipate the present economic crisis. Earlier, they didn't predict the run-up in oil prices to almost \$150 a barrel last year. In the 1970s, they didn't foresee runaway inflation, which would penalize "General equilibrium" models can help evaluate different policy proposals by comparing them against a common baseline. But these models can't tell us how the economy will look in 10 or 20 years, because so much is assumed or ignored — growth rates; financial and geopolitical crises; major bottlenecks; crippling inflation or unemployment.

The selling of the green economy involves much economic make-believe.

Newsweek columnist Robert Samuelson writes about economics.

School prom has outlived its usefulness

Thanks to Facebook, I recently reconnected with my date to the Winter Park High School junior prom of 1994. Chatting with Jenny, I thought back to that magical evening. Days before prom night, I'd dyed my short hair a color called fuchsia plum, and what I remember most is sitting outside the dance afterward, sweating in the polyester tomb of my tux, and noticing Jenny looking at my shoulders.

A 16-year-old boy can be forgiven for thinking that his prom date might be marveling at the breadth of his shoulders. But it turned out that she was staring at the fuchsia plum dandruff on my jacket.

Prom may cost a fortune. (And it does: A 2004 study calculated that high school



JOHN GREEN

proms are a \$2.7 billion industry.) But the memories of prom are priceless — which is unfortunate, because I for one would happily sell mine for a dollar.

Prom shouldn't just be discouraged; it should be outlawed. These days, I write novels for teenagers, and I often hear prom horror stories from my readers: the rejection, the disappointment, the prom shoes vomited upon by a date with alcohol poisoning. An inspired few have taken to throwing what they call

"Morps" or backward proms, on prom nights.

I'm all for morps — casual house parties where the dress code is more funny than formal — instead of proms, but I think that any party should be deemed felonious if it includes more than two of the following: nonalcoholic punch, dresses that only get worn once, an unironic theme, rented clothing, a creepy association with virginity — or elected monarchs. We fought a war of independence to live in a nation free of monarchy, and now we choose Kings and Queens in elections more bitterly contested than those for student council?

Imagine if parents invested their \$2.7 billion per year in arts education, or in school libraries, or even in over-the-top graduation

parties. At least graduation has symbolic resonance. Prom is graduation's vapid sibling. The Bramwell Bronte. The Billy Baldwin.

Prom gives us so little in return for our billions. Sure, there's a kind of joy in self-indulgent displays of wealth — even when the wealth is rented. But Wall Street is learning what all teenagers know by the end of a night at the Sheraton ballroom: Throwing money around doesn't make the phony real.

John Green is the author of "Paper Towns" and other novels for young adult readers. He wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Is Gov. Otter a cowboy or a horse person?

He calls himself a cowboy, but I have never met a cowboy who would let kids go down the drain so he can drive on smooth roads.

The cowboys I know drive 4-by-4s on rocky roads, muddy roads, gravel roads, washboard roads and snow-covered roads. They don't need fancy roads to get the job done.

Now a horse person needs all those things. Their horses aren't used to bouncing in a trailer over rocks and washouts. They don't have

cow horses.

So how about it, Governor — cowboy or horse person? Don't straddle the fence. If you slip, it's

painful. Let us know which side you're standing on.

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Law & Disorder...

... in Cassia County

From selected April 23 police reports:

Assault with a knife, et cetera:

A 16-year-old Burley male was allegedly attacked by his ex-girlfriend, 19, and her mother, 43. While running from his house, he yelled at his neighbor to call 911 and later explained to police what happened.

He said the mother of his baby came to his house and, according to the report, "freaked out and started biting her fingernails off," then grabbed a knife and pointed it at him, held it to her own neck and said she was going to hurt their baby, which was in her arms at the time. The woman's mother then arrived and "went inside through a window," according to the report.

The boy tried to call 911 but said that his ex-girlfriend's mom took the phone away, threw it, and pushed him against a wall. That's when he ran outside and told his neighbor to call police. His ex-girlfriend has a no-contact order against him. The juvenile is willing to press charges, the report reads, "but is unable to do so because of his age, and his parents are unwilling to help him."

Larceny:

A 29-year-old woman allegedly stole \$23.14 worth of food from Stokes Food Center in Burley by putting it in a diaper bag and purchasing a few other items. She told police, through an interpreter, that "her husband was laid off of his job and they did not have enough money for food so she took some items." She was banned from the store.

Driving violations:

A 19-year-old female was arrested for driving without privileges after allegedly traveling 48 mph in a 35-mph zone. "She told me she was from California and was used to driving 65," the report reads.

Animal control:

In Declo, two dogs killed a cow.

From selected April 24 police reports:

Vandalism:

A car belonging to a 17-year-old Burley female was vandalized when someone wrote on it with soap. According to the report, "there was a picture of a penis on the back of the car and the words yummy under it."

— Damon Hunzeker

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY Monday arraignments

Ruben Torres-Escobedo, 27, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; May 8 preliminary hearing; \$10,000 bond; public defender appointed
 Anthony J. Niehay, 29, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; May 8 preliminary hearing; \$10,000 bond; public defender appointed
 Rick Stevens Flynn, 45, Jerome; DUI; \$3,000 bond; public defender appointed; June 9 pre-trial
 Vitaly Vladimirovich Kryshal, 20, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance, driving without privileges; recognizance release; public defender appointed
 Kimberly A. Ness, 23, Twin Falls; domestic battery; June 9 pre-trial; recognizance release; public defender appointed
 Felipe Ortiz-Huerta, 29, Twin Falls; domestic battery; June 9 pre-trial; recognizance release; public defender denied
 Danielle A. Cawdery, 19, Pocatello; provide false information to officers; June 9 pre-trial; \$500 bond; public defender appointed
 Danielle A. Cawdery, 19, Pocatello; burglary; May 8 preliminary hearing; \$2,500 bond; public defender appointed

Bliss passes sewer facility bond levy

94 percent of voters approve \$1M bond

By Blair Koch

Times-News correspondent

BLISS — Only 80 registered voters live in Bliss. Sixty-three of them voted in the city's \$1 million bond levy election on Tuesday.

Voters overwhelmingly voted in favor of the bond which will help pay for construction of a \$7 mil-

lion wastewater treatment facility. It received nearly 94 percent approval, with 59 voters in favor to only four votes cast against it.

"This is awesome," said Mayor Laura Pulse.

City Clerk Leslie Lopes said typical city elections, like those held for the mayor and city council positions, draw less than 20 voters.

"The last time Bliss voted for the mayor and council just 13 people came out," Lopes said.

City officials are optimistic that voter support for the bond will help garner federal and state funds for the required construction of a wastewater facility, which Bliss currently lacks.

City officials say the

facility would help Bliss grow, as businesses currently turn tail when looking to build in the small town west of Gooding, due to its lack of infrastructure.

"I'd like to see our town grow," Lopes said.

Even though Bliss residents approved the \$1 million bond the city won't likely have to spend it, Lopes said. Now that voters have demonstrated support for the needed improvements to move

residents from septic tanks and out-of-code lagoon to a sewer system, Lopes said the government should be more willing to help them pay for the projects.

"Our next step ... is getting the money," she said.

Federal stimulus funds are expected to be part of the financing plan for the sewer system.

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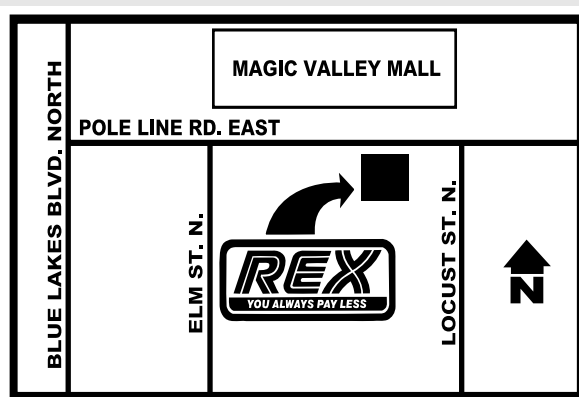
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Cassia County wages grow despite recession

Wage growth in rural Idaho outpaced urban counties in 2007

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Somebody forgot to tell Minidoka and Cassia counties that we're in a recession.

Workers' average annual wage increased in Minidoka and Cassia counties from 2006 to 2007 despite a significant slowdown

across Idaho and the rest of the nation, according to a report released by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Minidoka County reported that its average annual wage growth increased almost 2 percentage points to 6.3 percent in 2007 — the latest data available. Cassia County's average wage increased four-tenths of a percentage point to 5.1 percent.

The two counties ranked among the top 10 in Idaho in terms of wage growth.

Average annual wage growth indicates how fast wages increas-

2007 AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE GROWTH

County	Average annual wage	% change '06 to '07	% change '05 to '06
Twin Falls	\$27,368	3.5%	5.8%
Lincoln	\$27,078	4%	3.2%
Jerome	\$28,423	4.1%	4.1%
Cassia	\$27,447	5.1%	4.7%
Minidoka	\$27,502	6.3%	4.1%
Gooding	\$28,331	7%	1.8%

ing a reporting year — the information is sometimes used to gauge county economic development.

However, the average annual wage growth in Twin Falls County fell almost two percentage points to an average annual growth rate

of 3.5 percent.

State labor officials say the recession hit Idaho's urban counties sooner than rural areas.

Jan Roeser, regional economist with Idaho Department of Labor, said Minidoka and Cassia counties

also have accelerated efforts to attract new jobs.

"Cassia wasn't really showing any construction activity before 2007 but Twin Falls was seeing a lot of it," she said "But within the past couple of years Cassia has seen significant growth while Twin Falls has slacked off"

Cassia and Minidoka counties have announced the opening of large employers such as DOT Foods, Pacific Ethanol, Hy-Line and Packaging Specialties since 2007.

See **WAGES**, Business 2

FASHION

Residents of Hollister, Calif., say company is trying to trademark city's name

CLASH



DAVE GETZSCHMAN/Los Angeles Times

Hollister, Calif., is a quiet agricultural town northeast of Monterey, Calif., surrounded by farmland. It's a far cry from the imaginary beach town created by Abercrombie & Fitch for its line of surf-inspired clothing.

BY HUGO MARTIN

LOS ANGELES TIMES

HOLLISTER, Calif. — Here in the lush farmlands east of Monterey Bay, the day opens with the sound of big-rig trucks hauling lettuce, apricots and other produce through this quiet agriculture town of about 36,000 people.

Welcome to the original Hollister, incorporated in 1872, birthplace of the American biker culture and inspiration for the 1953 film "The Wild One," starring Marlon Brando.

It's nothing like the mythical Hollister known to most teenagers — an idyllic Southern California beach town that is portrayed in more than 500 clothing stores across the country, Canada and the United Kingdom.

It's a myth created and cultivated by Abercrombie & Fitch, the Ohio clothing giant that started the hugely popular Hollister Co. surf wear line in 2000. The colorful T-shirts, cotton hoodies and faded jeans — extolling the Hollister name — have made it one of the most recognized brand among teens.

But the popularity seems to stop at the Hollister city limits, where residents say Abercrombie & Fitch has hijacked the



Source: ESRI Los Angeles Times

town's name and threatened to sue merchants who sell clothes displaying the town name. Even worse, the company has refused to open an outlet in town to help

See **HOLLISTER**, Business 2

Consumer confidence soars in April

National unemployment still expected to reach 10 percent by year end

By Anne D'Innocenzio
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Hopeful signs that the worst may be over for the economy boosted Americans' moods in April, sending a closely watched barometer of sentiment to the highest level since November.

The New York-based Conference Board said Tuesday that its Consumer Confidence Index rose more than 12 points to 39.2, up from a revised 26.9 in March. The reading marks the highest level since November's 44.7 and well surpasses economists' expectations for 29.5.

The consumer confidence survey showed a substantial improvement in consumers' short-term outlook, including even their assessment of the job picture.

Economists closely monitor consumer sentiment because consumer spending accounts for more than two-thirds of economic activity.

The huge jump in confidence follows a small increase in March, following a freefall in February. Still, the index remains well below year-ago levels of 62.8.

The April gains were fueled by "a significant improvement in the short-term outlook," Lynn Franco, director of The Conference Board Consumer Research Center, said in a statement.

See **CONFIDENCE**, Business 2

Most areas of M.V. report increase in home prices

National average posts 18.6% annual drop in February

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Home prices in south-central Idaho declined slightly in February, while some counties reported increases, another sign the housing crisis may have hit bottom.

Cassia County reported that the median home price increased more than 22 percent compared to February 2008, according to the Intermountain Multiple Listing Service.

Real estate agents say new businesses that have moved into the Burley, Heyburn and Rupert area have increased demand for newer and larger homes.

Twin Falls County saw the steepest decline in home prices compared to February 2008, reporting a 19 percent decline to a median price of \$140,000.

Jerome County reported that the median home price increased 2.8 percent to \$139,900.

Across the rest of the nation, home prices also seemed to show some signs of bottoming out.

Home prices tumbled 18.6 percent from February 2008. That was slightly better than

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Latino buying power jumped significantly in 2008

The buying power of Idaho's largest minority grew faster in 2008 than any other nationality in the state.

That says a lot — considering that latino consumers spend an estimated \$2.33 billion in Idaho.

The Selig Center for Economic Growth at the University of Georgia estimates the buying power of Idaho's



BIZ BITES
Joshua Palmer

latino population jumped 11.3 percent — more than 4 percentage points more than the state's non-latino population. Latinos accounted for 5.3

percent of Idaho's buying power in 2008, according to the report.

It's still a marginal percentage of Idaho's \$43.9 billion in total consumer spending during the same year.

But consider this: latinos controlled just 2.8 percent of buying power in Idaho in 1990.

By 2013, the center estimates latino buying power will account for 6 percent, or

\$3.5 billion, of all buying power in Idaho.

"The increasing economic influence of Idaho hispanics reflects both their rapid population growth and their advancement up the earnings ladder as they become more integrated into Idaho's social fabric," the report said.

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STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	17.90	▲ .33	Dell Inc.	10.88	▼ .21	Idacorp	23.73	▲ .21	Int. Bancorp	3.80	▲ .05
Lithia Mo.	2.81	▲ .06	McDonalds	54.53	▲ .04	Micron	4.56	▼ .10	Supervalu	15.23	▼ .62

COMMODITIES

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Live cattle	85.90	▼ .25	June Oil	49.74	▼ .40
April Gold	890.8	▼ 16.6	May Silver	12.47	▼ .49

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with 3 columns: NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ. Includes sub-sections for Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Diary. Lists stock names, volume, last price, and change.

INDEXES

Table listing major indexes: Dow Jones Industrials, Dow Jones Transportation, NYSE Composite, S&P 500, Russell 2000, Wilshire 5000.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing local stocks: AlliantEgy, AlliantTch, AmCasino, Aon Corp, BallardPw, BkOfAm, ConAgra, Costco, Ddbold, DukeEngy, DukeRlty, Fastenal, Heinz, HewlettP, HomeOp, Idacorp, Kaman, Keycorp, LeeEnt h, MicronT, OfficeMax, RockTen, Sensient, SkyWest, Teradyne, Tuppre, US Bancrp, Valhi, WalMart, WashFed, WellsFargo, ZionBcp.

HOW TO READ THE REPORT

Name: Stocks are listed alphabetically by the company's full name. Div: Current annual dividend rate paid on stock. Last: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day. Fund Name: Name of mutual fund and family. Stock Footnotes: cc - PE greater than 99. dd - Loss in last 12 mos. d - New 52-wk low during trading day.

COMMODITIES REPORT

CLOSING FUTURES

Table listing commodity futures: Apr Live cattle, Jun Live cattle, Aug Feeder cattle, May Lean hogs, Jun Lean hogs, May Pork belly, Jul Wheat, May KC Wheat, Jul Soybeans, Apr BFP Milk, Jun BFP Milk, Aug BFP Milk, May Sugar, Jun U.S. dollar, Apr Comex gold, May Heating oil.

BURLEY - White wheat 3.92 (down 12); 11.5 percent winter 4.54 (down 4); 14 percent spring 6.21 (up 3). CHEESE: Cheddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. POTATOES: CHICAGO (AP) - USDA - Major potato markets FOB shipping points Monday. LIVESTOCK: InterMountain Livestock LIVESTOCK AUCTION.

BEANS

Valley Beans: Prices are net to growers, 100 pounds. U.S. No. 1 beans, less Idaho bean tax and storage charges.

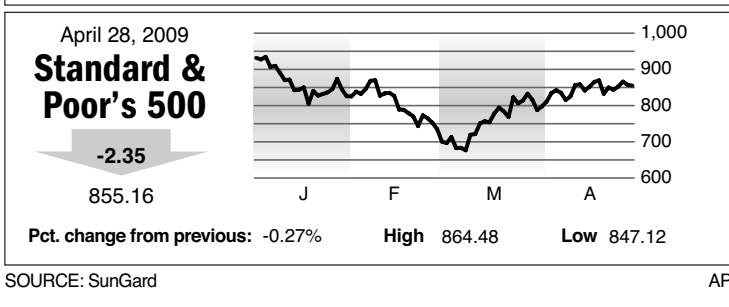
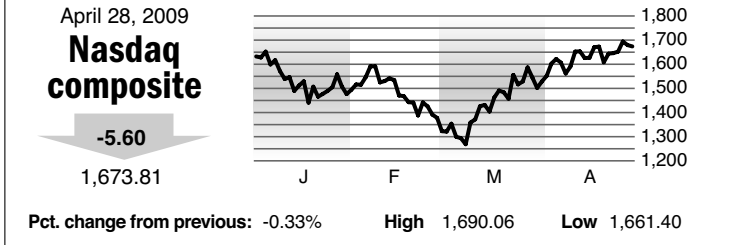
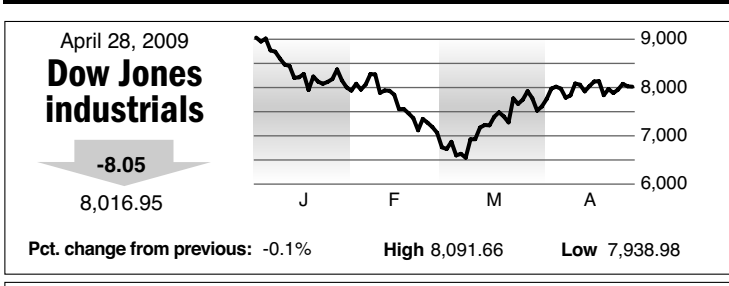
GRAINS

Valley Grains: Prices for wheat per bushel; mixed grain, oats, corn and beans per hundred weight.

METALS/MONEY

Key exchange rates: NEW YORK (AP) - Key currency exchange rates Tuesday, compared with late Monday in New York. Gold: Selected world gold prices, Tuesday.

TODAY ON WALL STREET



SOURCE: SunGard AP

The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 8.05, or 0.1 percent, to 8,016.95 after being down as much as 86 in the early going ahead of the consumer confidence report.

Broader stock indicators also lost ground. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 2.35, or 0.3 percent, to 866.16, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 5.60, or 0.3 percent, to 1,673.81.

The swine flu gave investors reason to cash in recent gains Monday, but the Dow is still up 22.5 percent from the nearly 12-year low it reached in early March.

Bond prices fell, pushing the yield on the 10-year Treasury note up to 3.01 percent from 2.91 percent.

The dollar was mostly higher against other major currencies. Gold prices fell.

About four stocks rose for every three that fell on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to a light 1.25 billion shares.

Overseas, Japan's Nikkei stock average fell 2.7 percent. In Europe, Britain's FTSE 100 fell 1.7 percent. Germany's DAX index fell 1.9 percent and France's CAC-40 fell 1.7 percent.

GM to force more than 1,000 dealers to close

Unknown if dealerships in region will be effected. Times-News staff and wire reports

ber of dealerships to 3,650, but they didn't say which one will close."

Besides Con Paulos, GMC and Chevrolet brands are sold by Rob Green Auto Group and Lithia Chevrolet and Cadillac of Twin Falls.

GM will shed 500 Hummer and Saturn dealers when those brands close or are sold, and it expects 400 dealers to close voluntarily.

GM dealerships in Twin Falls say they were notified by the automobile company about the plan, but were not told if they were one of the dealerships slated to be closed.

"We don't know right now what they will do," said Con Paulos, owner of Con Paulos Chevrolet Pontiac GMC. "They did tell us that they plan to reduce the num-

“(GM) did tell us that they plan to reduce the number of dealerships to 3,650, but they didn't say which one will close.”

- Con Paulos, owner of Con Paulos Chevrolet Pontiac GMC

Company spokeswoman Susan Garontakos confirmed the numbers and said GM is in the process of deciding which dealers to keep based on their sales performance, capitalization, potential profitability, size, image and customer satisfaction scores.

After that, she said, the company will go market by market and determine which dealerships are not meeting the terms of their franchise agreements.

Confidence

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She added that the index measuring how shoppers feel now, which posted a moderate gain, offered "a sign that conditions have not deteriorated further and may even moderately improve in the second quarter."

The Present Situation rose slightly to 23.7 from 21.9 last month. The Expectations Index, which measures how shoppers feel about the economy over the next six months, skyrocketed to

49.5 from 30.2 in March.

That sharp increase - which marked the largest jump since a 13-point gain in November 2005 when the economy was recovering from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita - suggests that people believe the economy is nearing a bottom, Franco said.

"It looks like the worst is behind us, but clearly we are not

out of the woods," said Franco.

With companies continuing to lay off workers, a major fear is that people will cut back their spending even more, and that could plunge the economy further into a downward spiral.

Wages

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"Now Cassia and Minidoka have some companies that are creating jobs with higher wages that the area did not have before," Roeser said.

But that is not the case throughout most of Idaho, where the average annual wage rose just 3.2 percent in 2007 to just over \$33,200.

In 2007, wages in rural Idaho rose nearly 3.7 percent while wages in the urban areas were up less than 3 percent.

The urban average wage was \$34,500, and the rural average was \$30,500, according to the report.

Per capita income was highest at \$64,200 in Blaine County. The lowest was \$16,200 in Madison County, which includes a heavy concentration of students attending Brigham Young University-Idaho.

Nationally, the average annual wage hit \$43,900 in 2007, up 4.5 percent and only the second time in the last seven years that the national wage increase has been higher than the wage increase for rural Idaho.

The rural-urban pattern was the same during the last recession. Rural Idaho posted small but substantially larger annual wage increases than urban Idaho during both the recession year of 2001 and its fallout in 2002, reflecting the greater economic volatility in urban areas where population and the economic activity that follows it ebb and flow in greater proportions.

Homes

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January's 19 percent and the first time since January 2007 the index didn't set a record.

Prices fell by more than 10 percent in 15 cities, including Las Vegas, San Francisco and Phoenix. Phoenix home prices have lost more than half their value since peaking in July 2006.

Nine metros - including Dallas, Denver and Boston - showed improvement in their yearly losses compared to the month before.

"We will certainly need a few more months of data before we can determine if home prices are finally turning around," said David M. Blitzler, chairman of the S&P index committee.

Last week, data for March home sales also offered a conflicting picture of the housing market. Existing home sales fell 3 percent from February to March, while new home sales seemed to have hit bottom.

Prices in the 20-city index have plunged 30.7 percent from their peak in the summer of 2006, and the 10-city index has lost more than 31.6 percent.

Hollister

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boost the slumping local economy.

The clash shines light on the value of a successful brand name in the business world and on the way businesses spend millions of dollars protecting their investment.

But a handful of merchants are ignoring the retail giant's threat by producing locally made clothes adorned with the name Hollister. And Abercrombie & Fitch attorneys promise to ferret out those who violate their trademark.

"If they try, they would get a call and much more," said David Cupp, general counsel for Abercrombie & Fitch.

The town, about 300 miles north of Los Angeles, was named for Col. William Wells Hollister, who led one of the country's largest trans-continent sheep drives from Ohio to California's fertile San Benito Valley.

The controversy over the name heated up in 2006 when Stacey Crummett, the CEO of Hollister-based "Rag City Blues," added the word "Hollister" to the label "Hollister" to the word "Hollister" to the label of her vintage blue jeans.

In response to her trademark application, Abercrombie & Fitch attorneys sent her a letter, claiming she was violating the company's trademark and threatened to sue.

Hollister

Crummett, who runs the business with her husband, said she added the name simply to identify the location of her headquarters. But she backed down and removed the name "Hollister" from the labels.

Once word spread about Crummett's run-in with Abercrombie & Fitch, locals and city officials began to fume, saying that the clothing company was preventing them from showing their hometown pride on T-shirts and jackets.

Even students at Hollister's San Benito High School wonder if they are violating Abercrombie & Fitch's trademark by wearing shirts with the school nickname, the "Hollister Haybalers."

To protect the Hollister corporate name, attorneys have filed a slate of trademark applications over the past nine years for the term "Hollister" in various forms for use on belts, blouses, jackets, hats, shoes, deodorant, breath mints, jewelry, lip balm and bags, among other items.

Still, Hollister City Attorney Stephanie Atigh insists Abercrombie & Fitch cannot sue if locals are simply putting the town name on clothes to identify the geographic location. "There is no way you can claim she was violating trademark Hollister, Calif.," she said. "It's a geographical place."

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The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Idaho lawmakers mix sports metaphors with politics

By **John Miller**
Associated Press writer

BOISE, Idaho — As the Idaho legislative session ground through its 107th day, lawmakers' use of sports metaphors appeared to be gaining momentum like Jeff Gordon heading into the final lap at Daytona. Technically, that's a simile, but you get the point.

For example, Senate Minority Leader Kate Kelly, a Boise Democrat, wasn't sure Tuesday whether she was on an ice rink or a tennis court during a minority caucus meeting.

"There's a lot of power plays," she said first.

That's apt, because her team is playing a skater short: Sen. Jon Thorson, from Ketchum, high-tailed it to Mexico for a long-

planned vacation, leaving Kelly's roster with just six players.

Then she added, "There's a lot of tennis balls going back and forth."

Kelly was referring to education bills, transportation proposals, budget plans, sheep management schemes and all manner of other legislation flying every which way as the 2009 session enters what nearly everyone hopes will be its waning moments.

"Sorry for mixing metaphors," Kelly finally offered.

Not to be outdone, Sen. Elliot Werk, another Boise Democrat, later in the day suited up for the legislative gridiron when he voted against a bill demanding that the Idaho Department of Fish and Game craft a

management plan for wild bighorns that are mixing with domestic sheep in western Idaho's Hell's Canyon.

The measure, Werk said, will invite lawsuits from environmentalists and leave the state exactly where it is now, only poorer the legal fees.

"We won't be moving the ball down the field," Werk declared.

By the way, the 2009 session is history's second longest, behind only 2003's 118-day marathon. Perhaps the 2009 session is like cricket, a British game nobody outside of the Empire's former colonies understands but which inexplicably goes on forever.

Sports metaphors also crop up when the topic is transportation, the big issue

keeping lawmakers in Boise.

After the House voted five times to reject a gas tax increase that Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter is demanding, House Majority Leader Mike Moyle pointed across the Capitol Annex, indicating the other team needed to suit up and get on the field.

"The ball is in the Senate's court," Moyle, R-Star, told The Associated Press.

Apparently it was a gorgeous floating lobe, the kind Roger Federer loves but never gets from Rafael Nadal: The House used a 55-15 overhead volley to smash the Senate's \$70 million gas-tax and fee-hike proposal deep into the backcourt.

To borrow from baseball, it looks like Otter is striking out.

Or the House is pitching a

no-hitter.

Whatever.

Back in early April, Brian Cronin, a freshman representative from Idaho's capital city, complained to Idaho Statesman reporter Dan Popkey about the disadvantages Democratic House and Senate members suffer because they insist on open caucuses.

Republicans in both the House and Senate, by contrast, have for years excluded all but members.

"Sports coaches don't allow reporters into their halftime meetings with their teams," Cronin said. "When we've got one party playing chess and the other playing by Candyland rules, it seems disadvantageous."

Ah, chess, another common metaphor in the vernacular of

Idaho lawmakers.

At Tuesday's Senate Democratic caucus — open to the public, by the way, according to Candyland rules — Sen. Diane Bilyeu discussed with her colleagues which bills were still in play and which were merely political cannon fodder for members of the GOP majority as they craft a plan to put the 2009 meeting out of its misery.

Education bills, the Pocatello Democrat concluded, were nothing more than those poorly armed peasants sent out by the generals onto the battlefield to get mowed down by the first vicious advance of the cavalry.

"Education has become a pawn on the chess board," Bilyeu lamented. "It's just appalling."

Teen hiker lost for three nights in New Hampshire is found safe

By **David Tirrell-Wysocki**
Associated Press writer

PINKHAM NOTCH, N.H. — An Eagle Scout whose day hike in the mountains went awry when unusually warm weather turned small streams into raging rivers, blocking his way, was found safe Tuesday after spending three nights alone in the woods.

Scott Mason, a 17-year-old from Halifax, Mass., was spotted by searchers Tuesday morning making his way to the summit of Mount Washington, the Northeast's highest mountain. He was about a 45-minute hike from the weather observatory and its crew atop the mountain, officials said.

"We saw a hiker who was moving slowly but methodically," said Fred Wilkinson, one of the searchers who spotted the teen.

Mason was reunited with his relatives at a command center about two hours later, hugging them and slapping his father on the back. He was taken by ambulance to a hospital to have pain in one of his legs checked out, said Maj. Tim Acerno, of New Hampshire's Fish and Game Department.

"He looked a lot older. He looked sad and older," said his mother, Jory Mason, who was trembling with emotion.

Mason was admitted Tuesday night at Androscoggin Valley Hospital in Berlin, where a nursing supervisor said he was in fair condition.

Mason, who earned his Eagle Scout badge six months ago, headed up Mount Washington early



Scott Mason gets a hug from his sister Amy Mason after spending three nights lost in the White Mountains, Tuesday in Pinkham Notch, N.H.

Saturday and was planning to hike 17 miles in one day. He had climbed the mountain three or four times, so it wasn't unusual for him to set off by himself on such a challenging hike.

But warm weather — it hit a record 56 degrees at Washington's summit on Saturday — forced a change in his route. As he was coming down a trail, "there was a big raging river in his way," said Wilkinson, of the Mountain Rescue Service.

Over the next days, high waters and rain gave him trouble, as it did the searchers moving through waist-deep, soft snow.

"Each time he is trying to get back to a trail, he's coming back to a river," Acerno said.

The teen's father, Mike Mason, said believing that his son wouldn't panic helped him stay calm.

"I hung in there because I had a sense he would hunker down and he was gonna pass this test," Mason said. "This is his basketball, football, this is what he loves."

Tom Goldrick, Mason's scoutmaster in Halifax, felt if anyone could survive the elements at the 6,288-foot Mount Washington, notorious for its unpredictable and often treacherous weather, it would be Mason.

"He's the most experienced hiker in our scout troop," Goldrick said. "We all had a very positive outlook."

Before leaving an Appalachian Mountain

Club bunker Saturday morning, Mason said he planned to climb Mount Washington, then take the Appalachian Trail north to the summits of Mounts Jefferson, Adams and Madison. He left the ridge-line around Mount Clay, descending into an area known as the Great Gulf Wilderness, where he was blocked by the river.

Searchers had been following intermittent boot tracks consistent with someone who was disoriented or lost, Acerno said. Searchers in six teams of four used ropes and temporary bridges as they approached the area from two directions but had difficulty moving in the snow and water, Acerno said.

Forest mulls changes to N. Idaho grazing allotment

LEWISTON, Idaho (AP) — Nez Perce National Forest officials say they will study whether to modify or end the practice of letting domestic sheep graze on a tract of public land east of Riggins.

Forest officials said Monday they will do a new environmental impact statement to determine if the grazing threatens native bighorn sheep in the area north of the Salmon River Canyon.

Domestic sheep grazing on the Allison-Berg allotment has been banned since 2007 when a federal judge ruled that bighorns were at risk of contracting a fatal respiratory disease from the domestic sheep.

The Nez Perce National Forest approved a sheep grazing plan for the 40,000-acre tract in 1996, but at the time biologists did not believe the area was inhabited by bighorns.

But new evidence, including a study by the Payette National Forest, which man-

ages land on the opposite side of the canyon, has forced federal officials to reconsider.

"We are basically saying we have a changed condition on the allotment and we need to take a look at it," Nez Perce forest Ranger Darcy Pederson told the Lewiston Tribune.

Payette National Forest officials are writing a new policy to manage bighorns and grazing of their domestic cousins. A draft of the plan released last year would significantly reduce sheep grazing.

Sheep ranchers are concerned about the proposed changes, saying it threatens their livelihood.

State lawmakers sympathized with the sheep ranchers, passing a bill this year that would require state game managers to move or kill bighorns that wander onto public grazing allotments. That bill was vetoed earlier this month by Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, who said it was not in the best interest of ranchers or bighorns.

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RCA 14 cu ft upright deep freeze - Sylvania 20" color TV - large nice Queen size head board with box springs and mattress - large 10 compartment bookcase - his and hers dresser with beveled mirror - 5 drawer chest of drawers - card table and chairs	
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Old oak library table - wicker settee - 12 electric Snow Villages plus some single units - cook books - Noritake china for 12 - handmade quilt and afghan - sewing machine table - VCR - boom box - 2 small stools - pots and pans - freezer dishes - cleaning items - tupperware and Rubber Maid containers - canisters - CD's and cassettes - mixing bowls - small electric appliances - Corelle china	
Miscellaneous	
Glasses - place mats - linens - trays and platters - knickknacks - floor lamp - and other miscellaneous items	
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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Highs near 55.
Tonight: Shower chances remain small. Mostly cloudy with lows near 35.
Tomorrow: Variably cloudy and likely dry. Highs near 56.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Highs near 55.
Tonight: Shower chances remain small. Mostly cloudy with lows near 34.
Tomorrow: Variably cloudy and likely dry. Highs near 54.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Map of Idaho showing weather forecasts for various regions including Boise, Northern Utah, and other cities. Includes a legend for weather symbols and a state weather key.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Five-day forecast for Twin Falls showing icons for Today, Tonight, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, along with high and low temperatures.

Yesterday's Weather

Table showing weather data for various cities including Boise, Burley, Challis, and others, with columns for City, Hi, Lo, and Prep.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Almanac section for Twin Falls including Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, and Pollen Count.

Moon Phases section showing icons for First Qtr, Full Moon, Last Qtr, and New Moon for specific dates in May.

Moonrise and Moonset section showing times for Today, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

U. V. INDEX section showing a scale from Low to High and a note about sun protection.

Forecasts and maps prepared by DayWeather, Inc. with website information.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table for various Idaho cities including Boise, Challis, Elko, and others, showing today and tomorrow's weather.

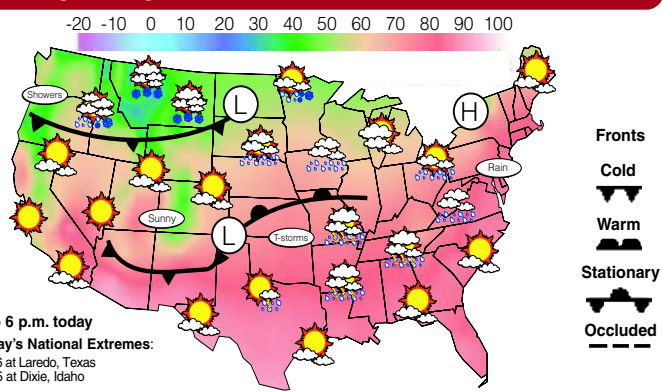
NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table for major cities across the United States including Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, and others.

WORLD FORECAST

World forecast table for various international cities including Moscow, Paris, Tokyo, and others.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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in all of this is the head of the Health and Human Services Department. Sixty votes in the 100-seat Senate were necessary for approval. Immediately after the vote Sebelius resigned as governor in Kansas and headed to Washington to be sworn in.

dealing with the first domestic test of the administration, which turns 100 days old on Wednesday. Republican opponents cited Sebelius' pro-abortion stances and her initial underreporting of campaign contributions from a late-term abortion doctor.

many team members missing. The Senate hasn't acted on Obama's nominees for deputy HHS secretary or commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration.

Olbermann presses Hannity to go through with waterboarding

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Sunday?" and Hannity laughed. "I'll let you do it," Hannity said. "I wouldn't do it," Grodin said. "I'll hand you a towel when you come out of the shower."

Dems urge torture probe by special counsel

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Democrats turned up the pressure on the Obama administration Tuesday to start a criminal investigation by a special counsel into harsh interrogations of terrorism suspects.

investigation, whether additional conflicts of interest might exist or arise. The letter said a special counsel's investigation would insulate the department from accusations that the investigation was politically inspired.

required of department lawyers. "As with any issue, we will follow the facts where they lead," Boyd said. "As the attorney general has said, it would be unfair to prosecute dedicated men and women working to protect America for conduct that was sanctioned in advance by the Justice Department."

White House official who approved Air Force One flyover may be fired

The Washington Post WASHINGTON — White House press secretary Robert Gibbs pointedly refused to rule out a firing in the case of the Air Force One backup's flight that terrified some in New York City on Monday.

Director Louis Caldera, who made the decision, would lose his job, Gibbs told reporters Tuesday, "I think the president has rightly asked that a review of the situation and the decision-making" be done.

he said the deputy chief of staff will conduct the review. The administration will take steps based on the outcome of the review, Gibbs said. Caldera, who was secretary of the Army under President Bill Clinton, apologized quickly Monday afternoon, after reports of Obama's displeasure.

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GOING DUTCH FOR SPORT



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The truth is in the temperature: Kirk Wahlen of Sportsman's Warehouse checks to see whether a batch of stuffed pork chops has reached 140 degrees during a Dutch oven cook-off at the Twin Falls store Saturday. Wahlen oversaw the International Dutch Oven Society-sanctioned event.

Wisdom from the cook-off teams

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

Five teams. Three courses. Fifteen delicious dishes.

From chocolate cake to pizza calzone to snapper sandwiches, the contestants in Saturday's "Cooking for Sport" Dutch oven cook-off, at Twin Falls' Sportsman's Warehouse, proved the merits of cooking with cast-iron ovens.

Along the way the Dutch oven chefs gave some insight into how they get the most out of their meals.

Mother-and-son team Vanessa and Michael Johnson of Burley earned first place in the International Dutch Oven Society-sanctioned event with their BBQ Baby Back Ribs, Dilly Bread with Cheesy Chicken and Artichoke Dip and German Chocolate Cake.

Fourteen-year-old Michael said the secret to his ribs is in the rub — created with equal parts cumin, paprika and cayenne. The rub, he said, gives the meat an unforgettable taste.

"The rub really gives the ribs a kick," Johnson said. "Especially mixed with the sweet barbeque sauce."

An easy trick for applying the mixed rub without making a mess — or getting your hands overly dirty — is to place the rub ingredients in a plastic zip-close bag with a small rack of ribs.

Just shake and rub the dry mix into the ribs before placing the meat in lightly greased Dutch, and smother with your favorite BBQ sauce.

The pair, now qualified to enter the World Champion Cook Off later this year in Utah, are looking at how to up their game. They'll bring better cuts

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Yes, even cheesecake with chocolate and berries can be prepared in a Dutch oven. This delectable dish was created by husband-and-wife cook-off team Ryan and Alesha Ketterling. A fresh mix of berries and drizzled chocolate made this a surprisingly refreshing treat.



Stuffed pork chops are invitingly presented atop green leaf lettuce and a confetti-like bed of fresh, chopped yellow and red bell peppers. The peppers give the dish a flashy look and are a great crispy side to this meaty classic prepared during Saturday's Dutch oven cook-off.



These aren't your grandmother's apple turnovers. Cream cheese and heavy whipping cream give a kick to these turnovers, baked in a Dutch oven by cook-off team Omar Alvarez and Mindy Ketterling of Burley. By drizzling caramel over a delicate layer of powdered sugar and arranging with fresh slices of apple, you can make this dessert a romantic treat for two.

A judge's view: Getting my fill

By Andrew Weeks
Times-News writer

If you ever want to get your fill of tasty foods, try judging at a Dutch oven cook-off. Though your portions might be small, you won't walk away hungry.

As one of four judges in a cook-off Saturday at Sportsman's Warehouse in Twin Falls, I came away with more than a satisfied belly. I now better appreciate professional food critics and their trained senses.

Five teams competed, each preparing one dessert, one bread and a main dish. That's 15 samples apiece for us judges — newspaper editor, radio personality, professional cook and store manager.

We started with the desserts, because they cook the fastest, according to Kirk Wahlen, the Sportsman's Warehouse employee who invited me to participate.

One of my favorites was the moist German Chocolate Cake prepared by mother-and-son team Vanessa Johnson and Mike Johnson, who placed first overall. Keeping its luster, the two-layered cake — topped with coconut and chopped pecans — nearly melted in my mouth.

As a life-long chocolate aficionado — and because I was judging on taste and texture, not healthy pros and

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Mindy Ketterling, 9, of Burley explains how she helped make hush puppies, served alongside open-faced Chipotle Red Snapper Sandwich. An extra kick is added to the chipotle sauce with the use of fresh chopped cilantro and parsley.



Mother-and-son team Vanessa and Michael Johnson impressed judges with these BBQ Baby Back Ribs.

Maximize the shelf life of your spuds

Times-News

They live. They breathe. And because they're 80 percent water, potato tubers thrive in humid locations. Take heed, if you're wondering about the best spots in your home to store your potatoes.

Cooperative research by University of Idaho Extension scientists and College of Southern Idaho students confirmed that the optimum sites for home-stored potatoes are cool, dark and ventilated

rooms, closets, cabinets and garages, a U of I release said.

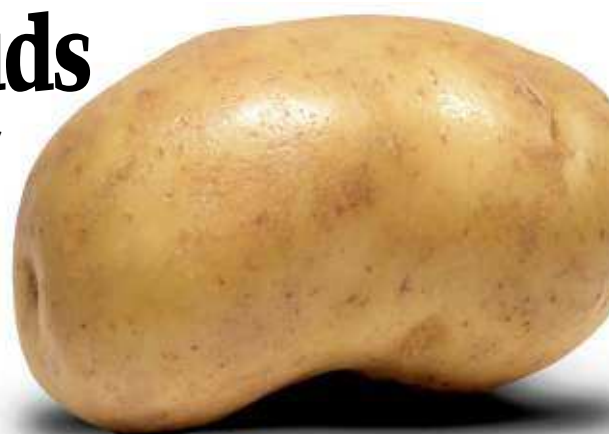
In studies conducted in their own homes, the agricultural science students also found that the perforated plastic bags used in many groceries offer the best environment for extending shelf life.

Potatoes stored inside these bags in unheated areas of the students' homes benefited from a relatively cool average temperature of 57 degrees and a relative-

ly high average humidity of 67 percent. They shrank just 0.9 percent — only slightly more than the 0.6 percent weight loss measured in commercially stored potatoes kept at 45 degrees and 95 percent relative humidity at the U of I's Potato Storage Facility at Kimberly.

Potatoes on countertops, in

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Taking mocktails seriously

By Jason Wilson
Special to The Washington Post

It's easy to poke fun at mocktails. Take away the alcohol from a cocktail, and, I mean, like, what's left?

Well, in my house, mocktails are serious business. My two sons very much enjoy an evening cocktail with their father. When they hear me testing a recipe in the kitchen, they ask, "Dad, when you're finished with work, can we have a cocktail, too?" Of course, since my boys are 7 and 4 (and we don't want a visit from Child Protective Services), their cocktails always lack a key ingredient: alcohol.

But that doesn't mean they also lack creativity and inventiveness. Sander and Wes are pretty discerning, and they often call me out on a failure of imagination. "Dad, are you using yogurt drink again?"

To be honest, nonalcoholic cocktails can present more of a challenge than regular cocktails because liquor usually offsets the sweetness of other ingredients and adds complexity. Take away the booze and you've got to find a new way to layer and balance flavor.

There are bartenders out there in pursuit of the perfect mocktail. While traveling in the Netherlands not too long ago, I was happy to meet one named Timo Janse, who has written a cocktail book for kids. Trust me, this isn't some seedy Amsterdam Red Light District thing. Janse has won acclaim as one of the finest bartenders in Europe, and his book, "Shake It!" (BAI, 2007), won a literary prize in Holland and Belgium as best children's book of the year. The cute illustrated guide features junior master shakers (kindergartners through preteens) dressed in chic black server attire and mixing drinks called Rhubarb Barbie or Spiderman's Web with real shakers, strainers and muddlers.

In addition to creating kid versions of such classics as the Singapore Sling or brandy Alexander, Janse experiments boldly. His



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Cocktails for kids: Dark Invader is a mix of muddled blackberries, pineapple juice and vanilla syrup.

Garden of Delight, for example, is a mix of strawberries, balsamic vinegar, cranberry juice and honey, topped with a splash of cola. My kids' clear favorite was the Dark Invader, a mix of muddled blackberries, pineapple juice and vanilla syrup. Another drink made of muddled red raspberries and orange juice and topped with ginger ale was a favorite of 4-year-old Wes, until he learned that the drink's name was Girls Just Wanna Have Fun.

"Children in every country are drinking too much sweet soda," Janse says. "This book challenges children to think about what they're drinking." Did Janse draw any flak for linking kids and cocktails? Not in Holland. "The biggest concern from people was the need to supervise children when they were cutting the fruit," he says.

Here in the U.S., mixologist Natalie Bovis-Nelsen (who blogs at www.theliqumuse.com) is the primary innovator of virgin-cocktail recipes. In her book

"Preggatinis: Mixology for the Mom-to-Be" (GPP, 2008), Bovis-Nelsen focuses on another time of life when you really shouldn't drink alcohol. "Welcome to one of the biggest decisions of your life ... to give up cocktails for nine months," she writes.

"Preggatinis" presents drinks for those preparing to be pregnant (think milk thistle and antioxidants such as blueberries), for combating morning sickness (think ginger) and for increasing folic acid intake. The latter includes one of my favorites, the Folic Fizz (with cantaloupe and strawberries). Throughout the book she also suggests how to "De-Virginize for Dad," adding back the gin, vodka or tequila to certain drinks.

What I found particularly inventive about "Preggatinis" were the nonalcoholic versions of real drinks, such as the Salty Puppy (a Salty Dog with the usual grapefruit juice and salted rim but subbing tonic water

for gin) and the Cosmom (with orange juice and orange syrup instead of vodka and triple sec to mix with the cranberry juice). "I don't want to make you a virgin bloody mary by just taking out the vodka and leaving you with tomato juice," Bovis-Nelsen said in a phone interview.

And she insists that "Preggatinis" is not just for pregnant women. "There are adults who don't drink alcohol," she says. "And unfortunately they've been relegated to the little kids' table."

At least at my house, you can get a pretty good drink at the kids' table.

DARK INVADER

1 serving

- 11 blackberries
- 1 1/2 ounces pineapple juice
- 1/2 ounce vanilla syrup (see note)
- Ice

Combine 9 of the blackberries, the juice and syrup in a cocktail shaker; muddle well.

Add the ice and shake vigorously for 30 seconds, then strain into a cocktail (martini) glass. Garnish with the remaining 2 blackberries (one on each side of the rim, like alien ears).

Note: Vanilla syrup is simple syrup infused with 1 split vanilla bean per cup; 1 or 2 teaspoons of vanilla extract may be substituted for every 1 cup of simple syrup.

To make simple syrup, combine 1 cup sugar and 1 cup water in a small saucepan over medium heat, stirring until the sugar dissolves.

Bring to a slow, rolling boil, then reduce the heat to medium-low and cook for 5 minutes. Transfer to a glass container and let cool to room temperature. Cover tightly and refrigerate until chilled through; store indefinitely.

Per serving: 80 calories, 0 g protein, 20 g carbohydrates, 0 g fat, 0 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 1 mg sodium, 2 g dietary fiber, 17 g sugar.



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Vanessa Johnson of Burley makes sure a rack of fresh Dutch oven-cooked baby back ribs are to temperature before presenting the dish to a four-judge panel. Johnson, who competed with son Michael Johnson, 14, earned first place and a slot in the international cook-off later this year.

Wisdom

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pulling off any Dutch oven dish is keeping the oven temperature steady and outdoors can be tricky.

Saturday was windy and a bit chilly, causing a few problems. For one, nippy temperatures made it difficult to bring cake frosting ingredients to a boil. The frosting, while mighty tasty, was a tad runny.

"It didn't set up like it's supposed to," said Vanessa Johnson. "The wind, it just wouldn't let up, and the frosting didn't boil like it was supposed to."

In a competition where contestants have to go with the flow and the conditions of the day, there isn't much wiggle room. But Johnson said that if she were making a meal for friends or family she would move her cooking site out of the wind.

"If you stay out of the wind you can make sure your coals stay consistent temperature, and that is really important," she said.

While not placing this year, last year's WCCO champion, Omar Alvarez of Burley, said the trick to

pulling off any Dutch oven dish is keeping the oven temperature steady and even. He does this by evenly placing briquettes below the Dutch and on top of the lid.

"I use a pretty easy calculation to figure out the number of briquettes to cook with," Alvarez said. "Just take the size of the Dutch and times by two for cooking at 350 degrees."

For example, a 10-inch Dutch would need 20 briquettes total. Divide those, putting half on top and half on the bottom.

"And then you just take three briquettes from the bottom and place them on the top of the Dutch. That will keep the bottom from getting too hot and burning your dish," Alvarez said.

Each additional two briquettes will raise the temperature by 20 degrees, he said. "Once you get cooking Dutch, it's pretty easy to do."

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Judge

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I delighted in the cake's rich taste. (It contained 11/2 cups of cocoa.)

The breads, which came next, better whetted my appetite for the main dish. One of my favorites was Omar Alvarez and Mindy Ketterling's Chipotle Red Snapper Sandwich. This spicy dish had what it takes to make my taste buds zing: cayenne pepper, black pepper and oregano. The sauce contained a chipotle pepper and adobe sauce, cilantro, lime juice and horseradish. The snapper was served

over toasted garlic bread and with hush puppies.

Though the sandwich's bread was perhaps a bit too crunchy — in one place it had burned at the bottom — the flaky fish (crunchy on the outside with a butter-milk and cornmeal crust) didn't taste too fishy with all those other ingredients. I love spicy foods, and this outdoor dish hit the spot.

I just wish I could have gone on a hike afterward.

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'Woman in White' makes a snappy salad

The Washington Post

Fennel, celery and mozzarella are happy companions in this Italian salad, whose name means "Woman in White." Adapted from "Pure Simple Cooking," by Diana Henry (Ten Speed Press, 2009).

DAMA BIANCA

4 servings

- 12 ounces fresh mozzarella cheese
- 2 medium fennel bulbs (though outer layer removed), with a few fronds reserved for optional garnish
- 2 pale green celery ribs, preferably ones with leaves



Dama Bianca, literally 'Woman in White,' is made of fennel, celery and mozzarella.

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attached

- Sea salt or kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Juice of 1 medium lemon (3 to 4 tablespoons)
- 3 to 4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- Shavings of Parmesan or pecorino cheese, for garnish (optional)

Drain the mozzarella and pat dry with paper towels. Cut into 1/4-inch slices.

Cut each fennel bulb in half and remove the cores. Use a sharp knife or mandoline to cut each bulb into very thin slices.

Trim the root ends of the celery, then cut the ribs on

the diagonal into very thin strips (julienne). Tear the celery leaves into different-size pieces.

Casually arrange the mozzarella, fennel, celery and celery leaves on a serving platter. Season with salt and pepper to taste, then drizzle lightly with lemon juice and the oil. Scatter a few fennel fronds on top, if desired, then top with the shavings of cheese and a final drizzle of oil. Serve at room temperature.

Per serving: 430 calories, 21 g protein, 10 g carbohydrates, 31 g fat, 11 g saturated fat, 50 mg cholesterol, 290 mg sodium, 4 g dietary fiber, 1 g sugar.

Spuds

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refrigerators and under the sink fared considerably worse.

Nora Olsen, co-author of the Extension's recently released publication "Options for Storing Potatoes at Home," said she was a little surprised by how well the perforated plastic bags held in humidity and held down tuber

shrinkage. The four-page publication can be downloaded at www.info.ag.uidaho.edu/.

If you buy only enough potatoes to eat within a few days, you can store them almost anywhere in your home as long as you keep them out of the light, said lead author and Extension support scientist Lynn Woodell. But if you buy or

harvest between several pounds and several hundred pounds, your choice of location affects the spuds' long-term usability.

Warm temperatures encourage sprouting and tuber disease; cold causes spuds to turn brown when fried; exposure to light prompts greening; sealed plastic containers starve tubers of oxygen;

and dry environments are downright withering.

Woodell and Olsen recommend storing potatoes in an unheated entrance, spare room, attic, basement or garage insulated to protect against freezing, or in an extra refrigerator whose temperature can be set a few degrees higher than normal.

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Everybody loves schnitzel

By Russ Parsons
Los Angeles Times

A friend and I were talking the other day about — brace yourself — what we were going to make for dinner. I said, “Nothing special, just some schnitzel.” Her eyes got big and she said almost in a whisper: “I love schnitzel!” We then spent five minutes reviewing our favorite schnitzel variations.

So far no surprises, I mean, what’s not to love about schnitzel? Take a pork cutlet, pound it thin, roll it in bread crumbs and quickly fry it. It’s sweet, it’s tender, and did I mention that it’s fried? Serve it with a green salad and you have a terrific dinner that’s made in less than 45 minutes, including time for resting.

Dance real fast and in the same amount of time you can serve it with German potato salad, a pairing as perfect as bacon and eggs.

I had almost exactly the same conversation the next day. (Yes, I do spend a lot of time talking about food. Got a problem with that?) When I mentioned the meal to a co-worker, her eyes almost glazed over in pleasure as she said, “Schnitzel? I love schnitzel!”

OK, so everybody loves schnitzel. But the question then arises: Why is it so hard to find one? When was the last time you saw one on a restaurant menu?

Maybe we can blame the schnitzel shortage on that hot dog chain that somehow perverted the name of a classic dish into a sorry excuse for fast food. What’s worse, despite its name, it doesn’t even serve schnitzel. What’s next? A hamburger stand called Hot Dog?

Actually, I can think of one more place for schnitzel, and that’s my house, where I serve it every couple of months. It’s a perfect dish for those nights when I hit the grocery store and can’t find anything to cook. The ingredients are staples that are always there: pork cutlets, eggs and bread crumbs.

Traditionally, of course, schnitzels are made with veal. But that is in Europe’s dairy country, where young male cattle are expendable and their meat is cheap. That’s not the situation in the U.S., where veal costs the moon. An old restaurateur’s cheat is substituting pork for veal, and it works.

Pork loin chops make perfectly good schnitzel, particularly the thin ones that aren’t much good for anything else. With pork bred to be leaner and leaner, these meager chops overcook at a warm glance. Bread them, though, and cook them quickly and they stay moist and flavorful.

(My buddy Evan Kleiman says she prefers schnitzel made from thin steaks cut from pork shoulder — that’s also truer to tradition, as the best veal cutlets are cross-wise slices from the upper part of the leg.)

Trim away any fat around the rim of the chop, and any stray bits of other muscles as well — you want just the loin. Place the chop between two sheets of wax paper and pound it to a uniform 1/8-inch thickness. That cutlet that started out the size of your palm will turn out to be as big as a salad plate.



Photos by GARY FRIEDMAN/Los Angeles Times
Pork Schnitzel, alongside some German potato salad.

A meat pounder works best, but if you don’t have one, you can use a baton-style rolling pin or even the bottom of a skillet. Start pounding from the center and work your way out.

Once you’ve flattened all of the cutlets, bread them. This is best done assembly-line fashion: flour, then egg and finally bread crumbs. The flour ensures the surface of the cutlet is dry so the egg wash will stick to it, keeping the bread crumbs in place.

The flour goes on a plate, the egg wash in a wide bowl and the bread crumbs on another plate. I find it works best to flour all of the pounded schnitzels first, patting them briskly afterward to remove any excess, before proceeding to the egg wash and bread crumbs. Once your hands get eggy, things can get messy when you’re dipping them back into flour.

Turn the cutlet in the egg wash, removing the extra with your fingers, then place the cutlet in the bread crumbs and scoop more bread crumbs over top. Press down firmly. Turn it over and do it again. When you pick up the cutlet, give it a light shake to get rid of any loose crumbs.

Fine dry bread crumbs make the nicest crust, but if you have only coarse fresh crumbs, don’t let that stop you. Just remember you’ll need to use about twice the volume. Also, some cooks add extras to the crumbs, such as grated Parmesan.

It’s best to let the cutlets sit for at least 15 minutes before frying. This lets the breading firm up so the coating will adhere to the cutlet and will not fall off during cooking. You can let them sit for longer; just put them on a cookie or cake rack over a plate to allow the air to circulate, and stick them in the refrigerator for as long as a couple of hours.

Up to this point the process of making schnitzel has been pretty foolproof. But the art of the dish is in the frying. And it really comes down to just one factor: having the oil at the right temperature. You want the oil to be hot enough that the breading will crisp and brown before the meat in the middle dries out. With a pork cutlet, that’s only a matter of minutes. Frying with good hot oil also means the crumbs will form a crust before they soak up the fat.

It can take three or four minutes for the oil to get hot enough. You’ll know it’s there by dipping a tip of a cutlet. If it sizzles angrily, it’s hot enough; if it merely foams, it’s got a little longer to go. You’ll probably be able to cook only a couple of schnitzel at a time; keep the fried ones warm in the oven.

With something as delicious as schnitzel, the accompaniments should be simple. At my house, it’s usually nothing more than a green salad tossed with a nice, tart lemony vinaigrette. I like to pile the salad on top of the cutlet so you get a combination of crisp and tart in every bite. Just be sure to add the salad at the very last instant to keep the salad and the schnitzel crisp.

But the classic accompaniment is German potato salad. What makes a potato salad German? Instead of binding it with mayonnaise, you pour over it a hot combination of beef broth and a lot of vinegar. This way you need only a couple of tablespoons of oil. The trick here is slicing the potatoes and dressing them while they are still quite hot. This allows the seasonings to penetrate before the starch on the outside cools and sets.

Schnitzel and potato salad. Serve them together and it’s almost enough to make you forget those horrible hot dogs.

PORK SCHNITZEL

6 (2- to 3-ounce) pork loin cutlets
salt
1 cup flour
2 eggs
2 tablespoons milk
4 cups fine, dry bread crumbs
1/4 cup oil
2 tablespoons butter
lemon

1. Heat the oven to 300 degrees. Trim any fat or sinew from the rim of the cutlets. One at a time, flatten the cutlets by placing the meat between sheets of wax paper or inside a 1-gallon plastic bag and pounding it with a meat pounder or a rolling pin to an even thickness of less than one-fourth inch. Repeat with remaining cutlets. Season lightly on both sides with salt.

2. Start the breading process: Place the flour on a plate, beat the eggs and milk until smooth in a wide bowl, and place the bread crumbs on a plate or in a wide bowl.

3. Dip a cutlet in the flour, lightly coating each side and shaking gently to remove any excess. Repeat with remaining cutlets. Dip a floured cutlet in the egg mixture and use your fingers to wipe away any excess. Place the cutlet in the bread crumbs and scoop more over the top, pressing firmly so the bread crumbs stick to both sides. Repeat with remaining cutlets. Set aside the cutlets on a plate or on a wire rack over a jellyroll pan for at least 15 minutes to allow the coating to set.

4. Heat the oil and butter in a wide skillet over medium-high heat until very hot. Test with a crumb of bread;

it will sputter angrily when the oil is hot enough. Cook the cutlets until golden brown on one side, 2 to 3 minutes, then turn gently and brown on the other side, another 3 to 4 minutes. Don’t crowd the pan; you will probably be able to cook only 2 cutlets at a time. As the cutlets are done, put them on a cookie sheet lined with paper towels, season lightly with salt, and place in the oven to keep hot.

5. Serve the cutlets immediately, with a piece of lemon to squeeze over.

Total time: 45 minutes.
Servings: 6.

Each serving: 403 calories; 22 grams protein; 34 grams carbohydrate; 2 grams fiber; 19 grams fat; 5 grams saturated fat; 121 milligrams cholesterol; 318 milligrams sodium.

GERMAN POTATO SALAD

1 1/2 pounds boiling potatoes
1/2 cup beef broth
2 tablespoons minced onion
6 tablespoons white wine vinegar
salt
1 teaspoon brown mustard
1 tablespoon minced parsley
1 1/2 teaspoons minced chives
3 tablespoons oil

1. Steam the potatoes: Arrange them in a single layer in a steamer basket and place the basket over a pan of rapidly boiling water. Cover and cook until they are tender, about 15 minutes (the time will vary depending on the size of the potatoes). As soon as they are cool enough to handle without scorching your fingers, peel the potatoes, if you like. Cut the potatoes crosswise into half-inch pieces; if using fingerlings, quarter them lengthwise.

2. While the potatoes are steaming, bring the broth to a simmer in a small saucepan. After cutting up the potatoes, combine them with the onion in a mixing bowl. Add the vinegar to the broth and pour the mixture over the potatoes. Set aside until the potatoes have cooled, stirring gently from time to time to coat well. When the potatoes are cool, pour off any broth that remains. Season to taste with salt.

3. In a small bowl or lidded jar, combine the mustard, parsley, chives and oil and



To make a good schnitzel: Place cutlet in a baggie and pound until thin.



Flour the cutlet.



Shake excess flour off the cutlet.



Dip the cutlet into whisked eggs, and then into bread crumbs.



Fry the cutlet.

stir or shake vigorously to make a smooth mixture. Pour the mixture over the potatoes and stir gently to coat well. Serve warm or at room temperature.
Total time: 35 minutes.

Servings: 6.
Each serving: 115 calories; 2 grams protein; 21 grams carbohydrate; 2 grams fiber; 3 grams fat; 0 saturated fat; 0 cholesterol; 70 milligrams sodium.

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Frozen vegetables are on sale for \$1 a bag. The store's Web site has a store coupon for 50 cents off, and I have a 50-cent manufacturer coupon for the same brand of vegetables. Using these together saves me \$1 — my vegetables are free.

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Learning that stores allow customers to stack coupons is a revelation to new coupon users, and stacking is a big factor in bringing your total grocery bill down to a manageable level.

When I go to the grocery store, almost every item I buy is significantly less than the price most other people pay. I buy items with coupons when the items are at their lowest point in the sales cycle, and I stack store and manufacturer coupons together to achieve the lowest prices possible.

Inevitably, people ask me if the store loses money when people use coupons to get items for free or at extremely low prices.

The answer is no. The product manufac-



COUPON QUEEN
Jill Cataldo

turers that offer the coupons reimburse the store for the full value of the coupon, plus an 8- to 12-cent handling fee.

So, the store actually makes more money when people use coupons. If I use 30 coupons in one shopping trip, the store will make an additional \$2.40 just in handling fees alone — plus it will be reimbursed the full face value of each coupon. Coupons pay for a big part of my grocery bill, and my store earns more because I use coupons regularly.

It's best to think of your coupons as cash. When my Sunday newspaper arrives, I immediately bring it in, pull the coupon inserts out, stick them in a folder... and that's it. I don't waste time cutting them out or sorting them by product or type or even looking at them until I'm actually ready to go shopping for the week.

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CTW Features. Jill Cataldo is a coupon workshop instructor, writer and mother of three. Learn more about couponing at her Web site, www.super-couponing.com.

Cooking for one: Salmon in red wine

The Washington Post

Using red wine to cook fish seems unusual, but its tart fruitiness cuts the richness of salmon and plays off the meaty mushrooms and bacon. Adapted from Molly Stevens' "All About Braising" (W.W. Norton, 2004).



Photos by JULIA EWAN/Washington Post

SALMON BRAISED IN PINOT NOIR

1 serving

1 slice uncooked bacon, cut crosswise into 1/2-inch pieces

2 teaspoons unsalted butter

2 ounces small cremini mushrooms, cut into 1/4-inch slices (about 3/4 cup)

Kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper

1 small leek, white and light-green parts, finely chopped (1/2 cup)

1 small shallot, finely chopped (1 tablespoon)

1 cup light red wine, such as pinot noir or Beaujolais

1 sprig thyme

6 ounces 1-inch-thick, skin-on salmon fillet (pin bones removed), preferably center-cut, rinsed and patted dry

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Heat a medium skillet over medium heat, add the bacon, and cook for about 8 minutes or until crisp. Transfer the bacon to a small plate; pour all but a teaspoon of the bacon fat in the skillet into a small bowl.

Return the skillet to the

CUTTING SALMON

This technique for turning a salmon fillet into an evenly thick steak comes from Henry Spit, a fishing guide in British Columbia, courtesy of his friend, food blogger Kevin Kossowan.

1. Use a sharp knife to slice through the middle, making sure not to cut through the skin.
2. Lift the fillet and open it at the cut, folding each half outward. The under (skin) sides of each half should meet.
3. The fillet now has an even thickness, with the skin sides creating a center ridge.

stove; increase the heat to medium-high. Add 1 teaspoon of the butter and the mushrooms, then season lightly with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring often, for about 5 minutes, until the mushrooms release their moisture and it then evaporates. Add to the bacon on the plate.

Return the skillet to medium-high heat. Add the leek and shallot, stirring to coat with the butter and bacon fat. Season lightly with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring often, for about 5 minutes or until the vegetables are starting to brown.

Add the wine and thyme; bring to a boil. Cook for about 3 or 4 minutes or until the wine has reduced by half.

Season the salmon lightly on both sides with salt and pepper, then place in the skillet, skin side down. Cover tightly and transfer to the oven. Quick-braise for 7 to 8 minutes, checking to make sure the liquid is bare-

ly bubbling. (If it is bubbling too rapidly, decrease the oven temperature slightly.) The salmon will be done when it is opaque on the outside yet slightly translucent in the center.

Transfer the fillet to a serving plate; cover loosely with aluminum foil while you finish the sauce.

Use a fine-mesh strainer to strain the liquid into a bowl, pressing on the vegetables and thyme to extract as much liquid as possible; discard the solids. Return the strained liquid to the skillet and place over medium heat. Cook for a few minutes, until the wine has reduced by one-third, then whisk in the remaining teaspoon of butter. Add the reserved bacon and mush-

rooms, stirring to combine. Cook for a minute or so until heated through; taste and adjust the seasoning as necessary.

Spoon the sauce over the salmon. Serve hot.

Note: To clean leeks for this recipe, discard outer layer and trim the root end and dark-green leaves. Cut crosswise into 1/2-inch pieces, place in a bowl and cover with lots of cool water. Let sit for about 10 minutes to let any sediment fall to the bottom of the bowl; drain and pat dry with paper towels.

Per serving: 670 calories, 43 g protein, 22 g carbohydrates, 26 g fat, 10 g saturated fat, 110 mg cholesterol, 542 mg sodium, 2 g dietary fiber, 4 g sugar.

Tip: sauteed chicken breasts

The Washington Post

The simple act of transferring a skillet from stove top to oven can greatly improve the forecast of perfectly cooked poultry.

The technique will not add much, if any, cooking time to any recipe that involves cooking chicken in a small amount of oil or fat. It works for one breast half or for as many as will fit in the pan. The same method can be applied to cooking steaks or chops. It helps if the items are of similar size.

To cook 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves that are about 3/4-inch thick, preheat the oven to

350 degrees. Heat 2 to 3 tablespoons of vegetable oil in a medium ovenproof skillet and add chicken breast halves that have been seasoned lightly on both sides with salt and pepper. Cook for about 3 minutes, until lightly browned on the bottom. (If the chicken is ready, it will not stick to the skillet.) Use tongs to turn the chicken over and cook for about 1 minute, until the second side picks up some color; the meat will not be cooked through. Transfer the skillet to the oven; bake for 5 to 7 minutes, or until the chicken is firm to the touch and its internal temperature has reached 165 degrees.



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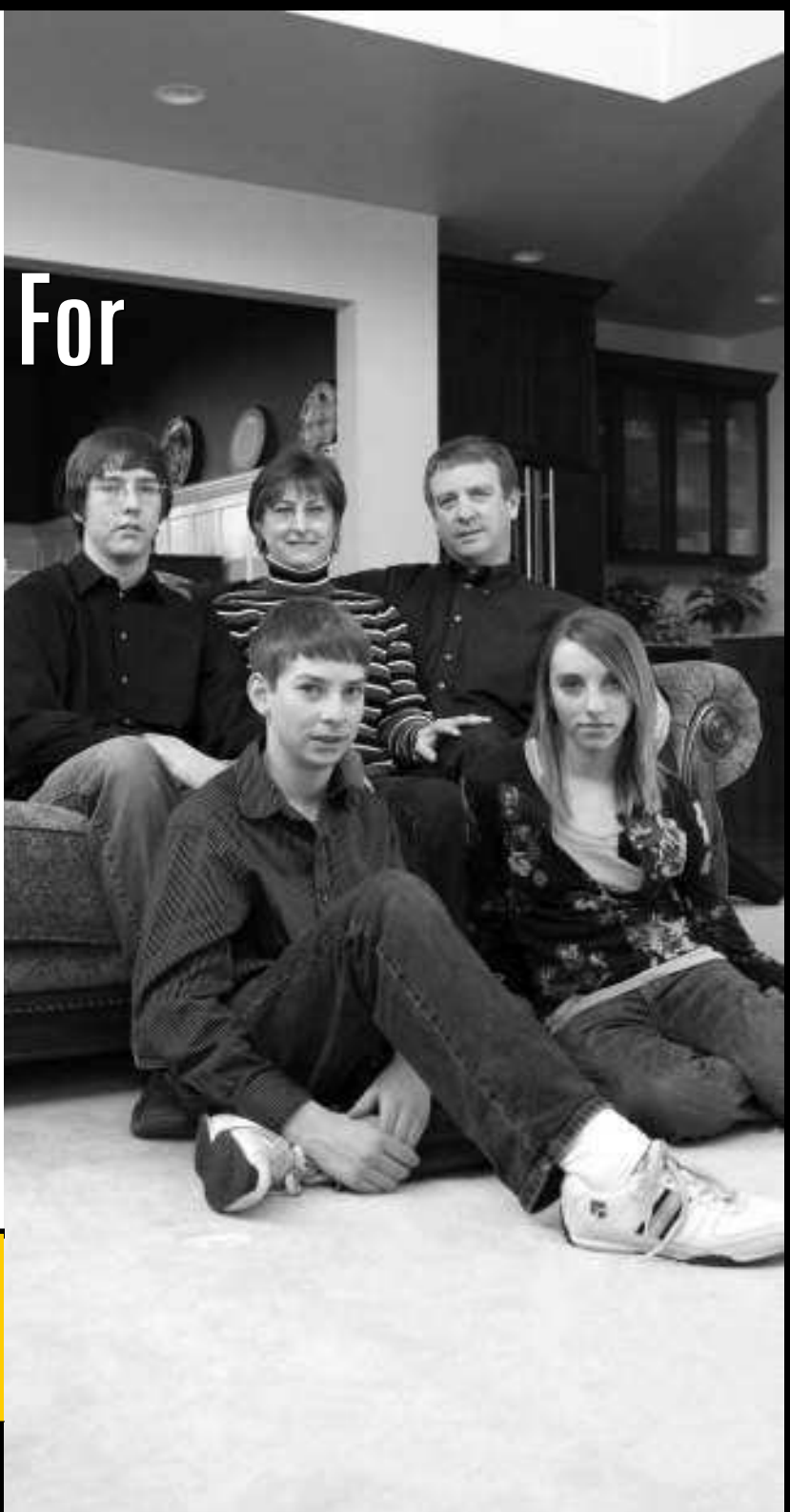
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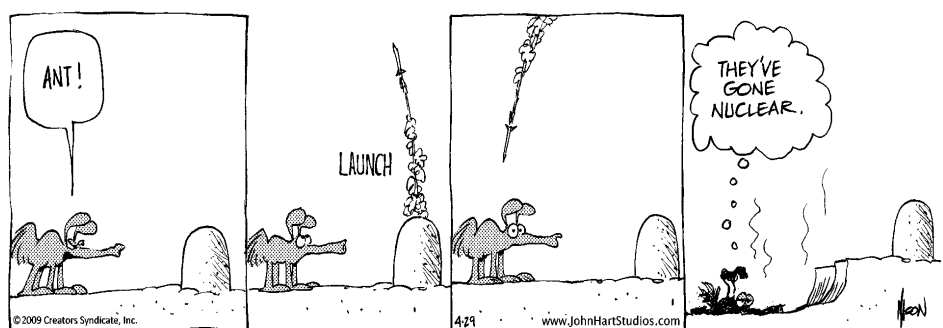
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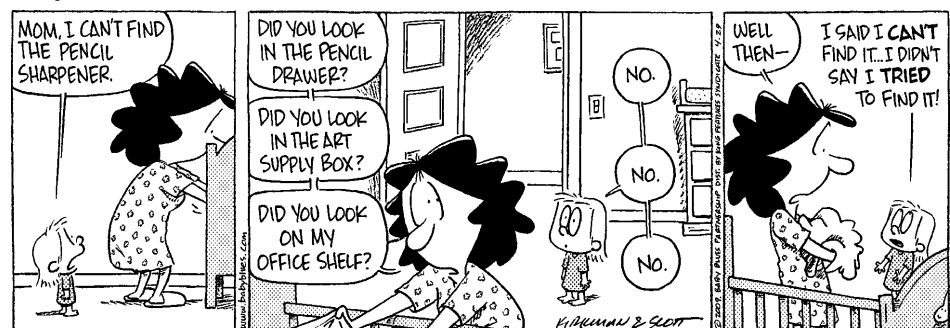
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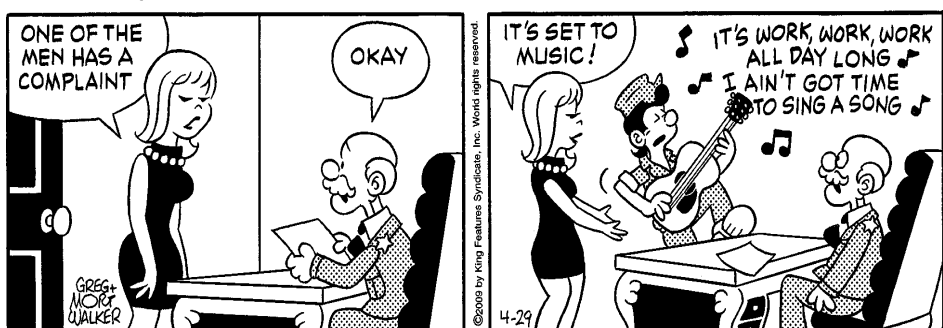
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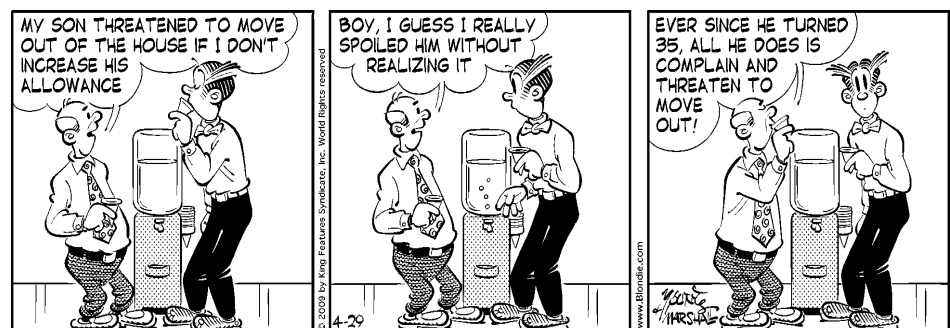
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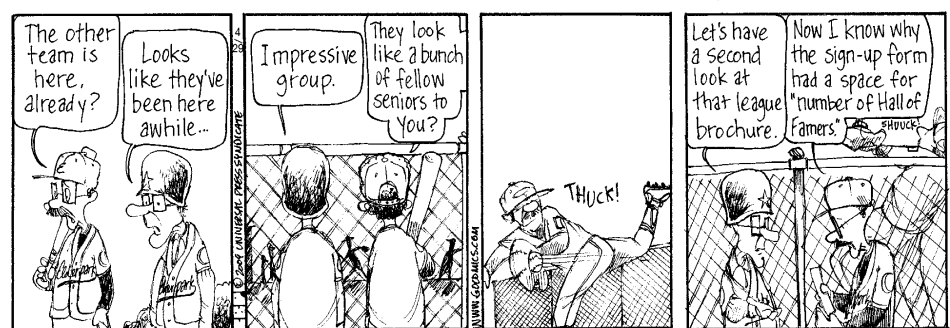
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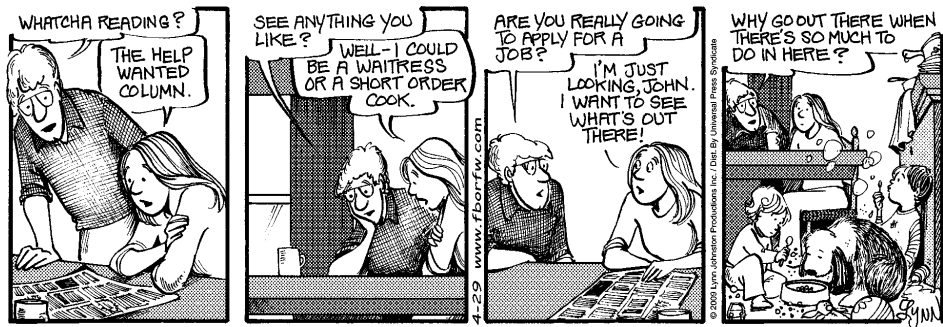
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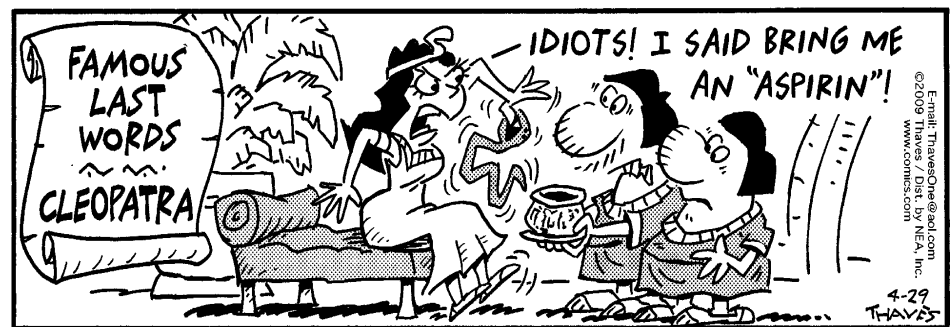
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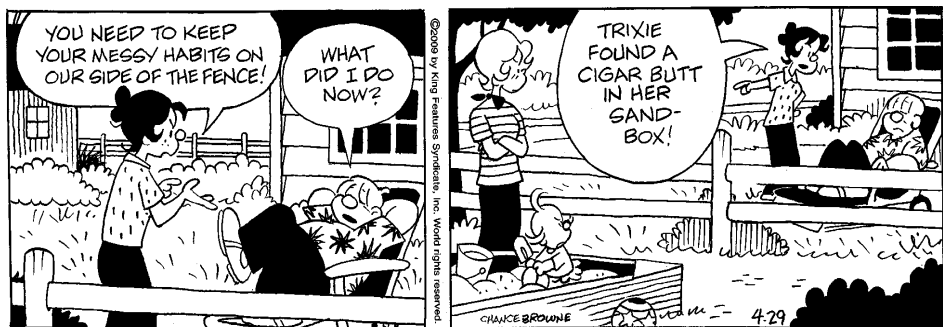
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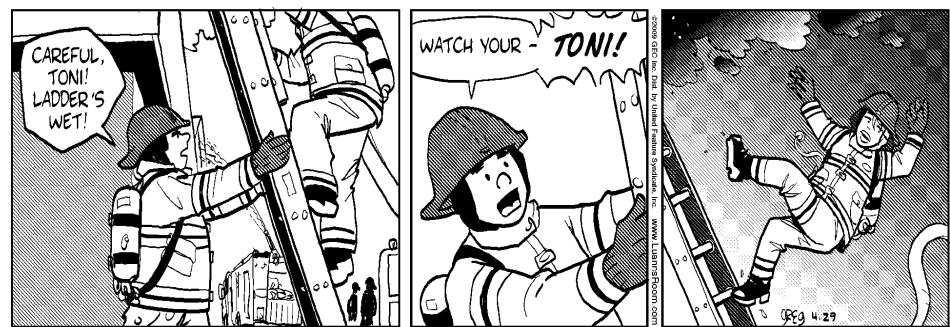
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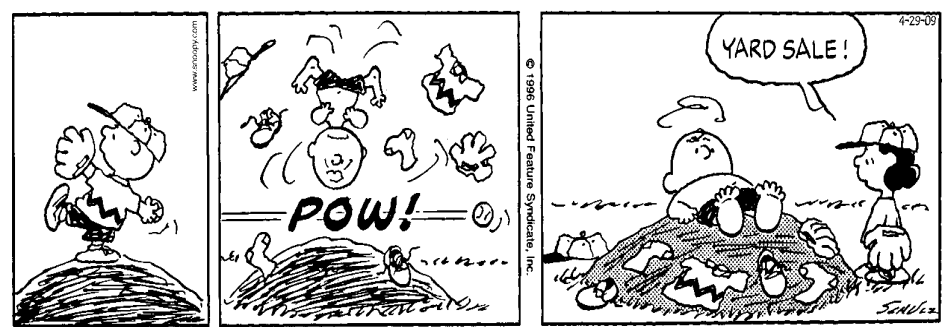
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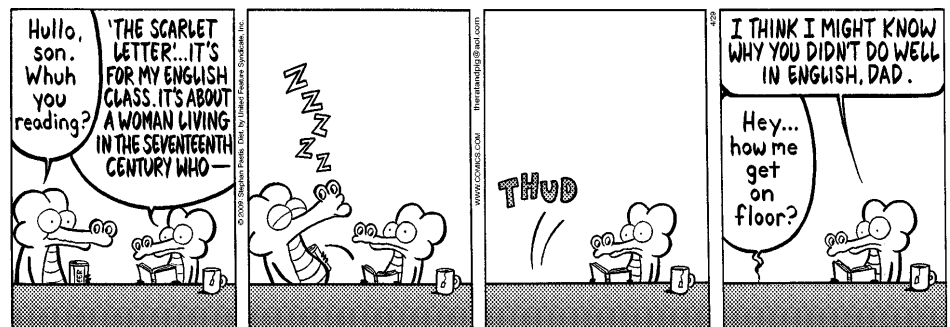
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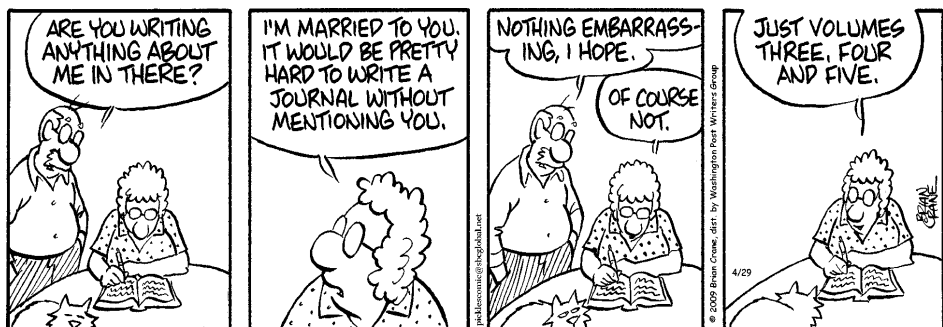
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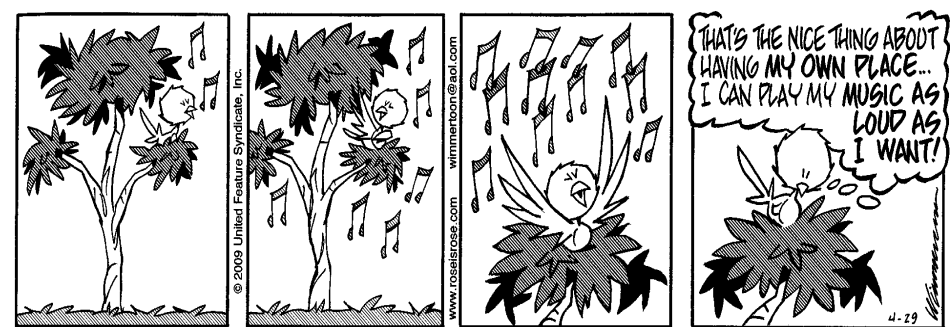
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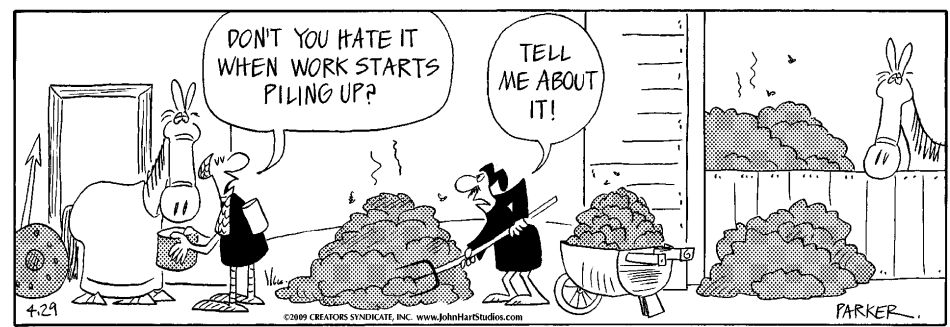
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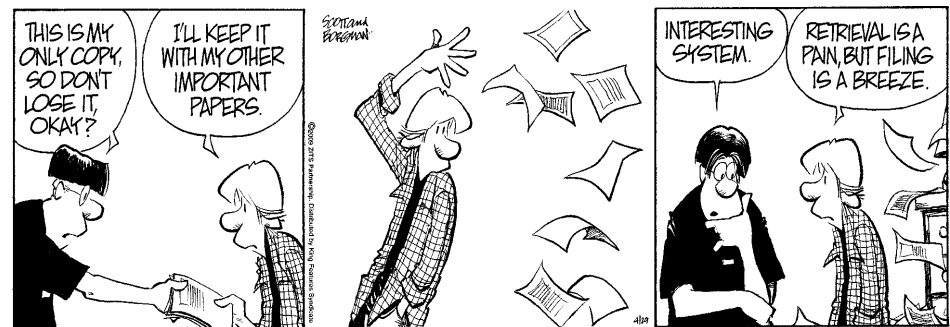
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Judge blocks Idaho Medicaid cuts for disabled

By Todd Dvorak
Associated Press writer

BOISE — A federal judge has blocked proposed cuts in state Medicaid reimbursement payments to private agencies that serve hundreds of severely developmentally disabled children and adults across Idaho.

U.S. District Judge Justin Quackenbush, a senior judge with the Eastern District of Washington, issued a temporary restraining order Tuesday that suspends a reimbursement schedule set to go into effect May 1.

The ruling stems from a lawsuit filed earlier this month by 16 resi-

dential rehabilitation agencies from around the state, challenging a decision by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to cut Medicaid reimbursement payments by as much as 55 percent.

The agencies contend the rate cut would put them out of business, infringe on care provided to more than 2,000 clients, conflict with federal law and violate state law because the rate structure was never vetted by the Idaho Legislature.

Department administrators proposed the rate cuts earlier this year to help meet budget hold-

backs mandated by Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter. The governor ordered a series of holdbacks in late 2008 to offset revenue declines caused by the dismal state and national economies.

Quackenbush, serving as a visiting judge in this case, issued the temporary restraining order at the close of a telephone hearing Tuesday. His written ruling has not yet been filed with the court, but his clerk confirmed the order to the Associated Press.

“The rate change that would have gone into effect May 1 ... would have almost immediately put some of these companies out of business and forced a number of their beneficiaries to lose the care

they rely on,” said James Piotrowski, a Boise attorney for the 16 agencies.

A spokesman for the Department of Health and Welfare did not immediately respond to AP messages seeking comment. The lawsuit names Richard Armstrong, director of the Department of Health and Welfare, and Leslie Clement, administrator of the agency’s Medicaid division.

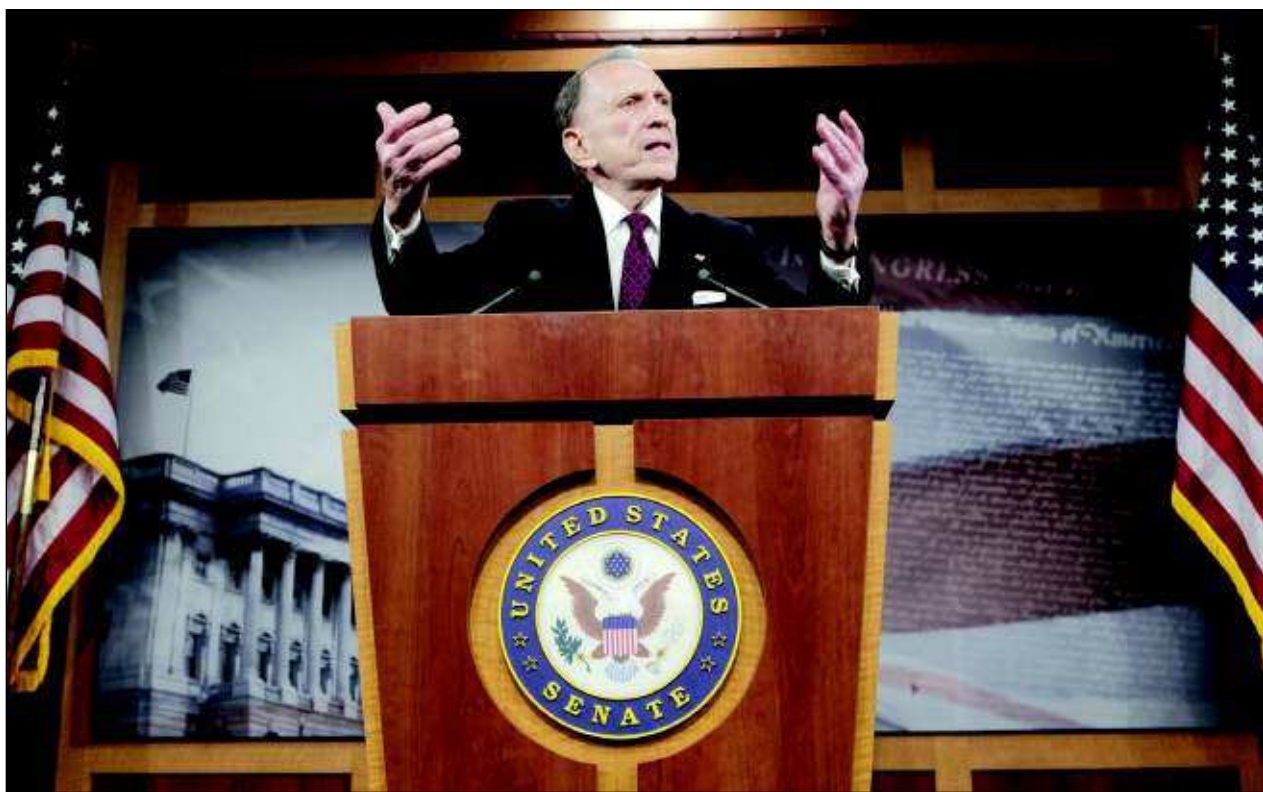
The judge gave lawyers three weeks to file briefs on how to continue with the case. Piotrowski said options could include a settlement or preparations to take the case to trial.

The agencies — located in Boise,

Lewiston, Moscow, Idaho Falls and other cities — represent more than 50 percent of the state’s residential rehabilitation clientele. Those clients include adults and children with autism, Down Syndrome or other mental or emotional developmental challenges.

The agencies contract with the state to provide services and training to people who take care of those clients in their own homes, the homes of family or in other certified, third-party homes. Medicaid reimbursement also covers money management and job training, daily living skills, and community integration, among other things.

Specter bolts



Sen. Arlen Specter, D-Pa., gestures during a news conference on Tuesday in Washington.

AP photo

Senator’s defection a boost for Obama’s agenda

By Paul Kane, Chris Cillizza
and Shaillagh Murray
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania provided a boost to President Barack Obama’s ambitious legislative agenda Tuesday by abandoning the Republican Party in the face of shifting political realities at home and an aggressive courtship by the White House and party leaders.

In an announcement that shocked colleagues on both sides of the aisle, Specter said he had become increasingly uncomfortable as a moderate in a party dominated by conservatives and would join the Democrats. He bluntly admitted that his decision was tied to his belief that he could not win re-election as

a Republican next year.

Although he said he “will not be an automatic 60th vote” for Democrats, Specter’s decision left Democratic Party leaders jubilant. The addition of Specter to their ranks, coupled with the likelihood that the Minnesota Supreme Court will name Al Franken the winner of Minnesota’s disputed Senate race in the coming months, means that Democrats are all but certain to control a filibuster-proof 60-seat majority in the chamber for the first time in about 30 years.

The news came on the eve of Obama’s 100th day in office, and in a phone call shortly after he was informed of the party switch, the president promised Specter his “full support” in attempting to secure another term in

2010. Specter will appear with Obama and Vice President Joe Biden, who helped lead efforts to bring Specter into the party fold, at the White House this morning.

Neither party has controlled 60 or more seats since 1978, and Republicans warned Tuesday that such a majority would give Obama almost unfettered control over the federal government. But Specter vowed to maintain his current policy positions — including opposition to a labor organizing bill and to the nominee Obama has tapped to run the key legal counsel unit at the Justice Department.

But even as Specter vowed his continued independence, Senate Majority Leader Harry M. Reid, D-Nev., later told reporters that there is an

effort under way to refashion the union legislation in an effort to gain Specter’s support. He supported the legislation, known as the Employee Free Choice Act, in 2007 but announced his opposition to the bill in its current form as his Republican primary challenge from former congressman Pat Toomey gained momentum.

Democrats are also hopeful that the move would increase momentum for Obama’s universal health-care plan, given that Specter, who has battled a brain tumor and Hodgkin’s disease, is an ardent advocate of increased spending on medical research and causes.

Specter will retain seniority in the Senate as if he were elected as Democrat when he first took office in 1980.

Court rules FCC ‘fleeting expletive’ rule OK — for now

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court deleted expletives left and right Tuesday in narrowly upholding a government policy that threatens broadcasters with fines over the use of even a single curse word on live television.

But in six separate opinions that used none of the offending words over 69 pages, the justices suggested they could yet find the Federal Communications Commission’s “fleeting expletives” policy unconstitutional. The court said a federal appeals court should weigh whether it violates First Amendment guarantees of free speech.

The precipitating events were live broadcasts of awards shows in which Bono, Cher and Nicole Richie — Justice Antonin Scalia referred to the latter two as “foul-mouthed glitteratae from Hollywood” — let slip or perhaps purposefully said variations of what Scalia called “the F- and S-words.”

By a 5-4 vote, the court threw out a ruling by the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New York. That court had found in favor of a Fox Television-led challenge to the FCC crackdown and had returned the case to the agency for a “reasoned analysis” of its the tougher policy on indecency.

The commission appealed to the Supreme Court instead.

Scalia, writing for the

court, said the FCC policy, adopted in 2004, was “neither arbitrary nor capricious.”

Acting FCC Chairman Michael Copps called the decision “a big win for America’s families.” Copps said the “decision should reassure parents that their children can still be protected from indecent material on the nation’s airwaves.”

Fox expressed disappointment but said it was “optimistic that we will ultimately prevail when the First Amendment issues are fully aired before the courts.”

The FCC toughened its long-standing policy after it concluded that a one-free-expletive rule did not make sense in the context of keeping the air waves free of indecency when children are likely to be watching television.

Under the new FCC rule, some words are deemed to be so offensive that they always evoke sexual or excretory images. So-called fleeting expletives were not treated as indecent before the change.

The policy essentially excludes news programming and some other broadcasts, including ABC’s airing of “Saving Private Ryan” in 2004.

In the short term, the decision probably will lead the justices to reverse a similar appeals court ruling in the FCC’s effort to fine CBS Corp. over Janet Jackson’s wardrobe malfunction at the 2004 Super Bowl.

Deputy U.S. marshal guilty of leaking secrets to mob

By Mike Robinson
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — A deputy U.S. marshal was convicted Tuesday of violating the secrecy of the federal government’s witness protection program by leaking information about a key witness cooperating in a Chicago mob investigation.

Deputy marshal John T. Ambrose, 42, stared straight ahead as jurors returned the verdict after almost three days of deliberation. He was acquitted of two charges of lying to federal agents, and sentencing was set for Sept. 9.

Defense attorney Francis C. Lipuma promised an appeal. “This is far from over, we’re going to keep up the good fight,” the attorney said.

Ambrose, a veteran fugitive hunter with a sterling record until now, is the only person in the 39-year his-



Deputy U.S. marshal John T. Ambrose arrives at federal court in Chicago on April 17. Ambrose was convicted Tuesday of leaking secret information to the mob about a witness in a federal organized crime investigation.

AP photo

S. Shapiro, first assistant U.S. attorney.

The program was established to protect witnesses against mobsters and terrorists who would want to silence them with threats or violence, and Shapiro said the government’s ability to get such witnesses to testify depends on their feeling safe from retaliation.

Lipuma argued Ambrose was an innocent man who may have “shot his mouth off” in boasting about his job to a family friend but never betrayed his oath as a lawman. Prosecutors say the person Ambrose told was a former police officer with known mob ties.

FBI agents first realized there was a leak in the program when they heard two mobsters in a prison visitors room talking about a mole in federal law enforcement.

Witnesses including U.S. Attorney Patrick J. Fitzgerald and the head of

the FBI’s Chicago office, Robert D. Grant, testified that when they confronted Ambrose with evidence he had leaked witness security information he admitted doing so.

Lipuma argued Ambrose was an innocent man who may have “shot his mouth off” in boasting about his job to a family friend but never betrayed his oath as a lawman. Prosecutors said the person Ambrose told had known mob ties and the secrets made their way to a reputed mob boss.

The protected witness whom the leak involved, Nicholas Calabrese, was the only so-called made member of the Chicago Outfit, as this city’s organized crime family calls itself, to switch sides and tell what he knew about mob murders, prosecutors said. Calabrese admitted to taking part in 14 murders himself.

By Brian Skoloff
Associated Press writer

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Florida’s top veterinarian on Tuesday blamed the deaths of 21 elite polo horses on an overdose of a common mineral that helps muscles recover from fatigue.

Florida’s state veterinarian, Dr. Thomas J. Holt, said toxicology tests on the dead horses showed significantly increased selenium levels.

The horses from the Venezuelan-owned Lechuza Caracas team began collapsing April 19 as they were unloaded from trailers at the International Polo Club Palm Beach in Wellington before a championship match. Some died at the scene, others hours later.

“Signs exhibited by the horses and their rapid deaths were consistent with

toxic doses of selenium,” Holt said.

The team was preparing to play in the sport’s U.S. Open and was seen as a top contender.

A Florida pharmacy that mixed a brew of vitamins and minerals for the team on order from its Florida veterinarian said Tuesday that the strength of selenium was incorrect. Jennifer Beckett, chief operating officer for Franck’s Pharmacy in Ocala, Fla., would not say whether the incorrect amount was specified in the veterinarian order or was a pharmacy error.

“We continue to cooperate fully with the authorities as their investigations proceed,” she said. “We cannot discuss further details.”

Lechuza had no comment on the toxicology report.

Swine flu fear catching fast in weak world economy

NEW YORK (AP) — The swine flu outbreak is unleashing a side effect the global economy is in no condition to handle: fear.

Travelers are canceling or delaying trips to Mexico, Cuba banned all flights to its neighbor and Argentina announced Tuesday a five-day ban on flights arriving from Mexico. China, Russia and South Korea have banned imports of some North American pork, despite assurances that the flu is not spread through meat. Investors just starting to regain their nerve have again caught the jitters.

The threat of a pandemic comes just as the world economy is showing the barest glimmerings of what analysts say might be the light at the end of what remains a long, dark tunnel. And now this.

"This is just another negative shock when the economy can least afford another negative shock," said Jay Bryson, global economist at Wachovia Corp.

So far, fear of the flu is at least as responsible for the economic disruption as the disease itself.

The number of confirmed cases in the United States climbed to 66, and federal officials warned that deaths were likely. In New York, the city's health commissioner said "many hundreds" of schoolchildren were ill at a school where some students had confirmed cases.

President Barack Obama

asked Congress for \$1.5 billion in emergency funds to fight the disease.

Economists remember well the financial damage the SARS outbreak inflicted in 2003. An epidemic of that scale or greater could inflict severe damage on a global economy already badly listing.

"On top of a synchronized global financial and economic crisis, an outbreak of swine fever is the last thing we need just now," Neil MacKinnon, chief economist at The ECU Group PLC, based in London, wrote this week.

There are already early signs that swine flu fear is taking an economic toll.

In Mexico City, canceled events and closed movie theaters, night clubs, museums and other establishments are costing at least \$57 million a day, according to city's Chamber of Trade, Services and Tourism.

That's a 36 percent drop in revenue generated by tourism and services in the Mexican capital, chamber president Arturo Mendicuti said.

Royal Caribbean Cruises suspended stops at Mexican ports indefinitely, and Carnival Cruise Lines canceled Mexico port calls through May 4. Norwegian Cruise Line canceled the Norwegian Pearl's final two calls in Mexico this week and said its schedules do not include any other ports in Mexico until the end of September 2009.

Official: Some Gitmo detainees will come to Europe

By Devlin Barrett
Associated Press writer

PRAGUE — U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder asked European officials Tuesday to accept some freed Guantanamo Bay detainees, and one government official at the meeting predicted he'll get his wish.

Meeting with a number of European officials to update extradition and legal cooperation treaties, Holder asked for their help in closing the U.S. military detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

"We had a very frank conversation," Holder said, adding later: "No promises were made."

About 240 inmates are still held at Guantanamo. As many as 60 may not be sent back to their home countries because of concerns they could be mistreated.

When it comes to the prospect of having former international terror suspects living free in society, the Obama administration is trying to overcome the "not in my backyard" sentiment that exists on both sides of the Atlantic.

Ivan Langer, the Czech

minister of interior, told The Associated Press he believes some European nations will accept Guantanamo detainees, though he doesn't think his country will.

"Yes, I expect Europe will take some, and there is a strong will to do so among some countries," said Langer, who opposes such detainees coming to his country.

"We won't accept anybody, because there is a very low chance of integration of such people" in the Czech Republic, Langer said.

He added that it is critical for U.S. authorities to share "maximum information" on the detainees' cases, so European Union officials know exactly who they are accepting into their countries. European leaders are still divided on the issue.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy has already made what was billed as a symbolic gesture of agreeing to take one Guantanamo detainee. An Austrian minister recently said that rather than asking other countries to take detainees, the U.S. should take them.

'More or less stable'



AP photo

Karya Lustig, center, training manager at La Clinica de la Raza, trains clerks Mayra Torres, left, and Angelina Galvan in the use of a respiratory protection mask that can be used for protection from swine flu, Monday in Oakland, Calif. U.S. health officials say that despite their popularity, regular surgical masks don't offer much protection.

Mexico death toll steady as epidemic spreads

By Mark Stevenson
Associated Press writers

MEXICO CITY — The toll from the swine flu epidemic appears to be stabilizing in Mexico, the health secretary said late Tuesday, with only 7 more suspected deaths. But an outbreak of the virus at a New York school showed it is capable of repeated jumps between humans — meaning it can keep spreading around the world.

The new virus suspected in 159 deaths and 2,498 illnesses across Mexico, said Health Secretary Jose Cordova, who called the death toll "more or less stable" even as hospitals are swamped with people who think they have swine flu. And he said only 1,311 suspected swine flu patients remain hospitalized, a sign that treatment works for people who get medical care quickly.

"You can see the total of new cases," Cordova said. "In the last days there has been a drop."

The positive news came hours after Mexico eliminated more reasons to visit the country Tuesday, putting its pyramids and all other archaeological sites off limits nationwide and closing restaurants in the capital for all but take-out food in an aggressive bid to stop gatherings where the virus can spread.

Other countries also took tough measures. The United States stepped up checks of people entering the country and warned Americans to avoid nonessential travel to Mexico. Canada, Israel and France issued similar travel advisories. And Cuba

On the Net
CDC: www.cdc.gov/swineflu/

became the first country to impose an outright ban on travel to the epicenter of the epidemic.

Argentina soon followed with its own ban, and ordered 60,000 visitors who arrived from Canada, Mexico and the U.S. in the past 20 days to contact the Health Ministry.

Experts on epidemics said these kinds of government interventions are ineffective, since this flu — a never-before-seen blend of genetic material from pigs, birds and humans to which people have no natural immunity — is already showing up in too many places for containment efforts to make a difference.

Outside Mexico, confirmed cases were reported for the first time as far away as New Zealand and Israel, joining the United States, Canada, Britain and Spain. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the U.S. has 66 confirmed cases in five states, with 45 in New York, one in Ohio, one in Indiana, two in Kansas, six in Texas and 13 in California.

"Border controls do not work. Travel restrictions do not work," said WHO spokesman Gregory Hartl, recalling the SARS epidemic earlier in the decade that killed 774 people, mostly in Asia, and slowed the global economy.

Instead, they say, governments should do more to provide medical help to people with swine flu symptoms, since the virus is proving to be treatable if diagnosed early.

Swine flu at a glance

Key developments, according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, World Health Organization, and government officials:

- **Deaths:** 159, all in Mexico, 26 confirmed as swine flu and rest suspected.
- **Sickened:** 2,498 suspected or confirmed in Mexico; 66 confirmed in U.S.; 13 confirmed in Canada; two confirmed in Scotland; 14 confirmed in New Zealand; two confirmed in Spain; and two confirmed in Israel.
- **Confirmed U.S. cases, by state:** 45 in New York, 11 in California, six in Texas, two in Kansas and one each in Indiana and Ohio, according to CDC and states.
- **U.S. Food and Drug Administration** issues emergency guidance allowing certain antiviral drugs to be used in broader range of population if needed. Public health emergency declared and roughly 12 million doses of Tamiflu from federal stockpile to be delivered to states.
- **Cuba bans flights** to and from Mexico; Argentina suspends flights from Mexico; U.S., European Union, other countries discourage nonessential travel there. Arriving travelers questioned at Mexico's U.S. border and world airports. Cruise lines avoid Mexico ports.
- **Mexico suspends all schools** until May 6. In U.S., some schools closed in New York City, Texas, California, South Carolina, Connecticut and Ohio.
- **In Mexico City**, surgical masks given to the public, venues closed and public events canceled. President assumed new powers to isolate infected people. World Bank loaning Mexico more than \$200 million.
- **Worldwide:** WHO alert at Phase 4 of 6, meaning disease spreads easily but isn't pandemic.

Mexicans put faith in masks — but do they work?

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The cloth patches in green, blue and white are everywhere, clamped tight over the mouth and nose of teachers, toddlers, policemen and drunks. Even the statue at the church of St. Jude, patron of lost causes, has been fitted with a light-blue surgical mask to ward off swine flu.

But do they work?

While Mexico has handed out millions of facial coverings, U.S. officials have held off, saying there is little evi-

dence of their effectiveness. Some doctors warn they might even be harmful, causing people to take risks — like venturing into crowds or neglecting to wash hands — in the mistaken belief that the mask protects them.

The ubiquitous masks give an eerie, unsettling air to this overcrowded city, as if 20 million people have entered a scene from some kind of apocalyptic future. They're also a reminder of an equally frightening

episode: Technicolor versions of those dotting scratchy black and white photographs from the 1918 Spanish Influenza epidemic, which claimed up to 50 million lives worldwide.

Soldiers hand them out at subway stations. Pharmacies and hardware stores can't keep them in stock. Newspapers have begun running front page instructions on making do-it-yourself mouth coverings. President Felipe Calderon proudly boasted

over the weekend that more than 6 million masks have been distributed.

"They must be worn when one is out in public or in a closed, crowded space," Health Secretary Jose Angel Cordova insisted Monday, while acknowledging in the same breath that the government-distributed masks are too porous to eliminate all risk.

"They still offer enough protection as a public health measure," he offered.

South Korean scientists claim to have cloned glowing dogs



Seoul National University/AP photo

This undated photo shows the world's first transgenic female dog carrying fluorescent genes that make the canine glow red, two days after its birth at Seoul National University in Seoul, South Korea.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korean scientists say they have engineered four beagles that glow red using cloning techniques that could help develop cures for human diseases.

The four dogs, all named "Ruppy" — a combination of the words "ruby" and "puppy" — look like typical beagles by daylight. But they glow red under ultraviolet light, and the dogs' nails and abdomens, which have thin skins, look red even to the naked eye.

Seoul National University professor Lee Byeong-chun, head of the research team, called them the world's first transgenic dogs carrying fluorescent genes, an achievement that goes beyond just

the glowing novelty. "What's significant in this work is not the dogs expressing red colors but that we planted genes into them," Lee told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

His team identified the dogs as clones of a cell donor through DNA tests and earlier this month introduced the achievement in a paper on the Web site of the journal "Genesis."

Scientists in the U.S., Japan and in Europe previously have cloned fluorescent mice and pigs, but this would be the first time dogs with modified genes have been cloned successfully, Lee said.

He said his team took skin cells from a beagle, inserted

fluorescent genes into them and put them into eggs before implanted them into the womb of a surrogate mother, a local mixed breed.

Six female beagles were born in December 2007 through a cloning with a gene that produces a red fluorescent protein that make them glow, he said. Two died, but the four others survived.

The glowing dogs show that it is possible to successfully insert genes with a specific trait, which could lead to implanting other, non-fluorescent genes that could help treat genetic diseases, Lee said.

The scientist said his team has started to implant human disease-related genes in the course of dog cloning, saying

that will help them find new treatments for genetic diseases such as Parkinson's. He refused to provide further details, saying the research was still under way.

A South Korean scientist who created glowing cats in 2007 based on a similar cloning technique said that Lee's puppies are genuine clones, saying he had seen them and had read about them in the journal.

"We can appraise this is a step forward" toward finding cures for human diseases, said veterinary professor Kong Il-keun at South Korea's Gyeongsang National University. "What is important now is on what specific diseases (Lee's team) will focus on."



Mariners salvage split at Chicago

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PRIDE FACTOR



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Burley's Christian Winmill slides into second base ahead of the throw to Minico shortstop Landon Barnes during the Spartans' 13-6 win Tuesday.

Minico continues dominance over Burley

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Technically, the seedings for the Class 4A District IV baseball tournament were already set heading into Tuesday's regular-season finale between Minico and Burley.

Thanks to a tiebreaker Minico owned over Jerome, the Spartans already had the No. 1 seed wrapped up and Burley was locked at No. 3.

Still, the Spartans weren't about to allow their decade-long winning streak over their rivals die.

"Honestly, this game meant a lot to us," said Minico pitcher Casey Christiansen after Minico's 13-6 victory. "With it being Burley it's pride. A rivalry game, that's what it's all about."

Christiansen threw a complete game, striking out

eight and walking two. He retired Burley's batters in order in the fourth, fifth and sixth. However, the sophomore wasn't completely satisfied.

"Today was the worst outing I've had in a month or two," Christiansen said. "I didn't locate pitches — even when I got outs I wasn't locating very well. Luckily the offense picked it up today."

Landon Barnes batted 3-for-4 with three RBIs and Chris Joyce was 3-for-4 with two RBIs to lead Minico. Alex Moon finished 3-for-5 with two RBIs, Christiansen went 2-for-4 with two RBIs and Pete Coats was 2-for-4 with two RBIs.

The biggest damage came in the third inning when Minico sent 13 batters to the plate and scored seven runs. "That's the key. We lose

by seven, and they had a seven-run inning," said Burley coach Devin Kunz. "They got the barrel on the ball and competed harder than us at the plate."

Despite Minico's strong showing at the plate, the Spartans left several runners stranded. They loaded the bases in both the fifth and sixth, but only came away with two runs.

"We haven't gotten that killer instinct yet," said Minico coach Ben Frank. "Tonight we had a couple opportunities to put the game away short of seven. I don't think it's intensity level. We just gotta figure out how to put teams away when we've got a chance. We give them too many opportunities late in games to come back."

Burley's Christian Winmill batted 3-for-4 with a single, double and triple.

"I want to win every game, but today was for senior night," said Kunz. "It didn't matter. If we win by 10, what does it do? It does nothing. I would have liked to play better, don't get me wrong, but Saturday is our key."

Burley (9-17, 2-4 GBW) will be at No. 2 seed Jerome at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Minico (16-11, 5-1 GBW) will host No. 4 seed Wood River in the opening round of districts at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Minico 13, Burley 6
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Casey Christiansen and Alex Moon; Edgar Perez, Jake Mills (3) Fonzie Sanchez (5), Joe Ferrin (6), Nelson Geary (7) and Kody Moon. W: Christiansen. L: Mills. Extra-base hits - 2B: Minico, Barak Frank, Landon Barnes, Moon, Pete Coats; Burley, Christian Winmill, Sam Harris. 3B: Burley, Winmill.

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Handicapping Kentucky Derby a tough challenge

By Beth Harris
Associated Press writer



2 p.m., Saturday, NBC

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Trying to figure out how 20 unpredictable 3-year-old colts will fare in the Kentucky Derby is tough enough. Throw in the fact that some will be racing on dirt for the first time while others are coming off synthetic surfaces makes it a handicapping nightmare.

"I'm just glad I'm not a gambler," said trainer Jeff Mullins, who will saddle I Want Revenge on Saturday. "I had a hard time when it was just conventional dirt."

Questions abound every spring about the newest crop of 3-year-olds. Can they handle running 1 1/4 miles? How will they fare in the calvary charge to the first turn? Will they contend with what's likely to be the largest and most talented

field they'll ever run against?

The introduction of synthetic tracks in California and at Keeneland in Lexington three years ago turned handicapping the Kentucky Derby into an even bigger guessing game. This year's group of contenders prepped on a variety of surfaces, and even in California, the composition of synthetic tracks at Santa Anita and Hollywood Park varies.

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AP photo

San Antonio Spurs guard Tony Parker (9) walks up the court after the Spurs were called for a foul during the second quarter of Game 5 of a first-round Western Conference NBA playoff basketball game against the Dallas Mavericks in San Antonio, Tuesday. Dallas center Erick Dampier is in background.

Mavericks out Spurs from playoffs

SAN ANTONIO — Dirk Nowitzki scored 31 points and the Dallas Mavericks won a playoff series for the first time since 2006, eliminating the San Antonio Spurs in five games with a 106-93 victory Tuesday night.

It is the first time San Antonio has lost in the opening round since 2000, one year after the Spurs won their first of four NBA titles. San Antonio was the third seed, but throughout the series it was Dallas that clearly looked like the higher-slotted team.

The Mavericks advance to the Western Conference semifinals to play either Denver or New Orleans. The Nuggets lead that series 3-1 and can finish off the Hornets on Wednesday at Denver.

Tim Duncan scored 30 and Tony Parker had 26 but once again got little help — the story of the series for the two-dimensional Spurs.

Jason Terry had 19 points for Dallas.



Tuesday's scores

Boston 106, Chicago 104, OT
Orlando 91, Philadelphia 78
Dallas 106, San Antonio 93
Portland 88, Houston 77

Today's games
Miami at Atlanta, 6 p.m., TNT
New Orleans at Denver, 8:30 p.m., TNT

INSIDE

Celtics, Magic and Blazers edge out wins.

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Getting to the West semifinals is a dramatic turn for the Mavericks, who were a borderline playoff team as late as March and got a public lashing from owner Mark Cuban after a listless loss to woeful Oklahoma City. Dallas pulled together to win

See **PLAYOFFS**, Sports 2

6 Olympians test positives in doping retests

Two medalists among six, names not released

The Associated Press

LONDON — The IOC is still uncovering drug cheats eight months after the Beijing Olympics ended.

The International Olympic Committee, staying true to its pledge to fight doping, said Tuesday that six athletes have been nabbed by retesting their blood samples for CERA, an advanced version of the blood-boosting hormone EPO.

A person familiar with the results told The Associated Press the latest tests caught three track and field athletes, two cyclists and one weightlifter.

The person, speaking on condition of anonymity because the names haven't been released by the IOC, said a male track and field athlete who won only one gold medal was one of the athletes. The other medalist was in cycling.

The IOC did not identify the athletes or sports involved, saying it was notifying the competitors through their national Olympic committees.

The Italian Olympic

Committee said one of the six was an Italian athlete, though it declined to name him. The Italian news agency ANSA identified him as cyclist Davide Rebellin, silver medalist in the road race.

U.S. Olympic Committee spokesman Darryl Seibel said the federation hadn't received notification from the IOC of any adverse findings involving a U.S. athlete.

"Unless we hear otherwise, we are treating no news as good news," Seibel said.

The IOC reanalyzed a total of 948 samples from Beijing after new lab tests for CERA and insulin

became available following the Olympics. The testing began in January and focused mainly on endurance events in cycling, rowing, swimming and athletics.

"The further analysis of the Beijing samples that we conducted should send a clear message that cheats can never assume that they have avoided detection," said Arne Ljungqvist, chairman of the IOC medical commission.

Coaches, athletes and anti-doping organizations welcomed the announcement, saying it helps restore

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AP photo

Utah Jazz forwards Carlos Boozer, right, and Jarron Collins, left, watch from the bench during the second half of Game 5 of their first-round playoff series against the Los Angeles Lakers in Los Angeles on Monday.

Jazz quickly slide out of playoffs

By Doug Alden
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Jazz's stay in the playoffs has been getting progressively shorter.

Utah's season is over after a lopsided series loss to the Los Angeles Lakers in the first round, leaving the Jazz with a very uncertain future as they consider how to improve and who they will have to do it.

"I don't know if we can keep everybody, but hopefully we can keep most of the team intact," point guard Deron Williams said Tuesday as the Jazz cleaned out their lockers.

The season ended Monday night with a 107-96 loss to the Lakers in Game 5 of the opening-round series. It may well have been the last game as a member of the Jazz for several of the players whose contracts are either

up or could be up if they decide to opt out and become free agents.

Carlos Boozer, Mehmet Okur and Kyle Korver all have options on the one year remaining on their contracts, which could either cost or save Utah almost \$27 million next season.

All three said Tuesday that they would like to return to the Jazz, but would have to evaluate their options between now and the June

30 deadline.

"I do want to stay here," Boozer said. "I think we have a lot of great pieces in place and a very talented team."

A year after bringing back 13 players, the Jazz could lose up to nine as free agents this summer.

With virtually no turnover last summer, expectations were high for the Jazz to make a run for the Western

See **JAZZ**, Sports 2

Fedorov's late goal completes Capitals' comeback

WASHINGTON — Thanks to sage old Sergei Fedorov and a monumental comeback, the Washington Capitals are headed to the second round of the NHL playoffs for the first time in more than a decade.

Fedorov beat Henrik Lundqvist with 4:59 left in the third period, and the Capitals edged the New York Rangers 2-1 in Game 7 of their Eastern Conference quarterfinal Tuesday night, becoming the 21st team in NHL history to win a series after trailing 3-1.

It's also the franchise's first series victory since the 1997-98 season, when Washington made it all the way to the Stanley Cup finals.

The Capitals will face Pittsburgh next.

EASTERN CONFERENCE HURRICANES 4, DEVILS 3

NEWARK, N.J. — The Carolina Hurricanes stole their thrilling first-round series from the New Jersey Devils in the final 80 seconds.

Jussi Jokinen and Eric Staal scored in a 48-second span late in the third period and the Hurricanes stunned the Devils 4-3 in Game 7 of their first-round Eastern Conference playoff series Tuesday night.

It was the second shocking loss for the Devils in the series. They lost Game 4 on a goal by Jokinen with 0.2 seconds to play.

Carolina next plays top-seeded Boston.

— The Associated Press

Mariners blast ChiSox to salvage split

CHICAGO — Yuniesky Betancourt drove in five runs, Russell Branyan had a career-high five hits and the Mariners salvaged a doubleheader split with the White Sox by winning 9-1 after falling 2-1 in the opener.

In the opener, Bartolo Colon pitched seven strong innings and Paul Konerko hit a two-run double, leading Chicago to a brisk victory. At 1 hour, 52 minutes, it was the fastest game in the majors this season, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Betancourt matched a career high with four hits, including a three-run homer. Branyan finished 5 of 5 for the Mariners, who compiled a season-high 19 hits.

Felix Hernandez (4-0) coasted through eight scoreless innings, striking out nine. The 23-year-old right-hander allowed four hits and one walk.

In the opener, Mariners starter Chris Jakubauskas (1-3) was a hard-luck loser in his first career complete game, a two-hitter. The White Sox were held to just seven hits on the day.



AP photo

Seattle Mariners starting pitcher Felix Hernandez delivers during the second game of a doubleheader against the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday in Chicago.

YANKEES 11, TIGERS 0

DETROIT — Phil Hughes went six innings in his first start and left fielder Josh Anderson's error led to a 10-run seventh inning as the Yankees ended a four-game losing streak.

INDIANS 9, RED SOX 8

CLEVELAND — Mark DeRosa had four hits and scored from second base on an error with two outs in the ninth inning as the Indians

beat the Red Sox, snapping their 11-game winning streak.

ANGELS 7, ORIOLES 5

BALTIMORE — Joe Saunders allowed two earned runs in six innings, Howie Kendrick homered, and the Angels beat the Orioles to secure their first winning streak of the season.

RANGERS 5, ATHLETICS 4

ARLINGTON, Texas —

Nelson Cruz hit a tiebreaking single in the eighth inning to make up for a costly error, and the Rangers beat the Athletics.

TWINS 4, RAYS 3

MINNEAPOLIS — Justin Morneau hustled to beat out a potential double play and allow the winning run to score in the ninth inning and hit an early two-run homer, leading the Twins past the Rays.

BLUE JAYS 8, ROYALS 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Scott Richmond pitched seven sharp innings, Vernon Wells drove in three runs and the Blue Jays beat the Royals.

NATIONAL LEAGUE PHILLIES 7, NATIONALS 1

PHILADELPHIA — Chase Utley homered twice and drove in three runs, Pedro Feliz added a three-run shot and Philadelphia notched its fifth straight victory.

MARLINS 7, METS 4

NEW YORK — Jorge Cantu homered twice and drove in five runs and the Marlins ended one of the wilder rides in baseball his-

tory, beating the Mets to snap a seven-game losing streak.

BRAVES 2, CARDINALS 1

ATLANTA — Matt Diaz drove in two runs with a bases-loaded single off Kyle McClellan in the eighth inning, rallying the Braves to a win over the Cardinals.

ASTROS 8, REDS 3

CINCINNATI — Wandy Rodriguez allowed one run in seven innings and Ivan Rodriguez homered and doubled, helping the Astros extend their three-year winning streak at Great American Ball Park over the Reds.

BREWERS 6, PIRATES 5

MILWAUKEE — Trevor Hoffman saved his first game with the Brewers and Bill Hall and Rickie Weeks homered in the sixth inning to rally Milwaukee.

PADRES 4, ROCKIES 3

DENVER — Luis Rodriguez laced a scor-ing pinch-hit single through a drawn-in infield in the ninth.

— The Associated Press

Favre released by Jets, free to sign with any team

NEW YORK — Brett Favre was released from the reserve-retired list by the New York Jets on Tuesday night, making the quarterback a free agent if he decides to again come out of retirement.

When Favre was dealt to New York from Green Bay in August, there were conditions in the trade that required the Packers to be compensated if the Jets moved the three-time MVP. Those no longer apply if he signs elsewhere.

The 39-year-old Favre, who spent one disappointing season with New York,

had requested the move several weeks ago through agent Bus Cook, but insisted he has no plans to come out of retirement for a 19th season.

"Nothing has changed," Favre said in a statement. "At this time, I am retired and have no intention of returning to football."

Jets general manager Mike Tannenbaum also said Favre had not indicated to him any desire to come back.

That, of course, won't stop any of the likely speculation that Favre could end up with any number of teams, especially if the torn

biceps tendon that hampered him for much of last season has healed.

ARIZONA RELEASES RB JAMES

PHOENIX — The Arizona Cardinals granted running back Edgerrin James' wish to be released on Tuesday and cut two others who played significant roles in the team's run to the Super Bowl.

While James' move was anticipated, the release of cornerback Rod Hood and defensive end Travis LaBoy was not.

The moves clear salary cap space for the Cardinals, who want to sign new deals with linebacker Karlos

Dansby and safety Adrian Wilson, and eventually with unhappy wide receiver Anquan Boldin.

James, Hood and LaBoy combined were to have made \$10 million next season, but because of the \$7.5 million signing bonus given to LaBoy a year ago, the cap savings will be several million dollars less than what the three would have earned. Still, it gives spending room to a franchise that had been just below the salary ceiling.

James was benched for seven games earlier in 2008, the first time that's happened in his career, and he asked the team to release

him then. The Cardinals refused, and he was reinserted into the lineup late in the season.

SPOLES SIGNS RICH 1-YEAR DEAL WITH CHARGERS

SAN DIEGO — Chargers running back Darren Sproles on Tuesday signed the \$6,621,000 million contract he was tendered as the team's franchise player.

Sproles had been scheduled to become an unrestricted free agent before the Chargers tagged him as their franchise player. His pay is the average of what the top five running backs in the league are paid.

— The Associated Press

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ALL sealed Bids must be received by 5:00 P.M., on May 4, 2009. ALL Sealed Bids will be opened at 10:30 A.M., on May 5, 2009 at the Idaho Transportation Department, Supply Services Purchasing Unit located at 3311 West State Street, Boise, Idaho. Bidders and other interested parties are invited to be present at the bid opening. The scope of work consists of furnishing all materials, equipment, and labor for District 4 (District-wide) Roadside Mowing at various locations throughout the district.

The Idaho Transportation Department reserves the right to reject all bids or to accept the bid deemed best for the State of Idaho. Dated this 16th day of April, 2009

SHERRY JENKINS
PURCHASING AGENT
IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

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JEROME JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 261
Jerome, Gooding, and Lincoln Counties, Idaho

NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOND ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution adopted on April 16, 2009, of the Board of Trustees of Jerome Joint School District No. 261, a Special Bond Election will be held in the District on

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2009

from the hours of 12:00 o'clock noon to 9:00 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of voting upon the question and proposition of issuing general obligation school bonds in the principal amount of \$15,800,000 for the purpose of financing the costs of acquiring and constructing an addition to and remodel of the Jerome High School building and furnishing and equipping the same, including all lighting, heating, ventilation, water and sanitation facilities and appliances necessary to maintain and operate said facilities, together with costs and fees related thereto.

The total estimated cost of the Project is \$15,800,000, all of which is to be paid from the sale of the proposed bond issue.

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

SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF JEROME JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 261 BE AUTHORIZED TO INCUR AN INDEBTEDNESS AND ISSUE THE GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS OF THE DISTRICT IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$15,800,000, TO BECOME DUE IN SUCH INSTALLMENTS AS MAY BE FIXED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THE FINAL INSTALLMENT TO FALL DUE TWENTY (20) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COSTS OF ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION TO AND REMODELING OF THE JEROME HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING AND FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING THE SAME, INCLUDING ALL LIGHTING, HEATING, VENTILATION, WATER AND SANITATION FACILITIES AND APPLIANCES NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN AND OPERATE THE FACILITIES, AND CONSTRUCTING OR REPAIRING OTHER SCHOOL BUILDINGS OR FACILITIES OF THE DISTRICT, TOGETHER WITH RELATED COSTS AND FEES, ALL AS PROVIDED IN THE RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADOPTED ON APRIL 16, 2009?

The following information is required by Section 34-439, Idaho Code:

The interest rate anticipated on the proposed bonds is 4.95% per annum. The range of anticipated rates is from 2.50% to 5.50% per annum. The District has existing indebtedness in the amount of \$27,571,599. The total amount to be repaid over the life of the proposed bonds, principal and interest, based on the anticipated interest rate, is estimated to be \$26,678,688. The District intends to apply for Qualified School Construction Bond status for a portion of the bonds as authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Issuance of a portion of the bonds as Qualified School Construction Bonds could result in an overall interest rate saving on the District's bonds. Qualified electors may vote at the following polling places between the hours of 12:00 o'clock Noon and 9:00 o'clock P.M. on May 21, 2009:

Horizon Elementary
934 10th Avenue East
Jerome, Idaho

Jefferson Elementary
600 North Fillmore
Jerome, Idaho

Jerome High School
104 Tiger Drive
Jerome, Idaho

Chris Gibson's Residence
3012 South 2400 East
Jerome, Idaho

Summit Elementary
200 10th Ave. West
Jerome, Idaho

Jerome Middle School
520 10th Ave. West
Jerome, Idaho

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

The Clerk of Jerome County, Idaho, is the Registrar of the District for the electors of the District, and the place of registration for such electors is the Jerome County Courthouse, Jerome, Idaho. The Clerk of Gooding County, Idaho, is the Registrar of the District for the electors residing within Gooding County, and the place of registration for such electors is the Gooding County Courthouse, Gooding, Idaho. The Clerk of Lincoln County, Idaho, is the Registrar of the District for the electors residing within Lincoln County, and the place of registration for such electors is the Lincoln County Courthouse, Shoshone, Idaho. Persons may register on each business day at any time during office hours of the County Clerk until April 27, 2009. No qualified elector of the District who is duly registered as a voter, and who continues to reside at the same address in which he or she is registered, shall be required to re-register.

Any person who is eligible to vote may register on election day by appearing in person at a polling place established for the election, by completing a registration card, making an oath on the form prescribed by law, and providing proof of residence in the manner provided by Section 34-408A, Idaho Code, as amended.

Any qualified elector who may apply to the District Clerk for an absentee ballot. The application must be in writing, must be signed by the applicant, and must contain the name of the elector, his/her home address, and the address to which the ballot shall be forwarded. An application for a mail-in absentee ballot must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on the sixth day before the election. An application for in-person absentee voting must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election, and absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 9:00 p.m. of the day of election in order to be counted. Application for an absentee ballot may be made by using a facsimile machine. The District's facsimile number is (208) 324-7609.

If at said election two-thirds (2/3) of the qualified electors voting at such election assent to the issuance of said bonds for the purposes set forth in the Resolution of April 16, 2009, the general obligation school bonds of the District will be issued for said purposes, which bonds will mature annually over a period which may be less than but which will not exceed twenty-one (21) years from their date, will bear interest at a rate or rates agreeable to the District, and will be payable from taxes levied upon all taxable property within the District.

DATED this 16th day of April, 2009.
JEROME JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 261
Jerome, Gooding, and Lincoln Counties, Idaho
/s/Linda Hadan
Chairperson of the Board of Trustees
ATTEST:
/s/Linda Adams
District Clerk

PUBLISH: April 22, 29 and May 2, 2009

NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

IMPORTANT

Please address all legal advertising to:

LEGAL ADVERTISING

The Times-News
PO Box 548

Twin Falls, Idaho
83303-0548

email to:

legals@magicvalley.com

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

COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DESIGN/BUILD SERVICES

The College of Southern Idaho is seeking the services of a Public Works Licensed Contractor/Construction Manager to design, write specifications and complete the construction of a 30,000 square foot professional technical building, the remodeling/addition to the existing Desert Building and associated projects.

Funding for the 30,000 square foot building project has not been secured at this time.

Services required include, but are not limited to: design, construction document preparation, cost estimation, project bidding, administration of construction contracts, scheduling, construction quality control, construction surveying, and production of record drawings.

Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 6, 2009, in the office of the Vice President of Administration in the Taylor Administration Building, 315 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho and then publicly opened. The outside of the package should clearly indicate "Design Build Proposal Enclosed".

For additional information, proposal specifications and procedures, contact Mike Mason at the College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301 or telephone 208-732-6203.

The College reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any formalities and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the College.

John M. Mason
Vice President of Administration

PUBLISH: April 22 and 29, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: April 17, 2009 File No.: 7777.29322 Sale date and time (local time): August 19, 2009 at 11:00 AM Sale location: outside the main entrance of the Minidoka County Courthouse, 711 'G' Street Rupert, ID 83350 Property address: 618 West Doris Avenue Paul, ID 83347 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Judy M. Braden, a single woman Original trustee: Land Title and Escrow, Inc. Original beneficiary: Wells Fargo Financial Idaho, Inc. Recording date: September 26, 2005 Recorder's instrument number: 480497 County: Minidoka Sum owing on the obligation: as of April 17, 2009: \$58,181.31 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: Lot 7 in Block 2 of the Rich Subdivision, according to the official plat thereof, now on file in the office of the County Recorder, Minidoka County, Idaho, recorded January 5, 1971 as Document No. 213876, Minidoka County records. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7777.29322) 1002.118397-FE1

PUBLISH: April 29, May 6, 13 and 20, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Trustee's Sale No. 02-FHF-73350 Notice is hereby given that Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 08/21/2009, at the hour of 02:00 P.M. of said day, Front steps of the Jerome County Courthouse, 300 North Lincoln, Jerome, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of Jerome, State of Idaho, to-wit: Lot 11 in block 4 of F.R. Mann subdivision no. 2, to the City of Jerome, Jerome County, Idaho, as the same is platted in the official plat thereof, now of record in the office of the recorder of said county. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 412 Glacier Drive, Jerome, ID 83338, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Roy E. Wallace and Neva M. Wallace, husband and wife, as Grantor, to First American Title Company, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Beneficial Mortgage Co. of Idaho, as beneficiary, dated 4/20/2006 recorded 4/21/2006 under Instrument No. 2062252. Mortgage records of Jerome County, Idaho, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by Beneficial Mortgage Co. of Idaho. The above Grantors are named to comply with Section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust Note dated 4/20/2006, the monthly payment which became due on 4/25/2008 and all subsequent monthly payments, plus late charges and other costs and fees as set forth. Amount due as of April 17, 2009. Delinquent Payments from April 25, 2008 8 payments at \$936.11 each \$7,488.88 4 payments at \$1,037.70 each \$4,150.80 (04/25/08 through 04/17/09) Late Charges: \$514.80 Beneficiary Advances: \$438.50 Suspense Credit: \$0.00 Total: \$12,592.98 All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$113,375.03, together with interest thereon at 9.140% per annum from 3/25/2008 to 12/25/2008, 9.140% per annum from 12/25/2008, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same. Dated: 4/17/2009 Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC Trustee By Kara Lansberry, Assistant Trustee Officer c/o Regional Trustee Services Corporation, 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2550 Sale Information: <http://www.trustee.com> ASAP# 3075828

PUBLISH: April 29, May 6, 13 and 20, 2009

NOTICES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: March 31, 2009 File No.: 7023.19899 Sale date and time (local time): July 31, 2009 at 11:00 AM Sale location: outside the main entrance of the Minidoka County Courthouse, 711 'G' Street Rupert, ID 83350 Property address: 709 17th Street Rupert, ID 83350 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Benjamin R. Walters and Dee Ann Hull, an unmarried man and an unmarried woman Original trustee: Titlefact, Inc. Original beneficiary: First Federal Savings Bank of Twin Falls Recording date: March 24, 1994 Recorder's instrument number: 411869 County: Minidoka Sum owing on the obligation: as of March 31, 2009: \$37,365.98 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: Lot 6 in Block 1 of Jensen Subdivision to the City of Rupert, Minidoka County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof, now on file in the office of the County Recorder, Minidoka County, Idaho, recorded September 22, 1969 as Instrument No. 205948, Minidoka County records. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7023.19899) 1002.115884-FE1

PUBLISH: April 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Loan No. 0021575030 T.S. NO.: 09-01972-6-ID On 8/10/09 at 11:00am (recognized local time), AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO TWIN FALLS TITLE & ESCROW LOCATED AT 905 SHOSHONE STREET NORTH, TWIN FALLS, ID 83303, in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company as successor Trustee on behalf of INSIGHT FUNDING GROUP, INC. 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: LOT 3 IN BLOCK 1 OF PARK VIEW ESTATES SUBDIVISION P.U.D. PHASE 3, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN BOOK 19 OF PLATS AT PAGE(S) 8, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 467 CLOVER AVENUE, TWIN FALLS, ID 83301, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by: JOE R SAQUETON, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, As grantors, To: CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE, As Trustee, for the benefit and security of INSIGHT FUNDING GROUP, INC., As Beneficiary, dated 5/9/06, recorded 5/12/06, as Instrument No. 2006-011494, of the records of TWIN FALLS County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code, No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 5/12/06. The monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds (if applicable) of \$910.34, due per month from 1/1/09 through 8/10/09, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$163,082.41, plus accrued interest at the rate of 5.00000% per annum from 12/1/08. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: 4/10/09 By: Fidelity National Title Insurance Company 17911 Von Kaman Ave, Suite 275, Irvine, CA 92614 949-622-5730/Lisa Bradford, Authorized Signor ASAP# 3061686

PUBLISH: April 29, May 6, 13 and 20, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No. 200900120-31885 Loan No. IMO50-70A931 On 07/17/2009 at 10:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Jerome, State of Idaho: In the front lobby of Land Title & Escrow located at 237 N. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338, Pioneer Lenders Trustee Services, LLC, as Trustee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Jerome, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Lot 55, in Block 2 of Tiger Hills Subdivision located in part of the E 1/2, NE 1/4 of Section 18, Township 8 south, range 17 east, Boise Meridian, as the same is platted in the official plat thereof, recorded May 6, 2002 and instrument number 2022250, City of Jerome, County of Jerome, State of Idaho. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 1447 Winter Lane, Jerome, Idaho 83338, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Albino Ortega and Maria Heredia also know as Maria Rocio Heredia, as grantors, to Underwriters Surety Inc., Trustee, for the benefit and security of Gonzales & Gonzales Bonds and Insurance Agency, Inc., as Beneficiary, dated 01/16/2008, and recorded on 02/04/2008, as Instrument No. #2080608, of Official Records of Jerome County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 01/16/2008. The monthly installments of principal interest and impounds (if applicable) of \$10,000.00, which became due on 12/30/2008 with interest due from 12/30/2008, and Renewal Fee in the amount of \$1,000.00 which became due 12/30/2008, pursuant to the terms of the Note and Deed of Trust, together with late charges, advances, assessments and attorney fees. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$10,000.00, plus accruing interest at the rate of 12% per annum from 12/30/2008. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Melmet Default Services, Inc., 1820 E. First Street, Suite 410, Santa Ana, CA 92705-4063 Sale Information Line: 714-259-7850 Reinstatement and Pay-Off Requests: (714) 480-5472 This is an attempt to collect a debt and information obtained will be used for that purpose. Date: 3/8/09 Pioneer Lenders Trustee Services, LLC By: Kara Lansberry, Assistant Trustee Officer ASAP# 3026493

PUBLISH: April 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2009

NOTICES

COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO INVITATION TO BID VIDEO MATRIX AND PTZ CONTROL SYSTEM

Sealed bids for a Video Matrix and PTZ Control System will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, 2009, in the office of the Vice President of Finance in the Taylor Administration Building, 315 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho and then publicly opened.

Bids must be sent or delivered to the above address on or before the above listed date and time to be accepted. The outside of the envelope should clearly indicate 'SEALED BID ENCLOSED'. For complete bid specifications, procedures, bid forms and additional information contact Ken Campbell at the College of Southern Idaho, PO Box 1238, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1238 by telephone 208-732-6243 or email at kcampbell@csi.edu.

The College reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any formalities and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the College.

John M. Mason
Vice President of Finance

PUBLISH: April 29 and May 6, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: April 17, 2009 File No.: 7023.00998 Sale date and time (local time): August 19, 2009 at 11:00 AM Sale location: outside the main entrance of the Minidoka County Courthouse, 711 'G' Street Rupert, ID 83350 Property address: 207 17th Street Heyburn, ID 83336 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: **Marvin W. Gale**, an unmarried man and **Patty S. O'Dwyer**, an unmarried woman Original trustee: First American Title Insurance Company Original beneficiary: Northwest Mortgage, Inc. Recording date: September 25, 1996 Recorder's instrument number: 426226 County: Minidoka Sum owing on the obligation: as of April 17, 2009: \$82,450.67 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 54 of the original township of Heyburn, Minidoka County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof, now on file in the office of the County Recorder, Minidoka County, Idaho. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7023.00998) 1002.118386-FE1

PUBLISH: April 29, May 6, 13 and 20, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: April 19, 2009 File No.: 7307.23045 Sale date and time (local time): August 19, 2009 at 11:00 AM Sale location: outside the main entrance of the Minidoka County Courthouse, 711 'G' Street Rupert, ID 83350 Property address: 125 West 400 Lane South Rupert, ID 83350 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: **Jim C. Hamilton, Stephanie R. Hamilton**, husband and wife Original trustee: First American Title Insurance Co. Original beneficiary: ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. Recording date: June 10, 2004 Recorder's instrument number: 472783 County: Minidoka Sum owing on the obligation: as of April 19, 2009: \$101,564.98 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: Parcel No. 1: Township 10 South, Range 24 East of the Boise Meridian, Minidoka County, Idaho. Section 18: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 18; thence West 552 feet to the point of the beginning; thence West 200 feet; thence South 217.80 feet; thence East 200 feet; thence North 217.80 feet to the point of the beginning. Parcel No. 2: A right of way, as created of record by quitclaim deed recorded January 14, 1998 as Document No. 433237, Minidoka County records, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Section 18, Township 10 South, Range 24 East, Boise Meridian; thence West 752 feet; thence South 20 feet; thence East 752 feet; thence North 20 feet to the point of the beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7307.23045) 1002.118271-FE1

PUBLISH: April 29, May 6, 13 and 20, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: March 29, 2009 File No.: 7104.11849 Sale date and time (local time): July 31, 2009 at 11:00 AM Sale location: outside the main entrance of the Minidoka County Courthouse, 711 'G' Street Rupert, ID 83350 Property address: 977 N 700 E Rupert, ID 83350 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: **Mazel H. Hammond and Shyla R. Hammond**, as husband and wife Original trustee: Land Title & Escrow Inc. Original beneficiary: Chase Bank USA, N.A. Recording date: September 27, 2006 Recorder's instrument number: 486936 County: Minidoka Sum owing on the obligation: as of March 29, 2009: \$109,089.27 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: Township 9 South, Range 25 East, Boise Meridian, Minidoka County, Idaho. Section 4: A part of the E1/2 NE1/4, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Section 4; Thence South 0 degrees 10' East 1129.82 feet to a point which shall be known as the True Point of Beginning; Thence South 0 degrees 10' East, 189.39 feet along the East Section line; Thence North 89 degrees 12' West, 230.0 feet; Thence North 0 degrees 10' West, 189.39 feet; Thence South 89 degrees 12' East, 230.0 feet to the True Point of Beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7104.11849) 1002.115727-FE1

PUBLISH: April 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 2009

Classified Deadlines

For line ads
Tues. - Sat. - 1 p.m.
the day before.
For Sun. & Mon.
2 p.m. Friday.

100 Announcements

101 Lost and Found

FOUND Cat, black/white, male, broken tail, neutered, found in Jerome. 324-2488 after 1:30 pm.

FOUND elderly male dog, black and tan, blind and deaf. City of Wendell 208-536-5161.

FOUND Mama Cat, pure white with bobbed tail. Has a sweet, gentle personality. 208-678-4121.

FOUND Personal photos 04/24/09 at Jerome Waimart. Please call 208-404-1337 to claim.

FOUND Rottweiler near Swensen's in Burley. Please call 312-3082.

FOUND tool box. Fell from red pick-up truck April 24th by La Costa. Call 734-7974 or stop by to identify

LOST Cocker Spaniel puppy, male, black with white specks on his feet and legs, very small, not neutered, had collar and tags, lost on 4/15. Reward! Please call 208-410-9609

LOST Copper Fireman Plaques inadvertently sold at a yard sale in Buhl. Belongs to deceased fireman's family. Will pay what you paid for their return. Call Doug 308-5266.

LOST Jack Russel male neutered 10 years old. White with black spots and black face. Answers to Nash. Lost south of Kimberly by Pleasant Valley Golf Course. Last seen Tues 8:30 am. Call Ryan Hinton at 280-0195.

LOST Lab/Husky mix, family pet, female, grey/white color. Lost by Smiths area, Twin Falls. 404-5348

LOST Pair of women's glasses at Twin Falls yard sales on Saturday, April 25. If found please call 837-6291.

LOST Puppy, Chihuahua/Terrier mix, Ivorytan, male, name is Taco. Reward. 733-0163 or 749-1037

LOST set of keys at South Park. Silver Mariners glove on set of keys. Last 4/21. 326-6661 or 308-6561.

LOST Springer Spaniel black/white, female, lost in the Filer area. 208-280-1630 or 208-539-9700

LOST Toolbox in South Park. Reward for return. Call 208-734-0632



104 Personals

SINGLE WOMAN looking for companionship, age 59, looks young for her age, 5'3", 95 lbs, non smoking/drinking, easy going homebody, speaks good English. Call 208-679-7106

REMEMBER

That birthday or anniversary picture you ran in the paper. Now is the time to come in and pick up your pictures.

106 Special Notices

BIRTHDAY PHOTOS

Have you forgotten to pick up your birthday photos? We have some photos we are sure you don't want us to lose. These can be picked up at The Times-News Classified Dept.

107 Pregnancy Alternatives

Pregnant? Worried? Free Pregnancy Tests Confidential 208-734-7472

108 Professional Services

Bankruptcy & Debt Counseling
Free 1/2 hr consultation
30 years experience
Competitive Rates
We are a debt relief agency
We help people file for bankruptcy relief under the bankruptcy code.
May, Sudweeks & Browning
733-7180

110 HOME HEALTH CARE

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0202 Clerical

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



Economic Development Department. Apply immediately. The job description and employment application are available at www.tfid.org For additional information contact the Human Resource Office at (208) 735-7268. Closing Date: 05-11-09. The City of Twin Falls is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Drug Free Workplace.

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RESTAURANT



Little Caesars Pizza is one of the top pizza chains in the world. We are currently looking for a **Restaurant Manager** for our Jerome location. Our preferred candidate should have a minimum of two (2) years experience in a management role, in a quick or full-service restaurant or retail establishment. The candidate should have knowledge of local store marketing techniques, sales building, and a proven track record of controlling costs. The candidate should have a strong management, team building and communication skills. If you are looking for a full-time management position with:
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•An exciting bonus structure
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GENERAL

AmeriPride Services is currently seeking an individual to join our team as a **Maintenance Mechanic**. The Maintenance Mechanic will be responsible for the repair and maintenance of the stationary production equipment with the plant, as well as, preventative maintenance and repair of steam boiler and air conditioning units.

Qualifications:
•High School Diploma or G.E.D
•Detail-oriented
•1-3 years experience in Industrial Laundry maintenance
•Certification (or ability to obtain) in Steam Boiler and Air Conditioning maintenance.
•Advanced knowledge of Electrical, Maintenance and Plumbing
•Microsoft Office (Word, Outlook, Excel) experience helpful
•Knowledge of OSHA, EPA, HAZmat procedures and regulations helpful
•Background check
The Maintenance Mechanic will enjoy competitive pay and a comprehensive benefits package.
Bring resume in person to 403 Main Ave W. Twin Falls
Salary will be determined in interview process
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Grants Specialist

Family Health Services, a Federally Qualified Health Center with clinics in Twin Falls, Buhl, Jerome, Burley, Rupert and Fairfield, is accepting applications for position of **Grants Specialist**. Position is responsible for identifying and evaluating local, state, federal and private grant opportunities. Researches, develops and completes grant applications. Collects, analyzes and reports on the performance of program activities. Researches other funding opportunities for Family Health Services.
Qualified candidates will have a four-year degree, with at least two years related experience and training in project and grants development with preference given to experience in a medically related setting. Must demonstrate excellent written and verbal communication skills, be proficient in research, interpreting and analyzing diverse data, and possess the ability to work collaboratively and independently to achieve stated goals.
For additional information, please contact the Human Resources Office at 734-3312, ext. 212.
Send cover letter and CV to:
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205 Dairy

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Experienced Herdsman seeking employment. Experienced in all areas. Dairy comp. 305. Breeding, Hospital, Fresh Cows, Etc. 13 yr dairy experience. Call 749-0228

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Call Mark 731-6518

207 Education

EDUCATION
Magic Valley Christian School is growing and in need of Teachers in the following areas: Math, Sciences, English & Grade 6
Visit our website at mvalchristian.net or call 324-4200 or 731-7792

EDUCATION

Sign language interpreters for full-time 9-month ongoing positions. Apply online to www.csi.edu/jobs

EDUCATION
Twin Falls School District is currently hiring:
Speech/Language Pathologists for the 2009-2010 school year. These full time positions require a Masters degree and must meet state certification requirements. Two years exp. as a speech/language pathologist is desired. **Special Ed Teachers** Must meet Idaho certification- Exceptional Child Certificate with Generalist K-12 endorsement
For more information or to apply, please go to www.tfsd.k12.id.us and click on the Employment link.

208 Farm

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209 General

GENERAL
Exp. Web Pressman to run 35" Goss Community. Compensation commensurate with experience.
Submit resume to Kelly Crompton
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1220 Albion Ave. Burley, ID 83318

GENERAL
Bartons Club 93
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Experienced dealers with craps knowledge. Apply in person to fill out an application at Barton's Club 93 in Jackpot, NV.

GENERAL
Land View Inc. is seeking an Operations Manager for our Minidoka Idaho office. The successful candidate must be proficient in Microsoft office, manage a crew of 30 plus employees, be highly organized, attention to detail, understand time management. Full time salaried position. Bilingual and Ag experience a plus.
Salary DOE, Benefits available.
Send current resume to P.O. Box 475 Rupert, ID 83350
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RESTAURANT
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209 General

RESTAURANT
Oxbow Restaurant in Bliss is now Hiring for all positions. Apply at Manhattan Cafe in Shoshone or call George at 420-7015

RESTAURANT
Waitperson Part-time evening and weekends Apply in person at Mandarin House
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211 Medical

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MEDICAL
Case Manager-Parke View Care & Rehabilitation Center has an excellent opportunity for a Licensed Nurse. The right individual will assist the Director of Nursing and the Administrator with the case management of the residents and patients admitted to and discharged from the facility, and assist with Medicare A charting and quality assurance programs. You will be directly responsible for ensuring proper admissions and discharges meet regulatory guidelines. Don't miss this opportunity to become a great leader on a great team! Apply in person, competitive wages and benefits with a flexible schedule.
2303 Parke Ave. Burley, ID EOE

MEDICAL
Enhance the lives of handicap individuals ICFMR in Wendell is looking for the right people with the desire and patience to work with these exceptional children and adults. Full-time openings. If you are this person, apply in person at 615 2nd Ave. West in Wendell

213 Professional

PROFESSIONAL
Legal Assistant with experience in Word and document management and billing software. Only experienced need apply with resume to P.O. Box 1276 Twin Falls, ID 83303

214 Retail

SALES
Big Dog Satellite is the fastest growing satellite TV and Internet provider in the Magic Valley. We are looking for Outside Sales Reps. Magic Valley Mail Sales Reps & Techs.
For more information or to sit down for a lunch/dinner interview call Kevin 208-244-2638

0215 Sales

SALES
AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE
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Please either fax resume to (208) 552-2488 or email resume to bharada@amfam.com.
If you have any questions, please call Brittani at (208) 552-2411

SALES

ELKO DAILY FREE PRESS
www.elkodaily.com
Advertising Sales Director

The Elko Daily Free Press is seeking a focused, creative Advertising Sales Director with an affinity for numbers and a passion for investing in account executives that employ a relentless curiosity in discovering and meeting real customer needs. Ad Director candidates should have a track record of successful sales supervisory experience in a fast-paced business.

We need someone who will spend a significant portion of each week outside the office, calling on both current customers and non-advertisers with our account executives. The Advertising Sales Director will work to systematically increase the number of active advertisers in the Elko Daily Free Press and the frequency with which they advertise with us.

If you prefer to invest your time coaching account executives in the regular practice of "needs-analysis" rather than in the creation of short-term, product-focused revenue "fixes", we want to talk to you.

The Advertising Sales Director will oversee seven retail/classified account executives, as well as several graphic artists and an experienced support staff. They will be a vital contributor to creating the online future of the newspaper and will be a collegial member of the management team charged with setting the course for future success.

The Elko Daily Free Press provides a meaningful work environment for our employees, rewards innovation and risk-taking, and offers opportunities for career development. In addition to the Elko Daily Free Press, the Advertising Sales Director will oversee sales into The Finder, Northern Nevada Real Estate, Mining Quarterly, a variety of other niche publications and our online newspaper www.elkodaily.com.

Elko is a vibrant northern Nevada gold-mining town located along Interstate 80, with an established gaming/hospitality industry, a strong community college and a thriving retail and manufacturing base. Elko has over 300 days of sunshine annually and is in close proximity to unlimited four-season recreational opportunities.

The Advertising Sales Director position offers a competitive salary, excellent benefits package, and career progression possibilities within Lee Enterprises.
If interested in this excellent opportunity, please apply online at <http://www.elkodaily.com/workhere/>

For questions or more information, please email mary.karren@lee.net

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ASSISTANT DISTRICT MANAGER
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The Times-News is seeking an Assistant District Manager to join our Circulation Team. This position supports our interactions with customers and contractors of the daily newspaper.

Responsibilities include distributing newspapers to contractors and customers, redelivering shortages or missed papers, and providing exceptional customer service to assure timely and efficient delivery. This 20-25 hour per week position will include work in our production area, in the circulation office and in the field. This position requires regular lifting of newspaper bundles and must frequently lift and/or move up to 30 pounds.

Expectations include helping maintain delivery goals and deadlines; being available to work a flexible schedule that may include early mornings and weekends, and the ability to thrive in a fast-paced environment.

The successful candidate will demonstrate personable communication skills, have good organizational abilities, and be experienced working with computer programs such as Word and Excel. A valid Driver's License, vehicle with current insurance, and good driving record are required.

A typical work day will start at 4:30 am and starting pay is \$8.50 an hour.

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REAL DEALS HOME DÉCOR

Position Available Growing Home Décor franchise is taking applications for a **retail-merchandising position**. Must have a creative flair for displaying merchandise, store organization and setup. Wages negotiable based on qualifications and experience. We check references and do background checks. Must submit to drug testing. Non-smoking environment.

Duties and Responsibilities New store setup, help create merchandising system and provide support to franchisees. Some Saturday work and travel required.

Qualifications Must be dependable with good work history. Looking for mature, bright an energetic individual that is outgoing and friendly and able to keep fast pace. Must be computer literate and proficient in Microsoft - Word, Excel and Outlook. Must be a self starter, quick learner and team player.

For more information contact Nate Kelsey @ 208-731-7076 or email resumes to nate@realdeals.net

CUSTOMER SOLUTIONS SPECIALIST
Automotive Specialist



If working in a fast-paced, upbeat atmosphere sounds good to you, then keep reading! The Elko Daily Free Press is currently seeking an enthusiastic go-getter with strong customer service orientation and outstanding sales skills to join our Classified Sales Team. The Elko Daily Free Press values a solid work ethic, team focus and dedication to top quality customer service.

This person will consult with classified customers- specializing in automotive ad sales; present advertising solutions both in print and online; and help write ads that get better results. They will be responsible for accurate placement of all advertising orders, upsells to current customers, prospecting new customers, data tracking, responding to general customer inquiries & complaints and operating a telephone switchboard.

The right candidate will be professional, goal oriented, highly organized, able to handle multiple tasks, possess strong customer service and communication skills as well as having proven sales ability. This person will be proficient in Microsoft Office with excellent keyboarding and spelling skills and attention to detail. Prior sales and customer service experience preferred.

We offer a great benefits program including medical, dental and vision plans, flexible spending accounts, vacation and sick pay, life insurance and retirement account. Competitive compensation includes a base wage plus commissions.

If interested in this excellent opportunity, please apply online by Friday, May 1st at <http://www.elkodaily.com/workhere/>
For questions or more information, please email mary.karren@lee.net

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SALES
Sales person to cover established route in Idaho, Washington, Utah. Selling dairy products. Dairy experience preferred, but not necessary. Salary, bonus, medical ins., vehicle provided. Please send resume to: Employment Services c/o Sales Manager 716 Vista Del Rey Drive Atwater, CA. 95301

216 Trades

MAINTENANCE JAYCO PLANT MAINTENANCE POSITION
Manufacturing facility maintenance person wanted. Prefer 2-5 years experience in maintenance field. Strong mechanical background needed, with experience in basic industrial electrical wiring, hydraulic and pneumatic equipment and tool repair, automotive repair, and welding/fabrication. Grounds keeping and general building maintenance will also be part of this function. Need the ability to work safely in a fast paced industrial environment. Wages are \$15 - \$16 per hour DOE. Day shift Monday-Friday, overtime as needed. Applications are available at 511 Hankins Road, Kimberly

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500 Real Estate

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502 Homes For Sale

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BURLEY Beautiful 4 bdrm, 3 bath, brick home w/large 2 car garage, new carpet & paint, 2650 sq. ft. Rambler with basement, garden space and sprinkler system. Nice neighborhood. \$145,900. Call Steve or Julie 801-731-0888.

502 Homes For Sale

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3 bdrm., 1 bath home on large lot, gas heat, AC, vinyl windows, new paint in and out, \$109,900. 208-733-8676 or 208-539-4449

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HAGERMAN

New home 1/2 acre, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2200 sq. ft., (885' 3 car garage) vaulted & tray ceilings, city water & sewer, landscaped, open floor plan, \$310,000. Call 208-539-7060 or 208-837-6494

HANSEN

Rock Creek Canyon. 4 bdrm., 3 bath home, 10 acres, creek, corals, stable, RV garage. www.rockcreekhome.net. 208-423-4002

HOME INSPECTIONS

theinspection.com For Buyers & Sellers Bill Baker 326-5115

JEROME

2480 sq. ft. 3 bdrm + office, 2 bath, 2 fireplaces, updated appliances, vinyl siding and windows. RV pad, new storage building, vinyl fenced pasture with no restrictions on 1.04 acres. Dramatically reduced at \$169,900. Call 208-320-1150, 372 Golf Course Rd

JEROME

Close to Walmart, acreage, 3 bdrm, 2 bath ranch newly updated on 12 acres, full water, sprinkler system, wheel lines, set up for cattle/horses, corals, 2 shops, fenced. 208-324-1252 or 208-539-1252.

JEROME

Home give away, 2556 sq. ft., recently built, 3 bdrm + bonus room. Take over payments and bring current, \$1465 month. For info call 310-795-8599.

JEROME

New 1200 sq. ft. 3 bdrm, 2 bath, garage, knotty alder cabinets, 265 sq. ft. tile, 90% gas furnace, Pergo floor, vinyl siding/rock front, landscaped/sprinkler, porch, Owner carry. \$125,000. 280-0294

JEROME

POSSIBLE OWNER CARRY WITH \$5000 DOWN. New construction. Ready for immediate occupancy. 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1250 sq. ft. 321 W. Ave. K. 4 blocks West of Pizza Hut. \$136,900. Home qualifies for \$8000 federal tax rebate. Call 208-539-3613

JEROME: LEASE TO OWN:

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SUDOKU

Concepts Sudoku By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

Answer to previous puzzle

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Difficulty Level ★★

502 Homes For Sale

SPRINGDALE/DECLO

New 2600 sq. ft. finished, back & front covered patio, over sized 3 car garage (1004 sq. ft.), 4 bdrms, 3 bath, granite kitchen counter tops, knotty Alder cabinets. \$310,000. 678-1408 or 431-1403

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Learn about \$8,000 tax credit! \$500 toward closing costs! 731-2888 C.J.R.

TWIN FALLS

\$165,000. Brick, 2100 sq. ft., hardwood floors, main level 2 bdrm, 1 bath, Brent 1 bath, family room, 2 bdrm-no a/gres. 733-3802 or 731-3812

TWIN FALLS 2005.

For sale or lease. 4 bdrm, 2 bath, 1688 sq. ft., 2 car garage, sprinkler system, lots of upgrades, RV pad, fireplace, extra electrical upgrades, lg master bdrm & bath, beautiful kitchen, plant shelves, exc neighborhood, convenient NE location. Reduced \$210,000. 2352 Eastbrooke Rd. Call 208-961-0522

TWIN FALLS

3 bedroom, 2 bath, family room, 20x20 deck, sprinkler system, new cabinetry, some appliances included, nice neighborhood. \$128,995. 543 4th Ave. N. 208-731-9823 or 208-731-1055

TWIN FALLS

5 bdrm, 3.5 bath, 3000 sq. ft., 3 car garage, formal dining room, finished basement, storage room, large yard, fenced, great shade trees. 208-733-3101

TWIN FALLS

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TWIN FALLS

Lease to own with only 3% down. Owner will carry for up to 2 yrs. 2 bdrm., 1 bath, completely remodeled. \$114,000. Call 208-734-2097 or Jay Tarr.

TWIN FALLS

Price reduced. 2700 sq. ft., 4 bdrm, 3 bath, office, family room, large granite kitchen, large fenced yard, lots of upgrades. \$274,000. 1480 Waterfall Ct. 208-293-7815

TWIN FALLS

Sawtooth School District! Nice Brick Home! 2400 sq. ft., 4 bdrm, 2 bath, finished basement fireplace. Reduced to \$159,000. Buyer Economy! 818 Walnut North 208-404-4848

TWIN FALLS

Very nice home on east side of town. 2900 sq. ft., 5 bedroom, 3.5 bath, multi-level. \$279,900. 208-734-0944 or 208-731-0701 twinfallsidhome4sale.blogspot.com

502 Homes For Sale

WHY RENT WHEN YOU CAN BUY!

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

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512 Farms/Ranches/Dairies

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

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One popular defensive signal these days is the Smith Echo. This applies only in no-trump contracts and the idea is that an echo — i.e., a high-low signal — on the first suit that declarer plays indicates a liking for the opening lead (assuming that a count signal is irrelevant to your partner).

Against South's three no-trump you lead your fourth-highest heart — the three. Declarer plays the king from the dummy, and partner encourages with the 10. You let the diamond jack hold and take the diamond 10 with your king, partner contributing the six followed by the seven.

So partner, who clearly started with a doubleton diamond, has played his cards upwards, suggesting you switch. If he held a club honor, he would surely have suggested that you continue with hearts (since he can see that the defenders will have time to set up and enjoy the hearts), so you should switch to a spade; but which?

If partner does not have a club honor, then declarer has 10 tricks when he regains the lead (two hearts, four diamonds and four clubs), so your side must take four spade tricks immediately. Therefore partner's spades need to be at least as good as A-K-10-x.

If so, you can make life easy for him by switching to the spade queen. If you switch to a low one, he may cash his ace-king, playing declarer for queen-doubleton of spades and hoping you have a club stopper (or worse yet, switch back to hearts on winning the spade).

WEST
♠ Q 6 3
♥ J 9 6 3 2
♦ K 8 4
♣ J 5

EAST
♠ A K 10 2
♥ Q 10 8 4
♦ 7 6
♣ 10 7 2

SOUTH
♠ J 7
♥ A 5
♦ A Q 5 3 2
♣ K Q 9 6

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

The bidding:

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

Opening lead: Heart three

BID WITH THE ACES

04-29-B

South holds:

♠ 9 8 5 4
♥ K 7
♦ J 10 9
♣ A 8 4 3

South	West	North	East
		1♥	1♠
Dbl.	Pass	2♦	Pass

ANSWER: Facing a minimum hand with five hearts and four diamonds, you should pass. This is not so much because diamonds will always play better, but because if you correct two diamonds to two hearts, you suggest you hold 9-10 points and three hearts (too good for a simple raise, but not enough for a cue-bid to suggest a limit raise). Let sleeping dogs lie and keep partner low.

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