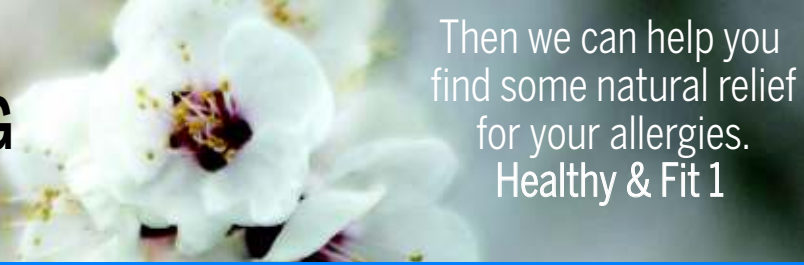


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By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — After attempting to adjourn its 2009 legislative session last Wednesday, the House of Representative returns to Boise today, still with no end to the Legislature in sight.

The Senate continues to align itself with Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's push for new transporta-

tion funding in an ongoing stalemate with the House.

Today is the 113th legislative day — just five days short of the record 118-day marathon session of 2003.

The House adjourned just before 9 p.m. Wednesday, having refused to bow to Otter's demands to raise fees for new transportation funding. But the Idaho Constitution requires at

least a majority return after three days if the Senate's still in session.

Still unresolved is how much new revenue the Legislature will approve to repair and maintain Idaho's roads and bridges. The House has passed two bills to lift the ethanol fuel exemption and increase motor vehicle fees to raise around \$25 million. But Otter wants \$75 million, already a

significant drop from his original \$174 million proposal in January.

GOP House leaders sent e-mails to members informing them to arrive today by noon. Some have booked hotels but leadership doesn't plan to employ the rare exercise of calling upon state police to fetch lawmakers.

House Speaker Lawrence E. Denney, R-Midvale, wouldn't dispel the possibility of simply adjourning again once the handful of Senate-approved budget bills clear his chamber.

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Shuttered Heyburn ethanol plant assessed on scrap value

By Laurie Welch
Times-News writer

The Minidoka County Assessor chose a conservative method of assessing a scrap value of 7 cents on the dollar for the 2009 tax bill of the defunct Renova Energy ethanol plant in Heyburn.

"I made the decision to go with the lower amount," said Minidoka County Assessor Max Vaughn. "It was a judgment call to go with the more conservative way. If something happens next year and it opens back up, we can increase the value."

Renova Energy Inc., the parent company of Renova Energy Idaho LLC and a Wyoming-based subsidiary, filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy on June 20, 2008. The parent company and the Wyoming plant have received court orders to restructure. But the final court order for the Heyburn plant awaits a company plan from to satisfy more than \$15 million owned to subcontractors. Work was suspended at the plant in December 2007 when the project ran over budget.

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A WELCOME VISITOR



Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Mary Lou Becker found a visitor in her welcome sign at her Twin Falls home. The robin built its own addition in the existing nest that came with the sign. Becker says the robin was a pleasant surprise, marking the arrival of spring. At right, eggs the robin has laid in the nest.



Times-News brings home record IPC award haul

Times-News

BOISE — The Times-News and its Web site, Magicvalley.com, took home a record 24 awards — including four first-place finishes — in the Idaho Press Club annual journalism competition.

The awards, covering all aspects of daily and weekly print journalism, Web-based media and broadcast news, were given out at the club's annual banquet Saturday in Boise.

In addition to awards for specific work done in

2008, reporter Jared S. Hopkins placed second in the Reporter of the Year category, which recognizes a broad body of accomplishment during the contest period. Hopkins and Business Editor Joshua Palmer shared first-place honors in the Watchdog/Investigative Reporting category



Hopkins



Palmer



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for coverage of the Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency's downtown redevelopment efforts.

Photographer Meagan Thompson won two first-place awards, for spot-news and feature

essay photography. And staffers Sandy Salas, Tracey Emery and Weston Becker shared first-place honors for Best Web Graphics for their interactive map of the Snake River presented as

part of last fall's River of Stone series. "It's notable that so many staff members were recognized for their excellent work, and that the

state's plan for a "predator zone" where wolves could be shot on sight across 88 percent of the state.

Elsewhere, the loss of federal protections means state wildlife agencies will have full control over the animals. No hunting has been

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Va. farmhouse could be yours, if you can move it

By Tara Bahrapour
The Washington Post

"Finally, a mortgage I can afford." That was more or less the thought of thousands of people around the country who read online about an old, sprawling two-story farmhouse in Leesburg, Va., on sale for a dollar.

There is a catch: The buyer must be able to afford to move the house. But after The Washington Post reported on the house a week ago, Yahoo.com linked to the article on its home page and suddenly, it seemed, the whole world wanted in.

The article received 1.47 million hits on washingtonpost.com that day.

"I have to get there first," said one man, adding that he would have no problem towing the more than 2,500-square-foot structure to California.

An actress in New York said she had always "dreamed of owning a big house like 'The Waltons' lived in." One woman offered to hitch it to her tractor-trailer, and a Texas man mused that there must be "some born-again Christians out there willing to help a 50-year-old man get a home to retire in if he is willing to be a part of their wonderful community."

E-mails flooded in from as far as Alaska and Great Britain from

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Wolf comes off endangered list today in N. Rockies

By Matthew Brown
Associated Press writer

BILLINGS, Mont. — Wolves in parts of the Northern Rockies and the Great Lakes region come off the endangered species list today — opening the way for public hunting of the animals to begin in some states this fall.

But prior attempts to remove federal protection for the predators have been rejected by judges and new legal challenges are certain.

Gray wolves were listed as endangered in 1974, after they had been wiped out across the lower 48 states by hunting and government-sponsored poisoning.

Today more than 1,300

wolves roam the mountains of Montana and Idaho. An estimated 4,000 live in Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Federal officials say the threat of extinction has passed and the population is large enough to survive on its own — even with plans to resume hunting in Idaho and Montana this fall.

"We've exceeded our recovery goals for nine consecutive years, and we fully expect those trends will continue," said Seth Willey, regional recovery coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Denver.

About 300 wolves in Wyoming will remain on the list. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service rejected the

state's plan for a "predator zone" where wolves could be shot on sight across 88 percent of the state.

Elsewhere, the loss of federal protections means state wildlife agencies will have full control over the animals. No hunting has been

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Hailey ramps up rodeo grounds redo

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

HAILEY — Since 1947, the Sawtooth Rangers have been riding and roping at the Hailey Rodeo Grounds, putting on one of the city's premier Fourth of July events. But the outdoor rodeo grounds aren't exempt from six decades of wear and tear.

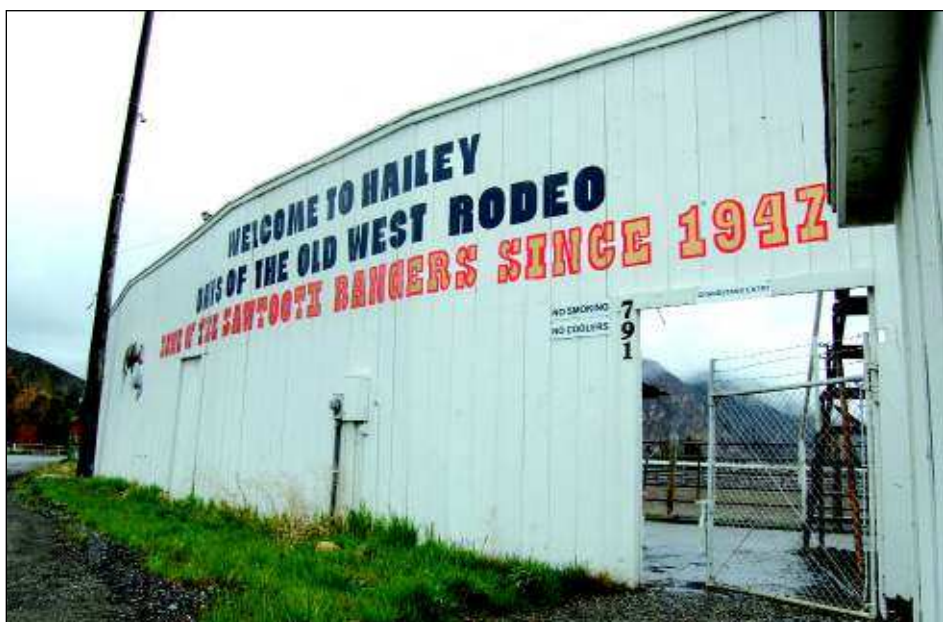
"The facilities are getting a little old down there," said Bill Bobbitt, president of the riding club. He said the bleachers are in particular need of a redo. "We replace bleachers every year but it's a never-ending job."

This spring, Hailey hired Ketchum architectural firm Ruscito/Latham/Blanton to work with the city, the Rangers and Hailey Ice to design and build a new facility that will likely accommodate both the summer rodeo events and a winter ice rink.

"That's probably the biggest challenge, is figuring out how we can accommodate the different uses in the same space," said architect Michael Bulls. "It's a wonderful challenge and it should be interesting."

There are other uses considered for the land and the buildings, including the possibility of a street skate park to complement the popular vert skate park next door. Skateboarders have been requesting a street facility and say damage to things like garbage cans and picnic tables would be reduced if they had designated street obstacles.

"There are so many uses



ARIEL HANSEN/Times-News

The rodeo grounds in Hailey are due for a redo and the city recently hired a Ketchum architectural firm to work up designs that might include an ice rink, street skate park and Chamber of Commerce space. The city wants to make sure the old mural, shown here, remains as part of the design to welcome visitors to Hailey.

for the space and we're just getting into them?" Bulls said, mentioning concerts, an arts festival, a farmers' market and public restroom facilities as other options. There could also be changing rooms for hockey teams, permanent pens for rodeo animals, paved parking for visitors and participants and a space for the Hailey Chamber of Commerce to put up postings or answer questions during events.

On Tuesday night, the architects will come to Hailey's Parks & Lands Board meeting with proposals for a budget and a scope of work.

"What happens next is going to depend on what

happens Tuesday night," said city public works director Tom Hellen. "We'll probably start out shooting for the moon; we'd like to have everything."

But money will be the limiting factor. Hellen said Hailey Ice has some funds available to contribute to the project but the remainder will come from fundraising, city coffers, perhaps the Chamber of Commerce, or other sources. Representatives for Hailey Ice could not be reached for this story.

One thing the city is firm about is that the mural that welcomes visitors to the city of Hailey remains as a permanent feature of the site.

The mural could be part of a new structure or could be erected as a separate sign.

The city will likely have numerous public hearings at both the Parks & Lands and City Council stages of the process, with plenty of opportunity for members of the public to make their desires known.

For information, visit the city's Web site at www.haileycityhall.org and click "Public Works," then "Parks & Trails" for details on the current plans for the rodeo grounds.

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Swine flu confirmed in N. Idaho

BOISE (AP) — The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Sunday notified Idaho public health officials that a sample from a northern Idaho woman has tested positive for swine flu.

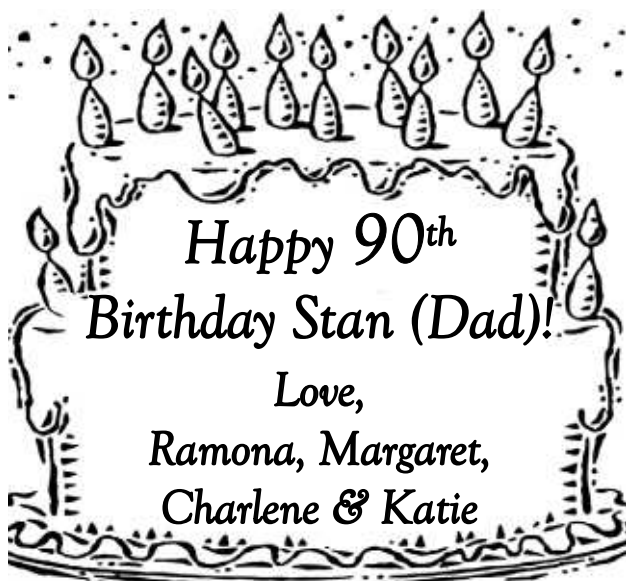
Tom Shanahan, spokesman for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, says the Kootenai County woman in her 60s who

recently traveled to Texas is recovering at home and has not needed to be hospitalized.

Shanahan says more samples have been sent for testing and he expects additional swine flu cases to be reported in the state.

He says about 50 more samples were submitted on Saturday for testing.

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Study: Wolverine in Sierra most likely from Idaho

TRUCKEE, Calif. (AP) — A wolverine spotted two straight winters in the northern Sierra Nevada most likely came from Idaho, according to a study.

The findings of 10 federal, state and university scientists, published in the latest edition of Northwest Science, show the predator is most closely related to the Rocky Mountain population.

Researchers said the results show a 73 percent confidence level in the conclusion the animal most likely came from Idaho.

By comparison, the wolverine had less than a five percent probability of belonging to most other North American wolverine populations evaluated.

The wolverine's discovery on national forest land north of Truckee a year ago surprised scientists, who feared the elusive animal was driven out of the Sierra long ago by human activity.

Wolverines previously had not been spotted in California for 86 years.

"We still can't be sure how this animal came to the Tahoe National Forest," said Bill Zielinski, one of the study's authors and a research ecologist at the Forest Service's Pacific Southwest Research Station.

"But this peer-reviewed study shows that other scientists agreed with our interpretation that it likely traveled here from the Rockies," he added.

Zielinski said the animal would have traveled more than 400 miles to reach the Sierra if it naturally dispersed from the nearest Rocky Mountain population.

If the wolverine was accidentally or deliberately transplanted, he said, it would have more likely originated from an area where wolverines are more common and legally trapped, such as Alaska or the Yukon.

The wolverine was caught on research cameras late this past winter on private timber land — only 15 miles away from where it was

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— Bill Zielinski, a research ecologist at the Forest Service's Pacific Southwest Research Station

spotted the previous winter. Scientists confirmed it was the same animal through DNA from hair samples collected at camera stations used for wildlife surveys on Sierra Pacific Industries land.

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Minnick sees no chance for gun control measures

LEWISTON (AP) — Idaho Rep. Walt Minnick says gun owners don't need to worry about their gun rights being eroded in the current U.S. Congress.

"There is no possibility there is going to be any gun control in this Congress," Minnick told the Lewiston Tribune.

Minnick said he's one of 52 conservative "blue dog" Democrats in the House who oppose further gun control.

"Nothing can pass in the House without some blue dog support," he said. "The support (for Second Amendment rights) goes far beyond the blue dogs. It's not just fiscally conservative Democrats. I would warrant it's a solid majority of the caucus."

Shooting enthusiasts say

fears that the Obama administration might push gun control legislation has boosted gun sales and is driving gun owners to stockpile ammunition.

But Minnick said there are more pressing issues facing Congress than gun control.

"I think it would divert the Congress away from real problems," he said. "We have so many of them and of such severity, I think it would be shortchanging the nation to spend a week or two on a topic that divisive. It's like fiddling when Rome is burning. We have real problems — energy, health care, immigration. We still have problems of national security, a war-and-a-half we are fighting. We don't have the luxury to spend time on issues like this. I think it's just

a non-issue."

Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, said not only is support for gun rights strong in both parties, but he sees a good chance of laws expanding gun rights.

He and Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., are working on a bill to allow people to carry loaded concealed weapons in national parks.

In March, a federal judge blocked a federal rule allowing people to carry concealed, loaded guns in national parks and wildlife refuges. The decision by U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly halted a change in regulations issued in the waning days of the Bush administration and ordered further review.

The Bush rule, which took effect in January, allowed

visitors to carry a loaded gun into a park or wildlife refuge as long as the person had a permit for a concealed weapon and the state where the park or refuge was located allowed concealed firearms. Previously, guns in parks had been severely restricted.

The Obama administration last month said it would not appeal the court's decision. Instead, the Interior Department said it would conduct a full environmental review of an earlier policy that allowed concealed, loaded guns in parks and refuges.

Crapo, despite his belief that support for guns rights is strong among lawmakers, said he's concerned some form of gun control measure could be introduced.

"The potential for a renewed effort in Congress supported by the administration, in my opinion, is a real threat, a real possibility," Crapo says.

While it's unlikely any measures to require gun owners to register their firearms could be passed, he said, there is a chance moderate laws could be considered, such as closing the gun show loophole that allows people to buy firearms without a criminal or mental health background check.

Minnick doesn't see the gun control issue breaking along party lines.

"If there is an ideological dividing line, it is central city and urban versus suburban and rural," he said. "That is the dividing line, it isn't party."

Oregon summer forest fire risk said to be high

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A combination of predicted hot, dry weather, lightning and a widespread beetle infestation are spawning predictions of a summer wildfire season in Oregon worse than last year's.

Dan O'Brien, spokesman for the Northwest Interagency Coordination Center in Portland, said forecasts call for more "monsoon" rains across the Southwest, and those storms often generate thunderstorms in Oregon.

Land managers worry that the beetle infestations in the Cascades could leave vast stands of dead trees, fueling wildfires.

An average wildfire season might burn 300,000 acres in Oregon and Washington, he said. "Last year was a very quiet year, and we still burned 200,000 acres."

The Oregonian reports that mountain pine beetles have burrowed into many trees in the pine forests near Bend, turning the needles crimson.

The cyclic infestation has left dead and dying lodgepole pines across roughly 800,000 acres of the Cascade Range, up from perhaps 20,000 acres nine years ago, said Forest Service entomologist Andy Eglitis.

"You have the winter people and the summer people seeing it," often from vantage points near the Mount Bachelor Ski Area, Eglitis said. "It causes a tremendous amount of concern."

"We are always nervous when we have this much dead fuel out there," Eglitis said. "You've got a lot of people living right in the middle of that stuff!"

E. Idaho bowhunters complain about elk tag numbers

POCATELLO (AP) — The state is giving too many nonresident bow-hunters a crack at bagging an elk in eastern Idaho, some Idaho hunters say.

"I think residents should be given first priority," Scott Roberts of Pocatello told the Idaho State Journal.

Earlier this spring the Idaho Fish and Game Commission put a cap of 1,817 elk tags issued to bowhunters in the Diamond Creek Zone. Idaho residents will be allowed to buy 1,017 of the tags, leaving 800 tags for out-of-state hunters.

Toby Boudreau, regional manager for the Fish and Game office in Pocatello, said elk numbers have been declining in the Diamond Creek Zone and the cap is intended to reduce the number of elk killed. The Diamond Creek Zone runs from the southeast Idaho border to the eastern portion of Caribou County.

"We realized that not only were we not meeting our cow objective, but we were also not meeting our bull objective," Boudreau said.

He said the cow elk population has dropped from about 2,500 in 2005 to about 1,200 in 2008. He said the objective is to keep the zone's cow elk population between 1,300 and 1,900.

"It's a pretty substantial drop," Boudreau said.

"When you're not meeting your objective, the first thing you have to do is reduce harvest. Frankly, bow hunters last year took 337 elk, 270 of which were bulls. That was a success rate of 16.3 percent, which is pretty high for an archery hunt."

Roberts said the reduction in tags is too late, and should have been done five years ago.

Hunter Doug Gushwa of Pocatello agreed that limiting the number of tags is a good idea but Idaho residents should be given more.

"I think it's a good plan to have a quota," he said. "I've hunted in that area for years, and over the last five or six years, I'm either becoming a much poorer hunter or there's a lot less elk. (But) it's inappropriate and unfair that it's proportioned the way it is. There won't be any resident hunters. When the tags go on sale (in August), it's going to be a free-for-all brouhaha."

Cities, counties sign up lobbyists to get more stimulus funding

By Kevin Freking
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — They're furloughing many city workers for eight days this summer. They've cut staffing by about 5 percent. Now officials in Tracy, Calif., are trying another way to help make ends meet in these tough economic times: They've hired a Washington lobbyist.

It's an idea that seems to be spreading. Senate lobbying records show that dozens of cities and counties signed up with lobbying firms in the first three months of this year. Their goal is to get a greater share of the money flowing out of Washington, from a record federal budget to the \$787 billion economic stimulus package.

Some of the communities hiring lobbyists have done so before and are simply shuffling their lineup or adding to it. But others are getting into the lobbying game for the first time.

"This is a new venture for the city. This is a relatively conservative community and has a high degree of self-reliance, but we also understand there's also a great opportunity for all communities, Tracy included," said Leon Churchill, city manager for the suburban community about 60 miles east of San Francisco. "The opportunity was too immense to bypass."

The city paid \$10,000 to Patricia Jordan and Associates in the first quarter. Disclosure reports filed with the Senate show the firm lobbied lawmakers and the Federal Highway Administration on a highway spending bill. It also lobbied the Federal Emergency Management Agency for "emergency management" money. The stimulus bill provided the agency with hundreds of millions of dollars for grants to firefighters and improved transit and rail security.

The city of Baytown, Texas, also hired a lobbying firm. While there was some concern from city council members that such action encouraged more federal spending, City Manager



Scott Gifford, president of the Village of Deer Park's board of trustees, poses for a photo Wednesday in Deer Park, Ill.

Garry Brumback argued that the money was going to get spent regardless and that Baytown should get its share.

"The idea that they're going to lower your taxes if we don't accept any money is a little bit ridiculous," Brumback said.

The city will spend \$40,000 for federal lobbying and \$25,000 for lobbying at the state level. Expectations for the return on that investment are high.

"If you're not getting at least 10-to-1, you've hired a bad lobbyist," he said.

Lobbyists filed new registrations this quarter on behalf of major metropolitan areas such as Cook County, Ill., St. Louis and Seattle. But they also went to bat for scores of small towns as well. For instance, the village of Deer Park, Ill., with a population of 3,200 and a budget of about \$3.5 million, hired a lobbying firm to help it get money for road and drainage projects.

"We were looking for a way to make up some of the shortfalls we see for the next couple of years until we get out of this recession," said Scott Gifford, president of the village's board of trustees.

In all, the community will spend about \$60,000 this year on lobbying.

"The vote was 4-2 but the majority of the board felt it was worth the risk of spending \$60,000 to potentially

bring in \$1.3, \$1.5 million," Gifford said.

The city of Hartford, Conn., has used Washington-based lobbyists before, but decided to spend its money elsewhere in 2008. This year, it's back in the game.

"That's where the money's coming from right now and we need to get our piece of the pie," said Sarah Barr, director of communications for the city.

Cities and counties hiring lobbyists tend to spend in the tens of thousands per year, about what they would spend for hiring one employee. For that money they get a team of lobbyists, each of whom serves multiple clients. The team can include lawyers, former congressional aides and even former lawmakers.

For example, former Rep. Nancy Johnson, R-Conn., is one of three lobbyists looking out for Hartford. Former Rep. Bill Brewster, D-Okla., is a lobbyist for the town of Glenpool, Okla. Former Rep. Bob Livingston, R-La., is one of the lobbyists working for the state's Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District.

The stimulus legislation called for an extra \$787 billion in spending, but President Obama also put strict rules on what lobbyists can do to steer money their clients' way. Lobbyists cannot converse with federal

officials or meet with them about specific stimulus projects. They can submit written statements advocating specific proposals for stimulus spending, which federal agencies must post on the Internet within three days.

Still, with Obama proposing spending \$3.7 trillion for the budget fiscal year, local governments sense plenty of opportunity to secure federal money for their clients.

H. Stewart Van Scoyoc, president and chief executive of Van Scoyoc Associates, said he's definitely noticing more interest from local governments in hiring lobbyists.

"They're actively, aggressively looking for outside funding sources to help relieve the pain a little bit," Van Scoyoc said.

The change in administrations has spurred interest, too. The Bush administration was viewed as less supportive of aiming federal tax dollars at local initiatives. Cities and counties now believe they have a better shot at securing federal money.

"It's pretty much an unprecedented level of spending, a lot of it targeted toward state and local governments," Van Scoyoc said. "I think everybody is struggling to understand exactly how to react to it, how to access it and how to then effectively implement spending and go through all the auditing the feds are putting in place."

Search continues for Wyo. poet in Japan

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — The search for missing University of Wyoming professor and poet Craig Arnold will extend beyond the weekend.

University spokeswoman Jessica Lowell says Japanese authorities have agreed to continue looking for the 41-year-old who's been missing for a nearly a week on a Japanese island.

Arnold went missing last Monday on a volcanic island in the northern Ryukyu Islands. Associates say he was visiting to research a book on volcanoes.

Lowell says the university doesn't know yet how long the search will continue past Sunday, when it had been scheduled to conclude.

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Nene busts out, helps Nuggets race past Mavericks

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press writer

DENVER — Nene kept Denver in it until his teammates could turn this one into another runaway.

Nene scored 18 of his career play-off high 24 points in the first half and the Denver Nuggets raced past the Dallas Mavericks 109-95 Sunday in the first day game in the Pepsi Center's 10-year history.

Carmelo Anthony scored 23 points, including a dunk off J.R. Smith's behind-the-back assist that rocked the arena in the closing minutes. Smith added 15 points, leading a bench that outscored Dallas' celebrated reserves 38-24 before both teams emptied their benches in the meaningless final minutes.

Dirk Nowitzki led Dallas with 28 points and 10 boards and Josh

Howard, Jason Kidd and Jason Terry each scored 15.

Game 2 is Tuesday night at the Pepsi Center, where the Nuggets have won 14 straight, including four in the playoffs. All four have been blowouts.

The Nuggets, who trailed by nine early, looked like they were going to pull away late in the third period when their defense led to several fastbreak baskets and an 81-72 lead.

But Antoine Wright's 26-foot 3-pointer to beat the shot clock jump-started the Mavericks, who pulled to 82-80 in the first minute of the fourth quarter when Terry sank a 3 and Nowitzki swished one of his fadeaway jumpers.

The Nuggets responded with a 15-4 run that iced it.

It began with two free throws and a bucket from Chris Andersen and two fouls shots and a jumper from

Anthony that make it 90-82.

From there on, it was the brand of basketball the Nuggets have been playing all season, with Chauncey Billups leading the way at both ends of the floor, blocked shots leading to fastbreak baskets and 3-pointers that broke the Mavericks' spirit.

The first half was the rough and tumble as both teams expected. Nowitzki, who scored 13 of the Mavericks' first 17 points, was thrown to the floor by Kenyon Martin in the first quarter.

HAWKS 91, HEAT 78

ATLANTA — Joe Johnson was tired of all the double- and triple-teaming. So he put up a shot before Miami could get an extra defender on him.

From about 30 feet away.

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Denver Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony reacts after hitting a basket against the Dallas Mavericks about halfway through the fourth quarter of the Nuggets' 109-95 victory in Game 1 of the Western Conference semi-final series in Denver on Sunday.

AP photo

AHEAD OF SCHEDULE



A construction worker walks through the unfinished foyer of Baun Gymnasium at Twin Falls High School.

MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

TFHS gym lobby, lockers set for August completion

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

While Canyon Ridge High School is the Twin Falls School District's largest construction project, another important one is progressing at Twin Falls High.

Work continues on the new lobby that will span the former open area between Baun Gymnasium and the auxiliary gymnasium as well as the two new locker rooms. Twin Falls School District facilities manager Dale Thornsberry said that the completion target of Sept. 1 has moved up to Aug. 1.

Aside from the unfinished main entrance, the structure is enclosed. Crews are finishing the spray-on insulation to the inside of the roof of the main lobby and preparing to finish

the concrete flooring. From there, the remaining interior work will begin.

The project, paid for by the \$49.7 million bond passed in 2006, is helmed by Beniton Construction Company and is projected to cost \$2.2 million.

The 10,000 square-foot addition will include two new locker rooms, more storage area, larger public restrooms and a new box office and concessions area.

"It's essential with the ninth graders coming in," Thornsberry said.

The freshman teams from Vera C. O'Leary Junior High will move over to Twin Falls High, while the Robert Stuart Junior High freshman teams will move to Canyon Ridge. The boys and girls locker rooms, set aside for upper-classmen and varsity teams, are now enclosed

with concrete floors and benches, with a little more work. Vinyl and tile, 100 new metal lockers, showers and toilets will be installed later.

The larger lobby will have enough room to hold the Bruins' wealth of trophies and plaques, which now reside in the high school's front office.

Outside the lobby, a 12-by-12 section of concrete will be finished with a design by the senior class, an interlocking TF with a bear paw. It's undecided what material will be used, but Twin Falls High School athletic director Mike Federico said painted concrete is an option.

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Making the best of a mess

Diane Philbin
Times-News writer

JEROME — Following a late Friday and early morning Saturday rain, the cowboys and cowgirls of the District V found the ground conditions at the Northside Showdown Arena in Jerome deep and muddy as they entered the arena in preparation for the Saturday night rodeo performance. But in rodeo, a little mud never stops the show and everyone involved just dug down a little deeper and made it happen.

After five rodeos, there had not yet been one qualified ride in saddle bronc. But Richfield senior Ryley Palmer changed that in eight seconds. Riding with a cast on his free arm from a break that occurred only a week ago in Shoshone, Palmer wowed the crowd and fellow competitors as he rose to the challenge and muscled his way to a 66-point ride on Walk Hard.

"I had a good horse and it was really fun," said Palmer. "I had looked at some pictures to see what I needed to do on him and watched to see his bucking pattern."

Kade McConnell of Shoshone was the one rider that manages to stay aboard his bull for the full eight seconds and found himself at the top of the leader board after making a solid 70-point ride on Buffalo.

"He was a tough son of a gun," said McConnell. "I drew him last Saturday in Shoshone and he blew out and I blew off. I was hoping to re-draw him because he bucks hard every time. I'd love to draw him again because I really like the way he bucks. I really tried my heart out. He had me stretched from here to China."

One of those that bit the dirt early was Jesse Robinson of Richfield. Robinson only enters bull riding and wants no part of bareback riding or saddle broncs.

"I don't like riding bucking horses. It just doesn't look like fun."

See **JEROME**, Main 6

O'Hair rallies to win Quail Hollow

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Standing on the 18th tee, Sean O'Hair asked his caddy where he stood in the Quail Hollow Championship and got word that he had a one-shot lead.

"Over who?" O'Hair replied.

It wasn't Tiger Woods. It might not have mattered.

Five weeks after blowing a five-shot lead at Bay Hill against the world's No. 1 player, O'Hair was determined to keep putting himself in contention until he figured out how to win down the stretch.

That time came Sunday against one of the strongest fields of the year, with Woods in his rearview mirror.

O'Hair, 26, closed with a 3-under 69 — the only player from the last nine groups to break 70 — and made enough key birdies that finishing with consecutive bogeys on the two toughest holes at Quail Hollow didn't cost him.

He wound up with a one-shot victory over Lucas Glover and Bubba Watson to become only the third player in his 20s with at least three PGA Tour victories. The others are Sergio Garcia and Adam Scott.

"Losing (stunk) at Bay Hill," O'Hair said. "Even though it's tough to lose like that, to lose a five-shot lead against Tiger, you still learn from it. I talked to my

See **GOLF**, Main 6



Sean O'Hair watches his tee shot on the 18th hole during the final round of the Quail Hollow Championship golf tournament at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, N.C., Sunday. O'Hair won the tournament at 11 under par.

AP photo

Kimberly cowboys and cowgirls shine in Burley

By Diane Philbin
Times-News writer

Megan Crist of Kimberly recorded wins in breakaway, goats and poles on Friday night and Tyler Hanssen of Minico swept the bareback riding at stop number five for the District VI in Burley this past weekend.

In other rough stock events, two-time winner Tegan Nevarez of Minico (56) had a one-point win over Brady Manning of Oakley (55) on Friday in saddle bronc. On Saturday, Manning was the only rider of the six contestants to make a qualified ride and was awarded a 57 for his

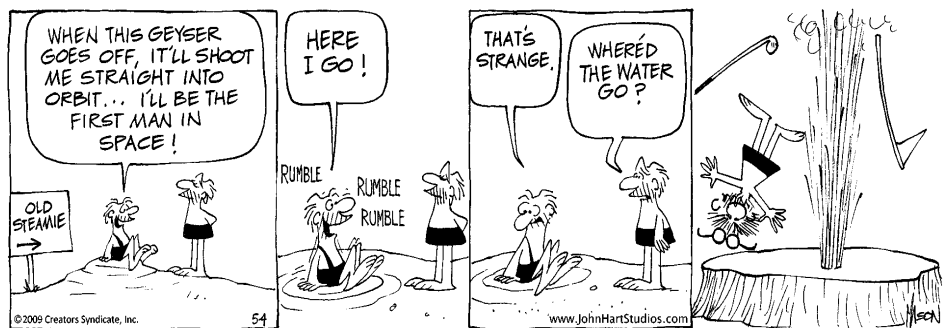
sixth win. Jace Hutchison of Raft River made the only 8-second ride in bull riding on Friday night and picked up his fifth win. Two-time winner Cody Wadsworth of Kimberly (76) edged Hutchison (72) by four points to win the event on Saturday.

Team ropers, Dustin Adams of Raft River, and Chase Brice of Declo collected their fourth win on Saturday. Tyler Wadsworth picked up his third top finish in calf roping on Friday and Kindee Wilson of Filer won for the third time in goats on Saturday. Whitney

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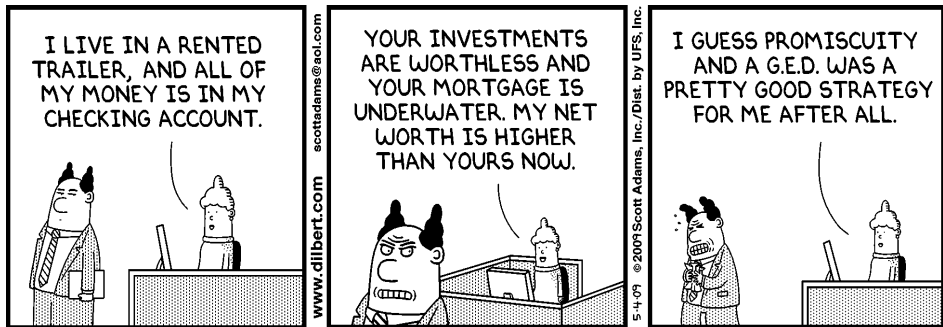
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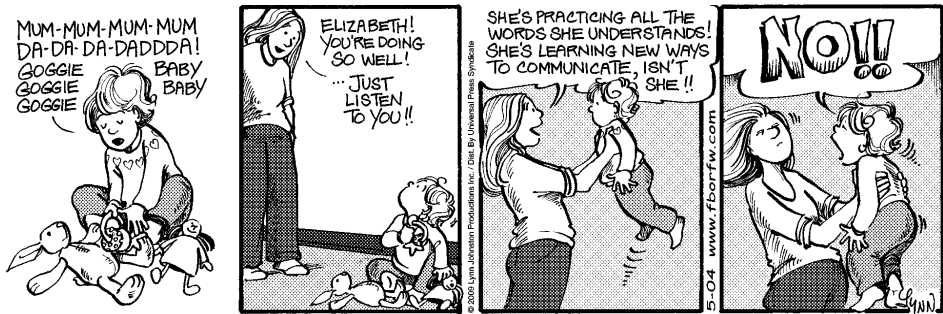
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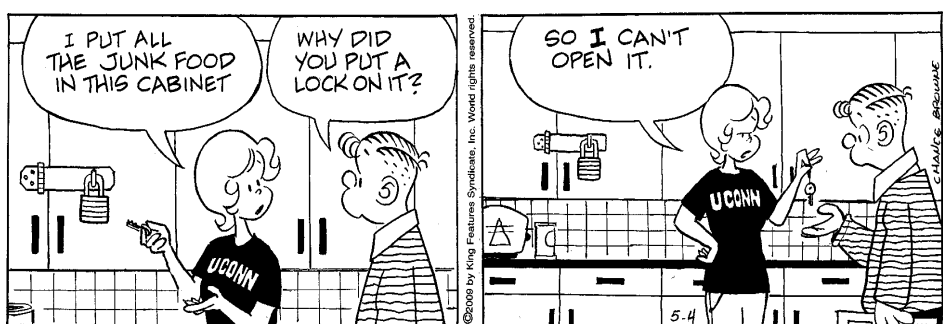
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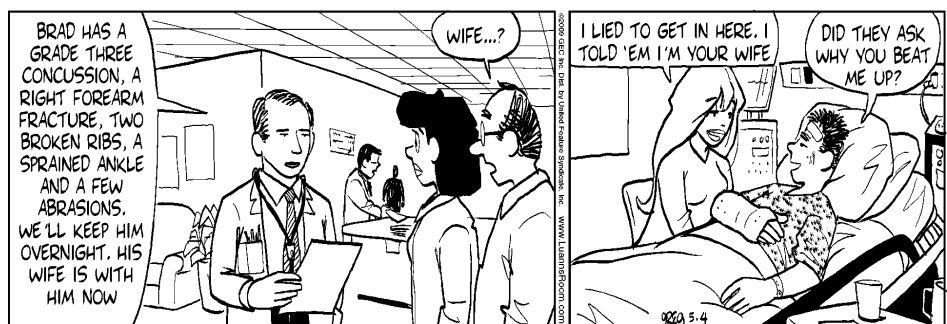
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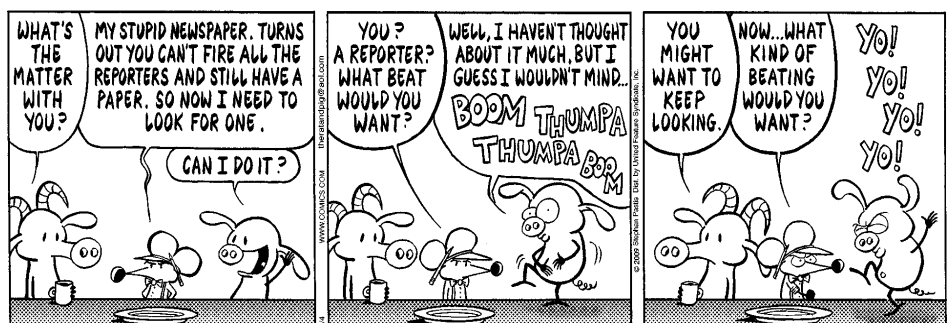
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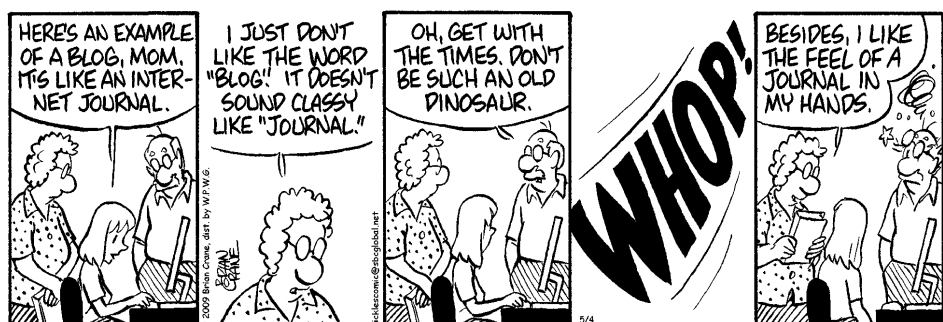
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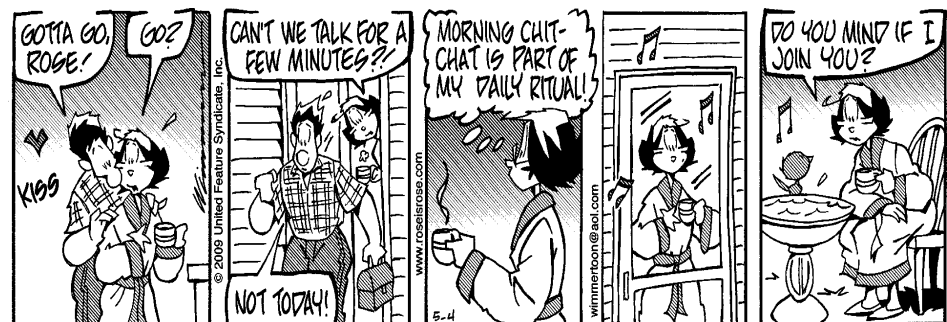
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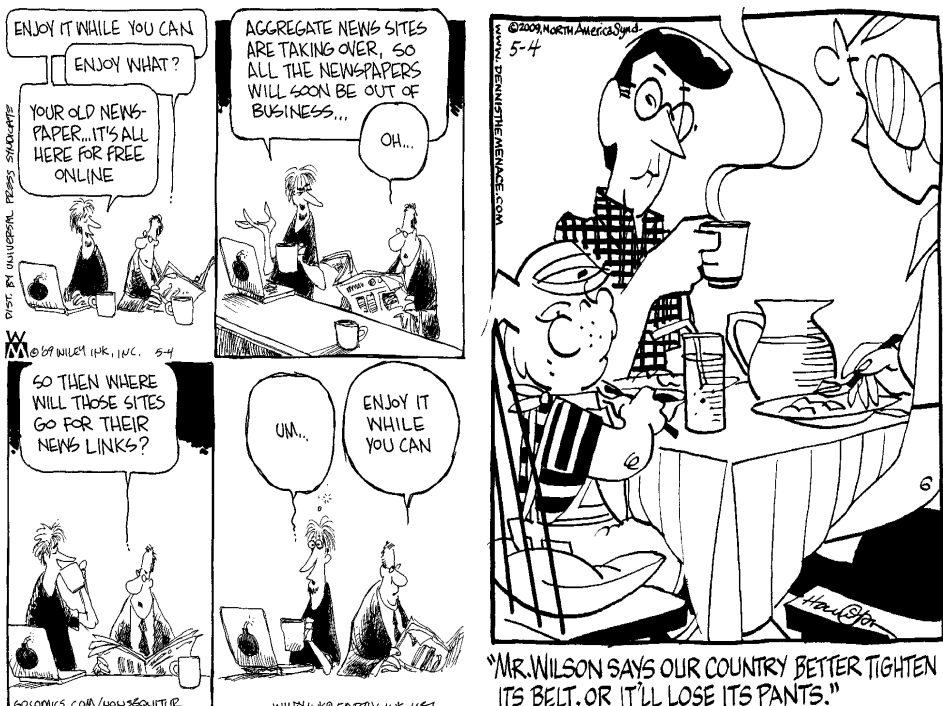


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"When the term of court starts I undergo a sort of annual intellectual lobotomy and it lasts until the following summer when I sort of cram what I can into the summertime." — Justice David H. Souter, 69

EDITORIAL

Idahoans don't care if Senate, House dislike each other

If feuding members of the leadership of the Idaho House of Representatives and Senate want to settle their differences out behind the woodshed after the Legislature is done, more power to them.

But the increasingly shrill personality conflicts between Senate and House Republican leaders are complicating final adjournment of the first session of the 60th Legislature and hurting the people of Idaho.

Case in point: Legislation approved unanimously by the Senate to require elected public officials and candidates for public office to disclose their finances. Hell will freeze over before the House considers it, largely because Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis was the co-sponsor.

Even many conservative House members — supporters of House Majority Leader Mike Moyle — say the proposal has merit, which is obvious to all.

What escapes our legislative leaders — and believe us, it escapes them completely — is how little the taxpayers care who did what to whom 'neath the Capitol Dome, and why.

That in turn led to free-form anxiety on the part of representatives — and occasionally by senators, as well — that the other chamber was conspiring with the governor against their interests.

Years ago, legendary college basketball Coach Bob Knight explained why he never became a sportswriter.

"I learned to write in the third grade," he said. "But then I moved on to other things."

For Pete's sake, legislators, follow Knight's example and just get over it.

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Some logic only flies in Airlineland

Thirty years after the government deregulated the industry, airlines still seem averse to competition.

The latest example lurks in the international alliances awaiting antitrust immunity on two continents. At the forefront is Continental's plans to join United and other carriers in the StarAlliance.



LOREN STEFFY

On the surface, such airline alliances seem harmless enough and come with passenger benefits, such as booking flights to more places.

But Continental and its Star partners are working on something more than a mere marketing link. They're planning what amounts to a virtual merger — a combination of key operations without the risk or expense of melding the companies together.

The U.S. Department of Transportation already granted preliminary antitrust approval to

In the inverted economics of Airlineland, though, a de facto monopoly of some of the world's biggest carriers is seen as enhancing competition.

Continental's alliance with United and other carriers, and final approval is likely soon.

European regulators have been more skeptical, but a Continental spokesman told me Tuesday the airline remains confident it will receive immunity there as well.

Coordinate and share The proposed hookup would allow Continental, United, Lufthansa and other members of the Star Alliance on international routes to coordinate some fares, share revenue and negotiate agreements as a single entity with travel agents and online travel sites.

In other businesses, that's collusion. In the inverted economics of Airlineland, though, a de facto monopoly of some of the world's biggest carriers is seen as enhancing competition.

The proposed alliance, according to documents filed with the DOT, calls for members to operate under a joint committee that would share and coordinate facili-

ties, maintenance, financial reporting virtually every aspect of airline's operations except for one: labor.

It's no wonder, given that merging union seniority lists has derailed many airline mergers. But the international alliance may also have the power to outsource flying from domestic carriers.

In January, for example, United and Aer Lingus said they would pair up on a new route from Washington Dulles airport to Madrid, Spain, which United would market and the Irish airline would fly even though Dulles is a United stronghold.

A spokeswoman for Continental's pilots said that's exactly what the union is worried about and why it wants a say in alliance matters.

The antitrust alliances may ultimately work against consumers, too, by using their combined muscle to raise fares.

A help to new entrants Bill Swelbar, an aviation expert with the

International Center for Air Transportation at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said that's less likely because an "open skies" agreement between the U.S. and Europe makes it easier for new entrants, such as low-fare carriers, to compete.

"If prices get too high, there's going to be lower-priced alternatives trying to exploit that," he said.

But they probably won't succeed.

We saw what happened in the domestic market when new entrants challenged dominant carriers. The bigger airlines slashed fares to unprofitable levels to drive new entrants from the market.

Rather than seeing increased trans-Atlantic competition, we may be left with three pseudo-mega carriers that divide up the market and use their dominance to crush any upstarts.

Only in Airlineland would that pass for competition.

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Petraeus' plan to squeeze the life out of the Taliban

Last week, the most celebrated American general of our time, Central Command's David Petraeus, came to talk at Harvard University — four stars glittering on each shoulder, and an impossible number of campaign ribbons laddering his chest.

Petraeus is credited with turning around the Iraq war for George W. Bush, and is tasked with doing the same for Barack Obama in Afghanistan. You might say that respect for General Petraeus is one of the few bipartisan things left in Washington these days.

Petraeus shares with Obama an interest in Abraham Lincoln, and he met Doris Kearns Goodwin, whose "Team of Rivals" he had read. He had also read Bruce Catton's "Grant Takes Command," and said that he had often fallen asleep at

night "reading about Grant in tough times."

Petraeus might be forgiven for comparing himself with Ulysses S. Grant, the general to whom Lincoln, after finding so many generals wanting, finally turned to get the Civil War won. Petraeus even spoke of a modern "Anaconda Plan" that had helped reduce Al Qaeda in Iraq, and could be revised for use against the Taliban in what is now called the Af-Pak theater — a recognition that Afghanistan and Pakistan are part of the same problem.

The anaconda, of course, is a large snake that encircles and squeezes its adversary to death before devouring it. Anaconda was a plan that the Union Army devised to squeeze the life out of the Confederacy in Lincoln's time.

Basically the idea was to

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take control of the Mississippi River in order to cut the south off from the west, and the Tennessee River Valley to deprive the Confederacy of agriculture, industry, and transportation hubs. This led to Sherman's march to Atlanta and the sea, cutting the Confederacy in two.

Grant captured the enemy's capital, Richmond, in an anaconda-like way, strangling it by cutting off all the city's approaches. But an absolutely key element of Anaconda was the blockade of southern seaports so that no aid could come from abroad, and no cotton could be exported to finance the war.

It took longer than anyone hoped or expected, but

in the end it prevailed.

Petraeus makes no exact parallel between fighting a conventional war, such as Generals Meade and Lee fought at Gettysburg, and fighting an insurgency in South Asia. But it is the strangling part that interests him. He would throw coils of force around Al Qaeda and its Taliban supporters, not all of it military. He would use diplomacy, civil action, reconstruction, agriculture, as well as schools, even religious engagement in an inter-agency approach, involving many talents that the United States could bring to bear — "non-kinetic" activity, as they say in the military.

There would be a political side of the snake as well, making every effort to probe the fissures in the Taliban, to separate the "reconcil-

ables" from the "irreconcilables."

There must be an emphasis on reconciliation, Petraeus said, because "you can't kill or capture your way out of an industrial-strength insurgency."

On the "kinetic" side, however, you have to pursue the incorrigibles relentlessly. That's where the Afghan troop surge comes in.

Such strategies and tactics have helped in Iraq, he said, and could work again in Afghanistan, taking into account cultural differences between the two. "You have to apply it in a way that's culturally appropriate," he said. "You don't move into the village (in Afghanistan), you have to move on the edge of it." Iraq had a strong central authority; Afghanistan didn't.

Petraeus said he was encouraged that, unlike

Iraq, there was a consensus in America that the Afghan war was the right one.

But as the naval blockade, sealing off the Confederacy from the outside world, was a crucial element in Lincoln's strategy, there is no way to cut off Afghanistan's porous border from its neighbor Pakistan. And because Pakistan is an ally, not an enemy, there is no way to cut off Pakistan from the outside world.

One has to wish the anaconda well, but I am more worried about the Islamic extremists' own python that is slowly but surely wrapping its coils around the weak and dispirited Pakistani government. Compared with Pakistan, Afghanistan is but a sideshow.

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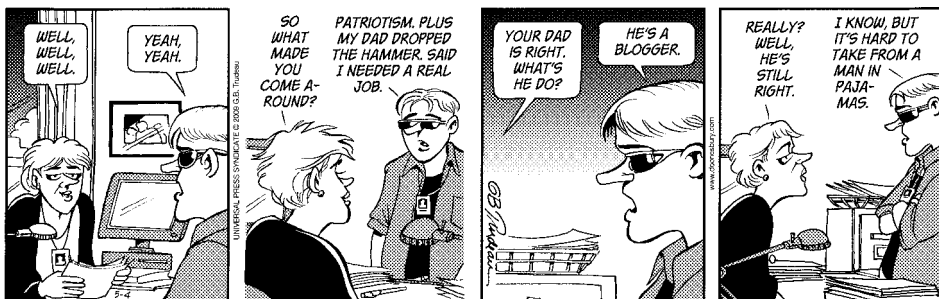
THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

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Looking for a family doctor? Good luck

In his remarks to the National Academy of Sciences annual meeting last week, President Obama said "the greatest advances in medicine have come from scientific breakthroughs, whether the discovery of antibiotics, or improved public health practices, vaccines for smallpox and polio and many other infectious diseases, antiretroviral drugs that can return AIDS patients to productive lives, pills that can control certain types of blood cancers, so many others."

The next great breakthrough, with great irony, will be finding the doctors to advance the advances.

Obama has put science back on a pedestal after eight years of it being submerged by the Bush administration. A key test of connecting this to the people is whether the administration can resuscitate primary care into a prime career. Many newspapers have documented the dwindling of internal medicine and family-medicine doctors. The Massachusetts Medical Society last year said that those two specialties "face critically stressed labor



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markets" in this state. The society found that the percentage of family medicine physicians who no longer accept new patients rose from 25 percent to 35 percent between 2006 and 2008, and the percentage of internal medicine doctors who no longer accept new patients went up from 31 percent to 48 percent.

This month, the society published another report that found that the costs of maintaining a practice and the crush of trying to see more patients in less time have resulted in Massachusetts being no different from the rest of the nation in struggling to keep the physician pipeline flowing. Despite being a global mecca for medical students, the percentage of physicians in Massachusetts who are 55 and older rose from 30.5 percent in 1992 to 41.1 percent in 2008. That is similar to a national aging of physicians 55 and over

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— President Barack Obama

from 34 percent in 1992 to 44 percent last year. Only 13 percent of physicians currently practicing in Massachusetts are under 35.

In Senate testimony last year, Bruce Auerbach, president of the Massachusetts Medical Society, pleaded for stronger federal funding designed to boost the number of primary-care doctors, particularly those doctors who want to work in underserved areas.

"Without a sound financial model that incents quality care and a robust physician workforce, our efforts to improve access to healthcare and to reduce costs will fail," Auerbach said.

Obama is aware of the problem. "We're not producing enough primary-care physicians, because the costs of medical edu-

cation are so high that people feel they've got to specialize," he told a healthcare forum last month.

Similarly, he said of the parallel nursing shortage in the United States, "it's not that complicated ... they don't get paid very well ... the notion that we would have to import nurses makes absolutely no sense."

In trying to make sense out of this, Obama last week announced the formation of a science and technology advisory council that includes medical specialists such as Christine Cassel, president of the American Board of Internal Medicine. Cassel last year cowrote a letter to The New York Times that said, "The fact that so many medical students are choosing lucrative specialties like dermatology over

internal medicine should be a clarion call that our healthcare system needs an overhaul. It is unfortunate that a doctor can earn \$2,000 an hour performing a cosmetic procedure while a primary-care physician earns far less preventing and treating life-threatening diseases like diabetes and hypertension. Payment disparities like this have turned our nation's healthcare upside down."

It is so upside down in her own area of geriatrics, Cassel told a House committee earlier this month, that most geriatricians who are in private practice are "wasting all that training doing Botox" and laser skin surfacing while "nobody pays them" to keep patients out of hospitals and nursing homes.

The richest nation in the world may be 124,000

physicians short of a needed 859,300 by 2025, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges. Cassel said the quality of health-care "rests in great part on the skills and judgment of the physician in relationship with the patient." Obama is in an unprecedented race to find the doctors to restore the relationship.

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Saving the nation's endangered Catholic schools

The positive findings in the Education Department's recent evaluation of the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship program provide more evidence that high-quality private and parochial schools can have invaluable benefits for low-income, minority students. Tragically, however, Catholic schools, long the heart and soul of urban private education, are disappearing. Last year, seven Catholic schools in Washington were converted into charters, and the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Cleveland are considering another round of school closures.

This accelerating crisis, which robs disadvantaged city students of desperately needed educational options, has such profound and negative implications that two U.S. presidents, almost two generations apart, urged intervention. One of us helped staff Richard Nixon's "panel on non-public education" in 1970; the other wrote the Bush administration's report last year. Yet schools keep closing.

If America is to preserve inner-city Catholic education, help is needed from the other side of the



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aisle. We hope the Obama administration will step forward.

Most urban Catholic schools were originally built to educate the children of European immigrants; today, they mostly serve poor African American and Latino students. With their long track record of successfully educating ill-served populations, these schools can play a central role in the nation's effort to expand educational opportunity and reduce the achievement gap.

But not if they disappear. Between 2000 and 2006, nearly 1,200 faith-based urban schools closed, affecting 425,000 students. Most were Catholic schools, though other faith traditions also closed many of their inner-city schools.

In these communities, good schools are scarce.

Districts try, and charter schools start, but a big fraction of the successful schools in such neighborhoods are Catholic. They have intentionally kept their tuitions low to stay within reach of poor families.

Their disappearance weakens American urban education and blights the prospects of many thousands of needy youngsters.

Piecemeal local solutions have fallen short. This is a national education crisis that needs a national response.

It's possible that President Obama and Education Secretary Arne Duncan understand the gravity of this challenge. Over the past decade, their home town of Chicago led the nation in Catholic school closures — 63. Surely they grasp the heart-rending human impact of these school closings.

Both have solid records as urban education reformers, particularly with regard to charter schools, which are built on the belief that parents need sound education options and that the common good is well served by schools run under various auspices, not just by large public-

sector bureaucracies.

Urban Catholic schools, though far older than charters, are cut from the same cloth.

They serve the public interest by providing a rigorous, safe education to needy students, and they are run by an organization, the Catholic Church, that through hospitals, charities, food banks and more has long made valuable contributions to the larger community. Yes, religion is woven into the fabric of these schools, but that shouldn't justify governmental indifference to their plight, especially given the paucity of other great schools in these communities.

The Obama administration could help turn this fatal tide. Stimulus funds could be used to shore up schools on the brink, provide assistance to their teachers and administrators, or expand and replicate promising local strategies. The president could support education tax credits or scholarships, which would help needy students and stabilize school enrollments. By simply underscoring his support and concern for these schools, he would indicate the bipartisan nature of this issue, there-

by providing cover to others eager to act but wary of the political implications.

America can no longer be distracted by the ideological battles surrounding educational choice and competition.

The issue today is simply our willingness to save vital institutions that have admirably served poor children for generations.

Republican administrations have pushed this issue as far as they were able to — but without great success. We are audacious enough to hope that, for the sake of hundreds of thousands of at-risk children, this Democratic administration will put its shoulder to this wheel and push until there is movement.

Chester E. Finn Jr., a White House aide from 1969 to 1970 and assistant secretary of education from 1985 to 1988, is president of the Thomas B. Fordham Institute. Andy Smarick, a White House aide from 2007 to 2008 and deputy assistant secretary of education from 2008 to 2009, is a distinguished visiting fellow at the Fordham Institute. They wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

Female justices make a difference

WASHINGTON — When Sandra Day O'Connor retired from the U.S. Supreme Court in 2005, national polls suggested that the public overwhelmingly supported replacing her with a female juror. O'Connor seemed to agree. "He's good in every way, except he's not a woman" is what she had to say about the nomination of John G. Roberts Jr.

Now, Justice David Souter is set to retire from the court, and President Obama is already facing similar pressure. Who might take Souter's place? We're already being introduced to Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan and Pamela Karlan — all very accomplished individuals who happen to possess the one qualification that many commentators and court-watchers seem to agree is the most important this time around: They are women.

Some of the pressure comes from those who believe that the membership of our courts should reflect the makeup of our

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society. More than half the U.S. population is female. Nearly one-third of all U.S. lawyers are women. Approximately 30 percent of the judges serving on the lower federal courts are women.

But a diverse Supreme Court isn't just about a bench that looks like America. This is about jurisprudence, too. In research that we conducted with our colleague Andrew Martin, we studied the votes of federal court of appeals judges in many areas of the law, from environmental cases to capital punishment and sex discrimination. For the most part, we found no difference in the voting patterns of male and female judges, except when it comes to sex discrimination cases. There, we found that female judges are approximately 10 percent more likely to rule in favor of the party bringing the discrimination claim. We also found that

the presence of a female judge causes male judges to vote differently. When male and female judges serve together to decide a sex discrimination case, the male judges are nearly 15 percent more likely to rule in favor of the party alleging discrimination than when they sit with male judges only.

This holds true even after we account for judges' ideological leanings. If Obama is considering two fairly moderate people, one a woman and the other a man, we would expect the woman to cast more liberal votes in sex discrimination cases. The same would be true if the president were considering two very liberal candidates, again, one a man and one a woman.

The retirement of the liberal-leaning Souter may not give the president a chance to move the court significantly to the left. But it does let him make a different shift. If he does choose a woman to fill Souter's seat, he could have a major impact on an area of law that's important to many Americans — women and men alike.

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Obsessed (TV) Daily 7:30 9:50
Hannah Montana the Movie (TV)
Daily 7:00 9:20
The Knowing (TV) Daily 7:20 9:40
Haunting in Connecticut (TV)
Daily 7:20 9:40 Ends Wed
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Alice S. Mecham Ashcraft

Alice S. Mecham Ashcraft, 82, passed away May 2, 2009 at Parkview Care Center due to complications of congestive heart failure, with her husband at her side.



enjoyed the sport for many years. She was active in PTA during her children's school years.

Alice loved to sew, knit and crochet. She made the best chocolate cookies

and always had a treat waiting for her children when they got home from school. She was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Alice is survived by her best friend and husband, Dick Ashcraft, children Wanda Losee (Alvin), Steven Ashcraft (Connie), Danney Ashcraft (Jolene) and Bonnie McClellan (Steven); sister Audrey Stoker and brother Vern Mecham. She has 14 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, two sisters, one grandson and one great-grandson.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 6, at the Emerson 2nd Ward, 127 S. 950 W. in Paul. A viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, at the Hansen Mortuary in Rupert and one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be in the Paul Cemetery.

The family would like to express their thanks for all the love and kindness shown to Alice by the staff at Parkview and the many friends and neighbors who have expressed their concern for her and took time to visit her and brighten her days.

Condolences to the family may be left at <http://www.hansen-mortuary.com>.

They were married Aug. 4, 1946. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls Temple on Aug. 4, 1969. They are the parents of four children.

They lived in various places in the mountains of Oregon where Dick worked in lumber mills before drawing a homestead in Hazelton, Idaho. Together they cleared the land for their farm and built their first home. Alice worked right alongside Dick to make a success of their farm.

They loved to take road trips all over the United States and have visited every state. She was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Emerson 2nd Ward, where she was a visiting teacher and taught Primary, Young Women and Relief Society classes for many years.

She was a member of the Kasota Sagehens, where she also held many offices. Alice joined a bowling league and

SERVICES

Ruth Solosabal Glenns Ferry, funeral at 10:30 a.m. today at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Glenns Ferry; visitation from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. today at the church (Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home).

Pauline R. Davis, formerly of Kimberly, service at 11 a.m. today at the LDS 14th Ward, 2101 W. 3100 S. in Salt Lake City, Utah; visitation at 10 a.m. today at the church; interment at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Pocatello Cemetery.

Bessie Delva Lyons Hanks of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Burley LDS 3rd and 7th Ward Church, 2200 Oakley Ave.; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Lenard Burton McBride of Heyburn, funeral at noon today at the Paul LDS 3rd Ward, 500 W. 300 S. (Hansen Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Truman Harry Arbaugh of Jerome, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at the Free Will Baptist Church in Jerome (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

Garth Miller Morrill of Kimberly, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Kimberly 2nd Ward LDS Church, 222 Birch St. (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Benjamin Neiwert of Rupert, graveside service with military rites, 2 p.m. today at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn (Hansen Mortuary in Rupert).

Thomas James Mackley of Boise and formerly of Rupert, committal service with military honors today at the State Veterans Cemetery, 10101 N. Horseshoe Bend Road in Boise (Dakan Funeral Chapel in Caldwell).

Marguerite Lillian Lanting of Hollister, funeral at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Twin Falls First Presbyterian Church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Harold Monroe 'Moe' Sagers of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Emerson LDS Church, 127 S. 950 W. of Paul; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:40 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Tobie L. Canoy, infant son of Cody and Sierra Canoy of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Lillian Anita (Howland) Lakey of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Randy H. Sellers of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Trinity Lutheran Church south of Eden; visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Aldred Reynolds of Castleford, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Castleford Baptist Church; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

James R. Hogue of Jerome, open house memorial from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Cavin home, 521 S. Fillmore St. in Jerome (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

Singers tell Congress: Money (That's What I Want)

By Ryan Nakashima
Associated Press writer

Jack Ely, the singer whose 1963 version of "Louie Louie" still makes the rounds on oldies radio, lives with his wife in a mobile home on a horse ranch in Oregon. Ely says they share \$30,000 a year from her teacher's pension and his Social Security checks. They are paying down a mortgage.

So sometimes it bothers Ely, 65, when he hears his voice singing "Louie Louie" on the radio or in sports arenas, knowing he's not getting paid.

"It gets played twice a day by every oldies radio station everywhere in the world. And I get nothing," said Ely, who recorded the song with The Kingsmen before getting drafted by the Army and leaving the band. "I got one check for \$5,000. That's all I ever saw from the sale of 'Louie Louie.'"

Since the advent of radio in the 1920s, songwriters have made a little money every time their tunes are played on stations in most industrialized countries. The six children of "Louie Louie" songwriter Richard Berry today share more than \$100,000 in royalties every year.

But performers like Ely don't get a dime.

A bill moving through Congress aims to change that. It would let performers and the recording labels get a share of the ad revenue that radio stations collect from playing their songs. This pool of royalties could be hundreds of millions a year — which would be crucial for the record industry, as compact disc sales plummet and digital song sales aren't making up the difference.

It could also unlock an estimated \$70 million to \$100 million per year that is collected by radio stations abroad for U.S. artists, but never paid out because U.S. stations don't pay foreign



AP photo

In this April 16 photo, Jack Ely, co-founder of The Kingsmen and best known for his 1963 rendition of 'Louie, Louie', poses for a photo with an old concert placard at his small horse ranch in Terre Bonne, Ore. Sometimes it bothers Ely, 65, when he hears his voice singing 'Louie Louie' on loudspeakers at sports arenas or on the radio, knowing he's not getting paid.

artists in return. France, for example, takes the U.S. artists' portion and puts it into French cultural funds.

There have been more than half a dozen attempts since the 1970s to enact a performers' royalty on Capitol Hill. All have faltered to a powerful radio station lobby headed by the National Association of Broadcasters. The association says performers and record labels are already compensated — they sell songs and concert tickets because of the radio airplay they get. The NAB says the long history of record labels paying disc jockeys for extra rotations helps prove the point.

This time, however, the music industry thinks it can win. In the last two decades, recording companies have secured royalties from other formats: Internet radio, satellite radio and music channels on cable TV services. Mitch Bainwol, the chairman of the Recording Industry Association of America, says he's prepared for a "multiyear" fight.

The bill has the support of the Judiciary Committee Chairman, Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., and is set for final revisions this month before possibly being sent to the House floor for debate.

Radio stations say the renewed push couldn't have come at a worse time.

The recession has pushed ad revenue at radio stations down by double-digit percentages from a year ago, and thousands of jobs have been lost.

Randy Gravley, the co-owner of five small radio stations in northern Georgia, says he can't afford even the special rate of \$5,000 per station per year allowed under the bill for stations with less than \$1.25 million in annual revenue.

His 20 employees cover everything from high school basketball and football to the student of the week in the towns of Hiwassee, Jasper and Ellijay. Salespeople set up equipment in the field and some reporters double as live commentators at games.

Gravley says a \$25,000 hit would mean one of three reporters would have to be let go or his stations would start to lose money. While more than half of his stations' air time is devoted to music — oldies, classic hits and southern gospel — he says can't afford to pay the performers who recorded the songs, at least not now.

"We're not trying to take away from anybody, but we're trying to stay in business," Gravley said.

Senators: Next Supreme Court justice should have wide experience

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Obama's search to replace retiring Supreme Court Justice David Souter should extend beyond the current roster of federal judges, senators from both political parties said Sunday.

"I would like to see more people from outside the judicial monastery, somebody who has had some real-life experience, not just as a judge," said Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee that will hold hearings when Obama makes his nomination.

Noting that all nine justices came directly from the federal appeals court, senators on the committee said someone with a wider breadth of experience would be a plus.

When he was discussing the qualities he would seek in Souter's successor, Obama said last week he wanted someone with empathy for average Americans. Conservatives fear that means the president would consider "judicial activists" for the seat.

Leahy said he expects the next justice to be confirmed by the court's new term in October and that the president will consult with law-

makers from both parties.

"I would like to see, certainly, more women on the court. Having only one woman on the Supreme Court does not reflect the makeup of the United States. I think we should have more women. We should have more minorities," Leahy said.

Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, a committee member who last week switched from the Republican to the Democratic Party, suggested someone in the mold of a statesman or

stateswoman, and said he could imagine a nominee who was not a lawyer, if that a person had the right credentials.

"I would like to see somebody with broader experience," Specter said. "We have a very diverse country. We need more people to express a woman's point of view or a minority point of view, Hispanic or African American... somebody who's done something more than wear a black robe for most of their lives."

DEATH NOTICES

Glen Clark

Glen Clark, 67, of Buhl, died Sunday at River Ridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls. Funeral services will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Lloyd A. Hamilton

Lloyd A. Hamilton, 92, of

Twin Falls, died Sunday at his home. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

P.C. Moreno

P.C. Moreno, 85, of Twin Falls, died Saturday at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

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2 win Alaska betting game, guess river ice breakup

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — The ice on Alaska's Tanana River has broken apart and now two lucky winners who guessed the timing of that much-anticipated annual event will split a jackpot of nearly \$284,000.

"My reaction was disbelief," Claudia Russell said Saturday after learning she

was a co-winner of the Nenana Ice Classic. "When I realized it was real, I was ecstatic."

Cherrie Forness, manager of the betting game that is an annual rite in Alaska, said the ice "went out" Friday at 8:41 p.m. local time.

Russell, a Juneau resident, and Stephen Gregory, of

Galena, were the only ones to pick the exact time of the ice breakup.

Russell has placed bets on the classic since 1966 and said in a telephone interview that she once came within a minute of the correct time.

This year's jackpot was \$283,723, down from nearly \$304,000 in 2008.

A huge wooden tripod is set up on the river ice and wired to a clock in a watch-tower on shore. The winning time is determined when the ice moves enough to tighten the wire and trip the clock. Forness said a 71-degree high in Nenana last Monday raised the chances that the ice breakup was in the offing.

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NATION & WORLD

Mexico official: swine flu in 'declining phase'

New cases appear in Europe, U.S., Latin America

By James Anderson
Associated Press writer

MEXICO CITY — The swine flu epidemic spread deeper into the United States, Europe and Latin America — and in Canada, back to pigs — even as Mexico's health chief hinted Sunday it may soon be time to reopen businesses and schools in the nation where the outbreak likely began. The virus spread to

Colombia in the first confirmed case in South America, worrisome because flu season is about to begin in the Southern Hemisphere. More cases were confirmed in Europe and North America; the World Health Organization said at least 787 people have been sickened worldwide.

Dr. Richard Besser, acting chief of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said swine flu is spreading just as easily as regular winter flu, with 226 confirmed cases in 30 U.S. states.

"The good news is when we look at this virus right now, we're not seeing some

of the things in the virus that have been associated in the past with more severe flu," Besser said. "That's encouraging, but it doesn't mean we're out of the woods yet."

Mexican Health Secretary Jose Angel Cordova said the virus that has killed 19 people in Mexico and sickened at least 506 apparently peaked here between April 23 and April 28. A drastic nationwide shutdown appears to have helped prevent the outbreak from becoming more serious, he said.

"The evolution of the epidemic is now in its declining phase," Cordova declared.

He said officials would decide Monday whether to extend the shutdown or allow schools and businesses to reopen on Wednesday.

Pablo Kuri, an epidemiologist advising Cordova, told The Associated Press on Sunday that tests have confirmed a swine flu death in Mexico City on April 11, two days earlier than what had been believed to be the first death.

He also said there have been no deaths among health care workers treating swine flu patients in Mexico, an indication that the virus may not be as contagious or virulent as initially feared.

The closed events made

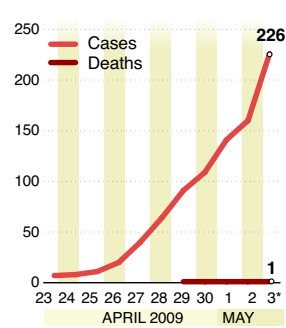
for a surreal Sunday in Mexico, as parishioners celebrated Mass via television, camera operators were the only ones in stadium bleachers and parks, museums, restaurants, theaters and other attractions were closed.

In the Canadian province of Alberta, officials quarantined about 220 pigs that became infected from a worker who had recently returned from Mexico. It was the first documented case of the H1N1 virus being passed from a human to another species. Canada stressed that pigs often get the flu and there's no danger in eating pork.

Swine flu infection

The number of cases of the new influenza virus increased to at least 226 as of Sunday, with 30 states reporting incidents, according to the CDC.

Confirmed U.S. H1N1 flu cases



* As of noon EDT; cumulative cases

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention AP

Egypt has ordered all pigs in the country slaughtered as a precaution, sparking riots Sunday by pig farmers who threw stones at police.

Protests erupt in Nepal after PM fires army chief

By Binaj Gurubacharya
Associated Press writer

KATMANDU, Nepal — Nepal's prime minister fired the army chief Sunday after a struggle over admitting former Maoist rebel fighters to the military, sparking mass protests and jeopardizing the survival of the country's first elected government.

President Ram Baran Yadav, meanwhile, rejected the ouster of army chief, Rookmangud Katawal, in a letter, calling it unconstitutional. The letter was delivered to Katawal's office late Sunday night and copies were also sent to Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal's residence.

Yadav was the first person elected as president in this Himalayan country, where a centuries-old monarchy was abolished last year.

The army is officially under the president's command, not the prime minister.

However, since the country's constitution is being rewritten, many things are unclear, including who has the power to fire the army chief. The president is a member of the Nepali Congress, the main opposition party, which vowed to fight the decision.

The army chief's dismissal prompted a key political party to withdraw from the ruling coalition and frayed already tense relations between the government, dominated by former Maoist rebels, and the military they long fought.

The fallout could pose the biggest challenge yet for Nepal's troubled leaders who are new to politics and already struggling to provide basic services in the impoverished country.

THE NEXT AFGHANISTAN?

Some fear Yemen could turn into out-of-control country where al-Qaida runs free, exporting violence to its neighbors



AP photo

In this photo taken Sept. 18, 2008, Yemeni army soldiers patrol the street in front of the U.S. Embassy after the attack by militants with suspected links to al-Qaida against the embassy in the capital San'a, Yemen. Yemen is the Arab world's poorest nation — and one of its most unstable — making it fertile territory for al-Qaida to set up camp.

By Donna Abu-Nasr
Associated Press writer

SAN'A, Yemen — The cave tucked in the remote Saudi mountains near the Yemeni border was clearly a way station for Islamic militants, Saudi police say, pointing to the stock of guns and ammunition, nooks for holding hostages and cameras for filming them.

It even had buckets of sugar, rice and flour, as well as boxes of charcoal, candles, pasta and beans — supplies for a long stay by al-Qaida fighters moving across the border to prepare attacks in the kingdom.

The discovery in early April reinforced a growing fear in Saudi Arabia: that Yemen could become another Afghanistan right on its doorstep, an out-of-control state where al-Qaida runs free and exports violence into its neighbor.

The United States shares the Saudis' fear. Gen. David Petraeus, head of the U.S. Central Command, told Congress in April that the weakness of Yemen's government provides al-Qaida

a safe haven and that terror groups could "threaten Yemen's neighbors, especially Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states."

Yemen is the Arab world's poorest nation — and one of its most unstable — making it fertile territory for al-Qaida to set up camp. The country is also in a strategic location, next door to some of the world's most important oil producing nations. It also lies just across the Gulf of Aden from Somalia, an even more tumultuous nation where the U.S. has said militants from the terror network have been increasing their activity.

Al-Qaida militants, including fighters returning

from Afghanistan and Iraq, have established sanctuaries among a number of Yemeni tribes, particularly in three provinces bordering Saudi Arabia known as the "triangle of evil" because of the heavy militant presence, Yemeni authorities say.

In January, militants announced the creation of al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, a merger between the terror network's Yemeni and Saudi branches, led by Naser Abdel-Karim al-Wahishi, a Yemeni who was once a close aide to Osama bin Laden. Over the past year, al-Qaida has been blamed for a string of attacks, including an armed assault

in September on the U.S. Embassy in San'a, as well as two suicide bombings targeting South Korean visitors in March.

Al-Qaida fighters in the country are believed to number in the low hundreds. But the presence is strong enough that Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh in February pleaded with tribesmen in the "triangle of evil" to turn in militants.

"You are the triangle of good, giving and loyal men. Fight terrorism and don't ignore it," Saleh told tribal members in Mareb province. "Does anyone here want to take us back to square one? To the days of ignorance, poverty and isolation?"

Yemen, the ancestral home of bin Laden's family, has long been an al-Qaida stomping ground. The country was the scene to one of al-Qaida's most dramatic pre-9/11 attacks, the 2000 suicide bombing of the destroyer USS Cole off the Aden coast that killed 17 American sailors.

Colo. may end death penalty to focus on cold cases

By P. Solomon Banda
Associated Press writer

DENVER — Colorado is one of 10 states that have considered abolishing the death penalty this year to save money, but Colorado's proposal has a twist: It would use the savings to investigate about 1,400 unsolved slayings.

The measure has sparked fierce debate between prosecutors and some victims' families. Prosecutors want to keep capital punishment as an option for heinous crimes, and they say the bill has raised unrealistic hopes about solving cold cases.

Supporters of the bill say it's more important to find and prosecute killers still on the loose than to execute the ones already convicted.

"The death penalty is not relevant without a murderer brought to trial," said Laurie Wiedeman, the older sister of 17-year-old Gay Lynn Dixon, whose 1982 slaying remains unsolved. "I would like to see the person who killed my sister put to death. But to have that person free to run around and committing other crimes?"

Abolishing Colorado's death penalty would save an estimated \$1 million a year that now is spent on prosecutors' time, public defenders' fees and appeals, according to a legislative analysis.

Supporters of the death penalty repeal measure want that money diverted to the Colorado Bureau of Investigations cold case unit, which has just one staffer. The extra money could add eight people to the unit, the legislative analysis said.

Proponents, led by Evergreen-based Families of Homicide Victims and Missing Persons, also say Colorado's death penalty is so rarely used that it's not a deterrent.

Colorado has executed only one person in the past 42 years, Gary Lee Davis, put to death in 1997 for his conviction in a 1986 slaying. Two men are currently on the state's death row.

The Colorado House narrowly passed the measure in late April, and the Senate is expected to vote before the session ends Wednesday.

Gov. Bill Ritter hasn't publicly said whether he would sign the bill if it passes. Before becoming governor, Ritter was Denver's district attorney and unsuccessfully sought capital punishment seven times. Before becoming district attorney in 1993, Ritter had expressed personal doubts about capital punishment.

Colorado Attorney General John Suthers and all but one of the state's district attorneys oppose the bill.

U.S. workers' wages stagnate as firms rush to slash costs

By Annys Shin
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In December, Timothy Owner, a trombone player with the Virginia Symphony Orchestra, called his landlord to tell her he might have trouble paying rent around May. He and the orchestra's 53 other full-time members, many of whom are paid less than \$30,000 a year, had agreed to a month-long furlough.

The furlough, which ended Saturday, was rough, Owner said. But he and other musicians acknowledged

that the alternative could have been worse. "We're less unhappy if this means the orchestra will survive," he said.

Across the country, workers' earnings are stagnating or, in some cases, declining. For many Americans, the setbacks are all the more troubling because they have lost so much wealth in recent months, with the value of their homes and retirement packages plummeting.

Employers big and small have resorted to slashing hours, and once-unthinkable wage cuts. In March, staffing agencies that work

for Microsoft agreed to a 10 percent reduction in their bill rate. In April, hotel operators in New York City asked unionized waiters, housekeepers and bellhops to reopen their contract and accept wage cuts. State governments such as Indiana's have frozen pay, while others, including Maryland and California, have furloughed employees.

According to a recent Washington Post-ABC News poll, more than a third of Americans say they or someone in their household has had their hours or pay cut in the past few months. That's a

nine-point increase since a similar poll was conducted in February.

Wages in absolute terms — not adjusted for inflation — tend not to fall, even during economic downturns. In a study of the recession of the early 1990s, Yale economist Truman Bewley found that employers are loath to reduce wages because of the potential impact on morale and productivity. That's why wages are considered "sticky" — they rarely slip.

So far, there's no evidence that cuts to compensation have reversed overall wage growth. But, as in past recessions,

the growth is slowing rapidly. The Labor Department's employment cost index, which tracks wages, salaries and benefits, rose in the first quarter by the smallest amount since the index began in 1982.

That bodes ill for those workers trying to rebuild nest eggs depleted by the housing and stock market downturns. To boost their savings, they typically need faster income growth or lower spending, and, as Harvard University economist Lawrence Katz put it, "It is going to be a long time before we see sustained pay raises."



Ah, spring Ah-ah-choo, spring

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Times-News

Natural relief for your allergies

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

Spring isn't so beautiful when seen through watery eyes and between sneezes.

Allergies affect more than 50 million people in the U.S., according to the American Academy of Allergy Asthma and Immunology. That's a lot of runny noses and sinus headaches.

But what is the cost of relief? The side effects of some over-the-counter allergy medicines are intimidating. Dizziness, drowsiness, anxiety? Which is worse, a stuffed-up nose or dry mouth?

Not all allergy treatments come with warning labels, though. Although none of these tips cure intolerances to pollen or pets, they can help alleviate symptoms naturally.

Nasal irrigation

Our noses filter and condition inhaled air with a thin layer of mucus that traps dirt, dust and pollen. For people with allergies, that mucus can build up, settle in the throat and end up in the stomach.

Daily nasal irrigation with a warm saline solution can rinse out impurities while keeping a soothing, protective layer of mucus in the nose. Irrigation can come in the form of squeeze bottles or Neti Pots, which are shaped like tea pots and gently force water through one nostril and out the other.

Mercia Neace, owner of Mercia's Natural Foods in Twin Falls, said she uses a Neti Pot for allergy relief. Although squeamish at first, she discovered that daily irrigation helps keep her sinuses clear. It has to be daily, though, she said — the soothing benefits last only for a day.

Avoidance

It sounds simple enough. If you're allergic to cats, stay away from them. If you're allergic to pollen, then don't go to the park in spring.

But that's not easy for animal and outdoor

lovers. If you love your cats — even though your sinuses don't — keep them out of the bedroom.

Can't stand sleeping without kitty at your feet? At least store your pillows in the closet during the day, recommended Dr. Victorija Laucius of St. Luke's Internal Medicine in Twin Falls. Your face is on the pillow for eight hours at a time, and if your cat is using the same pillow for her naps, then you're breathing in that dander all night.

If pollen is your problem, then avoid planting tons of flowering lilac bushes in your backyard. All plants have pollen, said Kelly Bryant, assistant manager of Moss Greenhouses in Jerome. Leafy foliage has less pollen than other plants, though, so try sticking with those to enjoy the benefits of a lush landscape.

And don't forget to shower after you garden, Laucius recommended.

"Your hair collects everything," she said. A simple shampooing at night can save you from a morning sinus headache.

Local honey

Allergy relief could be as simple as taking a teaspoon of honey every day.

Don't just reach for any bear-shaped squeeze bottle at the supermarket, though. The only way honey can help your allergies is if it's raw, unpasteurized, unheated and — most importantly — local.

Why local? Honey from your home base is likely to have pollen that you are exposed to regularly — the same pollen that causes your sniffles and sneezes. Small daily doses of the honey will help build up resistance, and the more local, the better. So honey from Jerome won't help allergy sufferers from Burley.

Finding local honey is another problem in itself. Neace said her local honey provider is out of stock until July, and Diane Stevens of the Twin Falls Farmers Market said a few prominent Magic Valley honey producers have died in recent months.

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REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

Sinus irrigation? I'm not convinced yet

This is the first season I've had problems with allergies. As a writer, I don't want to risk taking over-the-counter meds that might make me feel disconnected or drowsy. I have the attention span of an overcaffeinated housefly, so any more obstacles to meeting deadline are unwelcome.

So after hearing positive reviews, I turned to the Neti Pot.

The illustrated instructions seemed simple enough. Pictures showed a woman, head tilted, with the pot's spout up one nostril and water pouring out of the other. A bit intimidating, I thought.

My husband, Nate, put it more bluntly: "That looks disgusting."

OK, fine. But I was willing to try anything to relieve my allergy symptoms without fog-inducing meds. After snickering at the pamphlet's use of the term "nasal douching," I whipped up the

saline solution and got to work.

I'll spare you the slimy details, but judging by the drowning sensation — and the gagging and vomiting that ensued — I'm going to hazard a guess that I used the Neti Pot incorrectly.

Did my nasal passages feel soothed? Nope. Was I breathing easier? Hardly. Instead, I felt like I had been punched in the chest.

But when I shared my experiences at work, a co-worker started raving about her Neti Pot and how it helped with her sinus problems.

Another round of online searches showed very few negative reviews. Even my mother-in-law encouraged me to give it another try.

So basically, the problem was with me. Maybe I'll give it another shot when my gag reflex has calmed down. I've got to do something with it — the stupid thing cost me \$16. If all else fails, I'll turn it into a flower pot.

By the way, do you have a spare tissue? I feel a sneeze coming on.



— Melissa Davlin

Put the mettle to the pedal

How to work out like a pro

By Jeannine Stein
Los Angeles Times

Faltering on your fitness goals? Don't reach for the doughnuts — we've got help from David Brinton. He is a former Olympian, and currently an elite USA Cycling coach and president and founder of Technik Sports Inc., who takes us through four weeks of bike training. Brinton explains how to work out like a pro and avoid beginner burnout, and he suggests some tools that make the process easier.

Getting started

Before you even hop on that bike, set your training schedule — and make it a realistic one. Brinton suggests starting with three to four days a week of cycling, gradually working toward a goal of five to six days a week by the end of eight weeks. "Often, new riders are so excited and jump into riding six days a week," he says, "then realize it's not manageable."

• **Set some goals**, such as completing a race, or even one as grand as completing a "century," a 100-mile ride done in one day (there are races with shorter distances as well). That, Brinton says, has bragging rights, and it isn't as overwhelming as it sounds. "When you start recognizing your progress from week to week, then you realize, 'Maybe I could actually keep going!'"

• **Keep a training diary.** "It gives you a reference of where you started and where you are today," Brinton says. "If you time yourself going up a hill at a particular heart rate, how do you know if you've improved if you haven't been logging it?" Seeing speeds and distances increase can be motivating. Brinton suggests going into a fair amount of detail in the log, and include distance, time spent on the bike, heart rate and how you felt.

• **Get your bike fitted properly.** Rank beginners might need the help of an experienced bike store employee or cycling coach for this — there are even people who just fit bikes. Don't skip this part, Briton says; a saddle that's too low or too far forward, for example, can strain key tendons.

• **Take a bike maintenance class**, or have someone show you how to do basic repairs such as flat tires. It's also a good idea to practice those repairs.

• **Consider two gadgets** in particular: One is a heart rate monitor, which can help determine various training zone levels. For the first few weeks, you should pay attention to your heart rate at various levels of intensity. Make mental notes of those numbers, and log them in if you can remember. Also be aware of how you feel at those heart rates; for example, at 165 beats, you might feel like you're putting out a great effort, while at 150, you're able to sustain that pace for a great distance.

The other useful device is a bike computer, which calculates pedaling cadence. "Many times, riders cycle at



ANNE CUSACK/Los Angeles Times
David Brinton uses his bicycle to help stay in shape.

too low of an RPM," he says, which can hinder acceleration, since it demands more power from the rider.

Now for the riding ...

Weeks 1 and 2

Do a one- to two-hour ride at a sustainable pace on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday, with a longer ride on Saturday. Whenever possible, try to pick safe roads with few lights and stop signs. If none are close, you may have to drive to a better location.

For the weekday rides, "the idea is to start off easier. ... You don't want to have a week where you go so hard and so long that you're incapable of increasing mileage the next week." Doing too much too soon is also a formula for injury and burnout.

The major goals of these two weeks are learning how to ride at a consistent pace, getting the body used to constant pedaling, and maintaining a steady heart rate. You should be breathing hard, but able to sustain a conversation, talking in brief sentences.

That longer Saturday ride should be mostly flat terrain for 15 to 30 miles, with a 10-mile increase each week. On Sundays, do a shorter ride with some hill work, which will boost the cardiovascular system by making it work harder. But don't kill yourself. "You're not climbing to set a new record," Brinton says. He recommends cycling on a 4 percent to 6 percent grade.

Weeks 3 and 4

Maintain the same riding schedule, adding the usual mileage on Saturday. Also add a one-hour ride on Wednesday that's the same intensity as (or slightly lower than) your regular pace on Tuesday and Thursday.

Now it's time to put those heart rate monitor numbers to use. Determining your lactate threshold will help set up various training zone levels, useful in building cardiovascular endurance, and in establishing when recovery time is needed. Lactate or anaerobic threshold is the

point at which the body moves from working in an aerobic zone to an anaerobic zone, where blood lactate levels rise (causing muscle ache and fatigue) and the body burns more carbs than fat.

One way to establish this threshold is to ride at a sustained effort as hard and fast as you can for 20 minutes, trying to keep your heart rate steady. Your average heart rate is your lactate threshold, which is also 90 percent to 93 percent of your maximum heart rate. Do this test a few times to establish an average threshold level. As you become more fit, your lactate threshold level will likely rise, making it easier to both ride for longer periods and cycle at more intense levels. According to Brinton, cycling at 10 to 15 beats below your lactate threshold is the most efficient way to develop cardiovascular endurance and effectively filter lactic acid from the body. If maintaining this level becomes difficult, it could be an indication of overtraining.

During these weeks, Brinton suggests concentrating on pedaling mechanics. Instead of mashing down on the pedals and generating power just on the down stroke, think about the muscles you're using throughout the 360-degree range of motion. Thinking of the circle as a clock, from about 4 to 8 focus on the hamstrings; from about 7 to 12 the hip flexors, and from about 10 to 2 the quadriceps. Becoming a more proficient peddler will eventually increase speed.

Pedaling cadence, he says, should be about 85 to 95 RPMs on the flats, and 65 to 75 on climbs.

After four weeks, aim for continuing to increase your Saturday mileage by 10 miles, and add a few miles of climbing to the Tuesday and Thursday rides.

At this point, if a race or becoming a more adept rider is still the goal, it may be time to hire a coach or join a cycling group for additional training tips and experience riding with others.

To do for You

Caregiver support

Support Group meeting, 1-2:30 p.m. today, in Katz Conference Room at South Central Public Health District, 1020 Washington St. N. in Twin Falls.

Topics: caregiver issues and peer support.

Information: Shawna Wasko, College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging, 736-2122.

Bariatric support

Support Group meeting for patients who have undergone bariatric surgery, 7 p.m. today, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center's Education Center, 588 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

Information: 381-4504.

'Baby and Me'

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center's "Baby and Me" classes, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, at Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E.

This week's topic: baby on the move. The session is educational support for parents and babies. A baby scale is available each week.

Free; 324-6133.

Alzheimer's support

Alzheimer's Support Group meeting, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, at Rosetta Hiland, 1919 Hiland Ave. in Burley.

Open to Mini-Cassia residents who have family members with Alzheimer's.

Information: Maquel Wrigley, 677-5451.

Infant safety and CPR

Infant safety and cardiopulmonary resuscitation, 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, in the lobby of St. Luke's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

New parents, grandparents and caregivers learn CPR and what to do if a baby chokes.

No registration required; free; 732-3148.

About diabetes

Diabetes education classes, 9:30 a.m. to noon Wednesdays, this week to May 27, at Genoa Building, Suite A, 746 North College Road in Twin Falls.

Topics: diet therapy, medication administration and foot care.

Cost varies, and insurance companies can be billed. Preregistration required: 736-6218.

About childbirth

St. Benedicts' prepared childbirth series, 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, this week to June 17, at Jerome Ambulance Building, 240 E. Main St.

Bring a labor support person, if possible. Mothers may enroll even if their babies will be born at a different hospital.

Cost is \$30. Register: 324-6133.

Learn CPR

"Heartsaver Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation" class, 6-10 p.m. Thursday, in the Sage Room at St. Luke's Education Center, 588 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

Topics: infant, child and adult CPR, and automated external defibrillators.

Cost is \$36. Preregistration required; 737-2007.

Childbirth refresher

Childbirth refresher course, 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, in the lobby at St. Luke's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

Topics: Review of childbirth preparation and breathing techniques, and a video tour of the Women's and Infants Center.

Cost is \$20. Pre-registration required; 732-3148.

Women's event

Ladies Day Out, a free charity and social event for women, 1-4 p.m. Saturday in Room 276 at College of Southern Idaho's Taylor Building, 315 Falls Ave. W.

The event includes booths with information from St. Luke's on breast health and digital mammograms, Gold's Gym with health and nutrition, and other spas, salons and women's nature groups, along with a raffle, free food and door prizes.

Proceeds from the raffle donated to St. Luke's and to Susan G. Komen for breast cancer research.

Information: Julie at 312-7371 or www.tfladiesday-out.blogspot.com.

About Alzheimer's

Alzheimer's Support Group meeting, 2-3 p.m. Saturday, at Rosetta Eastridge, 1177 Eastridge Court in Twin Falls.

Open to Twin Falls County residents who have family members with Alzheimer's.

Information: Lisa Junod, 734-9422.

Breastfeeding

"Breastfeeding 101" class, 7-9 p.m. May 11 in the lobby of St. Luke's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

Topic: Breastfeeding basics for new and expectant mothers. Babies are welcome.

Free; 737-2297.

Memory screenings

Rosetta Assisted Living will hold free memory screenings by appointment only, Mondays through Fridays until Aug. 30, at 1177

Eastridge Court in Twin Falls, as part of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America's community memory screenings.

Schedule an appointment: 734-9422.

Hearing tests

Miracle Ear in Twin Falls is honoring Better Hearing Month in May. The local hearing solution center at 1543 Pole Line Road E. is offering free hearing tests and consultations, along with tips to help prevent hearing loss.

Information: Harry Leibovich at 733-3340.

Breastfeeding and employment

A two-part class to help successfully combine breastfeeding and employment. Does not replace a basic breastfeeding class.

The first class, before birth, helps with pump selection and milk storage. The second, after birth, helps choose appropriate bottle nipple and pump schedule.

Cost is \$25 for the two-part class. Preregister for date, time and location: Amy Peterson, 308-1350.

Child care provider training

St. Benedicts offers IdahoSTARS Child Care Provider Training in two classes May 12 at St. Benedicts, 709 N. Lincoln in Jerome.

Class A: 6:15-7:15 p.m., "Changing Labels"; cost is \$20.

Class B: 7:30-8:30 p.m., "Speaking the Language of Toddlers"; cost is \$20.

Register: Amy Peterson, 308-1350.

Pulmonary screening

Free pulmonary (lung) function testing for children 8 or older, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 16, at St. Luke's Pulmonary Lab, 570 Shoup St. W. in Twin Falls. Testing is by appointment only; space is limited.

The screening is provided by South Central Public Health District, South Central Idaho Asthma Coalition and St. Luke's, as part of Asthma Awareness Month.

To be tested, the child must meet at least one of the criteria: shortness of breath; coughing or shortness of breath during exercise; chronic cough; chronic post nasal drainage; chronic heartburn or reflux; waking up at night coughing or short of breath; currently taking breathing medication but never had a breathing test; or missed more than one day of school due to breathing problems.

Schedule an appointment: 737-5988.

"To do for you" is a listing of health-related activities, events and education. Submit information by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Healthy & Fit section. E-mail notices to ramona@magicvalley.com.

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A few healthy reasons to shake your salt habit



By Meredith Choh
The Baltimore Sun

After decades of warnings about salt, the white, grainy mineral seems poised to become the grocery's next boogeyman.

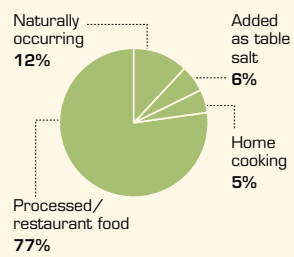
Health and consumer advocates who see a rising epidemic of high blood pressure and related disease are making the latest push, and that has foodmakers inching toward change.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently quantified the problem with a report saying most Americans consume more than double the daily recommended level of sodium, a major component of salt. An Institute of Medicine committee has begun exploring ways to control intake that could include new regulations, efforts from the food industry.

Since sodium occurs naturally in a few foods and its use is ubiquitous, eliminating it from American diets would be impossible and not advised, because a small amount is needed for proper body function. But if reduction efforts are successful, proponents say there would be less hypertension, and less heart disease and fewer strokes, the No. 1 and No. 3 killers nationwide.

"There are a lot of dietary factors that affect blood pressure, but salt is front and center," said Lawrence J. Appel, a professor of medicine, epidemiology and international health at Johns

sodium sources



Source: Center for Science in the Public Interest
BALTIMORE SUN GRAPHIC

Hopkins Medical Institutions and a salt panel member at the Institute of Medicine, a scientific advisory panel.

"Salt is why we have a blood pressure epidemic," he said. "No one knows how much salt he consumes or has easy control of it; it's why the solution is a public-health one."

Appel said putting down the shaker would be a good start. But most salt is added during processing or in restaurant preparation. That means retooling at the plants and commercial kitchens, and changing the way we think about food.

Take pizza, one of the saltiest and most popular foods. Makers would have to dump long-used recipes for crust and sauce, which would be hard to balance with the the potential for consumer backlash. They also would have to engineer new cheese, as salt is integral to its taste and preservation.

Appel said public tastes would acclimate to less salt quickly. If nothing is done, he said, the nation's blood pressure, which naturally climbs throughout people's lives, would continue to rise

HOW TO CUT BACK ON SALT

Most salt in American diets comes from food processing rather than the salt shaker. Here are suggestions on how to cut down:

- **Read** food labels. Salt is about 40 percent sodium, so look for the words sodium and soda, as in sodium bicarbonate or baking soda.
- **Some** drugs contain high amounts of sodium, so read those labels, too.
- **Choose** fresh, frozen or canned food without added salt. Avoid canned vegetables packed with salt.
- **Substitute** salt with spices containing less sodium.
- **Select** unsalted nuts, beans and peas.
- **Limit** salty snacks such as pretzels and chips.
- **Select** unsalted soups or broths.
- **When** eating out, ask that your dish be prepared without salt.
- **Pay** attention to these foods, the most common sources of salt: meat pizza, white bread, processed cheese, hot dogs, spaghetti with sauce, ham, ketchup, cooked rice, white rolls, flour tortilla, salty snacks and whole milk.

Sources: American Heart Association and the Grocery Manufacturers Association

to unhealthy levels faster.

The CDC study released this year was the first to use national data to show that

nearly 70 percent of adults should consume no more than 1,500 milligrams of sodium a day. They are people with high blood pressure, blacks and those older than 40. Other adults should consume less than 2,300 milligrams a day, or about a teaspoon.

The Center for Science in the Public Interest, a consumer group that sued in 2005 to get salt off the Food and Drug Administration's list of safe food ingredients, says restaurant and processed foods deliver more than three-fourths of the salt people consume.

Center Executive Director Michael F. Jacobson said regulation was necessary because, unlike fat, the public doesn't see an obvious result of overindulging and won't demand change.

Jacobson is further dismayed by recent consumer trends in "gourmet" salt and "natural" sea salt, which he says is still salt.

"Salt is the new bad guy and deserves to be," he said. "It's the single most harmful thing in the food supply."

Officials at the Grocery Manufacturers Association say they are taking action, although the problem can't be solved overnight, because Americans are used to the taste, and salt is used in production and preservation.

"Today there are more and more sodium- or salt-modified products available nationwide for consumers in the marketplace," Robert Brackett, chief science officer for the association, said in a statement.



By Linda Searing
Special to The
Washington Post

Quick Study

The topic: Coffee

For women, coffee may bestow stroke protection

THE QUESTION

Healthwise, the pros and cons of coffee continue to be studied and debated. What might its effect be on stroke?

THIS STUDY

It involved 83,076 women who had never had cancer, diabetes, heart disease or a stroke and were in their mid-50s at the start of the study. During the next 24 years, 2,280 of them had a stroke. Overall, women who drank moderate to high amounts of coffee were less likely to have had a stroke than were those who drank little or no coffee. Two to three cups a day corresponded to a 19 percent lower risk of a stroke, compared with a cup or less a month. Nonsmokers who drank four or more cups of coffee daily had a 43 percent reduction in risk, but smokers who drank that much coffee had just a 3 percent risk reduction. Higher consumption of decaffeinated coffee also conveyed somewhat lower risk, but such caffeinated drinks as tea and soda did not.

WHO MAY BE AFFECTED?

Women 55 and older. In the U.S., twice as many women die each year from a stroke as die from breast cancer, and more women than men die from stroke.

CAVEATS

Data on coffee consumption came from the women's responses on periodic questionnaires. The authors theorized that "components in coffee other than caffeine may lower the risk of stroke." People with insomnia, anxiety or high blood pressure should consult with a doctor before increasing their consumption of coffee.

FIND THIS STUDY

It's in the Feb. 16 online issue of *Circulation*.

LEARN MORE

Learn about women and stroke at www.stroke.org and www.strokeassociation.org.

The research described in Quick Study comes from credible, peer-reviewed journals. Nonetheless, conclusive evidence about a treatment's effectiveness is rarely found in a single study. Anyone considering changing or beginning treatment of any kind should consult with a physician.

Expert advice on strokes and their risk factors

By Liz Atwood
The Baltimore Sun

More than 140,000 people in the U.S. die each year from stroke, making it the country's second leading cause of death for women, and the third for men. About 795,000 strokes occur each year. At least one-quarter occur in people younger than 65, making it a health subject important to several age groups.

Dr. Marian LaMonte, neurology chief at St. Agnes

Hospital in Baltimore offers the following advice about strokes.

Know the warning signs of stroke. These include sudden weakness or numbness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden loss of vision in one or both eyes; sudden trouble speaking or confusion; sudden trouble walking or loss of balance or coordination; sudden severe headache.

Call 911 as soon as you notice any of the stroke

warning signs and get to the nearest hospital by ambulance. It is important to seek immediate medical attention. Stroke is an emergency.

Advocate for treatment with TPA, the clot-buster drug, in the emergency department. This treatment reduces the disability from stroke and increases the chance that you could be free of any symptoms three months from your stroke.

Know and treat your own personal risk factors for heart disease and stroke.

Common risk factors include high blood pressure and cholesterol; diabetes; smoking; excess alcohol or illicit drug use; and known heart disease. Work with your doctor to keep these under control.

It is important to eat fresh food — not packaged or fast food — and to exercise daily. Being inactive, obese or both can increase your risk of high blood pressure, high cholesterol and stroke. You should get at least 30 minutes of activity a day.

Allergies

Continued from H&F 1
Supplements

Mary Goodman of The Natural Way in Twin Falls said the most popular product for allergy relief at her store is Quercetin, a bioflavonoid found naturally in capers, apples and leafy greens. Combined with vitamin C and put into pill form, it helps combat allergy symptoms, as well as other physical ailments like inflammation and heart disease. Even the American Cancer Society recognizes Quercetin's potential for treating cancer.

The best part? There is no downside of taking the supplement for otherwise healthy people, Goodman said.

"On the bottle, there's no warnings. There's no side effects," Goodman said.

Confused about which supplements to take? Ask the store owner. And don't forget to consult your doctor before taking pills or herbs. Even all-natural remedies can interact with your existing meds or conditions.

Melissa Davlin may be reached at 208-735-3234 or melissa.davlin@lee.net.

Glossary

The southern Idaho fitness classes you've never heard of.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minidoka County Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday May 21st, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the Minidoka County District Court Room, Rupert Id, for the purpose of considering the following zoning matter: A Confined Animal Feeding Operation application & Variance application for **Wayne Schenk** located at 390 W 100 N, Rupert, ID 83350.

The application is for an existing feedlot to be permitted as a Commercial Confined Animal Feeding Operation, consisting of approximately 480 Animal Units. This property is also known as East ½ of the South East ¼, Sections 10, Township 9 South, Range 23 East, Boise Meridian, Minidoka County, Idaho. The public is invited to attend said hearing and give comment on the proposed zoning matter. Dated this 30th day of April, 2009
Cassie Walton, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURE:

After the applicant has made his basic presentation and the Commission has asked their questions, all interested individuals will be allowed one opportunity to testify, in an order as outlined by the Chairman at the beginning of the hearing. After all individuals have testified the applicant will be allowed time for rebuttal and a final presentation. The Chairman may limit the length of testimony if time restraints dictate and if no new information is being given.

PUBLISH: May 4, 2009

**CITY OF JEROME
SENIOR CENTER PARKING LOT PROJECT**

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed Bids for material supply for the SENIOR CENTER PARKING LOT PROJECT will be received by the City of Jerome, Jerome County, Idaho, the OWNER, at the City Hall located at 152 East Avenue A, Jerome, Idaho, 83338 until 2:00 o'clock p.m., prevailing local time, Monday May 18, 2009. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 o'clock p.m. on May 18, 2009.

The Project consists of the following items:

Furnish concrete for the Senior Center located at 520 South Lincoln, Jerome, Idaho.

The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Specifications, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

Jerome City Hall, 152 East Avenue A, Jerome, Idaho

Copies may be obtained from the City of Jerome, located at 152 East Avenue A, Jerome, Idaho. Cost per set is \$20.

The City of Jerome reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all Bids.

Each Bidder must deposit with his Bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidder.

No Bidder may withdraw his Bid within forty five (45) days after the date of the opening thereof.

Dated this 1st day of May, 2009.

s/s Charles Correll, Mayor
City of Jerome, Idaho

Publish: May 4 and 11, 2009

**100
Announcements**

**101
Lost and Found**

FOUND Dog, female Pit Bull/Lab cross, brindle colored, has purple collar. Found at 800 E. 100 S. Jerome. 208-320-4501

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

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

FOUND step stool, small, in Kimberly Nurseries parking lot. Call 733-2717 or stop by to claim

LOST Beagle female Hazelton/Ridgeway Rd area Reward if found 420-9857/404-8296

LOST Black Lab, male, east of Burley Springdale area, large "Gus". REWARD. Call 208-431-2212.

LOST Black Lab, male, east of Burley Springdale area, large "Gus". REWARD. Call 208-431-2212.

LOST Boat cover/Bra in the Filer area around April 1st. 208-539-9700 or 208-280-1630



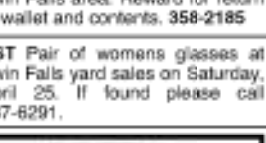
LOST Cat, large, black and white, long hair. Neutered male. Has a split in his left ear. Last seen 4/8 in the vicinity of TF City Park. Sizable reward no questions asked 736-6550 or 358-5092

LOST Chesapeake Bay Retriever, last seen 4100 N. 1700 E. 4 year old male. Dead grass color. Wearing blue collar. Answers to Mango. If found call 543-6597.

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 208-308-5266

LOST Green Wallet w/school logo in Twin Falls area. Reward for return of wallet and contents. 358-2185

LOST Pair of womens glasses at Twin Falls yard sales on Saturday, April 25. If found please call 837-8291.



LOST This is Lobo. Have you seen him? He got out of the fence the night of 4/28/09 on Brentwood Ave. in Burley. He has golden eyes, orange/brown/copper fur, German Shepherd mix, about 4 months old, white tip on end of tail and front paws, black fur around his nose, great with people, about 1 1/2' tall. If you have seen him please call 208-678-8193.

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The Director should have a Bachelor's degree in computer science, computer engineering, or a related field or in lieu of a bachelor's degree comparable work experience in computer science and management information systems. The director should preferably have some management and leadership experience. Salary DOE. This position will be open until filled. Required method of applying is a classified or certified application (available at the Filer District Office or at www.filer.k12.id.us), resume, and three letters of reference. **Application materials should be sent to Debbie Brown, Filer School District, 700B Stevens Ave. Filer, Idaho 83328 or debbie.brown@filer.k12.id.us**

MAINTENANCE

BOISE

Boise Packing in Burley, Idaho is seeking to hire a **Maintenance/Scheduler**

Responsibilities: Plans, estimates & schedules for effective utilization of workforce, materials & machinery in execution of plant maintenance work in order to increase up-time and minimize unscheduled downtime. Identifies safety needs, staffing, materials and special equipment to execute maintenance work. Assumes role of Maintenance Supervisor in his/her absence.

Qualifications: Two year technical degree preferred + 3 years maintenance related experience or equivalent maintenance experience. Must have an average degree of technical expertise and understanding in some or all maintenance fields. High degree of safety awareness a must. Strong organization and analytical skills. Must be able to work in a team environment to meet goals. Must communicate well in writing and orally and be able to persuade others effectively. Boise Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer. *****INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION*****
Please email resume to RobbieBateson@BoiseInc.com
Closing date is May 11, 2009 at 5:00 p.m

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ELKO DAILY FREE PRESS

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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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Milenkamp Cattle is seeking a Bookkeeper. Must experienced in A/P, A/R, Payroll. Proficient in Excel and Quickbooks with a minimum of 2 years experience. Fax resume to 208-324-3034

**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) 735-7288. Closing Date: 05-11-09. The City of Twin Falls is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Drug Free Workplace.

CLERICAL
Experienced Legal Secretary. Good pay and conditions. Fax resume to 208-736-2029

**206
Drivers**

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DRIVER
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**207
Education**

EDUCATION
Murtaugh School District #418 is looking for teachers to join our team in the following areas:

- Secondary Math Teacher
- Elementary Teachers
- Special Education Teacher (signing bonus offered)

A full-time position with full benefits is available to highly qualified applicants. Potential hires must pass background check. For information contact Vonie Adams at 208-432-5451 or vonie.adams@murtaugh.k12.id.us

EDUCATION
Wendell School District is seeking candidates for the following positions for the 2009-2010 school year:

Two Elementary School Teachers
One Middle School English Teacher - Eighth Grade
Proper certification is required.

One (1) Technology Director
Certification is preferred, but not required. Salary depends on experience.
Contact Supt. Greg M. Lowe at the School District Office (536-2418) for more information.

High School Coaching Positions:
Assistant Football Coach, Girls Junior Varsity Basketball Coach, Boys Junior Varsity Basketball Coach, Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach, Head Varsity Boys Soccer Coach.

Contact Brad Neuendorf, Athletic Director, or pick up an application at Wendell High School, 750 E. Main Street. Call 536-2100 for more information.

Middle School Coaching Positions:
8th grade Girls Basketball Coach, 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, 7th grade Volleyball Coach, Middle School Cheer Coach.
Contact Keele Campbell, Athletic Director, or pick up an application at Wendell Middle School, 751 E. Main Street - 536-5531 - to apply. Positions open until filled.

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