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Council approves \$10.25M loan agreement

By Ben Botkin
 Times-News writer

The Twin Falls City Council on Monday voted on a loan agreement to finance up to \$10.25 million for the purchase of water rights at Pristine Springs.

Attaining the water rights is a step that city officials see as a way of resolving high arsenic levels in parts of the city's water supply. The vote allows the city to issue a promissory note to the State of Idaho Bond Bank Authority for up to \$10.25 million.

The final interest rate of the agreement still needs to be worked out, but the rate is expected to be lower than the 5 percent maximum outlined in the resolution. Interest rates are expected to be between 3.7 percent and 4.1 percent, said Jim Wrigley, underwriter for the bonds.

The 5 percent limit gives some "wiggle room," he said.

The money will be paid back through revenues of the city water fund, according to the agreement. The payments on the agreement will be up to \$900,000 a year for 15 years. That amount includes principal and interest on the financing.

The financing is one piece of the project for the city.

The council in November decided that acquiring more water rights was necessary and sought judicial confirmation in court to finance the project to the tune of \$33.2 million. In January, the court determined the project is an "ordinary and necessary expense."

The entire project is estimated to increase water rates by up to 10 percent each year as the city takes on the new debt, according to a memo from Gary Evans, finance director for the city.

The city is looking at other options for the remaining financing, including a low-interest \$13 million loan from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Evans said.

BASE jumper still unconscious

Enthusiasts say Maryland man skirted further injury with gear

By Andrea Jackson
 Times-News writer

A 34-year-old BASE jumper from Maryland had yet to wake up Monday, after jumping 280 feet from the Snake River Canyon rim the day before, officials said.

The experienced BASE jumper, Scott Doyle, is a firefighter and paramedic from Montgomery County, Md., who authorities say suffered a serious head injury after a "line twist" when his parachute opened. After jumping from publicly owned land, Doyle struck the canyon wall in Jerome County by the Blue Lakes Country Club more than once Sunday morning, according to a press release from the Jerome County Sheriff's Office.

BASE jumping enthusiasts said Monday that Doyle skirted further injury, or even death, because of equipment he wore.

"I suspect without all that gear he could have had a crushed spine," said Twin Falls BASE Association Spokesperson Mark Kissner. "He did sustain an injury, we think, and hope he'll recover from it, but without preparation and planning it could have been over at the bottom of the cliff."

Doyle was listed in critical condition Monday afternoon at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, hospital officials said. Kissner said Doyle was still unconscious Monday afternoon.

On Sunday, a helicopter lifted Doyle from the canyon after other

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ABOVE: While waiting for the wind to ebb Monday afternoon, Charles Bryan takes some time to work on a parachute at the visitor center near the Perrine Bridge in Twin Falls.

TOP: BASE jumper Scott Doyle was injured Sunday morning during a jump in this area near Blue Lakes Country Club, pictured Monday.

Hoping for the best?

School districts hesitant to declare emergencies

By Ben Botkin
 Times-News writer

So far, at least six area school districts are shying away from declaring a financial emergency.

School districts from Filer to Dietrich aren't declaring a financial emergency this year, decisions that mirror Twin Falls and Gooding school districts.

Declaring a financial emergency allows school districts to reduce the number of contract days or the level of salary in teacher contracts. State funding cuts to education for the upcoming fiscal year meet one requirement for declaring a financial emergency.

The other requirement is based on how low a district projects its general fund balance to be at the end of the next fiscal year.

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Minidoka Memorial may change nonprofit status

By Laurie Welch
 Times-News writer

RUPERT — The Minidoka County Commission unanimously agreed Monday to recommend that the county-owned hospital be converted to a 501(c)3 nonprofit so it can secure money for a renovation project that otherwise may be grounded.

Minidoka Memorial Hospital Administrator Carl Hanson said the hospital board is contemplating changing the hospital's governance structure to help secure funding for an estimated \$6 million renovation that will include a new emergency room, nurse's station and a new building front.

Hanson said lenders are basically not lending money to government-owned facilities like the hospital due to a 2006 Idaho Supreme Court ruling that restricted local governments' ability to enter long-term debt without voter approval. The court's decision tightened the use of debt for "ordinary and necessary" expenses of government.

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Judge denies motion to dismiss grazing challenge

By Todd Dvorak
 Associated Press writer

BOISE — A judge has refused to dismiss and break apart a sweeping lawsuit accusing federal land managers of giving livestock grazing and energy development priority over protecting sage grouse habitat across millions of acres of public land in six western states.

The ruling by U.S. District Judge B. Linn Winmill marks an

initial victory for the Idaho-based Western Watershed Project in a lawsuit against the Bureau of Land Management. The conservation group is challenging 18 BLM land use plans covering more than 25 million acres in Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah, Montana and northern California.

In a lawsuit filed last year in Boise, the group accused the agency of violating environmental laws and its own policies in the management plans. Specifically, the lawsuit claims that at the direction of the Bush administration, federal managers failed to

consider a no-grazing option and or the cumulative effects of grazing and climate change on sage grouse and its dwindling habitat.

Last month government lawyers, joined by members of the Wyoming livestock and petroleum industry, asked Winmill to dismiss the lawsuit or split it apart to be argued separately in federal courts in each state.

Government lawyers argued that the court in Boise lacks jurisdiction over challenges of policy developed in other states and that

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Evening light hits elevators east of Fairfield along U.S. Highway 20 on Wednesday. Today's forecast for the Fairfield area calls for cloudy conditions and a high of 49.

URA begins discussions to provide parking for former Cain's location

Agreement depends on Glanbia becoming tenant

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency approved a memorandum of understanding Monday to provide parking for the former Cain's Furniture building at 204 Main Ave. N. in Twin Falls.

Jeff Bulkley, owner of Cain's, closed the 64-year-old business in 2008 and began converting the building into office space.

Bulkley still operates the Cain's Furniture Outlet at 1236 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

However, the former location on Main Street does not currently have adequate parking for potential tenants.

One of the tenants that Bulkley hopes will occupy the office space is Glanbia PLC, which would use the office space to house its administrative staff.

Neither Bulkley, nor Glanbia officials, could be reached for comment Monday afternoon.

Melinda Anderson, economic development director for the city of Twin Falls, said the details of the agreement have not

been "worked out."

According to a copy of the memorandum, any agreement will depend on the URA's ability to expand its revenue allocation area to include the property.

It goes on to say that the URA will provide parking "upon determination that sufficient tax increment funds will be generated by the project in order to fund the project."

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Food assistance programs receive stimulus boost

Food and shelter programs in Cassia, Minidoka, Jerome and Twin Falls counties have been awarded funds through the federal stimulus package to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in those counties.

Twin Falls County has been awarded \$14,353, with \$4,055 going to Minidoka County, \$3,721 to Cassia County and \$3,961 to Jerome County.

The selection was made by the national board chaired by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives of several charitable organizations, such as the Catholic Charities and United Way of America.

A local board made up of county commissioners, agencies and organizations will determine how funds will be distributed within their respective counties.

The South Central Community Action Partnership coordinates and administers the federal emergency program in Twin Falls, Jerome, Cassia and Minidoka counties.

Organizations wishing to apply must meet the following criteria:

- be private non-profits or units of government
- be eligible to receive federal funds
- have an accounting system
- practice non-discrimination
- demonstrated capability to deliver emergency food and shelter programs
- if they are a private voluntary organization, have a voluntary board

• must provide a detailed plan to expand existing programs that address the need related to the increase of unemployment in order to distribute ARRA funds.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for ARRA Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds should contact Leanne Trappen, South Central Community Action Partnership, 208-733-9351, ext. 3010.

Twin Falls URA board has vacancy

The Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency is seeking a Twin Falls resident to fill a position on its board.

The term will begin on July 1 and lasts three years.

This new member has the opportunity to be re-appointed to one additional three-year term. The URA board meets monthly on the second Monday at noon.

The board focuses on economic development and downtown Twin Falls redevelopment projects. If you are interested, please send a letter of interest and a brief resume no later than May 22 to Melinda Anderson, URA executive director, P.O. Box 1907, Twin Falls, ID 83303 or manderson@tfd.org. Information: Anderson, 735-7240.

— Staff reports

Bond reduced for rape suspect

Joseph Wicklund charged for alleged rape outside Twin Falls bar

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

Justin Wicklund was jailed nearly a month, strapped by a half-million dollar bond, for allegedly raping a woman outside Twin Falls' Woody's Bar and Grill in an attack said to be so violent that a judge sealed court papers that describe it.

But 5th District Court Judge Howard Smyser Monday slashed Wicklund's bond to \$25,000 after hearing from witnesses who challenged the victim's allegations against him.

Wicklund has since bonded out of jail, authorities said.

While reducing the bond, Smyser from the bench defended the previous \$500,000 bond, saying comments made by Wicklund, 25, had given him "cause for concern."

Deputy Twin Falls County Prosecutor Julie Sturgill wanted Wicklund to have at least \$50,000 bond, saying the woman received 15 stitches and suffered a lot of bleeding after the

April 15 incident.

But Wicklund's lawyer, Joe Rockstahl, offered other explanations for the injuries that reportedly left the woman near death from blood loss in the hospital emergency room.

"The court set high bond because it seemed like this was a violent encounter," Rockstahl said. "I think it's different."

Rockstahl said the two did have sex, but attributed the high blood loss to a medical condition and blood thinners the woman was taking with alcohol.

Rockstahl presented statements from witnesses who said Wicklund and the woman appeared friendly both before and after the time of the alleged rape. Adam Auten, a bouncer at the bar, in court papers said he saw Wicklund and "a heavyset, older woman" kiss, hug, play pool and leave the bar holding hands.

"I walked outside at least once to check the parking lot during the time period that they were out of the bar area and I heard nothing," Auten said in court records. "I observed the two coming back into the bar some time

later. It appeared that they had just had sex. The complaining witness did not appear to be in distress or upset."

Dusty Buhler, who said he was in the bar with his wife but was not drinking, also provided an affidavit saying the alleged victim told another bar patron that "it hurt" but "it was worth it," and continued to converse with Wicklund after returning to the bar with him. Buhler in court papers also said he gave a statement to police, but that officers never followed up with him.

Wicklund, who was employed at Herrett's Stocks Inc. in Twin Falls, is scheduled to appear in court for a preliminary hearing on May 15.

Because of the court's sealing of two affidavits filed by prosecutors in support of charges, little has been made public about the allegations against Wicklund. While allowing the statements of the defense witnesses to remain open, Smyser said he would keep the prosecutor's paperwork closed because it includes "intimate details" beyond information in the defense affidavits.

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Some people recommend lowering the mowing height in the spring and again in the fall, but this is not absolutely necessary. It is more important to maintain the proper mowing height and to mow frequently so that you are not scalping the turf. Continue mowing late into the fall until the grass has stopped growing, sometimes as late as late November. This will remove excess debris and decrease the chance of snow mold. Raising the mowing height in the summer is a good practice. This higher mowing height, encourages deeper root growth and increases the lawn's resistance to drought stress. Even a 1/4 inch adjustment (one wheel notch on most rotary mowers) will make a big difference in the health of the grass.

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Shovel Brigadiers join the feds, of all things

Whatever became of the Jarbidge Shovel Brigade, that group of conservative Nevadans who nine years ago sought a showdown with the government over a washed-out road? ...

Some of them have gone and become government officials, that's what ...

Last year, Nevada Gov. Jim Gibbons named 74-year-old Paradise Valley rancher Tony Lesperance director of the state Department of Agriculture ... Lesperance, a former Elko County commissioner, was a vocal member of the brigade that marched down Jarbidge's main street in 2000 in defiance of the U.S. Forest Service ...

Lesperance once nearly got into a fistfight with a fellow commissioner in the dispute over South Canyon Road, according to the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* ... He told the magazine *Mother Jones*, "We will rebuild the road, come hell or high water," and vowed never to compromise ...

The anti-government crusaders saw their rights being violated when the Forest Service wouldn't let the road be rebuilt because of environmental concerns ... The dispute attracted national publicity ...

"I can't go on with extinguishing our rights," Lesperance said in 2000 ... "It's a line we cannot cross ... To people who say, 'How are we (Elko County) going to pay for it?' I say, 'Go to hell.'" ...

Lesperance's county commission was pitted not just against the feds, but state agencies with which he's now working ...

The Jarbidge dispute was finally settled by an agreement between locals and the Forest Service ... The road remains in place ...

Another Brigade leader, Starr Valley rancher Demar Dahl, now 66, was elected to the Elko County commission in November ...

And Nevada State Assemblyman John Carpenter, now 78, an Elko Republican who has served in the Legislature for 23 years, was involved with the Shovel Brigade ...

The brigade still exists, according to Jeff Mullins, managing editor of the *Elko Daily Free Press*, but has no meetings or functions ... "They nearly saw a revival when the Forest Service recently announced it was closing a bunch of roads, but that issue has calmed down for now," he said ... Lawsuits drag on because of environmental groups' opposition to the agreement over access to South Canyon Road ...

Community garden could help N. Idaho students

POST FALLS (AP) — A community garden will teach students about growing vegetables while helping them cultivate better lives, school officials in this north Idaho town believe.

The garden, part of a Post Falls School District's program offering alternatives to suspension, will include students who have been ordered in court to perform community service as well as those interested in growing plants.

"It'll be mostly kids with an interest in outdoor activities or gardening or

maybe some science," Mark Jones, the Post Falls School District's alternative to suspension coordinator, told The Spokesman-Review of Spokane, Wash., "or maybe those who need some extra hours to earn their way back into school. It'll be a combination of all kinds of different students from all kinds of situations."

During the school year, students in grades 7 through 12 will visit and work in the garden.

"This just broadens their ideas of the world out

there and what possible jobs and types of thing are available," said Steve Hansen-Barber, a science teacher at New Vision High School, an alternative school, "but the other thing is the meaningfulness of doing something in your community and being a part of the community."

"So many of the alternative school kids feel like outsiders. This brings them back, gives them some ties."

The garden has been funded by a \$22,300 grant from Balanced and

Restorative Justice, a program of the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections.

Food produced at the garden will be donated to area seniors who are no longer able to garden for themselves. The garden is on land owned by Mary Richards, who donated its use.

Work on the garden began last fall. Plantings so far include lettuce, cabbage, cauliflower, blueberries and raspberries.

More vegetables and herbs will be planted in warmer weather.

The River City Garden Club is helping with the crops.

"I think this is absolutely the most wonderful thing," said Barb Tilton, a local gardener. "This is so good for the kids. This is something they can take with them for the rest of their lives."

Second Idaho swine flu case confirmed

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare says an 13-year-old Ada County girl has the state's second confirmed case of swine flu.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed the case Monday. That brings the

state's total to two confirmed cases and two probable cases of swine flu infection.

So far, 299 people have tested negative for the disease.

Seven reports of illness are currently under investigation.

Filer man killed in rollover

Times-News

A Filer man died Monday evening in a rollover crash northwest of Hollister.

Timothy Ray Mingo, born in 1976, was ejected from his northbound 1996 Dodge pickup as it rolled at approximately 1900 E. 2850 N., said Twin Falls County

Sheriff's spokeswoman Lori Nebeker.

Twin Falls County Sheriff's deputies responded to the crash after receiving a call at 6 p.m. No further details were available.

Nebeker said the crash is under investigation, which will likely be handled by the Idaho State Police.

Law & Disorder...

... in Cassia County

From May 5 police reports:

Vandalism: Somebody painted graffiti in the Burley High School welding shop. According to the report, there was a "13" on the south wall, but the rest of the graffiti was illegible. According to the report, "It appeared to be gang related."

Battery: A Nampa woman, 20, reported that a Burley woman is selling puppies suspiciously. According to the report, the Nampa woman wanted a puppy, but the Burley woman refused to provide her address and, instead, "offered to meet her somewhere." The woman said several other people have tried to procure puppies from the Burley woman, but each time the owner "refuses to give out any information but always offers to meet them somewhere to show them the puppies," the report reads.

Attempted burglary: Somebody broke a door knob off of a door in Burley. Nothing was taken — not even the door knob, which was on the ground — so it remains unclear what the suspect(s) were attempting to burglarize. The door knob was photographed and fingerprinted.

— Damon Hunzeker



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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY MONDAY ARRAIGNMENTS

Richard Clayton Burkhart, 31, Twin Falls; two counts petit theft; \$1,000 bond; public defender appointed; June 2 pre-trial

Socorro J. Mireles, 36, Hansen; DUI, invalid driver's license; \$1,000 bond; public defender appointed; June 2 pre-trial

Jesus Mejia-Valdez, 29, Gooding; invalid driver's license; open container; June 2 pre-trial; \$500 bond; public defender appointed

Clifford Velasquez, 32, Twin Falls; resisting officers; recognizance release; public defender appointed; June 2 pre-trial

Dustin Kelly Osborne, 19, Twin Falls; possession of paraphernalia; June 2 pre-trial; \$100 bond; public defender appointed

Chad Winkelman, 17, Buhl; reckless driving, minor possession of tobacco, minor possession of alcohol, minor consumption; June 2 pre-trial; recognizance release; public defender appointed

Jose G. Ramirez-Camacho, 33, West Valley City, Utah; possession of stolen vehicle; May 22 preliminary hearing; \$10,000 bond; public defender appointed

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Shoshone police chief to give tickets for good behavior

By John Plestina
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE — While most adults don't like to get tickets from the police, a new type of ticket is a reward for children and teenagers caught doing something good. Shoshone's police chief hopes it might prove to be an effective icebreaker between the town's youth and his department.

Police Chief Jon Daubner hopes to have his "Gold

Ticket" reward program for positive behavior in place this week. His motivation is that some children and teenagers have preconceived notions that anyone wearing a uniform is bad. He intends to change that.

Youths receiving gold tickets may redeem them for snack items including ice cream and mini pizzas valued at \$4 or less from several participating merchants.

The Shoshone Police Department had a similar program in place when

Daubner joined the force as a patrolman eight years ago. "It broke the communications barrier. They know it's OK to talk to a police officer," he said.

"I got the feeling that with the uniform, it's a barrier and kids need to know they can talk to a cop," Daubner said. "I want to get back to where we have a good relationship with the community."

He called situations where officers might issue gold tickets difficult to

specify. "I'm trying to enforce good behavior," Daubner said.

One scenario he offered was an officer making a traffic stop who notices a child wearing a seat belt could issue a gold ticket for doing the right thing. Another situation might involve an officer observing a youth mowing or watering a lawn for an elderly neighbor.

"Go get yourself an ice cream on me," Daubner said as an example of what an

officer might tell a child while issuing a gold ticket.

"We have lots of things to give to bad kids like citations and court. We had nothing to give to good kids," he said.

Daubner spoke to business owners earlier this week and said several were on board by Wednesday.

Diana Price is the manager of the Valley Country Store in Shoshone. She was the first merchant Daubner approached about the program.

"I think it's an absolutely fabulous idea," she said. "It's been a long time since anybody has taken the time to do anything for the kids here. I back him 110 percent."

Other Shoshone businesses participating include Lava Java Molten Ice, Mountain View Lanes, Monarcas, Main Stop and the Shoshone Snack Bar.

John Plestina may be reached at scribejp@yahoo.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Gooding Senior Project Fair nears

Gooding High School's Senior Project Fair will be held Wednesday in the Gooding High School gymnasium. Hours are 9:30 to 11 a.m., noon to 3 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m.

Health fair held in Gooding

Gooding County Memorial Hospital will hold its 11th Annual Health Fair from 7 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Wendell Middle School, 750 E. Main St.

This year the hospital is offering a lab work panel for \$40. It includes 32 tests that screen thyroid, diabetes, cardiac risk, nutrition, kidneys, liver and a cholesterol assessment. A blood test for prostate screening will be \$15. For those with diabetes, a hemoglobin A1c screening will be available for \$20.

A breakfast provided by the Gooding County Memorial Hospital Foundation will also be available, along with a wide-variety of free screenings, health information and drawings.

Local U of I students honored

MOSCOW — The University of Idaho College of Natural Resources celebrated exceptional students, faculty and staff in recognition of their work with a recent ceremony.

Awards were presented at an end-of-academic-year awards ceremony. Students honored from the Magic Valley included:

Fairfield: Rob Gawler, Outstanding Graduate, Forest Resources.

Hailey: Kate Zuck, Outstanding Leadership Award, Conservation Social Sciences.

Twin Falls: Liza Pulsipher, Outstanding Senior, Conservation Social Sciences.



KIMBERLY WILLIAMS-BRACKETT/For the Times-News

A rainbow stretched across the sky near Hagerman Wednesday evening after rain showers rolled through the valley.

APPRECIATING TEACHERS AT SUCCESS MARTIAL ARTS



Courtesy photo

Success Martial Arts awarded area teachers with an April 12 educator appreciation ceremony. Senior instructor Brian Higgins said, "These awards are different because the teachers are chosen by the children. ... What makes this so special is that it shows a relationship that has been built over the course of the school year." Pictured from left, Kent Snow and student Kamrin White; Daniel Becker and student Savannah Gill; Beth Bruns and student Logan Lockwood; Terry Gunning and student Thomas Collins; Brian Higgins.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT:

Allison Bigler

By Mary Hanson
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — Gooding High School junior Allison Bigler, like a lot of students inching closer to graduation, is already thinking about life after high school.

"The economy is definitely going to affect my plans for going to college," she said, "But I set my priorities starting from some time ago."

Bigler said she plans to study to become a physical therapist, hopefully at Idaho State University in Pocatello. She's already earned certification as a nursing assistant through Gooding High health teacher Dene Miller's class-



Bigler is the middle child of four girls and one boy born to Carl and Cindy Bigler. She was born in El Paso, Texas, but moved with her family to Idaho when she was about 7 years-old, she said.

She's an honor student and Gooding High's junior class president active in Business Professionals of America, Skills USA, cheerleading, track and cross country, among other extracurricular events.

"I credit my parents for any success I've had or will have in getting my education," Bigler said. "My dad always said to set priorities and work for what we have, and to always try harder and work our hardest."

es and plans to work as a nursing assistant this summer to help pay for her higher education.

"I have my senior year now to make it all come together," she said. "I'm a little nervous."

Heartburn responds favorably to pressure on stomach

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have suffered with heartburn since I was in my teens. I'm now 61 years old and have taken antacids for years.

About 10 years ago, my doctor recommended a technique to curb heartburn. I thought it was ridiculous and never tried it until about three months ago. I was in church and experienced heartburn coming on. I had to do something. So, out of desperation, I tried the technique my doctor recommended 10 years prior. It worked great, and I have not taken an antacid since.

I simply use both hands to press just below my sternum and continue pressing down to my stomach for about 30 seconds, three different times. I don't know why the method works, but it does. When I feel heartburn coming on, I begin the



ASK DR. GOTT
Dr. Peter Gott

technique, and before I know it, the symptoms disappear. Now I don't have to use the technique as much as I did at the onset. I wish I had listened to my doctor 10 years ago, but I want to pass this hint along to help others who have heartburn.

DEAR READER: Heartburn is a painful, burning sensation in the esophagus that usually occurs just below the breastbone and may travel upward, causing a sour, bile taste in the mouth. It happens mainly when the contents of the stomach flow backward into the esophagus.

Secondary causes include an excess of stomach acid or the presence of a peptic ulcer.

At one time or another, we all experience heartburn from eating fried, fatty or spicy foods. An over-the-counter antacid that neutralizes stomach acids is often all that is necessary for relief. More severe cases may require physician-prescribed medications.

Most people with related conditions prefer to wear loose-fitting clothing. Your remedy works in reverse by applying pressure to the thorax. Perhaps you are, in effect, forcing the stomach contents back down where they belong, thus relieving the symptoms. I'm printing your "church remedy" so others might be able to benefit from it and report back to me. I'll accumulate and publish their findings.

In the interim, I suggest you avoid offending foods and excessive alcohol, discontinue or reduce possible smoking habits, and allow adequate time after meals before lying down.

To provide related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Hiatal Hernia, Acid Reflux and Indigestion." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed stamped No. 10 envelope and a check or money order for \$2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167,

Wickliffe, OH 44092.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My wife uses several prescription and nonprescription medications that are often quite outdated. One is E-Mycin topical solution 2 percent that expired in June 1995. Can you comment on the use of these drugs?

DEAR READER: As a rule, many drugs remain effective long after the recommended date of expiration. In part, this depends on how and where they have been stored and what they are for. Research has proven that

some drugs remain completely effective 10 years after the stated date. If your wife is using a topical cream that is providing effective results, let her continue. In this situation, the worst that can happen is that the area she is treating will not improve with treatment.

To play it safe on any other drugs, check with your wife's physician.

Gott is a retired physician and the author of the book "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Diet."

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New officers for the Gooding Elks Lodge No. 1745 have been elected and are prepared to lead the Elks into the new year. Pictured from left, back row: Exalted Ruler Richard Geer, Inner Guard Nate Baumann, Loyal Knight Tim Pierson, Trustee Tim Pereira, front row: Chaplain Dave Buechler, Lecturing Knight Jeff Jefferies, Leading Knight Mike Day, Secretary Mike Reed and Esquire Nick Becker. Not pictured, Tiler Kenny Wilson.



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The Idaho State Elks Association's state project is the Elks Rehab Hospital in Boise. To help fill the needs of the hospital, a statewide food caravan was organized, with all lodges in the state gathering donated food and money to help the Idaho Food Bank provide stock for the hospital to use. This year the Gooding Elks were able to supply about \$2,500 worth of supplies to aid the hospital. The members of the caravan were pictured from left, Chairman Darrel Green, Ralph Petrie, Bill Kestle and H.O. Nix.



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Students from Amy Botz's fourth-grade class were decked out in vintage costume for the Camas County School District Academic Fair. Their campfire was located next to a model of the Cataldo Mission and a display of student-made hats resembling those that early explorers, trappers and others might have worn. There was also a papier mache likeness of Chief Joseph.

Academic Fair held by Fairfield schools

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Chatting casually with Lewis, Clark and Sacagawea over a campfire was just one of the opportunities available to visitors at the Camas County School District's Third Annual Academic Fair.

Students staffed a museum featuring Idaho history, complete with students serving as guides and event security. Others portrayed historical figures.

Students from all grade levels also exhibited projects or demonstrations reflecting their academic achievements. Science, math, history, government, literature, and technology were the major project areas featured. A series of liquid nitrogen demonstrations by the high school chemistry class were also held.

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With bond passed, Bliss moves ahead on wastewater facility

By Mary Hanson
 Times-News correspondent

"This is the time. We must solve this problem and develop a modern wastewater collection and treatment plant. Bliss can't grow without it."

— Bliss Mayor Laura Pulse

BLISS — When nearly 80 percent of a town's registered voters turn out to cast their ballots, it's a good sign of the importance of an issue.

For the west Magic Valley town of Bliss and its 249 residents, as estimated in 2007 by the U.S. Census Bureau, that big issue is a new wastewater treatment facility.

Since a \$1 million bond to help pay for the nearly \$7 million price tag of the new system was passed by voters 59-4 on April 28, city officials have been working toward making the system a reality.

"This is the time," Bliss

Mayor Laura Pulse said. "We must solve this problem and develop a modern wastewater collection and treatment plant. Bliss can't grow without it."

Currently, Bliss residences and businesses are hooked up either to septic tanks or connected to a small pond on property owned by Linda Hutchinson, the remnant of a longstanding verbal agreement. Hutchinson said she wants the pond gone so she can develop her land. And development is a

big factor for pushing the new treatment facility.

"We could be welcoming many types of businesses and taking advantage of being located by (Interstate) 84 and major railway lines," Pulse said.

Region IV Development Association manager Carleen Herring, working with the city on the project, called the \$1 million bond's passage a good-faith move by Bliss residents.

"We were very excited that the community came out and showed their sup-

port for the project," Herring said.

Bliss officials are now pursuing federal and state funding for the project, which Herring said she's confident will be under way by this time next year. The Bliss City Council will hold a special meeting at 1:30 p.m. today to discuss funding for the wastewater treatment facility.

"Time is critical at this point in the process," Herring said. "That is why we are having this special meeting."

Hagerman girls selected for girls state

Haley Wiedenman and Whitney Kress, Hagerman High School juniors, have been selected to attend the 63rd annual session of Idaho Syringa Girls State, June 14-19 at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa. Both girls are sponsored by Lea Owsley Post No. 31 American Legion Auxiliary.

Kress, daughter of Mark and JoAnna Kress, is currently student body treasurer, Pep Club secretary and is on the Youth Action Counsel. She is also involved in Spanish Club,



Wiedenman Kress

Wiedenman is the daughter of Edward Wiedenman. She is the student body vice president and was freshman class secretary. She has been a varsity cheerleader for three years and has been active in volleyball and track.

She is a pianist and earned the rank of first-degree black belt in a form of karate call Tang Soo Do. Following high school graduation she plans to attend Western Washington University in Bellingham, Wash., and

study foreign affairs and communications. In March, Wiedenman flew to India to do volunteer work for two weeks with Habitat for Humanity.

Girls State Chairman Sue Carter said both young women will be terrific delegates. Both show strong leadership abilities and are interested in government and current events.

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Wendell PeaceBuilders honored by school

At a May 4 all-school assembly, Wendell Elementary School Principal Kevin Rogers presented certificates and pencils to students whose behavior earned April PeaceBuilder awards.

Before students were honored, students from Mrs. Cooper's fourth-grade class performed short skits to demonstrate the four peace-building principles: praise people, give up put-downs, notice hurts and right wrongs, and seek wise people.

The following students were honored:

- Kindergarten:** Amarai Conrado, Victor Barboza, Tristan Gunter, Milagros Sandoval, Sean Parker, Alan Teco-Gavay, Jonathan Valera, Rickey Tunstall, Faithanne Munoz, Alex Sandoval, Alex VanDyk, Jose Costo, Dominic Woodward, Jackeline Alvarez, Quay Lindsay, Keeler Housley, Maria Belen Granados, Destanie Rowland, Leslie Santos,
- Anatolio Diaz, Luis Arevalo.
- First grade:** Destiny Cavitt, Jakob French, Abraham Nunez, Dylan DeBerg, Hanna Wensink, Jazman Cantu, Keagan Eckles, Luis Esquivel, Sage Crumrine, Larissa Espino, Luis Garcia, Madison Flick Paulina Ledesma.
- Second grade:** Riley Jensen, Baily Pearson, Rosaura Cruz, Skyler Borrayo, Eric Evans, Jr. Ethan Priebe, Brayden Roe, Michelle Cruz, Celia De la Cruz, Alexia Rasmussen, Emily Anne Harlan, Sofia Martinez, Benjamin Orozco, Casey Leach, Rylee Dunn, Makenzy Whittkiend, Nadia Guadarrama.
- Third grade:** Alex Magana, Robin Moreno, Karla Coronado, Skott Hanson, Jaque Estrada, Ana Santiago, Brian Smith, Jesus Ledesma, Fabian Palma, Jace Dolieslager, Cassandra Hernandez, Lidia Gonzalez, Porter Clarkson, Itzel Martinez, Bryant

Salazar, Ali Jacobsen.

Fourth grade: Rene Benitez, Madalyn Hosack, Melissa Nava, Nick Stevens, Julian Wert, Diana Lopez, Cassidy Lukesh, Zack Housley, Martin Jiminez, Jose Vielmas, Jessie Elizarraras, Kelsey Crosland, Evan Matos.

Salazar, Ali Jacobsen.

Fourth grade: Rene Benitez, Madalyn Hosack, Melissa Nava, Nick Stevens, Julian Wert, Diana Lopez, Cassidy Lukesh, Zack Housley, Martin Jiminez, Jose Vielmas, Jessie Elizarraras, Kelsey Crosland, Evan Matos.

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"In this camp, I am not seeing anything that will give us much relief."
 — Iftikhar Khan, one of 500,000 Pakistani refugees who have fled the region of Swat, about a camp in the town of Mardan

EDITORIAL

How ITD can get its mojo back

Idaho state government agencies have gotten crossways with the Legislature before, but perhaps never to the extent of the Idaho Transportation Department.

Simply put, a significant number of lawmakers don't trust ITD's numbers, management or motives. That's an echo of disenchantment with the Connecting Idaho initiative, former Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's billion-dollar plan to build roads using Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle bonds. That's money borrowed against future federal highway payments.

Trouble is, Connecting Idaho became more costly and less ambitious as economic reality set in. Many inside and outside the Legislature think Kempthorne sold Idaho a pig in a poke. Then came an independent report that criticized communication and morale in the agency under Dave Ekern, the director during the Kempthorne years.

Trust had eroded so much by last year that lawmakers refused to approve any new money for road repair and ordered a half-million-dollar audit which found ITD was underfunded and overextended.

Several different fuel tax increase proposals failed in the just-concluded legislative session. Gov. Butch Otter finally was able to muster \$54 million for roads when lawmakers agreed to shift funding for the Idaho State Police, remove the tax exemption on ethanol and raise license fees.

Otter also wanted a significant increase in vehicle registration fees, but that idea fizzled after ITD miscalculated the potential revenue by \$11 million.

At one point during the session, Senate Transportation Committee Chairman John McGee, R-Caldwell, proposed legislation ending the independent status of ITD — it is governed by a board of trustees, not directly by the governor. That bill went nowhere, but it's a symptom of the agency's problems with the Legislature.

In some ways, ITD's continuing problems are curious. The agency now is run by a technocrat, Pamela Lowe, a 16-year veteran of the agency. And the ITD board, chaired by well-respected former Democratic legislator Darrell Manning and including Castelford trucking company owner Gary Blick, is among the strongest in state government.

What's more, the agency clearly has the support of the governor whose decision to go to the mat with lawmakers over highway funded extended the legislative session to a near-record 117 days.

What it doesn't have is much of a constituency, inside and outside the Legislature.

The very size of Idaho's teaching fraternity gives the Idaho Department of Education some clout, and the scope of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's operations touches every community in the state.

Idaho's Legislature is full of advocates for delivering education and social services, and Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna and Health and Welfare Director Dick Armstrong are well-connected and influential.

Not so much with transportation. Former ITD board members Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, and Sen. Chuck Winder, R-Boise, are highway specialists, but they don't have many colleagues with equal enthusiasm for good roads. In fact, the chairwoman of the House Transportation Committee, Rep. JoAn Wood, R-Rigby, is often a critic of spending state tax dollars for highways.

Since power abhors a vacuum, transportation issues quickly become political in Idaho — with disastrous results for our infrastructure.

Transportation needs effective advocates in state government — people with the chops and credibility to speak knowledgeably and independently about roads.

It also needs a good accountant who can produce accurate cost estimates.

ITD itself is compromised, so perhaps Otter should consider appointing an infrastructure czar — a counterpart to the governor's well-regarded energy adviser, Paul Kjellander. Or maybe the Transportation Board itself should become a bully pulpit for highway betterment, much as the Idaho State Board of Education led the way on education issues during the 1960s and '70s.

If Idaho had politically viable transportation agency, Otter would not be 0-for-7 on gas tax increase proposals. It's time to put some starch back in ITD, and only the transportation board can accomplish that.

TIMES-NEWS

Brad Hurd . . . publisher Steve Crump . . . Opinion editor

The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Brad Hurd, James G. Wright, Steve Crump, Bill Bitzenburg and Ruth S. Pierce.

Setting the stage for more smokers

Everyone wonders how Bernie Madoff lives with himself after his decades of fraud. But what about Louis Camilleri?

Camilleri is CEO of Philip Morris International, which last year was spun off from Altria and Philip Morris USA. The separation meant Camilleri could pursue with more vigor, and without US regulation or lawsuits, his sordid business of addicting millions more people to cigarettes.

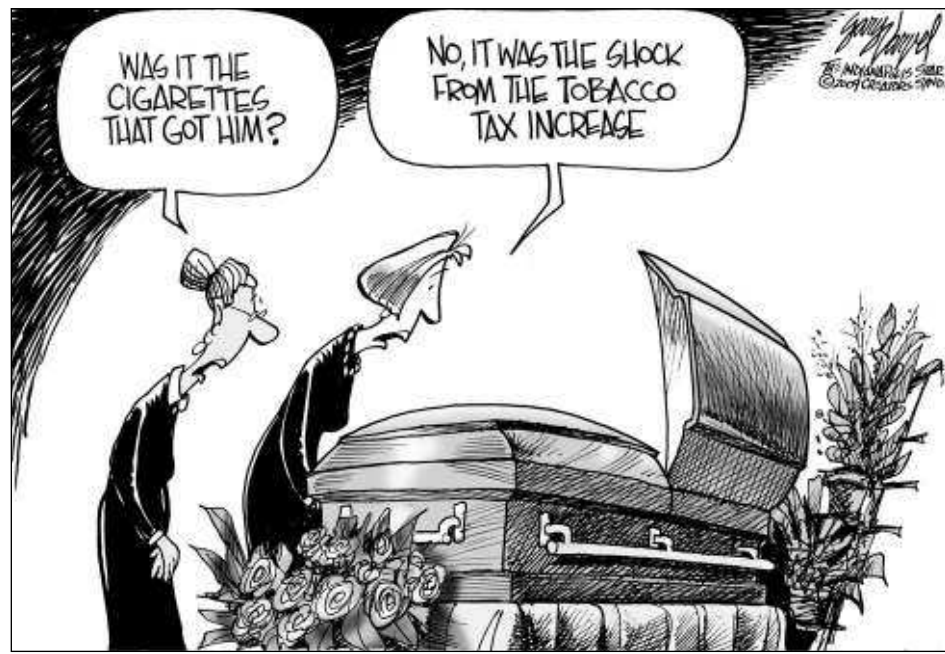


DERRICK Z. JACKSON

The World Health Organization says cigarette smoking kills 5.4 million people a year around the globe, and is on track to kill 8 million people a year by 2030, the equivalent of a New York City disappearing every year. If Camilleri has anything to do with it, we may be seeing more than 8 million die annually.

At its first shareholders meeting since the spin-off, Camilleri boasted this week, "We transitioned flawlessly to our new status as the largest publicly traded tobacco company. PMI's strong results underscore that our business fundamentals are in excellent shape and our solid business momentum has set the stage for further growth in the years to come."

In Camilleri's world view, a flawless transition means a 13 percent rise in revenues around the globe, totaling \$25.7 billion in 2008, and profits rising 14 percent to \$6.9 billion. It means the Marlboro Man, figuratively deported from the United States after four



decades of anti-smoking campaigns (and after Marlboro Men Wayne McLaren and David McLean died of lung cancer), rides taller than ever on billboards elsewhere in the world.

At the shareholders meeting, Camilleri singled out successful growth of Marlboro products in Korea, Romania, Japan, Hong Kong, and Indonesia. He cited impressive sales of other brands, like Parliament, L&M, and Chesterfield, in Russia, Turkey, Ukraine, Germany, Austria, France, and Portugal.

That is only a thumbnail sketch. Net revenues were up as high as 22 percent in Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and Africa, up 23 percent in Latin America and Canada.

"In my opinion," Camilleri said in his prepared remarks to shareholders, "very few investment opportunities today are as compelling as PMI."

To be sure, anti-tobacco activists are trying to fight the invasion of the lung snatchers. Some socially conscious advocates at the shareholders meeting got Camilleri to agree to one

minute of silence for the 5.4 million people who will die this year from smoking. But the extent that Philip Morris continues to exploit the world came toward the end of Camilleri's remarks, where he praised the 30,000 workers in its affiliate operations in barely regulated Indonesia.

Most of the workers are women, and Camilleri praised them as breadwinners. "We take our responsibility to contribute to the local community very seriously," Camilleri said. "In addition to providing for the welfare of our staff, we fund programs which support poverty alleviation, education, environmental protection, disaster relief, and employee volunteerism."

Of course, all Camilleri has to do to alleviate poverty, protect the environment, and make disaster relief unnecessary is shut down his business.

Camilleri was America's eighth-highest-compensated CEO last year. This week, his flawless transition earned him a \$9.4 million bonus and a total of \$32 million. In interview after interview, Camilleri displays no conscience

about suckering adolescents (despite denials of marketing directly to youth) with sexy, adventurous, and rock-star cigarette imagery that overwhelms anti-tobacco education and common sense.

In a feature this month on Camilleri, *Business Week* interviewed a 16-year-old high school student in Jakarta who buys her cigarettes at a cart outside her school. Asked what he would say to the girl if he had a chance to meet her, Camilleri said he would tell her "exactly what I told my kids and continue to tell my kids: I don't think they should smoke."

Everyone knows Camilleri's \$32 million depends on hooking that girl to her grave. While 69 percent of Indonesian men smoke, according to the WHO, only 5 percent of girls smoke. Camilleri's job is to scam that girl into the greatest, preventable public health disaster we have ever seen.

Derrick Z. Jackson is a columnist for the *Boston Globe*. Write to him at jackson@globe.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wind power needs more consideration

Regarding the South Hills wind towers:

With the vast potential Idaho has for utilizing wind power, I would be interested in learning more about how the bird-diverters work.

Many of the powerful interest blowhards, who speak out against wind power, amplify bird deaths and because of this, say that wind should be out of the question; instead of remarking, "Hey, wind is simply a great idea! Why can't we inject more research and development into ways to prevent bird windmill casualties?"

Last year, *Popular Science Magazine* featured an award-winning invention that employed wind power from ginormous rubber bands. If developed further, such devices could help our country emerge from the current economic and energy Dark Ages. While inventions like this hold great possibility for

our future, naysayers will probably find ways to claim that whippoorwills and hummingbirds will be fatally attracted to the buzzing sound.

Before our country started becoming a lazy, fast-food TV nation, we held our inventors in high esteem.

While the next generation of Tesla's, Edison's, Kamen's, Hurbise's and Farthsworth emerge, we should give these ingenious energy saviors more enthusiastic support, instead of sticking our heads in south Idaho sand to avoid wind.

JIM BANHOLZER
Ketchum

Editorial writers needed to look at facts

I am a longtime snowmobiler and lifelong resident of the Magic Valley. My parents were charter members of the Magic Valley Sno-mobilers starting in 1966. Now my own family and my brother's family are still members of

the same club.

What I really want to say is I know part of the editorial staff and always figured them to be knowledgeable and respectful. That is why I am shocked over the May 5 editorial.

The staff obviously didn't look for any facts about winter use in the South Hills.

Beginning in 1973, the Magic Valley Sno-mobilers Club, along with United States Forest Service help, cleared the trees for the lower parking lot and built the warming hut and restrooms that are there for everyone to enjoy.

This was all built by volunteers with snowmobile money.

Also, if you would have checked, the Forest Service has to have several criteria to have to pay to camp. This includes restrooms, picnic tables, fire rings and a water system. How many of those amenities do us winter users enjoy? Also every snowmobile, and I mean

every snowmobile, pays \$32.50 for a license to ride. Every sled that designates Area 42 on that license, the money goes to that area for trail grooming, parking lot plowing and search and rescue in the South Hills.

My family of five pays \$162.50 per season just to ride. Believe me, we pay our share. Our club also has a cleanup day planned for June 13 to clean up the parking lot and to clear trails.

You would think Samantha, seeing how she is on the advisory committee for BLM, would know this, but you really think the editorial staff would check facts before writing editorials. The Forest Service building is always open during the week and more than happy to discuss areas in its district.

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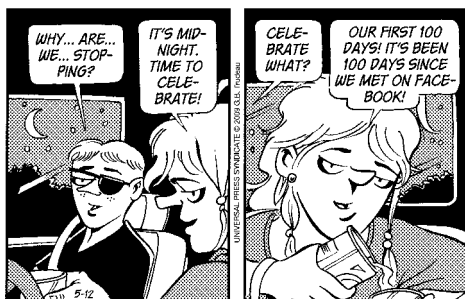
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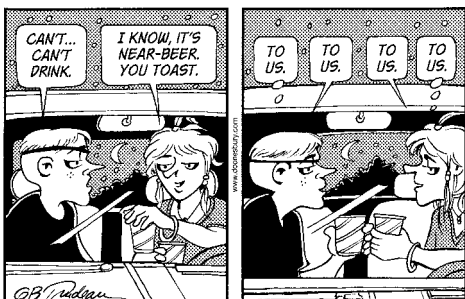
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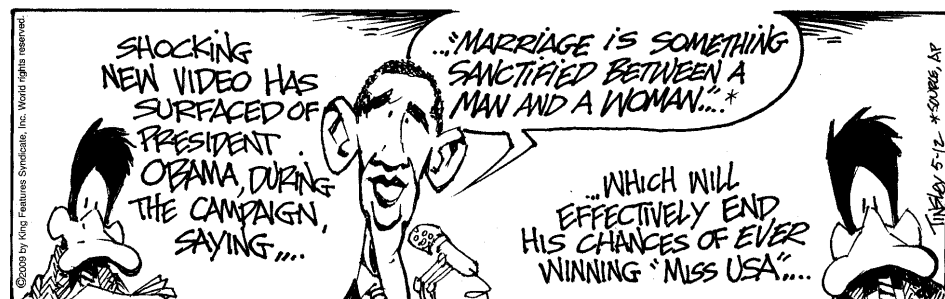


By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley



A record of accomplishment by 60th Idaho Legislature

This has not been an easy session of the Idaho State Legislature for anyone — the governor, representatives and senators have struggled to meet Idaho's transportation needs with decreasing funds. Gov. Butch Otter and the Idaho Legislature, however, have reached a compromise that will meet our immediate transportation needs while protecting Idaho's families and businesses from new taxes in one of the most difficult economic downturns is a generation.

We would like to thank the governor, his staff and our counterparts in the



READER COMMENT
Rep. Jim Patrick et. al

Senate for their hard work on this issue. This debate, though contentious, has demonstrated the strength of the legislative process and the commitment of all elected officials in Idaho to do what is best for the people they serve. It has also proven that constructive solutions can come out of differences of opinions. There has been unprece-

ented public involvement in this debate, and that involvement was crucial in determining the final solution. We have received thousands of letters, e-mails and phone calls from citizens sharing their perspective on this legislation. We thank you for your enthusiastic participation in the legislative process.

In a deal brokered by the governor's office and the House and Senate leadership, lawmakers have agreed to take part in two task forces this summer focused on transportation. While this deal will not end the debate, even after the legislature approved

roughly \$55 million in additional funding for the maintenance and preservation of our transportation infrastructure, it will allow Idaho lawmakers to end the session while providing the governor and the Idaho Transportation Department an unprecedented amount of money for Idaho roads.

One task force will look for dedicated funding sources for Idaho State Police and Parks and Recreation. The \$21 million from the gas tax that is currently used to fund those agencies will be shifted to fund road and bridge maintenance begin-

ning in 2010. The task force will include eight lawmakers, four each from the House and Senate.

The other task force will be appointed by Gov. Otter, and will look for long term solutions to Idaho's transportation needs. It will consist of five House members, five Senators and five non-lawmakers.

This compromise represents a plan to proceed forward, to continue the conversation and to use our resources to address the needs of Idahoans in the most constructive and responsible way possible. We are proud of the work that we have accomplished

and look forward to continuing to work with the governor, the Senate and our colleagues in the House to serve the people of Idaho.

This commentary was also signed by state Rep. Brent Crane, R-Nampa; Rep. Raul Labrador, R-Eagle; Rep. Bob Nonini, R-Coeur d'Alene; Rep. Steven Kren, R-Nampa; Rep. Marv Hagedorn, R-Meridian; Rep. Joe Palmer, R-Meridian; Rep. Judy Boyle, R-Midvale; Rep. Jeff Thompson, R-Idaho Falls; Rep. Russ Matthews, R-Idaho Falls, and Rep. JoAnn Wood, R-Rigby.

No-excuses schools that actually work for students

The fight against poverty produces great programs but disappointing results. You go visit an inner-city school, job-training program or community youth center and you meet incredible people doing wonderful things. Then you look at the results from the serious evaluations and you find that these inspiring places are only producing incremental gains.

That's why I was startled when I received an e-mail message from Roland Fryer, a meticulous Harvard economist. It included this sentence: "The attached study has changed my life as a scientist."

Fryer and his colleague Will Dobbie have just finished a rigorous assessment of the charter schools operated by the Harlem Children's Zone. They compared students in these schools to students in New York City as a whole and to comparable students who entered the lottery to get into the Harlem Children's Zone schools, but weren't selected.

They found that the Harlem Children's Zone schools produced "enormous" gains. The typical student entered the charter middle school, Promise Academy, in sixth grade and scored in the 39th percentile among New York City students in math. By eighth grade, the typical student in the school was in the 74th percentile. The typical student entered the school scoring in the 39th percentile in English Language Arts (verbal ability) and by eighth grade was in the 53rd percentile.

Forgive some academic jargon, but the most common education reform ideas — reducing class size, raising teacher pay, enrolling kids in Head Start — produce gains of about 0.1 or 0.2 or 0.3 standard deviations. If you study policy, those are the sorts of improvements you live with every day. Promise Academy produced gains of 1.3 and 1.4 standard deviations. That's off the charts. In math, Promise Academy



DAVID BROOKS

eliminated the achievement gap between its black students and the city average for white students.

Let me repeat that. It eliminated the black-white achievement gap. "The results changed my life as a researcher because I am no longer interested in marginal changes," Fryer wrote in a subsequent e-mail. What Geoffrey Canada, Harlem Children's Zone's founder and president, has done is "the equivalent of curing cancer for these kids. It's amazing. It should be celebrated. But it almost doesn't matter if we stop there. We don't have a way to replicate his cure, and we need one since so many of our kids are dying — literally and figuratively."

These results are powerful evidence in a long-running debate. Some experts, mostly surrounding the education establishment, argue that schools alone can't produce big changes. The problems are in society, and you have to work on broader issues like economic inequality. Reformers, on the other hand, have argued that school-based approaches can produce big results. The Harlem Children's Zone results suggest the reformers are right. The Promise Academy does provide health and psychological services, but it helps kids who aren't even involved in the other programs the organization offers.

To my mind, the results also vindicate an emerging model for low-income students. Over the past decade, dozens of charter and independent schools, like Promise Academy, have become no-excuses schools. The basic theory is that middle-class kids enter adolescence with certain working models in their heads: what I can achieve; how to control impulses; how to work

hard. Many kids from poorer, disorganized homes don't have these internalized models. The schools create a disciplined, orderly and demanding counter-culture to inculcate middle-class values.

To understand the culture in these schools, I'd recommend "Whatever It Takes," a gripping account of Harlem Children's Zone by my Times colleague Paul Tough, and "Sweating the Small Stuff," a superb survey of these sorts of schools by David Whitman.

Basically, the no-excuses schools pay meticulous attention to behavior and attitudes. They teach students how to look at the person who is talking, how to shake hands. These schools are academically rigorous and college-focused. Promise Academy students who are performing below grade level spent twice as much time in school as other students in New York City. Students who are performing at grade level spend 50 percent more time in school.

They also smash the normal bureaucratic strictures that bind leaders in regular schools. Promise Academy went through a tumultuous period as Canada, the program's founder, searched for the right teachers. Nearly half of the teachers did not return for the 2005-2006 school year. A third didn't return for the 2006-2007 year. Assessments are rigorous. Standardized tests are woven into the fabric of school life.

The approach works. Ever since welfare reform, we have had success with intrusive government programs that combine paternalistic leadership, sufficient funding and a ferocious commitment to traditional, middle-class values. We may have found a remedy for the achievement gap. Which city is going to take up the challenge? Omaha? Chicago?

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The big lie about vaccine dangers

A mother gently places her beautiful 1-year-old boy on the examining table, unwrapping his soft, blue blanket. To my opening question, his mother says "No," she has no concerns.

A thorough exam confirms the boy's good health. His heart and lungs are clear; his growth and development right on target. Even his crying as we screen his blood for anemia and lead are signs of a normal child.

This kind of "well-child check" is about keeping children healthy, and it is the cornerstone of pediatrics. The final step is the vaccinations.

To my surprise, the mother objects. She explains that she works as a nanny and was taught by her employers that vaccines cause terrible illnesses, such as autism.

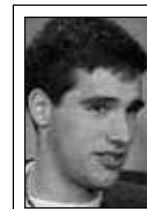
The child's mother, striving to do what's best for him and trusting the family she works for, is convinced that she should decline inoculations we know prevent potentially deadly diseases in order to "prevent autism."

I found the encounter disturbing. A healthy and vibrant child was leaving my clinic vulnerable to illnesses that could lead to his death or that could spread disease to a vulnerable child who could not be vaccinated for medical reasons, such as cancer.

An increasing number of parents are opting out of vaccinating their children. Until now, they have tended to be affluent families. But I fear we are starting to see a new contagion, a terrible idea spreading.

The anti-vaccination movement has its roots in a 1998 study in the journal *Lancet* suggesting a possible link between autism and the measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine, and recommending that the MMR components be given individually. The subsequent hysteria caused British vaccination rates to fall below 80 percent in 2008. That year, there were 1,348 cases of measles and two deaths in England and Wales (compared with just 56 cases in 1998) according to the *London Sunday Times*.

But the *Lancet* study, which included more authors (13) than patients (12), had severe ethical and scientific flaws — and 10



DR. RYAN COLLER

of the 13 authors since have retracted their conclusions. Right now, the lead author is facing disciplinary proceedings by Britain's General Medical Council for professional misconduct during the study.

One allegation is that he received funding from lawyers representing a group that believed their children were harmed by the MMR vaccine. He also was allegedly seeking a patent for a separated measles vaccine, corresponding nicely to his recommendation to split MMR vaccine's components. Attempts to repeat his findings have failed.

Vaccine critics point out that the number of vaccines has increased dramatically over the past decades. Thankfully, that is true. We also have more antibiotics, newer chemotherapies and different medicines for stroke and heart attack. And 10 years from now, I hope we have vaccines for HIV and more cancers, so people can begin forgetting about their devastation as well.

In countries without pneumococcus and H. influenza type B vaccines (HIB), the World Health Organization attributes more than half of all pneumonia deaths in children under 5 to these infections. Since their introduction in the U.S. in the

1980s and '90s, these vaccines have revolutionized pediatrics.

In 2008, probably because of a vaccine shortage in the U.S., 10 cases of HIB were reported. Three of these children died. This is foreshadowing.

It's no wonder the public is confused, with competing celebrities saying vaccines do or don't cause autism and a lot of media attention on the subject. Vaccines, like every medicine, can have real side effects. Autism, however, is not one of them.

Although I believe people who decline vaccines are doing what they believe is best for their children, their fears about vaccines and autism are not only unsubstantiated but have been fully refuted. There is no rational reason to put children in harm's way by declining vaccinations.

We are retreating into illnesses that had nearly vanished, and we are stalling research progress by deferring enormous sums of money to dismantle autism/vaccine theories and establish campaigns to educate families. Wouldn't that money be better spent understanding the true causes of autism and pursuing effective therapies?

We must vaccinate against this misinformation and stop its spread.

Ryan Coller is a physician and incoming chief resident in pediatrics at the University of California, Los Angeles' School of Medicine. He wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.



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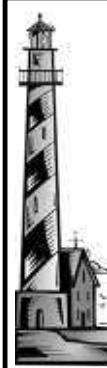
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AROUND THE WORLD

OHIO
Suspected Nazi
guard Demjanjuk
to be deported

CLEVELAND — Suspected Nazi death camp guard John Demjanjuk was taken from his home by ambulance Monday and driven to a U.S. immigration office as agents prepared to deport him to Germany.

Flanked by a motorcade of several unmarked vehicles, the ambulance was waved down a ramp that leads to the basement of Cleveland's downtown federal building. Security guards swung the gate closed at the bottom of the ramp as soon as the motorcade entered.

The 89-year-old Demjanjuk is wanted on a Munich arrest warrant that accuses him of 29,000 counts of accessory to murder as a guard at the Sobibor death camp in Nazi-occupied Poland.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokesman Khaalid Walls said he did not immediately have any information on Demjanjuk's status. Demjanjuk's son and an attorney who represents Demjanjuk in the U.S. didn't immediately return messages left by The Associated Press after the ambulance arrived.

WASHINGTON
U.S. red ink to
top \$1.8 trillion,
four times record

The government will have to borrow nearly 50 cents for every dollar it spends this year, exploding the record federal deficit past \$1.8 trillion under new White House estimates.

Budget office figures released Monday would add \$89 billion to the 2009 red ink — increasing it to more than four times last year's all-time high as the government hands out billions more than expected for people who have lost jobs and takes in less tax revenue from people and companies making less money.

The unprecedented deficit figures flow from the deep recession, the Wall Street bailout and the cost of President Barack Obama's economic stimulus bill — as well as a seemingly embedded structural imbalance between what the government spends and what it takes in.

As the economy performs worse than expected, the deficit for the 2010 budget year beginning in October will worsen by \$87 billion to \$1.3 trillion, the White House says. The deterioration reflects lower tax revenues and higher costs for bank failures, unemployment benefits and food stamps.

For the current year, the government would borrow 46 cents for every dollar it takes to run the government under the administration's plan. In 2010, it would borrow 35 cents for every dollar spent.

IRAN
U.S. journalist
freed by Iran after
4 months in jail

TEHRAN — An American journalist imprisoned on espionage charges in Iran for four months was freed Monday and reunited with her smiling, tearful parents — a move that clears a major obstacle to President Barack Obama's attempts at dialogue with the top U.S. adversary in the Middle East.

The United States had said the charges against Roxana Saberi, a 32-year-old dual Iranian-American citizen, were baseless and repeatedly demanded her release.



Saberi

Hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad could also win some domestic political points a month before he faces a re-election challenge from reformers who seek to ease Iran's bitter rivalry with the United States.

Saberi's Iranian-born father, Reza Saberi, wiped away tears, then flashed a broad smile as he and his wife, Akiko, arrived at Tehran's Evin prison — notorious for holding political prisoners — to meet their daughter.

IRAQ
American guns
down five fellow
soldiers at U.S.
base in Baghdad

BAGHDAD — An American shot and killed five fellow soldiers at a counseling center on a military base Monday in an attack that drew attention to the issues of combat stress and morale among soldiers serving multiple combat tours over six years of war.

Attacks on fellow soldiers, known as fraggings, were not uncommon during the Vietnam war but are believed to be rare in Iraq and Afghanistan.

A brief U.S. military statement said the assailant was taken into custody following the 2 p.m. shooting at Camp Liberty, a sprawling U.S. base on the western edge of Baghdad near the city's international airport.

President Barack Obama, who visited an adjacent base last month, said in a statement he was "shocked and deeply saddened" by the report, adding, "my heart goes out to the families and friends" of all those involved "in this horrible tragedy."

— The Associated Press

U.S. fires top general in
Afghanistan as war worsens

By Anne Gearan
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama fired the top U.S. general in Afghanistan on Monday, replacing him with a former special forces commander in a quest for a more agile, unconventional approach in a war that has gone quickly downhill.

With the Taliban resurgence, Obama's switch from Gen. David McKiernan to Lt. Gen. Stanley McChrystal suggests the new commander in chief wants major changes in addition to the additional troops he's ordering into Afghanistan to shore up the war effort.

McKiernan, on the job for less than a year, has repeatedly pressed for more forces. Although Obama has approved more than 21,000 additional troops this year, he has warned that the war will not be won by military means.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates echoed that view at a

grim Pentagon news conference announcing the leadership overhaul. "As I have said many times before, very few of these problems can be solved by military means alone," he said. "And yet, from the military perspective, we can and must do better."

"It's time for new leadership and fresh eyes."

A new team of commanders will now be charged with applying Obama's revamped strategy for challenging an increasingly brutal and resourceful insurgency. The strategy, still a work in progress, relies on the kind of special forces and counterinsurgency tactics McChrystal knows well, as well as non-military approaches to confronting the Taliban. It would hinge success in the seven-year-old war to political and other conditions across the border in Pakistan.

McKiernan, named to his post by former President George W. Bush, had expected to serve into next year but



AP file photo

Then-Maj. Gen. Stanley McChrystal takes part in a briefing at the Pentagon on April 2, 2003. McChrystal will replace Gen. David McKiernan as the top general in Afghanistan as President Barack Obama tries to turn around a stalemated war, defense officials said.

was told he was out during Gates' visit to Afghanistan last week.

Gates said he asked for

McKiernan's resignation "with the approval of the president." The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Mike Mullen, and McKiernan's military boss, Gen. David Petraeus, both said they supported the switch.

The White House said the recommended change came from the Pentagon.

"The president agreed with the recommendation of the secretary of defense and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff that the implementation of a new strategy in Afghanistan called for new military leadership," White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said in a statement.

McChrystal is a former special forces chief credited with nabbing one of the most-wanted fugitives in Iraq. Taking a newly created No. 2 slot under his command will be Lt. Gen. David Rodriguez, a veteran of the Afghanistan fight who has been Gates' military shadow, the top uniformed aide who travels with him everywhere.

Industry makes effort on health care costs

By Erica Werner
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama praised the health care industry's promise to cut \$2 trillion in costs over 10 years, but lawmakers questioned how much it really helps in coming up with a solution for the millions of uninsured.

It's "a watershed event in the long and elusive quest for health care reform," Obama said Monday at the White House with representatives of the insurance industry, doctors, hospitals, pharmaceutical companies and a top labor union at his side.

It was a noteworthy sight as leaders of the industry who have killed past attempts at overhauling health care stood behind the president with a proposal to curb their costs.

The proposal, however, was short on specifics. And it appeared to do little to shift positions in Congress as lawmakers attempt to write legislation to implement Obama's goal of extending health care to some 50 million uninsured Americans.

Within moments of Obama's appearance with the industry leaders, lawmakers praised the effort but suggested it didn't go to the heart of the health care debate.

Several lawmakers made clear that the industry proposal would do nothing to stave off the outcome health insurers and others are trying to avoid — a new government insurance plan that would be available to middle-income Americans. Health insurers say such a plan would drive them

out of business.

"This commitment to cost-cutting is a good-faith gesture by the health care industry, but it does not mitigate the need for a public plan option in the upcoming reform bill," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., a member of the Senate Finance Committee that's writing a health reform bill.

The industry groups said they would slow the growth of health care costs by 1.5 percent a year by coordinat-

ing care, reducing administrative costs and focusing on quality, efficiency and standardization. Health care costs would still grow faster than the economy as a whole, but not as fast as they otherwise would.

The specifics, industry officials said, would come later.

Obama has spoken often of the exorbitant costs in the nation's health care system, but slowing the rate price increases doesn't translate

directly to paying the estimated \$1.5 trillion cost of covering the uninsured. Money saved by the private sector doesn't flow directly to the federal treasury.

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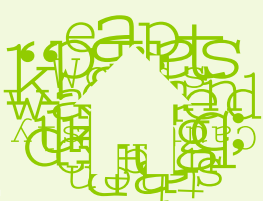
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Seeing a future in pond scum

Researchers use algae and animal waste to produce biofuel

By Timothy B. Wheeler
The Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE — Imagine having a virtually limitless supply of clean, renewable fuel to run our cars and trucks, a fuel produced from something as noxious and seemingly useless as pond scum.

Fantastic as that may sound, it's no pipe dream to Algenol Biofuels. The three-year-old company aims to make ethanol with blue-green algae, by feeding it a steady diet of carbon dioxide and farm animal waste.

A dark horse in a crowded field vying to develop a new generation of biofuels, Algenol is based in Florida, but its research arm is in Baltimore. In a nondescript brick building by the Jones Falls Expressway, about 15 company scientists and technicians work on what they hope will be an alternative energy breakthrough.

"The most advanced energy is in your backyard — it's right



ALGERINA PERNA/The Baltimore Sun

Julie Florian is a scientist and culture collection manager for Algenol, a three-year-old company. About 15 company scientists and technicians work on what they hope will be an alternative energy breakthrough using algae and animal waste.

"The most advanced energy is in your backyard — it's right here"

— Paul Woods, Algenol CEO

here," Algenol CEO Paul Woods said recently as he showed Sen. Benjamin L. Cardin, D-Md., around the Baltimore lab.

Inside the building, a brightly lit, walk-in closet holds racks of beakers, vials and petri dishes filled with green, pink and yellow sub-

stances being analyzed by the staff for their ethanol-producing capacity. A large metal canister nearby cryogenically freezes samples for storage.

The focus of the research is not algae, but cyanobacteria, which turn many lakes and ponds a soupy green in summer. Although not biologically

plants, cyanobacteria commonly are referred to as blue-green algae, because they also use photosynthesis — sunlight — to convert nutrients and carbon dioxide into fuel.

The organisms produce some ethanol naturally, but company officials say they've selectively bred and genetically manipulated them to pump out more. The enterprise believes it can produce enough to run fleets of vehicles by

See **BIOFUEL**, Agribusiness 2

Researchers to study ways to lower tilapia feed costs

Fish grows more popular among domestic consumers

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

A species of fish that has become the latest trend in upscale, ethnic restaurants is beginning to fill the raceways in aquaculture operations throughout southern Idaho.

More than 1.5 million pounds of tilapia — a fish that one producer described as being "ugly as sin" — is produced annually in Idaho.

Several major fish farms in the Hagerman area have added tilapia to their production because it can be sold for twice the price of the more common rainbow trout.

Leo Ray, a fish producer in Hagerman, said "it's one of the most profitable uses for geothermal water."

Now, with feed prices surging 28 percent in a year and feed expenses comprising 50-60 percent of production costs, University of Idaho researchers are launching a study to find out how producers can increase profit margins even further by reducing feed costs.

The white, mild-tasting, warm-water species is now the fifth most popularly consumed fish in the U.S., according to Gary Fornshell, University of Idaho Extension aquaculture educator in Twin Falls.

It is sold live in ethnic markets on the West Coast and across the nation, and it substitutes for cod, catfish and bass in restaurant and home recipes.

Roughly 20 million pounds are produced annually in the U.S. — 1.5 million of them by

See **FISH**, Agribusiness 3

Special funds available for organic producers

New initiative part of the 2008 Farm Bill

Times-News

BOISE — U.S. Department of Agriculture on Monday announced a new initiative to encourage more organic agriculture production.

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To find the location of your local NRCS office, visit the NRCS website at <http://www.id.nrcs.usda.gov/> and click the link "Find a Service Center" at the end of the list on the left side.

As part of the new Organic Initiative, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation

Service will have a special sign-up period for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, or EQIP, to implement conservation practices related to organic agriculture.

The application period opened for three weeks beginning Monday.

"Assisting organic producers is a priority of the 2008 Farm Bill as well as for the Secretary of Agriculture and

the Obama Administration," said Jeff Burwell, Idaho State Conservationist. "This nationwide initiative will help Idaho certified organic producers and those in the process of transitioning to organic production."

To be eligible for EQIP support for organic operations, the 2008 Farm Bill requires producers to develop and

See **ORGANIC**, Agribusiness 2

FEDERAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Vilsack announces purchase of up to \$25 million of dry beans

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced Monday that the U.S. Department of Agriculture will purchase up to \$25 million of dry beans for federal nutrition assistance programs.

Idaho bean growers met the announcement with skepticism, but they said any large purchase of bean supplies will help.

"Anything helps when they buy beans off the market, but I don't know if \$25 million will make that much of a difference," said Bill Bitzenberg, chairman of the Idaho Bean Commission. "The other question is if (the USDA) will buy all \$25 million worth."

Officials with the USDA said the total amount that will be purchased, as well as the type of bean, will not be known until August.

The USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service purchases a variety of food products each year to support the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program, the Summer Food Service Program, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, the Community Supplemental Food Program and the Emergency Food Assistance Program. USDA also makes emergency food purchases for distribution

See **BEANS**, Agribusiness 3

Lawmakers mount up to see effects of laws



AP photo

Farmers, ranchers and lawmakers take a trail ride near Granada, Colo., to see firsthand western issues that are decided by state lawmakers.

Some bills get rewritten after learning more about ag

By Steven K. Paulson
Associated Press writer

GRANADA, Colo. — A Colorado lawmaker says he got tired of his colleagues passing bills that would hurt his rural constituents, like the one requiring ranchers to take care of wild cats or another requiring butchering animals to be kept in bigger pens.

So last weekend state Rep. Wes McKinley invited fellow lawmakers to see part of the real

West: the southeastern plains. A half dozen took him up on the offer, riding the range and helping with a cattle drive.

"I told them if they're going to vote on western issues, they need to understand western issues," said McKinley, a rancher and former outfitter from Walsh, an agricultural town of 4,000 about 220 miles south-east of Denver.

The cat care bill passed the

See **RIDING**, Agribusiness 3

AGRIBUSINESS BRIEFS

MAGIC VALLEY BLM and Rangeland panel to discuss rangeland wildfires

The Bureau of Land Management and the Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission will host a three-day workshop to discuss the Murphy Complex fire and other rangeland wildfires.

The workshop will be held starting at 8:30 a.m. today, and runs through Thursday in Twin Falls.

The title of the workshop is "Large Wildland Fires, A Burning Issue in the Twin Falls District."

To learn more about the program or to register, go to www.idrange.org. A tour of the burned areas will be included during the workshop.

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ACRE program enrollment begins

BOISE — Ronald Abbott, farm programs

chief of U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency in Idaho, announced Monday that growers can now enroll in the Average Crop Revenue Election program.

Producers have until Aug. 14 to make their decision for the 2009 crop — the USDA will not accept late applications.

Producers who elect the ACRE program for a farm agree to:

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For more information about the ACRE program go to <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

— staff reports

Dates and deadlines

- May 31 - Final loan & LDP availability date for corn, dry peas, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, safflower seed, small chickpeas, soybeans and sunflower seed.

- June 1 - Deadline for 2009 DCP sign-up period.
- June 30 - Deadline to report all crop acreage.
- Aug. 1 - Deadline to request farm combinations and

farm divisions to be effective for the current FY for farms subject to DCP.

- Sept. 9 - Deadline to submit MILK Income Loss Contract Extension applications.

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CapITr	2.88	+9.7	+50.8	CompTch	2.70	+5.0	+22.7	Pansoft n	6.12	+3.47	+130.9
ColCap pfb	7.00	+2.00	+40.0	Sinovac	2.82	+4.3	+18.0	D&E Cm	10.25	+3.50	+51.9
ColonBc38	8.35	+2.23	+36.4	Invitel	7.57	+7.7	+11.3	AmcorF	2.08	+7.0	+50.7
Bluegreen	2.40	+5.2	+27.7	StreamGSv	5.05	+5.1	+11.2	FrontFnl	2.46	+7.4	+43.0
PMI Grp	2.36	+5.0	+26.9	RivieraH	2.24	+2.0	+9.8	ComCntrl	2.14	+6.4	+42.7
LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)			LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)			LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)					
Name	Last Chg	%Chg	Name	Last Chg	%Chg	Name	Last Chg	%Chg			
AMAxle h	3.02	-9.8	-24.5	InvCapHld	2.95	-4.3	-12.7	PECO Il tsh	2.41	-6.9	-22.3
GM cv6-09	3.50	-1.00	-22.2	WalterInv	9.86	-1.38	-12.3	TricoMar	4.20	-1.20	-22.2
BRT	4.55	-1.11	-19.6	Richtmt g	3.32	-3.7	-10.0	ChinaPStl	2.21	-5.9	-21.1
BKA S&P4-14	8.43	-1.77	-17.4	Metlaco	2.67	-2.7	-9.2	IndBkMI	2.00	-5.3	-20.9
DirxFinBull	10.52	-2.03	-16.2	Westmrl	8.65	-8.5	-8.9	Chinalno f	2.78	-7.2	-20.6
DIARY			DIARY			DIARY					
Name	Last Chg	%Chg	Name	Last Chg	%Chg	Name	Last Chg	%Chg			
Advanced	871		Advanced	246		Advanced	1,113				
Declined	2,203		Declined	314		Declined	1,659				
Unchanged	86		Unchanged	76		Unchanged	119				
Total issues	3,160		Total issues	636		Unchanged	119				
New Highs	7		New Highs	7		New Highs	1				
New Lows	11		New Lows	1		New Lows	1				
Volume	5,925,589,688		Volume	165,882,383		Volume	2,459,180,592				

INDEXES								
13,136.69	6,469.95	Dow Jones Industrials	8,418.77	-155.88	-1.82	-4.07	-34.62	
5,536.57	2,134.21	Dow Jones Transportation	3,221.73	-129.44	-3.86	-8.92	-38.75	
530.57	288.66	Dow Jones Utilities	347.29	-3.17	-0.90	-6.33	-32.33	
9,687.24	4,181.75	NYSE Composite	5,849.30	-151.09	-2.52	+1.60	-37.89	
2,433.31	1,130.47	Amex Index	1,489.90	-32.85	-2.16	+6.61	-36.83	
2,551.47	1,265.52	Nasdaq Composite	1,731.24	-7.76	-0.45	+9.78	-30.43	
1,440.24	666.79	S&P 500	909.24	-19.99	-2.15	+6.6	-35.22	
14,564.81	6,772.29	Wilshire 5000	9,309.51	-200.05	-2.10	+2.45	-34.40	
764.38	342.59	Russell 2000	501.94	-9.88	-1.93	+5.0	-31.54	

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST											
AlliantEgy	1.50	11	24.26	-28	-16.9	Kaman	.56	12	17.00	-26	-6.2
AlliantTch	...	20	87.27	-32	+1.8	Keycorp	.04m	...	6.28	-69	-26.3
AmCasino	.42	...	21.05	-41	+143.6	LeeEnt	...	...	1.65	+01	+302.4
Aon Corp	.60	8	36.57	-43	-19.9	MicronT	...	...	4.66	-19	+36.5
BallardPw	...	...	1.97	-12	+74.3	OfficeMax	...	...	7.92	-39	+7.7
BkofAm	.04	17	12.94	-1.23	-8.1	RockTen	.40	13	38.18	-02	+11.3
ConAgr	.76	8	17.61	+04	+6.7	Sensient	.76	12	23.09	-40	-3.7
Costco	.72f	17	46.02	-58	-12.3	SkyWest	.16	8	12.49	-19	-32.8
Diebold	1.04	23	26.35	-80	-6.2	Terady	...	...	6.44	-05	+52.6
DukeEngy	.92	15	14.34	+16	-4.5	Tuppre	.88	10	24.11	-11	+6.2
DukeRlty	.68m	19	9.53	-26	-13.0	US Bancrp	.20m	15	18.50	-2.04	-26.0
Fastenal	.70f	20	35.48	-1.14	+1.8	Valhi	.40	...	11.28	+1.38	+5.4
Heinz	1.66	12	35.66	+19	-5.2	WalMart	1.09f	15	50.63	+49	-9.7
HewlettP	.32	11	35.03	+35	-3.5	WashFed	.20	51	13.31	-14	-11.0
HomeDp	.90	19	24.93	-57	+8.3	WellsFargo	.20m	37	26.53	-1.65	-10.0
Idacorp	1.20	11	23.94	-04	-18.7	ZionBcp	.16	...	18.42	-1.90	-24.8

HOW TO READ THE REPORT

Name: Stocks are listed alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Company names made up of initials appear at the beginning of each letter's list.
Div: Current annual dividend rate paid on stock, based on latest quarterly or semiannual declaration, unless otherwise footnoted.
Last: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day.
Chg: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ... mark.

Fund Name: Name of mutual fund and family.
Sell: Net asset value, or price at which fund could be sold.
Chg: Daily net change in the NAV.

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

Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

COMMODITIES REPORT

CLOSING FUTURES					
Mon	Commodity	High	Low	Close	Change
Jun	Live cattle	83.50	82.75	83.28	+ .30
Aug	Live cattle	84.10	83.25	83.90	+ .30
May	Feeder cattle	99.98	99.15	99.55	+ .20
Aug	Feeder cattle	101.90	100.43	101.60	+ .90
Sep	Feeder cattle	101.90	100.50	101.88	+ 1.23
May	Lean hogs	61.35	60.75	61.10	-.03
Jun	Lean hogs	68.60	67.63	67.78	-.43
May	Pork belly	...	...	78.00	...
Jul	Pork belly	80.25	79.05	79.05	-.95
May	Wheat	...	...	580.50	...
Jul	Wheat	595.50	583.50	590.75	-.25
May	KC Wheat	629.75	625.00	629.50	+ 2.50
Jul	KC Wheat	638.00	627.00	634.00	+ 1.00
May	MPS Wheat	698.00	...	692.75	...
Jul	MPS Wheat	699.00	688.00	697.50	-2.50
May	Corn	414.00	411.00	413.50	-.50
Jul	Corn	421.75	417.75	421.25	+ .25
May	Soybeans	1131.00	1131.00	1130.00	-4.00
Jul	Soybeans	1116.00	1093.00	1116.00	+ 4.50
May	BFP Milk	...	...	9.78	+ .01
Jun	BFP Milk	...	...	10.65	+ 1.0
Jul	BFP Milk	...	...	11.98	+ .08
Aug	BFP Milk	13.09	13.09	13.23	+ .13
Sep	BFP Milk	...	...	14.19	+ .25
Jul	Sugar	15.69	15.06	15.61	+ .34
Oct	Sugar	16.20	15.62	16.13	+ .31
Jun	B-Pound	1.5245	1.5067	1.5122	-.0093
Sep	B-Pound	1.5217	1.5068	1.5130	-.0083
Jun	J-Yen	1.0286	1.0122	1.0271	+ .0103
Sep	J-Yen	1.0297	1.0139	1.0264	+ .0083
Jun	Euro-currency	1.3668	1.3555	1.3581	-.0037
Sep	Euro-currency	1.3657	1.3547	1.3573	-.0039
Jun	Canada dollar	.8717	.8567	.8578	-.0109
Sep	Canada dollar	.8717	.8577	.8586	-.0108
Jun	U.S. dollar	82.97	82.40	82.92	+ .28
Apr	Cornex gold	918.4	908.8	914.0	-0.9
Jun	Cornex gold	920.3	911.0	916.0	-0.7
May	Cornex silver	14.02	13.75	13.91	-.03
Jul	Cornex silver	14.04	13.68	13.94	-.02
Jun	Treasury bond	121.30	120.13	121.28	+ 1.18
Sep	Treasury bond	120.17	119.08	120.16	+ 1.17
May	Coffee	128.50	126.50	127.85	+ 2.15
Jul	Coffee	130.20	128.70	128.50	+ 1.80
May	Cocoa	1841	1764	1769	-.62
Jul	Cocoa	1756	1716	1719	-.25
May	Cotton	60.72	58.09	60.54	+ .69
Jul	Cotton	62.16	59.90	62.13	+ .55
Jun	Crude oil	58.63	56.78	58.14	-.49
Jun	Unleaded gas	1.7095	1.6365	1.6700	-.0355
Jul	Heating oil	1.5247	1.4757	1.4938	-.0246
Jun	Natural gas	4.384	4.195	4.290	-.021

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BEANS

Valley Beans
 Prices are net to growers, 100 pounds, U.S. No. 1 beans, less Idaho bean tax and storage charges. Prices subject to change without notice. Producers desiring more recent price information should contact dealers.
 Pintos, no quote, new crop great northrens, no quote
 pinks, no quote, new crop small reds, no quote, new crop.
 Prices are given by Rangens in Buhl. Prices current May 6.
 Other Idaho bean prices are collected weekly by Bean Market News, U.S. Department of Agriculture Pintos, not established great northrens, not established small whites, not established pinks, Ltd. \$33-\$35 small reds, not established. Quotes current May 6.

GRAINS

Valley Grains
Prices for wheat per bushel: mixed grain, oats, corn and beans per hundred weight. Prices subject to change without notice.
 Soft white wheat, ask barley, ask oats, ask corn, ask (15 percent moisture). Prices are given daily by Rangens in Buhl. Prices current May 6.
 Barley, \$7.00 (48-lb. minimum) spot delivery in Twin Falls and Gooding; corn, no quote (Twin Falls only). Prices quoted by Land O'Lakes Inc. in Twin Falls. Prices current May 6.

POCATELLO (AP) - Idaho Farm Bureau Intermountain Grain and Report on Monday.
POCATELLO - White wheat 4.50 (up 7) 11.5 percent winter 5.12 (up 2) 14 percent spring 6.82 (down 1) barley 6.22 (steady)
BURLEY - White wheat 4.19 (up 7) 11.5 percent winter 5.21 (down 4) 14 percent spring 6.54 (down 12) barley 5.75 (steady)

METALS/MONEY

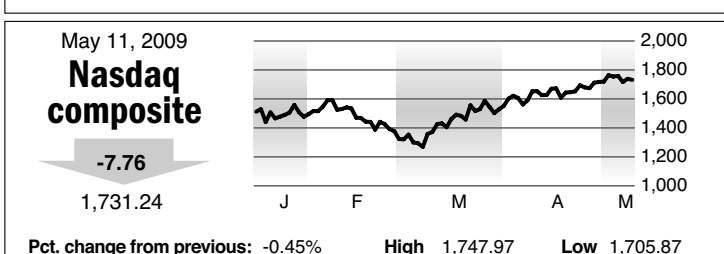
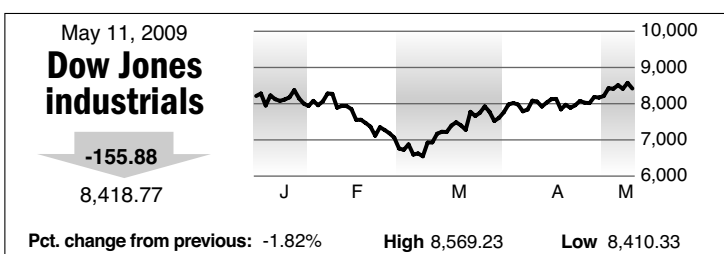
By The Associated Press
 Selected world gold prices. Monday.
London morning fixing: \$912.50 up \$5.50.
London afternoon fixing: \$913.00 up \$6.00.
NY Handy & Harmon: \$913.00 up \$6.00.
NY Handy & Harmon fabricated: \$986.04 up \$6.48.
NY Engelhard: \$915.20 up \$6.01.
NY Engelhard fabricated: \$983.84 up \$6.46.
NY Merc. gold May: \$913.00 off \$1.40.
NY HSBC Bank USA 4 p.m.: \$914.00 off \$1.00.

NEW YORK (AP) - Handy & Harmon silver Monday \$1393.95 up \$0.50.
 H&H fabricated \$16,722 up \$0.60.
 The morning bullion price for silver in London \$13.90 off \$0.11.
 Engelhard \$13,950 up \$0.10.
 Engelhard fabricated \$16,740 up \$0.32.
 NY Merc silver spot month Monday \$13,890 off \$0.045.

NEW YORK (AP) - Spot nonferrous metal prices Monday.
 Aluminum - \$0.7025 per lb., N.Y. Merc spot Mon.
 Copper - \$2.1465 Cathode full plate, U.S. destinations.
 Copper \$2.0935 N.Y. Merc spot Mon.
 Zinc - \$1.486.00 metric ton, London Metal Exchange.
 Lead - \$0.6990 per lb., delivered.
 Mercury - \$640.00 per 76 lb. flask, N.Y.
 Platinum - \$1125.60 troy oz., N.Y. (contract).
 Platinum - \$1153.60 troy oz., N.Y. Merc spot Mon.
 n.o., not quoted, n.a., not available - revised

NEW YORK (AP) - Key currency exchange rates Monday, compared with late Friday in New York.	Dollar vs.	Exch. rate	Pis Day
Yen	97.45	98.40	
Euro	\$1.3595	\$1.3622	
Swiss	\$1.5131	\$1.5215	
Spain	1.1096	1.1065	
France franc	1.1613	1.1513	
Canadian dollar	13.1055	13.0675	
Mexican peso			

TODAY ON WALL STREET



Critics question self-inspections

Producers say they stepped up disease-control efforts for flu

By Christopher Leonard
Associated Press writer

Kenny Brinker is on the front lines of the national drive to prevent an outbreak of swine flu on U.S. hog farms. But he's not a public health worker. He's a hog farmer in central Missouri.

Twice a day, Brinker or one of his farmhands wanders a barn holding more than 5,000 pigs, looking for sneezing, coughing or panting. It's low-tech surveillance, and Brinker knows the stakes are high.

The U.N.'s Food and Agriculture Organization has urged countries to step up surveillance on hog farms. But in the United States, that task falls to the industry, not public health officials. Meat companies police their own farms to root out disease.

Critics question how effective this system of voluntary self-regulation can be. But Brinker is confident he and other hog farmers could spot the disease quickly.

"If you're a person who does this for a living, it just comes as second nature," he said.

The effort to detect swine flu on U.S. farms gained urgency over the weekend as Canadian officials quarantined pigs infected with swine flu by a worker returning from Mexico. If the virus infects U.S. pigs, it could spread through herds kept in crowded barns and possibly threaten people.

Swine flu is a respiratory



Dale Brinker checks on hogs at a facility run he runs with his brother Kenny Brinker in Auxvasse, Mo. Hogs are monitored daily by farm hands for any signs of disease including fast breathing, coughing and sneezing.

AP photo

"Surveillance is critical — it can't just be industry-led."

— Michael Greger, a physician and director of public health and animal agriculture at the Human Society of the United States

illness caused by a virus. The virus routinely causes outbreaks in pigs but doesn't usually kill many of them. Most recover.

Some health experts fear that overworked farmhands could fail to spot a diseased pig.

"There are undoubtedly public health risks" in the current system of self-detection, said Michael Greger, a physician and director of public health and animal agriculture at the Human Society of the United States. "But unfortunately, we don't shore up the levees until there is a disaster."

Smithfield Farms Inc. and Tyson Foods Inc., the nation's two biggest pork producers, say they have stepped up disease-control efforts since the swine flu outbreak, like limiting farm visitors and testing more pigs.

The industry's self-surveillance has managed to catch some disease outbreaks in the past, such as avian flu and mad cow disease in 2004. But reporting has been slow in other cases.

In 2002, California poultry farmers were slow to report an outbreak of avian flu that infected 35 million birds, according to a National Academy of Sciences report. It found that reporting the outbreak was delayed partly because farmers didn't think the flu was dangerous to people.

The report called the infected area of California the "Triangle of Doom."

"But the Triangle of Doom was also kept quiet by corporate decision-makers who

feared that consumer demand would plummet if the public knew they were buying infected meat and eggs, safe though they may be to eat," the report said.

Georges Benjamin, executive director of the American Public Health Association, a Washington-based advocacy group representing public health workers, said the meat industry's self-surveillance has improved.

"People are beginning to do better surveillance around the country, but it isn't nearly as substantial as it needs to be," Benjamin said.

Some say voluntary surveillance by farmers could delay an organized response to a flu outbreak.

"Surveillance is critical — it can't just be industry-led," Greger said. "When there are human health implications to these industrial farming practices, one needs some sort of outside regulator to ensure human populations aren't at risk."

Rains revive Kansas winter wheat crop

Estimated yields expected to be around 42 percent

By Roxana Hegeman
Associated Press writer

WICHITA, Kan. — Recent rains have helped revive parched winter wheat crops in western Kansas but farms elsewhere are still waiting for relief, industry experts said.

About 45 farmers and other industry leaders fanned out this week across Kansas to inspect fields during an annual tour by the Wheat Quality Council. The group's forecast for the 2009 crop was scheduled to be announced Thursday at the end of the tour on the floor of the Kansas City

Board of Trade.

The forecast is anticipated each season, because it usually is the first industry barometer of the expected size of the Kansas winter wheat crop. The Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service will issue its forecast on May 12.

Tour participants were heartened about how the crop was recovering in western Kansas.

"For the most part, we have seen some very good wheat," said Dusti Fritz, CEO of the Kansas Wheat Commission. "From my perspective it is better than expected, given how dry it was earlier in this area. The rains in April have helped this crop."

Kansas State University Extension wheat specialist Jim Shroyer said that so far

participants were finding the wheat crop to be quite good, with no diseases and good soil moisture.

But in Smith and Phillips counties, where rain was sparser, the wheat was looking "a little tougher" than fields elsewhere in the state, Shroyer said.

Estimated wheat yields have hovered around 42 bushels an acre or more, he said.

"If they had seen the wheat in this area three weeks ago, they would have been sorely disappointed. This rain we had in April was very important," Shroyer said.

Dana Peterson, the producer policy specialist for the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, said those on her route on the tour also saw adequate moisture all the

way from Manhattan to Colby.

But tour participants on that route found some poor wheat fields from Abilene to Russell that "weren't quite coming out of the drought" and showed some crop diseases.

Early calculations have ranged from the mid-30 bushels per acre to mid-40 bushels per acre, she said.

"What we found was fields looked really, really great from the road, but once you get into them, they are a bit thinner than what they look like from afar," Peterson said.

Still to be determined is how the crop is faring in southern Kansas counties along the Oklahoma state line, where crops were more mature and vulnerable when a freeze hit earlier this spring.

Communities try to save struggling 4-H clubs

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Cuts in state and county spending are threatening to shut down 4-H clubs in several states, leaving parents and supporters scrambling to fill the gap to keep programs going.

Voters in one Ohio county will decide in May whether to approve a levy that will keep 4-H and other agriculture services operating.

"It irritates me how our community thinks we can just drop this," said Julie Snyder, whose three sons have been in 4-H in central Ohio's Morrow County. "We're not just campaigning for 4-H, we're campaigning to keep our agriculture going."

Bright red barns, county fairs and 4-H: Few symbols better represent the nation's agricultural heritage.

But the steady decline in the number of people who have ties to agriculture means there's also less appreciation — and in some cases support — for

4-H programs even though they teach kids who aren't just from farms. About half of the 6 million children taking part in 4-H come from cities and suburbs.

The nonprofit 4-H program that began in 1902 is administered and funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and also receives funding from states and counties.

With budgets everywhere shrinking, 4-H is no longer immune.

In Louisiana, some county 4-H advisers are in danger of losing their jobs. A 4-H center in Milan, Tenn., where youngsters learn swimming and canoeing is scheduled to close this summer.

Washington County commissioners outside Minneapolis voted last month to eliminate the \$130,000 it spends each year on 4-H. They said the expense was too much at a time when they're cutting \$3.1 million and 21 other jobs.

Fish

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seven Idaho producers. Because tilapia are native to the world's warm-climate ponds — they die at 50 degrees Fahrenheit — feed research has concentrated on pond-based aquaculture.

In Idaho, most tilapia are grown in flow-through raceways, which deliver constantly refreshing clean water. Rainbow trout, Idaho's dominant aquaculture species, thrive in the state's pristine raceway water, but raceways don't offer tilapia opportunities to round out their nutritional needs with algae and other pond life.

"No one knows the exact nutritional requirements for tilapia in these flow-through systems," said Fornshell.

"Producers may well be feeding their tilapia more than they need, or they may not be meeting their nutritional requirements. Either way, they're not quite optimizing their production."

At the University of Idaho's Hagerman Fish Culture Experiment Station, animal scientist Wendy Sealey is directing a new three-year research project funded by the Western Regional Aquaculture Center. The study will examine the protein, energy and vitamin needs of raceway-raised tilapia of two different sizes, simulating the first and second half of the production cycle. It will be repeated in ponds by participating University of Arizona scientists.

Sealey plans to identify nutritional strategies that

will support the tilapia's tendency to grow rapidly in raceways and that will also build healthy immune systems to protect them from stress during live transport to markets. "When they're unloaded after being hauled for eight, 10 or 12 hours, they're put into aquariums like lobsters in the grocery store, and they need to be swimming and looking healthy," she said.

Sealey also hopes to decrease tilapia's already minimal dependence on expensive fish oil and fish meal.

"In aquaculture, we're always addressing the sustainability of our ingredients and moving towards utilization of more plant-based ingredients," she said.

Feeds used in the tests will be formulated by Sealey and cooperating scientists Rick Barrows and Chhorn Lim of the USDA Agricultural Research Service. As the research progresses, it will include on-farm trials with at least two promising feed formulations as well as recommendations for feed manufacturers.

Hagerman grower Ray is believed to have pioneered tilapia production in the U.S. in 1973. "If you have a proper diet, then you have healthy fish," he said. "We need research to determine exactly what tilapia need because they're totally dependent on the feed that we give them."

Ray says tilapia currently bring \$1.95 at the farm gate—twice the price of rainbow trout.

Riding

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House Local Government Committee but died on the House floor. The animal care act requiring larger pens became law, but only after pregnant sows were given an exemption.

"They didn't realize that sows eat their babies," McKinley said.

The visiting lawmakers talked with about 200 area residents about the local way of life, then took a six-mile horseback ride, along with wagons and a stagecoach, to inspect a bridge built in 1936 under the Works Progress Administration. It carries traffic over Two Butte Creek, which is now dry.

Residents pointed to the gully and told the legislators they don't understand recent agreements between Colorado and Kansas that give Kansas more water while their own land lies fallow. Lawmakers said it's federal law and there is little they can do.

McKinley, a Democrat, said many laws passed in Denver have unintended consequences on the range.

"They wanted to pass a law saying you couldn't keep a veal calf in a pen so small he couldn't lay down and turn around," he told farmers and ranchers at a campfire meeting after the trail ride.

"I asked them 'What's a veal calf?' and nobody knew. They said 'Don't worry about it because there was no veal industry in Colorado.' I said this could be my favorite bill, because we passed a law on a subject they knew nothing about for something we can't define," McKinley recalled.

The Colorado Department of Agriculture says there's no veal industry in Colorado because calves are raised for the dairy industry and bulls in the West are worth more when they're grown.

McKinley said a woman from Denver who was not a constituent wanted to have him arrested for animal cruelty after lawmakers tried to pass a bill requiring people to take care of stray cats on their property and put computer chips in them so they could be identified. McKinley had opposed the

bill, arguing feral cats are often shot to prevent spreading disease onto ranches.

Local authorities shrugged off the woman's complaint.

"I'm the only legislator who's been cleared of animal cruelty charges," McKinley said as he strummed a guitar.

Pat Palmer, a businessman who helped organize the trail ride, said rural areas have trouble getting tourism funding from the state. The trail ride was an opportunity to showcase the region's need for economic development.

"We want people to see our way of life. We want to be something more than just a potty stop on the Santa Fe Trail," he said.

Pat Manning, a Denver-area media consultant, took the opportunity to lobby Rep. Jeanne Labuda, a Denver Democrat, for a bill that would bar the federal government from buying or leasing land to expand an Army training site around scenic Pinon Canyon. Pointing to the tundra-like

grass, she said tanks and military vehicles could cause permanent damage to the Eastern Plains.

Labuda replied it wasn't that simple: Lawmakers have to balance local needs with other areas of the state and the nation.

Beans

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For more information on purchase details, interested suppliers should contact the contracting officer, who can be found on AMS's Web page: <http://www.ams.usda.gov>.

Robert Norman, CPA

Join us as we celebrate

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May 14, 2009
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Cooper Norman
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Twin Falls, Idaho



BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy with gusty winds. Highs near 60.

Tonight: Winds gradually die down. Lows 30 to 35.

Tomorrow: Partly to mostly sunny. Highs 55 to 60.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

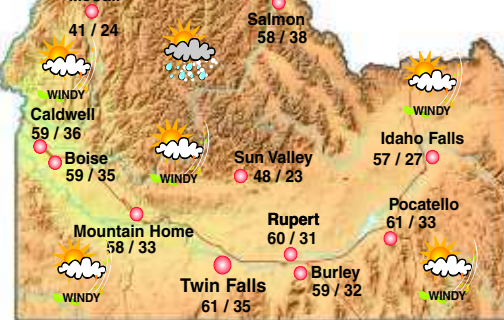
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IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. A few rain and high-elevation snow showers today and breezy to windy. Showers end and winds diminish tonight.

BOISE Gusty winds and partly cloudy skies today. Partly to mostly sunny and seasonably mild Wednesday.

NORTHERN UTAH Gusty winds today with a small chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny Wednesday.



Yesterdays State Extremes - High: 74 at Mountain Home Low: 26 at Stanley weather key: su-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, mc-mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, th-thunderstorms, sh-showers, r-rain, sn-snow, fl-furries, w-wind, m-missing

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Forecast for Twin Falls from Today to Saturday, including weather icons and temperature ranges.

Yesterday's Weather

Table showing weather data for various locations including Boise, Challis, and Coeur d'Alene.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Pollen Count.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Forecast for regional areas including Boise, Coeur d'Alene, and Idaho Falls.

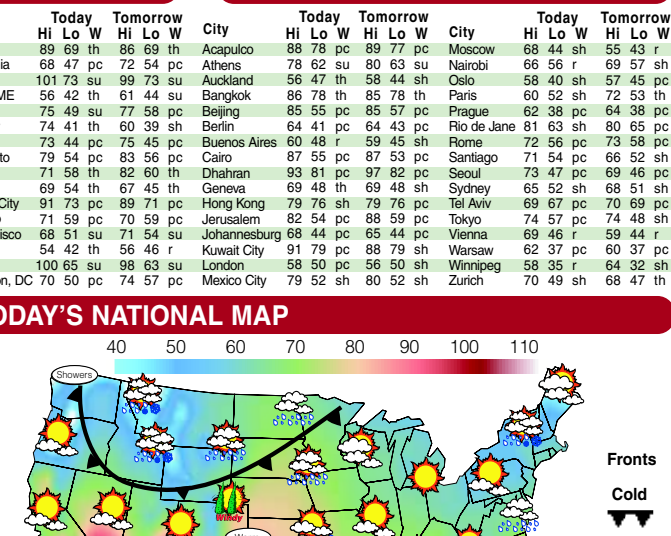
NATIONAL FORECAST

Forecast for major US cities like Atlanta, Baltimore, and Boston.

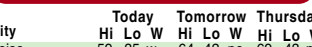
WORLD FORECAST

Forecast for international locations including London, Paris, and Tokyo.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



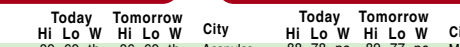
MOON PHASES



MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for today and tomorrow.

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CANADIAN FORECAST

Forecast for Canadian cities like Calgary, Edmonton, and Vancouver.

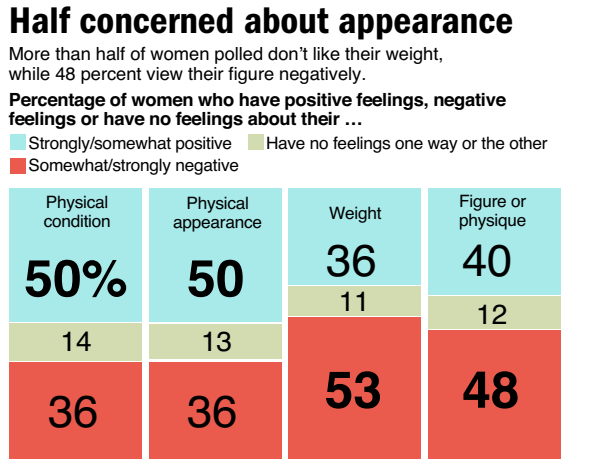
YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL EXTREMES

High: 108 at Death Valley, Calif. Low: 14 at Spincich Lake, Mich.

Worry over weight: Poll finds health disconnect

WASHINGTON (AP) — She points to women athletes as much better role models than supermodels. — Fight Flab in Minutes! Get Beach Ready! Add the skinny yet buxom model, and it should be no surprise that the average woman feels insecure if not downright unhappy with her real-world figure.

Half concerned about appearance



Shuttle Atlantis blasts off on last Hubble mission

By Marcia Dunn Associated Press writer. CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space shuttle Atlantis and a crew of seven thundered away Monday on one last flight to the Hubble Space Telescope, setting off on a daring repair mission that NASA hopes will lift the celebrated observatory to new scientific heights.

side pad about 2 p.m. and arced out over the Atlantic, ducking through clouds. The Hubble was directly overhead, 350 miles up. For the first time ever, another shuttle was on a nearby launch pad, primed for a rescue mission if one is needed because of a debris strike.

After seven months of delay, the astronauts were anxious to get started on the complicated, riskier-than-usual job at Hubble. They were two weeks away from launching last fall when a critical part on the telescope failed and picture-taking ceased. NASA decided it wanted to take up a spare to replace the broken unit, and it took months to get it ready.

Scott Altman said just before liftoff. "Enjoy the ride, pal," replied launch director Mike Leinbach. Atlantis should reach the orbiting telescope Wednesday. This is NASA's fifth and final trip to Hubble, launched 19 years ago. The stakes, as well as the dangers, are higher since astronauts last visited in 2002.

Saudi judge says it's OK for men to beat wives

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — A Saudi judge told a conference on domestic violence that a man has the right to slap a wife who spends money wastefully and said women were as much to blame as men for increased spousal abuse, a Saudi newspaper reported.

“If a person gives 1,200 Saudi riyals (\$320) to his wife and she spends 900 riyals (\$240) to purchase an abaya (head-to-toe robe) from a brand shop and if her husband slaps her on the face as a reaction to her action, she deserves that punishment,” Judge Hamad Al-Razine was quoted as saying by the English-language Arab News newspaper on Sunday.

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TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2009

FEATURES EDITOR VIRGINIA HUTCHINS: (208) 735-3242 VIRGINIA.HUTCHINS@LEE.NET



Photos by MEGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Denum Kolb and her twin daughters, Arazona and Charli, show off the balcony patio on their Twin Falls home. The Kolbs are renting the home, which was built from salvaged materials from a bank in Rogerson and now rests in Twin Falls' older Presidents Streets neighborhood. 'I've seen pictures of it as a bank,' says Kolb.

A unique piece of the past

Historical house is fun – but drafty
– home for Twin Falls family

By **Melissa Davlin**
Times-News writer

The giant white house stands out in the Presidents Streets neighborhood of Twin Falls. Situated at the corner of Buchanan and Addison, it's known to local historians as the Wurster House.

But to Denum Kolb and her family, it's been home for the past few months.

According to "Twin Falls Country: A Look At Idaho Architecture" by Patricia Wright, banker Clarence Wurster had the spacious house built in the late 1930s. The book, published in 1979 by The Idaho State Historical Society Preservation Office, says Wurster took salvaged building materials from his bank in Rogerson and transported them to Twin Falls for his house.

The house is considered unique compared with other modern homes of the 1930s. Some characteristics, like its flat roof, deck-like balcony and big corner windows – which flood the rooms with light – match the Thirties Moderne style. The second story that faces the deck is also typical of houses built around the time, complete with creamy stucco and rounded corners in its architecture, according to Wright.

"The surface treatment of the rest of the house, with



Toy ponies – which were stored in boxes before this photo was taken – demonstrate the unique display options in the Kolbs' home. The family is renting the home and will soon move out.



its courses of indented brick, is most unusual," she wrote. For the Kolbs, living in the home provides unique benefits, like an open floor plan

See **HOME**, H&G 2



Denum Kolb holds the door as her twins slip outside to the balcony. This area of the home is an example of the unique nooks and crannies where closet space is found – the two doors to the left and right of Kolb lead to closets.



Arazona and Charli Kolb, both 4 years old, pose in front of an old door in the basement of their home.

"The surface treatment of the rest of the house, with its courses of indented brick, is most unusual."

– Patricia Wright, author of "Twin Falls Country: A Look At Idaho Architecture"

Glass doors make good option

DEAR JIM: I have an old wide window in my dining room (brick veneer wall). I want to replace it with a sliding glass door. Does this project make energy sense and, if so, how do I make this improvement? — **Mike M.**



SENSIBLE HOME
James Dulley

DEAR MIKE: Your plan does make energy sense if you select the proper sliding glass door and install it properly. In fact, I just made the identical improvement to my kitchen several weeks ago. The overall efficiency of an airtight sliding glass door can be better than an insulated partial wall with a large inefficient window above it.

I selected a super-high-efficiency Legance door made by Thermal Industries (www.thermalindustries.com).

It uses a steel-reinforced vinyl frame and triple-pane glass panels. Two of the glass panes have a low-emissivity coating and dense krypton inert gas between them. This provides a very high insulation level and less noise transmission. It is Energy Star-qualified and meets the federal energy tax credit requirements.

Thermal Industries sent along one of their installation experts, Paul Johnson, to be a helper for me as they do for many installations. After talking a bit, I realized he knew much more than I, and I became the helper. I will pass along some of the



Photo by JAMES DULLEY

This wide window will be replaced with a super-efficient sliding glass door leading to a patio.

installation tips Paul taught me.

Spend a few dollars extra and rent a large masonry saw to cut through the brick in one pass. I bought just a cheap masonry blade for my circular saw. It cut through the brick fine, but I had to make both outdoor and indoor cuts to get through the full width of the bricks.

This resulted in an uneven cut and unbelievable dust indoors. Wear a good N95 breathing mask.

The width of the brick and the wall framing will be about twice the width of the sliding glass door frame. Paul recommended positioning it out on the brick. This creates a stable base.

This also recesses the door in the opening so it is easier to install tight thermal drapes during winter.

The width of the exterior brick opening will be less than the interior rough wall stud opening. Build out the interior opening with studs to the same width as the brick. This will leave an uninsulated gap between the new studs and the brick which must be insulated.

I used Great Stuff low-expansion foam, but fiberglass is also effective.

Once the foam is sprayed in, this was covered with 3/4-inch pressure treated plywood. Thermal Industries had customized the door to fit in this

final opening size with about 1/2 inch overall clearance. Make sure to use shims at all the screws and don't overtighten them. The vinyl frame can easily be pulled out of square during installation.

My door frame was placed over pressure-treated lumber trimmed with aluminum flashing to raise it because I had cut the brick too low.

Whether being installed over lumber, brick or a pre-cast sill, liberally apply silicone caulk between the bottom of the door frame and the base to prevent leaks.

To see all the project photos and details, visit www.dulley.com/newdoor.

DEAR JIM: I was approached by a local company that installs insulation.

They said I should install another layer in my attic. There already are about six inches up there. How do I know when I have enough insulation? — **Angie W.**

DEAR ANGIE: Additional insulation always helps, but the actual amount of savings per inch decreases with each additional inch thickness. At a point, the cost of installing the insulation exceeds its payback potential.

Talk with your local building inspectors or utility company to find out the recommended amount (R-value, not thickness) of attic insulation for your area. As long as you have this much, the payback from installing more would not be worthwhile.

Send inquiries to James Dulley, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244.

Home products made with pets in mind

By Jura Koncius
The Washington Post

Keeping your home clean when you have a pet presents extra challenges. At the recent International Home & Housewares trade show in Chicago, Bissell launched a whole new line of innovative products with pets in mind. Most of these items will be available in June. Here is a preview:

• **A new Pet Hair Broom** (\$25) has a patent-pending design incorporating strong rubber bristles that work like a magnet to attract pet hair. It can reach into corners with its angled design and is good on bare floors as well as rugs.

• **The Shed Away** (\$25)

pet grooming attachment fits onto your vacuum and helps gently remove the loose hair from your dog's coat before it lands on your sofas and carpeting. It fits most major brands of vacuum cleaners.

• **Our favorite is the Drool Cleaner** (\$7) with brush and squeegee attached. It's for those windows your cat is fond of rubbing his nose against or the sliding glass doors your dog salivates on at the sight of a squirrel. First, you loosen the smudges and dirt with the foaming brush, then you squeegee it off. No harmful chemicals are left behind. Also great for cleaning car windows after you've taken your dog for a ride.



MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Parts of this unique home were once a bank in Rogerson before they were moved to Twin Falls.

Home

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that allows her three children to ride their tricycles in circles around the kitchen and living room, Kolb said. Four bedrooms, three bathrooms, built-in shelves and "like, 50 closets" provide tons of storage space. The balcony is perfect for parties and stargazing, and a finished basement area can be used as another family room.

There are downsides to

living in an older house. The foundation is cracked, the kitchen is outdated. And then there is the cost of heating the spacious, drafty home.

"The heat is expensive, expensive," Kolb said.

The house is in foreclosure, so the Kolbs, who rent the home, must move within the next couple of weeks. It's a shame for Kolb, who grew up in the area and enjoys living in the recognizable building.

"I've always loved this house," Kolb said.



The Lehr Eco Trimmer uses a propane canister to fuel its 25-cc, four-stroke engine.

DAN NEIL/
Los Angeles Times

The verdict on 'bothersome' boxelder bugs

By Joel M. Lerner
Special to The Washington Post

Q: We had an infestation of elder bugs about 15 years ago. They disappeared until this winter. From December on, we noticed them congregating in masses outside our home and in groups of three or four indoors. They are almost completely gone, although we still see an occasional one in our home. There is an elder tree nearby. How can we keep them away and get rid of those in the house?

A: Boxelder bugs are among the most bothersome, least harmful pests I know. Some years they are heavy and other times light. Peak seasons are late winter and fall. They are scavengers that clean up the environment, eating decaying material. They climb into trees and search for food, descending at night to find warm areas, such as mulch, furrows of bark on tree trunks or warm walls.

Shrimp savvy

Seafood lessons from a celebrity chef.

WEDNESDAY
IN FOOD

The kindest cut

Propane-powered trimmer is kind to environment

By Dan Neil
Los Angeles Times

The filthiest, most polluting, most awful thing in your home is not your kid's hard drive. It's your lawn and garden equipment, which is, even as you read this, outgassing carcinogens into the atmosphere as a result of a charming process called "evaporative emissions." Millions of these atmospheric cesspools are stewing away in garages and tool sheds, venting volatile organic compounds into troubled skies. And that's before you even pull the string to start them. Ick.

The worst polluters are hand-held devices powered by small, howling two-stroke engines — like leaf blowers and string trimmers — that spew clouds of unburned hydrocarbons (gas and oil), nitrogen oxides, particulates and carbon monoxide. They are like roach bombs for humans.

Compared to the typical two-stroke weed whacker, the propane-powered Lehr Eco Trimmer exhausts angel's breath. Because it uses a 1-pound liquid propane gas canister — like the ones you might use in a camp stove or lantern — the device has no evaporative emissions. And because you don't have to slop gasoline and oil into a fuel tank, you can avoid adding to the millions of gallons of gasoline

spilled onto driveways and lawns every year. Lehr uses a twist cap connector for the canister. You simply slide the canister into the strap holders, screw on the connector and voila, you are Hank, the master of propane from "King of the Hill!"

Lehr is an interesting company. Founded by Bernardo J. Herzer — who rather quaintly retains the title "Captain" from his days as the master of ocean research vessels — the Los Angeles-based company is the first to offer a lawn and garden power appliance using the 1-pound LPG canister as a fuel cell. While captaining ships, Herzer developed a knack for converting conventional four-stroke gasoline engines to use propane (it involves changing the valve timing and compression ratio, if that helps).

The Eco Trimmer weed whackers — one-piece or two-piece shaft, curved or straight — are available at Ace Hardware and other retail outlets and start at \$199, a price comparable to most trimmers of similar power and size. Sears offers a Craftsman-branded version.

Lehr plans to expand to

include a leaf-blower (available this autumn) and a lawn mower. As a point of comparison, a typical 5-hp gasoline-powered lawn mower produces more pollution in an hour than a Prius does in 800 miles of driving, according to California Air Resources Board figures.

The Lehr Eco Trimmer seems to resolve a nagging irony for garden enthusiasts: Namely, that in the process of manicuring their little corners of paradise, they spew poison into it.

Last year the Environmental Protection Agency released new emissions standards for gas-powered lawn equipment, which will come into force fully in 2011. The Lehr string trimmer is 64 percent cleaner than these higher standards.

I've sworn to myself that I'll never buy another conventional gas-powered automobile. Thanks to Lehr, I can take the same pledge regarding garden equipment.

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SUPPLEMENTAL SCHOOL LEVY NOTICE OF SCHOOL ELECTION JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 151 CASSIA, TWIN FALLS, AND ONEIDA COUNTIES, IDAHO

Notice is hereby given that a school election of qualified electors of the above named School District will be held on the 19th day of May 2009. The polling places indicated below will be open from 12:00 noon, until 8:00 p.m.

OFFICIAL BALLOT TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF JT. SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 151, CASSIA, ONEIDA, AND TWIN FALLS COUNTIES, IDAHO TO LEVY A SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY

May 19, 2009

QUESTION:

Shall the Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 151, Cassia, Twin Falls, and Oneida Counties, Idaho, be authorized and empowered to levy a supplemental levy, as permitted by law, in the amount of \$681,244 (six hundred eighty-one thousand two hundred forty-four dollars) for the purpose of paying all lawful expenses of maintaining and operating the schools of the District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2010?*

ANSWER:

For Supplemental Levy of \$681,244 YES ___
For Supplemental Levy of \$681,244 NO ___

The voter may express his/her vote by making an "x" after the word on his/her ballot, which expresses his/her choice. This election is held pursuant to Section 33 802, Idaho Code as amended. Any person voting, or offering to vote, in any school election must be, at the time of the election:

COMBINED NOTICE Notice to Public of No Significant Impact on the Environment And Notice to Public of Request for Release of Funds

Minidoka County, on behalf of the Minidoka County Fire Protection District. P.O. Box 368, Rupert, ID 83350 (208) 436-9511

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about 5/28/09 the above-named County will request Idaho Commerce and Labor, State of Idaho, to release Idaho Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) for the following project: Minidoka County Fire Protection District Fire Station Project(Project Title or Name)

New Fire Station Project (Purpose or Nature of the Project) 1120 21st Street, Hayburn, Idaho Minidoka County \$928,000.00

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of human environment and accordingly the above named County has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190).

An Environmental Review Record regarding this project has been made by the County that documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the previously mentioned address and is available for public examination and copying on request between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of federal funds.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FINDING

All interested agencies, groups, and persons who disagree with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the County to Minidoka County Commission, PO Box 368, Rupert, ID 83350. Such written comments should be received at PO Box 368, Rupert, ID 83350 before 5/28/09. All such comments so received will be considered and the County will not request the release of ICDBG funds or take any administrative action on the within project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

Minidoka County, on behalf of the Minidoka County Fire Protection District, will undertake the project described above with Idaho Community Development Block Grant funds from Idaho Commerce and Labor, State of Idaho, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. Minidoka County is certifying to the department that Dan Stapleman, in his official capacity as Chairman of the Minidoka County Commission, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making and action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval Minidoka County may use the Block Grant funds and the state will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

OBJECTIONS TO STATE RELEASE OF FUNDS

The department will accept an objection to its approval if it is based on one of the following: A. The certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer. B. The subrecipient's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process. C. The County has committed funds in incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of the release of funds by Idaho Commerce and Labor. D. Another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and made addressed to:

Division of Economic Development Idaho Commerce and Labor 700 West State Street PO Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0093

Potential objectors should contact the Department to verify the actual last day of the objection period. Dan Stapleman, Chairman Minidoka County Commission PO Box 368 Rupert, ID 83350

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SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concepts Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Concepts Sudoku

By Dave Green

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 6, 3, 1, 6, 5, 9, 1, 7, 4, 5, 3, 7, 3, 8, 6, 1, 5, 7, 2, 6, 2, 9, 8, 4, 7, 9, 3

Answer to previous puzzle

9x9 grid with numbers 9, 2, 5, 4, 8, 6, 1, 7, 3, 7, 3, 1, 5, 9, 2, 8, 4, 6, 4, 6, 8, 7, 1, 3, 2, 5, 9, 5, 9, 7, 2, 6, 1, 3, 8, 4, 1, 8, 2, 3, 4, 9, 5, 6, 7, 3, 4, 6, 8, 7, 5, 9, 1, 2, 2, 1, 3, 6, 5, 7, 4, 9, 8, 8, 7, 9, 1, 2, 4, 6, 3, 5, 6, 5, 4, 9, 3, 8, 7, 2, 1

Difficulty Level ★★

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NOTICE

In compliance with Idaho Code, (33-2717) MARIE BUTTCANE is declared a trustee of the Richfield Library District for a five (5) year term of office. No trustee election will be held on May 26, 2009.

Richfield Library District Maxine Stirtion Library Board Chairman

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SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES BOARD OF LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MARCH 9, 2009

Applications for County Aid: 1 denied Minutes approved for February 9 and 23, 2009 Motions Approved to allow the County to administer the grant for Phase 3 of Lincoln County Hazardous Fuel Treatment, to hold an Executive Session, to sign a lease with The Recreation District for the Masonic Hall, and adopt Resolution 2009-3-9-09. The Board approved the following payment of bills during the month of February 2009:

Current Expense \$121,712.02 Emergency Comm. Fund \$16,099.78 Health \$1,865.91 Indigent \$10,585.35 County Valuation \$2,667.09 District Court \$3,601.77 Tort \$16,718.06 Shoshone Rehab. \$17,751.05 Court Restitution \$995.38 Seagraves Positive Outcomes \$2,168.05

MARCH 23, 2009

Application for County Aid: 2 denied, 1 approved Motions approved to sign a letter of request from Wood River Soil Conservation Dist. in the amount of \$4000.00, sign Memorandum for Farmer's Market, to accept Bid #3 for phase 1 & 2 in amount of \$2991.04 for Community Center, to hold an Executive Session, to sign payroll for Ambulance District.

MARCH 24, 2009

AMBULANCE DISTRICT MEETING Motions approved to hold an Executive Session. MARCH 30, 2009 AMBULANCE DISTRICT MEETING Motions approved to hold an Executive Session.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-09-2013 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of, FERN SERR, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the firm of Coleman, Ritchie & Robertson, 156 2nd Avenue West, P. O. Box 525, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83303-0525, and filed with the Court. DATED this 27th day of April, 2009. LINDA WOLL, Personal Representative

PUBLISH: May 5, 12, and 19, 2009

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC COMMENTS SOUGHT ON COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT - AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT

The State of Idaho will accept public comment on its State Plan for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Community Services Block Grant-ARRA Program. The State Plan is available for review at Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho, located at 5400 W. Franklin Rd., Suite G in Boise, Idaho. A public hearing on the plan will be held from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 pm on Friday May 22, 2009 in Boise at 2250 Vista. The Community Services Block Grant Program addresses the causes and conditions of poverty in communities throughout Idaho. Program services help eligible low income households meet emergency needs and work towards greater economic security through the provision of emergency and self-sufficiency services.

Public comments and written testimony on the State Plan will be accepted from May 11, 2009 through May 22, 2009. Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho 5400 West Franklin Road, Suite G Boise, ID 83705

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NOTICE

The Wood River Soil and Water Conservation District is updating their Five Year Plan and Annual Plan of Work. The public is invited to review and comment on the Annual Plan that contains the Conservation District's objectives, goals and actions. Public comment can be made at the regular Wood River Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors Meeting May 13, at the USDA office on 215 West F Street at 7:30p.m. Written comments will be accepted at the District office until May 13, 2009 Contact the District Administrative Assistant to schedule a time to speak at the meeting or if special arrangements are needed.

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The families of Aldred Reynolds would like to extend our deepest gratitude for all who donated, sent flowers, cards, food, prayers and concern. Your friendship is a reflection of her life. It meant so much to our family. A special thank you to River Ridge Care Center and Castleford Baptist Church. Gods blessings Sincerely, The Family of Aldred Reynolds.



Cavs finish sweep of Hawks

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Like Michael Jordan, he knows there are times that call for dominating. Like Magic Johnson, he knows there are times that call for sharing the ball.

LeBron James went with his Magic impression in the deciding game of another playoff sweep.

While failing to match his offensive explosion in Game 3, the league's MVP scored 27 points and got his teammates involved as the Cleveland



Cavaliers finished off the Atlanta Hawks 84-74 Monday night to win the second-round series in four straight.

Delonte West and Mo Williams showed Cleveland isn't just a one-man squad, hitting huge shots down the stretch as the Cavaliers extended their NBA-record streak of double-digit playoff wins to eight in a row.

Zydrunas Ilgauskas and Anderson Varejao pounded the boards, leading the Cavaliers to another big rebounding edge.

"I've got trust in every last one of our guys," James said.

Cleveland, which also swept Detroit in the opening round, will face either Boston or Orlando in the Eastern Conference finals.

No matter the opponent, the Cavaliers will be a lot more rested. The Celtics-Magic series is tied 2-2 and will last at least through Thursday, while

the top seed heads back to Ohio to relax for a few days before opening the next round at home.

After scoring 47 points in Game 3, James struggled with his jumper in this one. Still, he came through with the Cavaliers facing their first serious challenge of the playoffs.

As usual, James had the last word. He made only 9 of 22 from the field, but had eight rebounds and eight assists.

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Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James waves to the crowd as he leaves the court Monday after defeating the Atlanta Hawks 84-74 in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference semifinals in Atlanta.

AP photo

U.S. men in longest Grand Slam drought since '60s

The Associated Press

The French Open begins in less than two weeks, so cue the annual hand wringing about the Americans' problems in Paris.

It's been a decade since a man from the United States won the title — Andre Agassi in 1999 — and none has even reached the quarterfinals there since he did in 2003.

The country's decline extends far beyond the red clay of Roland Garros, though.

"I fear, actually, for American tennis at the moment," said former No. 1 and eight-time major champion Ivan Lendl. "This void, this vacuum, this wait for more success may not be limited just to the French."

Indeed, a wider look reveals a gloomier picture: American men are going through their worst Grand Slam title drought in the 41-year history of tennis' Open era. Since Andy Roddick's 2003 U.S. Open championship, 21 major tournaments have come and gone without an American man winning.

The only longer gap between U.S. titles was a 30-Slam shutout from 1955-63.

"Americans have become accustomed to having champions," said Jim Courier, who won four Grand Slam titles in the 1990s. "We've pretty much had players challenging for — and winning — majors forever."

Not lately. Only two active U.S. men, Roddick and Robby Ginepri, ever have made it as far as the semifinals at any major. At the French Open, no one is coming close to contending: Over the past three years combined, there have been three U.S. men into the third round — zero in 2007.

"There is nobody currently playing for the United

See **TENNIS**, Sports 2

AIMING FOR 11

Bruin girls close in on 11th state title

Times-News

POCATELLO — The Twin Falls girls lead the team race by 24 shots after recording a 335 Monday in the opening round of the Class 5A state golf championships at Highland Golf Course. Post Falls is second with a 359 with Lewiston right behind with a 369.

Of the four scores the defending champion Bruins used, Jenna Sharp's 89 was the highest. Sara Federico posted an 80, Allison Federico an 82 and Hannah McNeley an 84.

"We're feeling pretty good," said Allison Federico. "We all wanted our four scores to break 90, which we did. We all played better than we did at regionals."

Even with the wind expected to pick up considerably for today's final round, Twin Falls likes its chances of capturing an eighth championship this decade and 11th since 1994.

Bruin boys trail Rams

In the opening round, the host Rams shot a 1-under 287 as a team on a sunny and calm day. The Bruins sat in second place, 11 strokes behind after firing a 298.

Twin Falls' No. 2 Derek McDowell leads the field after his round of 69. Teammate Jordan Hamblin sits one back along with Highland's Brady Smith. While not striking the ball particularly well, McDowell chipped in twice for birdies and made several clutch putts.

Class 4A

The Wood River boys were a dozen strokes out of first place but could close the gap today.

The Wolverines finished



BILL SCHAEFER/Idaho State Journal

Twin Falls High School's Brennon Lancaster chips on to the No. 18 green during the Class 5A state golf championship tournament at Highland Golf Course Monday afternoon in Pocatello.



Full boys and girls results from Monday's action.

See **Sports 2**

third with a card of 315, one stroke shy of runner-up Pocatello and 12 shy of Moscow (303). Crockett Stearns finished with a 73 Monday, caught in a three-way tie for the spot.

The Wolverine girls are further behind, sitting at

See **GOLF**, Sports 2



Kimberly's Gage Huff chips on the par 5 No. 2 hole during the first day of the Class 3A state golf championships held at the Idaho Falls Country Club.

MONTE LAORANGE/Post Register

Another season done, CSI softball carries on

The road so far ... Last year, Generra Nielson propelled the San Juan Broncos to Utah's Class 2A state championship. Brittany Gonzales guided Tooele to Utah's 4A title. Idaho players Allie Thain and Kayla Powell maneuvered through their respective Great Basin Conference divisional tournaments.



BRADLEY GUIRE

These young women and others chosen to become members of the College of Southern Idaho softball team merged onto the same path this season, all driving toward the same destination: St. George, Utah, and the NJCAA National Championship.

The returning players — Megan Zimmermann, McKensy Hillstead, Kyla Bryant, Cassi Merrill and Dani Grant — knew the road, having traveled it to the Region 18 tournament championship and an NJCAA National Tournament appearance in 2008. They were ready to navigate it for the newcomers, through northern Idaho, Utah, Arizona and Nevada, while striving to not only duplicate that success but also advance the program as a contender for a national championship.

Then they hit a dead end in Salt Lake City.

Even though the Eagles were one out away from elimination Saturday, the lone run scored in the seventh inning is a testament that they had no intention of putting on the brakes and yielding to the Salt Lake Community College Bruins, who defeated CSI eight out 10 games this season.

Despite their strength and resolve during the tournament, it was difficult to mask their feelings afterward. While the Bruins embraced to Queen's "We are the Champions" on their home diamond, the Eagles shared reassuring words spoken and tears shed near the bullpen. No one blamed anyone else. That's not how the Eagles are. They won together and they lost together. In doing so, they played together, traveled together, attended classes

See **CSI**, Sports 2

Vikings prez: We're still interested in Favre

The Associated Press

MARSHALL, Minn. — The Minnesota Vikings have spoken: Yes, they're interested in Brett Favre.

The Vikings broke their silence Monday, with president Mark Wilf saying the team is considering the supposedly retired star.

"He's a Hall of Fame quarterback. He's a great

competitor," Wilf said. "Ultimately, you'll have to ask Brett what his plans are, but sure there's interest in Brett Favre. But again, it's part of a process we have in general with any of our players. We're always looking to make our team better."

Several conflicting and contradictory media reports swirled last week around the possibility of Favre, who retired for the second time at the end of last season, returning to play for the Vikings.

Neither Favre nor the Vikings commented last

week, which only added more confusion to the situation.

Favre was released by the New York Jets on April 28 and issued a statement that said, "At this time, I am retired and have no intention of returning to football."

He hasn't been heard from since.

"That type of decision is up to Brett Favre, and I'll leave it to Brett Favre to give you that answer," Wilf said.

His agent, Bus Cook, has said that Favre remains

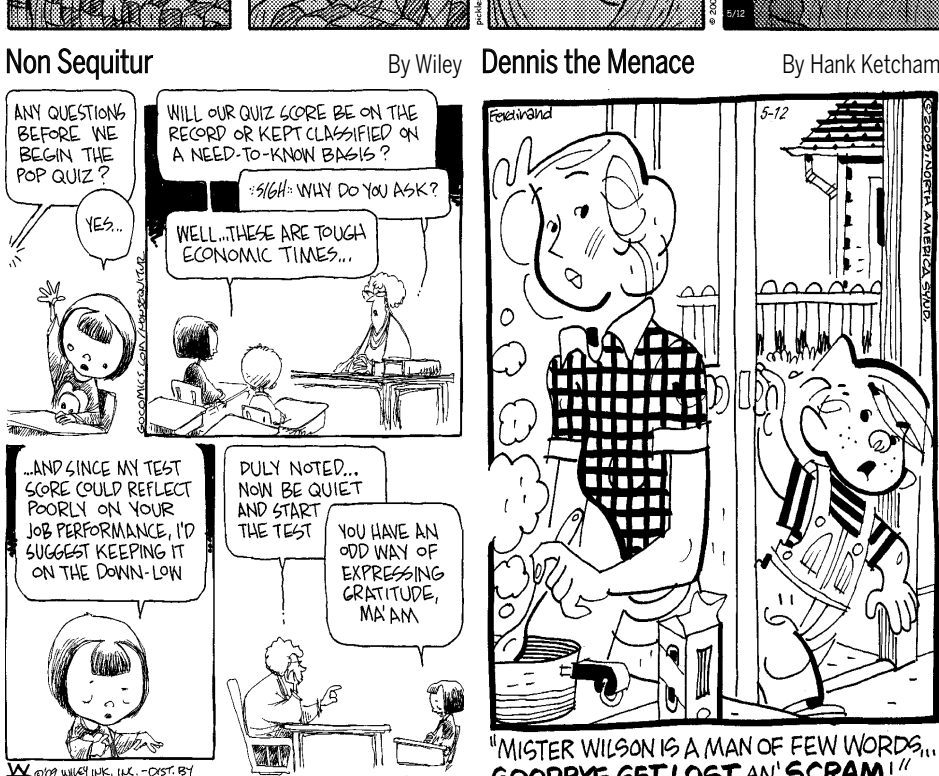
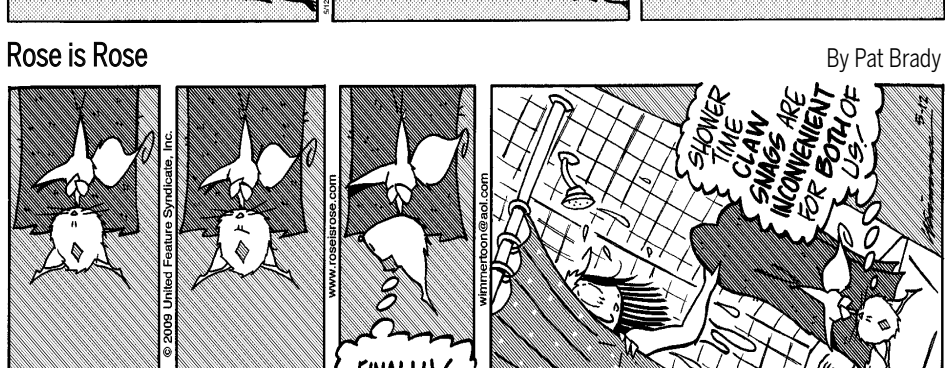
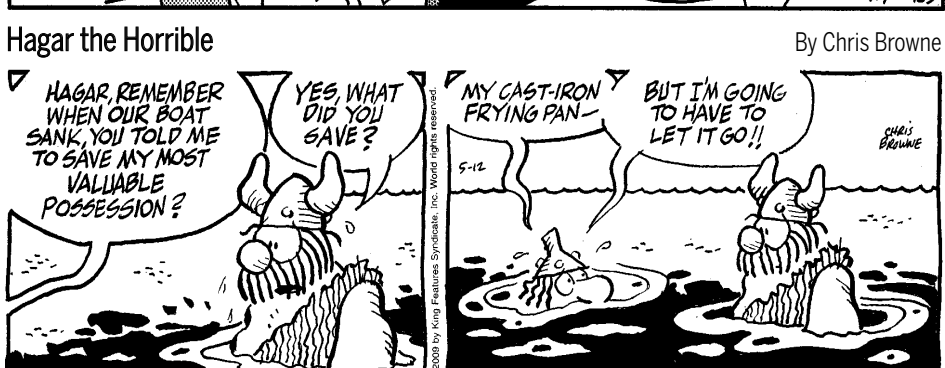
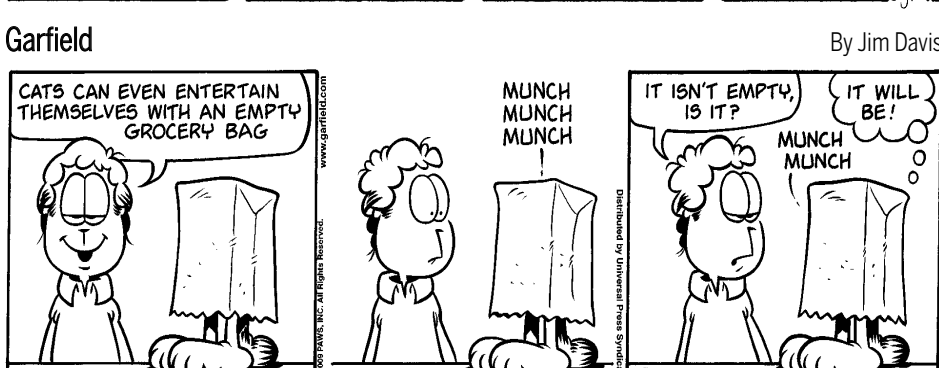
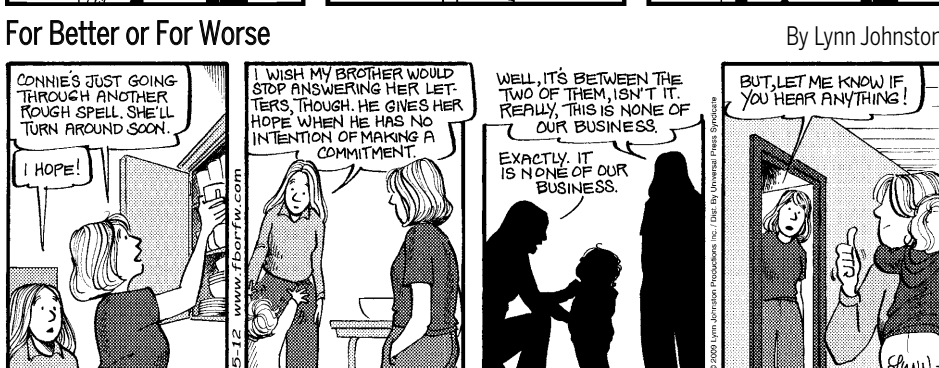
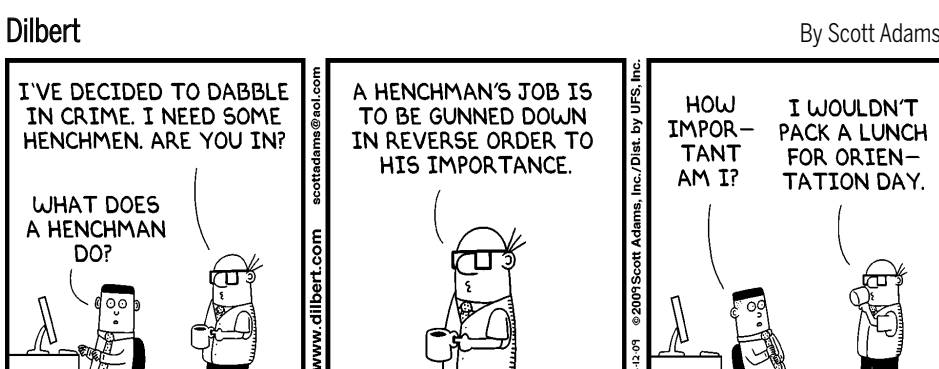
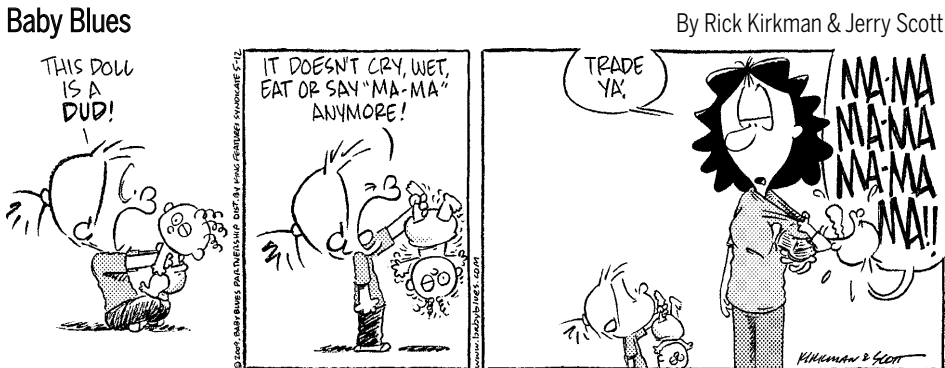
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