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Murder suspect's status remains unclear

Fortino Leon's court hearing postponed

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

JEROME — A probe of Fortino Leon's mental capacity stalled again Thursday after an almost year-old murder charge in Jerome County 5th District Court.

The 73-year-old's mental state has been at issue in the court since he was accused of first-degree murder July 1 in the street-side shooting of Javier Zavala-Paniagua, 22. Leon also faces battery and assault charges in the same case for allegedly shooting his estranged wife, Maria Leon, 41, at 221 Fifth Ave. E.

Leon's status hearing Thursday for an update on his mental competency was postponed. Judge Jason Walker said

doctor's reports from the Idaho Department of Correction aren't turned in yet.

Anticipated reports might "at least give the court something to act upon," Walker said Thursday before ending the quick hearing where Leon did not make an appearance.

Another status hearing in the murder case is set for Oct. 15, according to online court records, though Walker declined to set a date to replace Thursday's con-

tinued hearing.

Nearly a year after his arrest, Leon lacks a trial date and is being held in a secure mental health unit of IDOC. He could still stand trial if IDOC officials find him fit to do so.

So far they have been unsuccessful, though optimistic.

"If (Leon) is provided with appropriate interventions from attending Department of

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Digital deadline next Friday

TV stations federally mandated to switch from analog to digital signal

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

Technology has come a long way since the days when The Lone Ranger graced the television screen.

Another chapter of television technology ends on June 12, when full-power television stations are mandated by Congress to switch to entirely digital signals and end their analog signals. That means those depending on over-the-air antennas instead of cable or satellite service will need a digital convertor box or digital-ready television set by the deadline.

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"We can focus back on the basics of broadcasting. It's a relief and the excitement of course is that the quality is significantly better."

— Lee Wagner,
manager of KMVT-TV

FIRST FLAMES

ROOKIE FIREFIGHTERS TRAIN IN SAWTOOTH



AMY BALLARD/For the Times-News

Rookie firefighters practice 'dry-mopping' a fire site on Thursday during first-year firefighter training at the Sawtooth Methodist Camp about 25 miles north of Fairfield. Firefighters from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service have spent the week learning how to deal with wildfires.

"This whole week sets their impression of probably what the next year will be like. We try to make it as professional and as real as possible."

— Twin Falls District Engine Captain Serrah Kibler

By Nichole Carnell
Times-News writer

FAIRFIELD — Shovels were swinging Thursday afternoon in the Sawtooth Methodist camp located about 25 miles north of Fairfield. Forty first-year firefighters battled their first flames of the season in a field training day.

Twelve female and 28 male firefighters from both the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service have

spent the week learning wild land firefighting tactics, fire behavior, standard safety procedure and fire shelter deployment, said incident coordinator for the training session and Twin Falls District Engine Captain Serrah Kibler.

"This whole week sets their impression of probably what the next year will be like," said Kibler. "We try to make it as professional and as real as possible."

This is Kibler's second year training rookie firefighters at the Sawtooth Methodist camp.

"The Methodist camp is really great because people focus," said Kibler. "They are here for five days so they can't go home."

After four days of constant training, Kali Burrows of Albion said, "The workouts are pretty strenuous but I have gotten in a lot better shape just in the two weeks I have been doing this."

The firefighters were required to hike everyday to not only become comfortable with the gear they will be required to carry, but also "a lot of breaking in the boots," said first-year fire-

fighter Colin Seseck of Boise.

The bag the firefighters carry everywhere must be able to sustain them for at least 24 hours. The bag weighs approximately 45 pounds and contains four quarts of water, two meals ready to eat, or MREs, a small first-aid kit, flares and other things that may be needed on the fire line.

After enduring class sessions inside, as well as physical tests outside, the firefighters were finally able to utilize their new

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Islamic center hopes to open in Twin Falls

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

Center proposed

A Twin Falls man has applied to open an Islamic Cultural Community Center.

The Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission will vote Tuesday whether to approve a special use permit to operate a religious facility. The building, at 455 Addison Ave. W., housed Osaka Massage and Spa until it closed last year.

The hours of operation would change throughout the day from 6 a.m. to midnight to accommodate Islamic prayer times, according to the application. Prayer time, which typically

What: Islamic Cultural Community Center
Location: 455 Addison Ave. W.
Hours of operation: Hours would change throughout day from 6 a.m. to midnight for Islamic prayer times.

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Police swarm Tiananmen Square on anniversary

By Christopher Bodeen and Jeremiah Marquez
Associated Press writers

BEIJING — In Tiananmen Square, police were ready to pounce at the first sign of protest. In Hong Kong, a sea of candles flickered in the hands of tens of thousands who vented their grief and anger.

Two starkly contrasting faces of China were on display Thursday, the 20th anniversary of the military's bloody crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators

— from Beijing's rigid control in suppressing any dissent, to freewheeling Hong Kong, which enjoys freedoms all but absent on the mainland.

Tiananmen Square was blanketed by uniformed and plainclothes security officers who were ready to silence any potential demonstration, and there were few hints that the vast plaza was the epicenter of a student-led movement that was crushed on June 3-4, 1989, shocking the world. Police barred foreign jour-

nalists from entering the square and threatened them with violence, even barring them from covering the daily raising of China's national flag.

Chinese and foreign tourists were allowed in Tiananmen as usual, although security officials appeared to outnumber visitors.

Dissidents and families of victims were confined to their homes or forced to leave Beijing, part of sweeping government efforts to prevent online debate or

organized commemorations of the anniversary.

But in Hong Kong's Victoria Park, a crowd chanted slogans calling for Beijing to own up to the crackdown and release political dissidents. Organizers estimated its size at 150,000, while police put the number at 62,800.

"It is the dream of all Chinese people to have democracy!" the throng sang.

Hong Kong is one of the

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AP photo

Chinese police officers walk past the Tiananmen Gate in Beijing, Wednesday. Foreign journalists were barred from Beijing's Tiananmen Square on Wednesday as police fanned out across the vast plaza on the eve of the 20th anniversary of the bloody crackdown on 1989 pro-democracy protests.



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You Don't Say

Steve Crump



You can't top Gobo Fango's Idaho story

How Hollywood has missed making a movie about Gobo Fango, I'll never know ...

Fango was a black South African shepherd who escaped the largest mass suicide in modern history, a Missouri lynch mob and several brutal Utah winters only to be gunned down in Cassia County during the bloody range wars of the 1880s ... The cattleman charged with the killing was acquitted ...

Fango was 30 years old when he died ...

His story is well documented because he was smuggled out of South Africa by emigrating Mormons who fetched up in Kaysville, Utah ... As a young man, Fango went to work for a Mormon bishop in Grantsville, Utah, whose son eventually began to run sheep in the Goose Creek Valley ...

But how Fango survived long enough to die in an Old West shootout is astonishing ...

He was a member of the Gcaleka tribe, a sub-group of the Xhosa peoples who dominated what's now South Africa from the 1600s until the early 19th century ... In 1856, a 16-year-old Xhosa prophetess named Nongqawuse reported that she had received a message from her ancestors promising deliverance from the Xhosas' chronic poverty ... The old would become young again, Nongqawuse predicted, and the British and Dutch settlers would be driven into the sea if — and it was a big if — the Xhosa destroyed their own cattle ...

Long story short, more than 100,000 Xhosa starved to death, while infectious diseases spread by decom-

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If it's odd, sad or funny and it happens in south-central Idaho, I want to hear about it. Call me at 735-3223, or write scrump@magicvalley.com

posing cattle wiped out thousands more ...

Ruth Talbot, wife of an English farmer who had immigrated to South Africa, found year-old Gobo sitting in the branches of a tree ... His mother, who was dying, had left him on the Talbots' property ... The Talbots raised the boy as their own ... The Talbots converted to Mormons and left for Utah ... By the time they reached Missouri, the Civil War had begun and a mob boarded the train at one station looking for escaped slaves ... Ruth hid Gobo beneath her ample hoop skirt ...

Gobo grew up in Talbots' home in Utah, where he lost his toes to frostbite from wading in snow too long with only burlap bags wrapped around his feet ...

After he was bushwhacked near Oakley in 1886 following a dispute over grazing sheep, Fango crawled 4 1/2 miles through the snow — "holding his intestines in one hand," according to the *Idaho Statesman* — to a farmhouse where he dictated his will, leaving \$500 to the Grantsville LDS Relief Society ...

He's buried in the Oakley cemetery ...

Frank Bedke was tried twice for Fango's killing ... The first trial ended in a hung jury, with jurors voting 11-1 for conviction ... A second jury acquitted Bedke ...

Steve Crump is the Times-News Opinion editor.

AROUND THE VALLEY

Filer closer to contract with Idaho Power

The Filer City Council is one step closer, with a first reading, to accepting a 20-year franchise agreement with Idaho Power Co. The new agreement, categorized under Ordinance 574, gives the city a 2 percent franchise fee and will replace the current 50-year contract that expires in 2015.

"Before 1993, when things changed, it was thought to be unconstitutional to charge a franchise fee," said Idaho Power representative Dan Olmstead. "The franchise fee will net the city about \$4,500 per year."

In other business, the Filer Public Library will host a youth summer reading program with the theme of Be Creative at Your Library. Sessions will be held on Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m. from June 17 to July 8. The library is located at 219 Main St.

The council will hold its next public meeting at 7:30 p.m. June 16 in the city office on Main Street.

Mudslides continue to affect Warm Springs Road

Warm Springs Road west of Ketchum continues to be closed to through traffic, with residents along the road in constant contact with dis-

aster services personnel, due to mudslides that swept across the road in several places earlier this week.

With a 50- to 80-percent chance of rain and snow forecast through the weekend, Blaine County Emergency Services Director Chuck Turner said the road will remain closed until further notice.

"We don't want the public out there; it'll turn into a rescue mission," Turner said Thursday. He compared the situation to a beach posted with a shark warning — you may not see the danger, but it's there. "I went through a mudhole yesterday that I wasn't sure I was going to get out of."

— staff reports

June water forecast calls for 'moderate' season

Snake should still provide enough water; other regions tight

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

The 2009 season has become a "moderate" water year as temperatures rose and snow melted in April and May, according to the latest monthly water-supply forecast.

The report, issued by the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service, states that the snowpack has completely melted at many of the agency's measurement stations in southern Idaho. But snow still remains at higher elevations in many regions, including the Upper Snake River Basin, and will help sustain river flows into the early summer if it melts correctly.

"Just like water on the Wicked Witch of the West, spring rain and hot temperatures can cause untimely melting of the snow," Ron Abramovich, NRCS water supply specialist, said in a

ON THE WEB:

Visit <http://www.id.nrcs.usda.gov/snow> and click on the 'Water Supply' link to read the June forecast. Visit <http://www.id.nrcs.usda.gov/snow/watersupply/peak-flow.html> for graphs tracking stream flow peaks for water managers and river runners.

press release.

As has been the case this spring, irrigators along the Snake River are expected to be better off than those in other parts of southern Idaho.

The surface water supply index maintained by the agency predicts tight irrigation supplies for agricultural users in the Big Wood and Oakley basins, as well as possibly the Owyhee and Salmon Falls basins — all areas that were predicted to fall short earlier this year. While most state reservoirs sit at somewhere around 90 percent and await their final fills, Magic, Salmon Falls and Oakley reservoirs all sit at about 70 percent of their average fill for the time of year.

Reservoirs in the upper Snake, including Jackson Lake and Palisades, were emptied earlier in the spring to make room for projected runoff and are still expected to fill.

Depending on how irrigation demand goes, that basin is also one of several favored for good carryover storage over the winter.

The basins south of the Snake River, including Oakley and Salmon Falls, actually ended up with the highest year-to-date precipitation amounts for the state. But due to the storage, lingering drought and other issues, stream flows there are only slated to be 50 to 65 percent of average.

The report describes runoff so far as "fairly controlled," rising and falling over the last couple of months and leveling off with higher flows in mid-May. The above-average flows in May will likely keep summer stream flows from staying above average through September — though more moisture would temper irrigation demand and improve runoff in places where snow isn't completely melted yet.

Speed limit to drop on Wash. St. N.

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The city of Twin Falls announced Thursday the speed limit on Washington Street North between North College Road and Pole Line Road will be reduced to 35 mph from 45 mph.

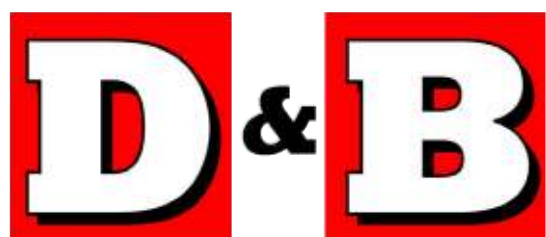
"There are some growing pains that the city is experiencing here," Assistant City manager Travis Rothweiler said. "But when we get through this time period, it will have all been worth it."

The change will happen "within the next week," although no specific date was given in a news release. It will coincide with the opening this month of Wal-Mart, according to a city release.

Officials said the speed limit change is needed to ensure safety in the northwest area of Twin Falls, which will see more traffic with the opening of a new high school and hospital open nearby, as well as several road construction projects.

The speed limit change will be enforced aggressively as soon as the law is signed into place, said Twin Falls Police Department Capt. Matt Hicks.

"You can't have an amnesty period," Hicks said, because that "encourages people not to obey the sign."



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COMMUNITY

Twin Falls

Covering the communities of Buhl, Castleford, Filer, Hansen, Hollister, Kimberly, Murtaugh, Rogerson, Twin Falls.

Filer graduates 89 students

By John E. Swayze
Times-News correspondent

FILER — The Filer High School class of 2009 took a first step into the future with its May 30 commencement ceremony in the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium.

Graduate Courtney Barry was given special recognition for raising more than \$4,000 in donations to purchase \$50 gift cards and brighten the Christmas holidays for teens in the foster system. She also raised \$800 to purchase infant car seats for the Department of Health and Welfare.

"Courtney has also graciously agreed to help a junior continue it as a senior project," Counselor Cori Cassity said.

High school Principal Leon Madsen also distributed special academic achievement awards to the class' five valedictorians.

"A few years ago the board tried to reduce the number of valedictorians by making changes to the requirements," Madsen said. "But the complete opposite has happened, and that's cer-

tainly a good thing."

Each addressed their fellow graduates with messages. Valedictorian Brittnei Brown compared friendships to the discovery of precious gems.

"Our friends will keep us afloat and brighten our lives as we move on," she said. "Hold on to the rubies you have found, because they may be worth more than you ever imagined."

Keynote speaker Sharon Lutkehus carried the evening's theme a little farther. Lutkehus, a popular health education teacher, challenged graduates to recognize that success in a career field isn't the definition of a fulfilled life.

"You will not be first-rate at your work if your work is all you are," Lutkehus said. "So get a real life. And God richly bless you with true happiness of heart and keep you safe from harm."

Forty students in this year's graduating class received more than 100 scholarships and academic funding awards to help them in pursuit of their future educational goals.



JOHN E. SWAYZE/For the Times-News

Filer High School graduates exit the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium during the May 30 commencement ceremony in Twin Falls.

One man's AMERICAN DREAM

Filer ESL aide earns citizenship

By John E. Swayze
Times-News correspondent

FILER — Achieving American citizenship is Victor Vasquez's chance to give back to a country that has given him many opportunities.

"I go to Boise on Wednesday to take the oath of citizenship at the INS (Immigration and Naturalization Service) office," Vasquez said on May 28. "It's something I've waited for all my life."

Filer Elementary School students and faculty helped celebrate the milestone on May 28 with an assembly where Vasquez told his story and received a quilt made by the fifth-grade class.

"They were going to send it (the quilt) to a soldier in Iraq but they gave it to me instead," he said. "I don't know why they did this, but it's just unbelievable and means so much to me."

Vasquez, 44, has spent the past 11 years helping Latino students at Filer Elementary School and Hollister Elementary School unlock their educational potential by teaching them English and serving as a role model.

"If they quit school it's all over and they'll be poor the rest of their lives," he said "They need to know the language and I tell parents



JOHN E. SWAYZE/For the Times-News

Filer Elementary School English as a Second Language aide Victor Vasquez stands in front of a quilt students made and gave him on May 28 in celebration of Vasquez becoming an American citizen.

that their child will be able to communicate in English by the end of the school year."

Physical Education and Tech Specialist Vicki Leach has known Vasquez for many years and planned to go to Boise to witness Vasquez taking the oath.

"He is such a tremendous person who gives so much to the students and this school," Leach said. "I wouldn't want to miss this for anything."

Vasquez, along with 21 brothers and sisters, grew up on a mountain farm 200 miles south of Mexico City in the state of Guerrero.

"The soil wasn't very good and we had to rent the land and a pair of oxen," he said. "So by the time you get your crop, you work the whole season for almost nothing."

Toward the end his senior year in high school in 1981, Vasquez was offered the first of two opportunities that would eventually lead to his current position as an ESL aide with the Filer School District.

"I don't know if they still do it, but if you were very poor the government would train you for three months to teach small groups of people in the mountain vil-

lages how to read and write," he said.

That same year, Vasquez moved to Kino Bay in Sonora, Mexico to live with a sister. That decision eventually brought him to the attention of Hagerman couple Elwood and Bernice Grimes.

"This young man saw that my husband was wearing a hat that said 'Idaho Potatoes' so he comes over and asks if we had a job for him," Bernice Grimes said. "Victor was just so likable that we decided to help and got all the paperwork

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COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Luke's dedicates serenity garden

St. Luke's Magic Valley Serenity Garden will be dedicated at 5 p.m. Saturday at Sunset Memorial Park, 2296 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Located at Sunset Memorial Park, the serenity garden has been created as a place dedicated to the dignity and memory of babies who have died.

All families who have experienced the loss of a baby at St. Luke's Magic Valley or at other facilities are invited to attend the Serenity Garden's interfaith memorial service. All families are offered the option of having their baby's name placed on a plaque located on the monument wall.

Information: 737-2065.

Dog show returns to T.F. Co. Fairgrounds

The American Kennel Club sanctioned All Breed and Obedience Dog Show sponsored by the Snake River Canyon Kennel Club will be held at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer on June 9-10. Admission and day parking are free.

Purebred dogs and professional and amateur handlers from around the nation will be judged in the indoor conformation rings both morn-



Courtesy photo

Shelley Nash, representing Modern Woodmen of America, is pictured presenting a check for \$250 to Sylvia Horning, president of Beta Sigma Phi, Xi Alpha Tau Chapter. The funds were donated through the Modern Woodmen of America's Care and Share Program. Nash and Xi Alpha Tau members used the money to shop for items such as diapers, wipes and premature baby clothes. The items were then donated to the Pregnancy Crisis Center in Twin Falls.

ings beginning at 8:30 a.m. Winners of each breed represented will compete in their respective dog groups early each afternoon and seven dogs will compete for Best in Show both days. Obedience competition will be held both mornings outdoors in covered rings with windbreak.

The AKC-sanctioned All Breed Puppy Match will take place one hour after the Best in Show competition (in the same indoor ring area) on the afternoon of June 9. Puppies 3-18 months-old will learn about conformation ring

competition. AKC-registered pups may be entered on June 9 between 8:30 a.m. and the end of the group competition.

Information: Mary Stotz, 543-9897; Donna Rhyne, 320-1649; Valerie Jones, 678-1624; Helen Cummins, 423-4304; Dorothy Sayers, 543-4788; Mardo Eaton, 734-6507.

CSI offers kids tech camp

The College of Southern Idaho Community Center is offering a Summer Tech

Camp for kids, ages 11-17, who are into technology.

The camp will provide an opportunity to use state-of-the-art equipment and software taught by experts in their respective fields. Students will receive a CD packed with useful software and demos to take home.

There are two sessions being offered from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 22-26 and July 6-10 in the GRM (Library) building room 101. The cost of the camp is \$350, which includes lunch and snacks daily. There are also a limited number of need-based scholarships available.

Information on scholarships or how to register: Cindy Simeon, 732-6441 or www.csi.edu/techcamp.

CSI offers new classes

The College of Southern Idaho Community Education Center is offering the following classes:

How to "Smart" Surf the Internet, 9 a.m. to noon June 13 and June 20, Shields building room 101. The cost is \$45 and the instructor is Kelley Steen. The course number to register is XCMP 054 C01.

Discover Online Social Networking for youth 13 and

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T.F. class of '79 seeks missing classmates

The Twin Falls High School class of 1979 is holding its 30-year reunion July 10-12.

The following students need to be located:

Bart Brackett, Rick Dougel, Bart Downs, Scott Finlay, Rick Gutknecht, Cliff Hall, Randy Hall, Eddie Harris, Russ Harris, Jeff Hartman, Dale Harvey, Don Harvey, Mark Helsey, Mark Jones, Mark Jestadt, Karl Kelley, Don King, Tim Lee, Rick Martinette, Dennis Major, Jerry Morton, Doug Mulliner, Perry McCoy, Mitch Nakaya, Randy Ochsner, Ron Ostermiller, Gordon Pierce, Chris Pollard, Rick Reichel, Scott Robertson, Rusty Russell, Rick Serpa, Ken Shelton, David Sherrill, Steve Sparling, Frank Stafford, Scott Steele, Scott Steward, Steve Teter, Darrell Titus, Rick Sievers, Margie Berg, Lisha Cline, Sherry Day/Young, Sherri Deuel, Lesa Dille, Kris Durham, Lori Egan, LeAnn Gailey/Miller, Corrina Gary, Rhonda Graham, Lisa Gransbury, Darla Green, Marla Hall/Jasso, Glenda Hance, Leslie Harr/Harney, Robin Harris/Bagget, Kimberlee Hart, Michelle Hartwell, Sarah Hernandez, Cindy Horting/Ellesworth, Christine Hunt, Nancy Jennings, Leticia

Jimenez, Kathy Jones/Sonderman, Nancy Jones, Jeannie King, Lillie King/Sandstrom, Karen Kribbas, Cindy Kucara, Vickie Kulzer, Bonnie Leake/Seaman, Polly Lee, Kim Littleton, Sara Meyer, Missy Miller/Johnson, April Miller, Manon McBride, Denise McCoshum, Lisa McEwery/McMauns, Barbara McClure/Starmer, Lori Nelson/Hoadley, Bonnie Parker, Jolene Petersen, Becky Peterson/Bergman, Laurie Rackham, Sherry Rairigh/Romans, Karla Ranft, Connie Reed, Robin Reiley, Colleen Roger/Auth, Debbie Routh/Poole, Jody Schmalenberger, Jana Seeley/Schneider, Cindy Smith, Sandy Sinclair, Janis Smith, Shelly Stevenson, Kathy Stewart/Williams, Liz Stoltenberg, Suzanne Storey, Julia Strophe, Cherie Sullivan, Rebecca Teske, Kathy Thomas/Barnes, Sherry Tucker/Dionne, Terri Underwood, Karen Velasquez, Collen Waggoner, Denise Wallace, Julie Watson/Pettingill, Bonnie Wood/Fisher, Julia Yost. Anyone with information on these classmates may contact Nancy Atkinson Baskin, 208-345-5336 or tths79@hotmail.com.

Spontaneous blood vessel bursts not normal

DEAR DR. GOTT:

Periodically, I have blood vessels that pop. They instantly burn and form a pool of blood under the skin at whatever location they occur. They usually appear on my hands and feet and can happen with no activity or things such as getting bumped.

The first time I remember this happening was 20



ASK DR. GOTT
Dr. Peter Gott

years ago while driving. I felt it burst on my knee. Throughout the years,

these events have occurred anywhere from a few times a year to nearly every day. When they started happening daily, I sought the advice of a nutritional healer. It brought relief over time, but I discontinued the treatment because it was so costly.

I am a 59-year-old female with low blood pressure (95/55) and a low

thyroid level. I drink nearly two quarts of water and three to four cups of coffee a day. I have a sedentary job and am not disciplined enough to stick to an exercise program for long periods of time.

I am currently taking Levoxyl, Armour Thyroid, fish oil, strontium, gelatin, a multivitamin and an herbal and vitamin calci-

um supplement.

Is it normal for blood vessels to pop for no reason? Is this something I should discuss with my physician when I have my next physical?

DEAR READER: It is not normal to have spontaneously rupturing blood vessels and bruising; however, there are several possible causes. You could

have one of several clotting disorders or weakened blood vessels. You are also currently taking two supplements (fish oil and strontium) that, according to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), can cause or increase the risk of unusual bleeding or bruising. In fact, the NIH warns that

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Leavitt earns Eagle Scout Award

Jonah R. Leavitt, 15-year-old son of Glen and Laura Leavitt of Twin Falls, was presented with his Eagle Scout Award at a Court of Honor held in August of 2008.

For his Eagle project, Leavitt constructed two benches in front of I.B. Perrine Elementary School. He was assisted by troop members, Scout leaders Tracy Watts, Paul Bernhisel,

Nate Geilman and his grandfather, Robert Howells. He belongs to Troop 100 and his Scout Master was Tracy Watts.

Leavitt attended Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School. He is currently president of the Teacher's Quorum in the Twin Falls 3rd Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.



Leavitt

JUNIOR CLUB WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS



Courtesy photo

The Junior Club of Magic Valley held its May Social, an event to recognize the contribution of graduating members, service of the past year's executive board, and to welcome the new executive board and new members. Pictured from left, are the new members for 2009, Katie Gardner, Patty Krautscheid and Amanda Wright. Not pictured, Lisa Douda, Kathy Hinkle, Stacy McClintock and Renay Skov.

KIMBERLY RAISES MONEY TO FIGHT CANCER



Kimberly Elementary School students and staff raised \$217.35 for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life on May 1. Pictured are fourth-grade girls who were among students who participated in Hat Day and paid 50 cents to wear a hat during school, from left, McCall Cameron, Kinzey Dixon, Morgan Alexander, Lindsey Barnhill, Abby Buck and Claire Oberg. Courtesy photo

Community

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up and their parents, 10 to 11 a.m. June 8-11 in Shields 101. Cost is \$32. Parents are encouraged to attend and participate with their child and may do so at no charge. The instructor is Kelley Steen and the course number is YCMP 018 C01.
Nursing School for Kids I

(Grades 4-5) will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. June 9-12 in Aspen building room 178. Course number is YMSC 027 C01.
Nursing School for Kids II (Grades 5-6) will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. June 30 to July 3 in Aspen 178. Course number is YMSC 027 C02.
Nursing School for Kids

III (Grades 6-7) will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. July 14-17 in the Aspen 178. Course number is YMSC 027 C03. Cost of the classes is \$50 and the instructor is Janet Milligan.
Information on all classes: 732-6442 or register and pay online at <http://communityed.csi.edu>.

Dr. Gott

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anyone taking strontium who experiences unusual bleeding or bruising should call his or her physician immediately. Fish oil is also known to increase bleeding time when taken at higher doses.
See your physician to discuss the situation. He or she will probably recommend that you discontinue some or all of your over-the-counter supplements on a trial basis to see if the bruising improves. You may also need blood work to determine your clotting abilities and to rule out a bleeding disorder. If your physician is uncomfortable doing this, request a referral to a hematologist, a physician who specializes in disorders of the blood.
DEAR DR. GOTT: For many years, I have been clipping and saving your articles that relate to me or my loved ones. I know that you have mentioned the fact that you have written several books before. I am finally ready to make a purchase, but I don't know where to get them.
Your column is the greatest, and I read it every day faithfully. Keep up the good work.
DEAR READER: Thank you for the compliment, and, yes, I have written several books. My first, "No House Calls," is currently out of print, but you may be able to find it at your local library or online at used-book retailers. I also have a coffee-table book, "Summer Windows of 'Sconset." My other books, "Live Longer, Live Better," "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Diet" and "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Cookbook" are available at most independent and chain bookstores, as well as through most online book retailers.
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Volunteers — Idaho Farm and Ranch Museum needs retired farmers and ranchers to assist in light clean-up, building repairs and restoration of old machinery at the farm museum, in preparation for Live History Day on June 14. The museum is northeast of the junction at U.S. Highway 93 and Interstate 84. Information: Jim, 736-8696.
Volunteers — St. Luke's Volunteer Services needs accomplished musicians willing to volunteer time and talent to bring comfort and entertainment to patients and their families at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center. Two pianos are available, and the group is open to other musical options. Infor-

WANT TO HELP?

This public service column is designed to match needs in the Magic Valley with volunteer help. If you need a volunteer, contact the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) at 736-4764, before noon Wednesday for Friday publication. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho.

and household items including vacuum cleaners, electronics (televisions, CD players, computers), kitchen items, washers and dryers, and children's bicycles and toys. Donated items can be taken to the center, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed noon to 1 p.m.), Monday through Friday, at 1526 Highland Ave. E., Twin Falls. Information: Michelle, 736-2166.
Volunteers — The Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors program needs volunteers who are willing to counsel Medicare beneficiaries in all aspects of Medicare benefits. Full training will be provided. Information: Tamara or Nora, 736-4713.
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Dream

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together so he could come across to the United States." Vasquez remembers that a few people who knew about his hopes of living in America were skeptical.
"A friend of mine from Kino Bay kept asking how I knew I would even get across, but I knew I wouldn't get another chance like this so I did it," Vasquez said. "I went to the consulate and because my papers were in order, it only took three hours to get a visa at that time."
With his parents' blessing and the required documentation in hand, Vasquez flew over the boarder and touched down in El Paso, Texas in April 1986. But his plan to board the bus for Idaho and the Grimes' residence in Hagerman would

be put on hold for three days.
"My language wasn't enough to make conversation with people so I got lost and ran out of money," Vasquez said. "I walked to a truck stop and swept floors and washed tables until my brother, living in Tijuana, could send me some money."
After reaching Hagerman, Vasquez spent the next seven years improving his English, working on a farm in Bell Rapids and taking care of horses owned by a doctor at Miracle Hot Springs.
"In the off season I traveled with the Grimes, seeing the country and we would go back into Mexico during the winter months," Vasquez said. "They took me in and accepted me as

"They took me in and accepted me as one of the family!"
— **Victor Vasquez, Filer Elementary School English as a Second Language aide**
one of the family."
These first experiences of life in America and citizenship have strengthened his sense of responsibility toward the Latino community.
"I want to share my country and my culture with everyone and I want to give back," he said. "I'm so thankful to God that this amazing thing is happening."
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“One speech is not going to solve all the problems in the Middle East. Expectations should be somewhat modest.”

— President Barack Obama, about his speech in Cairo on U.S. relations with the Muslim world.

EDITORIAL

Finally, public officials take sharing resources seriously

Here's a research topic for some ambitious candidate for a master's degree in public administration at Boise State University, Idaho State University or the University of Idaho:

Calculate the number of tax dollars that Idaho local governments waste by duplicating services in political jurisdictions that overlap or are located adjacent to each other — Twin Falls city or county, for example, or the seven school districts in Twin Falls County.

We're just spitballing here, but we'd guess the savings would be more than enough to pay for filling every pot-hole in Idaho.

That's why Twin Falls County Sheriff Tom Carter's proposal to share office space with the Twin Falls Police Department in a county-owned building is encouraging.

Carter promoted intra-agency cooperation in his successful campaign to unseat Sheriff Wayne Tousley last fall. Now he's offering city cops some space in the old Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital building, where sheriff's officers also work.

TFPD Capt. Matt Hicks says the city could move 15 staff members in its criminal investigation division out of the downtown police station.

If so, it would signal a remarkable transformation. Under Tousley, the sheriff's department's relationship with the Twin Falls police was arm's-length.

And it's encouraging the same sort of cooperation is happening elsewhere in south-central Idaho. The city of Ketchum, for example, is making a serious effort to eliminate duplicated expenses. That was the philosophy behind the ill-fated drive to combine the cities of Ketchum and Sun Valley and Ketchum's efforts to contract with the Blaine County Sheriff's Office to take over law enforcement duties in the city.

Cassia and Minidoka local governments learned the value of eliminating redundant services long ago. The two countywide school districts go back generations, and in 1988 the city of Burley merged law enforcement operations with the Cassia County Sheriff's Office — a move prompted by the brutal farm recession of the 1980s.

Recession-racked 2009, when governments need efficiencies most, would be a great time to explore where other savings could be found by simply sharing. Do the Shoshone Police Department and the Lincoln County's Sheriff's Office, for example, really need separate offices? Why do the Hailey Fire Department and Wood River Fire and Rescue operate parallel operations literally next door to each other? Any reason a centralized Gooding County education service center couldn't replace the separate school district administrative offices in Gooding, Wendell, Hagerman and Bliss?

Carter is the public official who has taken consolidating resources most seriously. In February, the sheriff designated police officers in Twin Falls, Buhl, Filer and Kimberly as county special deputies. That allows city cops to work outside their towns' jurisdiction, and in the three months since they — and the sheriff's office — have saved a lot of red tape. In the long run, they could well save money for the taxpayers too.

Remarkable, isn't it, that it took public officials so long to discover economies of scale?

Good for Carter, Ketchum Mayor Randy Hall and the rest of the Ketchum City Council.

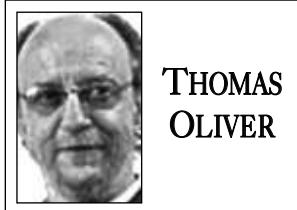
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A fool and his money soon part

The new credit card law can't protect us from ourselves. Congress has created law where the Federal Reserve had created policy. The Fed's rules are to take effect July 2010. The politicians are rushing their version into place four months earlier.



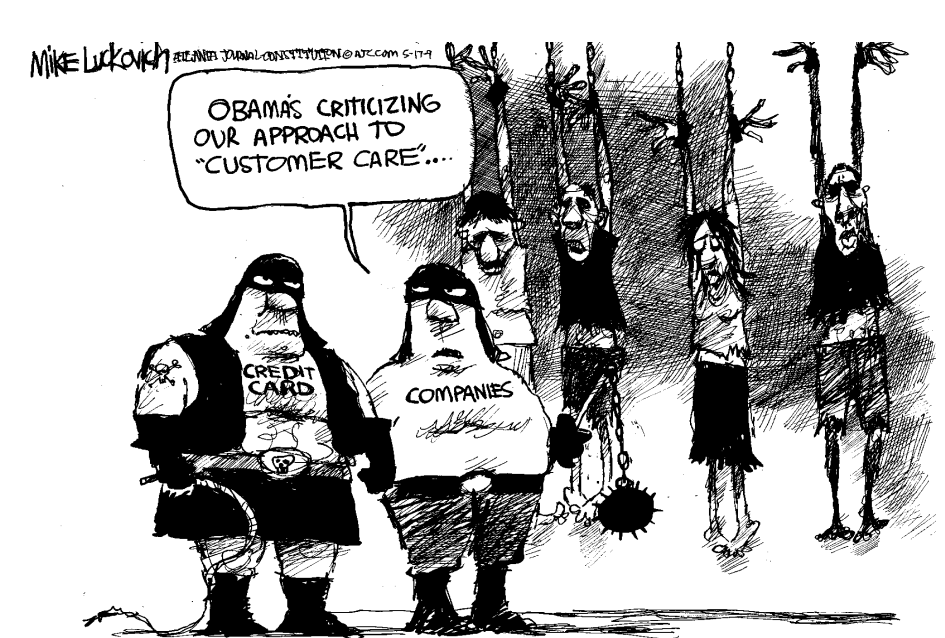
THOMAS OLIVER

The real difference? Politicians get to claim they socked it to the big bad credit card companies.

No doubt, credit card issuers bought some of this on themselves. Raising the interest rate on a balance incurred under a different rate is wrong. Don't care if it is allowed for in the fine print. Fine print is where dishonorable intentions hide.

But such questionable practices didn't create the balances to begin with.

We can't blame others for our addiction to debt. Any more than we can blame the foreclosure crisis on unscrupulous mortgage brokers. If the housing crisis were all about predatory lending, the re-default rate on modified mortgages wouldn't be so high. If this mess with debt is



anyone's but our own fault, it's our educational system's fault for graduating so many with so little understanding of economics. Come to think of it, that's our fault, too.

The bottom line in all things financial: If you don't assume responsibility for your own money, assume someone will take advantage of you.

A fool and his money are indeed soon parted.

And until they started giving away mortgages, credit cards were where most folks acted the fool.

The average consumer carries four credit cards and owes \$9,900 on them, according to CardTrack.com and Experian. While many have the good sense to pay

their card bills in full every month, one of out every eight of us carries balances in excess of \$25,000. The average interest rate is 13.5 percent.

At that rate, if you cut up the cards and never charged another dime, it'd take you 10 years at \$150 a month to pay off \$9,900.

Another way to look at it: A 2 percent minimum payment on a \$25,000 balance at that rate would blow a \$500-a-month hole in your budget. If you kept it up and disavowed plastic, it would only take you six years to rid yourself of the evidence of your past.

No wonder we have so many bankruptcies and foreclosures.

If you're lugging a \$25,000 balance and your mortgage adjusts up or your spouse who loses a job, your days will become dark nights of the soul.

Congress can't limit the number of credit cards you carry. And Congress can't go with you when you shop and spend more than you intended, which is plastic's temptation. Nor can Congress make you pay off those balances sooner rather than later. If you're looking to government to keep you out of debt, you're going to love that oceanfront property in Arizona.

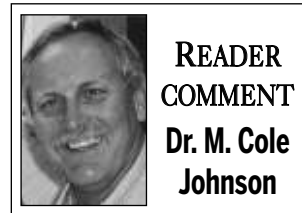
Thomas Oliver is a columnist for The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Legislature failed Idaho's kids on vaccinations

Ahhh! The second-longest legislative session in the history of Idaho has ended, the legislators are patting themselves on the back and our children have suffered a major health set back!

Our elected officials chose to leave unfunded part of the state childhood vaccine program. As a cost-cutting measure, our elected officials chose not to fund vaccines for any insured patients. This funding would have cost an additional \$2.8 million.

Idaho was only one of five states in the nation that funded vaccines for all children, regardless of the ability to pay. We can now remove our names from that small and progressive list. So let's talk statistics. By the latest statistics available through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,



READER COMMENT
Dr. M. Cole Johnson

Idaho ranks last in vaccinations for children 6-35 months in the administration of DTaP, hepatitis B, measles, mumps and rubella; and pneumococcal vaccines — the key vaccines administered in that age span.

I guess we can pat ourselves on the back as we went from a vaccination record of 52.9 percent in 2007 to 66 percent in 2008. We still rank last. We also rank last in vaccination for varicella. So for a mere \$2.8 million, we should hold last for the foreseeable future. I contacted all of the major

insurers in my practice. All informed me that vaccinations may or may not be covered by the holder of the insurance policy depending on the policy itself, but many of Idaho's insurers do not cover vaccinations as they have not had to worry to this point, so expect those monthly costs to increase. Most insured patients will be required to wait for an open enrollment date to change their policies creating a hole in coverage and placing more children at risk as their vaccines will be delayed waiting for coverage.

The IRIS state Web site does state that insured children without vaccination benefits will be given vaccine, but only at a VFC site; basically these sites are the local health district offices. The office in Twin Falls cur-

rently vaccinates on one day a week by appointment only. Health districts, are you ready for the onslaught?

Lastly, I tried in vain to contact both the state senator and the state representative by the only means available, e-mail. The e-mails were not returned so evidently did make their destinations. I received no response from our legislators. This is a travesty for our state, our children. No thought could have preceded this budget-cutting measure. Parents, contact your legislators. Idaho should fund vaccinations for all children. Our rate of childhood diseases and deaths will surely rise all but for \$2.8 million.

M. Cole Johnson of Twin Falls is a family practice and obstetrics physician.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

How dangerous can Twin Falls drivers be?

After reading the article in the paper about the problem with accidents on Pole Line Road West — people trying to get to Costco or Target — maybe they have a death wish!

Come on! Who in their right mind would try to cross than many lanes (eight), especially that close to an intersection! Drivers and people on bicycles do not obey rules or signs!

Example: Stop equals pots (backward, who wants any?) Rolling stop or six seconds, go for it! Should not have any right turns on red where there's a left green arrow light! Yield — not even in some people's vocabulary!

Almost got hit today! P.S. I live too far out to walk. My angel on my shoulder

is getting tired anyway, so I would probably get run over!
PHYLLIS ELSING
Twin Falls

Medical bill collection leaves patient sick

This is regarding "Planning continues for new Jerome hospital" in the May 20 Times-News in which hospital administrator Al Stevenson stated, "... officials have spent the past few months finding places to trim the hospital's budget without harming services ... while also pushing to collect patient bills on a timelier basis."

This is my daughter's experience with that "timelier basis":

I pay for my daughter's medical bills and medical insurance because she does

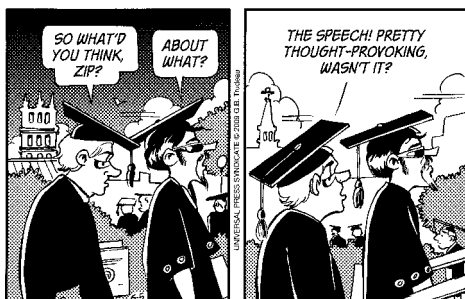
not make enough money to pay them herself. Never have we refused to pay any bill from St. Benedicts clinic or hospital. After receiving refunds because I had paid before the insurance, I began waiting for the bill stating the insurance had paid. This obviously takes time. We received a bill dated May 13 indicating that the last item had been paid for one of my daughter's appointments. On May 19, my daughter had an appointment. Before she was even allowed to sign in, she was asked if the bill had been paid. Her telling the clinic's front desk that it had been paid was not enough. Someone was called from the accounts office to harass my daughter about when it had been paid, how much had been paid and when it had been mailed. This person later

denied that he had upset her although he had reduced my daughter to tears. Both the nurse and the doctor were worried about her because she was so upset. As I was talking to this person from the accounts office, I was told that he needed to "go see more patients." Obviously, this is not the only patient treated in this manner. Two calls that I left on the voice mail of the clinic manager were never returned.

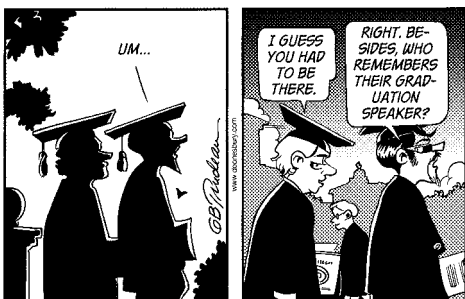
Our family is seriously considering finding doctors in Twin Falls. If this is St. Benedicts way of keeping the "current finances healthy," I think it may have a problem getting the support from the community that Mr. Stevenson says is so critical to building a new hospital
DANETTE WAGNER
Jerome

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau



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By Bruce Tinsley



UI pays consultant \$112,000 for 9 months of 'inspiration'

MOSCOW (AP) — The University of Idaho is paying a Minnesota consultant who spends less than two weeks a month on the Moscow campus \$112,500 to serve as its "chief inspiration officer," according to public records.

The Moscow-Pullman Daily News reports the university signed a contract with Magaly Rodriguez last year, paying her \$12,500 a month as part of a nine-month contract that expires in June.

The workshops conducted by Rodriguez have helped save programs, school administrators said, but some faculty are criticizing the contract signed during the same budget year the school was forced to cut about \$3.8 million.

Rodriguez spends between zero and 10 days at the university in northern Idaho each month, the contract says. Travel, lodging and meal expenses are deducted from her \$12,500 monthly fee.

Rodriguez, a former teacher and missionary who was born in Cuba and has a bachelor's degree in history from Siena Heights College in Michigan and a master's degree in human resources from St. Thomas University in Miami, is helping the university adopt its strategic plan and is worth the expense, provost Doug Baker said.

"She's helping us reshape our culture," Baker told the Daily News.

Rodriguez, who is with the

Minneapolis, Minn.-based consulting company Volentum, said she helps create global peacemaking communities. In her biography, Rodriguez says she coined several terms, including "peacemaking" and "vitalizing change."

"If you want to know kind of really what I do, I'm interested in building communities," Rodriguez told the Moscow newspaper during a telephone interview.

Rodriguez facilitated a two-day workshop in February, when the university was considering eliminating an undergraduate degree in physics, and it ultimately helped save the program, College of Science Dean Scott Wood said.

"We obviously got to a resolu-

tion," Wood said. "I'm not convinced we would have gotten there without Magaly's help."

But physics professor Francesca Sammarruca said the workshop focused mainly on sharing feelings, resolving personal conflicts and did not address the "hasty decision" to potentially cut the degree program.

"The point is that her services cannot help with problems such as ours," Sammarruca wrote in an e-mail. "That decision needed to be discussed openly and thoroughly between the people involved in a (moderated) professional meeting, and at a much lower cost."

Rodriguez's salary is "outrageous" and could support seven

graduate students each month," Sammarruca said.

The university has employed Rodriguez as an independent consultant with Volentum for more than a year and before signing the nine-month contract in 2008, she signed one-time contracts between \$10,000 and \$15,500 to conduct workshops.

Other universities spend similar amounts on independent consultants, according to school officials, and the role of consultants at universities is important and should not be diminished, Moscow psychologist W. Rand Walker said.

"There are legitimate places for this, but you don't pay \$112,000 for it," Walker said.

Feds to study critical habitat for Idaho caribou

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has agreed to consider designating critical habitat for woodland caribou that roam northern Idaho and northeastern Washington.

The agency earlier this week settled a federal lawsuit out of court that requires it to make a critical habitat decision by November 2011. Critical habitat designations ensure that federal activities don't lead to habitat losses.

Defenders of Wildlife and three other environmental groups filed a petition in 2002 asking the agency to designate critical habitat for the last caribou herd in the Lower 48 states. They filed suit in January in U.S. District Court in Spokane, Wash., saying the agency never responded and that the delay in deciding whether to make the habitat designation violated federal law.

"The Bush administration ignored this species and our petition for six years," Mike Leahy, Defenders of Wildlife's Rocky Mountain region director, told The Spokesman-Review.

The other plaintiffs were the Lands Council, Selkirk Conservation Alliance, and the Center for Biological Diversity.

Fish and Wildlife has pledged to draft a critical habitat decision near the end of 2011, with a possible designation by 2012.

"You can't protect woodland caribou without protecting the places they live," said Noah Greenwald of the Center for Biological Diversity in Portland, Ore.

The caribou in the region were federally protected under an emergency order in

1983, but no habitat was designated for them because officials feared they would become targets of poachers if their location was revealed.

Leahy said those arguments no longer stand, since caribou habitat has been posted with signs as part of public education efforts.

"There's been no evidence of poaching for a long time, and the location of the caribou is well known," he said.

The caribou typically spend the winter at elevations above 4,000 feet, eating lichen from old-growth forests.

"Caribou are part of Idaho's wildlife heritage and we think they're worth conserving and restoring," said Leahy. "This is one of the most endangered species in the country. We've pushed it all the way back into one mountain range!"

Farmers hope for rain as crops dry out in north-central Idaho

LEWISTON (AP) — Weather forecasters are predicting at least some rain is on the way for farmers in north-central Idaho, who hope the moisture comes soon to help crops that are starting to dry out.

Jay Breidenbach, a National Weather Service hydrologist in Boise, said a storm should enter the state today and Saturday, though it will be mostly over southern Idaho. Later next week looks promising for rain in northern Idaho, he said.

"We're going to stay in a rather cool, moist pattern through the middle of the week, so there will be a chance for shower activity, particularly for the northern part of the state, through next week," he said.

Ken Hart, a University of Idaho agricultural extension agent in Lewis County, said farmers are eager for rain because their grain is beginning to show stress from the dry weather.

"They'd like a rain as soon as possible," Hart told the Lewiston Tribune. "We haven't seen much stress yet on the better soils, but we are seeing some stress on poorer soils."

Many farmers in the region don't irrigate. Grain crops such as wheat and barley that are stressed from lack of rain can have stunted growth.

Hart said it snowed three times on the Camas Prairie last June, and it's typical to have about a week or more of rain to help the crops. So far this year, that hasn't happened.

"Everybody counts on a rain in June and if they don't get it, we're usually in trouble," Hart said. "We were late on seeding on quite a few spring crops and that always makes them more vulnerable to heat and dryness. Things look pretty good right now ... overall crops still look pretty good. But a timely

rain would certainly help."

Jim Schroeder is a resource conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Washington's Asotin County.

"The last two weeks, the hot weather and wind have been difficult on the fall crops and particularly any fields that have been recropped," Schroeder said.

Fields that have been planted in consecutive years are referred to as "recropped," and tend to dry out faster than fields that have been allowed to lay fallow for a year.

Schroeder said lower elevations in May in the region received about an inch less of rain than is normal.

"If we made that up in June, that would probably be all right. But you don't know about June," Schroeder said. "What we know up to this point: The lack of rain in May has hurt the wheat crop."

Man charged in Utah with threatening president

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Federal prosecutors have charged a man with making threats against President Barack Obama after he allegedly told a bank employee in Utah he was on a mission to kill the president.

The Salt Lake Tribune reported on its Web site Thursday that Daniel James Murray allegedly made the remark to a teller at a bank in St. George on May 27 as he withdrew \$13,000 from an account.

Murray's whereabouts are unknown. A court affidavit says Murray is from New York and has recently been in California, Utah, Georgia, Oklahoma and possibly Texas.

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Obama calls for U.S.-Muslim understanding

By Scott Wilson
The Washington Post

CAIRO — President Obama delivered a direct appeal to the Islamic world Thursday for a “new beginning” with the United States, acknowledging historical mistakes made over centuries in the name of culture and religion that he said are now overshadowed by shared interests.

The 55-minute address electrified many Muslims in the Arab Middle East. The president celebrated the cultural, scientific and intellectual achievements of Islam to the delight of the audience inside the domed hall at Cairo University where he spoke — and beyond.

Using spare language and a measured explanatory tone, the country’s first African American president, whose Kenyan family has deep Islamic roots, drew on history, biography, moral principles and mutual interests to dispel cultural stereotypes that divide Christians and Muslims, Arabs and Jews, and the United States from many in the Islamic faith. Seemingly small but symbolically important gestures by Obama drew warm applause, including his use of the



A live TV broadcast of President Obama delivering his speech at Cairo University is reflected in the sunglasses of a man watching TV at a coffee shop in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Thursday.



AP photos
President Obama addresses an audience at Cairo University in Cairo, Egypt, Thursday.

phrase “May peace be upon him” following a reference to the prophet Muhammad. Speaking in Arabic, he offered the traditional greeting of “May peace be upon you” on behalf of the American people to applause.

As he urged leaders in the Muslim world to “place the interests of your people and the legitimate workings of the political process above your party,” a man shouted, “Barack Obama, we love you!” The president responded simply, “Thank you,” and moved quickly back into his remarks. At the end of the speech he received a

standing ovation and some in the crowd chanted “O-Bam-A, O-Bam-A.”

“Egypt also has suffered from terrorism,” said Ahmed el-Shoura, a 21-year-old political science student at Cairo University who attended the speech. “The question is how do you deal with it — through the military or something else? Obama showed today that understands this difference and how to manage it.”

Obama quoted John Adams, the Koran, the Bible and the Talmud to argue that “as long as our relationship is defined by our differences,

we will empower those who sow hatred rather than peace, those who promote conflict rather than the cooperation that can help all of our people achieve justice and prosperity.”

“This cycle of suspicion and discord must end,” Obama said. “I’ve come here to Cairo to seek a new beginning between the United States and Muslims around the world, one based on mutual interest and mutual respect, and one based upon the truth that America and Islam are not exclusive and need not be in competition.”

The highly anticipated speech drew about 3,000 invited guests, including 500 journalists, to Cairo University and an audience of tens of millions more watching over national television networks, social networking sites, and instant-messaging services set up by the administration in a variety of languages.

The president was at times intimate and scolding, criticizing Islamic countries and his own for allowing differences to be exploited to violent ends “by a small but potent minority of Muslims.” In a flat, angry phrase, he told the audience that the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, were “not

opinions to be debated” but “facts to be dealt with.”

As he spoke, the Arab satellite network al-Jazeera aired a new message from Osama bin Laden, urging Muslims to “brace yourselves for a long war against the world’s infidels and their agents.”

“I’ve come here to Cairo to seek a new beginning between the United States and Muslims around the world, one based on mutual interest and mutual respect ...”

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Sotomayor speeches show pride in gender, ethnicity

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor once told a group of minority lawyers that she believed a delay in her confirmation as a federal appeals judge a decade ago was driven partly by Republican lawmakers’ ethnic stereotypes of her, suggesting that the tensions surrounding her current nomination are hardly new to the New York jurist.

“I was dealt with on the basis of stereotypes ... and it was painful ... and not based on my record,” she told the lawyers in New York in 1998. “I got a label because I was Hispanic and a woman and

(therefore) I had to be liberal.”

The remark was one piece of a portrait that emerges in scores of Sotomayor speeches released by the White House Thursday, showing a strong-willed jurist who has exacting expectations of herself and those who come before her — and who is driven by a powerful ethnic pride and a belief that she has an obligation to lift up fellow people of color.

“The Latina in me is an ember that blazes forever,” she told Hispanic law students at Hofstra University in 1996.

The 84 speeches also shed more light on the personal side of the 54-year-old

appeals court judge, who was raised in a Puerto Rican family in the Bronx and has been cloistered from the public since her nomination to the Supreme Court nine days ago. She has little patience for long-winded lawyers and bad grammar — “each time I see a split infinitive, an inconsistent tense structure or the unnecessary use of the passive voice, I blister.”

She loves talking about Puerto Rican delicacies. And she has a sense of humor that borders on the salty. Lamenting her big caseload as a federal trial judge, she told law students in 1994 that she admired a colleague who went to work at 7 in the morning but that she could

not do the same: “I am a New Yorker, and 7:00 am is a civilized hour to finish the day, not to start it.”

The speeches were accompanied by a voluminous questionnaire that, among other things, confirm Sotomayor’s status as a front-runner for the nomination from the beginning. She said White House Counsel Gregory Craig contacted her on April 27 about an opening on the court, though news reports that Justice David Souter was retiring did not air until three days later.



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Wal-Mart says it will create 22,000 jobs in '09

Retailer plans to open up to 157 new or refurbished stores in fiscal 2010

The Associated Press

BENTONVILLE, Ark. — As Wal-Mart Stores Inc. opens about 150 new or expanded stores in the U.S. in 2009, the company expects to hire about 22,000 people for new positions. Those positions include plenty of cashiers and stock clerks, but the world's largest retailer will also be adding store managers,

pharmacists and personnel workers. Wal-Mart is holding its annual shareholders meeting today, and employees from its stores around the world are spending the week in Bentonville at company headquarters. Wal-Mart plans to open between 142 and 157 new or refurbished stores in fiscal 2010, which began Feb. 1. That compares with 191 in

fiscal 2009 and 218 the year before that. Unlike many retailers, Wal-Mart has managed to keep sales growing since the recession began in late 2007, helped greatly by the company's stock of necessities such as groceries and health and wellness items. With cash tight, many consumers are attempting to spend

solely on things they need. In its fiscal first quarter, Wal-Mart reported flat profit but said its same-store sales, or sales at stores open at least a year, rose 3.7 percent in the U.S. excluding fuel. Many retailers, particularly those who charge higher prices, reported big declines in same-store sales for the first

three months of the year. Wal-Mart, still the target of criticism from union-backed groups for its pay and benefits, has improved its health insurance coverage and opened it to full- and part-time employees. The company says 94 percent of its employees have health coverage, either through Wal-Mart or another family member. "At Wal-Mart, we offer competitive pay and bene-

fits and real opportunities for our associates to advance and build careers," Wal-Mart Vice Chairman Eduardo Castro-Wright said. "Job creation is just one way in which we're working hard every day to help people across this country live better." Other employee benefits include a 401(k) plan, stock purchases and discounts for workers making in-store purchases. See **WAL-MART**, Business 2

Baffled by pork bans

Some U.S. officials allege protectionism of foreign markets

By Luke Meredith
Associated Press writer

DES MOINES, Iowa — Continued bans on U.S. pork imports by China, Russia and more than a dozen other countries have baffled government and industry officials, leading some to speculate that the issue is more about market share than health concerns. The bans, instituted in the wake of the swine flu outbreak, cost the U.S. hog industry millions of dollars every week. And they continue despite insistence by international health officials that the pork is safe and the country's hogs are not to blame for the epidemic. "It's politics and not science," said John Lawrence, a professor and livestock economist at Iowa State University. "The product is safe. So why restrict imports?" From late April to late May, a reduction in hog prices that coincided with the swine flu outbreak cost U.S. producers about \$81.5 million, said Steve Meyer, a livestock economist with the Paragon Economics, an Adel-based company that analyzes agricultural markets.



Liz Pickens, of Reedley, Calif., looks at a yorkshire hog at the World Pork Expo, in Des Moines, Iowa. Continued bans on U.S. pork imports by China, Russia and more than a dozen other counties, instituted in the wake of the swine flu outbreak, cost the U.S. hog industry millions of dollars every week.

About 20 percent of U.S. pork is exported, and China and Russia are among the biggest buyers. Last year, China bought nearly \$700 million in U.S. pork, ranking it third behind Japan and Mexico. Russia, ranked fifth with \$476 million, has begun allowing some U.S. pork imports but maintains bans on 10 states. Dave Warner, a spokesman for the Washington-based National Pork Producers Council, said U.S.

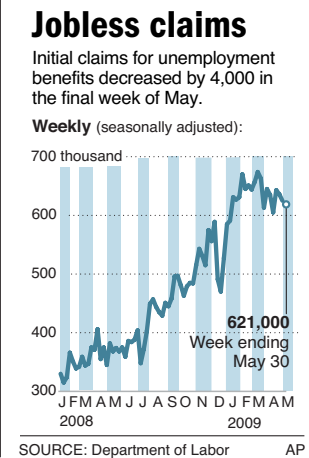
producers have had long-standing disagreements with China and Russia. He believes the two countries could be using the swine flu scare to restrict imports and give a boost to their domestic hog industry. "Both Russia and China, and all of these countries, know that this was not a food safety issue. So something else is going on there," Warner said. "It does seem like it's a

kind of a convenient excuse?" Before the latest import ban, China already refused to buy any U.S. pork from hogs given the drug ractopamine, designed to produce a leaner meat. Warner said the drug has been approved for use by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and 26 other countries. See **BAN**, Business 2

Jobless benefit rolls fall; initial claims dip

By Christopher S. Rugaber
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The number of Americans on the unemployment insurance rolls fell slightly for the first time in 20 weeks, while the tally of new jobless claims also dipped, the government said Thursday. The Labor Department report provides a glimmer of good news for job seekers, though both drops were small and the figures remain significantly above the levels associated with a healthy economy. The department also said U.S. workers were more productive in the first quarter than previously estimated, as rapid layoffs forced companies to make do with fewer employees. The tally of first-time claims for jobless benefits declined to a seasonally adjusted 621,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 625,000, nearly matching analysts' expectations. The total jobless benefit rolls fell by 15,000 to 6.7 million, the first drop since early January. Continuing claims had set record highs. See **JOBLESS**, Business 2



Data Solutions moves into new building

By John Plestina
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — A ribbon cutting Wednesday will be like a housewarming for a 23-year-old Jerome business that is moving into a

new building. Since David and Linda Dean established Electronic Data Solutions in 1986, the company has grown from its original undertaking of marketing field computers and weather stations into a

company that creates sophisticated computer programs that combine Global Positioning System technology with Geographical Information System software. Their products include

rugged field computers, GPS/GIS mapping systems and accessories, water level monitoring and water quality instrumentation, mosquito control applications and custom software. The company also provides tech-

nical support and training. The multifaceted company employs 22 people, 11 in Jerome. Others work in sales from their homes throughout the Western United States. See **MOVE**, Business 2

Retailers report May sales declines

Consumers seek lower priced goods

By Mae Anderson
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — U.S. retailers reported same-store sales fell in May below expectations, as pressures like rising unemployment continued to curtail consumer spending. Department-store operators continued to be the weakest sectors, with discounters and teen apparel retailers such as The Buckle Inc. stronger. Cheap chic discounter Target reported a bigger drop than analysts expected, as apparel and home products continued to be weak sellers. Overall, necessities like food and health care products continued to be the strongest sellers. Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer did not report results this month, making conclusions about the broader economy more difficult, said Ken Perkins. See **SALES**, Business 2

Retail sales

Same-store sales fell in May as shoppers spent cautiously.

Percent change in major retailers' sales compared to May 2008:

Company	Change (%)
Stein Mart Inc.	0.2% ▲
Target Corp.	-6.1% ▼
Costco Wholesale	-7.0% ▼
J.C. Penney Co.	-8.2% ▼
Macy's Inc.	-9.1% ▼
Dillard's Inc.	-12.0% ▼
Abercrombie & Fitch	-28.0% ▼

NOTE: Sales include those from stores opened for at least one year. Reporting periods vary slightly.

EESA translates to 2009 tax savings

Business owners may be focusing on the latest stimulus legislation and potential tax law changes in 2009, but it's important to remember tax breaks signed into law last year. Many provisions provide businesses with 2009 tax-saving opportunities. The following are some of the key provisions of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 that businesses may benefit from this year. **R&D tax credit extended** If your company has



BUSINESS INSIGHT
Scott Plew

increased its research activities and invested in the development or improvement of products, processes or software, you may be able to benefit from the research and development credit. The credit is designed to create incentives for companies to ramp up their R&D, through 2009.

Recent changes broadened the definition of R&D, providing greater opportunities for small and midsize companies to qualify for the credit. R&D activities may include:

- Development of or application for patents,
- Development of new technology,
- Attempted use of new materials,
- Acquisition of new equipment,
- Environmental testing,
- Automation or streamlining of internal processes.

See **SAVINGS**, Business 2

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Lithia Mo.	6.96 ▲ .61	McDonalds	60.24 ▼ .25	Micron	5.50 ▲ .53	Supervalu	17.08 ▲ .29

COMMODITIES

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Jun. Gold	977.70 ▲ 15.20	Jul. Silver	15.88 ▲ .57

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Market summary table with columns for NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, Gainers, and Losers. Includes sub-sections for Most Active and Diary.

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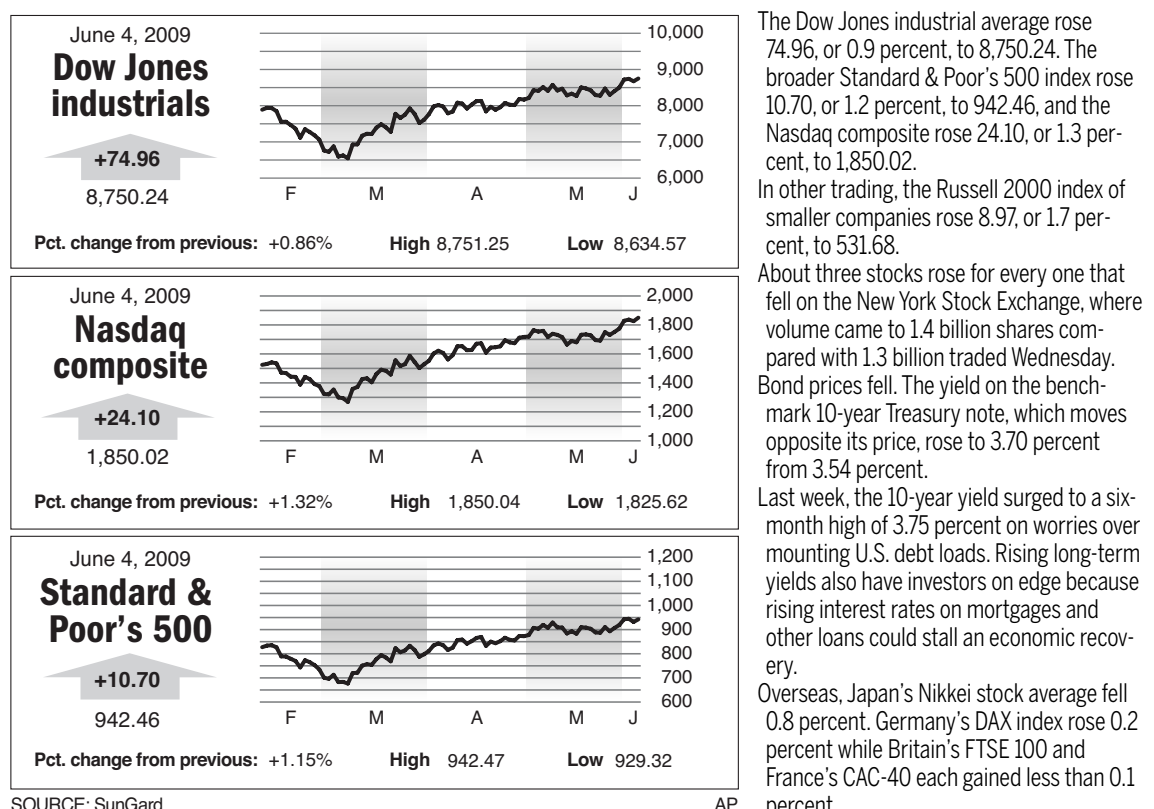
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COMMODITIES REPORT

COMMODITIES REPORT table with columns for CLOSING FUTURES and BEANS, listing prices for various commodities like live cattle, lean hogs, wheat, and soybeans.

GRAINS table listing prices for various types of grain like mixed grain, oats, corn, and barley.

TODAY ON WALL STREET



SOURCE: SunGard AP

Savings

Continued from Business 1. Generally, the credit is equal to 20 percent of qualified research expenses in excess of a certain amount based on the company's historical activity.

property placed in service after Dec. 31, 2008, and before Jan. 1, 2010, EESA expands the provision to cover some new construction and improvements to restaurant and retail space.

set to expire at the end of 2008. Qualifying property must be developed as part of a plan to reduce the total annual energy and power costs related to a building's operation.

Jobless

Continued from Business 1. every week since the week ending Jan. 24. The continuing claims data lag initial claims by one week.

Ban

Continued from Business 1. China has defended its tough measures as necessary to block swine flu from the world's most populous country.

imports with little explanation from 33 U.S. pork plants, representing up to 50 percent of the export capacity to Russia, Warner said.

CHEESE

Cheddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Barrels: \$1,100, nc: Blocks: \$1,147.5, nc

POTATOES

CHICAGO (AP) — USDA — Major potato markets FOB shipping points Wednesday. Russet Burbank Idaho 50-lb cartons 70 count: 100 count.

LIVESTOCK

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Livestock Commission Co. reports the following prices from the livestock sale held Wednesday, June 3.

METALS/MONEY

By The Associated Press. Selected world gold prices, Thursday. London morning fixing: \$972.25 off \$9.50.

Sales

Continued from Business 1. president of retail consulting firm Retail Metrics LLC. He said Wal-Mart accounts for about 10 percent of retail sales.

Wal-Mart

The company has touted its generic drugs program in which Wal-Mart is selling \$4 prescriptions for many popular medicines.

Advertisement for Twin Falls Health Initiatives Trust, including a Request for Proposal for Investment Services and contact information for Misti Lockie.



ACTS TO WATCH FOR



Courtesy photo

Bellamy Rose

Boise

Playing: 6:30-9:30 p.m. June 12 at Jazz and Wine at Kimberly Nurseries

Listen for: A blend of folk, country, blues and bluegrass complete with vocal harmonies that will make you want to don your cowboy boots and stomp your feet.



Courtesy photo

Swift and Sassy

Twin Falls

Playing: June 13 at Centennial Waterfront Park

Listen for: Sassy Lee's original music. Lee has been playing in bands since the '70s, so you know she will put on a good show.



Courtesy photo

Voodoo Mountain Zydeco

Eugene, Ore.

Playing: June 13 at Centennial Waterfront Park

Listen for: Traditional zydeco music with influences from jazz, blues and rock.

So what is zydeco?

"It's a music kind of put together by a bunch of displaced cultures in southwestern Louisiana," said frontman and squeezebox player Brian Chevalier.

Everybody's talkin' 'bout the NEW JAM



Times-News file photo

Jazz in the Canyon — this year renamed Snake River Canyon Jam — melds spectacular music with a spectacular view. Audience members stroll the grounds at Twin Falls' Centennial Waterfront Park in the Snake River Canyon during the 2008 music festival.

By Melissa Davlin

Times-News writer

At this year's Snake River Canyon Jam, music fans will see familiar faces, but hear some new sounds.

The Jam is the new incarnation of Jazz in the Canyon, a Twin Falls music festival that lasted nearly a decade. This year, the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce took over the event planning from Twin Falls' Rotary clubs and implemented some changes, including new venues around Twin Falls and a name change.

With the help of sponsors — including First Federal, Wal-Mart, Cooper Norman, Historic Downtown Twin Falls and the *Times-News* — the chamber was able to get everything ready in time for next week's event.

And the organizers aren't the only new addition to this year's music festival. Instead of just jazz, attendees will hear

a menagerie of music, including blues, bluegrass, rock and zydeco. Patrons of festivals past wanted a change-up in the music, said Shawn Barigar, chamber president and CEO.

"One of the comments we had last year from those who attended is they wanted to see a broader variety of musical choices at a variety of venues," Barigar said.

So Magic Valley Arts Council's executive director, Stacy Madsen, rounded up an eclectic group of regional artists. Some, like Boise-based Bellamy Rose, are new to this year's lineup. Others, like Hot Club Sandwich and Soul Survivor, are back by popular demand.

"They're all great, and I think they really provide a variety of music," Barigar said. "We're hopeful for the future, as we continue this event, that we'll be able to include other genres of music."

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ACTS TO WATCH FOR



MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Ethan Tucker and the Grass Roots All-Stars

Twin Falls

Playing: June 13 at Centennial Waterfront Park

Listen for: Tucker's new reggae-tinged folk music.

"We have some new songs that we're bringing out a little bit," Tucker said.

Tucker is working on a new folk album and will play some of the new songs, like "Stop and Run," on June 13. His fans will recognize his signature reggae sound in the new songs, and everyone will enjoy the cool acoustic guitar that he totes.



Courtesy photo

Soul Survivors

Salt Lake City

Playing: June 13 at Centennial Waterfront Park

Listen for: A funky, horn-filled take on your favorite Motown classics. Their set list includes The Temptations, Aretha Franklin, James Brown and Natalie Cole.

NEXT WEEK'S SOUNDS

The performers highlighted here are just a few of those lined up to play. For a detailed Snake River Canyon Jam schedule and ticket information, see the calendar on page 7 of this Entertainment section.

Burley show revs up classic auto lovers

By Judy Albertson
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The 23rd annual car show of the Mini-Cassia Auto Collectors is set for this weekend at the Cassia County Fairgrounds, and more than 100 entries are expected.

"There will be cars from 1900 to the present — some stock, modified, cus-

tom. There are cars, pickups, motorcycles, boats and even peddle cars," club member John Hiss said.

Viewing is 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$3 for ages 13-69; \$1 for children 7-12; and free for

adults 70 and older and children 6 and younger.

Mini-Cassia Auto Collectors has close to 50 members. Casey Anderson, one of three original members, is not sure which of his vehicles he will bring. Last year he took Best of Show with his 1957 Ford

pickup, which has been on the cover of Custom Classic Trucks magazine.

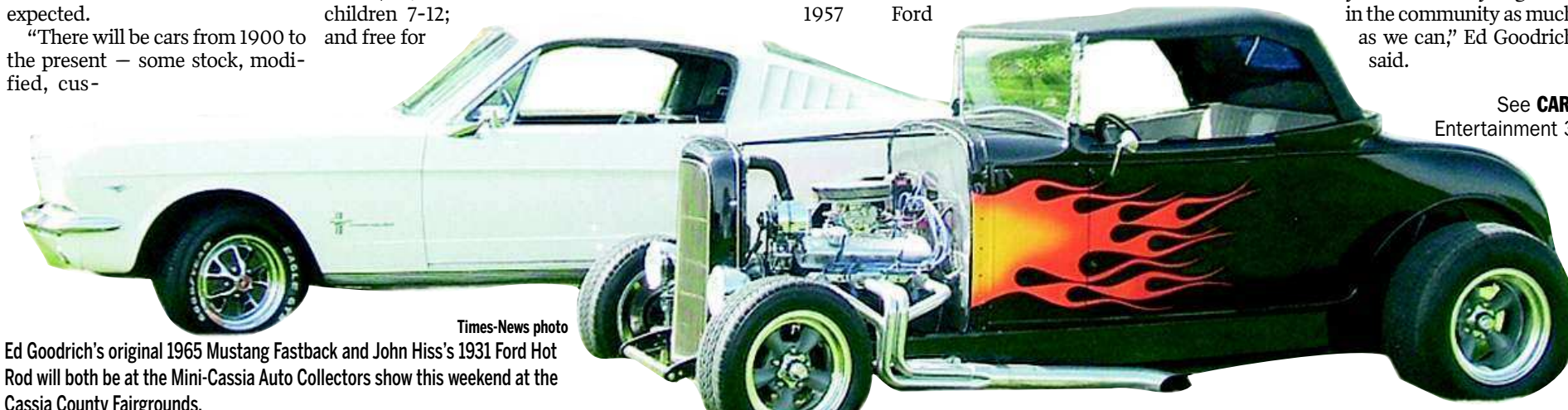
Hiss will be there with his 1931 Ford Hot Rod, and Ed Goodrich with his 1965 Mustang Fastback. Well, not exactly his.

"That's my car," said Margaret Goodrich, another club member and the wife of Ed.

By the time the club tallies all of its expenses, there's not much left.

"It's not really a money-making thing; we really do it as a community service. We try to get out in the community as much as we can," Ed Goodrich said.

See CAR, Entertainment 3



Times-News photo

Ed Goodrich's original 1965 Mustang Fastback and John Hiss's 1931 Ford Hot Rod will both be at the Mini-Cassia Auto Collectors show this weekend at the Cassia County Fairgrounds.

INSTANT Critic



Live music: Kenny Loggins concert

May 30 in Sun Valley

This was our first visit to the new Sun Valley Pavilion. It is spectacular and well managed. Should be for the ticket prices. Kenny was pretty good, too. His voice has held up well and his supporting cast wasn't bad. The "feel the love" participation from the concert goers was a bit much and distracted from the performance.

— Brad Hurd, Times-News publisher

Festivity: Western Days Parade

May 30 in Twin Falls

Because this year's parade was kind of put together at the last minute, I feel that it lacked the luster of years past. However, the Magic Valley Mall band was wonderful and displayed positive community spirit. My family also enjoyed the Cub Scouts, the draft horses and the medieval fighters.

— Sandy Salas, Times-News graphic designer



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Kids get artsy with glass

Times-News

Looking for a way to mix a little science and a little art with lots of fun? A pair of "Hot Glass" classes for kids in grades five through eight will show what the excitement about glass is all about.

• In "Hot Glass I," kids will learn the principles and science behind glass fusing, how to cut glass safely and assemble simple projects, and what happens to glass in the kiln. They'll make several glass pieces to take home at the end of the week — such as masks, wind chimes, magnets, picture frames, coasters or ornaments. Wear close-toed shoes.

Class is 9-11 a.m. June 15-18 at Hands-On, 147 Shoshone St. N. in Twin Falls. Cost is \$80, plus \$30 paid to instructor Robin Dober for supplies.

• In "Hot Glass II," students will learn advanced techniques. They'll practice more glass-cutting, including curved lines and circles.

They'll include non-glass components, such as fiber paper, wire and glass paints, in their projects. They'll make several glass pieces, including a bracelet, sun catcher, trivet, wall vase and bowl. "Hot Glass I" is a prerequisite. Again, wear close-toed shoes.

Class is 9-11 a.m. July 20-23 at Hands-On. Cost is \$80, plus \$30 paid to Dober for supplies.

Both youth classes are offered through the College of Southern Idaho Community Education Center.

Register: 732-6442 or communityed.csi.edu.

Car

Continued from Entertainment 1 without (sponsors). We have excellent sponsors this year including E-Z Money Pawn, American Family Insurance, Les Schwab, Idaho Dairymen and Goode Motor," Ed Goodrich said.

There will be a drawing for a \$500 cash prize available to all non-member entries. The club will also give away a set of tires which any entrant can sign up for.

And, as always, expect lots of trophies.

"There is a trophy for first, second and third in each class, one for best engine, best paint, best interior and best of the best," Margaret Goodrich said.

Anyone attending can vote for the People's Choice trophy. And this year the club added a Youth trophy, for ages 18 and younger.

"We're trying to get

young people involved in the club," Ed Goodrich said.

So if there's not much profit and they give a lot away, why do they do it?

"Because they're nuts," Margaret Goodrich quickly answered.

"Good question. I never thought why. I think because we love the beautiful paint, the chrome, the smell of the cars," Ed Goodrich said.

"It's nice talking to the different people — getting to know others," Hiss added.

Hiss said one year a viewer walked through and looked at an entry that included a little teardrop trailer.

"He said, 'I have something for you,' and he came back and had an old original barbecue that came with a Ford and gave it to him," Hiss said.

"The one he brought back had never been used;

it was still in the original box," Ed Goodrich said.

The group will also accept donations for Meals on Wheels; the club matches the amount collected up to \$200.

"Last year a lot of the senior citizens, when they realized they didn't have to pay to get into the show, donated the entry amount to Meals on Wheels," Hiss said.

A funnel cake booth's proceeds will go to Relay For Life.

Raffle tickets can be purchased for a peddle car to be given away — \$3 each or two for \$5.

The club held a coloring contest for ages 1-9, and the kids' pictures will be on display at the show.

And there is a model car contest for ages 10-18.

"They can make it at

home and bring the completed model to the show," Margaret Goodrich said. "There will be cash prizes given: \$25 for Best of Show, \$25 for People's Choice, \$10 each for Best Paint, Best Custom model and Best Detail.

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 SUNDAY IN FAMILY LIFE

Wildflowers, acoustic music and mining history

Benefit barbecue opens Galena's summer season

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

Galena Lodge has been hibernating since the ski season.

But the rustic getaway 24 miles north of Ketchum will open for the summer season June 13, with its annual Friends of Galena Benefit BBQ from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The grub costs \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and younger, with proceeds going toward the lodge and the trails upkeep.

Season highlights

Daily lunch service begins two days later. And there'll be live music from acoustic singer/songwriter Bruce Innes from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Sunday on the deck, coupled with the lodge's weekend brunch.

Wagon rides paired with barbecues start up a couple of weeks later, on June 26. Thereafter they shift to Thursdays through Sept. 3. Cowpokes from the Galena Stage Stop Corrals take guests on a 40-minute wagon ride drawn by two handsome draft horses through Senate Meadows and up Gladiator Creek, talking about the area's flora, fauna and history as they go.

The dinner rides, which cost \$37.50, come with a Western barbecue of hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, coleslaw, corn on the cob, corn bread, wild berry cobbler and more (the barbecue is \$19 without the ride). Guests can choose to eat at 6 p.m. and catch the second ride, or ride and then eat.

"I like to eat first and then take the ride because you get the alpenglow on the mountains, it's cooler and you're more apt to see wildlife," said Erin Zell, who manages Galena Lodge with her husband, Don Sheplar.

A five-course dinner will be offered at 6:30 p.m. July 10 and Aug. 15. Reservations are required.

The Galena Grinder Whit Henry Memorial Mountain Bike Race will be held July 25, followed by the Boulder Mountain Bike Tour — a ride along the Harriman Trail to Galena for a discounted lunch and live music — on Sept. 13.

Galena Stage Stop Corrals offers 1 1/2 hour, half-day and daylong horseback rides from June 20 through Labor Day; call 726-1735 for information.

And a yurt sleeping eight people a 15-minute hike from the lodge is available for rent for \$100. Guests can even order meals from the lodge to be delivered to the yurt, provided the staff isn't catering a wedding that night.

For the kids

Galena Lodge offers several camps for kids.

June 15-19 is the Galena Kid's Activity Week for 6- to 8-year-olds. Activities include arts and crafts, stream ecology, rock climbing, horseback riding and more between 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. each day. Cost is \$250, and scholarships are available.

The first session of The Galena Youth Adventure Camp will be June 22-26 for ages 8-12. The daylong camp includes rock climbing, whitewater rafting, swimming, mountain biking, canoeing, kayaking, wilderness first aid, map reading, campfire skits and hiking. Cost is \$450; scholarships are available. Information: 726-4010 or www.galenalodge.com.



KAREN BOSSICK/For the Times-News

Bill McDorman says you can come back to Galena every year and spot a new wildflower.

"I like to eat first and then take the ride because you get the alpenglow on the mountains, it's cooler and you're more apt to see wildlife."

— Erin Zell, who manages Galena Lodge with her husband, Don Sheplar

Sights and recreation

There are 25 miles of biking trails from dirt forest roads to single tracks right outside the lodge door. The lodge's outdoor shop offers mountain bike rentals and a selection of clothing for riding and hiking.

Nearby Senate Meadows and Gladiator Creek produce a bumper crop of wildflowers each summer, according to wildflower enthusiast Bill McDorman. Head up Gladiator Creek, he says, and you're bound to see purple penstemon, lupine, red Indian paintbrush, mullein, globe mallow, scarlet gilia, alpine poppies, white bog orchids, fireweed, Sego lilies and Lewis monkey flower.

The area is also rife with mining history.

Named for lead-ore mixed with silver, Galena once boasted 800 men and

LODGE OWNERSHIP

In 1994 a community effort known as Help Save Galena Campaign raised more than \$500,000 in just a few months, and Galena Lodge was purchased by the community and donated to the Blaine County Recreation District. Today the lodge is operated as a concession and maintained by the district, which relies on donations and trail fees. From galenalodge.com

women who lived in rows of log houses straddling both sides of the Wood River and its tributaries Gladiator and Titus creeks.

A couple of saloons, post office, restaurant, four general stores, hotel livery, meat market, blacksmith shop and outfitting depot occupied the site during the late 1800s. A barn insulated by 1880 newspapers that is used by Galena Stage Corrals is the only building that remains of the original townsite; the Forest Service had the other buildings dismantled in the 1930s.

But you can still see pieces of smelter up Senate Creek, said Charles Savage, who managed the lodge before Zell and Sheplar. There are pits 25 by 200 feet where wood was burnt to create a coal-like substance

to fuel the smelters. And there are several mining shafts, including that of the Gladiator mine which sits amid tan scree high on a mountain slope overlooking Galena Lodge.

You can also visit the pioneer cemetery just south of the lodge where one marker serves three graves. One is that of miner Elam Trim, who died in a dynamite accident and was the first white man known to be buried in the Wood River Valley. Another is that of a young man who was killed in an avalanche while snowshoeing to retrieve a letter from his sweetheart.

"Looking for the old cabins, ice ponds and springs is always a great adventure," Zell said.

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Happy Hands group coming to Rupert

Times-News

The Happy Hands Club describes itself as sign language with an attitude. The Preston club, set to perform in Rupert this month, is best known for its appearance in the movie "Napoleon Dynamite."

The movie's writer and director, Jared Hess, is a former member of the group, which travels to perform in venues ranging from Disneyland to Mormon devotionals and does benefit concerts to raise money for Make-A-Wish.

Happy Hands has performed with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, as an opening act for Collin Raye, at halftime shows for Brigham Young University and Utah State University, and in New York for the LDS deaf ward.

Invited by the Rupert Elks Lodge, the club will perform a benefit concert at 7 p.m. June 20 at the lodge to help raise money for Garrett

Lyons, a Burley High School student just diagnosed with cancer.

Organizers ask for a minimum donation of \$5, and all proceeds will go to Lyons. Tickets are available at the Rupert Elks Lodge in advance, and at the door.

Happy Hands performances consist of American Sign Language combined with choreography set to music.

"It's indescribable," coordinator Dan Robertson said in a press release. "It's something you really need to experience to understand."

Robertson began the group 20 years ago in Orem, Utah, as an extracurricular sign language class. The size of the group varies from year to year, as do members' ages. The current group is 10 girls and

women ranging in age from 10 to 22, and Robertson said this is one of his best groups yet.



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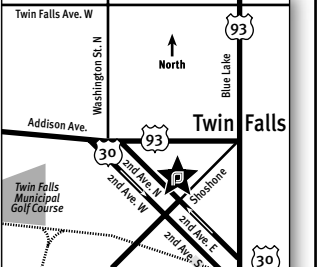
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In the spotlight

Twin Falls native could be Joe's Next Model

By Erica Littlefield
Times-News correspondent

What started as a Web visit to buy a pair of her favorite jeans could turn into a modeling contract for Brooke Sligar.

The 18-year-old Twin Falls native is a contestant in the Joe's Next Model contest, a nationwide search to find the fresh new faces of clothing company Joe's Jeans.

One male and one female winner will star in a worldwide marketing campaign for the label, and your votes could help Sligar be one of those lucky models.

"Either way, I feel like I've put so much work into it, and I feel accomplished," Sligar said.

Sligar learned about the online competition when she went to the Joe's Jeans site to shop.

An ad for the contest popped up, and Sligar knew she had to throw her name in the hat.

"I thought, how cool would it be to be the face on a worldwide campaign," Sligar said. "I just knew I had to do it."

There's plenty of competition — more than 400 female and about 125 male contestants.

To participate, aspiring models had to meet a few

CAST YOUR VOTE

To vote for Brooke Sligar in the Joe's Next Model contest, visit tinyurl.com/brookesligar or www.joes-nextmodel.com and search "Brooke Sligar."

to Los Angeles for a casting session.

Sligar said even her father, Rocky, who hates computers, gets on and votes for her every day.

Sligar graduated from Twin Falls High School in 2008 and attends Boise State University as a visual arts major.

While a student at Twin Falls High, Sligar participated in fashion shows organized by drama teacher James Haycock.

Haycock said she designed ensembles, modeled them, even helped select and coach the other models.

"She has a lot of power in her walk," Haycock said. "She really fit into that model role better than a lot of high schoolers. You can put her in any outfit and she could sell it."

Whatever the outcome, Sligar said she wants to be involved in the fashion industry in some capacity, possibly as a photographer or casting director. Sligar said she hopes the experience leads to other jobs and opportunities.

"I feel more confident to get out and put my name out there," Sligar said.

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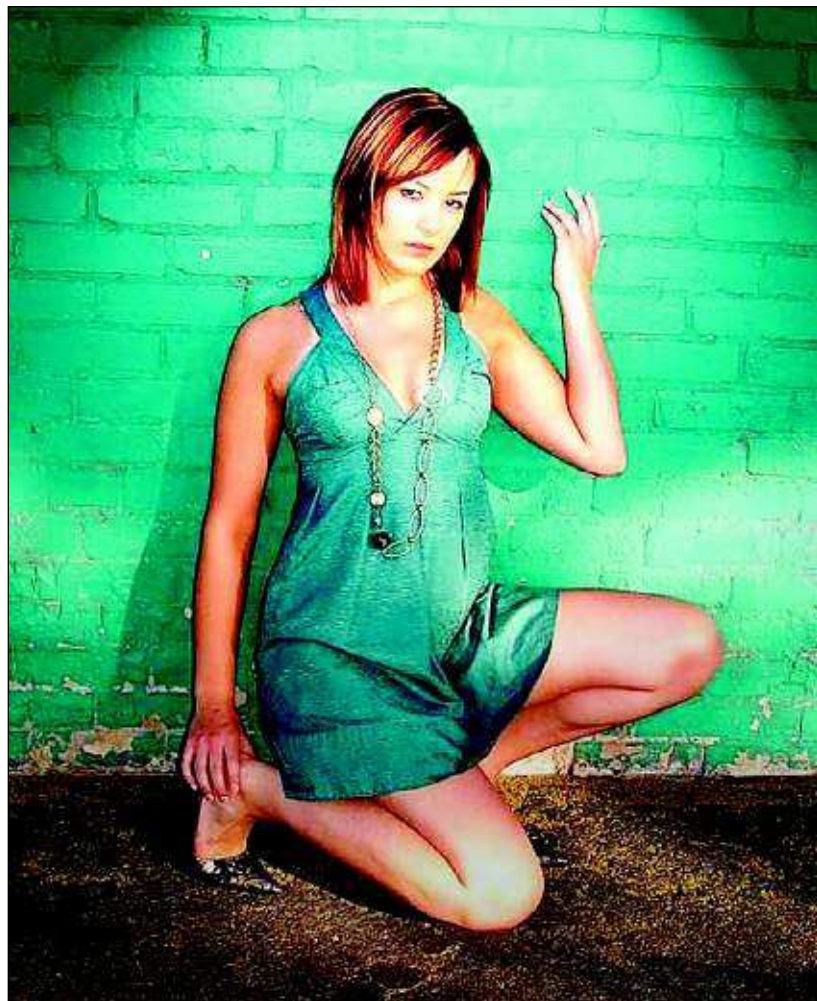
requirements — be 18 or older and put together a profile at joesnextmodel.com with photos and other basic information.

Contestants had to submit four types of photos, like close-ups of their faces and full-length shots of their entire bodies. One of Sligar's photos, a tight black-and-white shot of her face, has special meaning for her.

"I look just like my mom in that picture," Sligar said. "I've always thought she was so beautiful."

Anyone can go to joes-nextmodel.com and vote for their favorite models, and fan votes will help Sligar advance in the competition.

On June 24, the field will be narrowed to the 100 male and 100 female models with the most votes. Then the field narrows to 25, then 10, then five. At the beginning of August, the top five males and top five females will be flown



Twin Falls native Brooke Sligar is competing in Joe's Next Model contest, a nationwide search to find the fresh new faces of clothing company Joe's Jeans.

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History days/Jerome Jerome County Historical Society's Live History Days, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **JUNE 13** at the Idaho Farm and Ranch Museum, north-east of the junction of U.S. Highway 93 and Interstate 84. Church service at 11 a.m. **JUNE 14**; after the service, bring your lunch for a picnic and take a self-guided tour of the farm. Wagon Train will be at the farm from the afternoon of **JUNE 12 through JUNE 14**. Admission to the June 13 event is \$5 per person. Children 12 and younger admitted free. No charge for the Sunday service. Information: Kelly at 324-8105 or 308-6886; Linda at 324-7694 or 410-5071; Lulu Mae at

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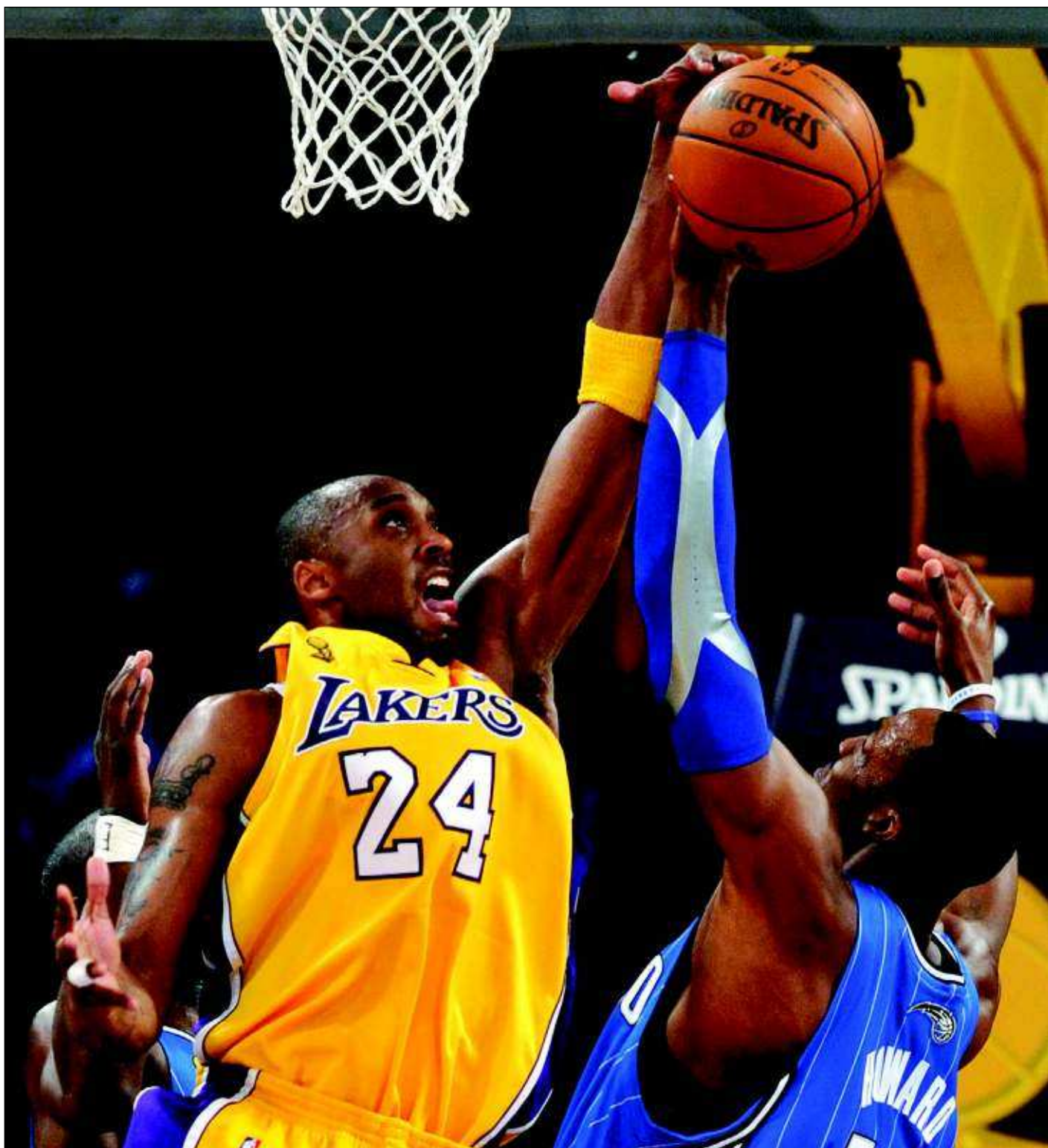
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Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant (24) and Orlando Magic center Dwight Howard fight for a rebound during the first half of Game 1 of the NBA Finals Thursday in Los Angeles.

Bryant's 40 lead Lakers in Game 1 rout

By Tom Withers
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — One step toward redemption, one step toward a ring.

Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers began the NBA finals with power and purpose.

Bryant, playing like a man possessed, scored 40 points and the Lakers, who have waited nearly one year for a chance to erase bitter memories of a Boston beatdown and a championship they felt belonged to them, pounded the Orlando Magic 100-75 in Game 1 on Thursday night.

This year, nothing short of a 15th title will do for the Lakers.

And with the sensational Bryant out front, they may be on their way.

Game 2 is Sunday night at star-studded Staples Center, where actors Jack Nicholson, Leonardo DiCaprio and rapper Kanye West had front-row seats to see another virtuoso performance by Bryant, who scored 18 points in the third quarter as the Lakers opened a 26-point lead.

The last time the Lakers were seen in the finals, they were heading toward their locker room in Boston last June and summer break after being drubbed by 39 points in a series-ending Game 6 by the Celtics. The renewed rivalry between the league's superpowers never panned out.

Bryant and his teammates



GAME 1
Lakers 100, Magic 75
LA leads series 1-0

have used that humiliation to motivate them all season and throughout these playoffs.

They are on a mission.

The Magic, who went 2-0 against the Lakers in the regular season, appeared a touch overwhelmed in their first finals appearance since 1995. Not even the return of All-Star point guard Jameer Nelson from a four-month layoff following shoulder surgery could help the Eastern Conference champions.

Orlando center Dwight Howard was engulfed by two and three Lakers every time he touched the ball and scored 12 points — 10 on free throws — on just 1-of-6 shooting.

And the Magic's outside shooters, so deadly while eliminating MVP LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers in the conference finals, were off the mark.

"We did a good job on him, but he'll be ready to go Game 2," Bryant said. "We worked very hard on the perimeter, keeping those guys out of rhythm, then we did a good job on him inside — giving him different looks."

The Magic went just 8-of-23 on 3s and shot only 30 percent overall. They are facing some long odds, too.

Lakers coach Phil Jackson, seeking a record 10th title, is 43-0 in series in which his team wins Game 1.

On the dry-erase board in

See **NBA**, Sports 2

Late heroics lift Burley over T.F.

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Down 7-5 with the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh inning, Burley's Kody Moon stepped to the plate with Jake Mills on deck.

"We wanted to be there, me and Jake wanted to be hitting," Moon said. "We told each other we were going to win the game."

Moon doubled to deep left, scoring Christian Winmill and Kace Redder to tie the score, and Mills' sacrifice fly plated John Cummings to give Burley an 8-7 win over the Twin Falls Cowboys in the first game of an American Legion Baseball Class A doubleheader Thursday.

"I knew I could do it, Jake knew he could do it. That's our job," said Moon, who batted 2-for-4 with four RBIs.

Redder and Twin Falls starter Garrett Basham appeared poised for a pitchers duel in the early going. Redder, who hadn't pitched in four weeks, had a one-hit shutout going into the sixth.

Basham had a no-hitter broken up in the fifth, when a pair of throwing errors by his infield got him off balance. Basham struck out five, but also beamed five batters. Eric Harr relieved Basham in the seventh after he walked the first two batters.

See **LEGION**, Sports 2



Moon

District VI cowboys, cowgirls vie for state berths

Times-News

The cowboys and cowgirls of District VI will compete for state berths today and Saturday in Rupert during their district finals. The same goal is on everyone's mind: Get one of the six qualifying spots in each event that punches a ticket to the June 15-20 Idaho High School Finals Rodeo in Pocatello.

District action begins at 7 p.m. today with the slack to follow. On Saturday, places 11 and back will compete in the slack, starting at 9 a.m. The top 10 in each event will be in the performance at 1 p.m. As recent district finals have proven, anything can and probably will happen.

The three Wadsworth brothers from Kimberly — Cody, Tyler and rookie Jade — are all in position to end the year with a title by their names. As has been the case since early April, Cody Wadsworth of Kimberly holds the top spot in the boys all around standings with 233 points. His younger brother Tyler Wadsworth has moved into second place with 193. Chisum Hughes of Filer (174) has jumped from sixth to third after adding 71 points at the Oakley rodeo.

Jade Wadsworth has a 48-point lead in the rookie race over Colton Baratti of Filer.

The girls all-around title still looks to be a three-cowgirl race. There is a new face at the top as Katie Vierstra of Filer has taken over the lead with 293 points. Breathing down her neck is Megan Crist of Kimberly (291).

See **RODEO**, Sports 2

Staal's goal starts Pens comeback, evens finals

By Alan Robinson
Associated Press writer

PITTSBURGH — The Stanley Cup finals won't duplicate last year's, and a momentum-swinging period by the Pittsburgh Penguins put in doubt whether there will be a repeat champion.

Jordan Staal's short-handed goal during back-to-back Detroit power plays started Pittsburgh's comeback, and the Penguins scored three goals in less than 6 minutes of the second period Thursday night to win 4-2 and tie the series at 2.

Evgeni Malkin, enjoying the best postseason since Wayne Gretzky's in 1993, and Sidney Crosby had a goal and an assist each to help rally the Penguins

from a 2-1 deficit a year to the day Detroit raised the Stanley Cup in Pittsburgh by winning Game 6.

Tyler Kennedy also scored and Marc-Andre Fleury, with his second successive excellent game, made 37 saves.

Until Game 4, the finals followed the same pattern as last year's: Detroit won the first two at home, then dropped Game 3 in Pittsburgh. But the Red Wings couldn't follow up their 2-1 road victory in Game 4 of last year, one decided largely when they killed off a lengthy Pittsburgh 5-on-3 advantage, and now these finals are the best-of-three.



GAME 4
Penguins 4, Red Wings 2
Series tied 2-2

Game 5 is Saturday night in Detroit, with Game 6 in Pittsburgh on Tuesday after the series' first two-day break.

"It's a race to four (wins) now," Pittsburgh's Pascal Dupuis said.

The Red Wings were done in by a bad second period and dreadful special teams. Pittsburgh has converted on 4 of 9 power plays, and this game swung when the Penguins got a goal — and the Red Wings didn't — during 3:59 of continuous Detroit power-play time. Detroit was 0 for 4 with the man advantage.

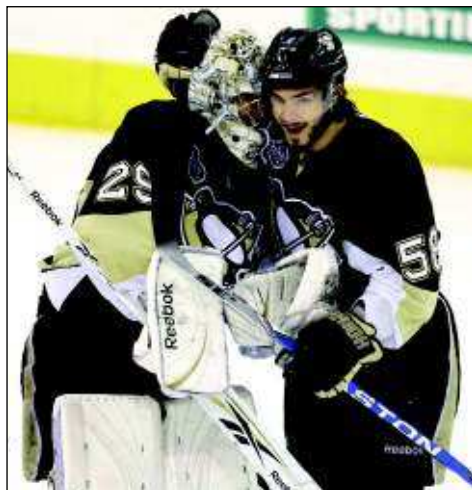
With Detroit up 2-1 following goals by Darren Helm and Brad

Stuart less than 3 minutes apart to end the first and start the second, Staal — who had only two goals in 20 playoff games — got loose after Max Talbot's up-ice pass.

The 6-foot-4 Staal used his lengthy stride to thread defenseman Nicklas Lidstrom and Brian Rafalski and beat Chris Osgood at 8:35 of the second. Staal had a record-tying seven short-handed goals as an 18-year-old rookie in 2006-07, but had only one since.

"Max made a great play ... and I lowered my head and went for it," Staal said.

Staal's goal instantly changed a major opportunity by Detroit to seize control not only of the game but the series into a tie game.



AP photos

Pittsburgh Penguins defenseman Kris Letang (58) congratulates goalie Marc-Andre Fleury (29) after they beat the Detroit Red Wings 4-2 in Game 4 of the Stanley Cup Finals in Pittsburgh, Thursday.

2010 BUICK LACROSSE SEDAN MODERN GLOBAL LUXURY!!!!

First Look!
By Ken Chester, Jr.
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The remaking of Buick continues with the all-new 2010 LaCrosse sedan. The all-new four-door features sculpted styling which defines Buick's modern global design. Originally introduced at the 2009 North American International Auto Show in Detroit this past January, the 2010 LaCrosse sedan has been redesigned from the ground up offering drivers a suite of advanced intelligent personal technologies and safety features with a choice of two fuel-saving V-6 engines.

"The new LaCrosse was created with great attention to detail, craftsmanship and advanced technology," said Susan Docherty, Buick-Pontiac-GMC vice president. "It builds on the success of Enclave as the next step in Buick's renaissance. And, as with Enclave, our goal is to attract a whole new buyer to our dealerships for LaCrosse."

Buick's long heritage



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of leading designs, such as the Y-Job Concept, the Roadmaster and the Riviera, helped define American automobile design through the years, according to Ed Welburn, vice president of GM Global Design.

Today, Buick design is a product of a global team and resources. Creative collaboration between designers in the United States and China, in partnership with the Pan Asia

Technical Automotive Center (PATAC) as well as chassis and body engineers in Europe, resulted in the first General Motors vehicle to be created on three continents.

Base power for the LaCrosse sedan is generated by an all-new 3.0L direct-injection V6 engine. The top-of-the-line CXS model is outfitted with a 3.6L direct injection V6 prime mover. These direct

injection engines create more power with less fuel and reduce vehicle emissions through greater combustion control particularly cold-start emissions that are reduced by up to 25 percent. Torque is communicated to the street via a Hydra-Matic 6T70 six-speed automatic transmission. All-wheel drive is an available option.

The LaCrosse rides on a stiff body structure

that serves as the foundation for precise suspension tuning, safety and a quiet ride. Buick's signature QuietTuning an engineering process to reduce, block and absorb interior noise provides a distraction-free passenger environment.

Inside the cabin, a luxurious interior crafted of premium materials with cool blue ambient lighting coddles the occupants while

intelligent personal technologies enhance the driving experience. The two-tone interior is defined by a flowing, uninterrupted design theme that wraps around the instrument and door panels. Attention to detail is evident throughout the interior, including the analog instrument cluster, chrome offset by dark wood accents, and the contrasting thread and French stitching on the instrument panel.

2010 Buick LaCrosse
Body style:
four-door sedan
Models:
CX, CXL, CXS


Dimensions & specifications
Wheelbase: 111.7; overall length: 197.0; width: 73.1; height: 58.9
All vehicle measurements are in inches.
Engine: 3.0L V6 @ 255 hp at 6,950 rpm and 211 lbs-ft of torque at 5,600 rpm; 3.6L V6 @ 280 hp at 6,400 rpm and 261 lbs-ft of torque at 5,200 rpm.
Transmission:
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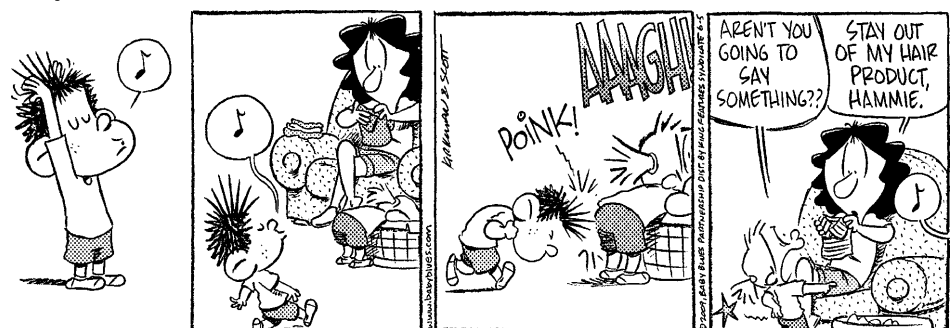
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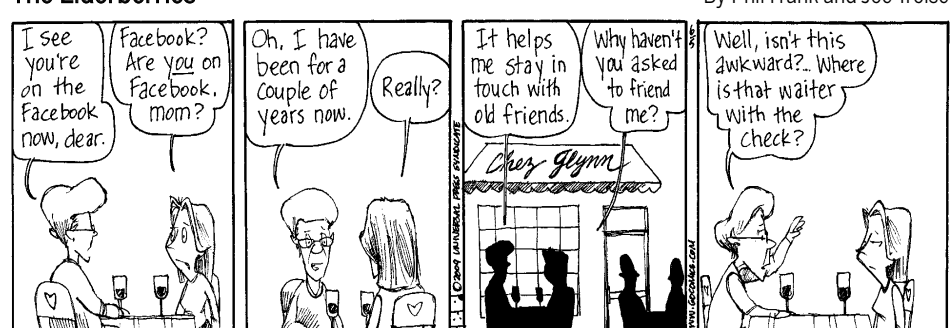
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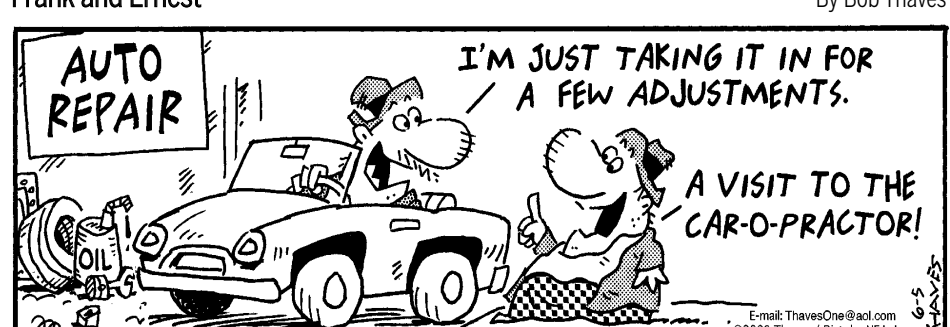
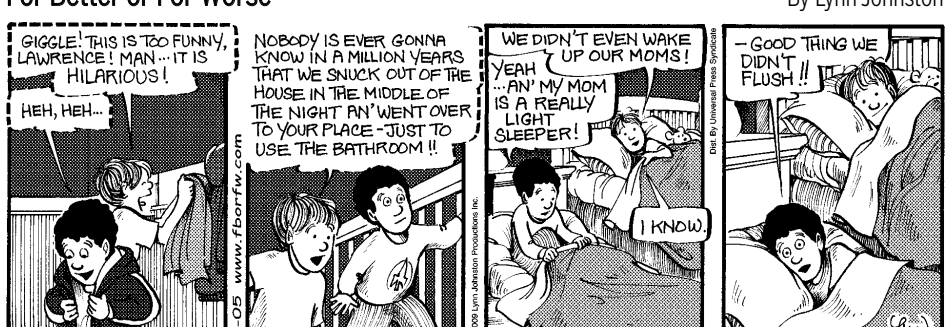
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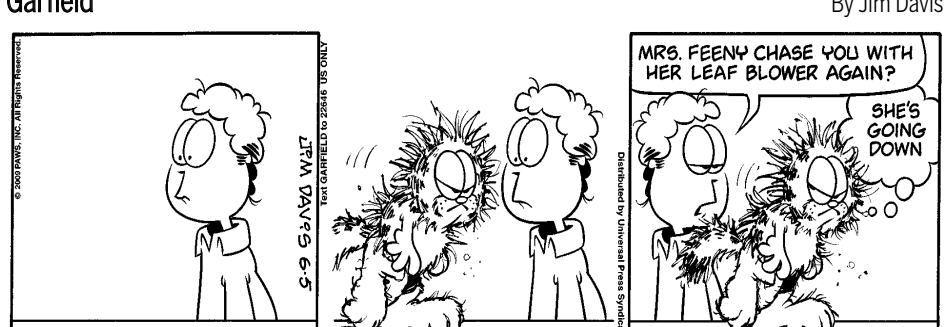
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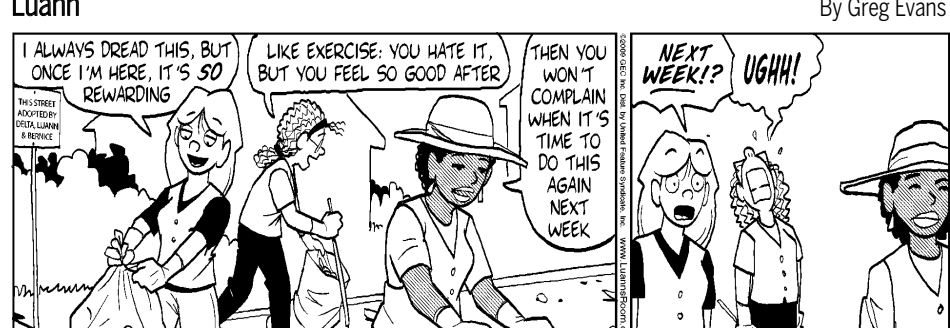
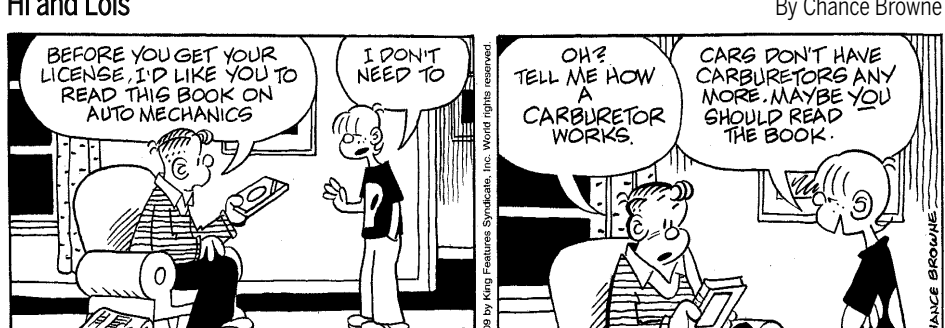
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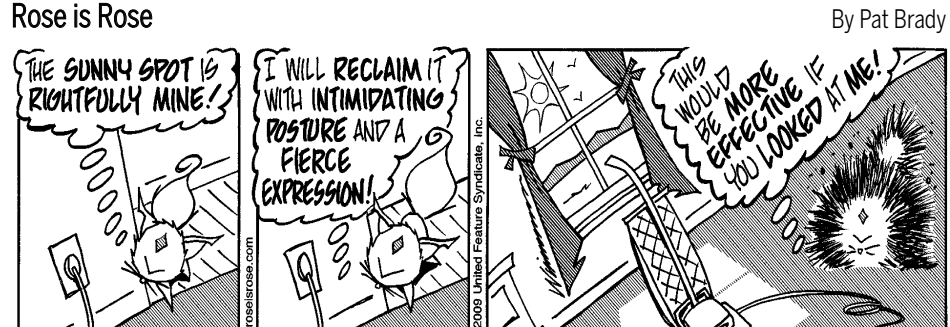
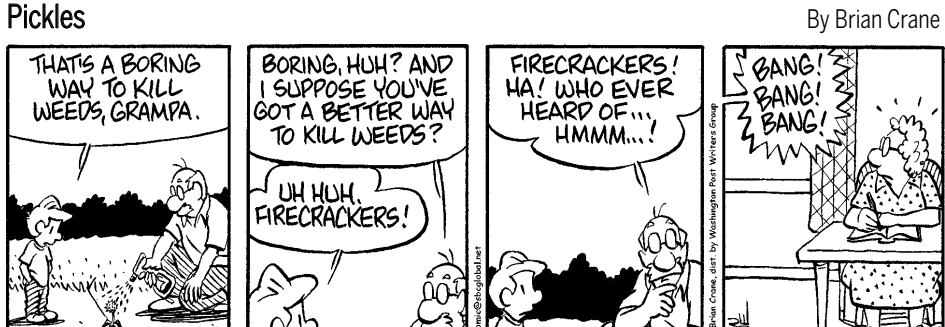
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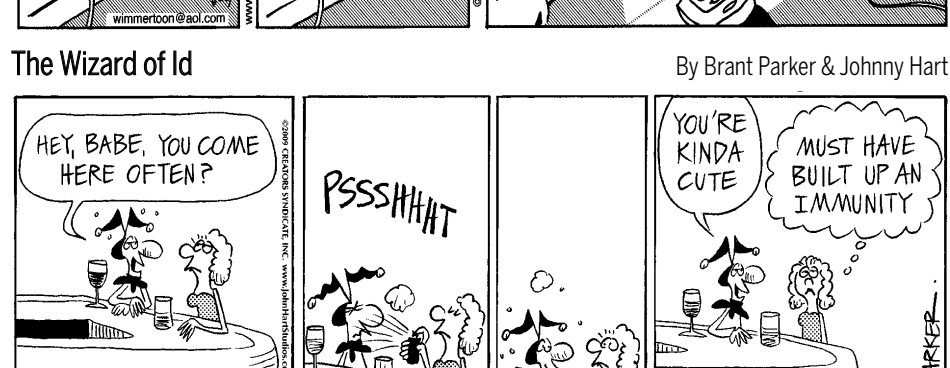
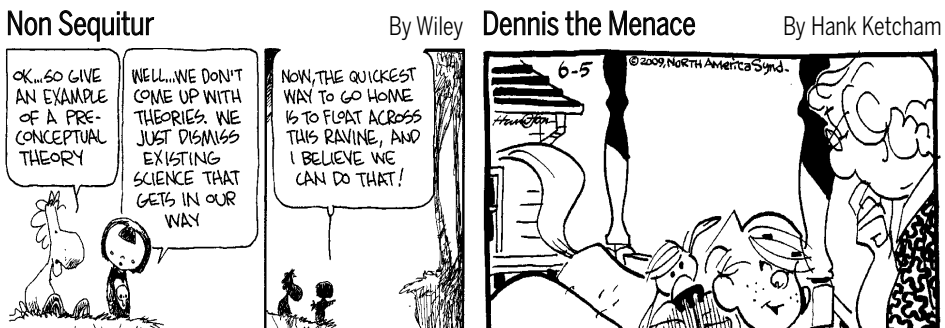
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