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Piper, a Siberian husky, pauses for a moment Monday while Bonnie Brasseur, of Ontario Ore., uses a shedding blade to remove her winter coat at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer. The Snake River Canyon Kennel Club is hosting an American Kennel Club-sanctioned dog show today and Wednesday.

Dog days of Summer

Dog handlers set up for dog show in Filer

By Nichole Carnell
Times-News writer

FILER — The dog days of summer are here, at least for the next couple days.

On Monday afternoon, RVs began lining the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in anticipation of the annual Snake River Canyon Kennel Club All Breed and Obedience Dog Show set for today and Wednesday.

Pugs, poodles, schnauzers and Shih Tzus barked as their handlers prepared for today's 8:30 a.m. start to the show. In an event that has taken a year to plan, Show Chair Mary Stotz is one busy dog lover. Riding around with her Lakeland terrier, Teddy, at her side, she directs RVs and chats

TAKE IN A SHOW

The Snake River Canyon Kennel Club All Breed and Obedience Dog Show begins at 8:30 a.m. today and Wednesday at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer. Admission and day parking is free.

with handlers.

Stotz is a veteran of the dog show scene, spouting off mantras such as, "Toy people usually have a herd," as she walks by a pen of about 20 Chihuahuas, and "There is no such thing as a perfect dog."

Stotz chats with Alvin "Beep" Lee, of Battleground, Wash., who is a professional handler and "at



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WATCH a video and view slide show of preparations for the dog show at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer.



Pugs owned by Lynne and Larry Dixon of LaGrande, Ore., greet a visitor Monday at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer.

this all year long." Lee, a familiar face on the show circuit, said he attended his first show in 1950 with his parents.

He has his preshow routine down to a science. Upon arriving, Lee quickly began setting up his RV and bathing his dogs after driving more than 700 miles to Filer on Sunday night.

"That gives you an idea of what we do," said Lee.

What Lee does involves traveling with multiple dogs, like fellow handler Kimberlie Steele-Gamero, to shows all over the country. Steele-Gamero traveled from

southern California to defend her Best in Show title from last year. She is showing 14 dogs this year, plus keeping track of her two young children.

And while showing is stressful, success often comes down to good breeding, handlers said. A handler may be the best in the world, but if the dog is not naturally structured correctly or able to move fluidly, it won't do well in show, said amateur handler Susan Paraga, of Joseph, Ore.

As she brings out her

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Urban re-do-all

URA bought old Kruzer's property, then realized it had to revote

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency on Monday agreed to spend \$340,000 to buy the former Kruzer's Nightlife downtown property, but announced in the afternoon it must vote again because the meeting wasn't legal.

Monday's noon meeting was held at the council chambers, but a news release at about 3 p.m. said the meeting wasn't properly posted so the action was null and void.

"I apologize for this mis-

take," Twin Falls Economic Development Director Melinda Anderson, who serves as the URA executive director, said in a statement. "We are in the process of hiring a new executive assistant, who in the past had posted the meetings. It simply did not come to my attention that this task had not been performed."

Under state law, public agencies must post meeting announcements and agendas five days in advance of the session in a conspicuous public place.

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Elmore County commission likely to decide nuke plant's fate Monday

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

MOUNTAIN HOME — Elmore County commissioners could decide the fate of a proposed nuclear power plant next week, after holding off on a decision Monday in order to receive more legal advice.

Commissioners took nearly one hour in the morning to debate rezoning 1,300 acres of farmland five miles west of Hammett to heavy industrial, the first and vital step in Alternate Energy Holdings Inc.'s plans to build the 1,600-megawatt Idaho Energy Complex.

County Commission Chairman Larry Rose and Commissioner Arlie Shaw both seemed to have reservations about the rezoning and said near the end of Monday's meeting that they were ready for the final

vote. But all three commissioners decided to wait until next Monday to clarify what restrictions, if any, they're allowed to place on a zoning change, due to concerns about a completely different business using the zone if AEHI backs out.

Monday's discussion also included concerns over what effect an estimated 4,500 to 5,500 new residents would have on public services. And Commissioner Connie Cruser shared that she'd received a call from someone warning her to watch how she votes on the matter or she'll "be sorry." She was asked to report any similar threats in the future.

AEHI CEO Don Gillispie seemed concerned about his project's prospects after

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For some viewers, KSAW going dark for a while

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

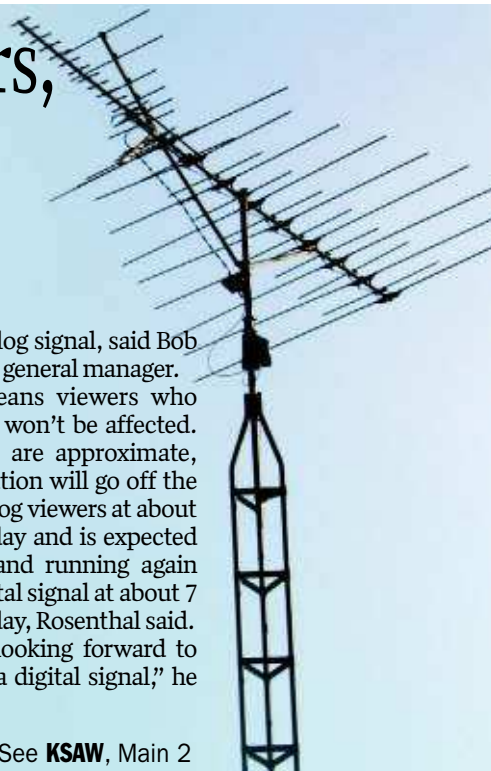
Viewers watching the ABC-affiliated station, KSAW 51, on Friday need not worry about their television sets if the image goes blank.

Some KSAW viewers in the Magic Valley will be in the dark for a few days starting Friday when the station makes the switch from an analog signal to a digital signal. The station will only be off the air for viewers who rely

on the analog signal, said Bob Rosenthal, general manager.

That means viewers who have cable won't be affected. The times are approximate, but the station will go off the air for analog viewers at about 2 p.m. Friday and is expected to be up and running again with a digital signal at about 7 p.m. Monday, Rosenthal said. "We're looking forward to providing a digital signal," he said.

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A place to pray

Hearing tonight on Islamic center permit

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

Since Bakhridtin Yusupov came to America from Russia more than three years ago, he and his fellow Muslims have met for prayer in a rented apartment.

A more permanent place could soon open its doors.

Yusupov has applied to the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission for a special use permit to operate an Islamic cultural community center. The 6 p.m. hearing tonight will be at council chambers at 305 Third Ave. E.

Yusupov said he and other Muslims in Twin

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Bakhridtin Yusupov, who left Russia four years ago with his family, wants to open an Islamic cultural community center in Twin Falls to educate children and encourage a positive conversation about the religion.



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MORNING BRIEFING

Pat's Picks

Three things to do today

Pat Marcantonio



• If you love dogs, you can't miss the American Kennel Club -sanctioned All Breed and Obedience Dog Shows. It's sponsored by Snake River Canyon Kennel Club starting at 8:30 a.m. today and Wednesday at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer. It's free to watch and you'll see magnificent animals.

• The Jordan World Circus performs at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. at the Cassia County Fairgrounds. Of course there will be wild animals, daredevils, aerialists, acrobats and clowns.

Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$12 for children or \$25 for a family of two adults and up to three children 12 and under with a coupon from the newspaper.

• Who doesn't need a laugh in this economy? So check out Comedy Night at 7 p.m. at Sage Mountain Grill, 251 N. St., Albion. Seating starts at 6:30 p.m. with a \$10 cover.

Have your own pick you want to share? Something that is unique to the area and that may take people by surprise? E-mail me at patm@gmagicvalley.com.

CSI trustees discuss bidding process

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

The College of Southern Idaho's board of trustees may vote next week on a bid for a building project that would be funded with federal stimulus money.

Trustees met Monday for a work session to discuss the bidding process, one week before a June 15 session to consider a recommendation from the college administration about the bids for a construction project that would house the college's new wind energy program.

The college expects to hear by about June 17 if it will be awarded federal stimulus funding to pay for the project, said CSI President Jerry Beck.

The college hopes to obtain between \$3 million and \$5 million in stimulus funds, he said. The entire project is estimated at more than \$6 million.

Mike Mason, vice president of administration, told board members that Twin Falls-based Starr Corp. was the top scorer out of 10 contractors that submitted proposals. Contractors did not present a dollar-amount bid, but were evaluated based on seven areas such as their explanation of pricing practices, a description of their philosophy and operational practices and references.

Part of the bidding project also includes remodeling and addition work at the Desert Building.

Starr's score could mean

that the construction company, which is currently constructing the college's new health sciences and human services building, will put up the new building. That outcome will depend on whether the board approves Starr's proposal and federal stimulus funding comes through.

Beck encouraged the trustees to ask questions and make suggestions if they see anything that should be done differently, adding that they don't want to be perceived as favoring one contractor over another.

Mason said that Starr Corp. scored the highest in different scenarios aimed at eliminating potential evaluator bias. For example, the company still scored highest when the highest and lowest category scores for each contractor were eliminated, he said.

Starr Corp. has had a long association with CSI building projects, including the Fine Arts building, Student Union Building and Student Recreation Center in addition to the nursing building now under construction.

Starr Corp. is owned by the Arrington family of Twin Falls. Glenn Arrington, who last year turned operations over to his son, Michael, is a CSI Foundation board member.

No representative of Starr Corp. attended Monday night's meeting.

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KSAW

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A low-power station, KSAW is making the switch to digital, even though by law it's not required to.

Congress mandated that full-power television stations must end their analog signals and switch to entirely digital signals on Friday — the same day that KSAW is making the change.

Other stations are also making preparations for the switchover.

Twin Falls' CBS affiliate, KMVT-TV ended its analog

signal in February. That was the original deadline set by the federal government, which was later extended to this Friday.

Idaho Public Television, which has a channel for Magic Valley viewers, is ending its analog service at about 10 p.m. on Friday. It has offered a digital signal alongside the analog signal since 2003.

The local Fox affiliate, KXTF, is also turning off its analog signal.

NBC affiliate KTFT, a low-power station, will continue to use its analog signal.

CORRECTION

Due to incorrect information provided to the *Times-News*, a June 5 story gave an incorrect location for an upcoming performance of the Happy Hands Club. The June 20 event is at the King Fine Arts Center in Burley.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Quest Fest 2009, annual spring dance of students of Mauldin's Dance Academy of Twin Falls, 7:30 p.m., Roper Auditorium, Twin Falls High School campus, tickets: \$6 for adults, \$4 for students and senior citizens and no cost for children under age 5, open to the public, 733-1446.

Jordan World Circus, 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Cassia County Fairgrounds, Burley, tickets available one hour before show: \$16 for adults and \$12 for children; or \$25 for a family (two adults and up to three children age 12 and under) with newspaper coupon, 436-9160.

BENEFITS AND CHARITY

Idaho Food Bank distribution, serving Kimberly, Hansen and Murtaugh areas, hosted by Crossroads United Methodist Church, noon to 2 p.m., in the church's recreation hall, 131 Syringa Ave., Kimberly, first-come, first-served basis, bring boxes or bags, 423-4311

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The American Legion Post 7 and Auxiliary meeting and potluck, joint installation of officers (no separate meetings); also ongoing Rada Knives fundraiser, 5:30 p.m. social

hour, Post Home, 447 Seastrom St., Twin Falls, \$5-per-plate steak potluck: bring side dish, salad or dessert, all members, spouses/dates, plus anyone interested in joining the American Legion or Auxiliary welcome to attend, www.twinfallslegion.org or 733-9306.

Citizens Protecting Resources (CPR) meeting, 7:30 p.m., Idaho Fish and Game building, two miles north of the Flying J on U.S. Highway 93, 324-3202.

Twin Falls Chess Club/Magic Valley Chess Club meeting, 6 to 9:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1239 Poleline Road, Twin Falls, 208-733-6186 or MOL@q.com.

EDUCATION

"Modalities and Submodalities" NeuroLinguistic class, discover personal primary modality; recognize modality of others for more effective teaching; Debrah Roundy, instructor, 7:30 to 9 p.m., East Minico Middle School, open to community, newcomers welcome, no cost, (donations accepted for the Minico Spuds Special Olympics team), 436-1543.

EXHIBITS

"Between Fences" exhibit, visual cultural history of fences and land use presented by the Smithsonian Institute and Idaho

Humanities Council, noon to 6 p.m., The Community Library, 415 Spruce Ave. N., Ketchum, free admission, 726-3493.

"Idaho Landscape: A Different Point of View," 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for the Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus, 315 Falls Ave., no cost, 732-6655.

"Going to the Dogs," animal portraits by Janet Thomas, noon to 5 p.m., Magic Valley Arts Council's La Galeria Pequena, 132 Main Ave. S., Main Street Plaza, Twin Falls, free admission, 734-2787 or Magicvalleyartscouncil.org.

"The Rural Vernacular," a look at people and places outside the urban-dominated mainstream by using iconic photographs of Walker Evans as starting point, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun Valley Center for the Arts, 191 Fifth St. E., Ketchum, no cost, sunvalleycenter.org or 726-9491.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hailey, 788-5500.

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln St., 644-2700.

Hagerman Chamber of Commerce, noon, Snake River Grill, 837-9131.

T.F. Council approves Pole Line restriction

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls City Council agreed Monday to proceed with a temporary barrier on Pole Line Road between the Costco and Target parking lots in hopes of minimizing traffic problems.

Under the scenario, motorists would be prohibited from making left turns out of the parking lots and driving across Pole Line Road from one parking lot to the other — the crossing's two biggest problems.

Motorists will be allowed to make left turns into the parking lots from Pole Line Road. U-turns

will also be allowed.

Police say the area is a source of growing concern because of vehicle collisions. Staff Sgt. Dennis Pullin told the council the 12 collisions so far this year equal the entire total from last year.

"The bottom line is we have a high crash rate in that area," Pullin told the council.

The barrier of orange "candlesticks" will cost \$1,000 and will be studied for a year before the city chooses a permanent solution. City Engineer Jackie Fields told the council a signal remains a possibility, though it's not supported by the nearby businesses and wouldn't conform to state

highway plans.

In related news, the council discussed the roadwork on Blue Lakes Boulevard, which state officials said Friday is more than two months ahead of schedule.

Some businesses have expressed concern about vehicle access, although the project has been planned for years and businesses have been consulted. Council members said prohibiting left-hand turns during the roadwork remains a sound strategy, despite protests from businesses and motorists.

"One person waiting for (traffic) to clear could back up traffic all the way to the bridge and beyond," said

Mayor Lance Clow.

A meeting for the businesses concerned is scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

The council also:

• Passed a plan at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course to charge just \$1 per hole after 6 p.m. Some courses in Boise take that approach. There will also be a \$25 summer special from 2 to 5 p.m.

• Appointed Leon Smith to the Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency board to a three-year term. Smith, a Republican state legislator since 1998, has years of experience in public service, and was the only to apply.

Dog

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Siberian husky to demonstrate natural structure and movement, her neighbor and fellow husky owner,

Bonnie Brasseur, of Ontario, Ore., introduces herself saying, "We're related by dog."

"Even though our dogs compete against each other in the ring, we are still friends," said Brasseur.

Paraga listed off the things that need to be done before the show, including "a bubble bath, which is like going to the spa."

Stotz chimes in, "It's an expensive hobby!"

Although it may be

expensive, it is worth it to these dog lovers. But then again, at the end of the day it is still a competition.

"I'm here to win everything," said Lee. "All I want is the last ribbon of the day."

Revote

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The release came after the *Times-News* informed city officials the newspaper didn't receive a meeting agenda in advance, as is the usual procedure.

A special meeting will be held today at 4:15 p.m. to rectify the legal error.

On Monday, the URA board had voted 6-0 after a closed-door meeting to buy the downtown property that includes the 50,000 square-foot building where Kruger's Nightlife operated and the dirt lot next to it. There was no public discussion prior to the vote.

The URA would complete

the sale to Larry and Karen Tucker, Hailey-based entrepreneurs, with a \$10,000 down payment and monthly payments over 10 years to pay off the remaining total of \$330,000 at 6 percent interest.

The purchase — which was not a surprise and was rumored to have been in the works for months — is the latest step by the URA and the city of Twin Falls in an ambitious and controversial \$40 million plan to revitalize four blocks of downtown. The URA has for years been buying property in the area, and has accelerated the plan to turn the area of low-rise warehouses into a mixed-use development with offices, retail and housing.

Anderson said a 10-year payment plan was best for this purchase. Still, it's a clear difference from last year's \$200,000 cash purchase of the former Red's Trading Post property at 215 Shoshone St. S. Anderson said the price for Kruger's was based on an appraisal.

Anderson said there are no immediate plans to redevelop the property, and it will be incorporated into the overall four-block project. She said she's been in discussions with potential developers and the project continues to evolve.

Larry Tucker, who owned the property since 1987 for all but three years, once owned and managed a bar there. He said Monday he heard the

URA was interested in the property.

"We didn't want to get back into the bar business," he said.

According to the agreement, the URA acknowledges the land has "had certain environmental problems and the existing buildings may contain asbestos."

The four-block project was initially to be between Second Avenue South and Fourth Avenue South, and Shoshone Street South and Idaho Street South. Last year, officials said they scaled back the project, focusing on just two blocks — and then said only one. Anderson said officials are merely approaching the project in stages and four blocks remains the ultimate goal.

Hearing

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Falls — he estimates there are a few hundred — want a more formal setting with additional space.

"We need some place to pray," he said Monday in the living room of his Twin Falls house.

Yusupov, a Sunni Muslim, said he followed one of his brothers to America for a better life than in Russia. In America, he hopes to teach people about Islam.

"I want to teach children about Islam and about the Quran," Yusupov, 33, said.

The center's hours of operation would vary during the day from 6 a.m. to midnight to accommodate Islamic prayer times, according to the permit application. Prayer time, which typically lasts an hour, is held at 6 a.m.,

noon, 4 p.m., an hour before sunset, and three hours after sunset. The busiest times would be Fridays and during the holy month of Ramadan.

Yusupov said he enjoys living in Twin Falls, and acknowledges the uphill battle he faces as a Muslim both in the United States and a conservative community. But to him, having the cultural center as a place to pray is just like other people attending a church or synagogue — with the only difference being Muslims pray five times a day.

"People here, we just want to pray," said Yusupov, who is married with three children. "I want to teach children good things, not bad things."

He came to America through the College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center and worked at Solo Cup Co. before recently taking a job at a local cheese

TAKE PART

A public hearing will be held tonight for a special use permit to operate an Islamic cultural community center in Twin Falls. It's 6 p.m. at council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E.

factory.

For more than 25 years, the CSI Refugee Center has helped bring more than 2,500 refugees to Twin Falls, said Ron Black, the program's director. Annually, new refugees number about 150, although this year that number will rise to around 300, Black said.

"We've been a magnet here for immigrants," he said. "It's just an evolution of the country itself."

And the fact someone's trying to open an Islamic center isn't surprising, Black said. In Idaho, there is at least one similar facility,

the Islamic Center of Boise. The arrival of an Islamic cultural center in Twin Falls would be yet another sign of change in the growing south-central Idaho city, where the population recently passed 40,000.

Yusupov said the small house at 455 Addison Ave. in Twin Falls is a good starting point for Muslims here, although he'd like to expand the building. Asked whether he'd like a Twin Falls mosque someday, Yusupov said he would but acknowledged there are no immediate plans.

The matter is before the city's commission only because it would require a zoning change. Religious facilities are allowed in standard commercial zones but a special use permit is required in the existing mixed-density residential with professional office overlay district.

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You Don't Say

Steve Crump



Getting the drop on the bad guy

Think truth can't trump TV crime fiction any night of the week? ... Then consider this from the archives of the Twin Falls Police Department ...

On Jan. 15, 1951, a Twin Falls County Jail inmate named Robert Lee Gilford got hold of handgun and took two Twin Falls city police officers, Angus Spence and Lee Talkington, and Twin Falls County Deputy Sheriff Jim Benham hostage, forcing them to drive in a TFPD patrol car east on U.S. Highway 30 with Talkington at the wheel ... At Burley, Gilford told Talkington to turn south toward Salt Lake City ...

The hostages and hostage-taker's whereabouts confused pursuing cops and the Cassia County Sheriff's Office because all local law enforcement agencies in Idaho in those days used the same radio frequency, allowing Gilford to listen in ... But an airplane pilot caught sight of the car and followed it ...

They stopped at Malta for oil, then headed south into Utah, turning on U.S. Highway 191 ... At Willard, south of Brigham City, Talkington pulled into a service station to refuel ... Box Elder County Sheriff Warren Hyde was waiting ... Hyde tiptoed behind the car, tapped the rear window, then ran around to the right side of the vehicle ... That distracted Gilford enough that the three officers could subdue him, with generous applications of Spence's billyclub ...

How close did someone come to getting killed? ... Well, Gilford's weapon was cocked and pointed toward the back of Talkington's head ... Benham kept it from going off by wedging his hand between the hammer

SO YOU SAY

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

and the chamber that held a live bullet ...

The Twin Falls County commissioners appointed Benham sheriff four years later ...

A COUPLE of old Filer friends got together by chance recently at, of all places, the NAIA college World Series in Lewiston ...

Kent Knigge, 47, and Cindy Brewer, 40, hadn't seen each other for 29 years, according to the *Lewiston Tribune*. Knigge played baseball at Filer High School with Brewer's older brother, Monte Marshall ... Brewer used to follow them around from field to field, Knigge recalls ...

She married her college sweetheart at Lubbock Christian University in Texas, and lives in Lubbock still ... Knigge, who now lives in Lewiston, has a son, Tyler, who plays baseball for Lewis-Clark State College, host of the NAIA World Series ...

"It's just weird," Knigge told the *Tribune*. "You just never know who you are going to run across" ...

The two teams never met in the series ... Lubbock won the national championship by beating Point Loma Nazarene University of San Diego, 11-8 ... Another area product was in the dugout for that game ... Point Loma junior catcher Drew Bernhard is a 2005 Twin Falls High School graduate.

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

When moths attack

Officials track increased moth migration this year

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Southern Idaho is being invaded, scientists say — by moths.

"Miller moths," a term given to a variety of moths common in and around homes this time of year, are currently migrating from lowlands to more mountainous areas, said Jim Barbour, a University of Idaho Extension entomologist in Parma.

According to a Monday press release, U of I and the Idaho State Department of Agriculture have received numerous calls about the moths, which migrate every year. This year's migration mainly consists of adult army cutworms, Barbour stated.

"In some years like this one, the moths are so numerous during their annual migration that they become a nuisance pest," he stated.

The moths, dull gray to light brown with lighter markings on their wings, feed on nectar during the night and hide in protected places during the day. They're attracted to a number of plants, including cherries, cotoneaster, lilac, raspberry, spirea, syringe and Russian olive. The insects return to lower elevations in later summer and fall, where they mate, lay their eggs and die. The eggs hatch into caterpillars that then feed through the fall, winter and early spring.

ISDA officials told the



Photo courtesy University of Arizona

Times-News last week that their agency does combat a few types of moths that are more of an invasive threat to crops. These moths aren't on that list, but Barbour noted Monday that the army cutworm caterpillars can still be a serious agricultural pest.

"In some years, populations are high enough that the caterpillars eat all the vegetation in an area, then move in mass — as an army of caterpillars — to plants in other nearby areas," he said.

Barbour recommended against using pesticides to control the moths. Rather, he suggested sealing openings around windows and doors, reducing lights at night in and around the home and replacing white lights with yellow lights, which are much less attractive to moths. The insects will also try to get into garages and sheds; the easiest way to remove them from indoor locations is with a vacuum cleaner.

Nuke

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the meeting, and said that he thinks commissioners would have rejected the rezone if they had voted. He said some items he submitted were left out of the discussion, including a proposed developer agreement that would undo the rezone if AEHI doesn't build the plant, and an economic study he said shows no harm to public services.

The developer agreement, on file with the county, states the zoning "may be" reversed if the agreement is terminated. But it also doesn't obligate the actual owner of the land to any of AEHI's requirements, and it wasn't clear Monday afternoon how that would affect that clause.

The economic study, done in 2007 by Johnson Gardner of Portland, suggests the nuclear plant would require the addition of roughly 135 to 211 new public employees during construction, largely for schools. It concluded the only possible

harm to public agencies would be if officials fail to prepare for increased traffic.

The study concluded that area schools wouldn't be harmed because they're funded largely through sales tax. While state funds would probably handle an increase in teachers at the Glenns Ferry School District — which covers Hammett — property taxes would probably have to cover any facilities improvements at the district, said Superintendent Wayne Rush. District administrators haven't offered an official stance on the plant.

The district's board already plans to approach AEHI about helping cover any sudden improvements needed, Rush said, and he thinks his schools will be able to handle any increase. They could certainly use it, he said: the district has gone from 720 students in 1998 to 433 this year.

"So we would like to grow some," Rush said.

Probasco pleads guilty to grand theft, money laundering

By Nichole Carnell
Times-News writer

Robie Probasco, 47, a former bookkeeper charged with 11 counts of grand theft, forgery, money laundering and computer crime, pleaded guilty Monday to one count of grand theft and one count of money laundering.

The maximum sentence Probasco could receive is 10 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine for grand theft, and 10 years and \$250,000 for money laundering.

In May, authorities claimed Probasco forged 89 checks and stole more than \$300,000 from his former employer, Hamilton Manufacturing Inc. of Twin Falls.

On Monday, Probasco, of Twin Falls, admitted to the creation of 39 unauthorized payroll checks and 59 fictitious payroll records, and embezzling \$59,367 between June 2004 and Aug. 2006, according to amended court records.

Probasco pleaded guilty "to express remorse for what I did and to take responsibility for those actions," according to his plea agreement.

Probasco is ordered to pay restitution to HMI as part of the plea agreement. The restitution amount, as well as a sentencing date, will be set at a later date, according to court records.



Probasco

Probasco and his wife, Kelly Probasco, still face a civil lawsuit from Hamilton Manufacturing that was filed before Probasco was criminally charged. HMI is suing Probasco for \$306,000 with 12 percent interest.

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St. Benedicts transferring home health to St. Luke's

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center in Jerome is transferring its home health services to St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.

St. Benedicts and the Twin Falls hospital signed a letter of intent last week to transfer St. Benedicts' home health services to St. Luke's by Sept. 1, Jerome hospital officials announced on Monday.

St. Benedicts said the transition process will be seamless for current patients and providers, which is described in the letter. The hospital's home health services currently works with about 40 patients.

"Our first obligation is to our patients and staff," Alan Stevenson, chief executive officer at St. Benedicts, said in a statement. "St. Benedicts is a critical access facility and is examining all lines of services currently

"Our first obligation is to our patients and staff."

— Alan Stevenson, chief executive officer at St. Benedicts

offered. A mission based discernment process evaluating home health services began back in February 2009. After careful review, the decision was made to transfer home health services. Partnering with St. Luke's to deliver home health services is a means of

offering continued excellent home health services to our patients."

The two hospitals plan to communicate to ensure a smooth transition for patients, physicians and staff.

John Groesbeck, chief operating officer and chief

financial officer for St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center, said more planning and collaboration is needed for details like the staffing of the two organizations.

"This is a great opportunity for us to take what has historically been two competing organizations and create a great regional partnership," he said.

St. Benedicts said that collaborative discussions will continue that look at shared services in informa-

tion technology and radiology.

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center is an affiliate of Essentia Community Hospitals and Clinics, of New Brighton, Minn., a nonprofit, mission-based health care system with three rural hospitals in Idaho.

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Ore. investigators: Woman cut open, infant taken

HILLSBORO, Ore. (AP) — A once-pregnant 21-year-old newcomer to Oregon who was found dead in a crawl space of a home had been cut open and her baby taken from her womb, investigators said Monday.

It couldn't be determined if the infant son of Heather Snively died before or after he was removed, the Washington County sheriff's department said in a statement.

A 27-year-old woman, Korena Roberts, has been charged with murder in Snively's death. She appeared in court Monday but did not enter a plea.

A 911 call on Friday brought emergency workers to Roberts' house in the Portland suburb of Beaverton. Workers found blood on the floor and Roberts' boyfriend trying to revive the infant.

Investigators said Roberts claimed the baby was hers. At the emergency room, doctors, who were unable to revive the baby, determined that Roberts had not given birth.

Police said they returned to Roberts' home and found the hidden body. Roberts' boyfriend is cooperating and doesn't face charges, the sheriff's office said.

A medical examiner said Monday that Snively died of blunt and sharp force injuries.

"At this time, it has not been determined if she died because of head wounds she received or as a result of cutting injuries she received to



Korena Roberts, shown with her lawyer Jim Glover, is arraigned in Washington County court on Monday in Hillsboro, Ore. Roberts, 27, is charged with the murder of Heather Snively, a pregnant 21-year-old newcomer to Oregon who was found dead in a crawl space of a suburban home.

her abdomen," the sheriff's office said.

A grand jury will hear the case, the prosecutor said, and Roberts might also face charges in the infant's death — if lab tests determine he ever took a breath.

"The issue is was the child alive at all at any point in time," said Washington County District Attorney Bob Herman. "This is certainly unusual for its circumstances and nature."

Investigators said Monday that Roberts, who has two children younger than 10, had been telling friends and relatives for months that she was pregnant, and told many people she

would have twins.

Snively had recently moved to Oregon from Maryland because her boyfriend and father of the child had found a better job.

Snively's mother, Heidi Kidd of St. Albans, W.Va., said Snively met Roberts a few weeks ago through Craigslist, the online classified service. Police said Monday they are still trying to confirm that.

Roberts told Snively she was pregnant and wanted baby clothes, Kidd said. They befriended one another and kept talking online.

Kidd told The Associated Press on Sunday that her first grandson was to be

named John Steven.

"I'm still in shock; it hasn't hit me," she said. "I mean, that initial phone call; I just couldn't believe it. I just could not believe I was talking about my own child."

Neighbors on Monday said Roberts bought a stroller at a garage sale and set up a crib on the front lawn of her rental home. They said Snively was seen at Roberts' house more than once.

On Monday outside the house, there was a blue plastic play pool, a broken yellow play tractor, offerings of flowers and a handwritten note, saying, "May God be with you."

Recent rains add to already soggy spring in Idaho

POCATELLO (AP) — Southern Idaho got drenched Sunday.

Pocatello had a record 0.65 inch of rain for the date, bettering the mark of 0.42 inch set in 1987, the National Weather Service said. In Jerome, 0.46 inch of rain fell, breaking the 1993 record of 0.45 inch for the date.

Josh Smith, a weather service meteorologist in Boise, said more rain is likely for all of Idaho later this week due to a large low pressure system moving in from the west.

"Pretty much most of the West is going to be wet, cold and rainy," he said.

The weather system, Smith said, extends from Alaska into the central Pacific Ocean. It should move into Idaho today, with the wet weather lasting into the weekend.

"It's quite a large system," he said.

Kerry Hanco, a weather service forecaster in Pocatello, said that city received 2.04 inches of rain last week, coming close to the 1993 record of 2.44 inches for the first week of June.

Rain forced the cancellation of golf tournaments in Pocatello, and workers at Royal West Amusement took down carnival rides after steady rain slowed attendance during the four-day show.

"It just wasn't safe," show manager Debbie Carter told the *Idaho State Journal*. "We started breaking down at about 5:30 p.m. and wouldn't you know it, then the sun came out!"

Spring rains have helped fill reservoirs in the region, with the Bureau of Reclamation reporting that all major storage reservoirs on the Upper Snake River Basin are at capacity.

Officials say vehicle may have been swept into river

MURPHY (AP) — Authorities say they will continue to search the Snake River for a car and missing person believed to have been swept off of a state highway by flash floods.

Owyhee County Sheriff Chris Smith says the car and victim were swept into the rushing river Saturday night. Police have not yet identified the missing person.

Witnesses say the car

was driving on Highway 78 when a wall of water pushed it off the road, down a creek and into the river.

Authorities say they will focus their search Monday on an object identified by sonar underwater about 100 yards from the creek confluence.

Meteorologists say heavy storms dropped between one and two inches of rain in the county in an hour Saturday night.

Leaders work to improve Hispanic education

BOISE (AP) — A state lawmaker on a newly created task force to improve Hispanic education in Idaho says a three-year plan of attack should attempt to build on programs already in place and target other student groups who struggle.

"The chance for success and acceptance is much greater if we don't single out one group," said Sen. Bert Brackett, one of two state lawmakers on the panel. "As a state, we should be concerned about all underperforming kids."

The Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs assembled the task force, which met for the first time Monday and includes representatives from schools, community groups, the governor's office and state Department of Education.

The commission released a report in February with more than two dozen recommendations for how Idaho can better educate a growing population of Hispanics and close the stark achievement gap between them and their non-Hispanic classmates.

The task force is charged with creating a multiyear

plan to eliminate the gap, slow a high school dropout rate that is higher than any other ethnic group in Idaho and bolster college access for Hispanic students.

Brackett, R-Rogerson, cautioned the group against costly initiatives to achieve these goals.

Lawmakers approved a \$1.3 billion education budget for public schools during the next fiscal year, about 7.7 percent less than the current fiscal year and the first time in generations Idaho will spend less on education than in the previous year. Most state agencies lost money during the 2009 Legislature.

"We're barely holding our own," Brackett said.

In Idaho, about one in every seven students in grades kindergarten through 12th is Hispanic, according to data the state Department of Education compiled from the most recent school year.

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Documentary chronicles Kanab's film history

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A new documentary chronicles the history of the southern Utah town sometimes known as "Little Hollywood."

Since the 1920s Kanab and other parts of Kane County have been a popular site for filming television programs and movies. The region has provided a backdrop for films including

"Western Union," "Buffalo Bill," and Clint Eastwood's "The Outlaw Josey Wales." Television's "Gunsmoke" and "Have Gun, Will Travel" were also filmed there.

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Obama reassures Americans on stimulus plan

President says administration will ramp up spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Obama assured the nation his recovery plan was on track Monday, scrambling to calm Americans unnerved by unemployment rates still persistently rising nearly four months after he signed the biggest economic stimulus in history.

Obama admitted his own dissatisfaction with the progress but said his administration would ramp up stimulus spending in the coming months. The White House acknowledged it has spent only \$44 billion, or

5 percent, of the \$787 billion stimulus, but that total has always been expected to rise sharply this summer.

“Now we’re in a position to really accelerate,” Obama said.

He also repeated an earlier promise to create or save 600,000 jobs by the end of the summer.

Neither the acceleration nor the jobs goal are new. Both represent a White House repackaging of promises and projects to blunt criticism that the effects haven’t been worth the historic price tag.

And the job estimate is so murky, it can never be verified.

The economy has shed 1.6 million jobs since the stimulus measure was signed in February, far overshadowing White House announcements estimating the effort has saved 150,000 jobs. Public opinion of Obama’s handling of the economy has declined along with the jobs data.

For the first time, the administration admitted the economic forecasts it used to sell the stimulus were overly optimistic.

“At the time, our forecast seemed reasonable,” Vice President Joe Biden’s top economic adviser, Jared Bernstein, said Monday, explaining that the White House underestimated the scope of the recession. “Now, looking back, it was clearly too optimistic.”

By now, according to earlier White House economic models, the nation’s unemployment rate should be on the decline. The forecasts used to drum up support for the plan projected today’s unemployment would be about 8 percent. Instead, it

sits at 9.4 percent, the highest in more than 25 years.

Some analysts believe the White House is still not being realistic, that Obama will be lucky if any real job creation from his recovery effort is seen by the end of the year, let alone the employment explosion he predicts.

“I think these estimates are overly optimistic,” said Arpitha Bykere, a senior analyst with RGE Monitor.

Obama spoke Monday about “modest progress” in the economy, citing fewer jobs lost last month than expected. He said he hopes to build on that in the months ahead with stimu-

lus programs.

“We’ve done more than ever, faster than ever, more responsibly than ever, to get the gears of the economy moving again,” he said.

But he acknowledged, “I’m not satisfied. We’ve got more work to do.”

Americans apparently agree. Obama’s disapproval rating on the economy has risen from 30 percent in February to 42 percent, according to a Gallup poll completed May 31. Sensing weakness on a signature issue of Obama’s presidency, congressional Republicans are renewing their criticisms that the stimulus plan has not shown results, only mounting debt.



AP photo

In this photo released by Brazil’s Air Force, Brazil’s Navy sailors recover debris from the missing Air France jet at the Atlantic Ocean, Monday.

24 bodies found; some Air France pilots won’t fly

RECIFE, Brazil (AP) — Search crews have recovered 24 bodies of passengers on the Air France flight that crashed in the Atlantic Ocean eight days ago with 228 people on board, Brazil’s military said Monday. They also recovered a large tail section from the jetliner, helping narrow the hunt for “black boxes” that could reveal the disaster’s cause.

Air Force Col. Henry Munhoz says eight more bodies were found Monday, near where 16 others were recovered since Saturday — roughly 400 miles northeast of the Fernando de Noronha islands off Brazil’s northern coast, and about 45 miles from where the jet was last heard from on May 31.

Some high-tech help is on the way — two U.S. Navy devices capable of picking up the flight recorders’ emergency beacons far below on the ocean floor. What caused the Airbus A330-200 to plunge into the middle of the ocean on May 31 with 228 people on board might not be known until those black boxes are found.

But some Air France pilots aren’t waiting for a definitive answer. With investigators looking at the possibility that external speed monitors iced over and gave dangerously false readings to cockpit computers in a thunderstorm, a

union is urging pilots to refuse to fly Airbus A330 and A340 planes unless the monitors — known as Pitot tubes — are replaced.

An internal memo sent to Air France pilots Monday and obtained by The Associated Press urges them to refuse to fly unless at least two of the three Pitot sensors on each plane have been replaced. The instruments have drawn attention because of other incidents in which the monitors have iced over at high altitudes.

The leader of another pilots’ union, however, said Monday that Pitot troubles probably didn’t cause the Flight 447 disaster.

Searchers must move quickly to find answers in the cockpit voice and data recorders, because acoustic pingers on the boxes begin to fade 30 days after crashes.

While large pieces of plane debris — along with 16 bodies — has helped narrow the search, it remains a daunting task in waters up to 1.5 miles deep and an ocean floor marked by rugged mountains.

“Finding the debris helps because you can eliminate a large part of the ocean,” said U.S. Air Force Col. Willie Berges, chief of the U.S. military liaison office in Brazil and commander of the American military forces supporting the search operation.

World hangs on Obama’s every bite

Much attention given to food he loves

By Jocelynz Noveck
The Associated Press

At the bustling Pi pizza restaurant in St. Louis, the staff has come up with a new mantra: “It’s just pizza!”

Just pizza, and yet still, they marvel, customers are happy to wait well upward of two hours at peak time for a table. That is, ever since news came out that Barack Obama loved this pizza so much during a campaign stop, the owners were invited to recreate it in the White House ovens.

“We tell them it’ll be two to four hours, and they say, OK!” says owner Chris Sommers, who traveled on his own dime to prepare the presidential meal in April. “This has been our own private stimulus package.”

Pizza from St. Louis, pancakes from Pittsburgh. A juicy burger or a chili half-smoke in D.C., soul food in Chicago. Our new president eats something and the world wants to eat it, too. We’ve always cared about the words that emerge from a president’s lips, but has there ever been such attention to the food that enters them?

“Well, White House cookbooks have always been popular — but no, there’s never been this flood of interest before,” says Eddie Gehman Kohan, editor of the “Obama Foodorama” blog (subject matter self-explanatory.) She sees a fusion of two potent forces: An escalating interest in food and food policy, and enormous curiosity in anything Obama.

And all this interest may have even more to do with Michelle than Barack. Some



AP photos

President Barack Obama is served a cheeseburger as he and Vice President Joe Biden, not pictured, eat lunch at Ray’s Hell Burger in Arlington, Va.

polls have shown the first lady is even more popular than her husband, and for all the focus on her fashions and her biceps, she’s made food a prime area of interest — especially with her new White House kitchen garden.

“She’s brought new and much needed attention to critical food issues,” says Kohan. “She’s also really raised awareness by describing her family’s own journey through bad food habits and into a healthier lifestyle.”

Indeed, foodies have no doubt that it was Michelle who chose Blue Hill, a pricey but understated New York restaurant that champions locally grown produce, for the couple’s much-discussed “Date Night” at the end of May.

Kohan was out that evening, but when she returned, the Twitter messages were flying: “Are they at Blue Hill?” “Does anyone know for sure?” The next day, she says, her blog got millions of hits.

With all the chatter, and with restaurants often happily revealing Obama menu picks, it’s stunning that a central mystery remains: What did the Obamas eat? The restaurant won’t spill the (organic) beans, and as for fellow diners, “Everyone gave them space and was too cool to bother them,” says Marion Nestle, a professor of nutrition and food studies at New York University who ate at a nearby table.

Cool up to a point, that is. “When they got up, the

whole place broke out into spontaneous applause,” says Eva Fleischer, who was dining with her husband and friends. “Barack said, ‘Hi guys,’ and Michelle even touched my friend on her shoulder!”

Not surprisingly, in this Obama Foodorama world, the plates had hardly been cleared before the choice of restaurant itself became a subject of foodie debate.

“Isn’t the very predictability of this choice ... ever so slightly disappointing?” wrote New York Times restaurant critic Frank Bruni. It would have been fun, he added, to see the Obamas “reach for something rich, messy, decadent, gluttonous.” He suggested fatty lamb ribs, or offal.

Police: Officers rescued boy during Pennsylvania gun battle

SWIFTWATER, Pa. (AP) — Police officers in northeastern Pennsylvania rescued a 9-year-old boy who had been kidnapped by his father as a fatal gun battle erupted between the man and state troopers, authorities said Monday.

After arguing with his estranged wife during a custody exchange, Daniel Autenrieth kidnapped his son at gunpoint, then led police on a 40-mile high-speed chase that ended with a crash

and an exchange of gunfire, state police commissioner Col. Frank Pawlowski said. Autenrieth and a state trooper were killed.

“I can’t begin to describe the hurt and sorrow being experienced by the Pennsylvania state police,” Pawlowski told a somber news conference at the Swiftwater barracks, the trooper’s home base. “What happened yesterday is not-



Miller

ing short of an American tragedy.”

The chase Sunday night began outside Easton, about 50 miles north of Philadelphia, and ended just east of Tobyhanna in the Pocono Mountains when troopers purposely bumped Autenrieth’s car, causing it to spin into a guard rail along state Route 611.

As Troopers Joshua Miller, 34, and Robert Lombardo, 35,

rushed the driver’s side, Autenrieth took out a handgun and fired three shots from close range, police said. Though both troopers were hit, they returned fire, striking Autenrieth eight times.

As the troopers and Autenrieth traded fire, two other officers plucked the boy from the front passenger seat of the car. The boy escaped injury.

Autenrieth, 31, died at the scene. Miller, a Marine veteran who joined the force in 2002, was shot in the neck

and thigh and was rushed to a hospital near Allentown, where he died of his wounds. Lombardo was treated for a gunshot wound and was released. Miller was married with three children. Lombardo has been with the state police for five years. Both troopers are from Pittston.

Outside the Swiftwater barracks Monday, about two dozen troopers, state police personnel and police officers from other departments lined busy Route 611, stand-

ing at attention and saluting as a convoy of police cruisers and a police helicopter went past, escorting a hearse carrying Miller’s body to a funeral home in Pittston.

Pawlowski called Miller “a hero.”

“An individual embroiled in a domestic dispute for some reason chose to escalate the violence, and it ended with a hero losing his life, a wife losing her husband and three children losing a loving father,” Pawlowski said.



A South Korean man watches a TV broadcasting news about two American journalists detained in North Korea at the Seoul Railway Station, in South Korea, Monday.

AP photo

Will U.S. send envoy after N. Korea jails reporters?

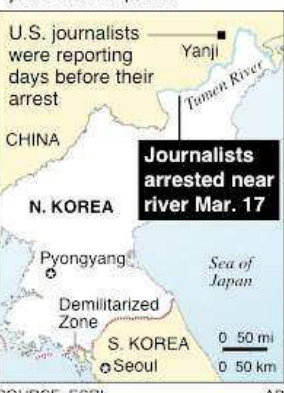
SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The sentencing of two American journalists to 12 years' hard labor in North Korea on Monday sets the stage for possible negotiations with the reclusive nation for their release — perhaps involving an envoy from the United States.

New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, who helped win the release of Americans from North Korea in the 1990s, said he was "ready to do anything" the Obama administration asked. Another possible negotiator, if the U.S. government approved, is former Vice President Al Gore, who founded the TV venture that both reporters work for.

A senior Obama administration official said Richardson and Gore had been in contact with the White House and State Department about potential next steps, including possibly sending an envoy to try to negotiate the release of Euna Lee, 36, and Laura Ling, 32, both of whom work for Gore's Current TV.

U.S. journalists get 12 years jail

North Korean top court convicted two U.S. journalists Monday, sentencing them to 12 years in labor prison.



SOURCE: ESRI AP

But the official stressed that no decisions had been made on how to proceed and said neither Gore nor Richardson had been asked to go. The official spoke on condition of anonymity due to the diplomatic sensitivity of the situation.

Asked Monday if the United States will send an envoy to the North, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said the

Obama administration is "pursuing every possible approach that we can consider in order to persuade the North Koreans to release them and send these young women home."

She stressed that the reporters' case and Washington's efforts to punish North Korea for its recent nuclear test are "entirely separate matters."

"We think the imprisonment, trial and sentencing of Laura and Euna should be viewed as a humanitarian matter," Clinton said. "We hope that the North Koreans will grant clemency and deport them."

The isolated North is probably less interested in having the women sent to its gulag, where poorly fed inmates often do back-breaking work in factories, coal mines and rice paddies.

Instead, Pyongyang will likely try to use them as bargaining chips in an increasingly tense standoff with the U.S. over the North's recent nuclear and missile tests.

AROUND THE WORLD

AFGHANISTAN Marines fan out across dangerous Afghan south

CAMP LEATHERNECK, — Teams of builders worked through dust storms Monday to expand a base for a brigade of U.S. Marines now fanning out across southern Afghanistan to change the course of a war claiming American lives faster than ever before.

Some 10,000 Marines have poured into Afghanistan in the last six weeks, the military said Monday, transforming this once small base in the heart of the country's most violent province, Helmand, into a desert fortress.

The statement to embedded journalists, including a team from The Associated Press, was the first confirmation that the military has fully deployed the first wave of 21,000 additional troops President Obama ordered to Afghanistan this year to help stanch an increasingly violent Taliban insurgency.

The 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, normally based at Camp Lejeune, N.C., will battle the Taliban as well as train and fight alongside Afghan security forces.

"This is where the fight is, in Afghanistan," said 1st Sgt. Christopher Watson, who like many of the troops was most recently deployed in Iraq. "We are here to get the job done."

NEW YORK Shell settles human rights suit for \$15.5 million

Royal Dutch Shell agreed to a \$15.5 million settlement Monday to end a lawsuit alleging that the oil giant was complicit in the execu-

tions of activist Ken Saro-Wiwa and other civilians by Nigeria's former military regime.

Shell, which continues to operate in Nigeria, said it agreed to settle the lawsuit in hopes of aiding the "process of reconciliation." But Europe's largest oil company acknowledged no wrongdoing in the 1995 hanging deaths of six people, including poet Saro-Wiwa.

"This gesture also acknowledges that, even though Shell had no part in the violence that took place, the plaintiffs and others have suffered," Malcolm Brinded, Shell's executive director of exploration and production, said in a statement.

The lawsuit in U.S. District Court in New York claimed Shell colluded with the country's former military government to silence environmental and human rights activists in the country's Ogoni region. The oil-rich district sits in the southern part of Nigeria and covers about 400 square miles. Shell started operating there in 1958.

WASHINGTON Sotomayor limps to Senate visits on broken ankle

Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor hobbled through a packed day of meetings on Capitol Hill Monday after breaking her ankle in an early morning airport stumble, then boarding a flight from New York to Washington to visit senators who will vote on her confirmation.

The federal appeals court judge, who has been keeping a busy set of appointments with lawmakers, tripped while rushing for her plane at New York's LaGuardia Airport. The White House said she suffered a small fracture to her right ankle.

Sotomayor made the meetings with senators despite her injury. She entered the Capitol for a meeting with Sen. Charles E. Grassley, R-Iowa, on crutches, wearing a white cast covered at the foot with a black soft bootie. Asked how she was feeling, Sotomayor said, "I feel fine, thank you."

The injury changed the tone slightly on an otherwise high-intensity round of meetings that are part of an interview for Sotomayor, part preview of a pressure-filled set of confirmation hearings.

Sen. Mary L. Landrieu, D-La., signed Sotomayor's cast during their session. Her fellow Louisianan, Republican Sen. David Vitter, had a bag of ice and a pillow on hand when the judge arrived at his office, telling her to "please be seated and relax."

MEXICO Gunmen kill three policemen

ACAPULCO — Gunmen launched grenades and opened fire in near simultaneous attacks on two police stations in Acapulco Monday, killing three officers in violence that broke out less than 48 hours after a gunbattle in the resort left 17 dead.

The bold, pre-dawn attacks Monday also wounded one police officer in this Pacific resort city, which has long been plagued by drug violence.

Gunmen fatally shot two officers sitting in a patrol car parked outside one police station. A few minutes later, assailants attacked a second station, about two miles away, wounding two officers, according to the Guerrero state police department. One of the officers later died.

— The Associated Press

Palin attends GOP fundraiser after controversy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin appeared at a Republican congressional fundraiser Monday night, ending a will-she-or-won't-she mystery that overshadowed the event and frustrated the GOP.

Palin — the party's 2008 vice presidential nominee who was initially slated to headline the annual Senate-House dinner — left organizers hanging as late as Monday afternoon after she was told she wouldn't have a speaking role at the event.

It was the latest twist in an unusual public flap between the potential 2012 presidential candidate and the Republican congressional leaders who run the party's fundraising committees.

In March, organizers replaced Palin as the keynote speaker with former House Speaker Newt Gingrich after she wavered over accepting the invitation.

She hadn't been expected to attend until last week, when her advisers approached organizers saying she would be near Washington and would like to come.

Republican officials involved in the discussions, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter, said Palin was invited to sit at a head table but was told she would not be given a chance to speak for fear that she might overshadow Gingrich.

Palin balked at that arrangement but did not make clear whether she would refuse to attend, the officials said. Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, made a personal appeal over the weekend for her to attend and invited her and her husband, Todd Palin, to sit at his table.

House Dems may favor insurance requirement

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democrats drafting health care legislation are considering slapping an unspecified financial penalty on anyone who refuses to purchase affordable health insurance, officials said.

These officials also said top lawmakers may call for a new tax on certain health insurance benefits as one of numerous options to help pay for expanding coverage to the uninsured. No details were immediately available, and no final decisions are expected until next week at the earliest.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity, saying they did not want to pre-empt a presentation set for today for members of the House Democratic rank and file.

The officials said the emerging legislation will include a government-run insurance option as well as plans offered by private companies. The government option draws near-unanimous opposition from Republicans and provokes concerns among many Democrats, as well, although President Obama has spoken out in favor of it.

Under the emerging House Democratic plan, individuals and small businesses would be able to purchase coverage from a "health exchange" and the government would require all plans to contain a minimum benefit, these officials added. No applicant could be rejected for pre-existing conditions, nor could they be charged a higher premium, they said. House Democrats also are considering a wide-ranging change for Medicaid that would provide a uniform benefit across all 50 states and increase payments to providers, according to several officials.



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Lincoln Co. recreation center opens today

By John Plestina
Times News correspondent

SHOSHONE — The smell of fresh varnish on hardwood flooring remained Thursday as Lincoln County Recreation District employees moved cardio machines and other equipment into the recreation center's new digs in Shoshone's historic Masonic Building.

When the center opens its doors today, odors produced by exercising bodies might replace the smell of varnish.

Treadmills, exercise bikes and elliptical machines for cardio fitness line one side of the large open space. While there are no weight machines, there are free weights for those wishing to tone up.

"We just got approved for the purchase of new (additional cardio) equipment," said Activities Coordinator Jamie Shetler.

A board that meets monthly governs the LCRD,

which is its own taxing district and operates separately from the county government.

The recreation center moved from its small storefront space on South Rail Street where it was located for about two years.

Before the LCRD established the recreation center in 2007, the district only offered youth activities in Shoshone, Dietrich and Richfield.

Youth activities in the three communities remain.

Offerings at the recreation center include circuit training for all fitness levels and cardio fitness classes.

"As long as we can fill a class, we'll give it a try," Shetler said.

Participation in Lincoln County Recreation District activities is not limited to residents. Shetler said some participants in youth activities live in Blaine and Jerome counties.

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STILL SERVING



MARY HANSON/For the Times-News

Pat Hamilton, director of the Gooding Public Library and Shoshone Public Library, works in the children's section of the Gooding library recently.

Gooding library adjusts through nearly 100 years of existence

By Mary Hanson
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — For nearly a century, the Gooding Public Library has existed in one building or another, offering a variety of evolving services to visitors.

For Pat Hamilton, director of the Gooding library and the Shoshone Public Library, the library's longevity is a testament to a variety of factors, none of which are more important than a high level of community support. Hamilton has been a librarian for 30 years, and director of the Gooding and Shoshone libraries for the past 11.

"We've been growing lately at about 5 to 10 percent a year in Gooding," she said. "Some of that has to do with the economy. In bad times, libraries tend to be used more, and we are seeing that here."

The Gooding library, at 306 Fifth Ave. W., hasn't been immune to the economic downturn, however, as Hamilton said she's preparing a budget that will be reduced by 7 to 10 percent in the coming fiscal year. The library has seven part-time employees, and Hamilton said she hopes to trim the budget without cutting library personnel.

In the meantime, work

continues on possible grants and participation in programs to add items, such as additional computers for public use. Hamilton said there's a high probability the library will receive a fifth computer, donated by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, before the end of the year.

Hamilton said the facility can only accommodate seven computers, including the current gaming computer in its children's section.

Aside from its various books, books on tape and movies to check out, the library makes wireless Internet access available to

the public inside and outside the building. An indoor personal laptop use area allows hookup to electricity to save batteries while using WiFi.

In addition, the library shares a system with libraries in Bliss, Kimberly, Jerome, Shoshone and Wendell that recognizes library cards from each city. Currently, Hamilton said, summer programs, which will run into the fall, are starting up.

Information: 208-934-4089 or gooding.lili.org.

Mary Hanson may be reached at mhanson-mbd@gmail.com.

Gooding school administrators move to high school

By Mary Hanson
Times-News correspondent

The Gooding School District is consolidating. As part of the effort, administrative staff and maintenance workers recently packed up their Idaho Street office and moved into Gooding High School.

"We want to lease the Idaho Street office for a year or so and then take a look at what is happening with the state school budget and other factors," Superintendent Heather Williams said.

The district's administrative office, formerly located at 507 Idaho St., will now

conduct business and meetings at Gooding High School located at 1050 Seventh Ave. W. Administrators will be located in various rooms, but will be accessible through the school's front office.

Williams said the office will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays until July 1, when the office will open at 7:30 a.m. and close at 4 p.m., with an additional closure during the noon hour. Williams said the office will switch to a four-day workweek when the 2009-10 school year starts.

The move is among a number of cost-reducing decisions made by the district.



MARY HANSON/For the Times-News

Frank Hentrup, left, Maintenance Supervisor Dan Hedlund and Lee Estep, out of frame, recently removed furniture from the Gooding School District's former administrative office for relocation at Gooding High School.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Summer lunches available in Richfield

Richfield School District is offering free lunch to children age 1-18 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through July 31 at the Richfield School cafeteria.

Adults can eat lunch for \$3.

Food distribution today in Twin Falls County

Crossroads United Methodist Church will host the Idaho Food Bank distribution serving the Kimberly, Hansen and Murtaugh areas from noon to 2 p.m. today at the church's recreation hall, 131 Syringa Ave., Kimberly.

Distribution is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please bring your own boxes or bags.

Information or to volunteer: Robyn Moss, 423-4311.

Lincoln Historical Society meets tonight

The Lincoln County Historical Society meeting will be held at

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CLASS OF 1959 REUNITED



Courtesy photo

The Hagerman Class of 1959 celebrated its 50-year class reunion during Fossil Days recently with a potluck barbecue at Jolley Acres, a float entry (which won a first place), a luncheon, a dinner with Hagerman alumni at the Legion Hall and a school bus tour. Pictured, class advisor, Bill Snapp and wife, Joyce; Don and Darcy Adolf; Judy (Tate) Bevis; Doyle and June Conklin; Aleena-Joy Davis; Sid Erwin; Stephen and Nona Glauner; Ginger (Norwood) Hanson; Blaine and Sandy Hulme; Bruce and LeAnn Jones; Joan (Jolley) and Bunker; Joan (Owsley) O'Brien; Doyle and Janice Penfold; Marvin and LaRee Stokes; Karen (Wright) and Bob Vanausdeln; Jody (Fruit) and John Wert; Diane (Hutton) Boyd; Mike Gardner; June (Reeb) and Reed Black. Also attending, class of 1958, Kaye (Jensen) and Vince Nubel, Carol (Adolf) Johnson, Max and Nona Kuhn and Garth Larsen.

Can the drug Levaquin really cause ruptured tendons?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently heard a statement on television made by an attorney with regard to Levaquin causing tendon rupture, and asking anyone who suffered with the problem to call a toll-free telephone number. What on earth is this all about? Has an enterprising law office simply devised another get-rich-quick



ASK DR. GOTT
Dr. Peter Gott

scheme? Or is there validity to the issue? I've had family members prescribed

this drug by their physicians but haven't heard of any associated problems.

DEAR READER:

Levaquin is a synthetic, broad-spectrum antibiotic used to treat or prevent infections that are proven or strongly suspected to be caused by bacteria. The drug is prescribed to people 18 years of age and older for infections such as acute

bacterial sinusitis, chronic bronchitis, some urinary-tract infections and more. Because the safety and efficacy in young children, adolescents under 18, and pregnant and nursing women has not been established, the drug is not recommended for those people.

Now, on to your question. It would be my guess

that an attorney is attempting to help people who have experienced adverse effects from the drug. I quite doubt he is acting on behalf of the pharmaceutical companies involved with the manufacture of fluoroquinolone, the class of drugs that Levaquin and others inhabit.

From 2001 to 2004, the

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) included warning information on the packaging of Levaquin, Cipro, Avelox, Noroxin and Floxin and updated the information in 2008. Now, according to CNN, the FDA has ordered the manufacturers of these drugs to add a black-box

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Gooding Co. Girls State participants announced

Gooding's Auxiliary Post 30 announced this year's Girls State participants. Bliss High School participants are Amy Young and

Timberly Trent. Gooding High School participants are Allison Bigler, Caitlin Pickens, Mary Walton and Janeil Wolf.

The nonpartisan program provides training in good citizenship. High school girls who have completed their junior



Young



Trent



Bigler



Pickens



Walton



Wolf

year receive one week of study working together as self-governing citizens. They learn to set up their

own city, county and state governments, and then run them based on the laws of their own state.

From each Girls State program, two participants are selected to attend Girls Nation in Washington, DC.

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Members may use the facility for open gym for \$2 per visit or by purchasing punch cards for several visits. The first visit for prospective members is free.

"We do try to keep our prices down," Shetler said.

Many of the youth activities are held at the Lincoln County Pool, also located in Shoshone.

"We started a water aerobics class on Tuesdays and

Thursdays. It was full right away so we started a second section on Mondays and Wednesdays," Shetler said.

Swimming instruction is offered to youths at \$25 for eight weeks.

Two-week swimming lesson schedules begin June 15 and 29, July 13 and 27.

Water aerobics are held four nights each week at the pool, which is open to the public daily through the summer.

Shetler said the district hopes to occupy the county-owned Masonic Building for several years. "Our ultimate goal is to have our own building," she said, explaining that with growth in the Shoshone area, the district will eventually grow out of the space.

"We are pleased that we are working with the county," she said of the lease agreement with Lincoln County for the building.

Open gym times will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Mondays through Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m.

Friday Night Youth Fitness for sixth- through 12th-grade students will be from 6 to 8 p.m.

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6:30 tonight at 2nd Time Around/Whistle Stop in Shoshone. Items to be discussed include space at the Shoshone Arts in the Park July 11-12, the Lincoln County Fair and a review of the Historic Walking Tour held May 30.

The public is invited to attend. Information: co-chairperson, Lisa Creswell, 732-7270 or the Lincoln County Historical Society, 886-7787.

Musical fundraiser held in Hagerman

Hagerman IDEA Inc., a 501c(3) nonprofit organization, is sponsoring a fundraiser called June's Tunes from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday at the Rockn H Resort at the north end of Hagerman next to the Haven Salon and Spa.

Admission is a \$10 donation. Bluegrass and folk

music will be performed by Strings Attached. Light snacks will be provided. A no-host bar will serve wine and boutique beers.

Information: Scotty, 837-4522.

Indoor yard sale held in Hagerman

St. Catherine's Catholic Church will hold its annual indoor yard sale from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, at 446 N. State St., Hagerman.

Information: Trisha McMorris, 837-4670.

Babysitting class held in Ketchum

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center is sponsoring the teen course, Super Sitter: Intro to Babysitting, for ages 11 and older from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday at St. Luke's Wood River Baldy

Conference Rooms in Ketchum. Cost is \$15.

To register or for information: Larsen Peterson, 727-8410.

Sweet earns geology doctorate

Dustin E. Sweet, formerly of Fairfield and Mackay, graduated in May from the University of Oklahoma with a Doctor of Philosophy in Geology degree. He is also a graduate of Boise State University with bachelor's and masters degrees in geology.

Sweet is the son of Shane Sweet, formerly of Fairfield and currently of Kodiak, Alaska, and Trudy Yowell of Pocatello. He is the grandson of Bill and Bonnie Sweet of Fairfield.

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Dr. Gott

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warning for consumers that the drugs can cause possible tendon ruptures and tendonitis. The companies involved with the manufacture will be required to submit label safety changes within 30 days of receipt of the request. If the order is not complied with, each must submit the reasons why it did not believe such changes are necessary. Tendon rupture and tendonitis occur in about one in 100,000 people. Fluoroquinolones increase that risk by up to four times, according to the FDA. Of note is the elevation of risk in people over 60, those on concomitant steroid therapy and those with kidney, heart and lung transplants.

Bayer holds the licenses for Cipro and Avelox and has agreed to make the changes as outlined by the FDA; however, Bayer has gone on record as indicating both drugs are effective and well tolerated. Ortho-McNeil-Janssen, marketer of Levaquin in the United States, and Merck, the manufacturer of Noroxin, have both agreed to abide by the request. Oscient, the manufacturer of Floxin, did not respond to news requests for comment.

I sound like a broken record when I indicate all medications can carry side effects, no matter how slim. Speak with your physician if he or she places you on one of the drugs mentioned. Review drugs in this category versus others that might also work effectively. Together, you can make an appropriate decision with

regard to your medical care. To provide related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips on Medicine."

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

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James L. Burke

YAKIMA, Wash. — James L. Burke, 75, of Yakima, Wash., passed quietly into the presence of Jesus on Thursday, May 28, 2009, after a brief illness.



Business University and worked until retiring in 1989 at the Hanford Site in the Tri-Cities area, Wash.

Jim married the true love of his life, Dorothy Schilper-

oort, in 1973. He became stepdad to her seven sons and one daughter and was Grandpa Jim to 19 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Jim is survived by six stepsons, Don (LaDonna) Schilperoot, Troy (Betty) Schilperoot and Wes Schilperoot, all of Sunnyside, Wash.; Dale Schilperoot of Sawyer, Wash.; Brad (Merrie) Schilperoot of Richland, Wash.; and Daryl (Debbie) Schilperoot of Yakima, Wash.; a stepdaughter, Angie (Manuel) Guzman of Mabton; three brothers, Bill (Vye) Burke of Cornelius, Ore.; Max (Darlene) Burke, Meridian, Idaho, and Larry (Sandy Moristica) of Boise, Idaho. He was preceded in death by his stepson, Robert Schilperoot.

He was born in Payette, Idaho, on Jan. 25, 1934, to Berwyn and Dorothy (Dryden) Burke, who have both passed away. He was laid to rest at Sunnyside, Wash., on Saturday, June 6.

Jim was raised in a newspaper family and worked, as a youth, on his father's newspapers for the North Side News in Jerome; the Ritzville Journal Times in Washington and the Wood River Journal in Hailey.

Jim graduated from Hailey High School in 1952 and, after one year at the University of Idaho, joined the Army and served as a medic with a combat engineering battalion in the Army of Occupation in Germany. Upon his discharge, he attended and graduated from Kinman

Thomas Martin Cole

RUPERT — Tom Cole, age 68, passed away Sunday, June 7, 2009, in the comforts of his home from a courageous battle with cancer.



Tom was born July 21, 1940, to Arley and Pearl Kent Cole. Tom attended Rupert schools and graduated with the class of 1958. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1960 and was honorably discharged in 1964. He married Linda Hathaway on June 25, 1966, and they made their home in Rupert, Idaho. He worked several years for Ramsey's Heating and Electric and the Burley Inn. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He is survived by his wife,

Linda of Rupert; his son, Tom (Lana) Cole of Heyburn; brothers, Vernal (Stella) Cole of Moses Lake, Wash., and Bob Cole of Bremerton, Wash.; and his four beautiful grandchildren, Austin, Taylor, Elizabeth and Samantha. He is preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and three brothers.

Military graveside rites will be held 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, at the Rupert cemetery. A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, June 13, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Gladys Barratt

RUPERT — Gladys Barratt passed away earlier this year at her home in Spokane, Wash., at the age of 89.



She was preceded in death by her husband, John H. Barratt. She is survived by her son, John C. Barratt; daughter-in-law, Denise Barratt; daughter, Helen Morgan; granddaughters, Amanda and Kimberly Morgan; and daughter, Mary Barratt.

Gladys was a longtime resident of Rupert. She was born in Bombay, India, and lived on five continents throughout her life. She was an active member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church. For many

years, she served the community as a volunteer teaching math and English to school children. In addition, she tutored adults who did not learn English as their first language. She moved to Spokane, Wash., in 1994 to be closer to her daughter, Helen.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 12, at Hansen Mortuary, 710 Sixth St. in Rupert, followed by an interment at Rupert cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary in Rupert. Condolences may be left for the family at <http://www.hansen-mortuary.com>.

Brian Adam Taylor

BURLEY — Brian Adam Taylor, age 12, of Burley, died Thursday, June 4, 2009, at the Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

He was born Nov. 21, 1996, in Greeley, Colo., the son of Charles W. and Jodie Madewell Taylor. He began his education at Heyburn Elementary and had just completed the sixth grade at West Minico Middle School in Paul.

Survivors include his parents, Charles W. and Jodie M. Taylor of Burley; two sisters, Samantha R. Taylor of Laquey, Mo., and Kirstin E. Taylor of Burley; his grandmothers, Louise Madewell of Burlington, Colo.; and several aunts, uncles, cousins and second cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandfathers and great-grandparents.



A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 11, at the Hazelton Cemetery in Hazelton. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

Those wishing to assist the Taylor family may direct donations to the Brian Taylor Memorial Fund in care of any US Bank.

Richard Arthur 'Dick' Woodhead

Richard Arthur "Dick" Woodhead, 86, of Twin Falls, passed away Saturday June 6, 2009, at Bridgeview Estates.

Dick was born Jan. 2, 1923, in Wendell, to Albert and Clara (Larsen) Woodhead. He attended schools in the Magic Valley, graduating from Jerome High School in 1941. After high school, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps, serving during World War II and earning two Purple Hearts. On May 8, 1947, in Jerome, he married Jackie Hamlett. Dick worked locally at M.K. and Case in the Farm Equipment industry. In the early 1980s, Dick retired as vice president of Badger Northland. Dick enjoyed fly fishing, traveling in his motor home and loved spending time with family and friends.

Upon retirement, he volunteered at the Twin Falls Visitors Center for several years.

Dick is survived by his wife, Jackie Woodhead of Twin Falls; daughter, Sue (Frank) Prager of Jacksonville, Fla.; son R. Scott (Valerie) Woodhead of Lawrence, Kan.; and four grandchildren, Erik Prager, Ryan Prager, Andrew Woodhead and Jeremy Woodhead. Dick is also survived by one brother, R.K. (Sharon) Woodhead of Boise. Dick is preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park." Memorial contributions may be made in Dick's memory to the American Cancer Society.

William T. 'Bill' Lammers

BUHL — William T. "Bill" Lammers, 84, of Buhl, passed away Saturday, June 6, 2009, at the Complex Care Hospital of Idaho in Meridian.



Bill was born Oct. 12, 1924, in Clearwater, Calif., to Leo and Myrtle Sneyry-Lammers. In the fall of 1940, their family moved from Hynes, Calif., to Buhl. They bought 160 acres and re-established their dairy. Bill later acquired another 80 acres. He ran the family dairy and farm until he retired in 1986. One year after retirement, he went to work driving truck for a custom chopping business. He continued to drive and retired again at the age of 82.

Bill married Lois Adams on Nov. 14, 1945, in Buhl. They would have celebrated 64 years of marriage this November. Bill and his wife, Lois, spent two winter months each year in Yuma, Ariz., for many years. They spent one week each year for more than 25 years at the Old Time Fiddlers festival in Weiser. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

He was a member of the Buhl Masonic Lodge No. 53 AF and AM for more than 50 years. He was an Over-50-Year member of the Scottish

Rite and El Korah Temple of Boise. Bill and Lois, along with several other Shriners, were the first to load their pickups with food to take to the Shriner's Hospital in Salt Lake

City, Utah. They made the trip with the caravan for more than 25 years.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; son, Steven Lammers; and a sister, Thelma Tippet. He is survived by his wife, Lois; son, Larry (Linda) of Buhl; five grandchildren, Travis (Kami), Tim (Brenda) of Willow Park, Texas, Tina (Jon) Baker of Buhl, Kevin of Florence, Ariz., and Joe (Tanya) of Nampa; brother-in-law, Charles Tippet of Buhl; 14 great-grandchildren; many cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, June 12, at the Buhl First Christian Church, with LaRay Easterday officiating. Masonic funeral rites will be performed by Buhl Masonic Lodge No. 53. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Shriner's Hospital of Salt Lake City or the Castleford Quick Response.

'Betty' Davis

Clarice Elizabeth "Betty" Davis, age 94, of Twin Falls, passed away peacefully Saturday, June 6, 2009, at a local care center in Twin Falls.



Betty was born Jan. 26, 1915, in Twin Falls. She graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1934 and, on Sept. 10, 1940, she married Glen C. Davis in the Twin Falls area.

Betty and Glen moved to California in late 1940, where Glen worked at Lockheed. After two years in California, they returned to Twin Falls, where Glen farmed with his father. Betty was an active part of the farming operation, oftentimes doing fieldwork alongside Glen. Her love of animals was evident in the help she offered, as they raised cattle and horses. Later in life, she raised, showed and sold champion Australian Shepherd dogs. Her dogs could be found from Florida to Alaska.

Betty was active in her children's lives as they grew to maturity. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and was guardian of the local Bethel Temple of Job's Daughters. She saw to it that the children had a good education and music lessons, and she taught them the responsibilities of life. She was a charter member of the Squilla Social Club and Salmon Social Club. Each

summer and fall, Betty spent her time canning and freezing food for the winter ahead. The shelves and freezer were filled in time to be ready for the time of year when fresh fruits and vegetables were not available.

Surviving Betty are her three children, Steven (Charlotte "Charley") Davis of Boise, Rod (Cindy) Davis of Twin Falls and Louise (Larry) Miller of Twin Falls; five granddaughters, Nicole T., Tina, Ingrid, Nicole, Laural and Niki C.; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter. Her husband, Glen C. Davis; her parents, Floyd and Ila Bandy; and her brother, Paul Bandy; preceded her in death.

An evening celebration of life will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 11, at the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery, with Pastor Jim Sommer officiating. Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials in Betty's name be sent to the Shriner's Children's Hospital, Fairfax Road at Virginia Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84101.

DEATH NOTICES

Ascension Quilantan

NAMPA — Ascension "Chonita" Quilantan, 95, of Nampa, died Saturday, June 6, 2009, in a Nampa hospital.

Rosary devotions will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, at the Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 11, at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Nampa.

Chance L. Craig

JEROME — Chance L. Craig, 22, of Jerome, died Friday, June 6, 2009 in Boise.

Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Angela A. Lara

Angela Ann Lara, 71, of Twin Falls, died Monday, June 8, 2009, at Oak Creek Rehabilitation Center in Kimberly.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magicvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

Melvin A. Warr

MALTA — Melvin Albert "Skeet" Warr, age 62, of Malta, died Sunday, June 7, 2009, at his home.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 13, at the Malta LDS Church; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 12, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Madeline Zbinden

JEROME — Madeline Zbinden, 88, of Nampa and formerly of Jerome, died Sunday, June 7, 2009, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Gabon's president dies after 42 years in power

LIBREVILLE, Gabon (AP) — Omar Bongo, the world's longest-serving president whose 42-year rule of Gabon was a throwback to an era when Africa was ruled by "Big Men," died Monday. He was 73.

The government responded to Bongo's death at a hospital in Spain by closing Gabon's international airport and the nation's land and sea borders. Security forces took up positions in front of government buildings and electrical installations in Libreville, the capital.

People rushed home after the news was announced, causing traffic jams. Some residents could be seen hurrying out with empty bags, apparently to stock up on food in advance of possible store closures.

Since the head of state had checked into the Spanish hospital last month, Gabonese officials had aggressively denied that he was ill, insisting he had gone to Spain to observe "a period of mourning" following the death of his wife. They initially denied he was in the hospital at all, then later said he had been admitted to the clinic, but only for a checkup.

Just hours before announcing Bongo's death, Gabonese Prime Minister Jean Eyeghe Ndong held a

news conference at the Quiron Clinic in Barcelona to say the president was "alive and well!"

Plans for a state funeral were under way and will soon be announced, Communications Minister Laure Gondjout told The Associated Press by telephone late Monday. She stressed the country's constitution "will be followed."

The constitution calls for the head of the Senate to assume power and for presidential elections within 90 days. There has been widespread speculation that one of Bongo's sons would try to seize power upon his father's death, as happened in nearby Togo.

Bongo, who was believed to be one of the world's wealthiest leaders, became the longest-ruling head of government — a category that does not include the monarchs of Britain and Thailand — when Cuba's Fidel Castro handed power to his brother last year.

Bongo had kept a tight grip on power in the oil-rich former French colony since he became president in 1967, and his ruling party has dominated the country's parliament for decades. Opposition parties were only allowed in 1990, amid a wave of pro-democracy protests.

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"I know there are many other similar events planned around the country as long as abortion remains legal."
 — Scott Roeder from the Sedgwick County jail, where he's being held for shooting of a high-profile abortion doctor one week ago

EDITORIAL

Idaho recovery awaits housing, commercial rebound

So what did last week's unexpected jump in local and state unemployment figures say about the state of our economy?

Mostly that we're not going to get very much farther down the road to recovery until more Idahoans start swinging hammers again.

Locally, contractors and landscapers didn't do their customary rehiring in May, sending the central Magic Valley's jobless rate up eighth-tenths of a percentage point, to 5.7 percent.

The same was the case statewide, with the smallest increase in construction payrolls since 1990, which means the fast-frozen residential real estate market is thawing but it's a long ways from normal.

And although business construction has picked up in places such as Twin Falls and Meridian, there's still a large overhang of commercial real estate statewide.

What was most surprising about the May unemployment statistics was the consistency of increases throughout Idaho, including relatively recession-proof markets such as the Idaho Falls area (recession-proof because of the large and stable presence of the Idaho National Laboratory).

The manufacturing, wholesale trade and financial sectors are still scuffling, and from Bonners Ferry to Preston Idahoans aren't borrowing, lending or building enough to drive the economy upward.

Statewide, there were only 56,000 manufacturing jobs in May — remarkable considering that two years ago a single company, Micron Technology, had more than 10,000 employees.

Micron especially is weighing down Idaho's recovery because it's still shedding workers and will continue to do so until August, when its Idaho payroll will be just 5,200.

And so is the fact that Idaho joblessness is so heavily concentrated in the Treasure Valley — 9.6 percent — which is the center of retailing, financial service, residential real estate and manufacturing. In May, 45 percent of the 58,000 unemployed Idahoans lived in just five counties: Ada, Canyon, Gem, Boise and Owyhee.

Federal stimulus aid hasn't helped much yet since Idaho was so slow off the dime in using it. Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter wanted to put most of the \$1.2 billion in the bank but was told by the feds that he couldn't. He didn't agree to take stimulus money until March 7. So by May 1, Idaho was one of just six states that had yet to put transportation stimulus funds to work building roads and creating jobs.

But road-building aside, the \$64,000 question for south-central Idaho is whether agriculture can hold its own as the dairy industry sheds jobs.

Still, as the central Magic Valley's three-month unemployment decline between February and April showed, we're on the way back. By the scenic route.

SOUTH-CENTRAL IDAHO JOBLESSNESS

County	May 2009	April 2009	May 2008
Blaine	6.8	6.3	3.3
Camas	8.2	7.0	3.3
Cassia	4.7	4.3	3.6
Gooding	4.6	4.0	3.1
Jerome	5.2	4.9	3.4
Lincoln	8.1	7.7	3.2
Minidoka	5.6	5.0	4.1
Twin Falls	5.8	4.9	3.4

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Sadly, President Obama can't take the GM out of GM

On Jan. 21, 1988, a General Motors executive named Elmer Johnson wrote a brave and prophetic memo. Its main point was contained in this sentence: "We have vastly underestimated how deeply ingrained are the organizational and cultural rigidities that hamper our ability to execute."



DAVID BROOKS

On Jan. 26, 2009, Rob Kleinbaum, a former GM employee and consultant, wrote his own memo. Kleinbaum's argument was eerily similar: "It is apparent that unless GM's culture is fundamentally changed, especially in North America, its true heart, GM will likely be back at the public trough again and again."

These two memos, written by men devoted to the company, get to the heart of GM's problems. Bureaucratic restructuring won't fix the company. Clever financing schemes won't fix the company. GM's core problem is its corporate and workplace culture — the unquantifiable but essential attitudes, mind-sets and relationship patterns that are passed down, year after year.

Over the last five decades, this company has progressively lost touch with car buyers, especially the educated car buyers who flock to European and Japanese brands. Over five decades, this company has tolerated labor practices that seem insane to outsiders. Over these decades, it has tolerated bureaucratic structures that repel top talent. It has evaded the relentless quality focus that has helped companies like Toyota prosper.



As a result, GM has steadily lost U.S. market share, from 54 to 19 percent. *Consumer Reports* now recommends 70 percent of Ford's vehicles, but only 19 percent of GM's.

The problems have not gone unrecognized and heroic measures have been undertaken, but technocratic reforms from within have not changed the culture. Technocratic reforms from Washington won't either. For the elemental facts about the Obama restructuring plan are these: Bureaucratically, the plan is smart. Financially, it is tough-minded.

But when it comes to the corporate culture that is at the core of GM's woes, the Obama approach is strangely oblivious. The Obama plan won't revolutionize GM's corporate culture. It could make things worse.

First, the Obama plan will reduce the influence of commercial outsiders. The best place for fresh thinking could come from outside private investors. But the Obama plan rides roughshod over the current private investors and so dis-

courages future investors. GM is now a pariah on Wall Street. Say farewell to a potentially powerful source of external commercial pressure.

Second, the Obama plan entrenches the *ancien regime*. The old CEO is gone, but he's been replaced by a veteran insider and similar executive coterie. Meanwhile, the UAW has been given a bigger leadership role. This is the union that fought for job banks, where employees get paid for doing nothing. This is the organization that championed retirement with full benefits at around age 50. This is not an organization that represents fundamental cultural change.

Third, the Obama approach reduces the fear that impels change. The U.S. government will own most of GM. It would be politically suicidal for the Democrats, or whoever is in power, to pull the plug on the company — now or ever. Therefore, the current managers can rest assured that they never need to fear liquidation again. There will always be federal subsidies

for their own mediocrity.

Fourth, the Obama plan dilutes the company's focus. Instead of thinking obsessively about profitability and quality, GM will also have to meet the administration's environmental goals. There is no evidence GM is good at building the sort of small cars the administration demands. There is no evidence that there is a large American market for these cars. But GM now has to serve two masters, the market and the administration's policy goals.

The end result is that GM will not become more like successful car companies. It will become less like them. The federal merger will not accelerate the company's viability. It will impede it. We've seen this before, albeit in different context: An overconfident government throws itself into a dysfunctional culture it doesn't really understand. The result is quagmire. The costs escalate. There is no exit strategy.

David Brooks is a columnist for *The New York Times*.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Simpson all wet about nuclear energy

It's disconcerting to read Rep. Mike Simpson touting the most dangerous element under the sun (Idaho Statesman, May 31) as the best green option in the energy debate. Mr. Simpson says, "France learned long ago that nuclear energy is safe, abundant and cheap."

While it is true that France uses more than 80 percent nuclear power for electricity, there is a big brouhaha going on over there about some enormous problems this has brought. For instance, where do you think the elite French are trying to lay their insidiously deadly toxins to rest for millennia? Why it's being shoveled into poor people's backyards, of course. Much like the Three Mile Island skeleton core transported to radiate here in meager Idaho's National Lab.

While he claims nuclear energy is safe, perhaps Mr. Simpson does not realize that a uranium leak last summer in one of France's nuclear plants led to a fish-

ing, swimming and well-water drinking ban in two Vaucluse rivers. How would he feel if we found ourselves forced to forbid recreational boating, fishing and simple splash-splashing in our Snake?

At the conclusion of Rep. Simpson's argument he asks, "Who wants their grandmother's kidney dialysis machine to rely on wind energy on a calm day or solar energy when the sun is not shining?" This is preposterous fear mongering. Naturally, concerned relatives would want reliable backup generators available for such important concerns. And currently some inspired scientists are developing innovative products that run off both solar and wind power and only need charged every four days.

Instead of greenwashing Grandma with putrid plutonium promises, perhaps she would rather see us funding her grandchildren's colleges with more research and development departments to augment what safe, abundant and inexpensive sun

and wind can generate for us, and the lifesaving machines we rely upon.

JIM BANHOLZER
Ketchum

We should honor those interned during WWII

I was alarmed by the tone of Edith Robertson's letter posted June 2.

I believe it is time that we honor those Japanese people that were interned during World War II. Ms. Robertson states, "Granted, most of the interned had nothing to do with the war, but the leaders of their native land callously and deliberately started the war by sneakily bombing Pearl Harbor, etc."

Ms. Robertson, the people that were interned were U.S. citizens. Some were second- and third-generation citizens born on this very soil. You say "you don't approve of the interment camps either, but those confined were not tortured, starved, beaten, etc." You say it "irritates you when someone wants to pass out

monuments when they haven't a clue what the war was about." The war we know about.

The people that got penalties on the dollar for the life they built in the United States is a darker secret. I have a friend that fought for the United States in World War II with the 442nd Infantry Regiment, an all-Asian outfit. He fought with men that had families that were subject to interment. These people were interned because of the color of their skin. As for torture, the thought of being hated by those that were your neighbors and friends and the humiliation of being confined in your home country would be torture enough.

I would suggest Ms. Robertson try living in a one-room, clapboard house in the dead of winter for just one week and come out and tell me that was not torture. To my fellow Japanese-American friends, I apologize. Not all of us have Ms. Robertson's perspective.

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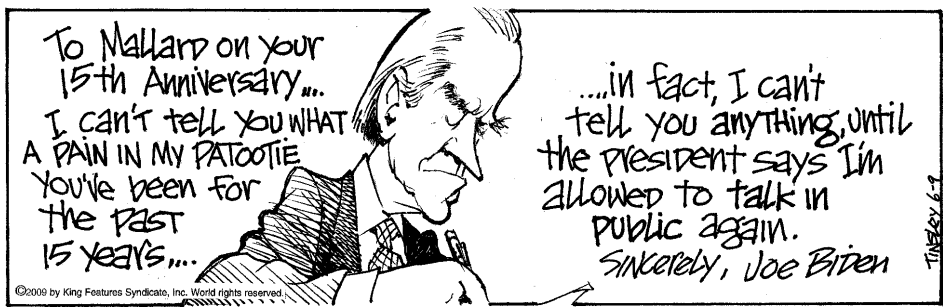
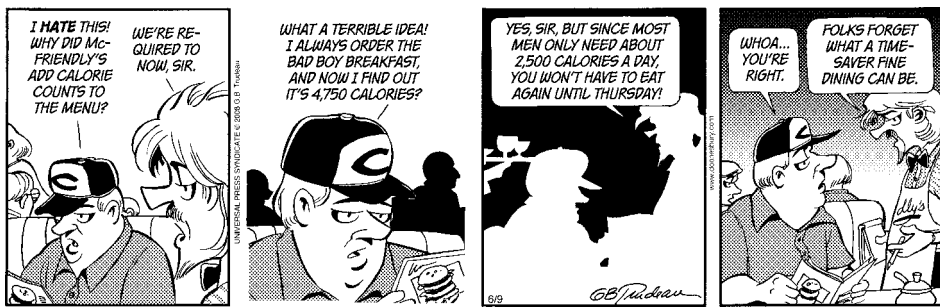
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Why we can't trust the insurance industry

"I appreciate your efforts, and look forward to working with you so that the Congress can complete health care reform by October." So declared President Obama in a letter last week to Sens. Max Baucus and Edward Kennedy. The big health care push is officially on. But the devil is in the details. Health reform will fail unless we get serious cost control — and we won't get that kind of control unless we fundamentally change the way the insurance industry, in particular, behaves. So let me offer Congress two pieces of advice:

1. Don't trust the insurance industry.

2. Don't trust the insurance industry.

The Democratic strategy for health reform is based on a political judgment: the belief that the public will be more willing to accept reform, less easily Harry- and-Louised, if those who



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already have health coverage from private insurers are allowed to keep it.

But how can we have fundamental reform of what Obama calls a "broken system" if the current players stay in place? The answer is supposed to lie in a combination of regulation and competition.

It's a sign of the way the political winds are blowing that insurers aren't opposing new regulations. Indeed, the president of America's Health Insurance Plans, the industry lobby known as AHIP, has explicitly accepted the need for "much more aggressive regulation of insurance."

What's still not settled, however, is whether regulation will be supplemented by competition, in the form

of a public plan that Americans can buy into as an alternative to private insurance.

Now nobody is proposing that Americans be forced to get their insurance from the government. The "public option," if it materializes, will be just that — an option Americans can choose. And the reason for providing this option was clearly laid out in Obama's letter: It will give Americans "a better range of choices, make the health care market more competitive, and keep the insurance companies honest."

Those last five words are crucial because history shows that the insurance companies will do nothing to reform themselves unless forced to do so.

Consider the seemingly trivial matter of making it easier for doctors to deal with multiple insurance companies.

Back in 1993, the political strategist (and former New York Times columnist) William Kristol, in a now-

famous memo, urged Republican members of Congress to oppose any significant health care reform. But even he acknowledged that some things needed fixing, calling for, among other things, "a simplified, uniform insurance form."

Fast forward to the present. A few days ago, major players in the health industry laid out what they intend to do to slow the growth in health care costs. Topping the list of AHIP's proposals was "administrative simplification." Providers, the lobby conceded, face "administrative challenges" because of the fact that each insurer has its own distinct telephone numbers, fax numbers, codes, claim forms and administrative procedures. "Standardizing administrative transactions," AHIP asserted, "will be a watershed event."

Think about it. The insurance industry's idea of a cutting-edge, cost-saving reform is to do what William Kristol thought it

should have done 15 years ago.

How could the industry spend 15 years failing to make even the most obvious reforms? The answer is simple: Americans seeking health coverage had nowhere else to go. And the purpose of the public option is to make sure that the industry doesn't waste another 15 years — by giving Americans an alternative if private insurers fall down on the job.

Be warned, however. The insurance industry will do everything it can to avoid being held accountable.

At first, the insurance lobby's foot soldiers in Congress tried to shout down the public option with the old slogans: Private enterprise good, government bad.

At this point, however, they're trying to kill the public option in more subtle ways. The most recent ruse is the proposal for a "trigger" — the public option will only become available if

private insurers fail to meet certain performance criteria. The idea, of course, is to choose those criteria to ensure that the trigger is never pulled.

And here's the thing. Without an effective public option, the Obama health care reform will be simply a national version of the health care reform in Massachusetts: a system that is a lot better than nothing but has done little to address the fundamental problem of a fragmented system, and as a result has done little to control rising health care costs.

Right now the health insurers are promising to deliver major cost savings. But history shows that such promises can't be trusted. As Obama said in his letter, we need a serious, real public option to keep the insurance companies honest.

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Media still enthralled with Pres. Obama

WASHINGTON — The Obama infatuation is a great unreported story of our time. Has any recent president basked in so much favorable media coverage?

Well, maybe John Kennedy for a moment; but no president since. On the whole, this is not healthy for America.

Our political system works best when a president faces checks on his power. But the main checks on Obama are modest. They come from congressional Democrats, who largely share his goals if not always his means. The leaderless and confused Republicans don't provide effective opposition. And the press — on domestic, if not foreign, policy — has so far largely abdicated its role as skeptical observer.

Obama has inspired a collective fawning. What started in the campaign (the chief victim was Hillary Clinton, not John McCain) has continued, as a study by the Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism shows. It concludes: "President Barack Obama has enjoyed substantially more positive media coverage than either Bill Clinton or George W. Bush during their first months in the White House."

The study examined 1,261 stories by *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, ABC, CBS and NBC, *Newsweek* magazine and the "NewsHour" on PBS.

Favorable stories (42 percent) were double the unfavorable (20 percent), while the rest were "neutral" or "mixed." Obama's treatment contrasts sharply with coverage in the first two months of the presidencies of Bush (22 percent of stories favorable) and Clinton (27 percent).

"Roughly twice as much of the coverage of Obama (44 percent) has concerned his personal and leadership qualities than was the case for Bush (22 percent) or Clinton (26 percent)," the report said. "Less of the coverage, meanwhile, has



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focused on his policy agenda."

The infatuation matters because Obama's ambitions are so grand. He wants to expand health care subsidies, tightly control energy use and overhaul immigration. He envisions the greatest growth of government since Lyndon Johnson. The Congressional Budget Office estimates federal spending in 2019 at nearly 25 percent of the economy (gross domestic product).

That's well up from the 21 percent in 2008, and far above the post-World War II average; it would also occur before many baby boomers retire.

Are his proposals practical, even if desirable? Maybe they're neither?

The idea of a "critical" Obama story is a tactical conflict with congressional Democrats or criticism from an important constituency. Larger issues are minimized, despite ample grounds for skepticism.

Obama's rhetoric brims with inconsistencies. In the campaign, he claimed he would de-emphasize partisanship — and also enact a highly-partisan agenda; both couldn't be true. He got a pass. Now, he claims he will control health care spending even though he proposes more government spending. He promotes "fiscal responsibility" when projections show huge and continuous budget deficits. Journalists seem to take his pronouncements at face value even when many are two-faced.

The press has become Obama's silent ally and seems in a state of denial. But the story goes untold: Unsurprisingly, the study of all the favorable coverage received little coverage.

Newsweek columnist Robert Samuelson writes about economics.

Is there such a thing as Latino America anymore?

President Obama's nomination of Sonia Sotomayor for Supreme Court justice has been widely hailed as a triumph for Latinos. But it could just as likely spell the end of the very idea that there is such a thing as Latino America at all.

News accounts suggest that Latinos at large are thrilled with her nomination, and there's no doubt that there are many who are. But if you dig deeper into the rather loosely knit nature of American Latino "identity," you're likely to find a more nuanced view on what this nomination may mean to the roughly 50 million people in the United States of Latin American descent.

"Latino" or "Hispanic" are generic terms that are used to lump a variety of national origin groups into one category. They're used often, especially in the media. But their popularity notwithstanding, generic Latino-ness doesn't trump national origin for most people who, to some degree or another, fit the category. In other words, a person of Peruvian ancestry is likely to see himself as a Peruvian American first and as a Latino second. His links to the culture, stories and food of his or her family's country of origin tend to be stronger than those that tie him to Latinos of different national origins. Think of the distinction between being French or being European. The former is



GREGORY RODRIGUEZ

more deeply lived and felt than the latter.

A 2002 Pew Hispanic Center survey found that, when asked what terms they would use first to describe themselves, "Hispanics were much more likely to identify themselves by country of origin than as a 'Latino/Hispanic.'" Likewise, "when asked whether Latinos from different countries have separate and distinct cultures or share one Hispanic or Latino culture, respondents overwhelmingly (85 percent) say Latinos from different countries had different cultures, and only 14 percent say Latinos share one Hispanic/Latino culture."

It was only in the early 1970s that Mexican American activists on the West Coast and Puerto Ricans in the East sought to join forces to create a national Latino identity for political purposes. In 1975, politicians founded the National Association of Latino Elected Officials (NALEO). A year later, four Democratic members of the House of Representatives from Texas, California and New York joined with the resident commissioner-elect of Puerto Rico to form a

Congressional Hispanic Caucus. Despite the differences between conservative, rural Mexican American-dominated districts in Texas and urban Puerto Rican barrios in New York, caucus members sought to forge a common national Latino agenda.

Even then, it didn't seem like a great idea to everyone. Some lawmakers found the term misleading but useful. Others saw it as a way for their groups to compete with the national category of African Americans for federal money.

Frank del Olmo, the late *Los Angeles Times* columnist and associate editor, put it more squarely than most when he called the adoption of the catchall term "shortsighted" and "self-defeating." Del Olmo was instrumental in establishing which term the newspaper would adopt — "Latino" — but he also argued that because Mexican Americans made up 65 percent of all Latinos (compared with 10 percent Puerto Rican and 4 percent Cuban), the generic term was more advantageous to non-Mexicans than it was to Mexican Americans.

"The term Hispanic allowed other Latinos to use a large and growing Mexican American population to increase their influence," he wrote. "Add up all the Cubans and Puerto Ricans on the East Coast, for instance, and they are still outnumbered

by all the Mexicans in the Los Angeles area alone."

If most Latinos see themselves first as Mexican American or Cuban American or Dominican American, does the singling out of a Puerto Rican really indicate that their group has "come of age" politically in the U.S.?

I know just as many Mexican Americans who were moved by the nomination of a Puerto Rican woman to the Supreme Court as those who were not. I suspect that many voters may be happy enough about Sotomayor's achievement, but at the same time, they will realize that the elevation of a "Latina" goes only so far and not far enough. I suspect that they may even understand that Sotomayor's nomination could come at Mexican Americans' expense. Because the media and the political elites make no distinctions among Hispanic groups, Mexican Americans may find themselves waiting a very long time for one of their own to be nominated to the Supreme Court.

They may still decide that Frank del Olmo was right — becoming generic Latino or Hispanic was self-defeating. Maybe it's time to dump the catchall terms.

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Study faults wildfire effort

Federal efforts not concentrated in areas of greatest risk

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — While more than 1,000 homes across the West burn each year in forest and brush fires, only a fraction of federal efforts to reduce fire danger in the region has been concentrated in the communities at greatest risk, a group of scientists found.

The scientists analyzed a database containing the locations of all 44,613 fuel-reduction projects undertaken in Western states by various federal agencies under the National Fire Plan from 2004 through 2008. They found that only 3 percent of those projects were within what is known as the wildland-urban interface.

Wildland-urban interface is a term for areas where suburban and rural homes meet forests and rangelands. The National Fire Plan is a program that is intended to reduce the risk of wildfire to communities.

The scientists found that 11 percent of those fuel-reduction projects were within an area that includes the wildland-urban interface plus a 1.5-mile buffer strip around it.

That is far short of the 50 percent goal set by the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003, which was supposed to help control the \$1 billion regularly spent each



AP photo

U.S. Forest Service firefighters board a helicopter to help fight a brush fire sparked by lightning earlier this month. A study has found that only a fraction of federal efforts to reduce fire danger in the region has been concentrated in the communities at greatest risk,

year fighting wildfires. Wildfires burned 5.3 million acres in the U.S. in 2008.

"We're going to have to adapt to these large fires as a way of life," said Tania Schoennagel, a fire ecologist at the University of Colorado and lead author of the study, appearing in Tuesday's edition of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

"Fire suppression is doing an outstanding job, but there is only so much they can do," she said. "So we are probably going to continue to have more home losses unless we have communities more adapted to fire."

That means helping homeowners fireproof their homes by clearing trees and brush around them and

using building materials that don't burn, such as metal roofs, she said.

"With crime, we lock our doors and we get a security system," she said. "With earthquakes, quake-proof construction is required in earthquake zones. We are not allowed to build in 100-year flood plains.

"But with wildfire, it's different. We don't lock our homes down to fire."

From 2002 through 2006, 10,000 homes nationwide were destroyed by wildfire, the study noted.

Joe Walsh, a spokesman for the U.S. Forest Service, said the agency had just received the report and was still reviewing it: "Once that review is finished, we'll have a comment."

The study found that federal agencies working under the National Fire Plan have a tough job because they control only 17 percent of the land in the West's wildland-urban interface. Private land covers 71 percent.

"Our results suggest the need for a significant shift in fire policy emphasis from federal to private lands, if protection of communities and private property in the wildland-urban interface remains a primary goal," the authors wrote.

Meanwhile, studies indicate that longer and hotter summers connected to global warming are behind the increasing number and intensity of wildfires, which hit nearly 10 million acres nationwide in 2006.

Searchers find remains of missing pilot

BOISE (AP) — A search and rescue crew on Monday found the body of a Boise pilot who crashed in a single-engine plane in central Idaho's rugged, snowy backcountry.

The six-person search crew positively identified the body as pilot Adam Shandro, 36, said Jim Nolan, director of Elmore County Search and Rescue. Nolan said the team would remove Shandro's remains from the crash site.

It appeared that the plane slammed into the side of a mountain.

"There's not much left of the aircraft. There was apparently a fire involved and there's not much wreckage at the site," Nolan told KTVB-TV in Boise.

The Cessna 182 disappeared last Wednesday on a flight from the Boise airport and was spotted from the air Friday. Authorities began looking for Shandro,

but halted the search over the weekend because of bad weather.

On Monday, an Idaho Air National Guard helicopter dropped the search crew near the crash site 10 miles north of the town of Atlanta in the Sawtooth Wilderness. It took the searchers about 90 minutes to hike to the wreckage, Nolan said.

Friends and family said Shandro is married, the father of two young daughters and the stepson of Ward D. Parkinson, the founder of Boise-based computer chip maker Micron Technology Inc.

The plane is registered to Parkinson. Shandro did not file a flight plan and the cause of the crash remains under investigation.

The search crew included three members of Elmore County Search and Rescue and three members of Idaho Mountain Search and Rescue.

Boise man pleads not guilty in shooting death

BOISE (AP) — A Boise man accused of shooting another man in a pool hall parking lot has pleaded not guilty to second-degree murder.

Jeremy J. Hobbs, 27, says he instead acted in self defense when he fatally shot Ahmed Cepalo outside of Backstreet Billiards in March.

Hobbs entered his plea Monday in 4th District Court.

A trial is set for

November.

Hobbs possesses a valid concealed weapons permit and told police he was acting to protect himself. Cepalo, 29, died in the parking lot from five gunshot wounds, two in his hip and three in his back.

But Ada County Prosecutors say Hobbs' actions were not justified, and witnesses say Cepalo was trying to break up an altercation between Hobbs and another man.

Grizzly bites 60-year-old man on Glacier trail

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK, Mont. (AP) — A 60-year-old Kalispell man, bitten twice on the leg by a grizzly bear in Glacier National Park, was released from a hospital Monday night.

His wife told The

Associated Press that Thomas Nerison had emergency surgery at Kalispell Regional Medical Center after a grizzly bit him on the calf and thigh of his right leg. Doreen Nerison said her husband's doctor told him

he'll likely undergo a second operation Wednesday.

Nerison told park rangers he was bitten about 9:45 a.m. Sunday when two grizzlies charged up from behind while he was jogging on Lake McDonald Valley Trail. He

said the bears appeared to be running from something that startled them.

Nerison was able to walk to Going-to-the-Sun Road, got a ride from a visitor back to his own car and drove himself to the hospital.

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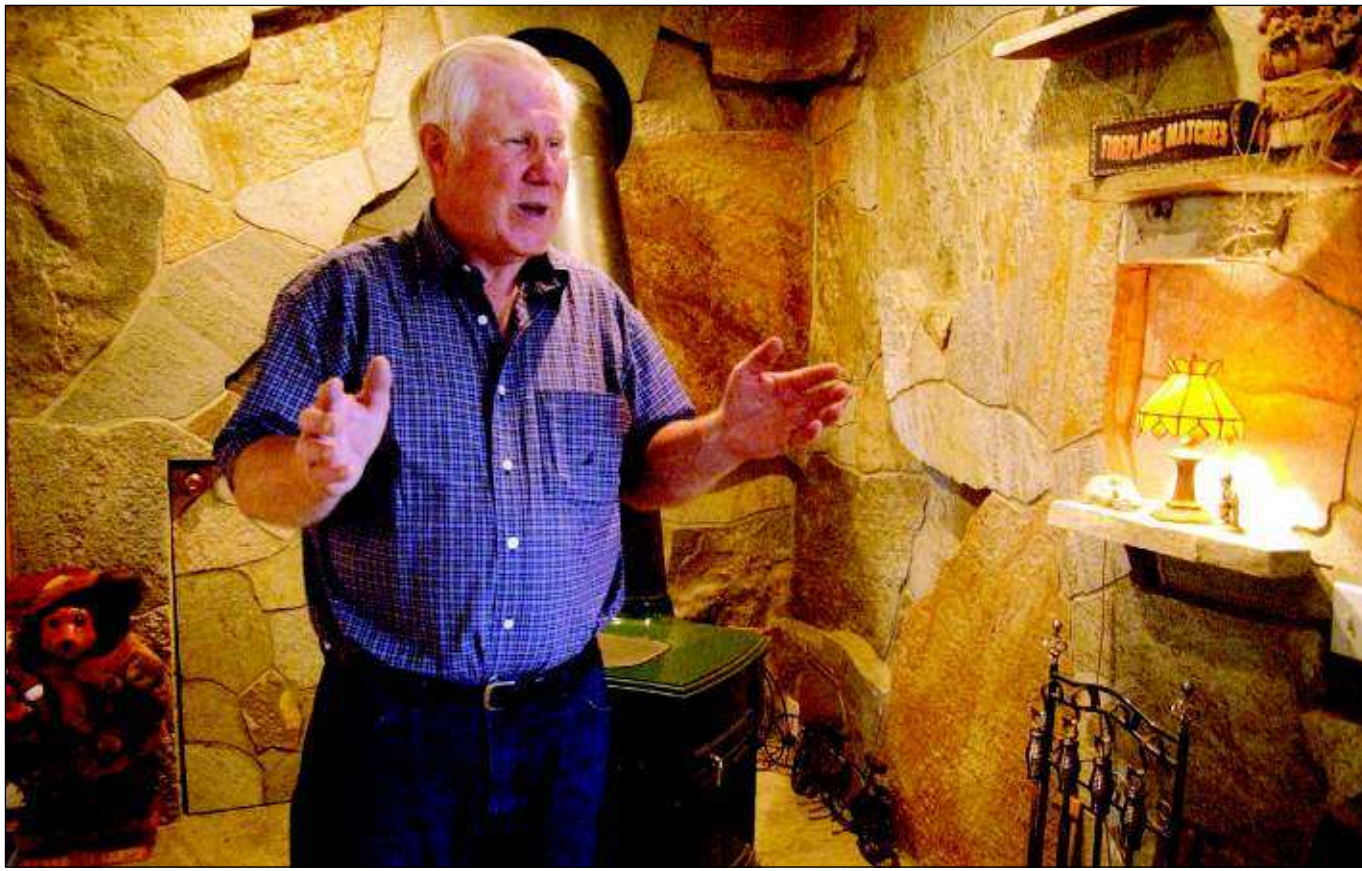
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What a change from 1912 to present. This house is renovated with ...



Jim Muhlestein talks about the stonework at the home he shares with his wife, Karen, on Wednesday afternoon in Oakley. Muhlestein and a friend collected the rocks from the discard pile at a local quarry, then pieced the stones together.

Old school style



By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

OAKLEY — Jim and Karen Muhlestein's Oakley home turns heads.

So many visitors have toured their home that they keep a guest book. Almost every entry comments on the home's unique beauty.

Those are compliments the couple can take pride in. Although the structure is nearly a century old, they had a hand in designing every part of their living space.

The building housed an elementary school from 1912 until 1992. After the school moved elsewhere, the structure passed through a few hands and served as an inn, bar and restaurant. In the late '90s, an owner removed some load-bearing walls, causing the building to be condemned.

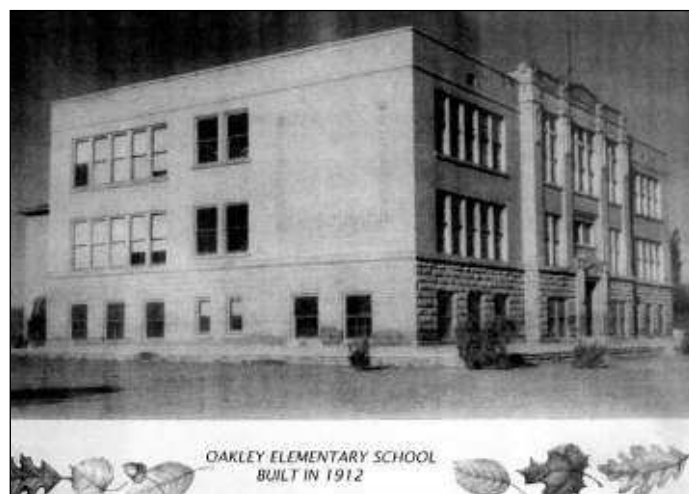
In 1999, the Muhlesteins bought the house in an auction. The next year, they started renovations — a two-year process that required assistance from family members and friends.

"It had been kind of trashed," Karen said.

Originally, the school had three floors — a sub-ground-level floor and two upper stories. With the help of a few strong teenagers,



Karen Muhlestein listens to her husband, Jim, talk about their Oakley home Wednesday afternoon. Although the structure is nearly a century old, Karen enjoys a modern kitchen with a gas range, electric stove and space-saving cabinets.



Hanging in the home is a picture of how the Muhlestein Manor used to look — during its days as Oakley Elementary School.

the couple removed the top two stories brick by brick and raised the lower floor to ground level.

They then gutted the

interior until only three outside brick walls remained, then used salvaged building materials from the original structure

to form the interior. The hardwood floors and solid stairs are from the original

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TAKE THE OAKLEY TOUR

Jim and Karen Muhlestein's home will be featured on the Oakley Historical Home Tour, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 20.

The tour includes seven homes and features turn-of-the-century Victorian-style architecture with German influences, plus other older buildings that have been converted into houses.

Tickets for the self-guided tour may be purchased at Howells Opera House, 118 N. Blaine Ave. Cost is \$7 for the tour and \$8 for a Dutch oven meal in City Park on Oakley's Main Street, which starts at noon.

Information: Marge Woodhouse, 862-3495.

The history: Magnificent two- and three-story homes were constructed as Mormon settlers tried to live well in a frontier environment a century ago, and the tour provides a hearty dose of gingerbread trim and fish-scale siding. Many of the town's old homes still stand, and they helped earn Oakley a place on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980.

— Melissa Davlin and Virginia Hutchins



A window hangs as decoration inside the Muhlestein Manor.



The Muhlestein Manor in Oakley used to be the Oakley Elementary School, built in 1912.

Simple steps can up a home's appeal to buyers

By Melissa Rayworth
For The Associated Press

It's a question all homeowners face when they decide to sell: How can you make your home as appealing to potential buyers as possible? In today's market, that question has become even more crucial.

"It really depends how much your home is worth," says New York-based interior designer Janine Carendi. "Is it in move-in condition, and will buyers expect it to be?"

Not everyone should invest in fancy upgrades and fresh coats of paint, she says. But all homeowners can benefit from reorganizing and beautification.

Carendi and fellow designers Mallory Mathison and Brian Patrick Flynn offer some tips on making your home market-ready on a budget:

Outside help

"Always listen to the professional you're hiring to sell your home," Carendi says. "The agent has so much experience, and he or she can see the potential of the home and how they want to market it."

Some owners hire a staging company to redecorate their home specifically to appeal to buyers. A cool twist on that idea: Flynn suggests hiring a photo stylist (a regional magazine can probably recommend one) to give your place a fresh look.

"Home stagers are all the rage right now," Flynn says, "but magazine photo stylists are the masters at turning spaces into cover shots packed with 'wow' factor. They not only make the rooms look their best but they also know the proper styling to suggest a room's use!"

First impressions

A good first impression won't guarantee a sale, but a bad one can scuttle it, says Mathison: "If the entry way is bland, that can set a precedent for the rest of the house."

Outside, she says, clean thoroughly and "pay close attention to the front door. You want it freshly painted or stained!" Keep the lawn trimmed, if you have one, and add a few potted plants near the door for a look that's "pulled together but not overdone."

Inside, consider touchup painting in the entryway,



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Brian Patrick Flynn, who designed this room, suggests making your home stand out among others in the same community by adding architecture with inexpensive picture rail installed as paneling.



A bedroom staged by Brian Patrick Flynn. Flynn suggests hiring local stylists to stage your home if you want to create the fantasy of the life a prospective buyer would have while living in your space.

and add a mirror if the area doesn't get much natural light. If the front door leads directly into your living room without a foyer or vestibule, Flynn suggests using furniture to "create the sense that you're walking into the area where you decompress." Add a bench near the door and a console where someone could drop their keys and mail on arriving home.

Clean and fresh

"I see fingerprints on white doors all the time," Carendi says of homes that are for sale.

Clean as thoroughly as you can, perhaps hiring a cleaning service for one or two visits. Pay attention to doors, baseboards, light switch plates, ceiling fans and windows. Clean all appliances, especially older ones, so they sparkle.

Then take a good look around and consider minor repairs or repainting.

"Anything that shows the age of the home needs to be tackled," Carendi says. "You don't want people noticing a

water stain. The problem might have already been fixed, but the person sees it and says, 'Oh my goodness!'"

Other details: Bunches of fresh mint or rosemary can freshen air naturally, says Mathison, and a vase of flowers is always welcome. For a quick facelift: Lightly sand the frames around your windows, then add a coat or two of white paint, Carendi says.

Clear the way

Banishing clutter is crucial: Uncluttered rooms feel larger, and buyers will have an easier time envisioning their own belongings in the space.

Spend a weekend clearing off countertops and purging the home of anything you don't want or need. Box up off-season clothes and put them in storage — your closets will look bigger, and part of the packing will be done when it's time to move. Put extraneous furniture in temporary storage or lend it to a friend.

Also, says Mathison,

remove anything you're sure you don't want to part with. Got some vintage light fixtures or beloved furniture?

"Take that out of the equation, if you can't part with it," she says, "so there's no arguing over it in negotiations."

Remove yourself from the equation

"It's kind of a rule to take out two-thirds of your personal things," Mathison says. "Make it a generally inviting space, rather than something right just for your family."

Think about the way it feels when you check into a good hotel room, these designers say. The space is clean, comfortable and stylish, but also something of a blank canvas. A home that's for sale should have that sensibility.

To help buyers envision themselves living there, repaint boldly colored walls a more neutral color. Flynn suggests a pale gray — it's more interesting than plain white, but still neutral.

Remove any furniture or art that is really distinctive ("Stick with landscapes," Flynn advises) and replace unique window treatments with simple, solid-color draperies.

Editing your personal design sensibility out of the space can be uncomfortable, says Carendi, but it's vital: "Don't think about it as your home anymore. It is not your home. It is now a piece of property you have, an asset you're trying to sell at the highest price possible!"



An insulating window shade with sealed sides blocks all three modes of heat loss and improves your comfort when sitting near a window.

Photo courtesy of James Dulley

Understand heat transfer to pinpoint energy improvements

DEAR JIM: I see so many ads for products and services to make my home more efficient that I get confused. Can you explain a bit about how a house loses and gains energy so I can better evaluate marketing claims? — Ron M.

DEAR RON: Before making any energy improvement decisions, it is wise to get a sound understanding of how a house loses (winter) and gains (summer) heat. The first step in this understanding is learning the basics of heat transfer.

Heat energy flows in all directions equally and is not affected by gravity. To the contrary, hot air flows upward because it is less dense than cooler air. If you put a heating element in the center of a metal block, the bottom will get as hot as the top and sides.

There are three modes of heat transfer which impact your house.

Conduction heat transfer is heat flow through a material. An example of this type of heat transfer is how the handle of a cast iron skillet gets hot when it is on a stove top. This is how heat flows through an insulated wall.

The temperature difference on each side of the wall determines how fast heat conducts through it. For a given wall insulation R-value, if it is 68 degrees indoors and 28 degrees outdoors (40-degree temperature difference, about twice as much heat will be lost through the wall than when it is 48 degrees outdoors (20-degree temperature difference).

Convection heat transfer occurs in fluids and gases which are mobile. When it is windy outdoors, blowing cold air increases the heat loss from the walls. This creates the winter chill factor you hear about on weather forecasts. Similar to conduction, when the temperature difference is doubled, the heat transfer is also basically doubled.

Radiation heat transfer does not need a transfer material or contact between the hot and cold surfaces. This is how the sun heats the Earth through space. Radiant heat transfer is generally more of an issue during the summer, but it cannot be ignored during winter. It increases exponentially with the temperature difference. This is why a very hot roof can make



SENSIBLE HOME
James Dulley

the entire house hot during summer.

Now that you understand the various ways your house gains and loses heat, you can better evaluate the needs of your own home. For example, if there is particularly cold wall in your house and it faces the northwest, there likely are both conductive and convective heat loss modes.

Making sure the wall is well insulated is the first step to reduce both modes. To further reduce the convective heat loss, plant evergreen trees or build a privacy fence to block the force of the wind. Since heat also flows downward, add insulation to the band joist immediately above the foundation to reduce conductive heat loss there. Also, use foam caulk to seal along the top of the foundation.

Don't forget the typical heat loss areas of windows, doors, fireplaces, etc. Windows and doors lose heat by conduction, convection and air infiltration through leaks. Make your fireplace (glass doors) and chimney (damper sealers) as airtight as possible when not in use.

DEAR JIM: I am remodeling my bathroom and including a whirlpool bathtub.

I would like to install a large window by it, but the contractor said I should not put a window by it. Are there any windows I can use? — Cathy S.

DEAR CATHY: I don't know why your contractor would tell you that. There are windows installed near bathtubs in many homes. I suppose your contractor was concerned about moisture issues and condensation on the window.

I would select a fiberglass or vinyl window with the highest efficiency glass available. Even with a high-efficiency window, it would be wise to run the bathroom vent fan or open the window whenever you are bathing or showering.

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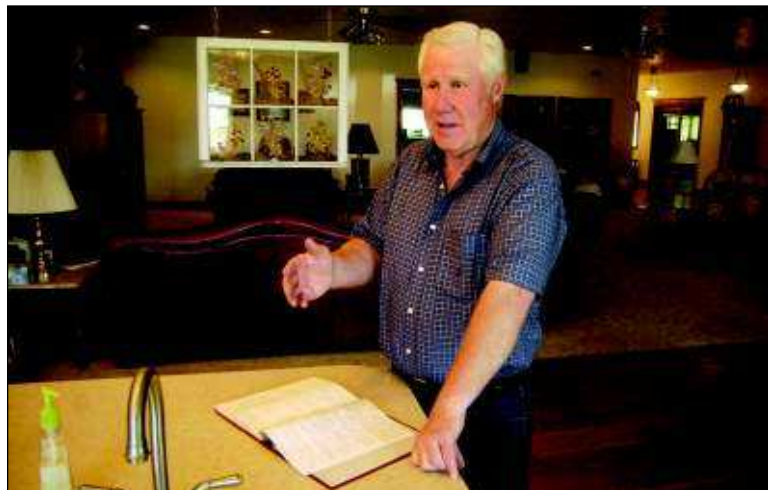
rafters, and the schoolhouse bricks combine with insulation and drywall to make thick, energy-efficient walls that block sound and keep the temperature constant. Stone from the original structure makes up the base of the front porch.

The Muhlesteins' personal style fits well with the home. Antique touches like old quilts and a wood stove mix with modern appliances — including a gas range, jetted tub and huge shower stall — to give the house a classy, eclectic atmosphere.

The house has 8,000 square feet, with 5,000 of that in the main living area. Two spacious guest rooms and a large master suite are built to accommodate the school's window placements. The original windows reached to the floor, but the Muhlesteins added shorter windows and filled in the gap with stucco.

Family friend Margaret Robinson attended the school in the late 1930s. When she heard about the Muhlesteins' plans to turn it into a house, she initially couldn't envision a home in the old building.

"I watched them from the



Jim Muhlestein talks about his home Wednesday afternoon in Oakley.

DREW GODLESKI/
For The Times-News

time they started tearing it apart until they got it done," Robinson said.

When she visits, she can still imagine roller skating around the school and see the old views outside of

the windows.

"I knew they were going to remodel it and fix it into a home, but I didn't have any idea what a beautiful building it would turn out to be," Robinson said. "I am very

pleased at how it turned out and what an asset it is to our community."

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Harm as well as charm

Some plants are poisonous

By Dean Fostdick
For The Associated Press

Lily-of-the-valley, clematis and chrysanthemums are attractive plants that can make your heart soar. Problem is, they're also capable of shutting it down.

All are commonly cultivated plants that are toxic if ingested by people or pets.

Just as many plants have the ability to heal, so thousands of ornamental plants have complex chemical compositions that make them capable of poisoning, said Michael Balick, vice president and director of the Institute of Economic Botany at The New York Botanical Garden.

"The concept of poison and the concept of medicine are closely aligned," he said. "You're usually talking about dosage?"

Digitalis is a prominent example, said Balick, co-author of the "Handbook of Poisonous and Injurious Plants" (The New York Botanical Garden Press and Springer, 2007). "A certain dosage of the digitalis leaf could enable the pumping of the heart, where a larger dosage could kill a person," he said.

There were 60,514 cases of unhealthy plant exposure reported in 2007 to the nation's poison control centers, according to the federal Health Resources and Services Administration.

"This includes all routes of exposure, including swallowing plants, and skin reactions from such plants as poison ivy and poison oak," said David Bowman, an agency spokesman. Plants were cited in two fatalities.

Toxic plants do not pose as much danger as pharmaceuticals, but it pays to be cautious.

"Some plants can cause severe oral irritation if chewed," Bowman said. "Mistaking hemlock for carrots has been responsible for seizures and fatalities."

Many houseplants also are toxic.

"Chewing dieffenbachia or philodendron could cause oral irritation and swelling," he said. "Some other common indoor plants like African violet, jade plant and sansevieria are not poisonous but could cause stomach upset if swallowed."

If poison ivy or poison oak plants are burned, people inhaling the smoke could suffer the same ill effects in the respiratory tract as contact with the plants causes to



Even some of the continent's most beautiful ornamental plants have a sinister side. The Mountain laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*), characterized by its leathery evergreen leaves and pink and white flowers, grows wild into a fruity shrub or small tree in woody areas, meadows and bogs. The leaves and nectar are poisonous, capable of causing headaches, blood pressure and heart rhythm problems, comas and convulsions.

TIPS ON LIVING SAFELY AROUND POISONOUS PLANTS

There is no foolproof way to avoid poisonous plants.

Perhaps the best course is to learn which varieties can harm people and pets, then decide if you want them on your property.

If you elect to display a few of the toxic beauties, here's how to reduce risks:

- **Accurate** and timely identification will speed diagnosis if you call a poison control center. Know the names of plants commonly found in and around your home. E-mail a photo of the suspect plant. Have some illustrated reference books on hand to help with recognition. Two helpful ones are "Handbook of Poisonous and Injurious Plants," by Lewis Nelson, Richard Shih and Michael Balick (New York Botanical Garden/Springer, 2007) and "The North American Guide to Common Poisonous Plants and Mushrooms," by Nancy Turner and Patrick von Aderkas

(Timber Press, 2009).

- **Clear** away berries, seeds or any other suspect plant material to prevent it from being eaten by children, livestock or pets.

- **Some** plants are toxic when rubbed against the skin, including poison ivy, poison oak, sumac, nettles and euphorbia. Reactions can vary from minor discomfort, inflammation and swelling to hospital stays.

- **Many** bulbs, seeds and plant parts (such as from lilies, castor beans or mushrooms) are extremely toxic. Store them out of reach of children and well away from anything edible. Even experienced gardeners can mistake poisonous bulbs for harmless onions and bite into them.

- **Teach** children never to put plants in their mouths, or even to gather mushrooms and berries, since their juices can be absorbed through cuts or scratches.

- **Some** plants that aren't toxic



AP photos

Even portions of many edible plants are toxic. Rhubarb stalks are the stuff of great pies and sauces, but the leaves, if eaten raw and in quantity, are poisonous. They can cause nausea, vomiting, abdominal cramping and — in extreme cases — renal damage.

said. "Cover up. Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, closed shoes and socks and gloves. You should be wearing gloves anyway, to protect from cuts and scrapes that could lead to infection."

Choking is another threat, particularly for children.

"My daughter, when small, swallowed a leaf from a jade plant and began to choke. We had to clear her throat. It wasn't a soft leaf and it wasn't a pleasant experience," said Sue Kell, education director for the Blue Ridge Poison Center in Charlottesville, Va.

The hazards change along with the seasons.

"We know when August has rolled around because that's when the pokeberry calls start coming in," Kell said. "They're attractive and kids are fond of putting them in their mouths?"

Mushrooms can be a problem because so many are poisonous, and many look alike.

"We've even had professionals — professors at universities — who have misidentified mushrooms and have gotten sick," said Kell.

And then there are the holidays, when many suspect plants and trimmings are brought into the house.

"We get a lot of calls about Christmas decorations," Kell said. "Holly berries. Mistletoe berries. Anything within reach or that might drop onto the floor?"

One plant alleged to be toxic, the poinsettia, may not be — at least not to a significant degree. "It takes a huge quantity of (poinsettia) leaves to be poisonous to a human," Kell said.

Anyone working near potentially poisonous plants should follow a simple rule, Lerner said: "Don't put anything in your mouth you don't know anything about."

the skin.

Reactions to plant toxicity range from minor to lethal, and also depend upon a person's health and age.

"Some people are more sensitive to things in the environment than others," said Rosie Lerner, an extension horticulturist with Purdue University.

Body weight plays a part, she said. Generally, the smaller the body, the less toxin required to make you ill.

"This is one reason why children are so vulnerable," she said. "An individual's metabolism also may play a role."

Proximity to poisonous

plants doesn't mean people should shy away from gardening, Lerner said.

"A little common sense should prevail if you spend much time outdoors," she

Rust never sleeps

By Scott Aker
Special to The Washington Post

Q. Could you recommend a brand or two of fungicide to treat rust disease on hollyhocks?

A. There are too many brand names to list here, but I can give you some details on active ingredients. My choice would be any fungicide containing myclobutanil, because the interval between sprays is longer than for most fungicides. There are fungicides with other active ingredients, namely copper, chlorthalonil, thiophanate-methyl, triadimefon and mancozeb. They are all effective against rust diseases of ornamentals. If you want an organic option, you could try a pesticide containing neem oil.

It is important to clean up and remove all traces of last year's diseased foliage.

You may also decide to replace your hollyhocks with another tall herbaceous plant with fewer chemical dependencies. Candidates include kniphofias, lilies, joe pye weed, acanthus and foxgloves.

Scott Aker is a horticulturist at the U.S. National Arboretum.

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My mother-in-law is coming to visit our home for a few days. The kids are excited to have Grandma here, but I'm stressing out a bit...she's a CLEAN FREAK! Although she respects me for who I am (and who I am not) I would still like to impress her with a clean, fresh home. Any "quackie" suggestions?
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BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy. Highs near 70.

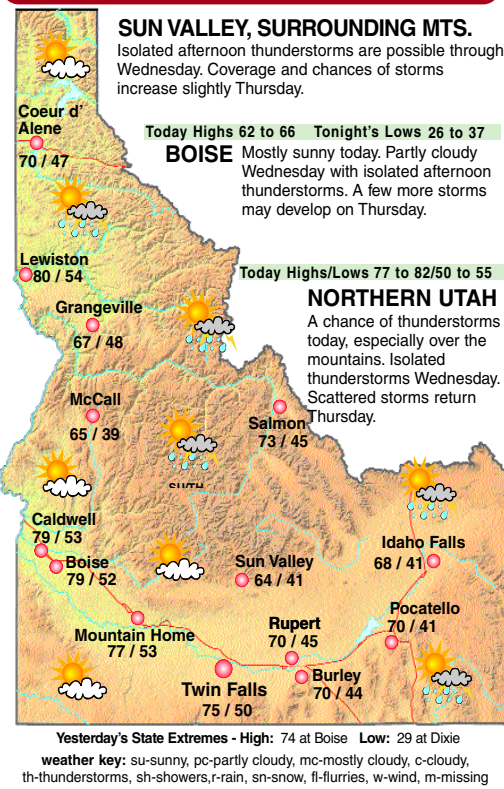
Tonight: Partly cloudy and cool. Lows 40s.

Tomorrow: Isolated afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Highs 70 to 75.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Table with 2 columns: Temperature and Precipitation. Rows include Yesterday's High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, and Avg. Water Year to Date.

IDAHO'S FORECAST



SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Isolated afternoon thunderstorms are possible through Wednesday. Coverage and chances of storms increase slightly Thursday.

BOISE Today Highs 62 to 66 Tonight's Lows 26 to 37 Mostly sunny today. Partly cloudy Wednesday with isolated afternoon thunderstorms.

NORTHERN UTAH

A chance of thunderstorms today, especially over the mountains. Isolated thunderstorms Wednesday. Scattered storms return Thursday.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Five-day forecast table for Twin Falls with columns for Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, including weather icons and high/low temperatures.

Yesterday's Weather

Table of weather data for various locations including Boise, Challis, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls, Jerome, Lewiston, Lowell, Malad City, Malta, Pocatello, Rexburg, Salmon, Stanley, and Sun Valley.

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

REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table listing cities like Boise, Bonners Ferry, Challis, Coeur d'Alene, Elko, Eugene, Gooding, Grace, Hagerman, Idaho Falls, Kalispell, Jerome, Lewiston, Malad City, Malta, McCall, Missoula, Pocatello, Portland, Rupert, Rexburg, Richland, Rogerson, Salmon, Salt Lake City, Spokane, Stanley, Sun Valley, and Yellowstone.

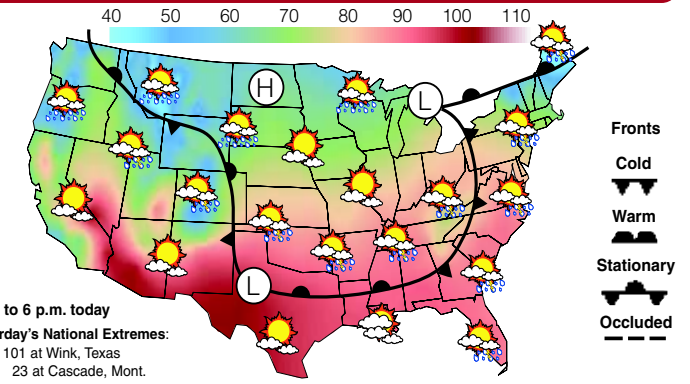
NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table listing major cities across the United States including Atlanta, Atlanta City, Baltimore, Billings, Birmingham, Boston, Charlotte, Charleston, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, El Paso, Fairbanks, Fargo, Honolulu, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee, Nashville, New Orleans, New York, Oklahoma City, and Omaha.

WORLD FORECAST

World forecast table listing cities in other countries such as Acapulco, Athens, Auckland, Bangkok, Beijing, Berlin, Buenos Aires, Cairo, Dhahran, Geneva, Hong Kong, Jerusalem, Johannesburg, London, Mexico City, Moscow, Nairobi, Oslo, Paris, Prague, Rio de Janeiro, Rome, Santiago, Seoul, Sydney, Tokyo, Vienna, Warsaw, and Zurich.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Canadian forecast table listing cities like Calgary, Edmonton, Kelowna, Lethbridge, Regina, Saskatoon, Toronto, Vancouver, Victoria, and Winnipeg.

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Pests sometimes hitch a ride indoors

By Scott Aker, Special to The Washington Post

Q. When I brought my houseplants in last fall, they had accumulated insect pests from spending the summer outdoors. How can I prevent that this year? A. One of the only downsides to a summer vacation outdoors for your houseplants is the insects that can hitch a ride indoors. The best

Don't neglect your plants during their time outdoors, and deal promptly with any major insect and mite problems that appear.

line of defense is prevention. Don't neglect your plants during their time outdoors, and deal promptly with any major insect and mite problems that appear. When the time comes to bring them inside, plan ahead. Instead of working frantically the first night that frost is forecast, spray them before then with a 1 percent solution of horticultural oil. Bring them indoors when the spray has dried. Spray the plants thoroughly, and concentrate on

the underside of the leaves. Some insects may still find their way indoors. Pillbugs and millipedes always come indoors with my plants. They are not a major threat to the plants, and they seldom appear in sufficient numbers to cause any concern.

Scott Aker is a horticulturist at the U.S. National Arboretum.

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DAIRY DAYS SPECIAL EDITION

ONE YEAR INTO THE DOWNTURN...

More than six months after the bottom fell out from underneath the dairy industry and one year into an economic downturn, coupled with June being Dairy Month, the *Times-News* takes a detailed look at one of the most important industries in the Magic Valley.

Protein products offer promise

Cheese remains dominant force in regional production

By Cindy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Working closely with customers to make products that meet their needs is key to increasing the value of dairy products.

When most consumers think about milk and dairy products, items like cheese and ice cream come to mind. But the proteins that are extracted during the cheese making process actually offer some of the most exciting new value added products.

The most recent addition to south-central Idaho's value-added dairy industry is the Idaho Milk Products facility in Jerome.

The 185,000 square-foot facility, which is owned by Bettencourt Dairy Farms, Big Sky Dairies, Aardema Dairy and Scott Jackson, converts raw milk into four different products — cream, lactose and two

forms of protein concentrate known as MPC-70 and MPC-80.

The plant, which cost about \$80 million to build, is one of the few in the United States that can produce MPC-80. Most of the cooperative's competition comes from processors in Europe, meaning that the cooperative has found a niche market that has yet to be filled.

At the new Glanbia Collaboration Center in Twin Falls, researchers are working with customers to develop innovative products from protein that can help with weight loss to improving blood flow through arteries.

Researchers have also found that a branch-chain amino acid found in milk protein can help elderly people maintain their muscle mass — individuals over 55 can lose 1.5 percent to 2 percent of their muscle mass each year.

Products made from milk proteins can also help heal wounds. A lacto-feron found in milk protein is being put into a gel or salve that is applied to chronic sores such as bed sores. The company Glanbia is

See **PROTEIN**, Agribusiness 3



Times-News file photo

The interior of the Idaho Milk Products facility in Jerome is shown before the company started production last year. The facility converts raw milk into four different products: cream, lactose and two forms of protein concentrate known as MPC-70 and MPC-80. It is one of the few plants in the country that can produce MPC-80.

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— Eddy Lekkerkerk,
Filer dairyfarmer

WHERE DOES DAIRY GO FROM HERE?

Options sought to repair suffering industry increasingly relied on by local economies to get through tough times

BY JOSHUA PALMER • TIMES-NEWS WRITER

It was less than a year ago that south-central Idaho seemed like an unstoppable force in the dairy industry.

In July 2008, milk production in Idaho jumped nearly 8 percent compared to the previous year — reaching an unprecedented 1.1 billion pounds and surpassing third-ranked New York state for the first time.

Dairy processors in Twin Falls and Jerome were expanding product lines to reach new markets such as organic cheeses and highly concentrated protein powders.

The dairy industry fueled the regional economy by infusing cash into businesses such as auto dealerships, retailers and farm operations that were feeling the burden of a growing recession. New processing facilities such as Idaho Milk Products were hiring workers who were recently laid off by manufacturers such as Jayco and Seastroms — keeping a rising unemployment rate in check.

But in the fall of 2008 the bottom fell out from under milk prices as a global recession quelled foreign and domestic demand for milk products at a time when supplies were at a record high.

The effects have been devastating for the regional economy and dairymen in southern Idaho.

Eddy Lekkerkerk, a 42-year-old dairy farmer outside Filer, said he fears that he may not be in business much longer.

For five months, he hasn't made payments on the roughly \$800,000 he borrows annually to buy feed for his herd of 1,000 cattle. He said his bank is forcing him to sell his herd to pay his debt.

He predicted many of his neighbors will have no choice but to follow him off the farm.

“It's going to be ugly. This is historic stuff going on,” he said. “The dairymen are nervous, and they are scared.”

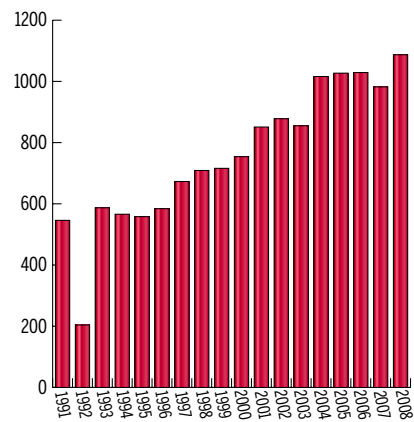
Despite a long and arduous growth period that started almost two decades earlier, dairymen are suddenly facing milk prices not seen since the 1970s.

Industry leaders are seeking federal action to help an ailing industry, while opponents say the market should be left alone to work out the problem.

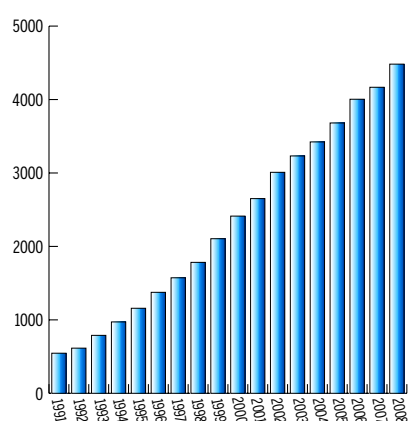
The answer is not an easy one, say

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Number of people employed by milk processors in south-central Idaho



Number of people employed by milk producers in south-central Idaho



SANDY SALAS/Times-News

Analysts: Increasing demand vital to market recovery

Export markets remain difficult as foreign producers ramp up production

By Cindy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

Dairy traders keep thinking the bottom is near, but they haven't found it yet.

Although this week's cow slaughter report indicates

slaughter is running 16 percent above the same period last year, slaughter numbers haven't been as high as the dismal milk prices may suggest. That means milk supply continues to outweigh demand, yet domestic cheese demand has been increasing at the same time cheese inventories are growing.

But in the face of all that bearish news, the cheese market has started to move higher — or at least it hasn't

been going back down.

Dave Kurzwski, an analyst with Downes-O'Neill in Chicago, said the cheese production numbers for April are the highest he's ever seen and not that far behind all-time highs set in March. But domestic consumers are also eating a lot of cheese. Commercial disappearance of American cheese was up 9 percent last month.

See **DEMAND**, Agribusiness 2



“It's not domestically where the (demand) problem is, it's exports.”

— Jeff Williams,
CEO of Glanbia in
Twin Falls

MORE DAIRY COVERAGE INSIDE

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Dates and deadlines

- June 30 - Deadline to report all crop acreage.
- Aug. 1 - Deadline to request farm combinations and farm divisions to be effective for the current fiscal year for farms subject to DCP.

- Aug. 3 - Deadline for County Office Committee Elections.
- Sept. 9 - Final day to submit MILK Income Loss Contract Extension applications.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, GAINERS, and LOSERS sections. Includes columns for Name, Vol(00), Last Chg, and %Chg.

INDEXES table showing Dow Jones Industrials, Dow Jones Transportation, NYSE Composite, etc.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST table listing various companies like AlliantEgy, AmCasino, and others with their stock prices.

HOW TO READ THE REPORT

Explanation of stock symbols and abbreviations used in the report, including terms like Name, Div, Last, Fund Name, and Stock Footnotes.

COMMODITIES REPORT

Table of COMMODITY PRICES including Dairy, Cheese, Potatoes, Livestock, and Beans with columns for Commodity, High, Low, Close, and Change.

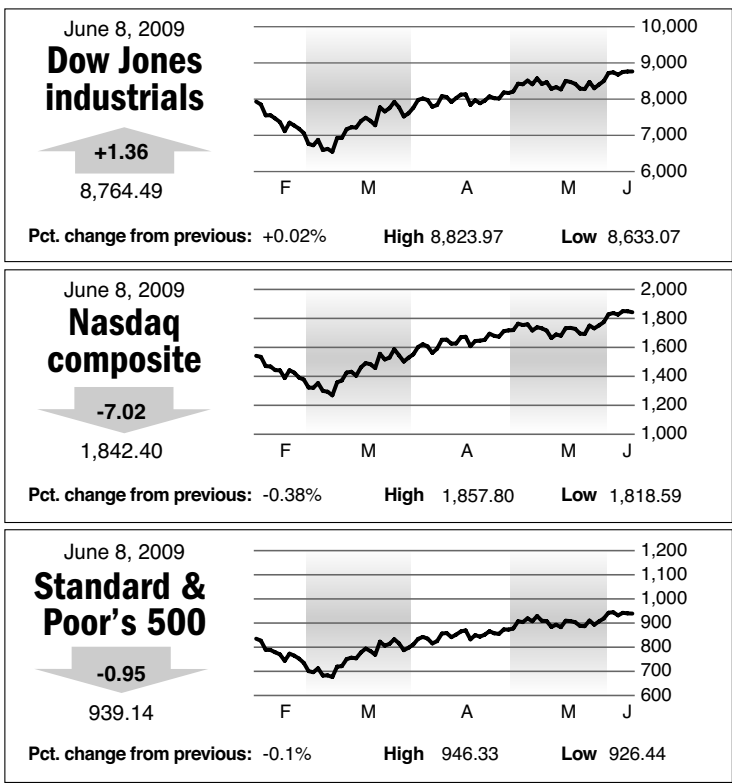
Table of BEANS and METALS/MONEY with prices for various types of beans and metals.

Table of GRAINS with prices for wheat, corn, and other grains.

Table of Livestock prices for lambs and hogs, including weights and prices.

Table of Nonferrous metals prices including Aluminum, Copper, and Lead.

TODAY ON WALL STREET



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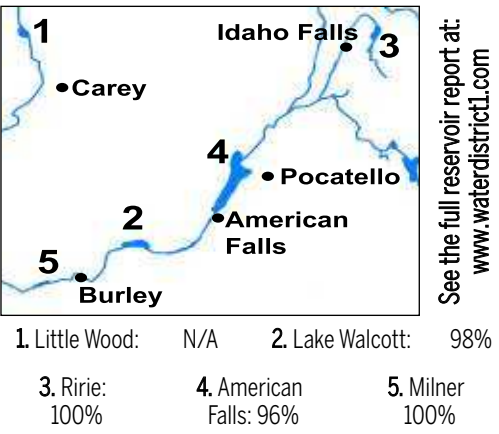
Demand

Continued from Agribusiness 1. While the need to cut supply by culling cows has received a lot of press attention, Kurzawski and others believe increasing demand is just as important.

"When stocks are at their largest, that marks the bottom of the market. But it takes a while for that to work through the market."

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors might be worried about the soundness of the market's rally but they're also worried about missing it.

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COMMODITY PRICES

Table of Dairy, Cheese, Potatoes, Livestock, and Beans prices.

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Table of Feed prices for Corn, Barley, and Hay.

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Table of Small grain prices for Soft white wheat, Rangen, and others.

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MARKET TRENDS

Dairy trends

Fluid milk sales into retail accounts are steady as many sellers continue to run promotional pricing on various size containers of bottled milk. These orders, however, are generally not enough to offset the seasonal decrease in orders from institutional accounts.

Prices for selected Western states and the change from last year are as follows: Arizona \$150, -\$35; California \$126, -\$97; Colorado \$160, +\$10; Idaho \$128, -\$37; Nevada \$150, -\$31; New Mexico \$183, -\$2; Oregon \$157, -\$22; Utah \$145, -\$10; and Washington \$150, -\$15.

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Barley trends

Local barley prices were slightly higher, ranging from no change lower to 25 cents higher this week.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture did not report any barley export sales last week.

Barley export shipments last week totaled .3 TMT for Mexico.

Source: Idaho Barley Commission

Hay trends

All classes of Alfalfa traded steady to weak com-

pared to last week's narrow test. Triticale hay not recently tested so no trend applicable.

Buyer demand light to moderate on all classes of hay. Buyers do not have large amounts of capital to currently be tying up on hay and many farmers are not anxious about selling at current levels. Several buyers are still in the looking mode and haven't purchased yet.

Rain has been received throughout several sectors of the state this week.

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Wheat trends

Local wheat prices were mixed this week: SSW ranged from 18 cents lower to 20 cents higher; HRW ranged from 8 cents lower to 3 cents higher; and DNS from 22 to 50 cents lower.

U.S. wheat export sales were below trade expectations last week at 88.4 TMT (new crop sales totaled 177 TMT), down 15% from the previous week and 27% from the prior 4-week average. Export shipments last week totaled 287.6 TMT, which was down 38% from the week before and 21% from the prior 4-week average.

Cumulative wheat export shipments for the new Marketing Year 2009-10 are 10.2% of the USDA estimate for the year, compared to a five-year average of 16.6%.

Source: Idaho Barley Commission

Dairy

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state and regional economists, because the dairy industry has become a key-stone to southern Idaho's economy — particularly in Magic Valley.

"The employment numbers alone are staggering," said Jan Roeser, regional economist with Idaho Department of Labor. "Although those jobs are not the highest paying, they still support a lot of workers in our area who spend their money here."

According to the department of labor, the dairy industry employed on average more than 5,000 people in south-central Idaho in 2008 — making it the largest employer in the region. Those jobs included positions in milk production, as well as more skilled labor in dairy processing facilities such as Glanbia, Jerome Cheese and Gossner.

A Boise State University study estimated that more than 22,700 jobs in Idaho are attributed to the state's dairy industry.

The industry's financial contribution to Idaho's economy is also staggering.

In 2008, cash receipts from milk production alone totaled \$2.2 billion, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The dairy industry generated more than \$1 billion in personal income in south-central Idaho — money that was injected into communities in the form of purchases of products and services. And the tax revenues in 2008, totaled \$67.5 million, according to the Idaho State Tax Commission.

But industry leaders say those figures will be the high-water mark unless something is done to support milk prices.

Bob Naerebout, executive director of the Idaho Dairy Farmers' Association, said the latest reports show first-quarter sales in 2009 are down \$225 million compared to the previous year.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, with the support

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— Bob Naerebout, executive director of the Idaho Dairy Farmers' Association

of congressional leaders, reenacted the Dairy Export Incentive Program, which pays dairy exporters — allowing them to sell products at lower prices.

However, skeptics say the program is too late because foreign markets are not buying.

Exports accounted for about 2 percent of U.S. milk sales this year, down from 6 percent a year ago, as markets in overseas were battered by a global recession and strengthening dollar.

"What we need to do is bring supply in line with demand," Naerebout said. "To do that we need the government to install new programs, and we need to expand the (Cooperatives Working Together) dairy herd buy down."

U.S. Senators Mike Crapo and Jim Risch, and Representatives Mike Simpson and Walt Minnick, have all written U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, encouraging him to change the way the USDA sets wholesale milk prices.

However, Vilsack said he is not eager to remake the USDA milk pricing program. Instead, he wants to see if a range of recent actions might buoy wholesale prices. USDA recently donated 500,000 pounds of excess powdered milk to needy countries to reduce U.S. supplies, and a new program will pay farmers to slaughter more than 100,000 dairy cows.

But producers are lobbying for a bill that would change the USDA pricing system for milk so that wholesale prices reflect what producers pay for feed, fuel and other supplies.

If that happens, milk would be the only commodity of its

kind to have a government-set price determined in part by the cost of production, said Scott Brown, dairy analyst at The University of Missouri's Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute.

Vilsack opposes the bill, saying a policy that raises farm-level prices will pass increases on to the consumer.

Dairy farmers have taken matters into their own hands, announcing through the cooperative the largest dairy-herd buy out — essentially, reimbursing dairymen to reduce milk production by sending their cows to slaughter.

According to a report from the cooperative, almost 80 percent of the cows that were removed from herds were from markets in the west and southwest, meaning that 81 percent of the milk removed will come from those two regions.

"All dairy farmers are stressed economically right now," the cooperative's board said in a written statement. "However, the number of cows bid in this round by producers in the West and Southwest is an indication that their financial stress is particularly acute given where their milk prices and input costs are."

But Naerebout said the buy down will be a short-term solution that could lead to long-term problems over milk shortages.

"If I was a national processor, I would be very concerned about the availability of milk in the years ahead," he said.

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HOLDING ON

Businesses catering to dairies waiting for price increase too

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

When dairy customers come into the Buhl L.L. Langdon store they are spending but they are definitely not throwing money around.

"I'd say it's cautious spending, definitely cautious," said owner Holly Langdon.

The business carries a variety of parts and supplies agriculture customers depend on, as well as provide welding and fabrication services.

When milk prices are healthy, customers are more apt to replace parts and engage Langdon's services for special projects. The current economic environment is leading to a pull back in general spending, creating a ripple effect touching many businesses in the Magic Valley.

"I've never seen it this bleak," said DeLaval Direct General Manager Jim Wathen. "With the high costs these guys are facing coupled with low milk prices...this is unprecedented."

Wathen said his 13 employees' work load has remained fairly strong, as the company had sold two large, special projects last year — before milk prices unexpectedly tumbled.

However, the 24-hour dairy service and supply company has seen revenue drop recently as dairymen give their all in reining in costs.

Dairies run all-day, every-day and Wathen said breakdowns and repair needs don't decline just because milk prices drop. However, instead of calling



BLAIR KOCH/For the Times-News

L.L. Langdon Lead Man Bud Martin welds a mailbox stand at the Buhl shop on Friday. The store, which does business for area dairies, is experiencing a downturn in business tied to lower milk prices and challenges faced by producers.

a service technician to fix a milk pump or other problems dairymen may repair things themselves.

"Service calls have slowed down quite a bit and that is our bread and butter. If they can repair it themselves to get by, well that's what they're going to do. We are getting called only when the problem is catastrophic," Wathen said.

With a milk price rebound expected by year's end, Wathen said the company is preparing to get busy.

"Once prices go up the phone will be ringing off the hook. Dairymen will be ready to get all the jobs done that they couldn't do," he said.

The story is much the same at the Twin Falls and Jerome Tractor and Implement branches. Like DeLaval, business is down but no employees have been let go.

"We've seen a slowdown

in this business for sure. They're just holding back on purchases but our service department is actually really busy," said General Manager Bob Wildman.

Cows have to eat and hays' first cutting is currently underway, which comes with plenty of expected tractor breakdowns.

"We're holding on...it's all related to dairies. Whether it be a producer or custom work the crop goes to the dairy anyway," Wildman said.

Market peaks and valleys are nothing new to the industry but this decline wasn't even on the horizon last year, which led to purchasing too much inventory for sale this year.

"We have to order a year in advance and last year we didn't know this recession would be so bad. Our whole goods inventory is overstocked at this point," Wildman said.

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Protein

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working with believes the product may also help diabetics who can lose limbs after wounds that don't heal lead to infection.

"By using this product, they can save a high percentage of limbs that would otherwise have to be amputated," said Jeff Williams, CEO of Glanbia.

He sees a lot of growth potential in value added products that can be made from whey including functional food items such as sports drinks and power bars.

However, cheese production remains the dominant force in the dairy market in south-central Idaho.

Advances in the cheese case are more likely result from tweaking a product to better meet a customer's needs than developing a whole new product that meets a new need.

"We're running our cheese plants 24/7," Williams said, "There's not a lot of scope for innovation."

Glanbia had been seeing significant growth in the organic cheese market until the world wide economic tailspin hit. Since the economic downturn, he has seen some pullback in that area. However, Glanbia anticipates the organic cheese category will continue to grow once the economy improves.

Cheese exports also slowed with the economy.

"We anticipate putting a lot of effort and resources into developing export markets in the future."

Williams said. Connecting milk producers to the end user is key to making the export market take off.

Those new cheese markets aren't going away, Williams said. "We've just got to get through these tough economic conditions."

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FSA County Committee nominations to begin

Times-News staff

SHOSHONE — Janie Hudson, county executive director for USDA's Farm Service Agency in Lincoln and Blaine counties, announced that farmer and rancher candidate nominations will begin June 15 for local Farm Service Agency county committees.

The nomination period will continue through Aug. 3 — elections will take place this fall.

"I encourage all producers to participate in the county committee election process by nominating candidates by the Aug. 3 deadline," said Hudson. "We are counting on as much participation as possible, because county committees are an important link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. We have seen a trend in recent years of increased nominations of minority and women producers and we hope that will continue."

To be eligible to serve on an county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area in which the person is a candidate.

Producers may also nominate themselves, and

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To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign form FSA-669A. The form and other valuable information about FSA county committee elections are available online at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=newsroom&subject=landing&topic=cce>.

organizations representing minority and women may also nominate candidates.

Nomination forms for the 2009 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 3.

FSA county committee members make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other important agricultural issues. Members serve three-year terms. Nationwide, there are more than 7,800 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA county committees. Committees consist of three to five members who are elected by eligible local producers.

FSA will mail ballots to producers beginning Nov. 6. The voted ballots are due back to the local county office either via mail or in person by Dec. 7, 2009.

Newly elected committee members and alternates will take office Jan. 1, 2010.

Hay prices shaping up to be lower than '08

Other feed stocks could prove difficult for milk-feed ratio

By Cindy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

The first cutting of hay is on schedule and that should come as good news for dairymen who are looking for a break after record high 2008 feed contracts. However, other feed stocks might continue to pinch the pocketbooks of dairymen and beef producers.

Growers say that as long as temperatures stay cool, the alfalfa is not breaking bud. But if temperatures warm the plants may bloom before growers can get the hay cut and that's when quality disappears.

"It's a timing game right now," said Don Hale, a grower in Blackfoot. "You've got to shoot for the highest quality hay you can raise."

He said high quality hay is the only way to earn a profit at a time when production costs are high and prices are expected to be \$50 lower per ton compared to the previous year — prices are expected to be between \$140 to \$150 a ton.

Although hay prices will likely soften going into the growing season, Hale thinks hay could strengthen by \$20 a ton later in the year if supply turns out to be more lower than people anticipate.

Much of the first cutting is green chopped in the Magic Valley to provide needed feed for dairy cows.

Butch Morris, who grows hay in Gooding County, said economics are pushing the dairy he raises hay for to opt for baling instead. Dairies

can fill silage pits with corn silage in the fall, but getting enough hay in the stack to get through the winter is critical.

According to the Idaho Agriculture Statistics Service, Idaho's hay stocks in May totaled 450,000 tons, up 50 percent compared to the previous year — hay production during 2008 was up 5 percent from the prior year.

But Hale thinks that number is somewhat misleading because most of last year's hay is under contract.

"We're seeing old hay shipped now but it's all under contract," he said. "Especially with the late spring, guys have had to feed more hay."

In other feed markets, some analysts believe the worst is yet to come in terms of corn and soybean prices.

July corn futures jumped into the \$4.40s on June 1 for the first time since early January. Corn prices are up about 80 cents over the last

three months, said Alan Leavitt, editor of CME's Daily Dairy Report.

July soybean futures broke \$12 a bushel on the same day for the first time since last September. Nearby soybean contracts are up about \$3.70 per bushel over the last three months.

June and July milk feed ratios will be "pitiful," Leavitt said.

The milk-feed ratio, an indication of the price of milk compared to the cost of feed, is used to gauge industry profitability. Whenever the milk-feed ratio is above 3, it is considered a signal to the industry to expand. When the ratio neared 2 a year ago, some dairy analysts started to become worried about the financial health of the industry.

The ratio was 1.5 last month. "That's almost as low as it's ever been," said Wilson Gray, University of Idaho extension livestock specialist.



Consumers wondering why prices are not dropping at market



Darrell Kraus prepares equipment before milking on his dairy farm in Barnhart, Mo., on March 16.

Processors say they are making up for past losses

By Chirstopher Leonard
Associated Press writer

BARNHART, Mo. — Nine months after dairy prices began tumbling on the farm, consumers aren't seeing the full benefits of the crash at the checkout counter.

The average price for a gallon of milk at grocery stores last month is down

just 19 percent from its peak of \$3.83 in July. Farmers, on the other hand, got \$1.04 a gallon in April — 35 percent less than they were paid last fall. This winter, wholesale prices were down as much as 45 percent.

Price disparities are a fact of life both for farmers and anyone who shops at a supermarket, but the nature of milk — how it's stored, priced and sold around the world — makes the gap all the more dramatic. In fact, the price that farmers get has been wildly volatile for years, creating a succession of booms and

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— Darrell Kraus, a dairyman in Barnhart, Mo.

busts felt from pastures to the grocery store.

With each turn, proposals are floated to end the pricing seesaw, which at one extreme squeezes the profits of farmers and the other squeezes dairy processors. Any fix that boosts the price of milk runs the risk of bumping up how much consumers pay, too.

Today, frustrations are spilling over as the price crash creates widely divergent fortunes within the milk industry, boosting profits for the middlemen like dairy processors while pushing farmers to the edge of bankruptcy.

Darrell Kraus, a dairyman in Barnhart, spends almost as much today on hay and other supplies for his herd of 160 cows as he did a year ago, but he's getting paid less for a gallon of milk than his father in the 1970s. He blames middlemen who buy the milk from the dairies, process it and sell it to grocery stores at higher prices.

"Somebody's getting a cut of this, but it's not the

dairy farmer," he said. "It's sad, but they're going to see a lot of dairy farms go out of business."

At a grocery store in Fayetteville, Ark., Katherine Thacker noticed how milk prices were slowly falling — but not as drastically as last year's price hikes. She was surprised to learn that the lower wholesale milk prices were being absorbed by dairy processors.

"That's kind of criminal, isn't it?" she said.

Milk processors and supermarkets see it differently.

Last fall and summer, they swallowed losses because of high wholesale milk prices and government-mandated ceilings on what they can charge.

They're now recouping some of what they lost and anticipating a rise in prices this winter, said Mike Nosewicz, vice president of dairy operations at Cincinnati-based Kroger Co., which operates its own dairy processing division and sells milk through 2,400 supermarkets.

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NOTICE OF SALE

North Side Rentals, Inc., under provision of Idaho Code 28-7-210 will sell at Klaas Auction on June 9, 2009 the stored items of:
Shawn Erke, Jerome, ID

PUBLISH: June 2 and 9, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. 09-0053934 Title Order No. 090305394IDGNO Parcel No. RPT3901001013A The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, in the lobby of Land Title & Escrow, 1411 Fillmore Street, Suite 600 Twin Falls, ID 83301, on 09/22/2009 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 05/07/2007 as Instrument Number 2007-010906, and executed by **SHIRLEY J NELSON-THORSON, AND CLIFTON THORSON, WIFE AND HUSBAND**, as Grantor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, to RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Twin Falls County, state of Idaho: Lot 13 in Block 1 of Northview Addition, according to the official plat thereof, filed in Book 1 of Plats at Page (s) 103, Official Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. And a portion of Lot 14 in block 1 of Northview Addition, according to the official plat thereof, filed in Book 1 of Plats at Page (s) 103, Official Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Lot 14, which is the true point of beginning; thence North 0 degrees 53'30" East, 3.2 feet; Thence Westerly along a board fence to a point that is North 0 degrees 07' 00" East 2.3 feet of the Southwest corner of said Lot 14; Thence South 0 degrees 07'00" West 2.3 feet to the Southwest corner of said Lot 14; Thence Easterly along the South boundary of said Lot 14 to the True Point of Beginning. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of **319 TYLER ST, TWIN FALLS, ID 83301-4760** is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 01/01/2009 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter, plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 6.250% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$82,236.77, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and /or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustees' fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT TIM DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. DATED : 05/15/2009 Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 80028-1821 PHONE: (800) 281-8219 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. Successor Trustee Kari Marx, Assistant Secretary ASAP# 3110540

PUBLISH: May 26, June 2, 9 and 16, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Loan No. 657898426 T.S. No. ID-09-273661-TD On 9/16/2009, at 11:00:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho: In the lobby of Land Title & Escrow, 1411 Fillmore Street, Suite 600 Twin Falls, ID 83301, Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee on behalf of JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of TWIN FALLS State of Idaho, and described as follows: LOT 1, BLOCK 9, MONTE VISTA NO.2 SUBDIVISION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, RECORDED IN BOOK 7 OF PLATS, PAGE 13, RECORDS OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of **794 ALTURAS DR N, Twin Falls, ID 83301** is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by **DALE R. BLACK AND GRETCHEN E. BLACK** as Grantor/Trustor, in which JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, is named as Beneficiary and OPTIMA, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION as Trustee and recorded 10/4/2005 as Instrument No. 2005-022402 in book -, page - of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of TWIN FALLS County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4) (A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 9/19/2005. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$658.72, due per month for the months of 9/23/2008 through 4/27/2009, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$26,556.91 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 3.4000 per cent (%) per annum from 8/23/2008. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: 5/18/2009 By: Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Agent 2141 5th Avenue San Diego CA 92101 Tara Donzella, Assistant Vice President ***For Sale Information Call: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 3115079

PUBLISH: June 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2009

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

Case No.: CV-09-2627

A Petition to change the name of Justin James Haney, born July 25, 1992 in Nampa, Id residing at 738 Locust St., has been filed in Fifth County District Court, Idaho. The name will change to Justin James Russell, because fathers last name. The child's father is living. The child's mother is living. A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 9:00 o'clock A.M. on July 13, 2009, at the County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name changes. Date: June 1, 2009 By Deputy Clerk

PUBLISH: June 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. 08-0104047 Title Order No. W832513 Parcel No. RPB7361062001A The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, in the lobby of Land Title & Escrow, 1411 Fillmore Street, Suite 600 Twin Falls, ID 83301, on 10/05/2009 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 11/22/2006 as Instrument Number 2006-029876, and executed by **LAWRENCE E. MCBRIDE, JR. AND MARI MCBRIDE, HUSBAND AND WIFE**, as Grantor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, to RECONTRUST COMPANY, the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Twin Falls County, state of Idaho: LOT 1 AND THE NORTHWEST ONE-HALF OF LOT 2 IN BLOCK 62 OF FAIT ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN BOOK 6 OF PLATS AT PAGE(S) 26, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of **729 8TH AVENUE NORTH, BUHL, ID 83316** is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 06/01/2008 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter, plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 9.750% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$110,157.70, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and /or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustees' fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. DATED : 05/22/2009 Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: RECONTRUST COMPANY 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., SV2-202 SIMI VALLEY, CA 80028-1821 PHONE: (800) 281-8219 RECONTRUST COMPANY Successor Trustee Kari Marx, Assistant Secretary ASAP# 3121555

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No.: ID-09-268380-TD Loan No.: 5303959562 On 9/23/2009 at 11:00:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of, Twin Falls, State of Idaho: In the lobby of Land Title & Escrow, 1411 Fillmore Street, Suite 600 Twin Falls, ID 83301, Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC and Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee, on behalf of U.S. Bank, National Association as trustee for Wamu Mortgage Pass Through Certificate for WMALT Series 2007-OA1 Trust will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Lot 8 Candleridge Subdivision, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof recorded in Book 13 of Plats, Page 21, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of **1264 Madrona Street North, Twin Falls, ID 83301**, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by **Valerie J. Burke**, a married woman as her sole and separate property, as grantor/Trustor, in which Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Horizon Home Loan Corporation, is named as Beneficiary and Transnation Title & Escrow Inc. as Trustee and recorded 9/13/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-023028 in book -, page - of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Twin Falls County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506 (4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 9/7/2006. The monthly installments of principal, interest and impounds (if applicable) of \$1,120.80, due per month for the months of 12/11/2008 through 5/14/2009, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$231,862.29, together with interest thereon at the current rate of 7.1520 per cent (%) per annum from 11/1/2008. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Dated: 5/21/2009 By: Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee, Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Agent 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 By: Tara Donzella, Assistant Vice President *** For Sale Information Call: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 3122324

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

Wendell School District No. 232
Gooding County, Idaho

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an amendment to the Wendell School District 2008-09 budget will be presented to the Board of Trustees at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 in the Wendell High School Library.
Carol Case, Clerk
Wendell School District No. 232

Publish: June 2 and June 9, 2009

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

Case No. CV 2007-4691
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate and Person of
LAWRENCE A. SHERIDAN,
An Incapacitated Person.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned conservator has acquired all of the powers and duties of a personal representative for the estate of Lawrence A. Sheridan who died December 11, 2008. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the firm of Coleman, Ritchie & Robertson, 156 2nd Avenue West, P. O. Box 525, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0525, and filed with the Court.
DATED this 18 day of May, 2009.
/s/CECILIA E. MATTHEWS
Conservator for the estate of Lawrence A. Sheridan

PUBLISH: May 26, June 2 and 9, 2009

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

Case No. CV-09-1391
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

CRAZY M, LLC, an Idaho Limited Liability Company, d/b/a **LYNWOOD SHOPPING CENTER**,
Plaintiff,

vs.

DEBORAH J. FRANKLIN, an Individual, and **PATRICIA ALIRES**,
d/b/a **MR. POSTMAN**,
Defendants.

TO: DEFENDANT PATRICIA ALIRES:

You have been sued by the Plaintiff in the District Court in and for Twin Falls County, Idaho, Case Number CV-09-1391. The claim against you is for payment of outstanding rent charges pursuant to Lease agreement.

Any time after twenty (20) days following the last publication of this Summons, the Court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the case number, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 425 Shoshone St. North and served a copy of your response on the Plaintiff's attorney at Law Office of Steven Pitts, P.A., 450 Falls Ave., Suite 201, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

A copy of the Summons and Complaint may be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiffs. If you want legal assistance, you should retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

DATED this 20th day of April 2009.
TWIN FALLS COUNTY DISTRICT COURT
By /s/Deputy Clerk

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Filer School District #413, 700 B Stevens Avenue, Filer, ID 83328 until **June 17, 2009 at 2:00 pm** for the following projects:

- **Re-Bid the Roofing of the New Filer Intermediate School**
- **Re-Bid the Roofing of the New High School Additions & Field House and Re-Roofing of the Existing High School**
- **Re-Roofing of the Existing Middle School (Misc. Plumbing & Electrical)**
- **Re-Paving of the Existing Middle School**

A pre-bid conference will be held **June 10, 2009 at 2:00 pm** at the Brennan Construction Job trailer located at the Filer High School.

Bids will be opened at the above stated place and read aloud, following the closing time for receipt of bids. Bidders and other property interested parties are invited to be present at bid opening.

Drawings will be available on June 3, 2009, from the Construction Manager, Brennan Construction Company. Drawings and specifications, including bidding documents and conditions of agreement, may be examined at the following offices:

Brennan Construction 718 S. 2 nd Pocatello, ID 83204 208-232-0613 Fax-208-232-5021	AGC-Twin Falls 1415 N Fillmore, Ste 703A Twin Falls, ID 83301 208-734-1831 Fax-208-734-1763
Twin Falls Plan Room 124 Blue Lakes Blvd. S., Suite 6 Twin Falls, ID 83301 208-734-7526 Fax-208-734-7731	Intermountain Contractor 1743 West Alexander Rd. Salt Lake City, UT 84119 801-972-4400 Fax-801-972-8975
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Bona fide prime bidders and major sub-bidders may obtain one (1) complete set of construction documents at Brennan Construction Company's office upon deposit of **\$100.00 for each set. Plan holders may retain the construction documents for seven (7) days, and must return them within that time in order to have the deposit refunded. If a plan holder retains the construction documents for more than seven (7) days, the deposit will be forfeited. If desired, bidders may purchase a set of the construction documents for \$100.00. Direct all inquiries to Joe Reams of Brennan Construction Company at (208) 232-0613.**

All bids must be made on the forms furnished and must be signed by the bidder with its name and post office address.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled time for receipt of bids unless the award of contract is delayed for a period exceeding thirty (30) days.

Any successful bidder for work involving a contract amount greater than \$10,000.00 will be required to furnish performance and payment bonds equal to the full contract amount.

Bidders must be licensed in the State of Idaho, in accordance with provisions of Idaho Code §§ 54-1901 et seq. ("Public Works Contractors"). The term "Public Works Contractors" includes, but is not limited to, general contractors, subcontractors and specialty contractors.

Any successful bidder shall carry out its employment practices and payment of wages according to the provisions of Idaho Code §§ 44-1001 through 44-1005 ("Public Works"), and shall comply with the Equal Employment Opportunity provisions set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations.

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NOTICES

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
MURTAUGH JT. SCHOOL DIST. NO. 418
TWIN FALLS & CASSIA COUNTIES, IDAHO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Murtaugh Jt. School District No. 418, Twin Falls and Cassia Counties Idaho, will be held on June 15, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Murtaugh High School Library, 500 W. Boyd St. Murtaugh Idaho, at which meeting there shall be a public hearing on the maintenance and operation budget for the forthcoming school year.

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the School District Office at 500 West Boyd Street, Murtaugh Idaho 83344 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. from the date of this notice until the date of the hearing.

This budget hearing is called pursuant to section 33-801, Idaho Code as amended. Clerk, Murtaugh Jt. School District 418 Twin Falls & Cassia Counties, Idaho

ESTIMATED BUDGET Statement 2009 - 2010 School Budget
Murtaugh School District #418

REVENUES	2006-07	2007-08	Proposed 2008-09	Proposed 2009-10
General Fund Carryover	\$160,031	160,031	160,000	160,000
Local Tax Revenue	\$250,442	15,606	16,074	16,586
Other Local	\$240,752	244,105	294,693	258,630
Intermediate Revenue	\$58,128	57,674	55,043	41,000
State Revenue	\$1,200,470	1,516,260	1,614,189	1,646,163
Federal Revenue	\$140,430	190,000	200,000	315,349
Other Sources	\$198,971	125,304	121,707	103,559
Judgments	\$ -	\$ -		
TOTALS	\$2,249,224	\$2,308,980	\$2,461,706	\$2,541,287

EXPENDITURES	2006-07	2007-08	Proposed 2008-09	Proposed 2009-10
Salaries	\$1,062,055	1,145,357	1,224,540	1,307,038
Benefits	\$346,536	356,343	389,810	369,360
Purchased Services	\$66,744	59,050	68,070	88,445
Materials and Supplies	\$203,700	194,910	220,976	204,813
Capital Outlay	\$174,714	166,079	171,690	168,371
Debt Retirement	\$34,764	35,105	35,000	28,630
Insurance and Judgments	\$50,450	47,000	44,540	71,000
Transfers	\$4,000			
Contingency Reserve	\$160,031	160,031	160,000	160,000
Bond	\$146,230	\$145,105	\$147,080	\$143,830
TOTALS	\$2,249,224	\$2,308,980	\$2,461,706	\$2,541,287

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LOST English Springer, female, liver & white in color, has a red collar, thin. "Bel" lost on 5/30 from 1650 N. 800 W. North of Paul. 532-4215

102 Cards of Thanks

THANK YOU
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106 Special Notices

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Sneed pitches Cowboys to victory

By John Derr
Times-News writer

Cy Sneed was in control. The Twin Falls Cowboy pitcher scattered three hits and struck out seven on the way to a 6-1 victory over Madison in American Legion Baseball Class AA Area C action Monday afternoon.

"I kept the ball down, kept the count low and let the guys make the plays," said Sneed.

The Cowboys won what head coach Tim Stadelmeir called a "gruesome game," defeating Madison in the nightcap 14-11.

Their record now stands at 3-0 on the season.

It was a pitchers' duel early with Sneed and Madison's Casper Cade

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— Twin Falls Cowboys pitcher Cy Sneed

breezing through batters.

Twin Falls scored in the first with Remington Pullin smacking the RBI double to plate Zeb Sneed.

The Bobcats would tie it in the second off a single

pitch, which Rhett Sutton blasted over the left-center fence.

"That was my worst pitch of the day. I sent it right down the middle, and you can't do that against good

hitters," added Sneed.

He wouldn't give Madison any more chances. While Cy Sneed was racking up the Ks, the Cowboy line-up finally broke the game open in the fifth.

Three straight fielding errors scored one and put two in scoring position. Zeb Sneed and Pullin stroked

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Playing for Dad: Coats finds solace on volleyball court

Senior nights. Graduation. Turning 18.

Going off to college. Everything Erica Coats wanted to share with her father, Ed, happened without him. Monday, June 8, marked two years to the day when a drunk driver smashed into Ed Coats' vehicle on the Hansen Bridge, killing him and robbing a family of a husband and father.



BRADLEY GUIRE

After that, Erica, a member of many Twin Falls High School girls athletic teams, didn't want to play volleyball. She didn't want to leave home for college. She didn't want to do anything that made her feel good.

"I didn't want to go play volleyball because it was making me happy," she said, "and I didn't feel like I needed to be happy when, like, my dad wasn't here."

Still, Erica recently accepted a volleyball scholarship from Eastern Wyoming College in Torrington, Wyo., a small town that she described as feeling "homey."

That's not to say it didn't take some prodding from her sister, Kari, for Erica to return to the game. She decided to stick with volleyball, seeing no reason to bring everyone else down just because she was down. Head volleyball coach B.J. Price recalled one of the first tournaments of the 2007 season, her junior year, and how Erica left to attend a memorial. She could have taken the day off or the whole weekend, but she returned for her teammates, supporting them on the court as they supported her off the court anytime she needed a hug or a sympathetic ear.

"She was like, 'My heart is with you guys, and I want to be here,'" Price said. "It was a hard day for her."

Erica played for the Bruin softball team and rejoined the basketball team for her senior year. All that time she had meaningful dialogues with her sister, who sent out some feelers to college programs. Kari's most significant contribution was reminding Erica that their

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Times-News file photo

Twin Falls High School volleyball player Erica Coats goes to the net in a match against Minico at Baun Gymnasium on Sept. 17, 2008.

LESSONS LEARNED : LESSONS TAUGHT

Former T.F. star Petersen returns for CSI camp

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

She was a conspicuous figure at Eagle Field Monday.

While most wore white camp shirts or Golden Eagle yellow or black, Amber Petersen sported the bright red of the Rebels adorned with the initials UNLV in black above the face of the University of Nevada-Las Vegas Rebel. The former Twin Falls High School Bruin had come to help out Nick Baumert, her one-time coach, with the College of Southern Idaho's youth softball camp in Twin Falls.

As one of only a few active NCAA Division I athletes from the Magic Valley, she was a solid fit with the rest of the staff, which included CSI softball assistant Debbie Dodds, former UCLA Bruin and volunteer pitching coach Courtney Dale, student assistant Desi Thomson and many of this spring's Golden Eagles.

"I love working with young athletes," Petersen said. "It's cool to be able to help build a hometown program and interest with the girls in our area."

Petersen worked with pitchers Monday — the first day of camp for girls age 11 to 16, some of whom travelled from Fruitland, Elko, Nev., and Wells, Nev. It's a subject Petersen knows a bit about. Her senior-season performance of a 24-2 record with a 0.17 ERA and 307 strikeouts got her a walk-on spot at

UNLV. Petersen finished 0-1 with a 4.53 ERA in 17 innings with nine strikeouts during her freshman season. She started against the University of Illinois-Chicago and the loss was recorded against New York's Seton Hall University. UNLV finished 31-21 (7-8 in the Mountain West Conference) and qualified for the Los Angeles Regional of the NCAA National Tournament, where they were eliminated in two games.

"I didn't pitch much, but when I did it was good for me to see it's very much a higher level," Petersen said. "Every pitch is crucial that you're focused. One mistake can lead to the ballgame. I learned more focus and the importance of pitch by pitch. There are a lot of great players out there."

This week she may pass those lessons on to the Magic Valley's next NCAA-bound pitcher as she continues to help at the camp while getting back to the weight room, as the Rebels have already started conditioning for next season.

"She's going into education, so it's a natural fit for her," Baumert said. "Obviously, she's someone you want involved with your program, even though she's not playing (for CSI), just to have that level of athlete and level of person here."

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Twin Falls High School graduate Amber Petersen, who currently pitches with the University of Nevada-Las Vegas softball team, coaches Meghan Rich, 12, of Elko, Nev., Monday at a camp at the College of Southern Idaho's Eagle Field in Twin Falls.

Vanishing act? Lakers try to make Magic vanish

By Antonio Gonzalez
Associated Press writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — Kobe Bryant has changed his look.

Gone is the teeth-baring, nose-flaring, eyes-on-the-prize scowl that the Los Angeles Lakers star showed again and again in Game 1 of the NBA finals. The intensity diminished after Game 2, his expression morphing into one of relief and sheer luck.

A botched layup by Magic rookie Courtney Lee is perhaps the biggest reason why these finals are not tied and why Bryant isn't smiling even with his team up 2-0. That level of seriousness might be cause for Orlando to grimace.

The Magic nearly returned from Los Angeles with the best-of-seven series tied. Instead, they're down 2-0, and now Bryant has a promise for tonight's



Game 3

Lakers at Magic
7 p.m., ABC

Game 3.

"We're about to kick it up," he said. "You'd better believe it. We're close. You

see what I'm saying? This is the finals. We're going to be ready to go."

For all the bravado, the Lakers can be careless, a team with holes and an inability to finish off an opponent as a champion must. They let Houston extend a series despite the absence of Yao Ming. Denver outmuscled and outthusted a Lakers team that seemed to lose its enthusiasm until Game 6 of

the conference finals.

Los Angeles believes those days are over.

"We're playing tougher," forward Pau Gasol said. "We understand what it takes to go get the championship."

This is a franchise closing in on its 15th title. It is facing Magic team still searching for its first finals victory. Bryants insists this is no time to get comfortable.

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AP photo

Orlando Magic forward Rashard Lewis (9) reacts after teammate Courtney Lee missed a shot at the buzzer during the second half of Game 2 of the NBA finals, Sunday, in Los Angeles. The Lakers won 101-96 to take a 2-0 series lead as it shifts to Orlando for tonight's Game 3.

Daly fails to get through U.S. Open qualifying

GERMANTOWN, Tenn. (AP) — John Daly makes his return to the PGA Tour this week.

His return to the U.S. Open will have to wait at least another year.

In his first time competing in America since the PGA Tour lifted his six-month suspension, Daly managed only four birdies over 36 holes of a U.S. Open qualifier Monday. He shot 1-over 143 and didn't come close to getting one of 13 spots available in Tennessee.

"My feet are tired," Daly said after politely declining an interview with a Memphis TV station.

Daly was awarded a sponsor's exemption for the St. Jude Classic, which starts Thursday, and he took one positive out of two mediocre rounds at Ridgeway (70) and

Germantown (73). At least it helped him make the transition from playing in Europe.

"Being over there for five weeks, the greens are so much slower there and I wasn't used to the speed," he said later. "I haven't putted on Bermuda greens in a long time. Boy, talk about not even sniffing a putt."

He'll have to change his clothes when he gets back on the PGA Tour, though.

One of the charms of U.S. Open qualifying is that all players are allowed to wear shorts. Daly stood out on this steamy day, wearing knee-length shorts with a blue-and-white checkered pattern. But he looked slimmer than he has in years after a stomach surgery in February that limits his appetite. Daly said he weighed 218 pounds when he checked on Sunday.

Coats

Continued from Sports 1 father would not want them to grieve forever.

"He wants me to be happy," Erica said. "He wants me to go play volleyball, so that's what I'm going to do."

It still wasn't an easy decision to make — "I don't want to leave my mom," she said, "I'm the last one at home." — but the continuing support from her family, friends and teammates during the past two years has guided her to this point. College volleyball was a

dream that no one wanted her to give up.

"I'm going to do it for my dad," she said. "It's totally for him and my mom, because my mom's given me everything, all the strength."

For someone who has lost so much, Erica thinks of everyone but herself. It is a revelation of a character forged by life's toughest trials.

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Cowboys

Continued from Sports 1 RBI singles for the 4-1 lead.

"My first at bat I felt good and loose. After that I muscled up at bit and swung at a few balls," said Pullin. "We are doing pretty good right now, but we can be better."

Designated hitter Jayson Welker chipped in two-run single in the sixth for a little extra cushion.

Madison threatened in the bottom of the seventh, but a strikeout and a pair of infield groundouts ended the game.

"Giving up just a run and three hits is good, but we need to be more aggressive," added Cy Sneed.

Zeb Sneed homered twice in the sixth inning of the second game. T.J. Ellis went 3-4; Jayson Welker hit 2-2 and Pullin went 2-3. Michael Williams was the winning picture of Game 2.

The Class A Cowboys swept Jerome winning the opener 15-1 and then won an extra-inning nightcap, 6-5 in eight. The deciding run

Rain shakes up Burley's schedule

The Burley Green Sox Class A team will host the Idaho Falls Rangers at noon today for a doubleheader. The game was originally slated for Idaho Falls, but heavy rains forced the game to Burley. Burley's doubleheader at Upper Valley on Monday was rained out.

was scored as Zayne Slotten doubled to drive in Eric Harr, who reached second on a walk and passed ball. No box scores were available.

Their record now stands at 3-3 on the season.

Game 1
Twin Falls 6, Madison 1
Madison 010 000 0-133
Twin Falls 100 032X-673
Casper, Cade and Chad Snell; Cy Sneed and Remington Pullin, W. Sneed, L. Cade.
Extra-base hits - 2B: Twin Falls, Pullin, Jacob Coats.
HR: Madison, Rhett Sutton.

Game 2
Twin Falls 6, Madison 5, 8 Innings
Box score not available.

Finals

Continued from Sports 1

"What's there to be happy about?" he asked. "The job's not finished."

The Magic have had their shots — one in particular — to change the series.

Lee missed a wide-open, alley-oop layup that would have won Game 2 at the fourth-quarter buzzer Sunday night. It was another chapter in a long history of Magic misery, one that now has them 0-6 in finals games.

Call it the "alley-oops." This mistake, however, might hurt the most.

Orlando has been able to come back from seemingly every heartbreak this season — injuries, four last-second losses in the playoffs and series deficits in two rounds. But this could be too tough a challenge. Only three teams have won a title after losing the first two games in the finals, most recently Miami over Dallas in 2006.

"We've just got to go home and take care of business," Magic center Dwight Howard said. "The Lakers did a good job of protecting their home, and now it's our turn to do the same thing. We've been in some tough situations. We've just got to fight our way out."

Magic coach Stan Van Gundy led the Heat to start that 2005-06 season before

stepping aside. He was still on the Heat payroll helping Pat Riley from afar.

"Dallas never won another game," Van Gundy said. "You know, series can change."

The Magic would need quite a turnaround. Their backcourt has been dreadful. Rafer Alston and Jameer Nelson, who returned for the finals after being out since early February because of shoulder surgery, were so inconsistent that Van Gundy benched them for most of the fourth quarter to have 6-foot-10 forward Hedo Turkoglu run the point.

The Magic had 20 turnovers, just 22 assists and no true ballhandler to make the Lakers pay for double-teaming Howard. With Nelson coming off the bench in place of reliable reserve Anthony Johnson and Alston having already said he wasn't pleased with his minutes in Game 1, Van Gundy might face another dilemma.

"We were just trying to see if we could get somebody out there who would make shots off of the double-teams and off of the pick-and-rolls and things like that," Van Gundy said. "I thought our guys fought hard, but we couldn't make enough plays. And the 20 turnovers crushed us."

Contreras makes big return

CHICAGO — Jose Contreras allowed one hit in eight strong innings in his return to the majors Monday night, getting his first win in nearly a year as the Chicago White Sox beat the Detroit Tigers 6-1 to earn a split in their day-night doubleheader.

Alexei Ramirez, Scott Podsednik and Jim Thome homered for the White Sox in the second game after Detroit won the opener 5-4 as Brandon Inge hit a go-ahead RBI single in the ninth.

Contreras (1-5), officially recalled from Triple-A between games, ruptured his Achilles tendon last August. He made a quick recovery but struggled when he returned this season and on May 10 was sent to Charlotte, where he made five starts.

The 37-year-old Contreras allowed a two-out double to Clete Thomas in the first and had two stretches of 11 straight batters retired in earning his first win since June 27, 2008. He walked one and struck out three.

Chicago's three homers came off Detroit's Jeremy Bonderman (0-1), who was making his first major league appearance since June 1, 2008 and was activated from the disabled list between games. Bonderman had surgery June 30 last year to correct a condition that caused a blood clot in his pitching arm.

He lasted four-innings plus, gave up eight hits and was charged with six runs.

YANKEES 5, RAYS 3

NEW YORK — Andy Pettitte recovered from two wild outings, Johnny Damon hit a tiebreaking home run in the sixth inning and the Yankees defeated the Rays.

Mark Teixeira, Nick Swisher and Derek Jeter also homered for the Yankees, who got all their runs on



AP photo

Chicago White Sox starting pitcher Jose Contreras delivers Monday during the first inning of the second game of a doubleheader in Chicago. Contreras pitched a one-hitter through seven innings.

longballs as Andy Sonnanstine allowed a career-high four. Tampa Bay's Gabe Kapler hit his first home run of the season.

Damon broke a 3-3 tie in the sixth with a drive to right off Sonnanstine (4-6), and Jeter chased him with a leadoff drive in the eighth. Nine of Damon's 12 home runs this season and six of Jeter's eight have come at home.

Pettitte (6-2) allowed three runs and five hits in six innings.

BLUE JAYS 6, RANGERS 3

ARLINGTON, Texas — Adam Lind homered twice and drove in four runs, and the Blue Jays snapped a nine-game road losing streak, beating the Rangers.

Lind, who is 18 for 40 his last 10 games, hit two-run blasts in the second and fourth innings off Rangers starter Scott Feldman. It was Lind's first multi-homer game of his career.

Casey Janssen (2-2) gave up three runs, six hits and

struck out six in 5 1-3 innings. The right-hander made his fourth start of the season after missing 2008 with a torn labrum.

Scott Downs got the final out in the eighth and pitched a scoreless ninth to earn his eighth save in nine chances.

Feldman (5-1) lost for the first time in nine starts this season.

NATIONAL LEAGUE MARLINS 4, GIANTS 0

MIAMI — Sean West did not allow a hit until the seventh inning in his fourth career start and Brett Carroll hit his first career home run to help Florida Marlins beat Randy Johnson and the San Francisco Giants 4-0 on Monday night.

West (1-1) allowed one baserunner — a leadoff walk to Andres Torres in the third — through the first six innings. Edgar Renteria then lined a single to left on West's first pitch of the seventh.

Red Wings look for Game 6 clincher

Game 6

Red Wings at Penguins
6 p.m., NBC

last one there, it will be more than an image to the Penguins. It will be an instant replay.

Not since Montreal clinched in Boston in 1977 and 1978 has a team won the Stanley Cup in the same opponent's building two seasons in a row, but the Red Wings will gladly take another clincher in Pittsburgh if it means avoiding an ever-dangerous Game 7.

"It's obviously a special night when you know you have a chance to win the Cup in one single hockey game," goalie Chris Osgood.

The Penguins have heard for two days how they lost the Stanley Cup with a more-than-miserable 5-0

loss in Game 5 on Saturday. Even if they win Game 6 before an all-in-white home crowd, they must go back to Detroit and inhospitable Joe Louis Arena, where they have been outscored 10-2 while losing three games and, at times, their tempers.

No, the Penguins don't need to be told what many outside their dressing room are thinking: This one's over.

Penguins forward Ruslan Fedotenko is certain it's not.

Five years ago, his Tampa Bay Lightning were down 3-2 to the Flames going into a road Game 6, with seemingly half of Alberta filling Calgary's Red Mile entertainment district to celebrate. Instead, Tampa Bay won in overtime, and the Lightning also took Game 7 at home as Fedotenko scored both goals during their 2-1 victory.

West gave up two hits, one walk and struck out six in eight innings.

Johnson (5-5), pitching on short rest, four days after he earned career victory No. 300 at Washington, allowed three runs, seven hits, three walks and struck out five in five innings.

ROCKIES 5, CARDINALS 2

ST. LOUIS — Jason Marquis took the NL lead with his eighth win and Troy Tulowitzki homered for the first time in nearly a month, helping the Colorado Rockies complete their first sweep in St. Louis with a 5-2 win over the Cardinals on Monday.

The last-place Rockies won their season-high fifth in a row under new manager Jim Tracy.

Clint Barmes had a pair of RBI singles for his sixth straight multihit game and Brad Hawpe doubled and had a sacrifice fly in the Rockies' first sweep of the year.

— The Associated Press

Texas beats TCU 5-2 to earn CWS berth

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Freshman Taylor Jungmann allowed two hits over six innings Monday night and top-seeded Texas earned its first trip to the College World Series since 2005 with a 5-2 win over TCU.

Former Filer High School pitcher Paul Gerrish, who won Sunday's game, is a member of the Horned Frogs.

Kevin Keyes homered in the first inning for the Longhorns (46-14-1), who have won six national championships. Jungmann struck out five and walked one in picking up his eighth win of the season before being replaced by Austin Wood in the bottom of the seventh.

Texas led 3-0 after the first inning behind an RBI triple by Brandon Belt and Keyes' solo shot.

Texas scored two more runs in the fourth. Keyes led off the inning with a double and scored on Cameron Rupp's double off Horned Frogs reliever Eric Marshall.

Wood, who pitched 12 1/3 scoreless innings in relief in Texas' 25-inning 3-2 win over Boston College a week earlier, came in with a 5-0 lead and gave

up two runs before he was pulled for Chance Ruffin with one out in the ninth.

Tyler Lockwood took the loss for TCU (40-18), which had forced a third game of the Austin Super Regional with a 3-2 win Sunday.

The Longhorns earned their 33rd trip to the College World Series.

Texas batters swung freely early to give the freshman right-hander a big lead.

Michael Torres opened the first with a single and scored when Belt smashed a long shot to deep center that hit the wall near the 400-foot marker. Belt scored on a fielder's choice before Keyes blasted his seventh home run of the season. Horned Frogs left fielder Jason Coats knew the ball was gone as soon as it left the bat and hardly moved from his spot as he watched it clear the wall.

After allowing a two-out walk in the first, Jungmann retired the next nine TCU batters.

Jungmann got himself out of his only jam in the sixth inning.

A single and hit batter put two runners on with no outs. But Jungmann

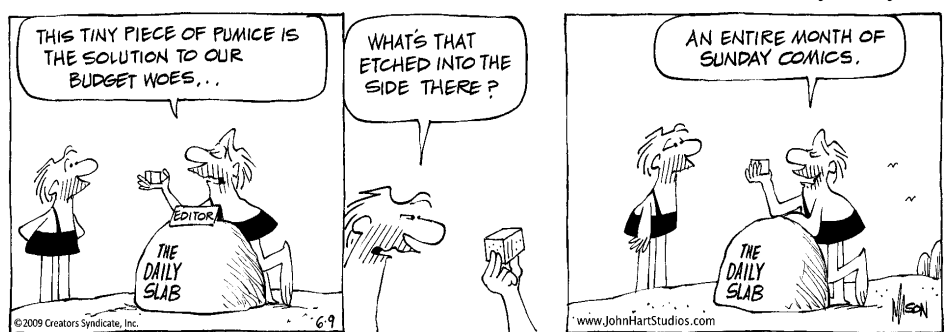


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Texas second baseman Travis Tucker goes airborne over TCU's Chris Ellington as he watches his throw to first for a double play in Texas' 5-2 win in the NCAA college baseball super regionals in Austin, Texas, Monday.

got the next two hitters to ground right back to the mound. The first he threw to third for the first out of the inning. The second started a double play that ended it.

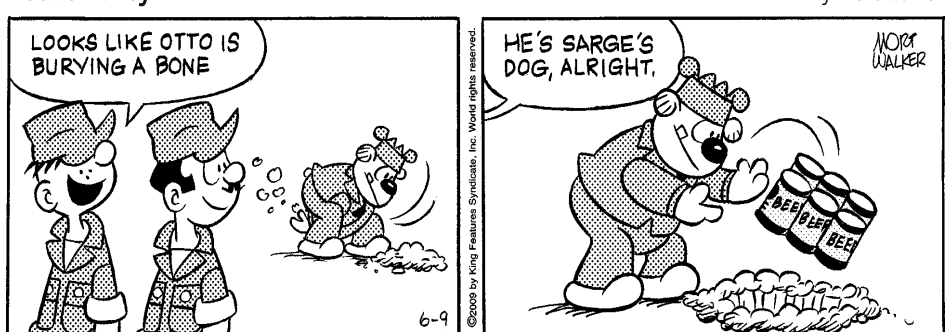
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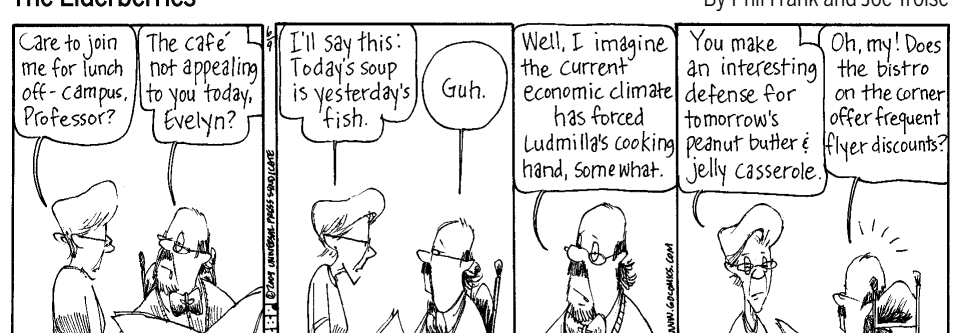
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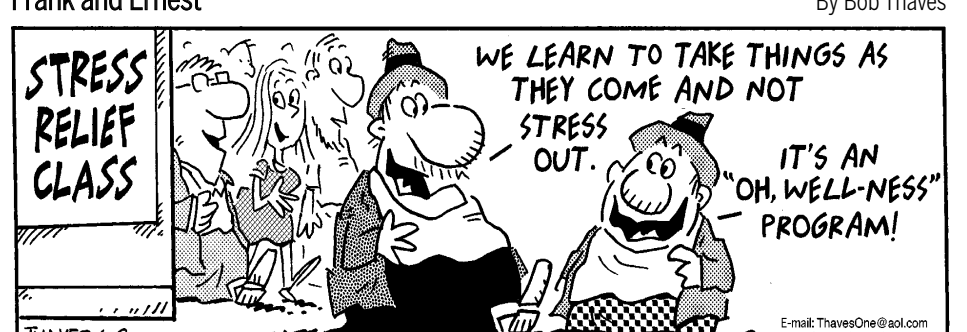
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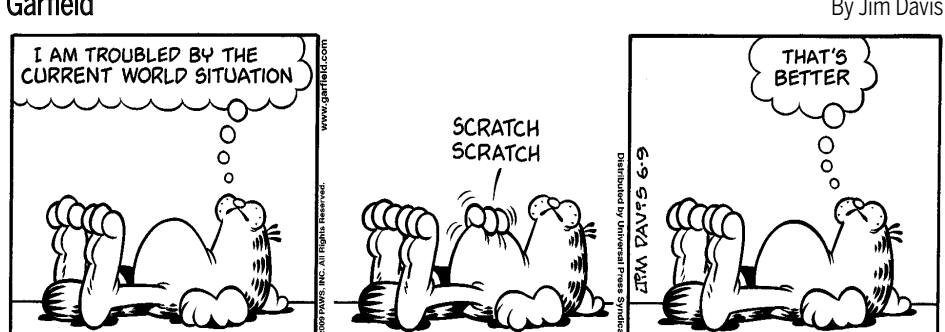
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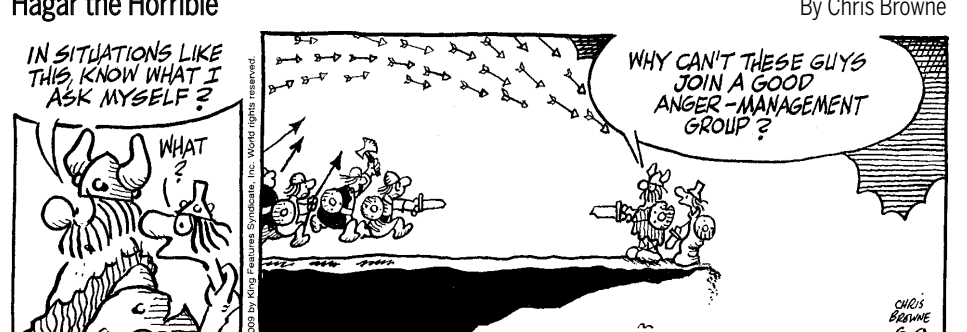
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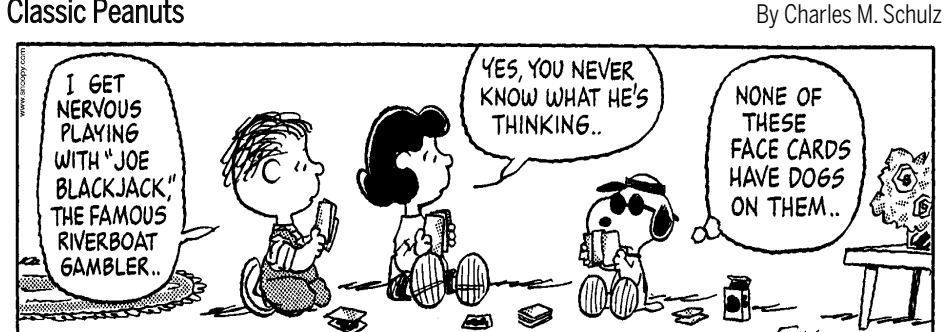
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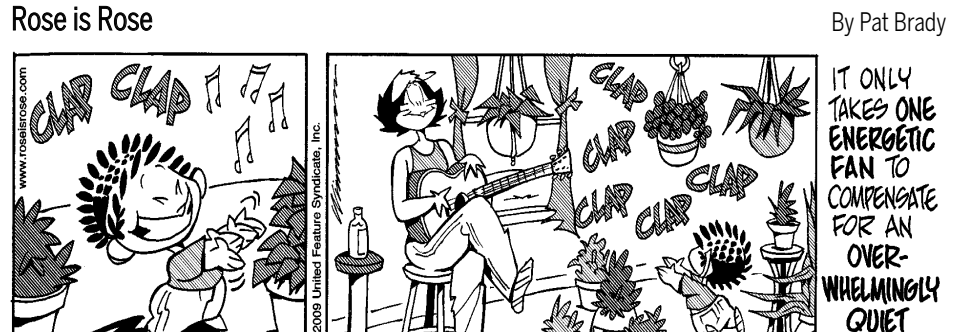
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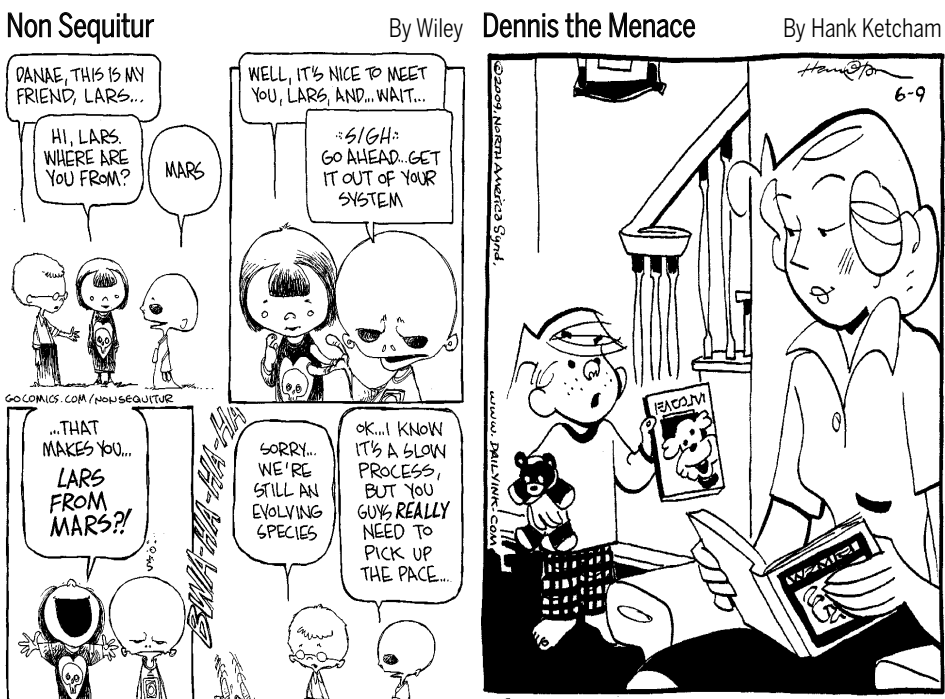
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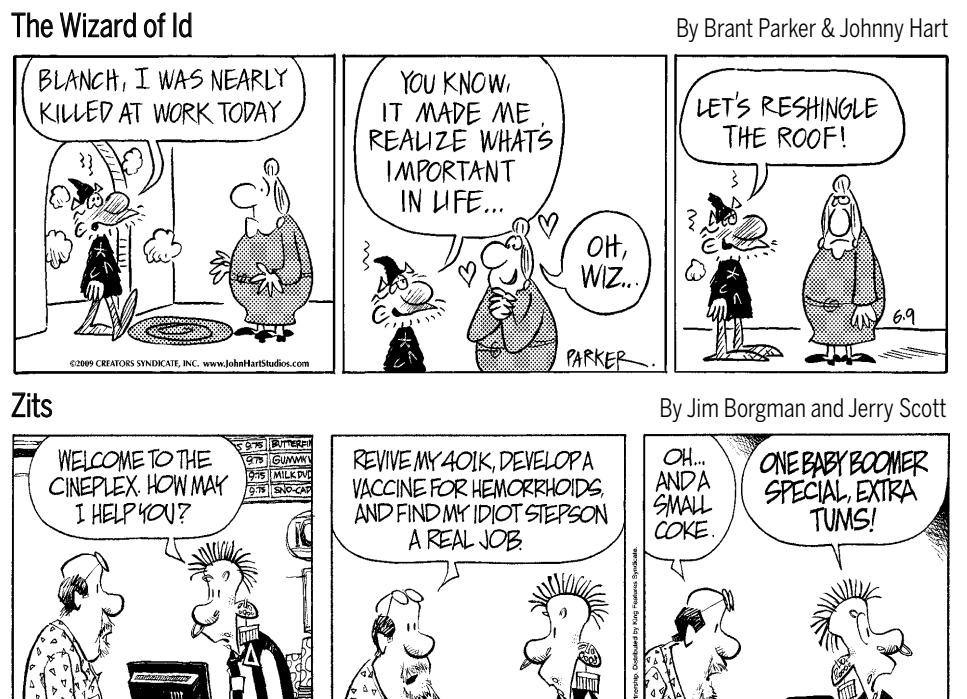
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