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Water rockets out of the Caldron Linn falls Monday afternoon near Murtaugh. The state is releasing 20,000 cubic feet per second of water in the next few days from Milner Dam.

Reclamation making room for more runoff

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Missed seeing Shoshone Falls in all its glory this spring? You've got a second chance.

The amount of water rushing over the falls is expected to top 20,000 cubic feet per second today, more than flowed past it during high-water events both this spring and in 2006. The



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WATCH a video of increased Snake River flow at Caldron Linn falls near Murtaugh.

amount is equal to roughly 150,000 gallons per second. Mike Beus, with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Burley office, said this week's flows are again due to flood control in upper Snake River reservoirs. Though Palisades

Reservoir was half-emptied this spring to make room for melting snow, it wasn't enough space, he said.

The flows should put 2009 more on par with river peaks in the late 1990s, when the falls "regularly" hit 20,000

cfs, Beus said. In 1997, more than 30,000 cfs ran past the falls in the spring.

This decade has been much drier, meaning flows of 18,000 cfs or more in 2006 attracted widespread attention. This spring's earlier releases fell just short of that amount.

The city of Twin Falls charges visitors to the falls \$3 per vehicle. For more information: 208-736-2265.

Murder convict wants out of prison

Horonzy cites charges against former T.F. cop Gambrel

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

A confessed killer is citing criminal charges against former Twin Falls Police Det. Curtis Gambrel in a new bid to get out of prison.

John Horonzy pleaded guilty last year to second-degree murder for the 1997 strangling death of his girlfriend Rose Murphy near the former Sands Motel in Twin Falls. The killing went unsolved for nearly a decade before a Twin Falls County grand jury indicted Horonzy on Feb. 23, 2006, for first-degree murder when he was incarcerated in another lockup in Missouri on separate charges.

In the end, Horonzy pleaded guilty in March 2008 to second-degree murder for Murphy's death and got a sentence of 15 years to life prison.

But since former detective Gambrel was charged last month with prescription drug crimes, Horonzy has filed a petition for post-conviction relief in Twin Falls 5th District Court and wants to be released from prison. He has been appointed a lawyer and has a pretrial set for Sept. 14.

"Counsel knowingly manipulated me into a plea," said Horonzy in court records, though he previously told the court when he pleaded guilty

that it was voluntary. His counsel, Public Defender Marilyn Paul sent Horonzy a letter dated May 11, 2009 — which he filed with the court — saying Gambrel testified at Horonzy's court hearings in March of last year and even included a *Times-News* clipping from May 8 reporting Gambrel was charged with felony crimes.

Gambrel retired from the Twin Falls Police Department more than two years ago, but while still an officer, he allegedly obtained medically unnecessary prescriptions for oxycodone and hydrocodone from a former area nurse practitioner, Jan Sund. Gambrel is accused of three counts of felony prescription fraud and two counts of conspiracy to commit prescription fraud between January 2005 and April 2007, and he has a preliminary hearing set for Friday in Twin Falls.

Horonzy meanwhile is trying to use Gambrel's case in his favor.

"My attorney Marilyn B. Paul was extremely ineffective as to my requests to challenge and question in the evidentiary hearing, the statements and validity of the new felony charged officer Curtis Gambrel as well as other officers," said Horonzy in court records.

"I informed Marilyn B. Paul of numerous points of information of Twin Falls police under (the) influence of drugs and other (information) of felonies," Horonzy wrote in court records, "The officers long term pattern of felonious behavior, manipulation of testimony and all evidence

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Horonzy

The challenge of aging canals

Reclamation to inspect canals in urban areas

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More from the Idaho Water Users Association summer law seminar.

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By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

SUN VALLEY — The federal government received its

wake-up call last year, according to Steven Brawley, an assistant regional director for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

In January 2008, rodents weakened part of the Truckee Canal in Nevada, flooding the town of Fernley.

The incident drew attention to the West's aging canal networks, including from Congress. Now, Reclamation has stimulus funding to inspect hundreds of miles of canals that run through urban areas, hopefully catching other problems before another breach, Brawley told

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Utah man admits to possessing stolen vehicle

Times-News

A Utah man who police in May allegedly found inside a stolen car with two intoxicated 14-year-old girls and a 16-year-old nephew, struck a plea deal Monday in Twin Falls 5th District Court.

Jose Ramirez-Camacho, 33, pleaded guilty on Monday to possession of a stolen vehicle, and now faces two to five years in prison, according to his agreement with prosecutors. He is set to be sentenced on Aug. 3 in Twin Falls.

Camacho is additionally charged with driving under the influence, driving without privileges, dispensing alcohol to a



Camacho

minor, open container, battery and providing false information, and has a pretrial in that case set for today in Twin Falls, according to online court records.

According to a police affidavit filed with the court, Camacho is allegedly connected to a Mexican drug cartel and a criminal gang. Idaho State Police say in court records that they found Camacho in a stolen car with two underage girls and his nephew.

The 16-year-old male passenger told police Camacho is his uncle from West Valley City, Utah, and had given authorities a

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Jerome Co. voters to decide jail issue

Lease option will be decided on Nov. 3

By John Plestina
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — After months of discussions, the Jerome County Commission voted Monday to let the voters decide on Nov. 3 whether the county should borrow more than \$12 million for a new county jail.

Monday's decision had been anticipated since a meeting with consultant April Lee of Rocky Mountain Corrections one week ago.

The commission unanimously approved the decision to go to the voters. A key element of the approved plan is a statement that existing jail revenues are intended to fund the lease payments.

Two main concerns of the commission have been to not raise taxes,

"I don't think additional polling is necessary. I think it's going to confuse people."

— Commissioner Cathy Roemer

and to not give the appearance of an intended higher levy to voters.

By going to the voters, a two-thirds majority of the Nov. 3 vote will be necessary before the county can enter into a long-term lease for the jail facility.

On the ballot, voters will be given two alternatives to choose from.

One would not specifically grant the county authority to levy taxes. That choice would cost the county one-half to 1 percent more in interest.

The other alternative comes with a lower interest rate and would include language saying the county could impose a special levy, but only if necessary.

The commission also voted to negotiate fees with Boise bond council legal firm Moore, Smith, Buxton and Turcke.

During discussions before the two affirmative votes, County Clerk Michelle Emerson told the board there was a beginning balance this

fiscal year of \$415,000 in a building fund. With \$25,000 paid to Rocky Mountain Corrections so far for research on the need for a new jail and a poll of registered voters, and other monies paid out for renovations to the prosecutor's office, a balance of \$296,568 remains.

She told the commission that if they were to move forward with option 1, their costs would total \$52,000 for Rocky Mountain Corrections by the time the election process is completed in November and an estimated \$15,000 for bond council legal fees.

An election could cost about \$17,000, she said.

Emerson estimated a building fund balance of \$229,000 after an election.

"That's not too bad but \$415,000 sure looks nice," she said.

She advised the commission to be aware of possible additional and

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You Don't Say

Steve Crump



Buhl County? Hey it's a concept

Anyone who has ever spent any time in Twin Falls County knows that it's really three communities — east, west and, well, Twin Falls ...

But a couple of times in the past century, those communities came close to becoming different counties ...

In 1914 and again in 1920, the western one-fourth of Twin Falls County came close to becoming Buhl County, which at the time would have been far and away Idaho's smallest ...

According to College of Southern Idaho historian Jim Gentry's "In the Middle and on the Edge," a history of the Twin Falls area, Twin Falls County's West End was still populated by the pioneer homesteaders when Twin Falls County split from Cassia County in 1907, and they very quickly decided they'd rather be masters of their own fate ...

Sentiment built until late 1912, when Buhlites began agitating openly for secession, Gentry said ...

Unfortunately, that was the very same time that Twin Falls County was trying to land a state agricultural college ... When the 12th Idaho Legislature convened on Jan. 15, 1913, it looked as if supporters of the school had enough votes — and the support of the newly elected Republican governor, John Haines ...

The debate over Buhl secession was noisy and at times personal, and a significant number of lawmakers began to have doubts about putting a state institution of higher learning in a county that might be about to fall to pieces ... The college bill failed, and Twin Falls residents blamed the West-Enders ...

Feelings were still raw the following November when the secession question was put on the ballot ... It failed 4,106 to 1,346. Wanna guess which precincts voted for it? ...

After the end of World War I, the issue came up again, according to Gentry

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... in the 1920 primary for the Republican nomination for state senator. Unionist J.H. Seaver, the incumbent, defeated secessionist M.J. Sweeney in what was effectively another referendum on Buhl County ...

Since then, with a few notable lapses, western and eastern Twin Falls County have managed to co-exist ... Twin Falls got the courthouse; Buhl got the Fourth of July parade ...

TO OUR CONTINUING conversation about UFOs in south-central Idaho, Happy Ford — who grew up in Castleford and now lives in Boise — adds the following:

"When I was a kid, somewhere between 1958 and 1962, three farmers from the Balanced Rock project, saw a UFO land ... They watched it from a few yards away, and swore to each other they would never mention it to anyone for surely they would all think they were insane ... The three are all deceased now, but I remember being little and listening to them tell my dad and mom ... They told them they had gone back the next morning and there was a burnt circular space where they saw the craft land ... I wish I could remember more details ... The one farmer was a prominent potato farmer from Castleford ... The other two of almost equal standing in the community ... I don't think it was ever reported to the authorities, for fear of ridicule ... You didn't hear of any other sightings during the span of time, did you? ..."

Can anyone add anything to that story? ...

Steve Crump is the Times-News Opinion editor.

In recession

"We're just trying to be really conservative about revenue projections."

— Airport Manager Bill Carberry

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

Airport budget dips south



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Officials at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport are proposing a 2.9 percent decrease in their budget and asking the city and county for a smaller subsidy than last year.

Airport Manager Bill Carberry and officials at the city of Twin Falls are asking for about \$32,000 less in a nearly \$1.1 million budget. Of that, the airport's co-owners are each being asked to pay \$293,572, or \$8,300 less than last year.

Carberry said the economic downturn hasn't over-flown the airport and the facility faces increased maintenance and operation costs. Two of the biggest drops in revenue projections are fuel flow in general aviation and rental cars.

"We're just trying to be really conservative about revenue projections," he said.

Still, the budget presentation Monday to the Twin Falls County commissioners comes as the county reviews its joint airport

operations contract with the city, which dates to 1968. The city handles most management of the airport.

The relationship won't change soon, but commissioners said Monday they'll probably draw up a rough proposal to send to the city. Twin Falls Assistant City Manager Travis Rothweiler said he welcomed the conversation and looks forward to working with the commissioners.

Airport officials do budget for increases in revenue for hangar rentals, expected to rise by \$32,800, and terminal rentals, which would increase by \$9,646.

Still, airport officials are budgeting projected revenue conservatively. The \$85,000 expected from rental cars is down from the \$120,000 in this year's

budget; so far, just about \$57,000 has come in. With less general aviation expected, fuel costs are budgeted at \$42,000 from \$65,000. And there will be a small drop in landing fee revenue, from \$78,950 to \$75,950.

There are several large capital projects to complete but spending there would decrease by 74 percent. Salaries of the seven airport employees will remain unchanged, Carberry said.

Carberry said he's spoken with officials at SkyWest Airlines, who have told him they have no plans to decrease air service at the airport. Last year, the airline cut the daily number of flights from five to four.

In related news, Carberry said the airport is in the middle of a multi-year con-

tract with its longtime janitor. The contract would pay \$35,454 next year and was renewed without a bidding process. Carberry said they've had a successful relationship with the janitor, who works seven days a week, and that he'd go through any steps if something was done wrong.

Commissioners George Urie and Tom Mikesell both said they want to review the contract.

"I'd like to see a copy of the contract," Mikesell said. "Whether he does a good job or a bad job, I think as government that's our job to make those contracts available. I don't think we sit on a contract just because we're happy."

The contract covers services and not supplies, Carberry said.

The city refused to provide a copy of the contract to the Times-News Monday, saying it would only respond to a formal written request filed under the state public records act, and that it was too late in the afternoon to consider a request.

T.F. historic commission looks at new ideas

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls Historic Preservation Commission has begun to weigh options for its annual project, which is typically made possible through an approximately \$6,000 grant.

This year's project — gathering more information about removing a metal façade from a downtown building — was completed. But the commission hasn't found a ready recipient of following through on the actual work, commission members said Monday. Nevertheless, they discussed what some ideas might be for next year's money, which comes through the State Historical Society.

One idea was using the money to hire an historian to study areas outside of downtown Twin Falls. Commission Chairman Paul Smith said the presidents streets or the neighborhoods near Locust Street and Poplar Avenue — "the tree streets," he called them — have some historical aspects worth preserving.

Some commission mem-

bers agreed that it'd be a positive move.

"That would bring an awareness to more citizens," said Ron Yates.

Commissioners also talked about restoring and improving street lights on Lincoln Street, which is already in a national historical registry.

There's also discussion of creating a city museum, a concept discussed at several commission meetings. Councilman Lee Heider said there are dozens of cities with their own museums, and it's worth talking about. He said he's begun meeting with the state historical society.

"We think there are people in our community who are getting older and we'd hate to lose their expertise and knowledge and artifacts accumulated over the years," he said. "The museum concept is something we'd like to continue to pursue."

Another idea is continue to use the money in the program used this year, Twin Falls Economic Development Director Melinda Anderson said.

In related news, Twin Falls was recently named a

Heritage City by the State Historical Society and Association of Idaho Cities. The honor recognizes cities that encourage preservation and value of their culture

and history. The program is about seven years old.

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Local woman pleads guilty to meth deposit

By Nichole Carnell
Times-News writer

After trying to deposit methamphetamine along with a check at a local bank, Tracie Walker of Twin Falls, may face prison after her entrance into drug court was denied. Walker, 48, pleaded guilty on May 27 to one count of possession of a controlled substance after reaching a plea agreement.

According to court records, on Jan. 31 Walker deposited a small plastic bag containing 0.2 grams of

methamphetamine stuck to the back of a check while making a deposit at Magic Valley Bank on Main Avenue.

Walker told the Times-News in March that she did see the meth in the deposit drawer but did not know where it came from. Court records indicate that another 0.6 grams of meth in two bags were found at Walker's residence.

In a plea agreement that reduced the charges from two to one count of possession, prosecutors suggested

sentence of completion of the drug court program, 100 hours of community service, and 30 days in the county jail with the alternative of two to four years in prison, suspended to three years probation.

At a Monday morning status hearing, it was deter-

mined by court drug evaluations that Walker does not qualify for drug court and an alternative sentence will be considered. Efforts to see the court's evaluation were unsuccessful since the document is sealed.

Walker's sentencing is set for Aug. 3 in Twin Falls.

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EPA lays out timeline for pesticide change

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

SUN VALLEY — A sharp change in federal pesticide regulations may be on hold for now. But Idaho irrigation districts and canal companies should prepare to seek permits in 2011 if they want to use the chemicals to clean out canals and agricultural ditches, the head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Idaho office warned Monday.

In January, the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals struck down an EPA rule — based on longstanding practice — that exempted such pesticide use from pollutant-discharge permits. The court agreed this month to delay the decision's effective date until April 2011. The decision is being challenged by industry groups, though not by the EPA itself.

Speaking at the Idaho Water Users Association's summer law seminar, EPA Idaho Director Jim Wernitz said the decision has left his agency with the challenge of

Obama administration continues review of salmon plan

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

SUN VALLEY — The parties in an ongoing court battle over Columbia River salmon -including at least one Idaho water official -plan to meet Thursday with Jane Lubchenco, administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to brief her on the case.

Those meeting with Lubchenco will include Norm Semanko, executive director of the Idaho

Water Users Association. Semanko said during a presentation Monday on salmon issues at his association's summer law seminar. Court challenges to various federal plans to manage salmon in the region have carried on for nearly a decade in federal court in Portland. Currently, several environmental groups and the state of Oregon are challenging the latest plan, which has also been criticized by U.S. District Judge James Redden. The Obama administration is

reviewing the proposed plan, known as a biological opinion. As part of the review, Lubchenco also visited the Northwest last month to hear from American Indian tribes, scientists and government officials including Idaho Lt. Gov. Brad Little.

Terry Flores, executive director of Portland-based Northwest River Partners, whose members include IWUA, told attendees at Monday's seminar that she thinks the plan contains very sound science and criticized

Redden for the way he's conducted the case. She compared what she views as inconsistent feedback from his court to the bizarre trial described near the end of Lewis Carroll's novel "Alice in Wonderland." And, she said she worries that tossing out the science behind the latest plan could harm similar agreements in the Northwest, including the Nez Perce Agreement that provides for flow augmentation water to travel down the Snake River from eastern Idaho.

told him an entity the size of the Twin Falls Canal Co. can spend at least \$250,000 a year for water-quality monitoring it would do anyway.

Wernitz said he's concerned about what it will take for his agency to do the job, while reassuring those gathered that it's actively confronting the work.

"I have no idea what the resource expense is going to be on this, or how we'll accomplish it," he said.

developing a permitting program in just two years — as well as helping the 46 states that handle permits themselves to develop their own programs. He agreed with Boise attorney and fellow presenter S. Bryce Farris' statement that the court cases have produced ever-more-confusing regulations.

"The courts are keeping us kind of busy and on our toes," Wernitz said.

Irrigators would be far from the only group touched by the change. The EPA estimates the decision could require permits for everything from mosquito suppression activities to herbicides used for weed control in irrigation systems and along ditch banks. Substances used to kill invasive mussels, fish and similar species may also need to be addressed.

While Wernitz couldn't

say what the final product will look like two years from now, he attempted to provide some guidance as to the process of developing it.

The EPA will run the permitting program in Idaho and three other states, and Wernitz said he aims to include a pesticides expert from his office on the national team developing the permits. The agency, he said, figures the court won't approve of the other states

falling behind, so EPA will use the program it develops as guidance simultaneously for the state programs. Twenty-three states already have smaller versions of the pesticide permits, he said.

Even in Idaho — which, as an EPA state, won't charge fees — the program may come as a cost.

IWUA Executive Director Norm Semanko said water users in Washington state, which has its own program,

Twin Falls Council OKs contract with JUB

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls City Council on Monday approved a contract with JUB Engineers for survey and geotechnical investigation regarding the city's plans to meet federal arsenic standards.

The 6-0 vote allows the city to enter into a contract that could reach an estimated \$243,000. The contract includes processes like drilling and analyzing samples regarding the city's arsenic compliance water project, estimated at \$33.3 million. Part of the work is sub-contracted out.

Mayor Lance Clow abstained from voting, citing a potential conflict of interest. He declined to provide details after the meeting.

Asked how there could be a conflict since JUB has a long history of working with the city, Clow said, "I never had one before. This project

brought up something unique that I thought maybe somebody would argue there was a conflict of interest. I think it's remote and I think it's far-fetched, but I think it's better (to have declared it)."

City officials said the contract didn't need to go to bid. It is considered a "time

and materials" contract.

"There is no requirement to bid because this is a professional service and will be handled under the JUB design contract," Twin Falls Public Information Coordinator Julie Pence wrote in an e-mail. "Actual Terracon will be a sub-con-sultant to JUB."

Petitioners to Mormons: Soften gay marriage stance

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A group of current and former Mormons at odds with the church's position on gay marriage and its political activism to ban it has launched a Web site asking the faith to soften its stance.

The site, www.ldsapology.org, includes a petition for reconciliation that calls on leaders of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to end what it says are hurtful anti-gay policies and its involvement in anti-gay

politics and fundraising.

Janeen Thompson, a site organizer, said in an e-mail to The Associated Press that the petition is a direct reaction to Mormon church involvement in a coalition that worked last fall to pass

Proposition 8, which banned gay marriage in California's state constitution.

A May ruling by the California Supreme Court upheld the vote.

"We felt prompted to undertake this project on

behalf of the gay community whose rights have been taken away largely because of the LDS involvement in the campaign," said Thompson, a lifetime Mormon who lives in Boulder Creek, Calif.

Law & Disorder... ...in Cassia County

From June 8 police reports:
Assault:

A 30-year-old Burley woman said she was threatened by her ex-boyfriend. According to the report, she heard something hit her front door and checked on it, then saw a truck that looked like her ex-boyfriend's vehicle leaving the area. They were together for 10 years, the report notes, but she recently left him in Twin Falls and moved to Burley. Her current boyfriend, according to the report, found a note on the woman's car after the front-door incident. The clumsy,

punctuation-free note allegedly read: "I found you your a lieing (expletive) that lost everything for a cracker with nothing I hope you rot in hell die (expletive) die." Deputy Robert Nay's report explains that the woman knew the note was from her ex-boyfriend "because of the hand writing and the spelling mistakes." (sic) The report goes on to note that the woman "wasn't concerned so much about the letter except for the part that said die (expletive) die."

From June 9 police reports:
Larceny:
A 49-year-old man was arrested

for petit theft after two employees of Cal-Ranch Stores in Burley detained him and called the police. According to the report, the employees asked him several times if he had stolen anything. The man said no. Then, while the two women took him to the back of the store, one of them, the report reads, discovered that the suspect "had a bulge larger than normal in the zipper area of his pants." According to the report, the man "pulled out a shirt from his pants and tried to dump it on a shelf with hardware cloth." When questioned, the man allegedly explained that he "took the shirt because he needed a shirt ... due to the outside temperature, when he saw the shirt in the store he decided to take it."

— Damon Hunzeker

Lawn & Garden Services

Lawn and Turf: Brown blight

Brown blight is a fungal disease affecting the leaves of perennial ryegrass and some fine fescues. Infection commonly occurs during cool, wet periods. The disease is typically worse during the first fall after planting and on grass with insufficient nitrogen. Affected leaves develop small, oval, chocolate brown spots or larger brown streaks up to 3/8" long. The leaves may be girdled and turn yellow, dying back from the tip. Overall, the affected areas of grass look brown and thin and may appear drought-stressed. The disease is spread by infected grass clippings, contaminated equipment, wind, or splashing rain. The fungus can survive in infected plant debris and infected plants. This disease rarely does enough damage to kill grass.

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WASHINGTON Six dead, others hurt in D.C. rail transit collision

At least six people were killed Monday in a rush-hour collision between two Metro transit trains in northeast Washington.

A number of other passengers were severely injured, said District of Columbia fire spokesman Alan Etter, in what he describes as a "mass casualty event." He said crews were cutting apart the trains to get people out.

The collision happened about 5 p.m. EDT — the height of the city's rush hour — on the Metro system's red line near the Washington-Maryland border.

Officials said it was too early to determine what caused the crash.

Metro general manager John Catoe said at least 60 people had been taken off the trains.

"I don't know the reason for this accident," he said. "I would still say the system is safe, but we've had an incident."

Obama signs anti-smoking bill

Lamenting his first teenage cigarette, President Obama ruefully admitted on Monday that he's spent his adult life fighting the habit. Then he signed the nation's toughest anti-smoking law, aiming to keep thousands of other teens from getting hooked.

Obama praised the historic legislation, which gives the Food and Drug Administration unprecedented authority to regulate what goes into tobacco products, to make public the ingredients and to prohibit marketing campaigns geared toward children.

But he didn't say how his own struggle was coming since he moved into the White House. And aides were no more forthcoming.

As senator, candidate and now president, Obama has veered between frank and cagey about his personal battle with smoking.

He promised his wife, Michelle, more than two years ago that he would quit if she let him seek the White House.

SOUTH KOREA Official: N. Korean ship heading to Myanmar carrying small weapons

SEOUL — A North Korean-flagged ship under close watch in Asian waters is believed to be heading toward Myanmar carrying small arms cargo banned under a new U.N. resolution, a South Korean intelligence official said Monday.

Still, analysts say a high seas interception — something North Korea has said it would consider an act of war — is unlikely.

The Kang Nam, accused of engaging in illicit trade in the past, is the first vessel monitored under the new sanctions designed to punish the North for its defiant nuclear test last month. The U.S. military began tracking the ship after it left a North Korean port on Wednesday on suspicion it was carrying illicit weapons.

A South Korean intelligence official said Monday that his agency believes the North Korean ship is carrying small weapons and is sailing toward the Myanmar city of Yangon.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity citing the sensitive nature of the information, said he could provide no further details.

MASSACHUSETTS Ex-med student pleads not guilty to killing masseuse

BOSTON — A former Boston medical student pleaded not guilty Monday to charges he lured a masseuse he met through Craigslist to a Boston hotel,

then bound her, beat her and shot her to death with a gun authorities say he later stashed in a hollowed-out medical textbook.

Philip Markoff firmly stated "not guilty" when asked how he pleaded to the seven charges including kidnapping, armed robbery and weapons violations, then stared straight ahead as prosecutors outlined their case during a brief arraignment in Suffolk Superior Court.

Markoff is charged in the April 14 shooting of Julissa Brisman, 25, of New York

City, and the April 10 armed robbery of Trisha Leffler, a 29-year-old Las Vegas prostitute, at another posh Boston hotel. Authorities say he used anonymous e-mail addresses and prepaid cell phones to set up meetings with the women he met through Craigslist, where they had advertised in its "erotic services" category.

Prosecutors say Markoff left a trail linking him to the attacks including his fingerprints on the ties allegedly used to bind the women. They said he used someone else's ID — a New

York man's license — in February at a gun shop in Mason, N.H., to buy the 9 mm weapon that killed Brisman.

ILLINOIS Blago's former chief fundraiser gets 3 years in tax case

CHICAGO — Ousted Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich's former chief fundraiser was sentenced Monday to three years in prison for hiding the use of

his company's money to pay thousands of dollars in gambling debts and other expenses.

Christopher G. Kelly, 50, who was a key member of Blagojevich's inner circle, also was fined \$7,500 and ordered to pay more than \$600,000 in restitution to the federal government.

"I need the sentence to reflect the seriousness" of the crime, U.S. District Judge Elaine E. Bucklo said in handing down the 37-month sentence.

As head of the campaign fund, Kelly helped

Blagojevich raise millions of dollars to bankroll his races for governor. Along with convicted influence-peddler Tony Rezko, Kelly emerged as one of Blagojevich's top advisers.

The tax case is separate from the one in which Kelly and Blagojevich are charged with federal racketeering conspiracy, but prosecutors hope Kelly will share his inside knowledge of the former governor's administration. He might prove a highly persuasive witness if Blagojevich goes to trial.

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Going the distance

Gooding County mother and son take part in horse endurance races

By Mary Hanson
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — With the Western Rodeo at the Gooding County Fairgrounds, a fireman's barbecue in town and the annual Gooding Chamber of Commerce Rubber Duck Race, this weekend will keep many in Gooding busy.

And Gooding County resident Angie Thompson and her family, like many families seeking to find their way through a busy weekend, making it through it all comes down to endurance. The Bennett Hills Endurance Race at Thorn Creek Reservoir, that is.

Thompson, her 7-year-old son, Colby, and others will take to horseback for races ranging from 25 to 100 miles around what Thompson calls a hot spot for competing riders.

Bennett and her horse, Stretch, will compete in the 50-mile ride, while Colby and his pony, Joey, participate in the 25-mile children's ride.

Thompson, a mother of two and commodities trader for Wilbur-Ellis in Gooding, said she usually rides in the 50-mile race, while this year is Colby's first race.



MARY HANSON/For the Times-News

Angie Thompson, left, stands with her horse, Stretch, while her daughter, Laura, and son, Colby, play on a gate near their home in Gooding County. Thompson will participate in a 50-mile endurance ride this weekend at Thorn Creek Reservoir north of Gooding.

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"There are people who ride many more times than I do," Thompson said. "I manage about two rides a year. There's a lot of training involved and it takes time."

Thompson said she breaks up training sessions with Stretch into 20-mile trips taken two or three times weekly. She said they put in the entire 50 miles only for the race. Thompson said Arabian horses such as

Stretch are popular endurance racers due to centuries of breeding for endurance and reliance on less water than other breeds.

Thompson said she began riding as a child in Oregon, and later earned room and board with her husband, Chris, by caring for the University of Idaho's horse barn while they attended the school.

Angie and Chris

Thompson have shared their love of horses with their children. While Colby gets his first taste of an endurance ride this year, 4-year-old Laura is waiting until she gets her turn.

"I'll always love horses," Angie Thompson said. "And I'll always ride."

Bennett Hills Endurance Race information: Lynn White, 208-934-5402.

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

Western heritage events round up in Gooding Co.

The Gooding County Western Heritage Gathering and Ranch Hand Rodeo, a celebration of the West and the cowboy way, will be held Friday and Saturday at the Gooding County Fairgrounds, 201 Lucy Lane.

Festivities begin on Friday with the first half of the Ranch Hand Rodeo at 8 p.m. at the Andy James Arena, followed by cowboy music, stories and poetry

around the campfire in the campground. Admission to the rodeo is \$5 for adults.

Saturday begins with a buckaroo breakfast at 7 a.m. at Cooks Food Town parking lot on Main Street. A 5K fun run starts at 7:30 a.m. at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind and a parade line-up begins at 9 a.m. at ISDB. The all-horse and wagons parade begins at 10 a.m. along Main Street. A

Draft Horse Show will be held at 11 a.m. in the arena, with several classes throughout the day. Dutch oven cook-off preparation begins at 11 a.m. in the camp area (judging at 4:30 p.m.). Cowboy music and poetry will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. and a Ranch Hand Rodeo at 8 p.m. in the arena, followed by cowboy music, poetry and dance.

Food from the cook-off

will be available for purchase at 5 p.m. Saturday (proceeds benefit the Gooding County 4-H program).

Information: (ranch rodeo) Jeff Cole, 358-2311 or 837-6210; (draft horses and parade) John and Gert Clarkson, 934-5146; (cook-off) Lynn Arriaga, 837-4635; and (fun run) Teresa and Les Patterson, 539-0805.

CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN



Each year Carole Stevens, a first-grade teacher at Xavier Charter School in Twin Falls, encourages her students to help those less fortunate. This year the class decided to help the pediatric wing of St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center by purchasing a game system for its patient play room. Beginning in April, the class members completed jobs in their homes and neighborhoods, donating all earnings to the project. In the first week, the children raised nearly \$100 of their \$270 goal. The school also applied for a matching grant from Modern Woodsmen, which it received. In May, the first-graders presented St. Luke's Magic Valley Health Foundation with two Wii game systems as well as several games for the pediatric wing. Pictured are Kathy Bolton, Stevens and the first-graders of Xavier Charter School, presenting their gift to Larry Baxter of St. Luke's Magic Valley Health Foundation. Courtesy photo

Wendell High School announces award winners

Wendell High School honored students in a ceremony May 18 to recognize academic excellence and local scholarship winners.

Valedictorian and salutatorian medals:

Class of 2009 valedictorians: Amber Bowers, Jordan Lancaster, Luke Petersen, William Caspersen, Keith Mowery, Kirsten Vanhoozer and Kimberly Smith. Class of

2009 salutatorian is Megan Choate.

Scholarship winners:

American Legion Scholarship: Kirsten Vanhoozer; American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship: Diane Vander Hulst; American Legion Auxiliary Janice Woodbridge Memorial: Kirstyn Weinmeister; D.L. Evans Bank Scholarship: Megan Choate, Laurie Beth Andrus, Diane Vander Hulst and Arnold Mendiola;

Gooding County Farm Bureau Scholarship: Laurie Beth Andrus; Gooding County Memorial Hospital Foundation: Kirstyn Weinmeister; Trent Davis Memorial Scholarship: Andrew Collins-Ringling; Trent Davis Community Service Award: Jeff and Rebecca Ashmead; Wendell Beet Growers Scholarship: Dustin Vanderham, Diane Vander Hulst, Marisela Benitez, and Kelsey Rodrigues; Wendell Chamber of

Commerce Dairy Days Scholarship: Amber Bowers, Megan Choate, Jordan Lancaster, and Arnold Mendiola; Gay Petersen Scholarship: Kirstyn Weinmeister; J. Dee Little and Angie Miller Memorial Scholarship Award: Jordan Lancaster, Megan Choate and Kirsten Vanhoozer; George Zapata and Linda Aguirre Memorial Scholarship Award: Jessica Camargo and Arnold Mendiola; Sheridan Swenson

Memorial Award: Luis Valadez and Kirsten Hilt.

Military awards:

Army Scholar-Athlete: Amber Bowers and Keith Mowery; U.S. Marine Corps Award: William Caspersen, Justin Brandsma, Laurie Beth Andrus, Kirsten Vanhoozer; Semper Fidelis Excellence in Music: Paul Henderson, Kimberly Smith; Air Force Math and Science Award: Kimberly Smith.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Campout Blast-Off held in Hailey

The Wood River Land Trust and the Environmental Resource Center are partnering to create an official campout town for the National Wildlife Federation's Great American Backyard Campout. The Campout Blast-Off will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at 541 Aspen Dr., in Hailey. The event is free, but participants must register to help with the planning and supplies.

The campout will start by gathering families together for games, activities, stories and more. Information or to register: 726-4333.

Wood River animal shelter sponsors free cat adoptions

The Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley has joined shelters across the country this month in celebrating Adopt A Shelter Cat Month.

All adoption fees for adult cats will be waived for the month of June. All adoptable cats are spayed/neutered, micro-chipped and have received a full series of vaccinations.

To visit the cats and assist them in finding their forever homes, call 788-4351 or stop by the shelter at 100 Croy Creek Road in Hailey. Or view all of the cats online at the shelter's Web site animalshelterwrv.org.

Tour to explore areas of Stanley

The public is invited to take a guided historic walking tour of Stanley on Wednesday. The tour will begin at 3 p.m. at the Stanley Community Center. After Wednesday, the public can take the same tour, but self-guided, using a brochure keyed to markers throughout upper and lower Stanley. Brochures will be available at the Stanley Community Center and local businesses, and downloadable at www.discoversawtooth.org.

The tour was developed by the Sawtooth Interpretive and Historical Association (SIHA), Stanley's Historic Preservation Commission and was made possible by a grant from the Idaho Humanities Council, the state-based affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, by a grant from the Sawtooth Mountain Mamas and in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service.

Motorcycle Escort kick starts Aug. 2

The eighth annual Motorcycle Escort to Camp Rainbow Gold will be held Aug. 2 at the blinking light rest stop at Timmerman Hill on Idaho Highway 75 and U.S. Highway 20.

The event kicks off with a barbecue lunch offered by the Kiwanis Club from

11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the rest stop. Food and drink tickets are \$6. The escort begins at 1 p.m. The event wraps up with live music, beverages and a raffle from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Wicked Spud Patio in downtown Hailey.

Information: Pat Pacheco at 539-6885, Karen McNary at 622-1639, or Sarah Gray at 578-0449.

CSI offers classes in Gooding

The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center announced several upcoming classes.

Adventures in Animal Anatomy, for kids age 10 to 14, will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. July 6, 7, 8 and 10, at the North Side Center. All supplies are included. Course fee is \$40.

Beginning Bird-watching will have a classroom session from 7 to 9 p.m. July 9 at the North Side Center. The Saturday field trip will be held from 8 a.m. to noon on July 11. The course fee is \$30 and the instructor is Dr. Fran Goding.

Dog Obedience will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, July 6-22, at the North Side Center. The fee is \$40. Participants must be at least 12 years old and must sign up with an adult. Proof of rabies vaccination is required. Instructor is Holly Parsons.

Iris Paper Folding will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. July 7 at the North Side Center. Kids, ages 9 and up, should register soon as space is limited. The fee is \$18.

Information or to register: 934-8678 or visit the center at 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding.

Groups join for lunch program curriculum

The Environmental Resource Center has joined The Hunger Coalition and Blaine County School District's Lunch Connection, a free summer food program that offers free meals to children ages 1 to 18, by holding its Wild Lunch Program from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through July 9 at Woodside Elementary in Hailey.

Each day new topics in nature and science are covered.

Information: Wild Lunch at 726-4333; Lunch Connections at 788-0121.

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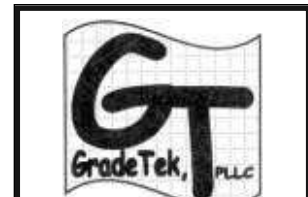
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"This administration — and our military is fully prepared for any contingencies."
 — President Obama, on the threat of a North Korean missile strike

EDITORIAL

The devil's in the details on CAMP process

Now comes the hard part. The Legislature, the governor and the stakeholders have all agreed on the Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan, a massive effort to rebuild the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer that will cost as much as \$100 million over 30 years.

Thirty percent of the money will come from the state and the rest from irrigators and other water users, cities and Idaho Power Co.

But none of the parties have had to show the color of their money yet — the Legislature declined to appropriate money to begin the CAMP last session — so potentially sticky issues remain to be settled.

Nothing is ever easy where water is concerned in Idaho, so it's time to start thinking about some of the specifics of how CAMP might work.

There will likely be a rush to see how little each stakeholder can pay toward solving the aquifer problems. It seems to us that a sliding scale based on individual water right amounts and priority dates is the way to assess the parties to pay for CAMP. The newest water rights should pay more, the older rights less.

The Idaho Water Resource Board and the Idaho Department of Water Resources will basically have the say over spending massive amounts of money, and some stakeholders are uncomfortable with the lack of water-user control.

One approach might be to form an overall aquifer district with elected representatives from each area of the Eastern Snake River Aquifer. That's because aside from a few professionals inside IDWR, the people making the proposals and deciding where to spend this money will be either volunteers with vested interests or appointees.

If you're a water user within the aquifer boundaries you should be able to count on having your water rights protected throughout the long CAMP process.

Our view:

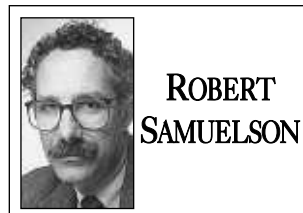
Will the Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan process protect every water user's rights? We'll see.

What do you think?

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

The decline of the American welfare state

WASHINGTON — Raised in an individualistic culture, Americans dislike the concept of the "welfare state" and do not use the term. But make no mistake, the United States has a welfare state, and its future is precarious. The true significance of General Motors' bankruptcy lies more with this welfare state than with the battered condition of American capitalism.



ROBERT SAMUELSON

Broadly speaking, the U.S. welfare system divides into two parts — the private, run by firms; and the public, provided by government. Both are besieged: private companies by competitive pressures; government by rising debt and taxes. GM exemplified the large corporation as private welfare state. In contracts with the United Auto Workers, GM promised high wages, lifetime employment, generous pensions and comprehensive health insurance.

All this is ancient history: new workers get skimpier benefits.

As metaphor, GM's bankruptcy marks the passage of this model.

Companies still provide welfare benefits to attract and retain skilled workers. But these shelters against insecurity are growing flimsier. Career jobs remain, but lifetime job guarantees are gone. Last year, about 50 percent of male workers aged 50 to 54 had been with the same employer at least 10 years; in 1983, that was 62 percent.

Health insurance and pensions tell similar stories. In 2007, employer-provided insurance covered 177 million Americans, 59.3 percent of the population; in 1999, coverage was 63.9 percent. Since 1980, companies have gradually moved from "defined benefit" to "defined contribution" pensions, notably 401(k)s. Defined benefit plans provided guaranteed monthly payments;



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defined contribution plans make workers responsible for managing retirement savings.

What most Americans identify as government "welfare" are payments to single mothers, food stamps and Medicaid, the federal-state health insurance program for the poor. But that's not the half of it. Since 1960, government has changed radically. Then, 52 percent of federal spending went for defense, 26 percent for "payments for individuals" — the welfare state. By 2008, 61 percent consisted of "payments for individuals," 21 percent for defense.

Social Security and Medicare represented the lion's share: \$1 trillion in 2008. Most Americans don't consider these programs "welfare," but they are. Benefits are paid mainly by present taxes; there's little "saving" for future benefits; Congress can alter benefits whenever it wants. If that's not welfare, what would be?

Pressures on private and public welfare won't abate. The economic conditions that encouraged corporate welfare have long since vanished. In 1955, GM, Ford and Chrysler accounted for 95 percent of

the U.S. light vehicle sales, reports economist Thomas Klier of the Chicago Federal Reserve. With market dominance and technological leadership, the "Big Three" assumed they could pass along to customers the costs of job guarantees, high wages and fringe benefits.

Eager to defuse the class warfare of the 1930s many U.S. companies imitated the model. They, too, believed that competition would be limited and technological change could be controlled. These conceits are gone. Now, companies are hyper-sensitive to competitive and economic threats. A survey of 141 major companies by consulting firm Watson Wyatt found that 72 percent have recently cut jobs, 21 percent reduced salaries and 22 percent curtailed matching 401(k) contributions.

In theory, expanding public welfare could offset eroding private welfare. President Obama's health care proposal reflects that logic. The trouble is that the public sector also faces enormous cost pressures, driven by an aging population and rising health costs. The Congressional Budget Office projects the

federal debt to double as a share of the economy to 82 percent of GDP by 2019.

Any sober examination of figures like these suggests that the system has promised more than it can realistically deliver. We are borrowing not to finance investment in the future but to pay for today's welfare — present consumption. Sooner or later, the huge debt will weaken the economy. Nor would paying for all promised benefits with higher taxes be desirable. Big increases in either debt or taxes risk depressing economic growth, making it harder yet to pay promised benefits.

The U.S. welfare state is weakening; insecurity is rising. The sensible thing would be to decide which forms of public welfare are needed to protect the vulnerable and to begin paring others. Our inaction poses another dreary parallel with GM. It was obvious a quarter-century ago that GM the auto company could not support GM the welfare state. But the union wouldn't surrender benefits, and the company acquiesced. Inertia prevailed, and the reckoning came. The same cycle, repeated on a national scale with sums many multiples higher, would be correspondingly more fearsome.

Newsweek columnist Robert Samuelson writes about economics.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Now is not the time to build new nuclear power plants

The Elmore County commissioners, Larry Rose, Connie Crusier and Arlie Shaw, should resign for being ignorant on nuclear waste and global trends for green energy. Idaho state is the second-largest nuclear dump in the United States. Beginning in the 1950s, plutonium contaminated radioactive waste, millions of gallons of radioactive liquid have been buried in 10 to 12 acres of shallow pits atop the Snake River aquifer at the Idaho

National Laboratory. According to Arjun Makhiani, president of the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research, within 23 years, contamination from the burial ground would reach the aquifer. And if we don't prevent action now, the problem will be irremediable: "There will be no fix, even with vastly improved technology." I read the information on the Internet: Google "Idaho, U.S. Battle over Nuclear Waste Damp."

The Snake River aquifer is huge, about 10,000 square miles, and provides drinking water and irrigation water which produces 30 percent

of the potatoes, 25 percent of the barley and 75 percent of the trout in the United States. Nuclear power is a thing of the past. Solar and wind is the present trend in Germany, Japan, China and others. They have plans to close nuclear plants in future. Why are Americans starting nuclear plants now? It is the citizens' responsibility to fire ignorant politicians who plan to have nuclear plants.

KIM F. BELLISTON
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Criticizing the hypocritical media

Colbert King's column

about "Where the Angriest Words Can Lead" is typical of the "blame game" employed by the hypocritical media of the pro-Fascist "left." As usual, the Fox Network, including favorite "Whipping Boys" O'Reilly, Limbaugh, Maulkin and Hannity, is the target, since George Bush is not present to be blamed, although Obama makes a habit of blaming Bush for the national financial crises that Obama and his "czars" are expanding exponentially since his "coronation" last fall.

It seems that any time O'Reilly documents and reports anything which

exposes the faults of liberal/fascist thinking — thereby using his constitutional rights of free speech — the "media of the left" makes wild, unsupported, emotional charges against him. The truth is not incendiary unless it is labeled as such by hypocrites such as Mr. King. God's law condemns murder whether it is the killing of a pro-abortion zealot or 6,000 innocent unborn children. God will determine the present and future punishment, regardless of any human judgments.

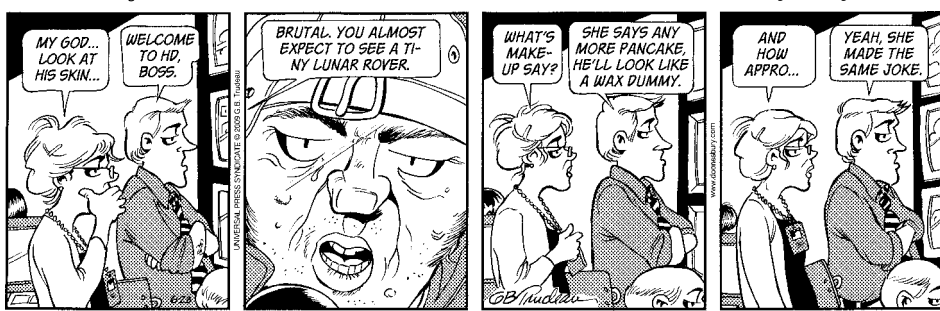
Pro-Fascist zealots would dearly love to do away with "free speech," which means

anything that criticizes unconstitutional principles and practices, which basically includes most of the principles and practices of Obama, Reid, Pelosi, Frank, Dodd, Biden and the whole "gang" of "czars." For people who really are fair-minded, critical thinkers, the Fox Network, Heritage Foundation and other similar sources are the most accurate and fair-minded groups dedicated to the truth, not the "fawning, non-thinking bastions of the "left" such as Newsweek and The New York Times.

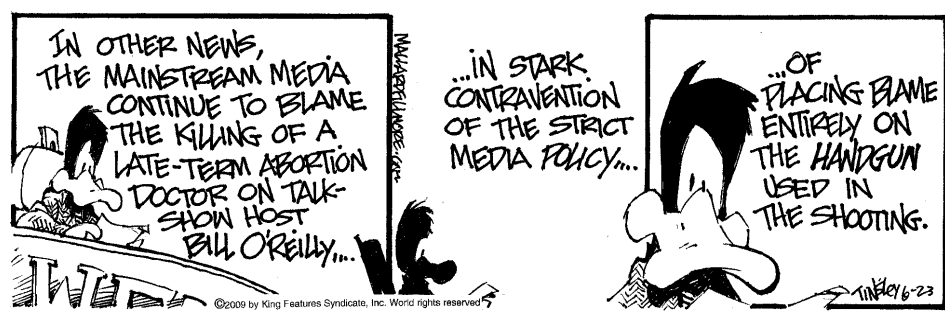
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The Obamacare horror story you won't hear

The White House, Democrats and MoveOn liberals are spreading health care sob stories to sell a government takeover. But there's one health care policy nightmare you won't hear the Obamas hyping. It's a tale of poor minority patient - dumping in Chicago — with first lady Michelle Obama's fingerprints all over it.

Both Republican Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa and Democratic Rep. Bobby Rush of Illinois have raised red flags about the outsourcing program run by the University of Chicago Medical Center. The hospital has nonprofit status and receives lucrative tax breaks in exchange for providing charity care.

Yet, in fiscal year 2007, when Mrs. Obama was employed there, it spent a



MICHELLE MALKIN

measly \$10 million on charity care for the poor — 1.3 percent of its total hospital expenses, according to an analysis performed for The Washington Post by the non-partisan Center for Tax and Budget Accountability. The figure is below the 2.1 percent average for nonprofit hospitals in surrounding Cook County.

Rep. Rush called for a House investigation last week in response to months of patient - dumping complaints, noting: "Congress has a duty to expend its power to mitigate and pre-

vent this despicable practice from continuing in centers that receive federal funds."

Don't expect the president to support a probe. While a top executive at the hospital, Mrs. Obama helped engineer the plan to offload low-income patients with non-urgent health needs. Under the Orwellian banner of an "Urban Health Initiative," Mrs. Obama sold the scheme to outsource low-income care to other facilities as a way to "dramatically improve health care for thousands of South Side residents."

In truth, it was old-fashioned cost-cutting and favor-trading repackaged as minority aid. Clearing out the poor freed up room for insured (i.e., more lucrative) patients.

Some health care experts saw through Mrs. Obama and

PR man Axelrod — yes, the same Axelrod who is now President Obama's senior adviser. But the University of Chicago Medical Center hired ASK Public Strategies to promote Mrs. Obama's initiative. Axelrod had the blessing of Chicago political guru Valerie Jarrett — now a White House senior adviser.

Axelrod's great contribution: re-branding! His firm recommended renaming the initiative after "internal and external respondents expressed the opinion that the word 'urban' is code for 'black' or 'black and poor.' ... Based on the research, consideration should be given to re-branding the initiative." Axelrod and the Obama campaign refused to disclose how much his firm received for its genius re-branding services.

In February 2009, outrage

in the Obamas' community exploded upon learning that a young boy covered by Medicaid was turned away from the University of Chicago Medical Center. Dontae Adams' mother, Angela, had sought emergency treatment for her after a pit bull tore off his upper lip. Mrs. Obama's hospital gave the boy a tetanus shot, antibiotics and Tylenol, and shoved him out the door. The mother and son took an hour-long bus ride to another hospital for surgery.

I'll guarantee you this: You'll never see the Adams family featured at an Obama policy summit or seated next to the first lady at a joint session of Congress to illustrate the failures of the health care system.

Following the Adams incident, the American College of

Emergency Physicians (ACEP) blasted Mrs. Obama and Axelrod's grand plan. The group released a statement expressing "grave concerns that the University of Chicago's policy toward emergency patients is dangerously close to 'patient dumping,' a practice made illegal by the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act" — signed by President Reagan, by the way — "and reflected an effort to 'cherry pick' wealthy patients over poor."

Rewarding political cronies at the expense of the poor while posing as guardians of the downtrodden? Welcome to Obamacare.

Syndicated columnist Michelle Malkin can be reached at writemalkin@gmail.com.

Why President Barrack Obama misses George Bush

WASHINGTON — In a conversation the other day with a White House official, I heard something I'd never expected from an employee of Barrack Obama's. "I wish," he said, "George Bush would speak up a little more."

In the five months since he left the presidency, Bush has immersed himself in his memoir. He has stayed home in Texas and rarely spoken publicly. The result has been that he has largely disappeared from the news and — the point the Obama aide was making — pretty much has been forgotten.

Bush's silence has made it harder for Obama to keep the public focused on Bush as being responsible for our present difficulties — the weak economy, the unsettled



DAVID BRODER

wars, the scandals of Guantanamo and the detainee program.

It is not for lack of trying. Obama regularly reminds the public in his own speeches and news conferences of all the problems he inherited from his predecessor. But to reporters covering the White House, those reminders have become familiar boilerplate. And since Bush won't fight back, they rarely get much coverage.

Five months into his tenure, Obama has become the only president the

American people think about. And a series of polls last week showed that when Americans think about Obama, they are becoming increasingly critical.

The Wall Street Journal/NBC, The New York Times-CBS and the Pew Research Center polls all reported similar findings. Barrack Obama retains his personal popularity, with overall job approval scores upward of 60 percent. But when asked about specific important policies of the administration, the scores are much lower — or even negative.

For weeks, polls have consistently registered opposition to Obama's decision to close the prison at Guantanamo Bay. His speech blaming Bush for opening

the prison apparently did little to ease the political fall-out.

The New York Times-CBS poll had more worrisome news. As the size of the budget deficits has become more evident, concerns about the budget policies of the administration have grown. By a 2-1 margin, this survey found that voters answered negatively when asked if Obama has developed a clear plan for dealing with the deficit. A 52 percent to 41 percent majority rejected the Obama priority for stimulating the economy at the cost of higher deficits. They said the focus should be on reducing the deficit.

Health care, Obama's latest and biggest fight, will provide another test of his leadership, with indications

in several polls that Republicans and Democrats are taking opposing stands, despite the president's calls for a bipartisan bill.

In sum, Obama has probably extracted most of the political benefit available from the high pitch of activity at home and abroad that has marked the early months of his presidency. Now people are starting to take a more critical look at the decisions he has made. And they are waiting, with varying degrees of patience, to see

how the big policy gambles of the early days play out.

Obama is fortunate that the public does not see a clear alternative coming from congressional Republicans. But he misses being compared on a daily basis with his predecessor. Thus, the irony of Obama people saying, "bring back Bush."

Washington Post columnist David Broder can be reached at davidbroder@washpost.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What is unnatural? Ask gay N.Y. penguins

I had gotten a big response to my past letter about gay marriage. The comments went back and forth. I have been keeping my distance from the news that's been going on because I was told I had high blood pressure but as I was listening to the news on the television, I overheard a story about two gay penguins. I had missed it but I went online to check it out. I wanted to see how many people were ripping their hair out about it. The Central Park Zoo in Manhattan has two male penguins that have chosen each other as mates and they do the same things as the other regular penguins do. Now no one can say that being gay is un-natural.

I have no problems with gay couples, and I think they should have the same rights as everyone else, because when you stomp on someone's rights because they are different it is prejudice. Prejudice is bad. I would like to leave you with a thought. What do you think is worse? Let gay people have marital rights or discriminate against gays when you have no place to judge anyone in the first place?

THAYNE GALLEGOS
Heyburn

Concerned about proposed power transmission line

I appreciated your coverage of the June 1 meeting in Burley regarding the Idaho Power Gateway West transmission line project. The most striking thing was that this was the first public

meeting on this project to be held in Cassia County, even though thousands of acres of private land could be affected and Idaho Power has been working on the project for nearly a year and a half.

If not for Monday's public meeting arranged by the Cassia County commissioners, many residents of Cassia County would still not be aware of what the electric company is planning. My home is at 950 South of Burley. This places my home, family and pets directly under the proposed route. As expected, I have great concerns. It disturbs me to attend recent public meetings and hear that on public lands, the right of way for sage grouse nests and

other protected species is greater than 3,000 feet. But for my apparently unprotected family, the requirement is only 150 feet. One can only wonder how television, satellite and other electronics will be affected, let alone the health of my precious family living in close proximity to such a powerful electric current.

I understand that Idaho Power is a private company that provides a needed public service, but its projects have a public impact. As a concerned and directly impacted citizen, I recommend that the route be moved to public land to as much extent as possible.

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Kimberly research center receives facility grant

Funding is part of Recovery Act through USDA

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced late last week that the U.S. Department of Agriculture is distributing \$176 million in Recovery Act funding to upgrade laboratory build-

ings — including the USDA Northwest Irrigation and Soils Research Laboratory in Kimberly.

According to a statement issued by the department, the Kimberly research facility will receive \$50,000. The Small Grains and Potato

Germplasm Research Unit in Aberdeen will also receive \$40,000 to support its facilities.

Vilsack said the projects will further research being conducted at USDA laboratories in 29 states, and the funds will help revitalize local economies by cre-

ating jobs and supporting local businesses that supply needed construction products and services.

“This funding will ensure that our labs can carry out the critical research that enables the U.S. to have the safest, least expensive food supply in the world,” Vilsack said in a written statement.

The Recovery Act funds are designated to improve the safety and health aspects of the laboratories, enhance the energy efficiency and reduce the cost of operation and maintenance.

The USDA says “all of the projects selected are at locations conducting research of the highest priority.”

Fish feed rebate details still being worked out

Some producers fear regulation with compensation

By Cindy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

The details of a program to compensate aquaculture producers for higher feed costs in 2008 are still being finalized, but producers should see an application soon.

And when the application is available, they shouldn't waste time filling it out. Once the federal dollars to pay for the program reach the state, the turn around time to get the cash to producers is short, said Lacey Menasco, a representative from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture.

She spoke during the Idaho Aquaculture Association's annual meeting in Twin Falls.

Since the program was first announced last winter, some changes have been made. For example, producers must submit their application on a per species basis. That means producers who raise both trout and tilapia must separate their feed and other input costs by each species.

Another change is that the state will calculate the amount of loss based on a statewide feed cost average for the last five years rather than using each producer's average feed cost. Loss is defined as the amount of increase in feed cost over the state average, Menasco said.

To be eligible, feed costs must represent at least 25 percent of the total input costs for 2008 and a producer must have experienced at least a 25 percent increase in 2008 feed costs above Idaho's five-year average feed cost. Payments will be determined by feed usage but are capped at \$100,000 per producer.

ISDA officials are developing a spread sheet to calculate the loss.

Producers must provide the tons of feed purchased, cost of feed and average cost per ton. Total input costs for 2008 including labor and power must also be submitted. Invoices for feed purchases or certification from the feed mill is required. Income tax forms can be used to provide the other input costs.

Linda Lemmon, executive director for the Idaho Aquaculture Association, has heard from some producers

See **FISH**, Agribusiness 2

TOP GROWER

Garrison beats barley producers in three other states

By Cindy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — When it comes to making a malt barley crop in southern Idaho, irrigation is one of the two most critical management practices for growers. That's what makes Tom Garrison's ascent to the top grower position for not just Idaho but the entire MillerCoors growing region so much sweeter.

Garrison has grown for MillerCoors for over 15 years. Malt barley is his only grain crop in a rotation that includes alfalfa, sweet corn and pasture. But he farms 320 acres south of Buhl that he describes as rocky and alkali. Not to mention that 2008 was a dry year and irrigation water can get tight on the west end of the Twin Falls Canal Co. tract.

Yet Garrison harvested a malt barley crop that was 95 percent plump, 11 per-



MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Tom Garrison inspects barley in one of his fields south of Buhl on Monday. Garrison was chosen as the top grower for MillerCoors, which contracts with hundreds of barley growers in four states. Idaho has held the position as the top grower for the brewer for the last three years.

GOOD AT GROWING

It's hard to beat Idaho for malt quality. The overall top grower for MillerCoors has come from Idaho the last three years:

- 2006 — Gary Ottman, Hazelton, Idaho
- 2007 — I & S Farms (Ralph Isom), Idaho Falls/Arco
- 2008 — Tom Garrison, Buhl

cent protein and an overall quality score of 94.08.

Reaching those specifications is an achievement under good conditions, and

last year was anything but good.

“Last year was a tough year for those guys (on the West End),” said Paul

Krumm, the MillerCoors agronomist who works with Garrison. “It was really, really dry.”

Krumm said Garrison's success can be distilled to two key practices: planting early and timely irrigation. “Idaho is pretty consistently the top producing region for MillerCoors,”

Krumm said. “That's because of our consistent water supply and warm days and cool nights.”

Each state within the

MillerCoors growing region (Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho) chooses its top grower in terms of quality score. From the four state winners, an overall winner for the company is selected.

Idaho has had the top overall winner for the last three years. State winners are awarded \$500 plus Garrison earned an additional \$1,000 and a trip to

See **GROWER**, Agribusiness 3

Burley MillerCoors elevator earns safety award

By Cindy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Mention OSHA and grain elevators, and accidents probably come to mind. But The Occupational Safety and Health Administration was in Burley last week to recognize an employer that voluntarily provides a safe work place.

The MillerCoors elevator in Burley was recognized as a Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Star Site. Of the 7 million work sites covered by OSHA, just 2,200 have been awarded

the VPP Star Site. Idaho is home to 15 sites and Burley has two.

Richard Terrill, an OSHA representative from Region 10, was in Burley to present the award during the MillerCoors annual barley field day. Terrill started with OSHA in the '70s in

Wisconsin where he worked with Miller and other brewers on safety programs to reduce noise levels on bottling lines and carbon dioxide levels in fermentation cellars.

But the VPP Star Site is different because companies voluntarily choose to

participate. Qualifying sites document their safety and training programs.

Once OSHA receives the application forms, an evaluation team is sent to the work site.

The team spent a week in Burley interviewing

See **ELEVATOR**, Agribusiness 3

Animal kills by agency more than double

Opponents: USDA 'waging war on wildlife.'

By Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The number of animals poisoned, shot or snared by the U.S. Department of Agriculture more than doubled last year, and environmentalists who are critical of the killings are renewing their effort to cut the program's funding.

The USDA's Wildlife Services division killed more

than 4.9 million animals during the 2008 fiscal year, some of them pests that threaten crops. That's more than double the 2.4 million animals killed the previous year, but the agency contends the increase is due to more accurate counting methods.

Wildlife Services, which released the annual death count last week, reported that 90 percent of animals killed in 2008 included crows, blackbirds, magpies and three species of invasive birds: European starlings, sparrows and pigeons.

Other animals included the nonnative Coqui frog in Hawaii, gray wolves in the

Rocky Mountains and jackrabbits in New Mexico.

Agency spokeswoman Carol Bannerman said the agency is charged by Congress to respond to individuals and government agencies that are having problems with wildlife, including invasive and nonnative species. For example, she said the agency killed more than three dozen Gambian rats in Florida last year to ensure that the large rodents would not damage fruit and vegetable crops.

In other areas of the country, starlings that were eating the feed at dairies were removed. Bannerman said

See **WILDLIFE**, Agribusiness 2

AGRIBUSINESS BRIEFS

Idaho Wheat Commission to hold monthly meeting

The Idaho Wheat Commission Chairman Mark Darrington has called a meeting of the IWC at 8 a.m. on July 9 at the IWC Conference Room in Boise, which is located at 821 W. State St.

Agenda items will include budget discussions, a review of the IWC financial statements, research projects and information and education updates.

All interested producers are welcome to attend. For more information, call 208-334-2353.

University of Idaho proposes Parma R&E Center closure

PARMA — After a statewide process of gathering information and analyzing options, the University of Idaho College of Agricultural and Life Sciences is proposing the closure of the Parma Research and

Extension Center by the end of the year.

Operations at the Parma center will cease on or before Dec. 31.

The closure will result in the loss of about 16 employees at Parma. Faculty researchers stationed at the center will move to the Caldwell Research and Extension Center at Caldwell.

The center's support staff includes support scientists, post-doctoral fellows, scientific and technical aides, farm and maintenance crew and office staff.

— staff reports

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with 3 columns: NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ. Each column lists 'Most Active', 'Gainers', and 'Losers' with stock names, volume, and price changes.

INDEXES

Table showing various market indexes including Dow Jones Industrials, Dow Jones Transportation, NYSE Composite, etc., with their respective values and changes.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing local stocks such as AlliantEgy, AlliantTch, AmCasino, etc., with columns for stock name, price, and change.

HOW TO READ THE REPORT

Explanatory text detailing how to read the report, covering stock names, dividends, fund names, stock footnotes, and mutual fund footnotes.

COMMODITIES REPORT

Table titled 'CLOSING FUTURES' showing commodity prices for various items like live cattle, feeder cattle, wheat, and soybeans.

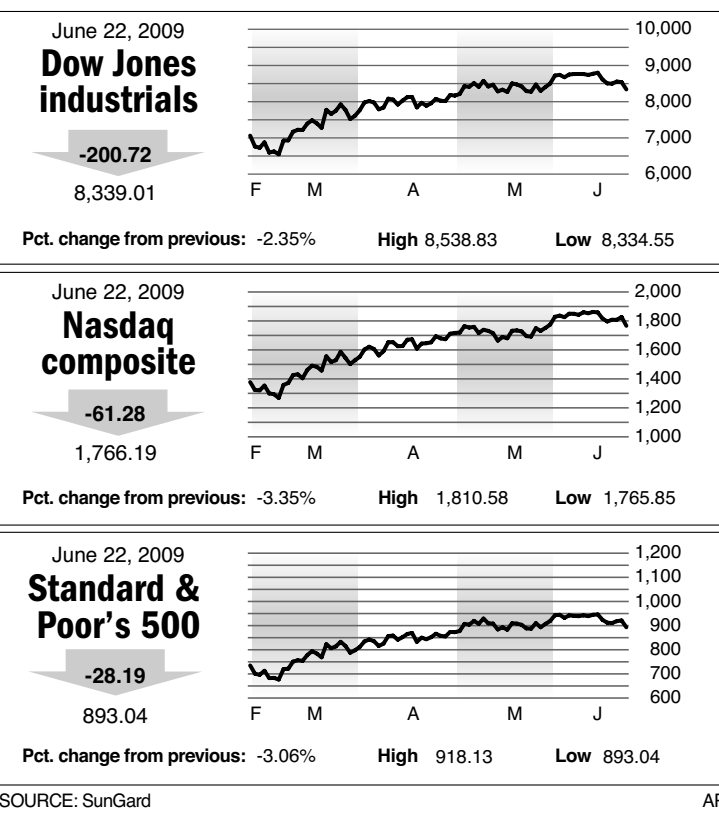
BEANS

Text providing information about bean prices, including prices per hundred weight for different types of beans.

GRAINS

Text providing information about grain prices, including prices for wheat, corn, and other grains.

TODAY ON WALL STREET



SOURCE: SunGard

NEW YORK (AP) — A surprisingly bleak forecast for the world economy pushed stocks to their biggest loss in two months. Major stock indexes tumbled by more than 2 percent Monday...

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COMMODITY PRICES

Table showing commodity prices for Dairy (Block, Barrel, Butter, etc.), Feed (Corn, Barley, Hay), and Livestock (Lambs, Ewes, etc.).

METALS/MONEY

Text providing information about metal prices (Gold, Silver, Platinum) and currency exchange rates.

MARKET TRENDS

Table titled 'Dairy trends' showing milk intake and price trends for various dairy products.

Hay trends

Text providing information about hay prices and trends, including premium and supreme quality hay.

MARKET TRENDS

Barley trends

Local barley prices were mostly higher, ranging from \$.03 lower to \$1.50 higher this week. The U.S. Department of Agriculture reported no barley export sales last week.

Wheat trends

Local wheat prices were lower this week: SSW ranged from 5 cents to 32 cents lower; HRW ranged from 6 to 29 cents lower; and DNS from 9 to 34 cents lower.

Economic outlook sinks commodities

NEW YORK (AP) — Commodity prices suffered deep losses Monday as a gloomier outlook on the economy from the World Bank dampened investors' optimism.

Wildlife

Continued from Agribusiness 1. reported using a new computer model to more accurately estimate the number of birds removed from dairies, feedlots and agricultural fields where they were causing damage.

Fish

Continued from Agribusiness 1. who are not planning to apply for the money because they fear increased government regulation. Menasco said participating in the program will open a producer's records to the government.

Feed costs, swine flu put small hog farms in peril

By Michael J. Crumb
Associated Press writer

DES MOINES, Iowa — Marty Malecek got a business degree intending to take over the Minnesota hog farm that his father started nearly 20 years ago. Instead, they are selling their 1,700 hogs and auctioning off land after it became clear that they could no longer cover their costs.

It was a combination of blows: rising feed costs as the production of ethanol increased competition for corn and soybeans. High energy costs. A drop in demand as the recession meant people were eating less meat. The resulting oversupply that kept prices low. And then, swine flu.

"We wanted to be a family farm and keep on producing hogs," said Malecek, 33. "We were holding out hope until two or three weeks ago."

The pain has been felt across the industry. While larger, more-diversified operations will likely survive, industry officials, producers and analysts say many small- and medium-sized farmers could be forced out of business. Most are family-run operations, meaning relatives could all be out of work. And it could mean roller-coaster prices at the store until supply and demand come back in line.

"It was really tough on my parents, especially my dad," Malecek said of his 72-year-old father, who began running the operation on their farm north of Redwood Falls, Minn., in 1991.

The industry produced a record number of hogs in 2008, with the U.S.



AP photo

A pig stands in its pen on the Dave Struthers farm in Collins, Iowa, on June 15.

Department of Agriculture showing 116.5 million hogs slaughtered. Now, since the swine flu outbreak, USDA forecasts call for U.S. pork exports to decline at least 12 percent in 2009. Through April, they're down about 11 percent, or about 167 million pounds, according to the USDA.

"It's almost laughable because it's so horrible," said Iowa hog producer Chuck Wirtz, who is an owner or shareholder in sow operations in Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin. He presented a proposal at the World Pork Expo earlier this month that he hoped would stabilize the market by offering farmers incentives to retire and reducing the number of hogs.

But he said the idea — a self-funded program by U.S. producers that would have needed to raise \$60 million

— is likely no use now.

Shane Ellis, a livestock economist at Iowa State University in Ames, said it could also be too late for many small operators to make the kind of production cuts they need to.

"Producers that aren't efficient will be hit first," Ellis said. "Those are the operators that we will see exit the market. Not the big operators."

The industry has lost an estimated \$4 billion over the past 20 months, said Dave Warner, spokesman for the Washington-based National Pork Producers Council. Although a drop in exports has worsened matters, feed costs may be the biggest problem. "It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out the issue is grain costs," said Larry Pope, CEO of Smithfield Foods Inc., the nation's largest hog produc-

er and pork processor.

Producers were losing up to \$45 a head in mid-2008, Warner said. That dropped to about \$11 a head when the swine flu outbreak hit in late April, and have since climbed to \$20 a head. Those kind of numbers mean smaller farmers could face pressure to shut down.

"Maybe not the really big guys, but some medium-sized operations will get out too, but it's harder for the smaller guys to handle the sustained losses," he said.

Struthers said the problem may have been avoided if producers had cut their herds by the 10 percent analysts recommended. But some put it off because the futures market began to brighten in February and March, he said, and they believed they could see some profits this summer.

FSA County Committee nominations get underway

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 are underway 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 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. Nation-wide, 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.

AGRIBUSINESS BRIEFS

S.D. loan programs report decline in interest rates

PIERRE, S.D. — The South Dakota Department of Agriculture announced that interest rates are dropping from 5 percent to 4.5 percent for two loan programs offered to farmers and ranchers.

The department joins with local lenders in the programs.

The Livestock Loan Program offers farmers and ranchers who already have facilities loans of up to \$100,000 for as long as 5 years.

The Rural Development Loan Program can provide

loans of up to \$300,000 for as long as 10 years to help farmers and ranchers buy land, buildings, equipment, machinery and other items.

N.D. group allowed to keep some land in farm ruling

BISMARCK, N.D. — A nonprofit foundation that owns more than 1,700 acres of wildlife habitat in three North Dakota counties is not required to sell all its land to obey the state's anti-corporate farming law, a judge has ruled.

Southeast District Judge James Bekken ruled that a law that prohibits corporations from owning or leasing

agricultural land does not apply to 848 acres of Crosslands Inc. property in Ward and Griggs counties because the property was donated, unusable for farming or ranching, or necessary to support the management of nearby wetlands.

Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem said Monday the ruling could open a new loophole in North Dakota's anti-corporate farming law. He said he's reviewing the decision and hasn't decided whether to appeal.

Crosslands wanted to keep all its 1,749 acres, contending that North Dakota's anti-corporate farming law violated the U.S. Constitution's protections for interstate commerce.

Bovine TB quarantine expands to 42 Nebraska herds

OMAHA, Neb. — The number of Nebraska cattle herds quarantined because of bovine tuberculosis concerns has jumped to 42 and two other states were warned the disease may have already spread there.

The quarantine, which includes roughly 15,000 Nebraska cattle, is likely to continue growing in the weeks ahead, Nebraska Agriculture Director Greg Ibach said, because investigators are still tracking down all the animals that may have had contact with the infected herd.

— The Associated Press

The Associated Press

ILIFF, Colo. — Colorado's wet spring has helped some farmers, but it's leaving Eastern Plains hay farmers with a soggy mess.

Farmers say plentiful rain this spring has helped most crops, including grass hay and alfalfa used to feed horses and cattle. But after the hay is cut, too much rain can prevent it from properly drying out.

In northeastern Colorado, farmer Don Leonard calls the wet spring an "economic disaster" for him.

"I've been at this for 35 years, and this is about as tough as it's been for me," he told The Denver Post.

In the past 30 days, the precipitation levels for northeastern Colorado were mostly between 5 and 8 inches, according to the National Weather Service. In June 2008, precipitation levels for the same region were mostly between .5 and 2 inches.

Leonard, also the treasurer of the Colorado Hay and Forage Association, says the hay on the ground has been there for 28 days without drying. Last sum-

mer, his hay was on the ground for five days before it was baled and ready for sale.

Leonard predicts he'll produce about 4,000 tons of hay from his first cutting but that it won't be up to par. Last year, he said, the first cutting yielded 5,000 tons of good-quality hay.

"We have expectations that conditions will get better, and we have hope that the price will remain the same as last year," he said.

Jodie Pitcock, market reporting supervisor for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's marketing service, says there has been little "supreme" and "premium" quality hay this month, instead being in three lower categories.

The hay downturn will mean less good feed for ranchers and horse owners in Colorado.

Lance Shockley, a horse trainer who owns a farm in Loveland, told the newspaper that after the first cutting, he needs about five to seven days of dry weather in order to bale it up and sell it.

"At this point, there's not very much alfalfa for people to be purchasing," he said.

Grower

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Golden, Colo., to tour the brewery and meet with company officials.

He said the opportunity to tour the brewery helped him understand both the scope of the company he'd been growing for and why the quality standards are so strict.

"MillerCoors is a great company to grow for,"

Garrison said. "They treat us well."

He had no indication his 2008 crop was anything extraordinary. "It's common practice to do the best you can every year," he explained.

But since his fields are all irrigated using both sprinkler and gravity irrigation systems, he can control the crop's envi-

ronment to a greater extent than dryland growers in other regions.

He begins irrigating early in the season, and watches crop maturity to determine when to turn the water off. Once the crop hits soft dough, he'll stop irrigating as long as the soil profile is wet. If not, he'll irrigate one more time to give the crop

enough water in the soil profile to finish.

It's still early in the 2009 growing season to make a prediction about how this crop will turn out, but Garrison says the cool, wet weather has been good for grain so far.

"No two years are the same," he said. "Every year you play with Mother Nature."

Elevator

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employees and talking with contractors. To quality, a site must have injury and illness rates that are 50 percent below the industry average for a three-year period.

What made the MillerCoors award so remarkable, Terrill said, was that the elevator had zero injury and illness reports for that period. "When you have only a few employees, it only takes one or two incidents to knock you out of the VPP Star Site," he said.

Kris Smesler, manager at Burley, said the company was challenged by Steve Rockhold, hops and logistics manager, to begin the VPP Star Site process three years ago. Since then, MillerCoors

has had two other sites in Wyoming and Montana named as VPP Star Sites. The Burley elevator was the third MillerCoors facility to earn the distinction and the transload elevator in Golden, Colo. was recently recommended for the honor.

VPP Star Site status is awarded for a three-year period. At the end of that period, OSHA will do a reevaluation and the company can elect to be in the program another five years.

"It's about not getting people hurt at work," Terrill said. "And these folks have run the best safety and health programs with no recordable lost time from injuries or illness for the last three years." But Smesler says the chal-

lenge is just beginning. "The real work for us is to go above and beyond in every coming

year," he said. "Not just for us but for you the growers who come on site."

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Table with columns for Temperature and Precipitation. Includes data for Yesterday's High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, and Avg. Water Year to Date.

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Map of Idaho showing weather forecasts for various regions including Boise, Northern Utah, and Southern Idaho. Includes high/low temperatures and weather icons for each area.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with columns for Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, and Pollen Count. Includes data for Yesterday's High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, and U.V. Index.

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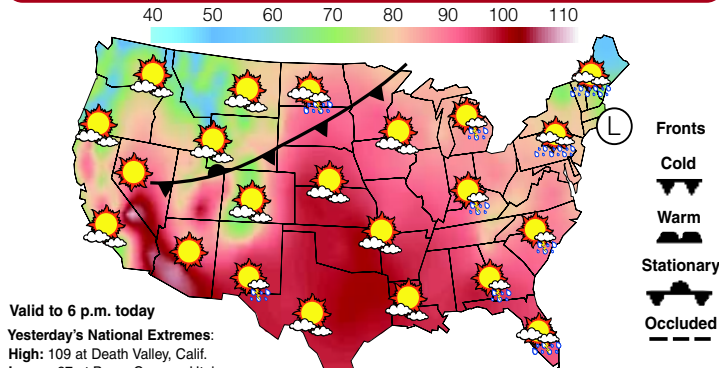
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National forecast table for various US cities including Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, and others.

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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Canadian forecast table for various Canadian cities including Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, and others.

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Iranian police use force to break up protest

Government admits some voting irregularities. By Jim Heintz, Associated Press writer.



New York Times/AP photo

Riot police move toward Vali Asr Square in Tehran on Monday. Hours after a warning from the powerful Revolutionary Guards not to return to the streets, about a thousand protesters defiantly gathered in central Tehran on Monday and were quickly dispersed in an overwhelming show of force by police who used clubs and tear gas.

Britain, accused by Iran of fomenting post-election unrest, said it was evacuating the families of diplomats and other officials based in Iran — the first country to do so as Iran's worst internal conflict since the 1979 Islamic Revolution escalated. Witnesses said helicopters hovered overhead as about 200 protesters gathered at Haft-e-Tir Square. But hundreds of anti-riot police quickly put an end to the demonstration and prevented any gathering, even small groups, at the scene. At the subway station at Haft-e-Tir, the witnesses said police did not allow anyone to stand still, asking them to keep on walking and separating people who were walked together. The witnesses asked not to be identified for fear of government reprisals. Just before the clashes, an Iranian woman who lives in Tehran said there was a heavy police and security presence in another square in central Tehran. She asked not to be identified because she was worried about government reprisals. "There is a massive, massive, massive police presence," she told The Associated Press in Cairo by telephone. "Their presence was really intimidating." Iran says at least 17 protesters have been killed in a week of unrest so far after the electoral council declared hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad winner of the June 12 election. His main chal-

"There is a massive, massive, massive police presence. Their presence was really intimidating." — Iranian woman who asked not to be identified

irregularities in 50 electoral districts, the most serious official admission so far of problems in the election. But the council insisted the problems do not affect the outcome of the vote. Earlier Monday, the elite Revolutionary Guard issued its sternest warning so far in the post-election crisis. It warned protesters to "be prepared for a resolution and revolutionary confrontation with the Guards, Basij and other security forces and disciplinary forces" if they continue their near-daily rallies.

The Basij, a plainclothes militia under the command of the Revolutionary Guard, have been used to quell street protests that erupted after the election result was announced. The Guard statement ordered demonstrators to "end the sabotage and rioting activities" and said their resistance is a "conspiracy" against Iran. On Sunday, acting joint chief of the armed forces Gen. Gholam Ali Rashid issued a thinly veiled warning to Mousavi, saying "we are determined to confront plots by enemies aimed at creating a rift in the nation.

no surprise. "I don't think their willingness to crack down was ever in doubt. They won't let these protests grow — this was the way the shah was brought down" in 1979, Nader said, but added: "Even if the protests peter out, you can expect a strong opposition movement in Iran."

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Table titled 'USED EQUIPMENT' listing various tractors, small balers, windrowers, and big balers with their respective prices. Includes a note: 'For more used equipment see www.agri-service.com'

Not always a CLEAR path to savings



KEVIN CLARK/Washington Post

Joseph Prus installs an energy-efficient window at a home in Chevy Chase, Md. While such windows can lower energy bills, it takes years to recoup their costs. Experts suggest a home energy audit to determine how to make your home more energy-efficient.

Look at alternatives before replacing windows

By Terri Rupar
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The big appeal of replacing your old windows with new energy-efficient ones is that they might save you money. A federal tax credit of up to \$1,500 adds to the attraction.

But there are other, cheaper ways to reduce energy bills, experts said. Replacing windows is “one of the last things you want to do,” said Pascale Maslin, founder of energy auditor Energy Efficiency Experts. “First you want to seal up your house, and that takes more time than it does materials. Second thing, you want

to get your house insulated.”

There are many details involved in windows, but if you’re interested in replacing yours, here are the basics.

• **Before you replace your windows.**

Nils Petermann, of the Alliance to Save Energy, recommends getting a home energy audit to help determine how to make your home, including windows, more energy-efficient. You may be able to get away with just replacing glass, which he says has improved a lot since the 1970s. You might just need weatherstripping or caulking to block holes. You may also be able to add interior or exterior storm

windows or plastic window films to keep the hot and cold air where you want it.

Jim Conlon, of Silver Spring, Md.-based Elysian Energy, which does energy audits, said window replacement is one of the least cost-effective ways to make your home more energy-efficient. Take that step if you have single-pane windows with metal frames or your windows are broken or rotting, he said.

Maslin said that with about \$100 and cans of foam and caulk, you can make your house’s envelope tighter and avoid spending thousands of dollars on windows.

• **The payback.**

Windows last for decades. It can also take that long to see the payback on energy savings. Experts estimate that it can take seven to 20 years to recoup the costs of windows. The time depends on the climate, the windows you’re replacing, what you’re replacing them with, how much energy you use and how insulated the rest of your house is. Experts also said that it’s unclear how much of the price of energy-efficient windows is recouped when a house is sold.

Energy Star, a government program that rates product efficiency, says that replacing single-pane windows with those that it certifies can save about \$500 a year in

energy costs in a 2,000-square-foot detached house with 300 square feet of windows. (Costs are based on the North/Central U.S. climate.)

• **The numbers and letters of efficiency.**

If you are going to replace your windows, Petermann said, the place to start is Energy Star (www.energystar.gov). A variety of number-letter combos measure a window’s efficiency. Each component of the window has an R value, which indicates how resistant the material is to heat flow. The higher, the better.

See **WINDOW**, H&G 2



Dumpster diver deluxe?

Living in the lap of shabby splendor

At Colcha in Venice, Calif., an armchair with reclaimed wood legs and upholstered in European feed-sack fabric goes for \$1,600. The recycled burlap cushion is \$42; the feed-sack pillow \$198.

By David A. Keeps
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Coffee tables made from barrels. Lamps crafted from brooms. Chairs swathed in burlap and sackcloth. Look at the some of the newest furniture on the market, and the recession appears to have really hit home. But irony alert: This new brand of

shabby chic doesn’t come cheap.

At the Dan Marty showroom in the Pacific Design Center, the heart of West Hollywood’s design scene and the place where top decorators shop for their wealthy clients, light fixtures made from old French apple baskets carry \$1,600 prices, and canopy chairs upholstered in burlap sell for \$3,600 a pair.

“Some of these pillows cost \$600 each,” Marty said, pointing to shams made from grain bags. Customers tease him about the high prices, but the pillows are selling — about two dozen a month. Kathy Hilton, Paris’ mom, just picked up eight of them.

At Environment Furniture, an eco-chic retailer that counts actor-environmentalist Leonardo DiCaprio as one of its customers, giant floor cushions are made of

truck tarps and \$3,000 sectional sofas are upholstered in material from old pup tents and other military textiles.

Such humble looks probably would have drawn disdain from style-conscious consumers addicted to Hollywood glamour and glitz a few years ago, but times have changed and so have many high-end home fashions. Some of today’s expensive decor seems more “Beverly Hillbillies” than “Beverly Hills 90210.”

The look suggests modesty — people of means who wish to express their taste without flaunting their relative immunity to the recession.

Brooke Hodge, former

See **SHABBY**, H&G 2

A burlap-covered desk chair designed by Sue Cowie, owner of Colcha in Venice, Calif.

For security, consider rolling shutters

DEAR JIM: My windows are not the most efficient. Instead of replacing them, I am considering installing rolling shutters for their efficiency, storm protection and security. What design features should I choose? — **Ronnie M.**



SENSIBLE HOME
James Dulley

DEAR RONNIE: There are many options for making your windows more energy efficient, but rolling shutters also offer the other advantages of security and storm protection you mentioned. We have tornadoes here in Cincinnati so I am considering installing one over a large glass window.

During a storm last fall, a tree branch almost broke the glass while I was sitting near it.

The actual energy savings



Photo courtesy of Rollic Shutters

These rolling shutters are partially opened over sliding glass doors. Notice the small slotted holes in the flanges between the slats.

from installing rolling shutters depends upon the type of window glass you now have and, to a less extent, the types of slat in the shutter. If your house now has double-

pane windows, adding the shutters will about double their insulation value. With single pane windows, the percentage increase will be even greater.

An additional energy savings can be realized during summer because the rolling shutters also block the direct heat from the sun's rays through the windows. The shutters can be lowered to any position to allow in only as much light (and heat) as you desire.

Rolling shutters are extremely strong and secure because they operate similarly to a rolltop desk. Narrow slats roll up into a box housing above the window. The sides slide in vertical tracks on each side of the window, making them very secure and relatively airtight when they are fully closed.

If you want security and privacy, but also light and ventilation, slightly raise the rolling shutter. The bottom of the shutter will not rise, but the slats will separate slightly, exposing the interlocking flanges between them. There are narrow slots in the flanges which allow some light and fresh air through them.

Several materials are used

for the slats: roll-formed metal, plastic or extruded aluminum. All are suitable for most areas. The extruded aluminum are the strongest and most expensive and are often used on large windows. The roll-formed metal ones can be filled with foam insulation for higher efficiency and rigidity. Check your local building codes for required materials and strength.

An important feature to consider is how the rolling shutter is opened and closed.

The various options are a pull strap, a crank handle and an electric motor. Keep in mind, if the shutters are inconvenient to use, you will not close them as often as you should for efficiency or security.

For most smaller to average size windows, a pull strap is easy to use and inexpensive. Large shutters or ones from heavy-gauge aluminum may be easier to operate with a hand crank. Electric motor operators are

most convenient, but also more expensive.

DEAR JIM: We had central air conditioning added to our house about four years ago. I just noticed the outdoor slab has settled and one side is about an inch lower. Will this tilt effect the air conditioner operation? — **Rich L.**

DEAR RICH: One inch does not seem like a significant enough tilt to cause problems. Most of the slabs which the outdoor air conditioner condenser unit rests on do not have footers, and many settle a little.

If the tilt becomes greater, have your cooling contractor check it.

Depending upon the design of the compressor, a significant tilt can starve parts of the compressor from adequate lubrication oil.

Send inquiries to James Dulley, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244 or visit www.dulley.com.

Shabby

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curator of architecture and design at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles, has christened it "Dumpster diver deluxe."

Arbiters of style such as Jonathan Adler, a Melrose Avenue boutique owner and judge on the Bravo TV show "Top Design," see the trend as the convergence of several looks: an organic, modern direction evidenced in tree-stump end tables and other designs that recall the back-to-nature hippie era; the urban loft aesthetic, which embraces castoff industrial furnishings and found objects; and a growing green consciousness, with an emphasis on recycled materials.

"People used to say that 'less is more' meant 'more expensive,'" Adler said. "Now you can say humble is the new grandeur."

Recession chic exudes the "romance and pioneer spirit of homesteaders," said Newell Turner, style director at the 113-year-old House Beautiful, the oldest continuously published shelter magazine in the U.S. "If you work at a computer all day, you have a heightened need for a connection to nature and things that are earthy and homespun."

Regardless of its origins, Dumpster diver deluxe is resonating among affluent shoppers who simply want to dial down ostentation and not appear out of step with the times.

"I've seen high-end chairs stripped of gilt to the natural wood and upholstered in very plain canvas," Hodge said. "That's a more refined, less trendy way to show restraint."

The trend has prompted some cynicism in the design community.

Matilda McQuaid, deputy curatorial director of the Smithsonian's Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum in New York, said



KEN HIVELEY/Los Angeles Times

A lamp crafted from a broom is a limited-edition piece. It sells for \$850.

the phenomenon was hard to define as restraint when the merchandise was still expensive.

"There is even a theatrical aspect to it as if the wealthy are trying to play the role of an 'impoverished man,' but in a very safe way," she said.

Such designs could be a short-lived fad — "like patched jeans," McQuaid said.

But part-time Los Angeles resident Bo Banks disagrees. The television producer bought a \$3,500 Dan Marty chaise covered in burlap for her Chicago apartment.

"I don't think it's a fad," she said. "When you see something that looks like a

traditional antique covered in a plain and natural fabric, it looks fresh and beautiful — casual but still a little fancy!"

Window

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The U-factor measures the entire window, and a lower number means it will be better at keeping the hot air on the side of the window where you want it. Those range from 0.01 to 0.99.

If a window says it's Low-E, that indicates there's a coating on the glass, which will contribute to a lower U-factor. The E stands for emissivity, and the coatings can help keep the heat from sunlight or ultraviolet rays from coming in.

Last is the SHGC, or solar heat gain coefficient, which measures how effectively a window blocks heat coming from the sun. The lower the SHGC, which ranges from 0 to 1, the better.

To qualify as Energy Star windows for the North/Central region, the U-factor must be 0.40 or less and the SHGC must be 0.55 or less.

But the Energy Star rating doesn't necessarily mean the window qualifies for a tax credit — at least as of June 1. If you have Energy Star-rated windows installed before then, you qualify for a federal tax credit of 30 percent of the window price, up to a credit of \$1,500. After that date and through 2010, the rules become more stringent. Windows must also have a U-factor and SHGC of 0.30 or less.

• The look.

Tommy Chaikin, co-owner of the Renewal by Andersen of Washington and Maryland, said that about a third of his customers are calling about new windows based on energy efficiency, a number that has been boosted by the tax credit.

Others are concerned about aesthetics or functional issues.

Aesthetics largely concern window material. The three basic choices are wood, vinyl and aluminum, though there are also windows made with composites. Aluminum conducts heat too readily to be a good choice. Vinyl doesn't have to be painted or replaced, and it can be reinforced to make it stronger. Your historic district or homeowners association might prefer wood, so be sure to check those rules. (Storm windows or other cheaper alternatives to replacement might be forbidden, too, so check before you buy.)

• One last warning.

It comes from Tom Herron, of the National

Fenestration Rating Council, which certifies that windows perform the way manufacturers say they do: Because windows last for decades, make sure you have a good warranty from a company that's going to stick around to back it up.

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Answer:

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

Case No. CV 2009-359 NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF REX A. THOMASON, aka REX ALLEN THOMASON, DECEASED.

ELLEN K. THOMASON has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against said deceased persons are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice at the offices of Williams, Meservy & Lothspeich, LLP, 153 East Main Street, P.O. Box 168, Jerome, Idaho, or said claims will be forever barred.

DATED THIS 27TH day of May, 2009. WILLIAMS, MESERVY & LOTHSPREICH, LLP By: /s/ James C. Meservy JAMES C. MESERVY Attorney for Estate

PUBLISH: June 9, 16 and 23, 2009

CITY OF JEROME 93 CORRIDOR TECH PARK ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed Bids for material supply for the 93 CORRIDOR TECH PARK PROJECT will be received by the City of Jerome, Jerome County, Idaho, the OWNER, at the City Hall located at 152 East Avenue A, Jerome, Idaho, 83338 until 2:00 o'clock p.m., prevailing local time, Thursday, July 2, 2009.

The Project consists of the following items: Furnish pipe and related materials for the 93 Tech Park located at W 1/2 Section 14 T8S R17 East of the Boise Meridian, Jerome, Idaho. The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Specifications, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations: Jerome City Hall, 152 East Avenue A, Jerome, Idaho

PUBLISH: June 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. 07-0053511 Title Order No. W731762 Parcel No. RPS0100040001AA The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, inside the North entrance to Lincoln County Courthouse located at 111 West B St., Shoshone, ID 83352, on 10/16/2009 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 03/26/2004 as Instrument Number 176485, and executed by SCOTT T. SCHOOLCRAFT AND ANNA L. SCHOOLCRAFT, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor(s), in favor of ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC, as Beneficiary, to RECONTRUST COMPANY, the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Lincoln County, state of Idaho: LOTS 1,2,3 AND 4 IN BLOCK 40, SHOSHONE TOWNSITE, LINCOLN COUNTY, IDAHO, AS THE SAME IS PLATTED IN THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, NOW OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY.

PUBLISH: June 16, 23, 30 and July 7, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Loan No. 38911335 T.S. No. ID-09-270689-TD On 9/30/2009, 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 HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Trustee on behalf of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust for the registered holders of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2006-ASAP4, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates 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 of Block 1 of Birchwood Subdivision No.2, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof recorded in Book 11 of Plats, page 27, 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 350 Maxine Lane, Kimberly, ID 83341 is sometimes associated with said real property.

INVITATION TO BID

Gooding Joint School District #231 is accepting bids for the sale of property located at 906 Main Street, Gooding, Idaho. Legally described as all of Blocks 142 and 143, Gooding Townsite, according to the plat thereof, recorded in the Office of the County Recorder of Gooding County. The sale will include the building and all other real property associated therewith. The appraised value was determined in December, 2008 as \$775,000. That will be the minimum bid accepted.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No.: ID-09-275538-TD Loan No.: 0729759985 On 9/30/2009 at 10:00:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of, CASSIA, State of Idaho: In the main lobby to Land Title & Escrow, 211 W. 13th St., Burley, ID 83318 Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee, on behalf of Deutsche Bank Nat'l Trust, as trustee for WaMu Series 2007-HE1 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 CASSIA, State of Idaho, and described as follows: EXHIBIT "A" TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, CASSIA COUNTY, IDAHO SECTION 21: PART OF THE NE1/4SW1/4, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE E1/2SW1/4 OF SAID SECTION 21; THENCE 295 FEET SOUTH; THENCE 295 FEET WEST; THENCE 295 FEET NORTH; THENCE 295 FEET EAST, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPTING THEREFROM THAT PORTION DEEDED TO THE STATE OF IDAHO FOR A RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR PUBLIC HIGHWAY.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Loan No. 0999142987 T.S. No. 200900456 - 32237 On 10/01/2009 at 11:00 am (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Minidoka, State of Idaho: In the conference room of Land Title & Escrow located at 710 G St., Rupert, ID 83350, Pioneer Lenders Trustee Services, LLC, as Trustee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of Minidoka, State of Idaho, and described as follows: TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, BOISE MERIDIAN, MINIDOKA COUNTY, ID. SECTION 36: That part of the NE1/4NW1/4, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 36; thence South 89°43'20" East for 1319.62 feet along the North section line to the Northwest corner of the NE1/4NW1/4; thence South 89°43'20" East for 631.00 feet along the North section line to a point; thence South 0°16'40" West (recorded as South in Quitclaim Deed, recorded June 29, 1987 as Document No. 373490) for 41.19 feet to a point on the South right of way line of state highway 25 which shall be the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence South 0°16'40" West (recorded as South) for 221.81 feet to the approximate centerline of the Minidoka Irrigation District's Main Drain; Thence North 73°40'11" West for 506.72 feet (recorded as Northwesterly for 504 feet) along said drain; Thence North 0°16'40" East (recorded as North) for 82.06 feet to the South right of way of State Highway 25; Thence South 89°4'31" East for 487.00 feet along said right of way to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PUBLISH: June 23, 30, July 7 and 14, 2009

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

100 Announcements

101 Lost and Found

FOUND 3 pillows and computer board, on 3/17/09 on 3500. Call to identify 429-5206

FOUND black dog, large, around 9-10 months old. Very friendly, long black hair. Found in Declo. Behind Country Store. 654-9442



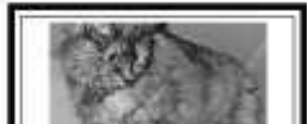
FOUND Cat in west Twin Falls, Female Maro, gray and white stripes. Call 208-734-1182

FOUND Chihuahua, female, cream colored, found at 41 S. 200 W. Rupert. Call to identify. 208-436-9632

FOUND Dog on Hwy 27 near Declo on June 21st. Large male, tan color. Call 208-679-4987

FOUND Portable gaming system, Found at Story Book Park in Burley Call to identify 208-219-0694

FOUND Small white dog with 1/2 brown face. Call to identify 410-0673.



LOST Cat, disappeared, 14 yrs old, goes by 'Linda'. Lost near Morningside School and Sherry Dr. Has tri-colored collar with heart tag, has phone number on back. Call if found, hurt or other. Big reward! Family is devastated. 208-733-5996 or 208-308-2996

101 Lost and Found

LOST Black lab, male, 2 electronic collars, one red one green. South Burley. 208-678-1096

LOST Bracelet, silver and turquoise, sentimental value, in the Twin Falls area on Saturday June 6. Reward! Call 208-794-7274

LOST Female curly/chocolate brown Water Spaniel. Approx. 35 lbs. Camo collar. Lost Friday, June 19th in Milner area. Please call Jamie @ 731-2618

LOST Nintendo Black DS at Burley Pizza Hut on 6/9. Please return. 208-670-1470

106 Special Notices

BIRTHDAY PHOTOS Have you forgotten to pick up your birthday photos? We have some photos we are sure you don't want us to toss. These can be picked up at The Times-News Classified Dept.

107 Pregnancy Alternatives

Pregnant? Worried? Free Pregnancy Tests Confidential 208-734-7472

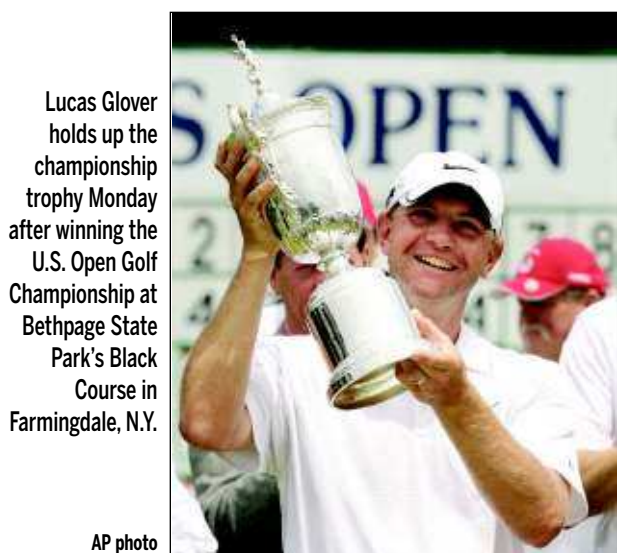
108 Professional Services

Bankruptcy & Debt Counseling Free 1/2 hour consultation. Competitive Rates. We are a debt relief agency. We help people file for bankruptcy relief under the bankruptcy code. May, Browning & May 208-733-7180

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“I hope I don’t downgrade it or anything with my name on (the trophy). It’s an honor, and I’m just excited and happy as I can be to be on here.” — **LUCAS GLOVER, U.S. OPEN WINNER**

GLOVER AN UNLIKELY CHAMP AT U.S. OPEN



Lucas Glover holds up the championship trophy Monday after winning the U.S. Open Golf Championship at Bethpage State Park’s Black Course in Farmingdale, N.Y.

AP photo

Unknown holds on for 2-shot win

The Associated Press

FARMINGDALE, N.Y. — Lucas Glover steadied his hands for a 3-foot par putt on the 18th hole, an anticlimactic finish to five dreary days at a U.S. Open filled with more delays than drama.

The unlikely champion turned to soak up a beautiful sight beneath gathering clouds Monday at Bethpage Black.

“I just looked at the scoreboard to make sure this was

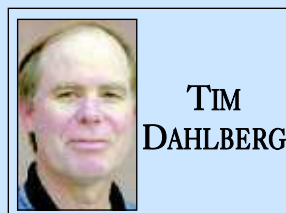
really happening,” Glover said.

Glover never lost the lead over the final 12 holes, even though the attention was always on someone else. He closed with a 3-over 73 for a two-shot victory in a U.S. Open that might be remembered more for the week than the winner. Glover didn’t have a compelling storyline, just the kind of golf that wins a U.S. Open in any conditions.

See **GLOVER**, Sports 2

MICKELSON SECOND AGAIN, BUT WITH PERSPECTIVE

FARMINGDALE, N.Y. — There was no smile, just a look of resignation as Phil Mickelson trudged wearily up the muddy slope off the 18th green. He was finally finished in a U.S. Open that seemed like it would never end, and the shouts of support coming from the bleachers were never going to mask the realization that another chance



TIM DAHLBERG

had slipped away.

Mickelson had somehow found yet another way to lose the one tournament he

See **MICKELSON**, Sports 2

COMING TO AMERICA



AP photo
Team Georgia Elite player Robert Ojeah, left, dunks over Onyekachi Uchebo during basketball practice in Durham, N.C., on June 8.

More Africans leaving homeland to play basketball in U.S.

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press writer

MARIETTA, Ga. — Growing up in Nigeria, Robert Ojeah fretted over the demands of everyday life, the sort of things that shouldn’t be a burden to a child.

Would he have a roof over his head that night? What was he going to do for money? Where was his next meal coming from?

“We would catch animals. Cook them, roast them, eat them,” he said. “Rabbits. Snakes. Squirrels.”

No matter what life dealt him, Ojeah kept growing. And growing. All the way up to 6-foot-10, with muscles upon muscles on a hard-as-a-rock, 220-pound body that’s still only 16 years old.

Meet basketball’s new wave.

See **AFRICA**, Sports 2

Africans playing in Idaho

The College of Southern Idaho has also featured men’s basketball squads with African players. Last season marked Byago Diouf’s and Aziz Ndiaye’s freshman season with the Golden Eagles. Both are from Dakar, Senegal, which is in west Africa, touching the Atlantic Ocean. Ndiaye averaged 8.5 points and 7.9 rebounds across 32 games and led the team in blocks with 72, while Diouf averaged 6.6 points through 29 games.

Both Diouf, a 6-foot-3 shooting guard, and Ndiaye (7-0, C) will return for their sophomore season at CSI this winter.

Times-News sports editor Mike Christensen wrote about these young men in the Jan. 30 edition of the Times-News. — Staff report



Diouf



Ndiaye

WIMBLEDON New look for Centre Court, Federer

The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Roger Federer thought Centre Court looked smashing, what with its new retractable roof at the ready, all white fabric and steel trusses.

The fans at Wimbledon thought Federer looked smashing, too, what with his new collar-up, military-style jacket and formfitting tuxedo vest, all white with gold trim.

As for Federer’s play Monday at the All England Club? Well, for a few minutes, that did not look quite so good. But only for a few minutes. After trailing by a break in the first set

See **WIMBLEDON**, Sports 2



AP photo

Roger Federer of Switzerland arrives for his first round match Monday against Lu Yen-Hsu of Chinese Taipei on centre court at Wimbledon.

Mahtook single in 11th gives LSU 7-6 CWS win

The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Mikie Mahtook singled in the winning run in the top of the 11th inning after DJ LeMahieu tied the game in the ninth, and LSU survived Texas’ five home runs to beat the Longhorns 7-6 in Game 1 of the College World Series finals Monday night. LSU (55-16) would win its sixth national title with a victory over the Longhorns (49-15-1) on Tuesday night. LeMahieu walked leading off the 11th against Brandon Workman (3-4), stole second with two outs and took third when catcher

NCAA College World Series
At Rosenblatt Stadium
Omaha, Neb.
Best-of-3
Monday: LSU 7, Texas 6, 11 innings
Tuesday: LSU (55-16) vs. Texas (49-15-1), 5 p.m.
Wednesday: Texas vs. LSU, 5 p.m., if necessary

See **CWS**, Sports 2

SCOREBOARD

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Sprint Cup Leaders

Table with columns: Driver, Points, Team. Top entries: Tony Stewart (2,880), Jimmie Johnson (2,707), Kurt Busch (2,084).

BASEBALL

American League

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Boston (42-27-609), New York (38-31-551), Toronto (33-35-535).

NL Boxes

Table with columns: Team, Ab, R, H, B, I, O. St. Louis (31-4), New York (200), Toronto (100).

Monday's Games

Table with columns: Team, Location, Time. Boston (Penny 6:2) at Washington, Chicago Cubs at Detroit.

National League

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Philadelphia (36-31-537), New York (35-33-515), Florida (35-36-493).

Sunday's Games

Table with columns: Team, Location, Time. Detroit 3, Milwaukee 2, Chicago White Sox 4.

Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 4-2) at Detroit (E. Jackson 6-4), 7:05 p.m. Cleveland (Duff 2-2) at Pittsburgh (Snell 2-7), 7:05 p.m. Cincinnati (Owings 4-7) at Toronto (Tallet 4-4), 7:07 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Boston at Washington, 7:05 p.m. Chicago Cubs at Detroit, 7:05 p.m. Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

St. Louis (31-4) at Atlanta (Hanson 2-0), 5:10 p.m. N.Y. Yankees (Wang 0-5) at Atlanta (Hanson 2-0), 5:10 p.m.

Monday's Games

Colorado at L.A. Angels, 7:10 p.m. Tampa Bay 10, N.Y. Mets 6, Boston 6, Atlanta 5.

Tuesday's Games

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GAME PLAN

LOCAL AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL Class AA Idaho Falls Reds at Minico, 6 p.m., DH Class A Kimberly at Bonneville, 4 p.m., DH Twin Falls at Idaho Falls Rangers, 4 p.m., DH Burley at Pocatello, 6 p.m., DH

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL 5 p.m. WGN — Chicago Cubs at Detroit TENNIS 5 a.m. ESPN2 — Wimbledon Championships, early round, at London WNBASKETBALL 5:30 p.m. ESPN2 — Phoenix at San Antonio

TV SCHEDULE

ESPN — World Series, finals, game 2, LSU vs. Texas, at Omaha, Neb.

Table with columns: Player, Points, Reb, Ast, etc. L. Pouller \$100,384, M. Sim \$100,384, P. Hanson \$100,384.

PGA Tour FedExCup Leaders Through June 21. 1. Phil Mickelson 1,616, 2. Zach Johnson 1,609.

LPGA Money Leaders Through June 14. 1. Cristie Kerr 12, 2. In-Kyung Kim 11, 3. Lorena Ochoa 9.

Champions Tour Charles Schwab Cup Leaders Through June 7. 1. Bernhard Langer 1,162, 2. Michael Allen 1,220.

Rodeo Pro Rodeo Leaders Through June 21 All-Around. 1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas \$100,250.

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OLYMPICS Fernandez hopeful softball returns for 2016 Games

NEW YORK — Softball great Lisa Fernandez is hopeful the sport will return for the 2016 Olympics.

The three-time Olympic gold medalist says it all comes down to the International Olympic Committee vote on Aug. 14. Softball is up against six other sports.

Softball was dropped from Olympics for the 2012 London Games when it didn't receive support from IOC members.

CHICAGO — The head of Chicago's bid for the 2016 Olympics says it is unlikely that taxpayers will be on the hook for millions of dollars if the games turn out to be a financial flop.

Patrick Ryan said Monday that the risk of taxpayers' money in Chicago bid is "improbable."

Minico summer volleyball camp upcoming

RUPERT — The Minico High School summer volleyball camp, presented by Weber State University, will be held July 6-8 for players entering the seventh through 12th grades.

Former ISU players offer hoops camp BURLEY — Former Idaho State University women's basketball players Ashley Toner-McNeal, also a Burley graduate, and Mandi Carver will host an offensive skills basketball camp Wednesday-Friday at the Burley High School gymnasium.

Canyon Ridge soccer coach offers open field time TWIN FALLS — Canyon Ridge High School boys varsity soccer coach Brian Gillenwater is offering open field time to any future Canyon Ridge students or Robert Stuart Junior High School students who may later wish to try out for the Riverhawks teams this fall.

Burley JHS offers volleyball camp BURLEY — Burley Junior High School is offering a girls volleyball camp on July 13-15 at the west gym. The cost is \$50. The camp runs from 9 a.m. through 3 p.m., and campers will need to bring a lunch.

Send Magic Valley briefs to sports@magicvalley.com mascot and ideas have ranged from a feathered horse to an asparagus stalk.

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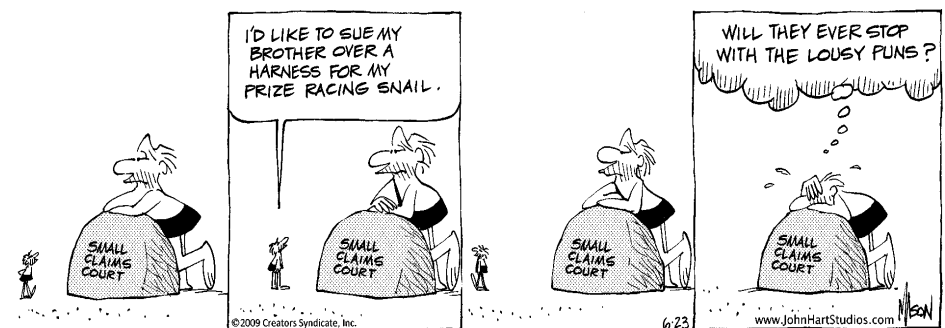
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By Johnny Hart

Baby Blues

By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

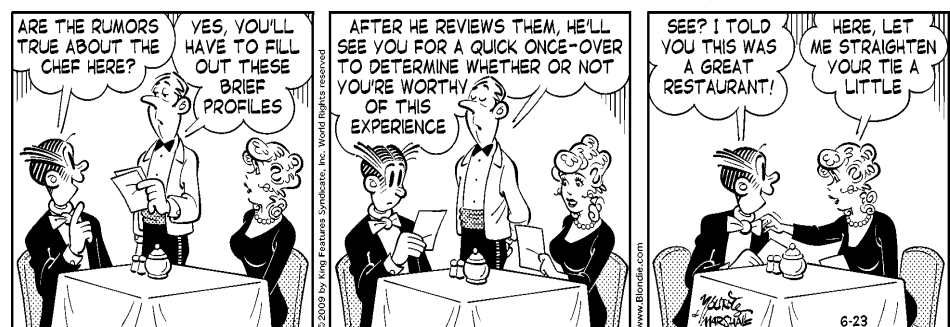


Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker

Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake

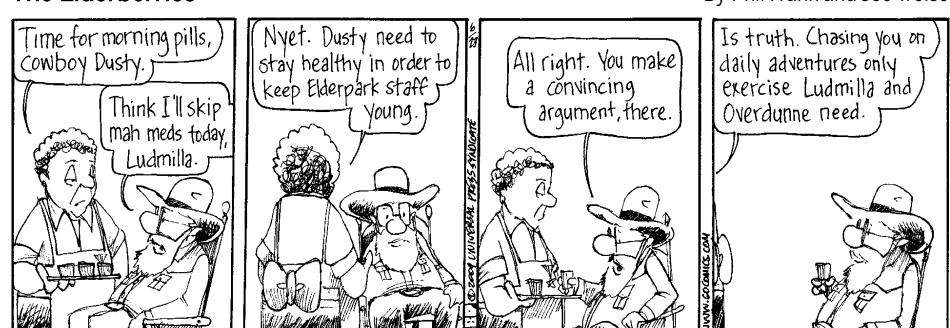
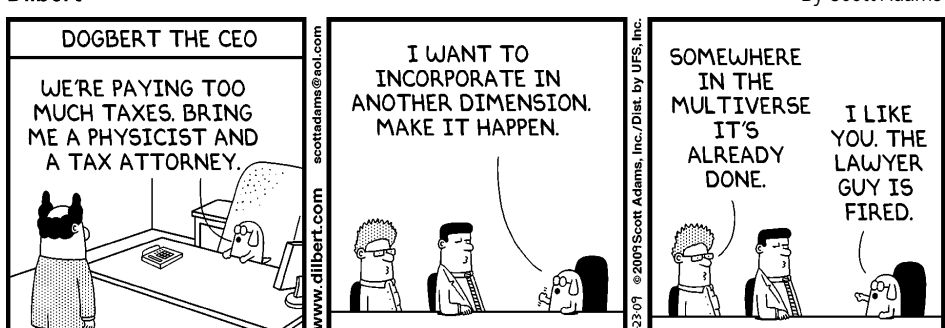


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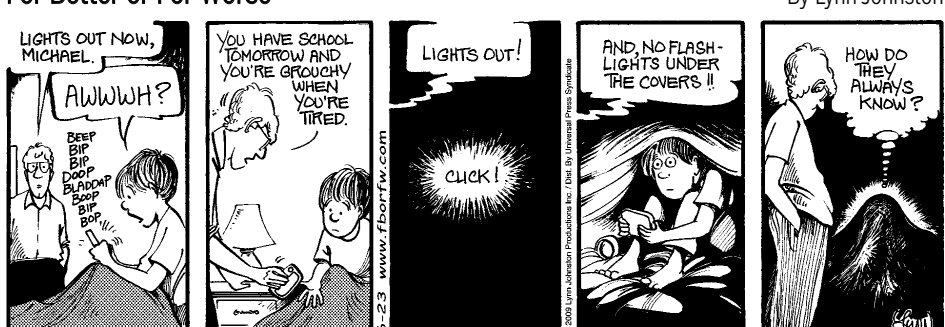


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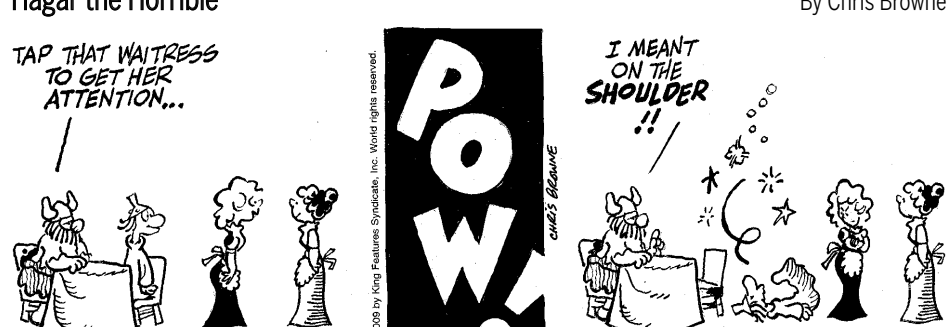


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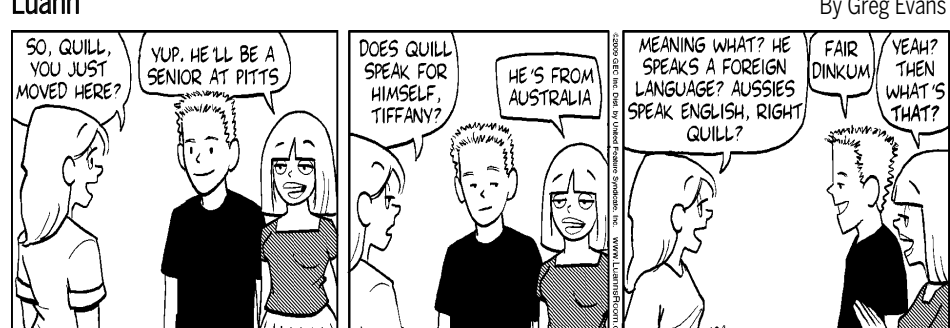
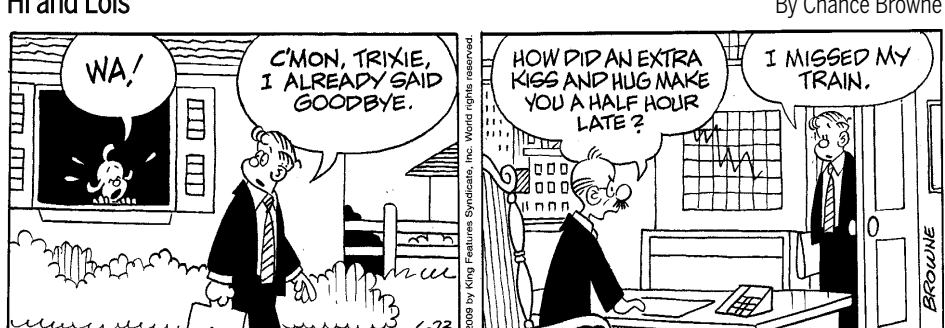


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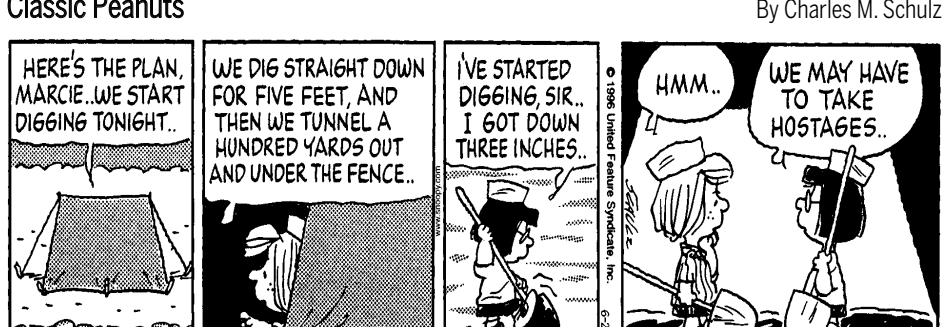


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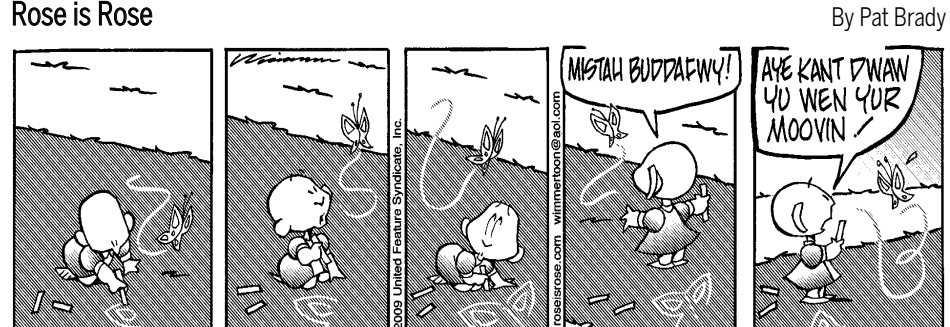


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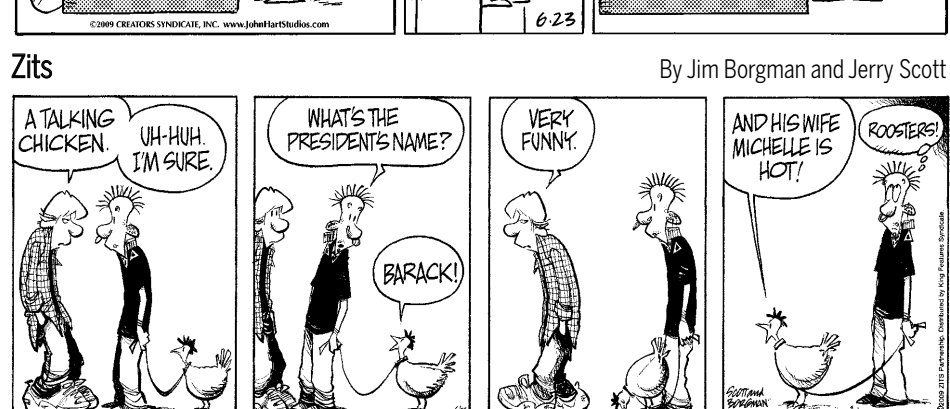
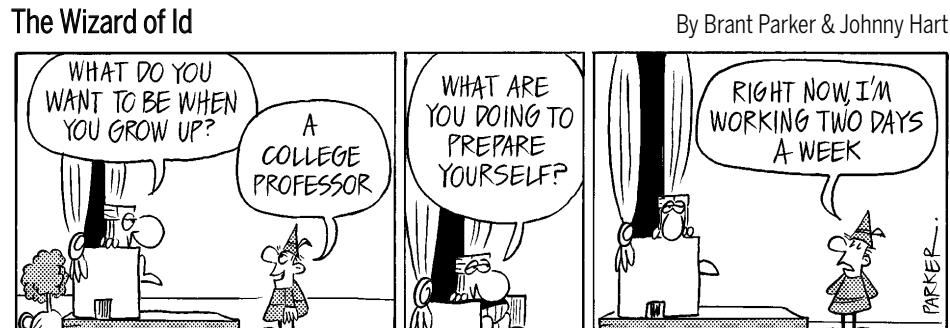
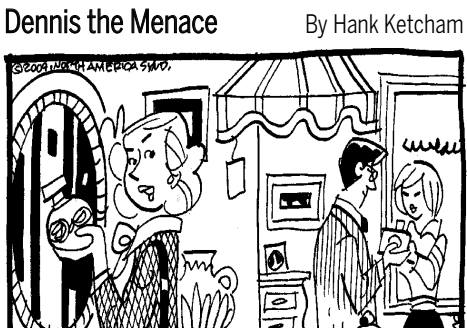
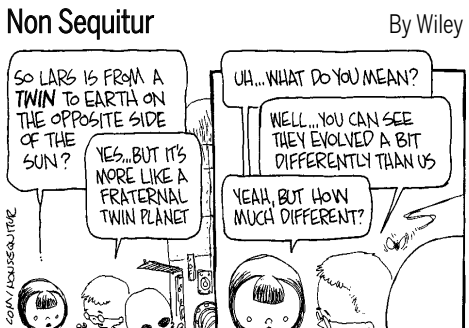
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