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ITD report says trucks underpay

State, consultant say report flawed

The Associated Press

BOISE — A 2007 study discarded by the Idaho Transportation Department concerning Idaho roads found that car and pickup owners are paying about 10 percent more than their share and are subsidizing heavy trucks.

A copy of the study was obtained Monday by The Spokesman-Review using the Idaho Public Records Law.

“Autos and pickup users are over paying about 10 percent, while all trucks are underpaying about 10 percent,” the study found.

A draft of the \$20,000 study by Palouse Partners Inc. of Pullman, Wash., was given to the department in October 2007.

But the department discarded the study amid concerns about statements in it that noted possible glitches

in Idaho’s record keeping and software used for the study.

“My own consultant was saying it might not be valid,” department Director Pam Lowe told the newspaper.

Lowe said fixing those glitches would have been too complex and taken too much time, “so I just scrapped it.”

Finding a way to pay for roads in Idaho has been contentious. The Idaho

Legislature adjourned in early May after 117 days — the second-longest session behind 2003’s 118-day marathon — after Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter abandoned his plan to raise gas taxes to help pay for what he said was a \$240 million annual road maintenance and repair backlog.

Instead, the House,

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Burley man pulls gun on boy

By Damon Hunzeker
Times-News writer

BURLEY — William Stirling Teeter, 50, of Burley, was charged with felony aggravated assault Friday night following an unusual response to a teenager’s ball landing in his yard.

The alleged incident culminated in Teeter pulling a semi-automatic pistol on the 13-year-old boy.

According to the Cassia County Sheriff’s Office report, the victim was playing with the ball while Teeter was mowing his lawn when the ball rolled onto Teeter’s yard.

The victim said he walked over to retrieve the ball, and then, the report reads, “William drew a pistol from his hip.”

The victim, according to the report, “slowly reached down and picked up the ball and backed away from William’s property and went inside.”

The victim, described as pale and frightened, was reluctant to speak but acknowledged that Teeter may have been aiming for the ball — but the boy’s father, according to the report, told police that Teeter has threatened his children with a firearm on at least one other occasion.

When questioned by Deputy Matt Arthur, Teeter allegedly said the “neighbor kid has been causing a lot of problems.”

Teeter said he didn’t aim at the kid.

“William told me that he was angry and drew his gun to shoot the ball. (The victim) picked up the ball

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District judge rebukes two practices in water call

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Idaho Department of Water Resources Director Dave Tuthill improperly handled parts of a water call dealing with seasonal variations in Snake River Canyon springs and “replacement water plans” approved without hearings, a 5th District judge has concluded.

Judge John Melanson upheld the rest of Tuthill’s process in a nearly 60-page decision signed Friday. It is expected to be appealed to the Idaho Supreme Court.

At stake is water that two Thousand Springs-area trout farms say groundwater pumpers took from them. In spring 2005, both Clear Springs Foods and Blue Lakes Trout Farm filed letters with IDWR seeking the water. For various reasons, a hearing on the matter wasn’t held until November 2007, and a July 2008 order by Tuthill found that two out of four water rights had been harmed.

The fish farms and the pumpers challenged various aspects of Tuthill’s process in court, leading to Melanson’s decision.

The judge first remanded Tuthill’s material injury determination back to him — stating that relying on records of seasonal variation in spring

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Rising river



MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Mary Lovingfoss, 13, appears to be running on water as she takes a leap into the Snake River while the river’s water rises over the cement sidewalk Tuesday near her home in Burley. Upstream releases on the Snake have elevated river levels around southern Idaho.

Minor flooding hits Rupert, upper Snake

By Laurie Welch and Nate Poppino
Times-News writers

HEYBURN — Some residents living on the banks of the Snake River kept their eye on the rising water level Tuesday as retaining walls and boat docks became submerged and the water inched closer to their homes.

“I’m starting to get concerned,” said Theron Muir, who has lived in his home on Diana Drive in Heyburn for the past year. “Today has

been the worst day so far.”

Muir said he watched Tuesday as the water engulfed his retaining wall and moved in toward his lawn about a foot.

“When the boats go by really fast it makes the waves crash up against the wall and that really damages the wall,” Muir said.

The high flows are the result of strong river runoff and a drop in irrigation demand that’s left the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

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LAURIE WELCH/Times-News

SNAKE RIVER water laps around Theron Muir’s ankles Tuesday as he walks out onto his boat docks behind his Heyburn home.

A fable without fangs

By Nichole Carnell
Times-News writer

Perhaps you heard the story, sitting in the break room or at the dinner table.

For those unfamiliar with it, the tale goes something like this: An unsuspecting woman was shopping at the Twin Falls WinCo Foods store.

While reaching for some fresh produce from Mexico, she is met with a painful prick on her hand. The woman feels ill and collapses in the parking lot, where she dies.

It’s a great story, except for one problem.

“It’s completely false,” said Brent Preece, manager of the Twin Falls WinCo. “Certainly if it were true there would have been actions taken.”

Twin Falls Police Capt. Matt Hicks said there have been no reports of any snakes, snake bites or snake-related deaths at WinCo.

Preece said customers have

approached him after hearing the rumor, but no one has presented him with any proof of a snake, a victim or a serpentine encounter in his produce section.

Still, the rumor persists.

The Times-News has received numerous phone calls and e-mails in the past week about the alleged incident. One concerned Twin Falls citizen wrote in an e-mail, “Hey, what about

that snake bite victim at WinCo. She died. Sounds like news to me.”

The “news,” however, isn’t isolated to Twin Falls.

Similar rumors about a shopper bitten by a snake have slithered out from Virginia to Calif-

ornia, and can be found commonly on the Internet.

Preece said he was told this particular version of the rumor

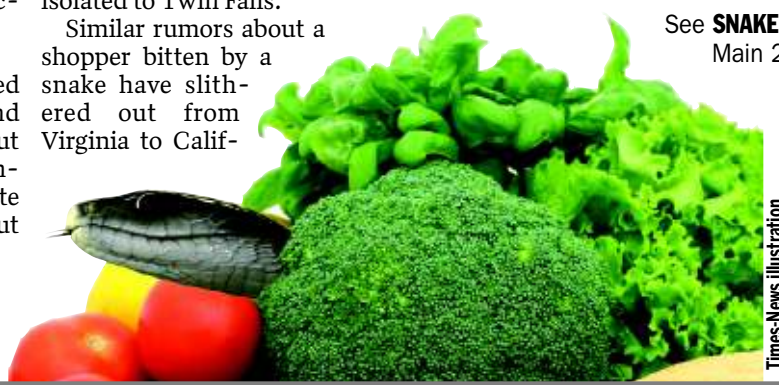
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Rumor of snake bite and death at local grocery store isn’t new, and isn’t news



What is your favorite urban legend?

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MORNING BRIEFING

Pat's Picks

Three things to do today

Pat Marcantonio



• Take a guided historic walking tour of Stanley starting at 3 p.m. at the Stanley Community Center. If you can't make it, you can take a self-guided one with brochures available at the Stanley Community Center and at local businesses, and downloadable at www.discoverstano.com. By the way, the scenery is downright gorgeous.

• The Twin Falls Tonight summer concert series features Fastback playing

classic rock, blues and ballads from 6 to 9 p.m. at the fountain downtown on Main Avenue. It's free.

• A few blocks away, the LA-based New West Guitar Group performs from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Pandora's Restaurant, 516 Hansen St. S. There is no cover.

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

Springs

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flows is proper and vital to figuring out what effect pumpers have, but that the director improperly used it to shift the burden of proof of injury to the spring users with senior rights.

Then, in a victory for fish farm owners who long complained about delayed hearings and the replacement water plans, Melanson concluded that Tuthill exceeded his authority and abused his discretion when approving such plans without hearings and not shutting wells off when some plans failed to provide the required amount of water.

Tuthill had argued that the replacement plans, for use in emergencies, did not carry the same hearing requirements and were not the same type of plan as the mitigation plans called for in state management rules. Their use likely contributed greatly to keeping Magic Valley groundwater pumps online over the years.

Melanson upheld a number of Tuthill's other practices, including a 10 percent "trim line" margin of error in which wells should be shut off and a gradual phasing-in of well closures and mitigation requirements over several years.

No comment was immediately available Tuesday evening from representatives of the groundwater pumpers and from the fish

"We can't have a knee-jerk response to a call that results in economic disaster without any opportunity for recourse."

— Idaho Department of Water Resources Director Dave Tuthill

farms. But Tuthill, who is retiring from his post at the end of this month, characterized it as "a well-written and well-reasoned decision" that the state agrees with most of and he still anticipates will be appealed — though he declined to say if state officials would challenge it.

Tuthill said it will take time to incorporate the judge's decision into the agency's management rules, and characterized such decisions as a part of the process of phasing in joint management of surface water and groundwater. It's important, he said, to preserve a realistic response to water calls — something he previously said the replacement plans were intended to do.

"We can't have a knee-jerk response to a call that results in economic disaster without any opportunity for recourse," he said.

Trucks

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Senate and the Republican governor settled on a \$50 million compromise that included shifting funding for the Idaho State Police and Department of Parks and Recreation.

State Sen. Shawn Keough, R-Sandpoint, said lawmakers could have used the study.

"I was frustrated that they didn't finalize that cost allocation study, because it really would have been helpful in the debate," Keough said. "I have a lot of confidence in ITD's economists, and I didn't question the methodology or the work that had been done."

The Idaho Trucking Association didn't agree with the results of the study.

"We never really approved of that study," said Kathy Fowers, association president. "A cost allocation study is only as good as the people who participate in it. It can be very political. We have no idea how they came to their conclusions or anything."

She said Idaho's truck registration fees are high compared to other states.

However, a 2007 study commissioned by the Transportation Department found Idaho's truck taxes and fees "comparable to or below the average of surrounding states."

Dave Carlson, spokesman for AAA Idaho, said road users should pay their share.

"Fair-share budgeting is a must," he said.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Twin Falls Tonight summer concert series, features Fastback with classic rock, blues and ballads, 6 to 9 p.m., at the fountain, Main Avenue, downtown Twin Falls, no cost, food and beverages available for purchase, 420-0916.

New West Guitar Group in performance, jazz, rock, blues, country and classical music combinations with three guitars, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Pandora's restaurant, 516 Hansen St. S., Twin Falls, no cover, 733-5433.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction Benefit for Jessica Boyd, to raise funds to assist with expenses related to treatment of chronic pain of fibromyalgia, 5:30 to 7 p.m., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1301 N. Davis, Jerome, free-will donations; additional matching funds to be provided by Northside ID Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, veron@northrim.net.

BUSINESS

BAMA (Burley Area Merchants Association), 7:30 a.m., Burley City Hall, 878-2224.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Burley Kiwanis Club, noon, Morey's Steakhouse, 219 E. Third St. N., 436-0720.

Burley Soroptimist Intl., noon, Syringa Plaza, 626 Elba Ave., 438-8666.

Magic Valley Toastmasters meeting and no-host lunch, focus: assisting members in developing speaking, communication and leadership skills, noon, Idaho Pizza, 1859 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, visitors welcome, 736-1025.

Rupert Rotary Club, noon, Rupert Elks Lodge, 850 S. 200 W., 436-6852.

Twin Falls Lions Club meeting and no-host lunch, noon, Norm's Catering Room, 827 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, visitors welcome, 737-0240.

Twin Falls Rotary Club meeting and lunch, features variety of speakers from around the communities, noon to 1 p.m., Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, kbradshaw@twinfallsrotary.org or 208-212-0265.

Burley Rupert Shrine Club, dinner meeting, 6:30 p.m., Rupert Elks Lodge, Burley, 678-2811.

Rupert Lions Club, 7 p.m., Wayside Cafe, Heyburn, 678-3230.

EXHIBITS

"Between Fences" exhibit, visual cultural history of fences and land use presented by Smithsonian Institution and Idaho Humanities Council, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., The Community Library, 415 Spruce Ave. N., Ketchum, free admission, 726-3493.

"Idaho Landscape: A Different Point of View," 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery,

Herrett Center for the Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus, 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, no cost, 732-6655.

"Idaho's Fences," open exhibit for local photographers, illustrators, painters and printmakers, presented by Sun Valley Center for the Arts, noon to 5 p.m., The Center, 314 S. Second Ave., Hailey, no cost, sunvalleycenter.org or 726-9491.

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

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

GOVERNMENT

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

Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 941 18th St., 679-8158.

Twin Falls School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 201 Main Ave. W., 733-6900.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

SilverSneakers Fitness Program at Curves of Twin Falls, complete cardio and circuit training with resistance, state-of-the-art equipment and "Curves Smart" personalized coaching, 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Twin Falls Curves, 690 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., no cost for Humana Gold-insured or AARP provided by Secure Horizons, 734-7300.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Blaine County Senior Connection, 721 S. Third Ave., Hailey, no cost, 737-5988.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc., 310 Main St. N., Kimberly, no cost, 737-5988.

SilverSneakers Fitness Program, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Jerome Senior Center, 212 First Ave. E., no cost for Humana Gold Choice members, \$1 for non-Humana members, 324-5642.

SilverSneakers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weigh-ins from 4:50 to 5:20 p.m. and meeting from 5:30 to 6 p.m., BridgeView Great Room (north entrance, third floor), BridgeView Estates, 1828 Bridgeview Blvd., 404-4793 or 736-9282.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 388 Chapter of Malta, a weight-loss support group, 5:30 p.m., Raft River Electric Board room, 155

N. Main St., 208-645-2438.

Magic Valley Chronic Pain Support Group meeting, for patients with chronic fatigue syndrome, fibromyalgia, lupus, multiple sclerosis and any other chronic condition that causes pain and fatigue, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Twin Falls First United Methodist Church, 360 Shoshone St. E., no cost, 410-7239 or melissadavlin@gmail.com.

LIBRARY

"Be Creative @ Your Library" summer reading program, open to children pre-school to age 12 with programs, prizes and story hour, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Hansen Community Library, 120 Maple Ave. W., Hansen, no cost, 423-4122.

Buhl Public Library Summer Reading Program, "Can you act like a book?," 10 a.m.; and **Teen Summer Reading program**, "Just a Drama Queen or King" drama workshop, with David Blazkiewicz, 1 to 2:30 p.m., at the library, 215 Broadway Ave. N., Buhl, no cost, open to the public, 543-6500.

Twin Falls Public Library Young Adult Reading program, YA Open Mic event; teens invited to participate or chill-out and listen, 3 p.m., at the library, 201 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls, 208-733-2964, ext. 109 or jhills@lib.tfid.org.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium "Here Comes the Sun," 2 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for senior citizens, \$2.50 for students, no cost for children under age 2 and a special price package for families with five children or less, 732-6655.

OUTDOORS

Historic Walking Tour of Stanley, assistance by knowledgeable guide; tour developed by Sawtooth Interpretive and Historical Association (SIHA) and Stanley's Historic Preservation Commission, 3 p.m. tour begins, Stanley Community Center, next to the fire station, north side of Idaho State Highway 21, vjlawson@gmail.com or www.discoversawtooth.org.

SPORTS

Idaho Water Sports Wakeboard Clinic with Gerry Nunn, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m., Golf Course Marina, Burley, \$150 full day, \$85 half day, 678-5869.

TODAY'S DEADLINE

Reminder for June 27 Boise Take Steps Walk for Crohn's and Colitis, a walk/run fundraiser for research toward cures for Crohn's disease and colitis, 4 p.m., Ann Morrison Park, Old Timers' Shelter, Boise, www.cctakesteps.org/boise or 877-703-6900.

River

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fighting to manage the upper Snake River. Recent rains have cut agricultural demand to about half of normal, and canal operators may still be dumping a good part of what they take in directly back into the river, said Gary Kraus in Reclamation's Burley office.

As much as 21,000 cubic feet per second of water swelled the river as far down as Milner Dam, where a few thousand cfs are still being diverted. The National Weather Service in Pocatello extended a flood warning until late Friday for the Snake River near Blackfoot, noting Tuesday that the river was half a foot above flood stage and minor flooding was happening. A similar warning for the Henry's Fork near Rexburg could end this morning.

At least one Rexburg resident also wrote the Army Corps of Engineers and Reclamation officials on

Monday with his concern that a landslide into Palisades Reservoir could send waves over the dam and possibly damage the structure itself.

"We didn't expect to have what's almost a flood operation a week from July," Kraus said.

Reclamation's three major upper Snake River dams — Palisades and American Falls reservoirs and Jackson Lake — are all at or above full, Kraus said. The agency is now trying to hold them to avoid bigger flooding issues, he said, especially around Shelley. But Tuesday afternoon, that still meant releasing 22,500 cfs from Palisades, despite special permission to overfill that reservoir by half a foot.

It's not clear when Reclamation might catch a break. Flows into Palisades from the Greys and Salt rivers seem to be declining, Kraus said. But Henry's Fork

hasn't slowed, and thunderstorms that may hit eastern Idaho as soon as Thursday would only add to the pressure.

Down the street on Villa Drive in Heyburn, the river water lapped up across Stephany Simpson's retaining wall leaving a line of branches and debris about one to two feet from the wall on the grass.

Simpson said the one-foot tall retaining wall on the property is usually not in the water at all.

"Even if it doesn't take the wall down it's probably going to kill the grass," Simpson said.

Minidoka County Chief Deputy Vic Watson said he and Sheriff Kevin Halverson toured homes along the river Tuesday to see the extent of the damage.

"High water flows have submerged some docks and are at the top of most retaining walls. Flows are expected to increase this

week and will come up on some residents' lawns but not high enough to reach any homes or cause major damage," Watson said. "Some dock damage and retaining wall damage may occur."

Watson said the flows are currently over 21,000 cfs and the sheriff's office is monitoring the levels daily.

Cassia County Under-sheriff George Warrell said his office has not yet received any reports of flooding in the county.

Idaho Regatta Committee Chairman Mark Moyle said the committee is monitoring the river levels daily and was told it will crest on Friday in time for the start of the three-day boat-racing event this weekend.

"The Regatta's still a go," Moyle said.

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Gun

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and William holstered his pistol," the report continues.

"I asked him if he thought it may have been a bad decision to pull a gun on a juvenile that was posing no threat. William told me that he knew he did wrong."

The gun, an SIG Sauer P229, and two magazines of ammunition were taken as evidence.

At the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center, Teeter asked if the charge would affect his concealed weapons license and federal firearms license, the report notes.

If convicted of aggravated assault, both of the licenses could be revoked.

Snake

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pertaining to WinCo may have started in Nampa. But the legend likely originated long ago. Urban legends, such as this one, have long histories. Tales of deadly snakes have been reported hidden in coats, blankets, produce, and even computers since the late 1960s.

Variations of the story substitute spiders for snakes and the produce can be anything from corn to bananas. No incidents have ever been confirmed, say those who track urban legends.

Jan Harold Brunvand, a University of Utah professor who studies urban legends, wrote about the poisonous snake in the store tale in his book,

"Encyclopedia of Urban Legends." The story first appeared in 1968 and involved contaminated produce sent from Southeast Asia as retaliation for America military involvement in Vietnam, Brunvand said.

The legend has morphed and travelled over time, but it usually is linked to a discount store, such as Kmart, Wal-Mart or, in this case, WinCo. This could reflect distrust of discounted, imported goods or an overall fear of foreign contamination, according to urban legend Web site Snopes.com.

Why the stories continue to circulate even without confirmation is a matter of continuing study. "Urban legends are an

example of wider cosmological phenomenon," said John Ziker, a professor of anthropology at Boise State University. Ziker said people spread urban legends to show acceptance of authority. He says by spreading a legend, a person is exerting influence and the receiver is showing their acceptance by taking the story as true and telling it to someone else.

While the *Times-News* appreciates hearing from concerned community members, it appears this is one news story without any bite.

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Mudslide keeps road closed to public

Times-News

The summer has sent wild weather to Warm Springs Road in Ketchum. The road, which is usually open to campers this time of year, was still only open to local residents Tuesday afternoon.

Another mudslide occurred around 6 p.m. Sunday, causing the road to be shut down. But Blaine County road and bridge crews had the road cleared in about four hours, according to Chuck Turner, Blaine County disaster services coordinator.

Turner said crews hope to have the first road and

bridge culvert repairs done today. As for weekend camping, Turner said he is unsure about the road because of the weather. According to the Blaine County Web site, campsites may be inundated and in need of repair.

National Weather Service forecasts indicate a 30 per-

cent chance of showers on Thursday and 20 percent on Friday for the area.

Warm Springs Road resident Byron Karrys said that although no additional mudslides have occurred on his property, the wet weather continues to cause water to flow into his house.

Convicted sex offender faces new allegations

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

JEROME — A Jerome man who confessed to molesting an adopted son in 1984 is now accused of doing it again to as many as five other boys.

Leon McGuire, 62, bonded out of the Jerome County Jail Monday. He was charged Friday with two counts of child sex abuse and lewd and lascivious conduct for allegedly sodomizing the 11-year-old relative of a Jerome neighbor in September. He faces up to life in prison if convicted.



McGuire

McGuire may also have molested four other boys, according to Jerome County 5th District Court records, though "it does not appear any of these cases were charged."

In 1984, McGuire was arrested for having a sexual relationship with an adopted son. He pleaded guilty to a count of lewd and lascivious conduct and was imprisoned for about six months by the Idaho Department of Correction.

McGuire was released from parole in 1985, according to IDOC, though he is not named on Idaho's online sex offender registry.

McGuire declined comment when reached Tuesday by the Times-News.

But authorities say he denied wrongdoing during

an April police interview, where he allegedly admitted to knowing the 11-year-old boy.

"If there are any leads he (a Jerome County investigator) would certainly follow up on that," said Jerome County Sheriff Doug McFall about other possible victims.

Magistrate Thomas Borresen on June 9 dismissed one count of lewd conduct with a child that was previously made against McGuire.

In court records filed June 14, Borresen said the 11-year-old boy's demeanor "was obviously supportive of the fact that something traumatic had occurred to him."

However, Borresen also wrote that the child's rendition of the alleged sex crime seemed physically improbable.

"In rejecting (the child's) testimony, this court would have to come to the conclusion that (the child) got on the stand, was sworn to tell the truth and then concocted all of the events that he testified to during the hearing with no evidence being presented as to any motivation or ill will that (the child) may have had against Mr. McGuire to make untrue allegations."

McGuire has a pretrial conference set for Sept. 14, and his jury trial is scheduled to begin Sept. 30.

Law & Disorder...

... in Cassia County

From June 9 police reports:

Suspicious person:

A 22-year-old female employee of the Idaho Youth Ranch second-hand store in Burley told police that, according to the report, a man "walked in the store, looked around then stood near her, took out a camera from his pocket and took a picture of her."

The complainant asked the man why he took a picture of her, and he allegedly said, "I didn't take your (expletive) picture." The report notes that he said it "more than once to her." Other employees described the man to police as "a weird person." The owner of an adjacent store, according to the report, said she "visited with him" and "after talking with him for about five minutes she could tell there was something wrong with this person. She said she couldn't really tell what, but he

looked like a person that was about to go off, she said he wasn't all there." The man was never found, but the report concludes with the same woman's statement: "She also said he appeared to be very religious but weird."

From June 10 police reports:

Vandalism:

Police responded to a Burley residence about a report of someone trying to kick in a door while carrying a case of beer. Deputies later discovered that the incident emanated from a poker game at the same house in which, according to the report, "the conversation got heated."

— Damon Hunzeker

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Otter unveils road task force

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter on Tuesday unveiled a 15-member transportation task force that includes two Magic Valley lawmakers. They are Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, a former state transportation board chairman who sits on the House transportation committee, and Sen. Bert Brackett, R-Rogerson, a rancher who sits on the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee.

Other members include legislators, a county commissioner, a chamber of commerce director and Lt. Gov. Brad Little.

The task force was part of a deal between Otter and legislators to end the 2009 Legislature to consider how best to raise new revenue for roads and bridges. It's in addition to a legislative task force studying ways to fund parks and state police once the two departments lose their gas tax revenue next year.

According to a press release from Otter's office, the task force doesn't have to come up with anything until December 2010 — which means the task force, and the 2010 Legislature, can probably escape election-year politics.

"I appreciate the Legislature's willingness to join me in this much-needed work to plan wisely for a safer Idaho with roads and bridges that are up to the people's needs and expectations," Otter said in a statement. "We all agree that jobs and prosperity depend on reliable and efficient roads."

Shoshone Falls just short of prediction

Though as much as 20,000 cubic feet per second of water was expected to go over Shoshone Falls on Tuesday, the waterfall fell short, said Gary Kraus with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

The natural wonder is still putting on a show this week, however. Another release from upper Snake River reservoirs should put Shoshone Falls' total up to 16,500 cfs by early this morning, Kraus said. That's just shy of the falls' peak earlier this year, but still equals about 3,700 gallons of water every second.

Kraus said he's OK with the falls staying lower: Higher flows farther up the Snake River could worsen flooding problems.

— Staff reports

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Ketchum man arrested in connection to stabbing

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

HAILEY — David Rojas Peralta, a 33-year-old man who Ketchum police believe to be Peruvian, was charged Tuesday with aggravated battery for allegedly twice stabbing a man he found sleeping in his bed.

According to court documents, the alleged victim, Roger A. Manseidor Rubin, went to the home shared by Peralta and a friend, Roy DeLa Cruz, in the Ketchum Korral apartment complex on Sunday night, where Rubin fell asleep.

Early Monday morning, Peralta returned to the house and allegedly became upset that Rubin was on his bed, according to court documents. According to court papers, Rubin later told police that "his bed is like a woman and he does not share it with anyone."

Although Rubin reportedly apologized, Peralta allegedly went to the kitchen and returned with a foot-long knife, the records show. Although DeLa Cruz attempted to stop the confrontation, Peralta allegedly reached around DeLa Cruz and stabbed Rubin twice in the

back, according to investigators. Rubin was also allegedly sliced on the cheek during the altercation.

"I saw some of the photos, it looked very severe. I don't know how life-threatening they were," said acting Ketchum police chief Dave Kassner Tuesday. He said Rubin has asked St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center not to release any information about him. Kassner believes Rubin has since left the medical center.

Police were called early Monday morning to the hospital and took Rubin's statement, then went to Peralta's residence to wait for a search warrant, court records state.

While they waited, Peralta reportedly emerged and turned himself in to the police, records show. During an interview, Peralta said he was kicked and punched by Rubin before he went for the knife, and repeatedly asked Rubin to leave him alone or Peralta would kill him. He also reportedly said he attempted to help Rubin stop the bleeding after the alleged stabbing.

Peralta was arraigned Tuesday in Blaine County District Court through the assistance of a Spanish

translator. The charges against him carry a penalty of up to 15 years in prison and a \$50,000 fine.

After hearing that Peralta has no regular employment, no assets and no family in the area, Judge Jason Walker set Peralta's bond at \$100,000 and appointed public defender Daniel Dolan as Peralta's attorney. The judge also noted that there is an Immigration and Customs Enforcement hold on Peralta, and signed a no-contact order between Peralta and Rubin.

During the hearing, Peralta said "I plead guilty," although no pleas are allowed during arraignments. Walker advised Peralta of his right to remain silent. Peralta's preliminary hearing has been set for 1:30 p.m. July 7.

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Steve Crump



What real women wear here in the High Lonesome

A couple of weeks ago, I wrote a column about how it's possible to identify where in south-central Idaho a man is from just by what he's wearing. I heard from quite a few readers wondering if the same is possible with women.

Shoot, it's as easy as hanging out in the Costco parking lot:

2T (Twin Falls County) — Red Converse-style high-topped basketball sneakers and Levi's denim capri pants, topped with a red "I'm With Stupid" T-shirt — with an arrow pointing to the left (you can speculate who "Stupid" is).

4C (Cassia County) — Lorrie Morgan haircut, Q-Baby Black Magic Wrangler riding jeans with the "W" embroidered on both back pockets, purple-plaid western-cut shirt with round pearl snaps, and Jessica Simpson-style high-heeled sandals.

2J (Jerome County) — Jellies, Carhartt relaxed-fit canvas jeans and pink nylon tricot tank-top — all accessorized with cultured pearls.

5B (Blaine County) — Tevas (they're the official national sandals of the Wood River Valley), teal long-sleeved pullover jacket with 30 UPF sun protection, and tan poplin carpenter pants — all topped with a pale green baseball cap with the hair worn in a pony tale through the hole in the back.

2G (Gooding County) — Blue poly sweatshirt, cotton camo pants and flip-flops.

2M (Minidoka County) — Levi's low-rise riding jeans, cotton calico camisole in muted blue and pastel colors, and hiking books.

4L (Lincoln County) — Denim work shirt, gray sweat pants with a white stripe down the sides, and Crocs.

2C (Camas County) — Boot-cut Lee jeans and sleeveless pink plaid western shirt. More importantly, the only consistent Tony Lamas for women-wearers left in south-central Idaho.

Theft charges dropped on former T.F. man

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

HAILEY — Former Twin Falls resident Carry Livingston, 21, had all charges against him dismissed in Blaine County District Court on Tuesday. Livingston was accused of two counts of grand theft, and two counts of grand theft by possession of stolen property, related to four snowmobiles he was allegedly connected to.

The charges of grand theft were dismissed by deputy prosecutor Matt Fredback before the pre-

liminary hearing began, although he did not give a reason. On the theft-by-possession counts, Judge Jason Walker heard from two witnesses: the owner of a Boise recreational vehicle company where the snowmobiles were stolen, and the Ketchum police officer who found the machines at Livingston's Hailey residence.

Livingston's attorney, Daniel Dolan, argued the evidence failed to show that Livingston, who told police he had purchased the snowmobiles from a man he met in a bar in Boise

and was making payments on them, knowingly possessed stolen property. He argued that Livingston's keeping the snowmobiles in plain sight on his property could be seen as evidence that Livingston did not believe they were stolen.

"Frequently in this world, people buy things on contract, things that are not necessarily titled," Dolan said. "He had every reason to believe he had the authority to purchase them."

Livingston allegedly lost his phone, with his only

contact information for the seller in it, but that also should not be seen, Dolan said, as any evidence of complicity in the crime of theft.

Fredback argued that Livingston's story of how he obtained the snowmobiles was not reasonable, and should be a question for a jury. The judge disagreed, noting that while there was no question that the snowmobiles were stolen, there was no reason to believe from the evidence presented that Livingston knew or had reason to know that.

"There's a chance he did, but at this point the evidence isn't strong enough," Walker said, dismissing the charges without prejudice. The prosecutors may refile in the future.

The charges that were dismissed by the prosecutor earlier Tuesday alleged that another suspect in the theft case had fingered Livingston as the deliveryman for two other snowmobiles stolen in Ketchum.

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Crash victims in serious condition

Times-News

Two women involved in a vehicle rollover that occurred Monday on Interstate 84 near Jerome remained in serious condition Tuesday at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Janice Peters, 65, and Laraine Patton, 75, both of Twin Falls, were injured in an accident that is under investigation by Idaho State Police and Jerome County deputies.

According to ISP, the car drifted for unknown reasons off the side of the road and then the driver overcorrected, causing it to roll into the median.

Both women were wearing seatbelts, and alcohol and weather have been ruled out as factors, according to an ISP press release.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY TUESDAY ARRAIGNMENTS

Joseph Lee Goins, 27, Twin Falls; destruction of evidence; July 2 preliminary hearing; \$10,000 bond; public defender appointed.

Jason Paul Kemp, 27, Twin Falls; aggravated assault; recognition release; private counsel; July 2 preliminary hearing.

Pancho V. Flores, 38, Twin Falls; aggravated battery; two counts witness intimidation; \$100,000 bond; public defender appointed.

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Buck Knives CEO 'nervous' about switchblade rule

POST FALLS, Idaho (AP) — The president of Buck Knives says he's concerned about a U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency plan to reclassify certain imported knives as switchblades.

C.J. Buck, president and CEO of the Post Falls-based company, said the proposed new definition of a switchblade includes release-assisted knives and could apply to just about every folding knife in the country.

The proposed rule would apply only to imported knives, but Buck said he's worried it could eventually be applied to trade between states.

"Almost any folding knife, you can open them part way and then flick them open," Buck, a member of the executive committee for the American Knife and Tool Institute, told the Lewiston Tribune. "Our concern is that this (new definition) will flow back into interstate commerce."

Last week, Idaho's congressional delegation wrote to Homeland Security

Secretary Janet Napolitano, urging her to withdraw the proposed rule change.

On a switchblade, the blade typically flips quickly out after pressing a button. Switchblades are legal in Idaho, but not in many other states.

The proposed definition includes knives that have a blade that an individual can open to a certain point, after which inertia assists the blade in opening the rest of the way.

Jenny Burke, public affairs officer with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, said the proposed change is an attempt to bring consistency to rulings issued over the years.

"This came out of the blue," said Buck, whose company employs about 220 workers and has an annual payroll of about \$10 million. "Nobody in the industry even heard about it until the end of May, when we were already a week into the (30-day) comment period. Just all of a sudden, we've had to cough up thousands of dollars to defend ourselves against this black cloud."

Retailer TJX reaches settlement with Idaho, other states, on data theft

NEW YORK (AP) — Idaho is among states involved in a settlement with discount retailer TJX over a massive data theft that occurred a few days ago at the parent company of retailers T.J. Maxx and Marshall's.

In a statement Tuesday, Attorney General Lawrence Wasden said Idaho will receive \$26,800 as a result of the settlement and the money will be used to bolster state consumer protection laws.

The breach disclosed in January 2007 exposed tens of millions of payment card numbers to hackers.

The Framingham, Mass.-based company will pay \$2.5 million to create a data security fund for states and \$5.5 million to cover expenses related to their investigations.

TJX also is required to implement a program designed to guard against future intrusions or unauthorized disclosures.

TJX stressed that it "firmly believes" that it did not violate any consumer protection or data security laws.

TJX said the settlement's costs are already accounted for in a 2007 reserve it cre-

ated. According to a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission filing earlier this month, as of May 2 — before the settlement was announced — the reserve was \$39.5 million, the company's estimate of the total potential costs related to pending litigation, investigations and other costs.

"The decision to enter into this settlement reflects TJX's desire to concentrate on its core business without distraction and to promote cyber security measures that will benefit all consumers," the company said in a statement.

The breach — disclosed in January 2007 — and exposed at least 45.7 million credit and debit cards to possible fraud in the computer systems breach that began in July 2005. The breach wasn't detected until December 2006.

Under the settlement with a multistate group of 41 Attorneys General, TJX must also certify that its computer system meets detailed data security requirements specified by the states and must encourage the development of new technologies

to address weaknesses in the U.S. payment card system.

In April 2008, TJX Cos. offered to set aside \$24 million to reimburse customers who through their MasterCard credit cards were defrauded because of a data breach last year. A similar agreement was made with Visa-card issuing banks the prior November for up to \$40.9 million to help banks cover costs including replacing customers payment cards and covering fraudulent charges.

In January, TJX Cos. offered a 15 percent discount

to its customers during a "Customer Appreciation" day to reward customers' loyalty as the company dealt with the breach.

Eleven people were indicted last year on charges they hacked into the systems of TJX and other major retailers to steal the card numbers. TJX said to date, two of those indicted pleaded guilty, and two others have pleaded guilty to related charges.

TJX runs 882 of its name-sake stores, 811 Marshalls, 322 HomeGoods and 141 A.J. Wright stores in the U.S.

Fruit growers, others fight closure of UI center

PARMA (AP) — Fruit growers and others in southwest Idaho upset over the University of Idaho's plan to close its Parma Research Extension Center say they want the decision reversed.

Apple grower Jon Trail said he may revoke his agreement to pay for scholarships for southwestern Idaho students.

"Every one of those varieties has a different pest problem, or a different schedule of picking," he said. "It takes help to know these things."

He said the center has developed dozens of crops that have helped farmers earn millions of dollars.

Earlier this month the university announced it planned to stop using the center by Dec. 31 due to budget cuts. UI faces an 11.5 percent, or \$3.2 million, budget cut for 12 agriculture and extension centers. Consolidation or restructuring of two or more research centers should save about \$1 million.

The center in Parma is on 200 acres and has three greenhouses, office and classroom space.

School administrators have said they hope to continue cooperative research ties with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service on wine grapes.

Ron Mann founded Idaho's table grape industry and said he has written Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter asking lawmakers to cut the school's funding until the decision is reversed.

He said he has the support of more than 40 other growers.

"If they close Parma, then they (state officials) need to do something drastic," said Mann, who raises grapes and other crops in the Payette area. "We're not going to back down."


Plant pathologist Richard Bostock at the University of California, Davis is also questioning the move and wrote to John Hammel, dean of the UI College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Bostock said that for the past seven years, Davis researchers have worked with faculty and staff at Parma on the National Plant Diagnostic Network.

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Betty Jean Mallory

Betty Jean Mallory, 76, of Twin Falls, passed away Thursday, June 11, 2009, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.

Betty was born July 26, 1932 in Russellville, Ark., to Andrew and Ruth (Carter) Lafferty. Betty attended schools in Rock Springs, Wyo., and then moved to Burley in 1950, working as a waitress. She met and married Melvin J. Cunningham, and to this union came one daughter. Betty and Melvin were later divorced. Later, she met and married Donald R. Mallory in Elko, Nev. Betty moved to Twin Falls in 1972 and worked at the Holiday

Inn until her retirement in 1994. Betty enjoyed puzzles, fishing, embroidering, cooking, and she loved birds.

Betty is survived by two daughters, Kay Cunningham of Burley and Connie Mallory of Twin Falls; one son, Wayne (Deborah) Mallory of London, Ky.; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Louise Nation of Hot Springs, Ark. She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, and three sisters.

Cremation is under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" in Twin Falls.

Thomas Andrew Tippetts

Thomas Andrew Tippetts, born June 7, 1948; passed away unexpectedly Sunday, June 21, 2009, in Sterling, Colo.

He is survived by his wife, Cheryl Tippetts; son, Shaun (Sohnserae) Tippetts; daughter, Shannon Jones; and stepson, Rick (Angela) Weible. Tom leaves behind two grandsons, Tyler Jones and Nick Weible; two granddaughters, MacKenzie Jones and Hailey Weible; also two step grandchildren, Justin and Breanna Bemus.

Tom also leaves behind his



brothers, Bill (Carla) Tippetts, Don (Sue) Tippetts, Roy (Barb) Tippetts and John (Karen) Tippetts; and his sisters, Deana (Mark) Ellis and Louise (Jan) Rawlings. He leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

Tom's family was his life and he dedicated the latter part of his years doing everything he could to make their lives better.

Tom's wishes were to be cremated; a celebration of his life will be announced at a later time.

Harry W. Bodenstab Jr.

Harry W. Bodenstab Jr. passed away Sunday, June 21, 2009, from complications of an extended illness.

Harry was born July 23, 1939, to Harry and Dorothy Bodenstab in Twin Falls. He attended schools in Twin Falls and worked with his father hauling milk and operating a towing service. He married Yvonne Kuli, and they had a son, Kerry John. They later divorced. Harry then moved to American Falls and worked as a wrecker operator and service station attendant until moving to Salt Lake City, Utah. There he worked for Conesco and married LuAnn Petersen. They had two children, Stewart and Autumn. They later divorced. After 20 years with Conesco, he moved back to Twin Falls, where he worked doing security work for a short time. He married his best friend and soul mate, Vivian Nussbaum on Sept. 17, 2000, and began a new career he greatly enjoyed as a court bailiff for Twin Falls County, where he continued to work until the time of his death.

Harry is survived by his wife, Vivian; brother, Ron (Marla) Bodenstab of American Falls; two sons, Kerry John Walker of Missouri and Stewart Bodenstab of Salt Lake City,



Utah; a daughter, Autumn Christensen of Salt Lake City, Utah; the pride and joy of his life, his grandson, Scott Christensen; stepdaughters, Coreena (Jeff) Long of Bend, Ore., and Kaleen (Michael) Mikesell of Blackfoot; six step grandchildren, Raechel, Lonnee and Candra Long, and Tyler, Jordan and Cody Mikesell, who he loved like his own; and his special "sister," Earlene Axelsen of Nampa; as well as many cousins, a niece and a nephew. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Dorothy Bodenstab; grandparents, Edward and Lydia Bodenstab, and John and Anna Loving; and also by his best buddies, Brandee Pup and Sonny Kitty.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

There will be a viewing and family visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 25, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, with the Rev. Dale Metzger officiating. Interment will be held following the service at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls.

Wanda Mae McFarlin

WENDELL — Wanda Mae McFarlin, 76, of Wendell, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, June 20, 2009, surrounded by those who loved her deeply.

Wanda was born in Hyannis, Neb., on Jan. 9, 1933. She later moved to Buhl, where she met and married Homer McFarlin in 1950. After living in several Magic Valley towns, Homer and Wanda moved to Wendell in 1968, where Homer still resides. Homer and Wanda have been married for 58 years. Wanda has six children, but many who knew her called her "Mom."

Wanda worked many jobs during her lifetime and enjoyed being around people. Wanda, throughout her life, made the most out of the simple things in life. She enjoyed traveling with her husband as he drove truck. She could out-fish most and took great pleasure in a good joke. She loved to play cards, shoot pool and work in her garden. She enjoyed many sports and cheered loudly for her children and grandchildren during their games. Mostly, she loved to cook for her family and friends. Making great meals from very little was a gift for her



and very few left her home without a fine meal.

Wanda leaves behind her beloved husband, Homer McFarlin; children, Kay McFarlin, Bonnie McFarlin, Sue Conyers (Dewey), Skip McFarlin (Annette), Mike McFarlin and Vickie McFarlin (Dave Petersen). Wanda will be missed deeply by 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Wanda was preceded in death by her father, Bud Fish; and mother, Dorothy Wolfe.

A viewing will be from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, June 25, at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl; a graveside service will follow at 2 p.m. at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. Please come to celebrate with the family Wanda's life and her memory.

Linda Karen Combs

BOISE — Linda Karen Combs, 62, of Boise, passed away Sunday, June 21, 2009, at St. Luke's Boise Hospital.

Linda was born April 2, 1947, in Twin Falls, to Kenneth and Margaret (Shupe) Combs. Linda grew up in Twin Falls, graduated from Twin Falls High School and then from CSI as a practical nurse in 1968. She worked at Saint Alphonsus Hospital in Boise for many years. She then went on to work as an LPN at several nursing facilities until it became too stressful. She worked at BSU and then AARP for Health and Welfare until health concerns wouldn't allow her to work. Linda enjoyed reading, puzzles, Christmas, animals,

games, museums, the fair and going to the park to feed the ducks. She also loved spending time with her family and friends, on one occasion taking one of her nieces to Disneyland. Her nieces called her "The Fun Aunt."

Linda is survived by her sister, Anne (Rick) Rodgers of Emmett; niece, Sasha (Jay) Heideman of Emmett; and great-nephews Connor, Declan and Ethan. Linda is preceded in death by her parents; and one niece, Stephanie.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 25, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

Cornelis (Carl) Van Wensveen

Our beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, Carl Van Wensveen, passed away with his family by his side on Saturday, June 20, 2009, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

He was born Sept. 5, 1928, in Rotterdam, Holland, to Willem Van Wensveen and Metje Pieters. He married Marie Bos on July 28, 1956, in Twin Falls, and they celebrated 52 years of life together. He loved to spend time with his family, his grandchildren being the light of his life. He also enjoyed camping, traveling, fishing and tending his roses. He received his training as a printer in Holland and worked in Salt Lake City. After retiring in 1994, he enjoyed his motor home. He was baptized and confirmed and was a longtime member of Christ Lutheran Church.

Carl is survived by his wife, Marie; daughter, Carla (Leonard); four grandchild-



dren, Skip, Austin, Marko and Jasmine; and brothers, Andy, John and Bertis. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Marko Carl; daughter, Janet Merkley;

brothers, Will and Jantien; and sisters, Alie and Petje.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 25, at Christ Lutheran Church, 240 E. 5600 S. in Murray, Utah. A viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, at Larkin Mortuary, 260 E. South Temple, and one hour before the funeral at the church. A viewing will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 27, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. A graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

In lieu of flowers, we request donations be made to Huntsman Cancer Foundation Sarcoma Research, 500 Huntsman Way, Salt Lake City, UT 84108.

Larry Lee Hull

Larry Lee Hull, 68, of Twin Falls, passed away Thursday, June 4, 2009, at his home.

Larry was born Oct. 15, 1940, in Belgrade, Mo., to James Lewis Hull Sr. and Thelma Leonia Ives. Larry grew up and attended schools in Twin falls and graduated from Twin Falls High School. After high school, he moved to Seattle in 1962, and then in 1964, he joined the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam until his discharge in 1966. Larry worked for Boeing as a machinist until his retirement in 2000. After retirement, he moved back to Twin Falls. Larry was a Ham Radio operator and was involved in the local Ham

Radio Club. He loved driving his '56 Chevy around and attended car shows with it. Larry was also a member of the VFW, both in Seattle and here in Twin Falls.

Larry is survived by two sons, Terry (Shelley) Hull of Yakima, Wash., and Todd (Dawn) Hull of Bellevue, Wash.; five grandchildren, Jennifer, Terry Lee Jr., Kendall, Trevor and Trent; and three great-grandchildren, Cammie, Kylie and Brody. Larry is preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 27, at the Twin Falls Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" in Twin Falls.

SERVICES

Rodney Lee Wood of Buhl, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Buhl First Assembly of God Church. (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Don C. Hawks of Gooding, graveside memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

Carl Hardman Porter of Jerome, funeral at 10 a.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church, 301 S. Elm in Lusk, Wyo., lunch follows at the church; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

Larry A. Orsland of Jerome, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 E. Ave. H in Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Jack F. Renfrow of

Fairfield, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Saturday at the American Legion Hall in Fairfield; burial at the Veterans Cemetery in Fairfield; luncheon follows at the American Legion Hall in Fairfield (Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

Mary Emily (Kunkel) Breen of Sequim, Wash., celebration of life at 1 p.m. Saturday at Carrie Blake Park in Sequim, Wash. (Sequim Valley Funeral Chapel).

Lyla Murphy of Tucson, Ariz., and formerly of Wendell, funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at the Filer Church of the Nazarene.

Gary Severson of Glens Ferry, private family inurnment Thursday, July 2; gathering for friends and family at 4 p.m. Friday, July 3, at the family home (Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home).

of Twin Falls died Sunday, June 21, 2009, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Stanley L. Slatter

Stanley L. Slatter, 77, of Gooding, died Sunday, June 22, 2009, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital in Gooding, Idaho.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

Laura P. Horejs

Laura P. Horejs, 82, of Twin Falls, died Monday, June 22, 2009, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Dean I. Krieger

Dean I. Krieger, 74, of Twin Falls, died Monday, June 22, 2009, in Twin Falls.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 26, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Alan H. Humphrey

POULSBO, Wash. — Alan H. Humphrey, 55, of Poulso, Wash., and formerly of Twin Falls, died Thursday, June 18, 2009.

Cremation took place under the direction of Tuell-McKee services of Bremerton, Wash. Arrangements will be announced later.

Edward L. Foster

Edward L. "Elf" Foster, 81,

Chaplain dies 5 years after being wounded in Iraq

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — The Rev. Tim Vakoc, a Minnesota priest who was gravely wounded by a roadside bomb in Iraq five years ago, has died, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis said Sunday. He was 49.

Vakoc, who was believed to be the first military chaplain wounded in Iraq, died at a nursing home in suburban New Hope on Saturday. The cause of death was not immediately released.

Vakoc was an Army chap-

lain on May 29, 2004, when the blast cost him an eye and severely damaged his brain as he was returning from celebrating Mass with troops near Mosul.

"A man of peace, he chose to endure the horror of war in order to bring the peace of Christ to America's fighting men and women," Archbishop John Nienstedt said in a statement. "He has been an inspiration to us all and we will miss him. We ask everyone to remember him in prayer."

The major was hospitalized for four months at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, and was transferred in a near coma to the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Minneapolis in October 2004.

After many surgeries and infections, he slowly started to recognize friends and family, and began to communicate with squeezes of the hand or slight smiles. In the fall of 2006, he spoke for the first time in 2½ years.



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QUOTE
 "These things shouldn't be happening."
 — Barry Sweedler, a former investigator and manager at the NTSB, after a Washington, D.C., Metro transit train smashed into the rear of another, killing at least nine people

EDITORIAL

Jerome officials right to put new jail up for a vote

Instead of preparing for a vote on a new jail, Jerome County officials should be busy planning a regional lockup with commissioners from Gooding, Lincoln and Camas counties. But if they're determined that Jerome County will go it alone, commissioners did the right thing Monday in deciding to let the voters — and not a judge — make the decision.

On Nov. 3 taxpayers will say yes or no to borrowing \$12 million for a new 30-year, lease-to-own facility built by private investors.

The commissioners had the option of going to a judge and claiming that building a new jail was an "ordinary and necessary" expense the county could agree to without asking voters. To their credit, the commissioners didn't.

So approval of two-thirds of those voting will be necessary before the county can enter into a long-term lease for the facility.

On the ballot, there will be two alternatives:

- 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.

Either way, this is going to be a tough sell in a tight economy.

A telephone poll conducted by the county's jail consultant found that while 60 percent of respondents said the county needs a new jail, 45 percent would vote for a bond issue and 43 percent would vote against it.

There's no question the current Jerome lockup is a jailbreak, a tragedy or a lawsuit waiting to happen. It's not just inadequate; it's unsafe for inmates, staff and the general public.

Yet a replacement facility would be a lot closer to happening if Jerome County had stayed the course and collaborated on a regional jail with the other three counties.

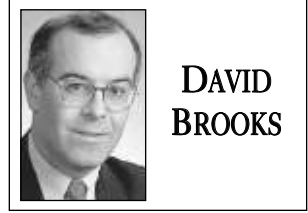
If that's not going to happen, then at least the taxpayers will get to make the call.

But if the proposal fails in November, it will be time to the Jerome commissioners to reconsider the regional approach.

Our view:
 We think there are better alternatives for Jerome County than a lease-to-own jail, but the taxpayers will get to decide in November.

Sen. Baucus living in never-never land

On May 12, the Senate Finance Committee held a hearing on health care reform. There was a long table of 13 experts, and the vast majority agreed that ending the tax exemption on employer-provided health benefits should be part of a reform package.



DAVID BROOKS

They gave the reasons that experts — on right or left — always give for supporting this idea. The exemption is a giant subsidy to the affluent. It drives up health care costs by encouraging luxurious plans and by separating people from the consequences of their decisions. Furthermore, repealing the exemption could raise hundreds of billions of dollars, which could be used to expand coverage to the uninsured.

Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden piped up and noted that he and Republican Sen. Robert Bennett have a plan that repeals the exemption and provides universal coverage. The Wyden-Bennett bill has 14 bipartisan co-sponsors and the Congressional Budget Office has found that it would be revenue neutral.

Committee Chairman Max Baucus looked exasperated. With that haughty and peremptory manner that they teach you in Committee Chairman School, he told Wyden and the world that this idea was not going to happen.

In the World's Greatest Deliberative Body, senators don't run things. Chairmen and their staffs run things. During the spring, as the Obama administration faded to invisibility, the Finance and Health Committees separately put together plans. These plans did not alter the employer exemption. They did build



on the current system. They did include approaches that have been around since Richard Nixon.

The problem with the committee plans is that they don't do much to change the underlying incentives and consequently don't do much to control costs. "The single most expensive option is to build on the existing system," says health care costs guru John Sheils of the Lewin Group.

The CBO measured the plans and the results were devastating. A successful plan has to be revenue neutral for the government over the next 10 years and it has to reduce the total health care burden over the long term so the country doesn't go bankrupt. The Senate committee plans failed both criteria. They would cost the government over \$1 trillion this decade and send costs zooming by as much as 6.7 percent a year long-term.

The CBO reports sent shockwaves through Washington. Senators and staffs began casting about for a way to get a good CBO score. President Barack Obama redoubled his rhetoric about fundamentally reducing health care costs. Everybody continued looking around for a compromise that could get 70 votes.

Now, you might think

that in these circumstances, someone might take a second look at the ideas incorporated in the Wyden-Bennett plan, which already has a good CBO score, bipartisan support and a recipe for fundamental reform.

If you did think that, you are mistaking the Senate for a rational organism. For while there are brewing efforts to incorporate the Wyden-Bennett ideas, there is stiff resistance to the aspects that fundamentally change incentives.

The committee staffs don't like the approach because it's not what they've been thinking about all these years. The left is uncomfortable with the language of choice and competition. Unions want to protect the benefits packages in their contracts. Campaign consultants are horrified at the thought of fiddling with a popular special privilege.

So the process is moving along as it has been. There is a great deal of talk about the need to restrain costs. There's discussion about interesting though speculative ideas to bend the cost curve. There are a series of frantic efforts designed to reduce the immediate federal price tag. Some senators and advisors suggest cutting back on universal coverage. Others have come up with a bunch of little cuts in hopes

of getting closer to the trillion-dollar tab. The administration has ambitious plans to whack Medicare spending.

But there is almost nothing that gets to the core of the problem. Under the leading approaches, health care providers would still have powerful incentives to provide more services and use more expensive technology.

We've built an entire health care system on the illusion of something for nothing. Instead of tackling that basic logic, we've got a reform process that is trying to evade it.

This would be bad enough in normal times. But the country is already careening toward fiscal ruin. We've already passed a nearly \$800 billion stimulus package. The public debt is already projected to double over the next ten years.

Health care reform is important, but it is not worth bankrupting the country over. If this process goes as it has been going then we will be far better off killing this effort and starting over in a few years. Maybe then there will be leaders willing to look at the options staring them in the face.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ITD should not blame Blue Lakes businesses

About your article on why the Idaho Transportation Department will not work at night on the Blue Lakes Boulevard project:

I find it amazing that ITD spokesman Mr. Jerke (are you serious?) can actually blame the local businesses for not telling the ITD that the work should be done at night rather than during the daytime so that it would not impact their ability to do their business. It looks to me that the planners at ITD must have graduated dead last in their training to not even consider that option. The cost of a night shift differential cannot be that much for the construction crews.

The ITD has, in its bone-headed stupidity, caused untold monetary damages

to the local businesses and perhaps caused some to actually fail. Then Mr. Jerke has the nerve to blame the people of Twin Falls for not notifying the ITD that it would be wise to do the work at night!

Excuse me. With its experience, it seems to me that the ITD would know the impact that its construction would have on the local businesses. Apparently not.

CLIFF KINZY
 Twin Falls

Presidents get raises; PKU patients suffer

I can't believe what is happening to our state. The presidents of Idaho State University and Boise State University are each getting a \$37,000 raise while teachers are losing their jobs and tuition is on the rise.

My big concern is the state has cut the funding for the PKU program for adults. These children and adults lack an enzyme necessary for the metabolism of phenylalanine, an amino acid that is used to form certain proteins in the body. The amino acid builds up in the brain, causing mental retardation or seizures. They have to take their PKU formula the rest of their lives. Dr. Ronald Scott of Seattle says this is 90 percent of their nutrition. Mead-Johnson is the supplier.

In most states, their insurance will pay for it (not Idaho insurance companies). I have two PKU grandchildren of age who will have to pay for it. One has three children and can't pay, and the other one will do his best. We have other PKUs in Idaho who will

need help in order to go to school. The cost is \$167 a case and they drink approximately a case a week.

A concerned grandmother,
DELLA AMEN
 Burley

Global warming fraud has a secret agenda

The Declaration of Independence brought a unique beginning to our country, stating that man's rights come from a divine creator and that government was to serve man and not enslave him.

God, working through the founding fathers including George Washington, established eternal truths and rights that will never be obsolete. These rights include life, liberty and possession of property. We should thank

God for blessing us with the rarest of freedom-loving men who had faith, wisdom and character. The faith to recognize that the rights of man are endowed by their creator; the wisdom to understand that the proper role of government is to protect these unalienable rights; and the character to create a constitutional republic form of government based on such principles.

The founding fathers pledged their lives, fortunes and sacred honor to bring freedom to America. Many lost their families, possessions and their lives so that we could be free today.

Our freedom and independence are being threatened by a satanic drive to seduce us into a one-world government under United Nations control. This would mean that our Declaration

of Independence and U.S. Constitution would be null and void. The man-caused global warming fraud is one example of the scams to promote global government.

Eternal vigilance is indeed the price of liberty and freedom! We must withdraw our membership from the United Nations by passing HR 1146 to preserve our independence.

The founders honored Independence Day as a religious holiday because the author of liberty, Jesus Christ, made freedom and independence possible for us. To restore our country, we must rededicate ourselves to promoting and upholding the principles of freedom written in the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.

ADRIAN L. ARP
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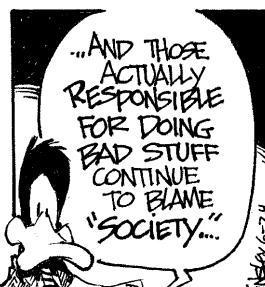
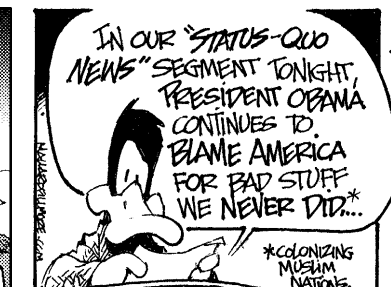
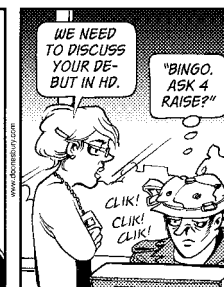
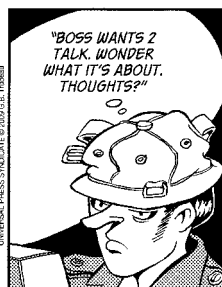
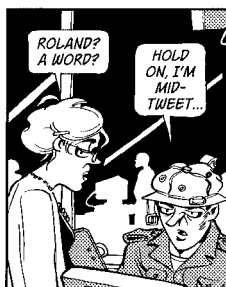
THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

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Courts can't mandate quality education

Some people have certain presumptions — for example, that government is better suited to handling problems than individuals or private entities. And then there are the accompanying assumptions that government, for those who have faith in its supposedly superior capabilities, will always produce the desired outcome.

Nowhere has the failure of presumptions to produce results from assumptions been more evident than in public education. In an essay for the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, excerpted from their book "Schoolhouses, Courthouses, and Statehouses: Solving the Funding-Achievement Puzzle in America's Public Schools," Eric A. Hanushek and Alfred A. Lindseth write that many, including the courts, have blindly accepted the assumption that more money will improve student performance. "Almost no one has seriously examined the empirical evidence to determine its validity," they have.

The authors look at four states — Wyoming, Kentucky, New Jersey and Massachusetts — where courts ordered the legislatures to appropriate more money for public schools on the presumption that increased spending would



CAL THOMAS

improve performance. Their conclusion: court-ordered funding does not necessarily improve test scores and African-Americans, despite the increased spending, are even worse off.

The authors write that, "Even when judging the effectiveness of their own previously ordered remedies, courts rarely examine the remedy's effect on student achievement." They cite the Wyoming Supreme Court's dramatic 1995 ruling that the state's education funding system was unconstitutional, ordering the Legislature to spend whatever it took to make education in the state the "best." "Despite these unprecedented increases in school funding," write Hanushek and Lindseth, "the achievement of Wyoming's students has largely failed to keep up with the nation or even with its much lower-funded, although demographically similar, neighboring states." The court has paid little attention to the outcome of its spending order, apparently because it just assumed it would work.

In Kentucky, the 1989 Rose decision resulted in a court order for certain structural changes and increased funding. The structural changes were implemented, but they produced no improvements in classrooms. The National Assessment of Educational Progress scores, sometimes referred to as the nation's report card, showed little or no progress in Kentucky public schools. Of special significance was the impact on black students, who comprise 11 percent of the state's public school enrollment. The authors write that black students in Kentucky "have fallen even further behind the nation" during the court-ordered remedy.

New Jersey has been wrestling with its education system and court orders to fix it since 1970. There are more than 600 school districts in the state. Thirty-one are known as "Abbott districts," named after the court case that resulted in \$1.5 billion in additional education spending (per pupil spending in New Jersey exceeded \$20,000 last year). The Abbott districts contain about half the black and Hispanic students in the state. What's the result of all this new spending? The authors write, "The picture we find is a mixed one, with little evidence that the

state's black students have progressed much, if at all, relative to black students nationwide." They do note that Hispanic students have made "significant progress," but they don't see a direct connection between spending and achievement.

In Massachusetts, education spending has increased from \$3 billion to \$10 billion over the last decade because of a court order, but it has been accompanied by major structural changes that include "a rigorous regimen of academic standards, graduation exams, and accountability."

The argument for school choice is strengthened when one reads the data and conclusions by Hanushek and Lindseth. African-American parents, especially, should protest in the streets because too many of their children are being denied their right to a good education. Politicians who care more about campaign contributions from the education lobbyists than they do about children should be thrown out of office and replaced with people who put children first and allow them and their parents to choose better schools for a better future.

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So far on this pledge, Obama was just blowing smoke

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It fell to President Barack Obama to confirm the gossip that his aides had spent weeks trying to snuff out: He still sneaks an occasional cigarette.

"There are times where I mess up," Obama said at a White House news conference on Tuesday.

But, the president hastened to add, he never smokes in front of his young daughters and not

on a daily basis. Oh, and he's "95 percent cured."

It was the first public acknowledgment from the president that he still hasn't completely kicked the habit. In the past, he had alluded to his three-decades-old habit without giving direct answers.

One day after signing the nation's toughest anti-tobacco legislation into law, Obama was asked again Tuesday about his smoking habit and came clean.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Power lines plan will affect many farmers

I have never written a letter to any newspaper but am doing so because of what I have heard about Idaho Power and its proposed power lines.

I am appalled that it would bring these towers through farmers' and ranchers' property when

there are so many acres of public lands for these towers.

As a business owner, I can attest to the amount of people this will affect. They are all quality people and businessmen that are well respected members of the community. These towers will, of course, affect their livelihood. Irrigation lines will not even be able to

operate properly with towers in their fields.

Hopefully, there will be enough community support to get Idaho Power to rethink its plans.

RANDY WINN
Burley

A tip o' the Stetson to driver who ran over wolf

To the bold citizen that

"ran over" the alpha male Canadian wolf of the Phantom Hills Subdivision Pack northwest of Ketchum — great driving! Get the rest of the pack!

RON GILLETTE
Stanley

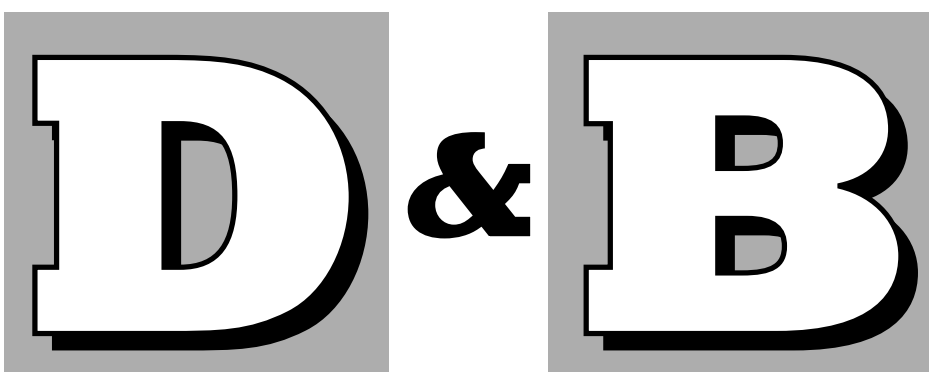
(Editor's note: Ron Gillette is the chairman of the Grassroots Committee to Stop the Canadian Wolf Disaster in Idaho.)

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Elderly swan becomes a father at Cheney refuge

By Rich Landers
The Spokesman-Review

CHENEY, Wash. — The drought is over for a geriatric but persistent trumpeter swan who has sired the first cygnets to be born at Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge since 1987.

Four grayish-white puffballs hatched in a trumpeter swan nest near the refuge's headquarters south of Cheney, apparently over Father's Day weekend.

The father, an elegant male trumpeter nicknamed Solo, may be the refuge's oldest seasonal wildlife resident and one of the oldest trumpeters documented anywhere among his rare species.

After his original mate was killed on their nest by a predator in 1988, Solo returned year after year to defend his territory.

He attracted a few female swans to the refuge, but their relationships never yielded offspring. Mike Rule, refuge wildlife biologist, said he'd feared Solo had simply grown too old to procreate.

While trumpeters are known to live 20 to 30 years in the wild, wildlife officials believe Solo is between 33 and 46 years old, Rule said.

"He had a mate with him this year, and we've been checking them regularly since we found her sitting on a nest at Cheever Lake about a month ago," said Nancy Curry, refuge manager.

"I had checked on Friday and saw her with no movement around the nest," Curry said Monday, after "getting a feeling" that she should go check the nest again.

"She was on the nest, and as I watched (through a spotting scope) I saw some little white things by her tail. Then a head popped up. I was jumping up and down by that time."

With Solo on guard just a few feet away, the mother led her cygnets off the nest and into the water.

"They already had a little size to them, but cygnets can go into the water within a day after they hatch," Curry said.

Males swans, known as cobs, are attentive parents.

"They will sit on the eggs when the female needs to feed and they stick around to raise the cygnets," Curry said.

Solo's life has had its share of drama. He fathered up to a third of the 122 cygnets known to have hatched since trumpeters were introduced to Turnbull in the mid-1960s, Rule said.

Trumpeter swans pair for life, but if a mate is killed, they often look for a new companion.

While Solo still had the

vinegar to defend his territory and the swagger to attract a few mates after his first mate was killed, his breeding attempts had been unfruitful for 22 years.

"He's an interesting bird, and we still don't know exactly where he goes for winter, although judging how quickly he's here every March at ice out, it's probably not too far," Rule said.



Solo, the trumpeter swan, swims with his brood, Monday at Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge in Spokane, Wash. It is the first brood he has had in the last 20 years and refuge staff estimate he has been coming to Turnbull for almost 40 years.

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Crews search mountains for missing floater

The Associated Press

SALMON — A search and rescue crew in eastern Idaho is looking for a man reported lost by a group floating the Middle Fork of the Salmon River.

Authorities say 57-year-old Eddie Miller was last seen Saturday by friends setting up camp near the confluence of Cradle Creek in the Frank Church River-of-No-Return Wilderness.

Miller and friends were on the final day of a weeklong float of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. Friends say Miller, described as an avid outdoorsman, left the party Saturday to hike up a ridge near the campsite.

Lemhi County Sheriff Sam Slavin says the search is difficult since it's in a steep, remote area accessible only by air.

The Air National Guard from Helena, Mont., sent a crew Tuesday to help in the search.

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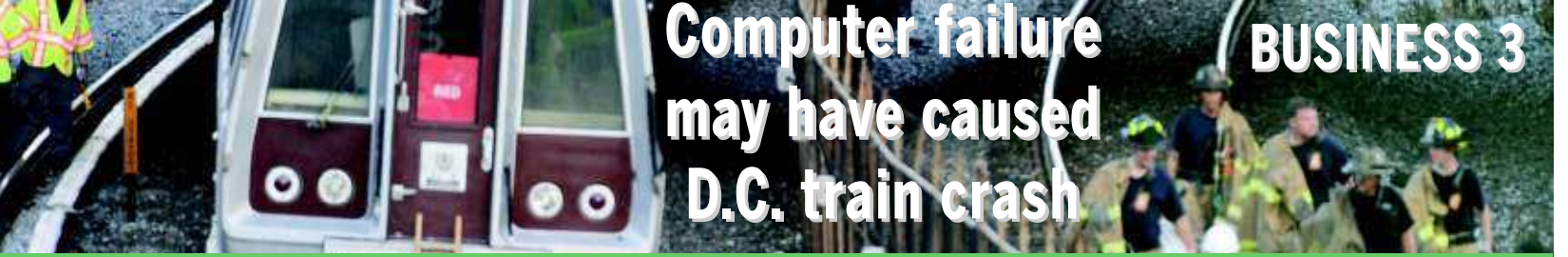
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Zions economist: Idaho recession to continue through 2010

State will rely on national recovery to kickstart Gem State economy

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

The Idaho economy has remained under downward pressure in recent months and the recession is expected to continue for nine to 12 months before a modest upturn in 2010, according to economists with Zions Bank.

Like most states, Idaho has been hammered by the most severe economic and financial turbulence since the Great Depression.

"Many residents of the Gem State had perhaps developed a mindset that the state's economy was largely immune from what happens to the nation or around the

globe," said Jeff Thredgold, economic consultant to Zions Bank. "But such views were dashed during the past 18 months."

Idaho's unemployment rate has more than doubled, averaging 7.3 in 2009 compared to 3 percent in 2007. The state has also shed more than 32,000 jobs since May 2008.

But Thredgold said the state's outlook will improve. See **RECESSION**, Business 2

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ZIONS BANK ECONOMIC REPORT

Idaho suffered a net decline of nearly 32,000 jobs during the past 12 months, a loss of 4.9 percent.

The state's new home construction market remains extremely weak, with prices for existing homes continuing to decline. However, Idaho home price declines appear modest compared with Arizona, California and Nevada, where prices in major cities have fallen an average of 47 percent.

The winter sports industry was not immune to economic weakness; there was a sharp decline in winter sports spending across the West, especially for destination resorts, with less visitation to Sun Valley and other Idaho ski areas.

KEEPING A NEW FLOCK

Wal-Mart's T.F. store is an example of where it wants its other stores to be to keep upscale customers coming back



AP photo

Shoppers walk past televisions on display in the electronics department of a Wal-Mart store in Rogers, Ark. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. is upgrading its beef, clothing, electronics and home accessories while sprucing up its stores as it maneuvers to retain these spenders who have embraced a newfound thriftiness.

Times-News staff and wire reports

The Wal-Mart Supercenter in Twin Falls is an example of what the company hopes to do with nearly 3,600 others stores across the nation.

That's because the recession steered a new type of customer to Wal-Mart — deeper in the pockets and suddenly looking for bargains.

Now the world's largest retailer has to figure out how to keep that customer when the economy recovers.

So Wal-Mart is bringing in more brand names, ditching scores of other products and even redesigning hundreds of stores to give them wider aisles, better lighting and better sight lines.

It's more than just a cosmetic upgrade. That new breed of customer also spends about 40 percent more than the traditional Wal-Mart shopper, and the

retailer senses an opportunity to accelerate its growth.

It's placing a big bet on the redesign of most of its 3,600 stores, started last fall. This fiscal year, it plans to redo up to 600 at a cost from \$1.6 billion to \$1.7 billion.

A corporate spokeswoman said the prototype for the remodeling will be similar to the Supercenter that opened in Twin Falls in June, which includes lower shelves to make it easier to see across

See **WAL-MART**, Business 2

Existing home sales decline in most counties in region

Nationwide sales see slight increase

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Existing home sales declined from April to May in most counties throughout south-central Idaho — even as nationwide existing homes sales increased for the third consecutive month.

Twin Falls County reported 48 homes sold in May, a 17 percent decline compared to April when 58 units were sold, according to the Intermountain Multiple Listing Service.

Two counties were exempt from the downward spiral. Jerome County reported 13 homes sold last month, compared to six homes sold in April. Cassia County existing home sales were unchanged from April to May, with six units sold.

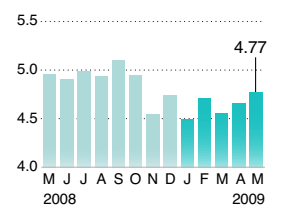
The median price of an existing home sold in May increased 1 percent in Twin Falls County to \$140,000, while the median price in Jerome County increased about 12 percent to \$141,000.

Meanwhile, the National Association of Realtors said Tuesday that nationwide home sales rose 2.4 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual pace of 4.77 million, up from a downwardly revised rate of 4.66 million in April.

The results, however,

Home sales

Sales of existing homes in millions of units: Seasonally adjusted annual rate



SOURCE: National Association of Realtors

missed analysts' expectations and stock markets edged lower on the news.

The bursting of the housing bubble helped push the U.S. economy into the worst financial crisis in seven decades. Now the economy is hindering the recovery of the real estate market. As companies continue to shed jobs, more cash-strapped homeowners are predicted to go into foreclosure.

About one in three homes sold last month was a foreclosure or distressed sale, dragging down the median price to \$173,000 — 16.8 percent below a year ago. Falling prices coupled with new rules for property appraisers have caused many transactions to fall apart or be delayed.

One bright spot, however, was that the number of unsold homes on the market at the end of May fell 3.5 percent to nearly 3.8 million. That's a 9.6 month supply at the current sales pace, compared with about six months in a normal market.

See **HOMES**, Business 2

Horizon Air announces seasonal flight schedule into Sun Valley

Slack season flights dropped as part of Sun Valley Co. contract

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

HAILEY — Summer and winter have always been the most profitable times for the Sun Valley area, as anyone who runs a business there knows. One such business, Horizon Air, announced this week that it has signed a contract with Sun Valley Co. that will alter the airline's schedule of flights.

Horizon will drop its slack season flights from Seattle and Los Angeles starting Sept. 7, and will

only fly into Friedman Memorial Airport between Dec. 19 and March 21, and May 28 and Sept. 6. However, the company is adding regular service from L.A. during those dates, which it has not consistently had and will not provide this summer.

"If we could have found a way to provide year round service on a basis that was profitable... but with the economy there, the traffic is generated by people visiting from outside, and people generally do that in the winter and summer," said Dan Russo, spokesman for Horizon. "It's finding a way to serve Sun Valley on a profitable basis."

How profitable is unclear, as the costs involved in the contract are not publicly available, but the company is expected to reach out to

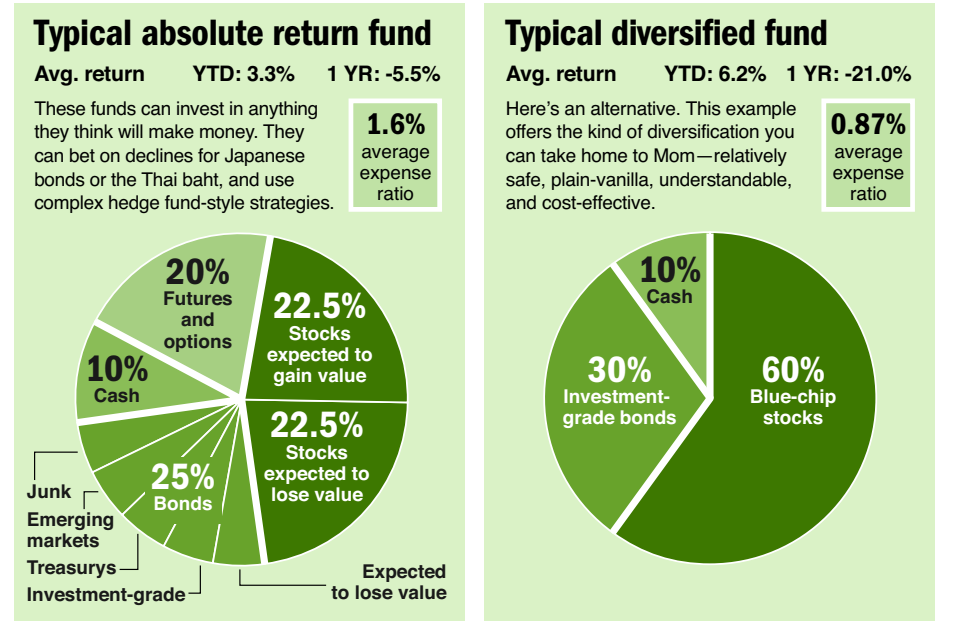
the business community to offset some of those costs. Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber and Visitors Bureau executive director Carol Waller said the community has a critical interest in maintaining air service from those hubs.

"You never like to lose service at any level, so this will be a reduction in our year-round service, but we are thrilled that our community was able to work out a relationship to continue service in the important areas of Los Angeles and Seattle," Waller said. "We have to put together a more definitive plan, but we want it to be a public-private partnership. No one has pledged public money to make this happen at the moment."

See **HORIZON**, Business 2

Absolutely not fabulous

Mutual fund companies—including heavyweights like Putnam—are putting plenty of marketing muscle behind "absolute return" funds. The phrase suggests they'll make money regardless of market conditions, but investors need to know what's in them. Unlike diversified funds that balance stocks, bonds and cash, these funds can short stocks and buy any exotic asset that catches their manager's eyes. But recent history shows us that unfamiliar securities don't always behave the way we're told they will. The only thing absolutely true about these funds is that they're much more expensive to own. Here's how two hypothetical funds compare:



SOURCES: fund companies; Morningstar

Shaila Dani, Elizabeth Gramling • AP

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	19.78	▲ .84	Dell Inc.	12.98	—	Idacorp	25.29	▼ .32	Int. Bancorp	3.45	▼ .05
Lithia Mo.	7.28	▲ .32	McDonalds	56.76	▼ .44	Micron	4.85	▼ .17	Supervalu	15.69	▼ .02

COMMODITIES

For more see Business 2

Live cattle	81.50	▼ .38	Aug. Oil	69.20	▲ 1.70
Aug. Gold	925.8	▼ 4.8	July Silver	13.85	▼ .14

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE				AMEX				NASDAQ			
MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)				MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)				MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)			
Name	Vol(00)	Last Chg		Name	Vol(00)	Last Chg		Name	Vol(00)	Last Chg	
BkofAm	3481974	12.23	+29	PSCrudeDL	134015	4.30	+20	PwShs	Q001049424	35.00	-08
DirxFinBear	2551624	5.24	-20	Hemisphere	115313	1.94	-30	ETrade	900463	1.21	+02
Citigrp	2368576	3.01	+01	GoldStr g	38863	1.73	+13	Intel	690174	15.81	+13
DirxFinBull	2163288	8.30	+29	EldorGld g	33262	8.07	+42	Microsoft	557857	23.34	+06
SPDR	1777600	89.35	+07	UraniumEn	30616	2.27	-52	Cisco	421972	18.57	+16

GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)				GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)				GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)			
Name	Last Chg	%Chg		Name	Last Chg	%Chg		Name	Last Chg	%Chg	
OneLibrty	6.10	+1.10	+22.0	GreenHntr	2.48	+44	+21.6	Monogrm rs	4.52	+2.84	+169.0
LazBoy	4.78	+7.75	+18.6	ProspMed	3.67	+53	+16.8	RepubAir	6.00	+1.90	+46.3
HorizLns	3.54	+4.6	+14.9	Accelr8	2.15	+24	+12.6	FFD Finl	15.90	+4.90	+44.5
CB REllis	8.74	+1.08	+14.1	InvCapHld	3.67	+36	+10.9	1stCnstBn	9.99	+2.09	+26.5
Navios	4.13	+4.9	+13.5	Gainsco rs	16.60	+1.60	+10.6	Micronetic	3.44	+6.2	+22.0

LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)				LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)				LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)			
Name	Last Chg	%Chg		Name	Last Chg	%Chg		Name	Last Chg	%Chg	
AlliedCap	2.51	-4.3	-14.6	UraniumEn	2.27	-52	-18.6	FstBkshVA	6.11	-1.89	-23.6
MSEngy12	13.40	-2.29	-14.6	Aerosonic	4.75	-65	-12.0	AcuraPh	5.89	-1.68	-22.2
Actuant	12.53	-1.98	-13.6	KeeganR g	2.78	-37	-11.7	Tongxin un	6.19	-1.72	-21.8
FTStratH3	3.79	-5.6	-12.9	IncOpR	6.19	-80	-11.4	ColonialBk	7.40	-1.92	-20.6
PzenalnV	6.51	-9.4	-12.6	TiensBio	2.09	-26	-11.1	Asteaintl	2.15	-5.5	-20.4

DIARY				DIARY				DIARY			
Name	Last Chg	%Chg		Name	Last Chg	%Chg		Name	Last Chg	%Chg	
Advanced	1.434			Advanced	239			Advanced	1,089		
Declined	1,602			Declined	310			Declined	1,597		
Unchanged	106			Unchanged	61			Unchanged	146		
Total issues	3,142			Total issues	610			Total issues	2,832		
New Highs	2			New Highs	5			New Highs	14		
New Lows	5			New Lows	4			New Lows	19		
Volume	4,946,812,216			Volume	120,430,075			Volume	2,137,028,880		

INDEXES

11,924.19	6,469.95	Dow Jones Industrials	8,322.91	-16.10	-19	-5.17	-29.51
5,293.41	2,134.21	Dow Jones Transportation	3,078.37	+8.81	+29	-12.97	-38.41
528.07	288.66	Dow Jones Utilities	349.10	-2.72	-77	-5.84	-33.15
8,945.54	4,181.75	NYSE Composite	5,759.49	+34.42	+60	+0.4	-34.58
2,257.28	1,130.47	Amex Index	1,554.08	+5.75	+37	+11.20	-30.34
2,473.20	1,265.52	Nasdaq Composite	1,764.92	-1.27	-07	+1.91	-25.48
1,335.63	666.79	S&P 500	895.10	+2.06	+23	-11.9	-31.89
13,634.46	6,772.29	Wilshire 5000	9,139.29	+10.45	+11	+5.7	-31.91
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STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

AlliantEgy	1.50	11	24.77	-66	-15.1	Kaman	.56	14	17.71	-35	-2.3
AlliantTch	...	19	84.16	-49	-1.9	Keycorp	.04m	...	5.27	-23	-38.1
AmCasino	.42	...	17.94	-68	+107.6	LeeEnt	...	...	5.7	+05	+39.0
Aon Corp	.60	...	37.52	+09	-17.9	MicronT	...	...	4.85	-17	+83.7
BallardPw	...	...	1.58	+01	+39.8	OfficeMax	...	...	5.53	+07	+27.6
BkofAm	.04	16	12.23	+29	-13.1	RockTen	.40	12	36.75	+51	+7.5
ConAgra	.76	9	19.78	+84	+19.9	Sensient	.76	12	22.61	-20	-5.3
Costco	.72f	18	45.07	-28	-14.2	SkyWest	.16	6	9.66	-03	-48.1
Debdold	1.04	22	25.21	-12	-10.3	Teradyn	...	...	6.22	+03	+47.4
DukeEngy	.96f	15	14.39	-26	-4.1	Tuppwr	.88	10	24.07	+59	+6.0
DukeRlty	.68m	16	8.31	+28	-2.2	US Bancrp	.20	14	17.43	+35	-30.3
Fastenal	.70f	18	32.34	+17	-7.4	Valhi	.40	...	7.08	+01	-33.3
Heinz	1.68f	12	35.40	-30	-5.9	WalMart	1.09f	14	48.35	-24	-13.8
HewlettP	.32	11	37.36	-38	+2.9	WashFed	.20	49	12.76	+08	-14.7
HomeDp	.90	16	22.88	-37	-6	WellsFargo	.20m	32	22.91	+40	-22.3
Idacorp	1.20	12	25.29	-32	-14.1	ZionBcp	.16	...	11.76	-15	-52.0

HOW TO READ THE REPORT

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

Stock Footnotes: cc - PE greater than 99. dd - Loss in last 12 mos. d - New 52-wk low during trading day. g - Dividend in Canadian \$ Stock price in U.S. \$ n - New issue in past 52 wks. q - Closed-end mutual fund; no PE calculated. s - Split or stock dividend of 25 pct or more in last 52 wks. Div begins with date of split or stock dividend. u - New 52-wk high during trading day. v - Trading halted on primary market. Unless noted, dividend rates are annual disbursements based on last declaration. pf - Preferred. pp - Holder owes installment(s) of purchase price. rt - Rights. un - Units. wd - When distributed. wi - When issued. wt - Warrants. ww - With warrants. xw - Without warrants.

Dividend Footnotes: a - Also extra or extras. b - Annual rate plus stock dividend. c - Liquidating dividend. e - Declared or paid in preceding 12 mos. f - Annual rate, increased on last declaration. i - Declared or paid after stock dividend or split. j - Paid this year, dividend omitted, deferred or no action taken at last meeting. k - Declared or paid this year, accumulative issue with dividends in arrears. m - Annual rate, reduced on last declaration. p - Init div, annual rate unknown. r - Declared or paid in preceding 12 mos plus stock dividend. t - Paid in stock in last 12 mos, estimated cash value on ex-dividend or distribution date. x - Ex-dividend or ex-rights. y - Ex-dividend and sales in full. z - Sales in full. vj - In bankruptcy or receivership or being reorganized under the Bankruptcy Act, or securities assumed by such companies.

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Mutual Fund Footnotes: e - Ex-capital gains distribution. f - Previous day's quote. n - No-load fund. p - Fund assets used to pay distribution costs. r - Redemption fee or contingent deferred sales load may apply. s - Stock dividend or split. t - Both p and r. x - Ex-cash dividend.

Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

COMMODITIES REPORT

CLOSING FUTURES

Mon	Commodity	High	Low	Close	Change
Jun	Live cattle	81.90	81.50	81.50	+ .38
Aug	Live cattle	83.40	82.85	83.33	+ .48
Aug	Feeder cattle	99.88	99.03	99.70	+ .78
Sep	Feeder cattle	99.80	99.00	99.78	+ .90
Oct	Feeder cattle	99.65	98.95	99.55	+ .50
Jul	Lean hogs	60.70	59.80	60.13	-.33
Aug	Lean hogs	61.35	59.85	60.45	-.40
Jul	Pork belly	64.25	63.10	63.20	+1.30
Aug	Pork belly	64.40	63.30	64.30	+1.60
Jul	Wheat	551.00	543.50	546.75	+ .75
Sep	Wheat	580.00	570.75	575.75	+ .75
Jul	KC Wheat	609.50	601.00	604.00	-.00
Sep	KC Wheat	620.00	612.00	614.50	+ .50
Jul	MPS Wheat	703.75	690.00	701.50	+ 8.00
Sep	MPS Wheat	697.50	687.00	693.25	+ 3.50
Jul	Corn	389.50	381.00	389.00	+ 3.75
Sep	Corn	398.00	388.25	397.25	+ 3.75
Jul	Soybeans	1181.00	1157.00	1179.00	+27.50
Aug	Soybeans	1114.00	1096.00	1114.00	+24.00
Jun	BFP Milk	9.98	9.94	9.98	+ .04
Jul	BFP Milk	10.13	10.03	10.13	+ .08
Aug	BFP Milk	10.80	10.65	10.75	+ .13
Sep	BFP Milk	11.62	11.41	11.62	+ .15
Oct	BFP Milk	12.50	12.33	12.45	+ .03
Jul	Sugar	15.89	14.99	15.86	+ .79
Oct	Sugar	17.00	16.11	16.98	+ .74
Sep	B-Pound	1.6473	1.6206	1.6453	+0.111
Dec	B-Pound	1.6451	1.6254	1.6450	+0.112
Sep	J-Yen	1.0551	1.0433	1.0509	+0.072
Dec	J-Yen	1.0562	1.0477	1.0523	+0.071
Sep	Euro-currency	1.4103	1.3821	1.4078	+0.216
Dec	Euro-currency	1.4094	1.3825	1.4069	+0.208
Sep	Canada dollar	.8728	.8636	.8690	+0.006
Dec	Canada dollar	.8710	.8650	.8700	+0.010
Sep	U.S. dollar	81.29	80.04	80.18	-.96
Jun	Cornex gold	926.5	917.3	925.9	+ 5.3
Aug	Cornex gold	927.3	913.2	925.8	+ 4.8
Jul	Cornex silver	13.88	13.60	13.85	+ .14
Sep	Cornex silver	13.91	13.64	13.88	+ .14
Sep	Treasury bond	117.09	115.28	117.03	+ .23
Dec	Treasury bond	115.20	114.20	115.91	+ .18
Jul	Coffee	118.00	115.15	115.15	-1.55
Sep	Coffee	120.60	117.85	118.95	-1.50
Jul	Cocoa	1578	1558	1570	+ 14
Sep	Cocoa	1602	1585	1597	+ 13
Jul	Cotton	51.57	50.15	51.10	+ .59
Oct	Cotton	54.18	52.96	53.89	+ .48
Aug	Crude oil	69.68	66.37	69.20	+ 1.70
Jul	Unleaded gas	1.9132	1.8368	1.8963	+0.066
Jul	Heating oil	1.7766	1.7072	1.7685	+0.0410
Jul	Natural gas	4.000	3.827	3.950	-.043

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BEANS

Bean Beans
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Other Idaho bean prices are collected weekly by Bean Market News. U.S. Department of Agriculture. Pinkos, not established; great northens, not established; small whites, not established; pinkos, not established; small reds, not established. Quotes current June 17.

GRAINS

Valley Grains
Prices for wheat per bushel; mixed grain, oats, corn and beans per hundred weight. Prices subject to change without notice.
Soft white wheat, ask; barley, ask; oats, ask; corn, ask (15 percent moisture). Prices are given daily by Rangens in Buhl. Prices current June 17.
Barley, \$8.25 (48-lb. minimum) spot delivery in Twin Falls and Gooding; corn, no quote (Twin Falls only). Prices quoted by Land O' Lakes Inc. in Twin Falls. Prices current June 17.

Intermountain Grain
POCATELLO (AP) - Idaho Farm Bureau Intermountain Grain and Livestock Report on Tuesday.
POCATELLO - White wheat 4.55 (steady); 11.5 percent winter 4.74 (steady); 14 percent spring 6.43 (up 4); barley 6.65 (steady);

BURLEY - White wheat 4.35 (steady); 11.5 percent winter 4.99 (steady); 14 percent spring 6.28 (up 4); barley 5.75 (steady);
OGDEN - White wheat 4.64 (steady); 11.5 percent winter 5.28 (steady); 14 percent spring 6.62 (up 3); barley 6.86 (steady);
PORTLAND - White wheat 5.75 (steady); 11 percent winter 6.15-6.30 (up 2 to 1); 14 percent spring 7.78 (up 3); barley n/a;
NAMP - White wheat cwt 7.75 (down 8); bushel 4.65 (down 5);

CHEESE

Cheddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange
Barrels: \$1.0700, nc; Blocks: \$1.1175, nc

POTATOES

CHICAGO (AP) - USDA - Major potato markets FOB shipping points Monday.
Russet Burbanks Idaho 50-lb cartons 70 count: 100 count.
Baled 5-10 lb film bags (non Size A).
Russet Norkotahs Idaho 50-lb cartons 70 count: 100 count.
Baled 5-10 lb film bags (non Size A).
Russets Norkotahs Wisconsin 50-lb cartons 70 count 12.00-12.50; 100 count 8.50-9.00.
Baled 5-10 lb film bags (non Size A) 6.00-6.50.
Russet Norkotahs Washington 50-lb cartons 70 count 11.00; 100 count 8.00-9.00.
Baled 5-10 lb film bags (non Size A) 4.00.
Wisconsin Norkotahs 50-lb cartons 70 count: 100 count.
Baled 5-10 lb film bags (non Size A).
Round Reds 50-lb sacks Size A Wisconsin.
Round Reds Minnesota N. Dakota 50-lb cartons size A 9.00; 50 lb sacks size A 8.00.
Baled 5-10 lb film bags size A 8.75.
Round Whites 50-lb sacks size A Wisconsin.

LIVESTOCK

Intermountain Livestock
LIVESTOCK AUCTION - Producers Livestock Market in Vale, OR on Wednesday. Utility and commercial cows 39.00-46.00; canner and cutters 31.00-36.00; heavy feeder steers 91.00-101.50; light feeder steers 95.00-108.25; stocker steers 94.00-104.50; heavy holstein feeder steers 48.00-60.00; heavy holstein feeder steers 48.00-60.00; heavy feeder heifers 75.00-84.50; light feeder heifers 86.00-98.00; stocker heifers 92.00-105.00; slaughter bulls 46.00-56.00; stock cows n/a; stock cow/calf pairs 70.0-1235/p; Remarks: Good test on the late bred cow and pair market.

Obama lashes out at critics of health-care reform

By Noam N. Levey and Peter Nicholas
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — In an effort to maintain control of the health-care debate, President Barack Obama on Tuesday ridiculed critics of his government-run insurance proposal, saying that private insurers have nothing to fear if they are efficient and consumer-friendly.

"If private insurers say that the marketplace provides the best quality health care, if they tell us that they're offering a good deal, then why is it that the govern-

ment, which they say can't run anything, suddenly is going to drive them out of business?" Obama asked. "That's not logical."

At the same time, the president left the door open to compromise with the private insurance industry as Congress begins the process of tackling one of the most complex and politically sensitive issues on the national agenda.

In a news conference Tuesday, Obama framed his proposal as the only way to break the cycle of

ever-higher medical costs that sapped the financial stability of families and the government.

At the same time, however, he refused to rule out the possibility that he might sign a health-care bill that did not include a public-plan option.

"We are still early in this process," he told reporters at the White House. "We have not drawn lines in the sand."

The president, who last week both challenged and sought to appease doctors in a speech to the

American Medical Association, will play host to a health-care town hall at the White House today, the second such event in the past two weeks.

And with help from the Democratic National Committee, Obama's supporters are holding events Saturday aimed at promoting his health-care overhaul — including blood drives, medical fairs and sessions on nutrition.

Fifteen years ago, the insurance industry was able to defeat President Bill Clinton's health-care plan by playing on the public's fears with its "Harry and

Louise" ad campaign, which featured a couple fretting about the government making their health-care choices for them.

Now, Obama's campaign Web site is urging people to share stories about their own battles with the health-care system and to send letters to members of Congress.

"We think there are powerful stories to be told that argue for health-care reform," said Hari Sevugan, national media spokesman for the DNC. "Once you hear those stories, it demands reform this year."



Obama

McMahon, 'Tonight Show' sidekick, dies

By Dennis McLellan
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Ed McMahon, a television pioneer who warmed the couch on "The Tonight Show" for nearly 30 years as Johnny Carson's jovial sidekick and announcer, died early Tuesday. He was 86.

McMahon died at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, according to his publicist, Howard Bragman. The cause of death was not announced, but McMahon had been in failing health for some time, with a number of problems that required hospitalization.

Initially unable to work after breaking his neck in a fall in 2007, McMahon made news a year later when he defaulted on \$4.8 million in mortgage loans and was facing the possible foreclosure of his Beverly Hills estate, which had been on the market for two years. An outside party purchased the mortgage, and the McMahons were still living in the home.

"If you spend more money than you make, you know what happens. A couple of divorces thrown in, a few things like that," McMahon, in a neck brace, explained in June 2008 on CNN's "Larry King Live," where he was accompanied by his wife, Pam.

In 2008, McMahon filed a lawsuit against Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, two doctors and the owner of the home where he fell. The lawsuit was settled out of court last month, but the terms were not announced.

McMahon's health and financial woes marked an unexpected turn for the TV celebrity whose career began in 1949 and spanned more than half a century. During that time, he was rarely absent from the screen.

He was the host of the syndicated "Star Search"

for 12 years and a co-host of "TV's Bloopers and Practical Jokes" with Dick Clark on NBC for nine years.

He played a clown for eight years on the "Big Top" live circus show on CBS in the 1950s and co-starred with Tom Arnold in a sitcom, "The Tom Show," on The WB in the late 1990s.

There also were stints as host of the game shows "Missing Links," "Snap Judgment" and "Whodunnit?" in the 1960s and '70s.

In between, McMahon did commercials for Budweiser beer, Alpo dog food and hundreds of other products and services.

At one point in the early 1980s, he reportedly was the spokesman for no fewer than 37 U.S. banks. For years he also served as the spokesman for American Family Publishers' national sweepstakes, famously informing Americans: "You may already have won \$10 million!"

More recently, he turned up in commercials for FreeCreditReport.com that poked fun at his financial woes. He appeared with MC Hammer in a Cash4Gold commercial that aired during the 2009 Super Bowl.

But there's little doubt that McMahon will be best remembered as the prototypical late-night talk-show announcer and second banana, who enthusiastically boomed out in his rolling baritone these familiar words: "And now, heeere's Johnny!"

As Carson's loyal, quick-to-laugh sidekick and comic foil, McMahon had so many catchphrases he could have done a medley of them in his nightclub act.

As a sign of his effect on pop culture, McMahon was the inspiration for Jeffrey Tambor's late-night talk-show sidekick Hank ("Hey, now!") Kingsley on Garry Shandling's 1990s sitcom "The Larry Sanders Show."



McMahon

Unravelling a tragedy



District of Columbia Fire and Emergency workers at the site of a rush-hour collision between two Metro transit trains in north-east Washington, D.C., Monday.

AP photo

Computer failure may have caused D.C. train crash

By Sarah Karush and Brian Westley
Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — Investigators looking into the deadly crash of two Metro transit trains focused Tuesday on why a computerized system failed to halt an oncoming train, even though there is evidence that the operator tried to slow it down.

At the time of the crash, the train was also operating in automatic mode, meaning it was controlled primarily by computer. In that mode, the operator's main job is to open and close the doors and respond to emergencies.

Debbie Hersman, an investigator with the National Transportation Safety Board, said it was unclear if the emergency brake was actually engaged when Monday's crash occurred. But the mushroom-shaped button that activates it was found pushed down in the operator's compartment.

Hersman said it wasn't clear when the button was pressed or how it got that way. She also said there was



The Washington Post/AP photo

Margot Rojas, friend of Ana Fernandez, a victim of Monday's Metro transit train crash in Washington, grieves during a church service at Ministerio Casa de Dios in Hyattsville, Md., on Tuesday.

evidence of braking on the train's rotors, indicating it was likely that the operator tried to slow down.

The train plowed into a stopped train ahead of it at the height of the Monday evening rush hour, killing nine people and injuring more than 70 in the deadliest accident in the 30-year history of the Metro.

Crews spent Tuesday pulling apart the wreckage and searching for bodies. Authorities also worked to determine why the train's

safeguards apparently did not kick in.

"That train was never supposed to get closer than 1,200 feet, period," said Jackie Jeter, president of a union that represents Metro workers.

All Metro trains were running on manual control Tuesday as a precaution against computer malfunction.

The cars in the moving train were some of the oldest in the transit network, dating to the founding of the system. Federal officials had sought

to phase out the aging fleet because of safety concerns, but the transit system kept the old trains running, saying it lacked money for new cars.

Hersman told The Associated Press that the NTSB had warned in 2006 that the old fleet should be replaced or retrofitted to make it better able to survive a crash.

Neither was done, she said, which the NTSB considered "unacceptable."

Metro General Manager John Catoe said the agency expected to receive proposals "over the next month or so" to replace the old cars, but new trains were still years away from being installed. He insisted the existing cars were safe.

This isn't the first time that Metro's automated system has been questioned.

In June 2005, Metro had a close call because of signal troubles in a tunnel under the Potomac River. A conductor noticed he was getting too close to the train ahead of him even though the system indicated the track was clear. He hit the emergency brake in time.

South Carolina governor to return to work after mystery trip

By Jim Davenport
Associated Press writer

COLUMBIA, S.C. — After a political mystery — "Where in the World is South Carolina's Governor?" — Mark Sanford's aides said he was stunned by all the fuss over his five-day absence and would cut short a secretive hike along the Appalachian Trail.

State officials and even his wife said they had no idea where he went over Father's Day weekend, and not everyone is buying his explanation. His disappearance has left some in the Palmetto State wondering: Is this any way for a governor to act?

Sanford's spokesman said the governor was hiking to clear his head after the leg-

islative session, during which he lost a key battle.

But critics of the two-term Republican — and there are many — wondered why it took nine hours after reporters started asking questions for the governor's staff to say what the state's chief executive was doing. Sanford was expected back in his office Wednesday, but his aides stopped answering questions about his trip, including where he was on the 2,175-mile trail, whether he was with security and if anyone else could confirm his whereabouts.

"If you're not skeptical, then you have to think the governor's office is in complete chaos," said Carol Fowler, chairwoman of the state Democratic Party.

The episode could squelch talk of a 2012 presidential bid that only grew after months spent building credibility with conservatives as he battled legislators over taking the state's share of \$787 billion in federal stimulus cash.

"If he were thinking of a presidential run, this is all the more puzzling," said Mark Rozell, a George Mason University political scientist. "Any opponent would try to capitalize on this and

easily could do so."

Rumblings about Sanford's mysterious departure began Monday, three weeks after he failed to block federal bailout money for South Carolina schools. A court order June 4 forced him to take the \$700 million.

Republican state Sen. Jake Knotts started asking questions about a rumor that Sanford had disappeared in a state law enforcement vehicle.

His wife, Jenny, told The

Associated Press on Monday that he needed time away from his four sons to write something. For hours, his

staff would only say he was vacationing. It wasn't until 10 p.m. Monday that they allowed he was hiking.



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Overnight lows down into the 50s.
Tomorrow: Not quite as warm with a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms. Highs lower 80s.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Table with 2 columns: Temperature and Precipitation. Includes data for Yesterday's High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, and Monthly/Yearly averages.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Map of Idaho showing weather forecasts for various regions including Sun Valley, Boise, and Northern Utah. Includes temperature ranges and weather icons for different areas.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Five-day forecast for Twin Falls showing weather icons, conditions (Sunny and quite warm, Mostly clear, etc.), and high/low temperatures for Today, Tonight, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Yesterday's Weather

Table listing weather for various cities (Boise, Challis, Coeur d'Alene, etc.) with columns for High, Low, and Precipitation.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with 3 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity. Includes data for Yesterday's High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, and Monthly/Yearly averages.

Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Pollen Count

Table providing barometric pressure, sunrise/sunset times, and pollen count information for Twin Falls.

Moon Phases

Moon phase diagram showing the progression from First (June 29) to Full (July 7), Last (July 15), and New (July 22).

U. V. INDEX

U.V. Index scale from Low to High with a sun icon and text: 'The higher the index the more sun protection needed.'

REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table for various Idaho cities including Boise, Bonners Ferry, Burley, Challis, etc., with columns for Today and Tomorrow.

NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table for various US cities including Atlanta, Baltimore, Billings, Birmingham, etc., with columns for Today and Tomorrow.

WORLD FORECAST

World forecast table for various international cities including Acapulco, Athens, Auckland, Bangalore, Beijing, etc., with columns for Today and Tomorrow.

Advertisement for Gregg Middlekauff's quote of the day: 'Remember, no one can make you feel inferior without your consent.' Includes a photo of Gregg Middlekauff.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Canadian forecast table for various cities including Calgary, Saskatoon, Toronto, Vancouver, etc., with columns for Today and Tomorrow.

Today's National Map showing weather patterns across the United States with a legend for fronts, cold, warm, stationary, and occluded.

Iran intensifies pressure on opposition

By Thomas Erdbrink and William Branigan, The Washington Post

TEHRAN, Iran — The Iranian government stepped up pressure Tuesday on opponents challenging the reelection of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, setting up a special court to try detained protesters, carrying out new arrests and launching a campaign to publicly vilify those calling for a new vote.



A protester waves an Iranian flag as police officers stand in front of the British Embassy in Tehran, Iran, Tuesday during a protest against what the demonstrators called 'western countries meddling in Iran's domestic affairs.'

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's supreme leader, agreed to give a powerful supervisory body an additional five days to review the complaints of fraud. President Obama's

remarks Tuesday on the tumult seemed to strike a chord with at least some opposition supporters in Iran. In an affluent North Tehran neighborhood, where people watched Obama's White House news conference on a big-screen satellite television, one woman commented: 'He is following the right line. He should not give the regime an excuse to blame the U.S. for the protests.'

In the past 10 days since the Interior Ministry declared that Ahmadinejad out-poled his nearest rival, former prime minister Mir Hossein Mousavi, by nearly two to one. Mousavi has vowed to continue protesting despite a government ban on demonstrations and a public warning from Khamenei. Truckloads of police in riot gear deployed at Tehran's main squares Tuesday to prevent a recurrence of the protests, and there were no signs of significant opposition gatherings. A senior official of Iran's judiciary, which is controlled by the ruling Shiite Muslim clerics, said Tuesday that a special court would try detained protesters, the state-run state news agency IRNA reported.

Obama toughens stance on Iran's elections

By Glenn Kessler, The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Obama Tuesday abandoned the restrained tone he had maintained in recent days in discussing the unrest in Iran, opening a news conference by reading a statement loaded with diplomatically charged words: 'appalled' and 'outraged,' 'condemn' and 'deplore.'

his rhetorical message has sharpened, he has not called the June 12 election a fraud, refused to deal with the announced winner, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, or spelled out sanctions Iran might face if it continues its crackdown on protesters. Obama has also been careful to avoid the appearance of meddling, even to the point of sidestepping all questions on Ahmadinejad's legitimacy. 'We are going to monitor and see how this plays itself out before we make any judgments about how we proceed,' the president said Tuesday. He reiterated that the United States has 'core national security interests' at stake in Iran. 'We have provided a path whereby Iran can reach out to the international community, engage, and become a part of international norms. It is up to them to make a decision as to whether they choose that path.'

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Fresh air with your fish tacos?

A tour of alfresco lunches

Who cares about a little June rain? After months of eating under artificial lighting, it's delightful to take a plate outdoors.

Move a chair into the shade and stretch out your legs. Breathe deeply. Smile at pedestrians. Order a glass of something icy.

Alfresco dining options aren't particularly abundant among south-central Idaho restaurants, however. And locals might be out of the habit of looking for them.

So our reviewers sampled just a few of the places offering tables under the sky. Let our mini-tour get you started on your own alfresco exploration.

Portobello veggie panino • \$6.55

The Upper Crust Bakery and Grill, 1200 Seventh St., Heyburn

The Upper Crust sits on the second floor of Gossner's Magic Valley Chalet, home of some of the best ice cream I have ever tasted. (Pralines and cream, how I dream of you!)

So I had high expectations for the restaurant on the second floor. Walking past the aromatic ice cream bar proved to be a test of my willpower, but I made it up the stairs and into the chic, laid-back upstairs restaurant.

Most sandwiches and burgers fall comfortably under the \$8 mark. I quickly decided on the veggie panino for \$6.55. The sandwich comes standard with sauteed onions and peppers, tomatoes, portobello mushroom and Monterey Jack cheese.

And the options! Diners can choose between white, sourdough, wheat, ciabatta or dark wheat bread; salad, chips or fries; and tons of different cookies for dessert. I went with dark wheat, salad and a peanut butter cookie and moseyed to the outside deck.

The deck has four round tables with four chairs each. No shade is available during the harsh noontime sun, so remember your sunglasses and some sun-block.

And how is the view? It depends on where you sit. Turn away from the building and you'll have the sun in your face, but a decent overlook of the Snake River or of the lush, green cemetery grounds across the highway. If you're not fond of the heat, face the building.

I chose to brave the sun and watched the river, envying the swimmers and joggers in shorts. But my meal, which arrived quickly, would elicit jealousy from any of the people sunning themselves on the riverside.

I ate my salad — ranch on the side — using a little trick my mom taught me: dipping my fork into the ranch, then using the lightly coated utensil to spear the salad. By the end of the salad, I consumed maybe half a tablespoon of the fatty



MELISSA DAVLIN/Times-News

dressings, but I still got all the taste. The salad satisfied me but would have been better with more veggies, like spinach or tomatoes.

But the sandwich! The dark wheat tasted richer and slightly sweeter than regular wheat bread, and the vegetables were sauteed to perfection. I rarely eat cheese anymore, but the Monterey Jack — made in Heyburn by Gossner — was a perfect addition to the pesto and portobello.

After the salad, I could finish only half of the hearty sandwich. I wrapped up the peanut butter cookie for later. When I indulged for my afternoon snack, I was surprised by the melty peanut butter chips and finely chopped nuts in the cookie. It gave a surprising, sophisticated twist to a childhood favorite.

If you're aiming for an under-\$8 lunch, you might still have room in your budget for a 75-cent kiddie cone from Gossner's downstairs. You probably won't have room in your stomach, though.

— Melissa Davlin



VIRGINIA HUTCHINS/Times-News

Fish tacos • \$8

Pandora's, 516 Hansen St. S., Twin Falls

Occupying one of the warehouse district's most distinctive renovated structures, Pandora's already offers a setting with plenty of character. But when warm weather opens Pandora's patio, you'll find a surprising little retreat.

Rustic half-walls and the vines that are trained above them — by mid-June, there's plenty of hearty growth on the vines — block from view the nearby traffic, railroad tracks and unsightly lots. What's still visible are historical buildings and pretty, old-style streetlights. More than a dozen pots

and hanging baskets display flowers and small shrubs, and the concrete patio is swept clean.

Partial shade from a fabric sculpture above diners' heads is a little scanty on a bright day, but there are enough spots of shade that you can maneuver into one if you like. Whistles and clangs from a passing train might drown conversation for a minute or two, but that's the patio's only drawback. And the serving staff won't overlook you out there.

My favorite Pandora's meal is the \$8 plate of two fish tacos — pan-seared mahi-mahi fillet on a flour

tortilla with shredded cabbage and a yogurt sour cream sauce. On my recent visit, I bypassed the day's soup in favor of a side salad of dark leaves with raspberry vinaigrette.

Both the cabbage and the lettuce showed a bit of brown around the edges that day, but the fish was flaky and the flavors well balanced. The tacos have only the slightest kick on their own, but salsa and lime served on the side add complexity. Delicious.

It's a fresh-tasting lunch that doesn't sit heavily all afternoon — a perfect alfresco choice.

— Virginia Hutchins

How did we do?

Health counselor Jill Skeem evaluates the nutrition of our meal choices, in her column on Food 2.

Chili verde • \$6.95

La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant, 1288 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls

On a recent day that went from sunshine to shadow, I ventured to La Fiesta to try the restaurant's patio. A mesh canopy blocked most of that day's rain, but my wife and I were hit by a few sprinkles.

Then the rain stopped, sun peeked through the clouds, and we enjoyed our lunch without having to move inside.

While our meals might have cooled sooner than they would have otherwise because of the weather, our plates were delivered hot and the food stayed warm enough to make eating it a pleasant experience.

I ordered chili verde, chunks of tender pork — I found only one tough morsel — cooked with onions in a green tomatillo sauce. The sauce was not strong-tasting, but flavorful, and didn't overwhelm the pork nor my plate. I've visited some places that give you so much sauce that it looks like a bowl of soup after the hard stuff's been eaten.

The meal, which arrived within about five minutes, was served with moist Spanish rice, refried beans, three flour tortillas and shredded lettuce. Throw in chips and salsa and you've got a filling



ANDREW WEEKS/Times-News

lunch platter well worth its \$6.95.

As the rain tapered off, birds began to chirp in a nearby tree. Pleasant, I thought. Then I noticed the chirping was mixed with traffic on nearby Blues Lakes Boulevard. Not so pleasant.

The patio behind the restaurant is enclosed by a low cement wall and has several tables set up so a handful of people can dine outside. It doesn't have a spectacular view, considering the nearby buildings and parking lots. But people seem to like it, said waitress Ruth Castaneda, especially those who like to take their margaritas outside.

— Andrew Weeks

Spicy Kraut Dog • \$4.50

CK's Dogs, behind CK's Real Food, 320 Main St., Hailey

It's been hard to find an afternoon over the past three weeks when the weather was good enough that restaurants in Hailey had outdoor service. But when I discovered CK's Dogs, that ceased to be a problem. The new business, an offshoot of CK's Real Food, has an outdoor garden dining space that's covered — perfect for shelter during drizzly spring days, and for shade during hot days later this summer.

The focus of the establishment is its dogs — smaller kosher ones that come standard and larger bratwursts that are a dollar extra. You can get one plain (the standard ketchup, mustard, relish and onions are included) for \$3.50, or with any number of specialty toppings for \$4.50.

I opted for the Spicy Kraut Dog, which lives up to its name. Nestled in the sort of soft, thin bun that doesn't overwhelm the dog or make it too big to easily eat, it is topped with pickles, sauerkraut, onions, Creole spicy mustard and pepperoncini. I ended up leaving one of the pepperoncini in the paper-lined basket; even so, the spice stayed with me for the next half-hour or so.



ARIEL HANSEN/Times-News

Not unpleasantly, mind you, but enough to remind me of what I'd just enjoyed.

After finishing my dog, I wasn't quite full, so when I return in the future I may opt for the slightly larger bratwurst. Or maybe I'll try the dog topped with baked beans.

The week I was there, CK's was running a special, with free lemonade or iced tea with any dog, but at \$1.50 for a refillable cup, you could get a drink with your meal and still come in at less than \$8. Salads, chili, chips, cookies, beer and soda are also available, but be aware that the place takes only cash for now.

— Ariel Hansen

Veggies, fish take the alfresco nutrition prize

There is nothing I enjoy more than alfresco dining. In the summer, we often eat on our deck, have a picnic or dine at a restaurant solely for its patio. It is so much more enjoyable for me than eating in an air-conditioned dining room.

Lately, the weather has made it difficult to eat outdoors. Even the *Times-News* reporters had a tough time doing this story. Let's see whose meal was the healthiest.

Portobello veggie panino

Melissa Davlin, oh the restraint it must have taken for you not to have the praline ice cream for your lunch. Your mother would be proud!

The portobello veggie panino sounded like a wonderful choice. Choosing the dark wheat bread was a good one, too. When you have a bread option, always go with the one that has the most fiber. Keep in mind: Some wheat breads look dark because they contain molasses, so when grocery shopping, read the ingredient list.

Portobellos are large cremini mushrooms. They have such a meaty texture they are known as vegetarian meat. Many people say they taste like it, too. Honest! I like all the veggies in this sandwich. If you were thinking about reducing the saturated fat in this meal by omitting the cheese, it would have been difficult as the cheese is needed to hold all the ingredients together. I would have preferred the panino to be grilled in a heart-healthy oil such as olive oil instead of butter. Perhaps Upper Crust would consider that option if requested.

Melissa, choosing salad as a side dish was the healthiest of the options. The



RESTAURANT NUTRITION
Jill Skeem

water content and freshness of the iceberg lettuce helped balance the heaviness of this grilled sandwich. Your mother's tip about dipping your fork into the salad dressing is a great way to get the taste of the dressing while limiting the amount consumed. Other than ordering a vinaigrette dressing, this is a good way to limit saturated fat.

I was happy to find out that Upper Crust's peanut butter cookies are homemade. If you are going to indulge, make it the real thing. Store-bought cookies contain chemicals and preservatives to keep their shelf life.

Chili verde

Andrew Weeks, congratulations for getting out of your comfort zone and eating on La Fiesta's patio in the rain. For me, as long as it is warm and I am covered, I don't mind eating outside even if it is raining.

La Fiesta makes delicious rice. However, if you are a vegetarian, you should note the Spanish rice does contain chicken broth. The restaurant offers a vegetarian version: steamed white jasmine rice with corn and peas.

Andrew, because pork is a lean meat, this was a good protein choice for your lunch. It appeared to be a large portion, so hopefully you took some home for another meal. Ordering the pork with chili verde sauce provided you with at least a few veggies in addition to the shredded lettuce.

I know the refried beans are yummy, but La Fiesta makes its the traditional

way — with lard. It does offer rancho beans which are vegetarian. Substituting the rancho for the refried would have been a healthier choice and a way to reduce the meal's saturated fat and cholesterol.

Andrew, having your meal arrive quickly at a Mexican restaurant is a good thing. It prevents you from eating the entire basket of chips before your meal is served. Have a chip strategy prior to entering any Mexican restaurant. Do one of three things: refuse the chips altogether; tell the wait staff to bring them with the meal; or have the willpower of Zeus and eat only an allotted amount. This will keep you from filling up on the chips and then overeating with your meal.

Spicy kraut dog

Ariel Hansen, nothing says summer like a hot dog! And there is no better hot dog than a Hebrew National Kosher all-beef dog. Hebrew National is known for not using any artificial colors, preservatives, fillers or byproducts and using only meat from the front half or forequarter of the cow. So, if you are going to eat a hot dog, let it be this one. The only problem with hot dogs is they have high sodium content, which will leave you thirsty for the rest of the day or craving sweets.

Eating just the hot dog didn't seem like it was enough for lunch. Since CK's Dogs offers a tabouli salad — bulgur wheat, tomatoes, onions, parsley, mint, lemon juice and olive oil — it would have added some grain and something refreshing to balance the salt and heat of the hot dog.

Sauerkraut is a great topping for hot dogs, because not only does it taste good, but it helps the body digest the fat.

Ariel, ordering the "Not"

dog, which is pita bread filled with hummus, cucumbers, tomatoes, onions, sprouts and yogurt driz, would have been the healthiest choice on CK's menu, but certainly not the most yummy. Choosing the smaller, kosher hot dog was the better choice over the larger organic bratwurst because it doesn't contain as much saturated fat and cholesterol.

Fish tacos

Virginia Hutchins, the fish tacos are my favorite meal at Pandora's. I order them so often the wait staff practically puts my order in when I walk in the door.

Fish tacos originated in Baja California in Mexico and are traditionally made with fish fillets, cabbage slaw, pico de gallo and a zesty tasting sauce. Pandora's offers fish tacos made with mahi-mahi, which is a very meaty white fish. To reduce what little saturated fat there is in this meal, the yogurt sour cream sauce can be omitted without sacrificing taste. Topping the tacos with Pandora's homemade spicy salsa is a great substitute and gives the tacos a spicy kick.

Virginia, choosing the house salad over Pandora's delicious homemade fries I'm sure was a tough one, but a healthier choice and a great way to keep this meal light and refreshing.

It is harder and harder to find homemade items in a restaurant. But most everything on Pandora's menu is homemade, from the fries to the butternut squash ravioli to the salad dressings and the desserts.

In the heat of the summer, this is the perfect lunch. It has plenty of veggies and the right amount of fish, which is why I am choosing this lunch as the

healthiest of the bunch.

Jill Skeem is a certified macrobiotic health counselor and graduated

from the Strengthening Health Institute in Philadelphia. Visit her Web site at www.backtoearth-food.com.

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All the flavor, none of the fat in Italian carrot salad

By **Stephanie Witt Sedgwick**
Special to The Washington Post

This Italian twist on carrot salad uses almost no fat and just a few ingredients, yet it is deliciously flavorful and has a wonderful texture.

The work is all in the vegetable preparation. I'm calling for the carrots to be cut into matchsticks here, but any size will do. Just make sure to steam the carrots a little longer if your pieces are on the plump side. Once you've got the carrots cut, this is so easy to make. Its flavor improves with a day's rest in the fridge. It's also beautiful, so all you need is a simple white bowl for serving. Fresh herbs may be used, but I prefer to use dried, because fresh herbs tend to darken when the salad marinates overnight.

The salad needs to be assembled and refrigerated overnight so the flavors have a chance to meld.

ITALIAN-STYLE MARINATED CARROT SALAD

6 servings

1 pound carrots, peeled and cut into 2- to 3-inch-long matchsticks

1 or 2 teaspoons dried Italian herbs (oregano, basil, rosemary and/or thyme; may substitute 2 tablespoons fresh herbs, finely chopped)

1 teaspoon olive oil
3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon sugar
Freshly ground black pepper (optional)

Steam the carrots until they are just tender to the bite but still retain their shape, about 3 minutes for 1/4-inch-thick matchsticks. Do this in batches so the carrots cook evenly. As each batch is done, bring out onto a shallow baking pan, spreading the carrots out to cool slightly.

Combine the herbs to taste, the oil, vinegar, salt, sugar and the pepper, if

using, in a large bowl.

Transfer the still-warm carrots to the bowl; toss to combine and coat evenly. Cover and refrigerate the salad overnight. Before serving, toss the salad again.

Serve at room temperature.

Per serving: 39 calories, 1 g protein, 8 g carbohydrates, 1 g fat, 0 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 152 mg sodium, 2 g dietary fiber, 4 g sugar.

Taryna Goodman

Dr. Sara Johnson would like to thank her patients for their loyalty over her 27 years of serving the greater Magic Valley. She would like to extend a warm welcome to Taryna Goodman, Nurse Practitioner, who will be joining Dr. Johnson's practice in July. We are now scheduling appointments for Taryna.

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Do stores lose when couponers win?

If you're a regular reader of my column, by now you know that I love paying as little as possible for my groceries. Getting many things for free is great for the household budget, and it's fun, too. Yet, as you start to see your weekly grocery bill dropping by a third or even by half, you may start to wonder: Is my store losing money because I use coupons?



COUPON QUEEN
Jill Cataldo

You'll be happy to know that your store doesn't lose a dime. In fact, it makes more money when you use coupons. The next time you're clipping coupons, read the fine print: "Manufacturer will reimburse retailer the face value of this coupon plus \$0.08 handling fee."

Did you catch that? Not only does the store get back the coupon's entire worth, it also will receive from the product manufacturer a payment of 8 cents per coupon redeemed. Now, 8 cents may not seem like a

lot, but if I take 20 coupons to the store this week, the store will make an extra \$1.60 during my shopping trip.

In one of my coupon classes recently, someone asked me if the store still makes money when a shopper uses a coupon to get an item for free. Yes, it does. Here's a great example. This week, my grocery store is having a "dollar sale" in which items are on sale for \$1 each. Pairing \$1 coupons with a \$1 sale is one of the easiest and best ways to get grocery items for free. So, I had five \$1 coupons during this sale and I bought five \$1 items with them. My store will still get the \$5 cost of those items reimbursed to

it, plus 8 cents for each coupon I've used. I went home with five free products and my store will receive \$5.40 from my coupons.

Why do manufacturers offer coupons that will many times give shoppers their items for free? Manufacturers want shoppers to try their products. They work hard marketing a brand and enticing shoppers to try it.

They hope that by offering a coupon you'll try their product, realize that you can't live without it, and continue to buy it on numerous occasions in the future. They're trying to build brand loyalty and product awareness.

Coupons are part of manufacturers' larger business plans. Manufacturers spend millions to establish a new brand or continue cementing loyalty to an old one. They often need to make shoppers aware of varieties of existing products or sea-

sonal items, and they're willing to pay a certain amount of money in the form of coupons as part of these important marketing strategies.

Of the hundreds of thousands of coupon inserts that arrive in newspapers each week all over the country, the number of coupons that are actually cut out and redeemed at the stores by shoppers is around 6 percent. That's it. About 94 percent of all coupons are thrown in the trash.

Reading that statistic always makes me cringe. All that "cash" being tossed away? It makes me shudder to think about all of the free goods that many people pitch into the recycle bin each week.

Next week, I'll tell you another easy way to get free groceries with coupons.

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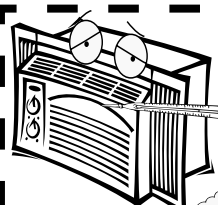
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Mouthwatering complexity in 25 minutes

By Bonnie S. Benwick
The Washington Post

This mouthwatering recipe comes from Joyce Goldstein's "Mediterranean Fresh" (W.W. Norton, 2008), which received a James Beard nomination this year. The San Francisco cookbook author and restaurant consultant has thought these flavors through, and they all work in concert: the complexity of crisp mushrooms, toasted almonds, peppery greens and sweet scallops in a salty-sweet dressing.

You'll have some leftover vinaigrette, which would be good on grilled chicken or fish, cooked asparagus or artichokes. Refrigerate and use within three days.

Serve with warmed crusty bread.

WARM SALAD OF SCALLOPS, MUSHROOMS AND CATALAN VINAIGRETTE

4 servings

- 3/4 cup sliced almonds
- 1 or 2 juice oranges
- 2 tablespoons capers
- 1 tablespoon anchovies
- 1 cup fruity extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 sherry vinegar
- Sea salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 8 ounces white or cremini mushrooms
- 5 to 7 ounces arugula (preferably small leaves)
- 1 pound small bay scallops

Toast the almonds in a dry skillet over medium heat; it should take about 4 minutes for the nuts to pick up a light brown color. Let cool, then coarsely chop and place in a 2-cup container with a tight-fitting lid.

Meanwhile, zest the orange(s) to yield 2 tablespoons, then squeeze them to yield 1/4 cup of juice; add both ingredients to the container.

Drain and coarsely chop the capers and anchovies, then add to the container; mix well.

Add the oil and sherry



JULIA EWAN/The Washington Post

Per serving: 387 calories, 26 g protein, 10 g carbohydrates, 29 g fat, 4 g saturated fat, 39 mg cholesterol, 356 mg sodium, 3 g dietary fiber, 3 g sugar.

vinegar. Seal the container and shake well to form an emulsified vinaigrette; taste and season with salt and pepper.

Cut the mushrooms into thin slices and place in a medium bowl. Add 1/4 cup of the vinaigrette and toss to coat evenly.

Wash and dry the arugula; place in a large salad bowl. Add the mushrooms and toss lightly to combine. Season lightly with salt.

Heat 1/2 cup of the vinaigrette in a large saute pan over medium heat. Use paper towels to pat the scallops dry, then season them lightly with salt. Add to the pan; cook, stirring occasionally, for about 3 minutes, until the scallops become opaque but are still quite soft and tender.

When ready to serve, divide the salad-mushroom mixture among individual plates. Top each portion with the scallops and warm vinaigrette.

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Section 14: Part of the NW1/4 NE1/4, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said Section 14; thence South 89 degrees 51' West along the North section line of said Section 14 for 2644.34 feet to the Northwest corner of the NE1/4; thence South 0 degrees 16' East (South 0 degrees 16' 10' East rec.) along the West boundary line for 853.60 feet which point shall be known as the True Point of Beginning; thence South 0 degrees 16' East for 233.20 feet; thence North 89 degrees 51' East for 250.00 feet to the center of the right of way; thence North 0 degrees 16' West for 233.20 feet along the center of the right of way; thence South 89 degrees 51' West for 250.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Parcel No. 2: A non-exclusive easement and right-of-way for the benefit of Parcel No. 1, as created by Warranty Deed executed by Chocata, Inc. to Steve J. Hoogesteger, a married man contracting with his sole and separate property, dated April 4, 2003 and recorded April 4, 2003 as Document No. 464809, records of Minidoka County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows: Township 10 South, Range 23 East of the Boise Meridian, Minidoka County, Idaho. Section 14: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said Section 14; thence South 89 degrees 51' West along the North section line of Section 14 for 2644.34 feet to the Northwest corner of the NE1/4; thence South 0 degrees 16' East along the West boundary line for 387.20 feet; thence North 89 degrees 51' East for 225 feet; thence South 0 degrees 16' East for 1 foot which point shall be known as the True Point of Beginning; thence North 89 degrees 51' East for 55 feet; thence South 0 degrees 16' East for 50 feet; thence South 89 degrees 51' West for 30 feet; thence South 0 degrees 16' East for 182.20 feet; thence North 89 degrees 51' West for 25 feet; thence North 0 degrees 16' West for 232.20 feet to the Point of Beginning. Parcel No. 3: A non-exclusive easement and right-of-way for the limited purpose of ingress and egress for the benefit of parcel No. 1, as created by Appurtenant Easement and Right of Way executed by Chocata, Inc., an Idaho Corporation, recorded November 20, 2002 as Document No. 466210, records of Minidoka County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows: Township 10 South, Range 23 East of the Boise Meridian, Minidoka County, Idaho. Section 14: That portion of the NW1/4 NE1/4, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said Section 14; thence South 89 degrees 51' West along the North section line of said Section 14 for 2106.34 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 388.20 feet; thence South 89 degrees 51' West for 260 feet; thence South 50 feet; thence North 89 degrees 51' East 310 feet; thence North 438.20 feet; thence South 89 degrees 51' West for 50 feet to the Point of Beginning. Parcel No. 4: A non-exclusive easement and right-of-way as created by Warranty Deed executed by Chocata, Inc., an Idaho corporation to Doug J. Racus and Bonny Racus, husband and wife, dated June 11, 2003 and recorded June 24, 2003 as Document No. 466493; re-recorded June 27, 2003 as Document No. 466545, records of Minidoka County, Idaho for the benefit of Parcel No. 1, more particularly described as follows: Township 10 South, Range 23 East of the Boise Meridian, Minidoka County, Idaho. Section 14: Part of the NW1/4 NE1/4, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said Section 14; thence South 89 degrees 51' West along the North section line Section 14 for 2644.34 feet to the Northwest corner of the NE1/4; thence South 0 degrees 16' East (South 0 degrees 16' 10' East rec.) along the West boundary line for 853.60 feet; thence North 89 degrees 51' East for 250.00 feet, which point shall be known as the True Point of Beginning; thence North 0 degrees 16' West for 415.4 feet; thence North 89 degrees 51' East for 30.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 16' East for 648.60 feet; thence South 89 degrees 51' West for 30.00 feet; thence North 0 degrees 16' West for 233.20 feet to the True Point of Beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. 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NOTICES

REQUEST FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees of Joint School District #331, Minidoka, Cassia, Jerome and Lincoln Counties, Idaho, for **Pizza Products for the 2009-2010 School Year.**

Bids will be received at the Minidoka County School District Office, 633 Fremont Avenue, Rupert, Idaho 83350, until Wednesday, July 8th, 2009 at 9:15 a.m., local prevailing time at which time bids will be opened and read aloud. Bids received after the stated date and time will not be considered.

Specifications and bid documents may be obtained at the Minidoka County School District Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., local prevailing time, Monday through Friday or by calling (208) 436-4727.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject or to select any portion thereof any or all bids and to waive any technicality.

Michelle DeLuna, District Treasurer

School District #331

PUBLISH: June 24 and July 1, 2009

REQUEST FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees of Joint School District #331, Minidoka, Cassia, Jerome and Lincoln Counties, Idaho, for **Milk Products for the 2009-2010 School Year.**

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Michelle DeLuna, District Treasurer

School District #331

PUBLISH: June 24 and July 1, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: June 18, 2009 File No.: 7174.21458 Sale date and time (local time): October 16, 2009 at 11:00 AM Sale location: outside the main entrance of the Cassia County Courthouse, 1459 Overland Ave. Burley, ID 83318 Property address: 102 2nd Street W. Declo, ID 83323 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Veloy Lewis Original trustee: Pioneer Title Company of Ada County Original beneficiary: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Inc. Recording date: May 29, 2003 Recorder's instrument number: 289007 County: Cassia Sum owing on the obligation: as of June 18, 2009: \$47,755.69 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: Lots 12 and 13 in Block 6 of the Declo Townsite (formerly Marshfield Townsite), Cassia County, Idaho, as the same is platted in the official plat thereof, now of record in the office of the recorder of said County. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7174.21458) 1002.92794-FE1

PUBLISH: June 24 and July 1, 8, 15, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Trustee's Sale No. 02-FMG-75448 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on September 24, 2009, at the hour of 01:00 PM, of said day, FRONT STEPS OF THE TWIN FALLS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 425 SHOSHONE STREET NORTH, TWIN FALLS, ID, 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 described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, to-wit: LOT 1 IN BLOCK 1 OF GOLDEN SPUR SUBDIVISION NO. 9, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN BOOK 20 OF PLATS, AT PAGE 15 OFFICIAL RECORDS OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 1116 SADDLE DRIVE, FILER, ID 83328, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by JOSE PEREZ, A MARRIED MAN, AS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Grantor, to TWIN FALLS TITLE AND ESCROW, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 12/21/2006, recorded 12/28/2006, under Instrument No. 2006-032903, Mortgage records of TWIN FALLS County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 12/21/2006, THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 10/1/2008 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH. Amount due as of May 20, 2009 Delinquent Payments from October 01, 2008 4 payments at \$ 1,771.23 each \$ 7,084.92 4 payments at \$ 1,771.10 each \$ 7,084.40 (10-01-08 through 05-20-09) Late Charges: \$ 734.96 Beneficiary Advances: \$ 370.67 Suspense Credit: \$ -927.30 TOTAL: \$ 14,347.65 All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$171,870.02, together with interest thereon at 9.575% per annum from 9/1/2008 to 2/1/2009, 9.575% per annum from 2/1/2009, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same. DATED: 5/20/2009. PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC Trustee By Kara Lansberry, Assistant Trustee Officer c/o REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500 Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2550 Sale Information: <http://www.rtrustee.com> ASAP# 3127068

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NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

PROGRAM DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

The College of Southern Idaho is seeking the services of a program design and development professional to work with CSI Welding Staff to design and write a modular, competency based program for CSI welding program.

Funding for Workforce Solutions for the Digital Age Project is funded by a grant awarded by the President's Community Based Job Training Grants, as implemented by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment & Training Administration.

Services required include, but are not limited to: Design modules of instruction, instructional schedule, articulation agreements, assessment methods, and implementation of the new program design.

Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 8th 2009, in the office of the Vice President of Administration in the Taylor Administration Building, 315 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho and then publicly opened. The outside of the package should clearly indicate "Welding Program Proposal Enclosed".

For additional information, proposal specifications and procedures, contact Don Hall at the College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301 or telephone 208-732-732-6395.

The College reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any formalities and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the College.

/s/John M. Mason

Vice President of Administration

PUBLISH: June 24 and July 1, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No.: ID-09-260136-TD Loan No.: 34928689 On 9/24/09 at 11:00AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of GOODING, State of Idaho: IN THE LOBBY OF LAND TITLE & ESCROW, INC. LOCATED AT 706 MAIN ST., GOODING, ID 83330., PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC AN IDAHO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, as Trustee, on behalf of U.S. BANK N.A., IN ITS CAPACITY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF HOME EQUITY ASSET TRUST 2008-2, HOME EQUITY PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-2 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 GOODING, State of Idaho, and described as follows: LOT 10, 11 AND 12 IN BLOCK 116 OF GOODING SEC2ND ADDITION, GOODING COUNTY, IDAHO, AS THE SAME IS PLATTED IN THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, NOW OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. 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 129 10TH AVENUE, GOODING, ID 83330, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by NANCY A. BROWN, A SINGLE WOMAN, as grantor/Trustor, in which MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS A NOMINEE FOR AMERICAN MORTGAGE EXPRESS FINANCIAL DBA MILLENNIUM FUNDING GROUP, is named as Beneficiary and / LAND TITLE AND ESCROW as Trustee and recorded 9/7/05 as instrument No. 212847 in book - , page - of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of GOODING County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code, No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 8/30/05. The monthly installments of principal, interest and impounds (if applicable) of \$568.75, due per months of 12/1/08 through 5/18/09, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$61,347.95, together with interest thereon at the current rate of 11.250 per cent (%) per annum from 11/1/08. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Dated: By: Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee, Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101, as Agent By: Tara Donzella, Assistant Vice President *** For Sale Information Call: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 3130467

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NOTICES

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Fuel for FY 2009-2010

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #331, Minidoka, Cassia, Jerome and Lincoln Counties, Idaho, will receive sealed bids for **Fuel for FY 2009-2010**. Bids will be received at the Minidoka County School District Office, 633 Fremont Avenue, Rupert, Idaho 83350 until 9:00 p.m., local prevailing time, Wednesday July 8th, 2009. Bids received after the stated date and time will not be considered. Specifications and bid documents may be obtained at the Minidoka County School District Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., local prevailing time, Monday through Friday, or by calling (208) 438-4727. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject or to select any portion thereof any or all bids and to waive any technicality. Michelle DeLuna, District Treasurer School District #331

PUBLISH: June 24 and July 1, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Trustee's Sale No. 02-FHF-75959 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on October 1, 2009, at the hour of 11:00 AM, of said day, FRONT STEPS OF THE MINIDOKA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 715 "G" STREET, RUPERT, ID, 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 described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of MINIDOKA, State of Idaho, to-wit: LOT 5 IN BLOCK 13 OF THE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF RUPERT, MINIDOKA COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, NOW ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER, MINIDOKA COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of **905 B STREET, RUPERT, ID 83350**, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by **MICHAEL E. LAFFERTY AND DEBORAH LAFFERTY, HUSBAND AND WIFE**, as Grantor, to LAND TITLE & ESCROW INC., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO. OF IDAHO, as Beneficiary, dated 2/24/2004, recorded 2/28/2004, under Instrument No. 470960, Mortgage records of MINIDOKA County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO. OF IDAHO. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 2/24/2004. THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 12/28/2008 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH. Amount due as of May 27, 2009 Delinquent Payments from December 28, 2008 5 payments \$3,561.00 (12-28-08 through 05-27-09) Late Charges: \$0.00 Beneficiary Advances: \$0.00 Suspense Credit: \$0.00 TOTAL: \$3,561.00 All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$73,995.22, together with interest thereon at 10.990% per annum from 11/28/2008, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same. DATED: 5/27/2009. PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC Trustee By Kara Lansberry, Assistant Trustee Officer c/o REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500 Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2550 Sale Information: <http://www.rtrustee.com> ASAP# 3135445

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No.: ID -199259-C Loan No.: 0525672101 A.P.N.: RPT22710010240A NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 9/8/2009 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), in the lobby of Land Title & Escrow 1411 Fillmore Street, Ste. 600 Twin Falls, ID 83301, 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 described real property and personal property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: LOT 24 IN BLOCK 1 OF GRANDVIEW MESA SUBDIVISION NO. 1, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO RECORDED IN BOOK 15 OF PLATS, PAGE 5. 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 sometimes associated with said real property is: **895 ARROW WOOD COURT TWIN FALLS, Idaho 83301** Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by: **SIMEON GARCIA, a MARRIED PERSON AS HIS SEPARATE PROPERTY**, as grantors, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Beneficiary, dated 2/25/2002, recorded 2/28/2002, as Instrument No. 2002-003803 and re-recorded, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 2/25/2002. The monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds (if applicable) of 677.28, due per month from 12/1/2008 through 9/8/2009, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$75,512.00, plus accrued interest at the rate of 7.125% per annum from 11/1/2008. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: 5/4/2009 PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC By Executive Trustee Services, As Attorney In Fact Dee Ortega, authorized signatory C/O Executive Trustee Services, LLC 2255 North Ontario Street, Suite 400 Burbank, California 91504-3120 Sale Line: (714) 730-2727 ASAP# 3090041

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Announcements

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Lost and Found

FOUND 2 brown Dachshunds. Turned into Twin Falls Shelter.

FOUND 3 pillows and computer board, on 5/17/09 on 3500. Call to identify 423-5206

FOUND Black cat, young, has collar. Found in East president st. area. 208-316-1715

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

FOUND Border Collie, black, tan & white, in Contact, NV. Call 775-755-2210



FOUND Cat in west Twin Falls. Female Manx, 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 21. Large male, tan color. Call 208-678-4987

FOUND Small white dog with 1/2 brown face. Call to identify 410-0573.

FOUND Very friendly St. Bernard North of Paul. Call 208-312-4248

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



LOST Cal, 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

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

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

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Drivers

CLASSIFIEDS It pays to read the fine print! Call the Times-News to place your ad 208-733-0931 ext. 2

DRIVER School Bus Drivers Wanted Western States Bus Call 208-733-8003

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Education

EDUCATION Canyonside Christian School is seeking a 5th Grade Teacher for 2009-2010 school year. See www.canyonsidechristianschool.net or call school office at 324-3444

EDUCATION Certified Elementary Teacher needed. Call Acorn Learning Center 208-733-7055

EDUCATION Taking applications for part-time Certified Elementary Teacher, Hageman School District. (208) 837-4777 EOE

EDUCATION Wings Charter Middle School is seeking dynamic personnel for a non-traditional setting: (1) Teacher opening, (1) Secretary, (2) Para Professionals, and substitute Teachers. Contact Melody Lenkner 734-3914

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Farm

Classified Private Party Ads Requires pre-payment prior to publication. Major credit/debit cards, and cash accepted. 733-0931 ext. 2 Times-News

FARM Cassia County Beet Growers Association is accepting bids for Tare dirt removal at Beetyville, Elcock, Hobson, and Idaho home receiving stations. For more info, or bid packet Call 431-5411 or 431-6721. Bidding closes 6/30/09

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General

GENERAL Quality Assurance Technician needed to work in food processing plant performing quality assurance tests. Full-time position, must be able to communicate in English both verbally and written, computer experience needed. Some secondary education preferred. Rotating graveyard and swing shifts. Call 208-784-8007 for application information or in person at Idahoan Foods 823 S Oneida St. Rupert.

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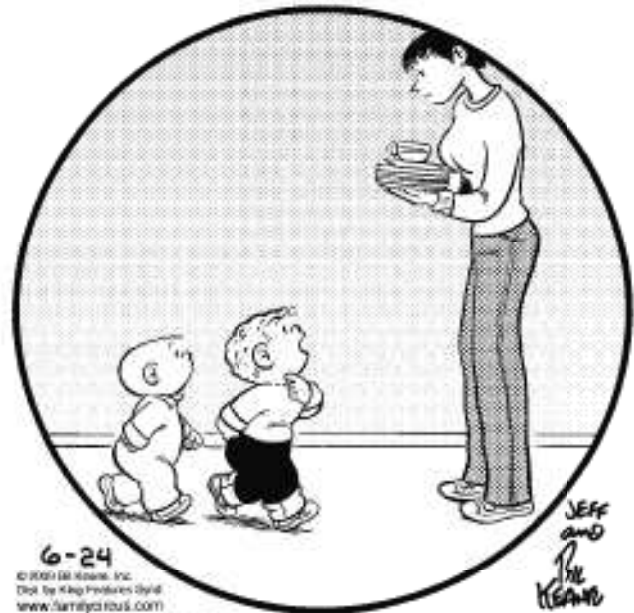
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Wife dreams of dressing husband in lacy lingerie

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I recently watched a comedy that featured men cross-dressing. Ever since, I have had a burning desire to have my husband wear sexy lingerie and makeup.

There is nothing effeminate about him, but I can't get this out of my head. I bought him a lacy bra and panty set, garter belt and stockings, but I haven't had the nerve to ask him to wear them. Am I crazy? Should I try to forget this?

— BURNING DESIRE IN NAHANT, MASS.
DEAR BURNING: Human sexuality is complicated. There are many women who help their husbands cross-dress, however it is my understanding that the initiator is usually the man. I don't think you are crazy, nor do I think you should "forget" something that you describe as a "burning desire." What I do think you should do is have a frank discussion with your husband and find out how open-minded he is on the subject.

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a relationship with "John" for the past seven years. I live down south, while John lives up north. John is 76 and does not plan to retire, even though he doesn't have to work. I am 65 and need to work.

IF JUNE 24 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Friends or participation in a social circle can play a large part in your life during the summer months. Vacation outings or a romantic interlude could take up your time, but by the fall you are more grounded in reality. You could be forced to pay the piper if you concentrate solely on ambitions and ignore the needs of others in December. It is commendable to have high aspirations, but you may burn a few very necessary bridges in your effort to separate yourself from failure. Wait until January to make life-altering decisions or to put your powerful ambitions into action for the best results.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): When they say, "Jump!", you might ask, "How high?" You are likely to meet some go-getters today who will push you to the limits of your productivity. Read between the lines and use your enthusiasm wisely.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Draw the line between fact and fiction. Only work with facts that you know to be true and do not get caught up in a popularity contest. People are drawn to your magnetism, but may be receiving mixed signals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The simplest solution is often the best. There's no



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

Is it possible for this long-distance relationship to survive? Part of me wishes we would end it so we could start over with someone who lives in the same city. I'm tired of living this way, but cannot seem to make the break. What should I do?

— SOUTHERN BELLE
DEAR SOUTHERN BELLE: If you are torn between your head and your heart, please listen to the part of you that thinks. Because this has been going on for seven years, it's clear that the status quo is enough for John. Because you need more than that, explain it to him, and if the two of you can't figure out a workable solution, it's time for you to find someone who can fulfill your needs.

DEAR ABBY: Our family, consisting of our three children, their spouses, our grandchildren and great-grandchildren, have occasional gatherings to celebrate special events. My husband's 90th birthday is this summer, and the immediate family will come

here, some from faraway locations.
My daughter-in-law, "Janie," who lives 2,000 miles away, has felt for years that her children from previous marriages (who do not know any of us) should be included at these events. They live within 100 miles of our home and could attend if invited. Our relationship with Janie has been generally cordial and affectionate. She will be visiting her children at their homes the week of the birthday. If we exclude her kids from our celebration, she will feel insulted and resentful.

How obligated should we feel to bow to Janie's demands and include four additional adults and a young child to our party? My husband becomes upset and confused by large groups and noisy children.

— CORNERED ON THE EASTERN SHORE
DEAR CORNERED: Your husband's comfort and sense of well-being must come first. If he becomes agitated by large groups and noisy children, you must explain to Janie that no "strangers" can be introduced into the mix and why. Do not allow anyone to lay a guilt trip on you for advocating for him. When Janie sees your husband, I am sure she will understand.

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

need to embellish the truth when a straightforward approach achieves optimum results. Break away from the old routine and make a fresh start.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): The best things in life are free, but some business-related matters are costly. Make sure the books are in order and do not let an oversight cause any unpaid debts or bills to come back and haunt you.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't hide behind a false face. There's no need to pretend to be something that you are not to impress the higher-ups. Do what comes naturally. Be yourself and you will find the easy ladder to success.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It may be time to fiddle with the dials and change the frequency for a little while. You may wish to break away from the routine to enhance communications and embrace the latest fad or craze.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): It is time for a little game of trial and error. Mr. or Ms. Right is unlikely to fall into your lap right off the bat. Be prepared for many adventures as you search for the

one who will stand by your side.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): They say that opposites attract, but sometimes "sames" attract, as well. Look to meet up with those who can match your likes step for step and with whom you can enjoy business as well as pleasures.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Nurture the seeds of creativity that dwell deep within you. Find a private place where you can take a time out to contemplate your future before taking action towards making your dreams a reality.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It is time to weave some new people, ideas and things into the quilt that is your life. A fresh perspective will rejuvenate and reinvigorate your daily activities. Enjoy the feeling while it lasts.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Patience yields benefits. You may yearn for something more than the dull daily routine and waiting for someone to make a grand entrance into your life. Bide your time and do what is asked of you.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Roll out the red carpet. A parade of friends both old and new is about to make a bee-line for your door. Social activity will go a long way toward lightening your load. Don't mistake friendship for romance.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1948, Communist forces cut off all land and water routes between West Germany and West Berlin, prompting the western allies to organize the Berlin Airlift. The Republican National Convention, meeting in Philadelphia, nominated New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for president.
In 1968, "Resurrection City," a shantytown constructed as part of the Poor People's March on Washington, D.C., was closed down by authorities.
In 1975, 113 people were killed when an Eastern Airlines Boeing 727 crashed while attempting to land during a thunderstorm at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.
In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger — carrying America's first woman in space, Sally K. Ride — coasted to a safe landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.
Ten years ago: Union organizers claimed victory after workers at six Fieldcrest Cannon mills in

North Carolina voted to be represented by the Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees. (Fieldcrest Cannon's parent company, Pillowtex, went bankrupt in 2003.) Testimony wound to an end after 76 days in the landmark Microsoft antitrust trial.
Five years ago: Federal investigators questioned President George W. Bush for more than an hour in connection with the news leak of CIA operative Valerie Plame's identity. A federal appeals court struck down an FCC effort to make sweeping changes in media ownership rules. In a bizarre conclusion to a huge upset, the chair umpire called the wrong score in the second tiebreaker, and Venus Williams fell 7-6 (5), 7-6 (6) to Karolina Sprem in the second round at Wimbledon.
One year ago: Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe refused to give into pressure from Africa and the West, saying the world can "shout as loud as they like" but he would not cancel an upcoming runoff election even though his opponent had quit the race.

Today is Wednesday, June 24, the 175th day of 2009. There are 190 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:
Five hundred years ago, on June 24, 1509, Henry VIII was crowned king of England; his wife, Catherine of Aragon, was crowned queen consort.
On this date:
In 1314, the forces of Scotland's King Robert I defeated the English in the Battle of Bannockburn.
In 1497, the first recorded sighting of North America by a European took place as explorer John Cabot spotted land, probably in present-day Canada.
In 1793, the first republican constitution in France was adopted.
In 1807, a grand jury in Richmond, Va., indicted former Vice President Aaron Burr on charges of treason and high misdemeanor. (He was later acquitted).
In 1908, the 22nd and 24th presidents of the United States, Grover Cleveland, died in Princeton, N.J., at age 71.
In 1940, France signed an armistice with Italy during World War II.



Minico's woes continue in loss to I.F.

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Since the Spartans won the Class 4A state title last month, baseball at Minico has been anything but championship-caliber.

Minico's Class AA club continued to listlessly trudge through its American Legion Baseball season Tuesday, losing to the Idaho

Falls Reds 7-4 in Game 1 of a doubleheader.

"Everybody wants to win, but we need guys who hate to lose," said Minico coach Ben Frank. "And right now we just don't have that."

The loss came on the heels of the Spartans' 0-3 performance at a tournament in Omaha last week, where seemingly the only highlight for the team was taking in a few College

World Series games.

"When guys are on base, we've got to come up and hit the ball and score them. We're just not doing it," said Minico's Barak Frank. "We get a couple hits every inning, but we don't have enough hits strung together to score enough runs. If we figure that out, we'll be OK."

Barak Frank is one of five Spartans who also played a significant role on the



Barak Frank

those five batted a combined 3-for-16.

"Our top of our order is doing terrible right now,"

school's state championship team. He said those guys, including himself, are not stepping up. In the loss to Idaho Falls,

Barak Frank said. "The bottom is actually the ones who are scoring for us. That's how it was in Omaha."

The Spartans fell behind early as starting pitcher Nate Hanks gave up four earned runs on seven hits — four of them doubles — in 2 1-3 innings.

"We need to get our starting pitchers to throw strikes

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DRAFT NY 09

Griffin confident he can turn Clippers around

By Rachel Cohen
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Blake Griffin heard the doubters who wondered why he was joining a college team coming off a 16-15 season.

"A lot of people, when I committed to Oklahoma,

asked me, 'Why did you commit there? Why didn't you go to Kansas or Duke or somewhere like that?'" he recalled Tuesday.

"I just said, 'You'll see in a couple years.'"

"I'm a big believer in not always following the most popular thing to do. Make your own path. Do you own thing?"

Griffin won't have a say in which team he joins in the NBA, with the Los Angeles Clippers expected to select him with the top pick in Thursday's draft. But good thing he enjoys forging a new path. He'll have to do just that to rewrite the history of a franchise best known for its blunders on and off the court.

"It doesn't bother me at all," Griffin told The Associated Press. "All that stuff happened in the past. That's exactly what it is: It's in the past. No one can do anything about it now. If I am with the Clippers, it's going to be all about the future. No disrespect to anybody, but I could care less what happened 20 years ago, 15 years ago."

Or this past season, when the Clippers went 19-63. But Griffin has made good on a guarantee of a turnaround once before. Oklahoma went 23-12 and reached the second round of the NCAA tournament his freshman year. By his sophomore season, the Sooners were 30-6 and advanced to the national quarterfinals before Griffin turned pro.

Still, Oklahoma wasn't exactly the Clippers of college basketball. The Sooners were a recently successful program sidetracked by NCAA violations, not one of the professional sports franchises most associated with ineptitude and misfortune.

Or maybe the Clippers just need a talent infusion. Griffin prefers to focus on

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Coming Thursday

Find out where CSI's Nate Miles could land in the NBA draft.



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Several teams think they have the magic this year to crash the BCS party, but many are wondering

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Boise State quarterback Kellen Moore

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Each of these five schools could be in the mix for a BCS bowl game. But for those dreams to become reality, each must answer at least one big, vexing query that hangs over its program. Here's a look at those questions, along with the toughest foes each must get past to stay unblemished.

BYU

Question: Are there any blockers in the house? The only returning starter on the offensive line is left tackle Matt Reynolds. The four departed starters — Dallas Reynolds, David Oswald, Travis Bright and Ray Feinga — combined to make 154 career starts. This group must develop quickly so a wealth of skill-position talent, such as quarterback Max Hall, tight end Dennis Pitta and running back Harvey Unga, can thrive.

Road blocks to perfection: vs. Oklahoma (Sept. 5), vs. Florida State (Sept. 19).



Utah

Question: Will the Utes get decent quarterback play? Brian Johnson is impossible to replace. The competition among Corbin Louks, junior college transfer Terrance Cain and true freshman Jordan Wynn will continue in August. Further muddling things is that running back Darrell Mack has departed along with wide receivers Freddie Brown, Brent Casteel and Brandon Godfrey.

Road blocks to perfection: at Oregon (Sept. 19), at TCU (Nov. 14).



Boise State

Question: Will the offensive line hold up? The big guys must gel quickly if Boise hopes to enjoy the magical season many have forecast. It will be vital for QB Kellen Moore to have time to operate. The unit lost key starters in Andrew Woodruff and Jon Gott. Now, Boise will have a line that features six underclassmen and no seniors.

Road blocks to perfection: vs. Oregon (Sept. 3), at Tulsa (Oct. 14).



TCU

Question: Can the defense continue to dominate? Star players such as linebackers Jason Phillips and Robert Henson have departed. Keep an especially close eye on the line. No doubt, end Jerry Hughes is a good one. But he'll be surrounded by unproven commodities.

Road blocks to perfection: at Clemson (Sept. 26), at BYU (Oct. 24).



Tulsa

Question: Will the offensive line gel? The unit received a blow when center Jody Whaley opted not to return for his fifth-year senior season. That makes finding a center a top priority. For now, Clint Anderson has moved from guard to fill the void, but it's hoped a newcomer can fill the void so Anderson can move back to guard.

Road blocks to perfection: at Oklahoma (Sept. 19), vs. Boise State (Oct. 14).



Safin's last Wimbledon ends with 1st-round loss

Roddick wins, six other U.S. men fall

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WIMBLEDON, England — It seemed fitting, somehow, that two-time major champion Marat Safin's always-turbulent relationship with Wimbledon would end this way.

A first-round departure. Against the unheralded

Jesse Levine, a 133rd-ranked qualifier from Boca Raton, Fla., who began Tuesday with an 0-2 tour-level record in 2009.

And with a mangled racket and plenty of kicking and screaming, including a couple of arguments with the chair umpire, then a post-match parting shot at a line judge Safin called "a little bit too blind."

Safin used to rant about disliking tennis on grass, and he once complained about

the high price and low quality of food at the players' restaurant at the All England Club. Well, he doesn't have to worry about any of that again after bowing out in his final Wimbledon with a 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (4), 6-4 loss to Levine.

After confirming this would be his last appearance at the grass-court Grand Slam tournament — Safin has vowed to retire at season's end — he was asked how he feels about being

done with Wimbledon.

"Relieved," the 29-year-old Safin replied. "Pretty much relieved."

He's a former No. 1 player who won the 2000 U.S. Open and 2005 Australian Open, but a series of injuries slowed him recently. Still, Safin came to Wimbledon ranked 24th and seeded 14th, and had to be considered quite a favorite against Levine, who never had

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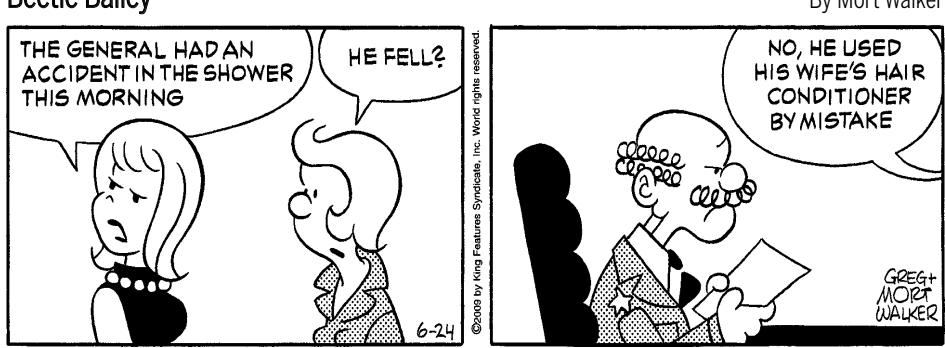


Andy Roddick plays a return to Jeremy Chardy of France during their first-round singles match on centre court at Wimbledon on Tuesday.

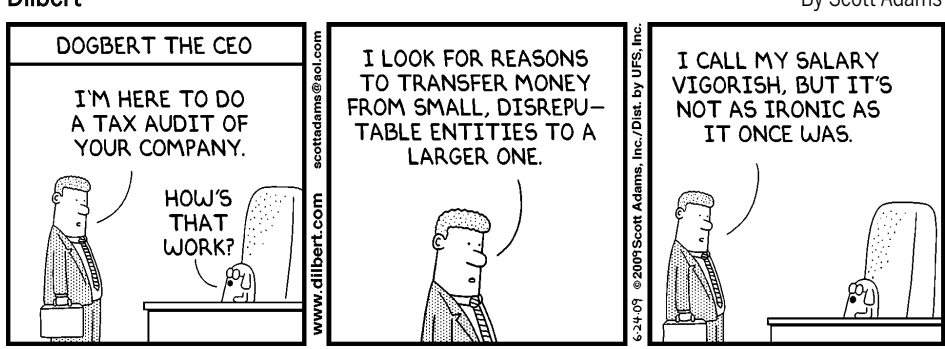
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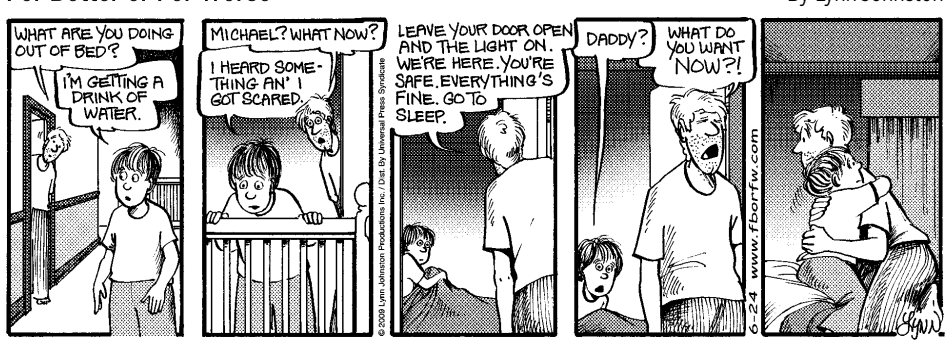
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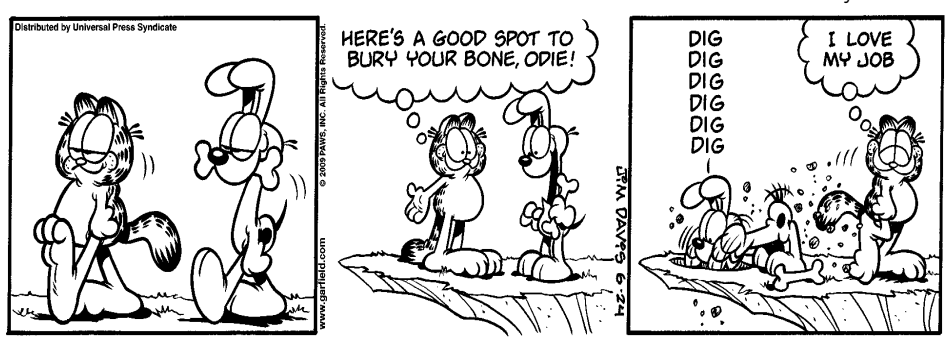
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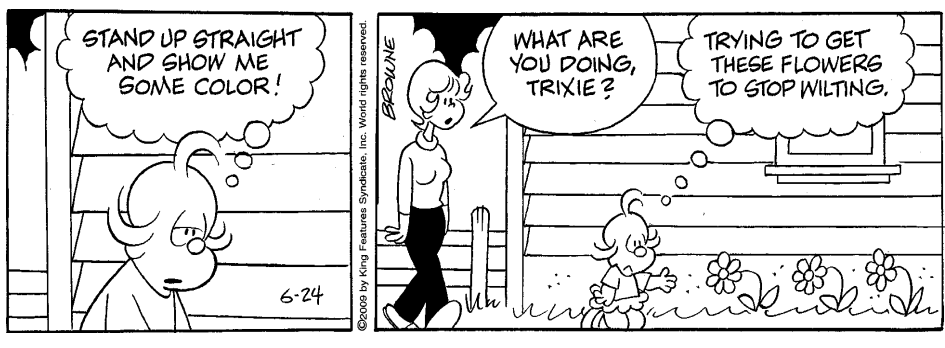
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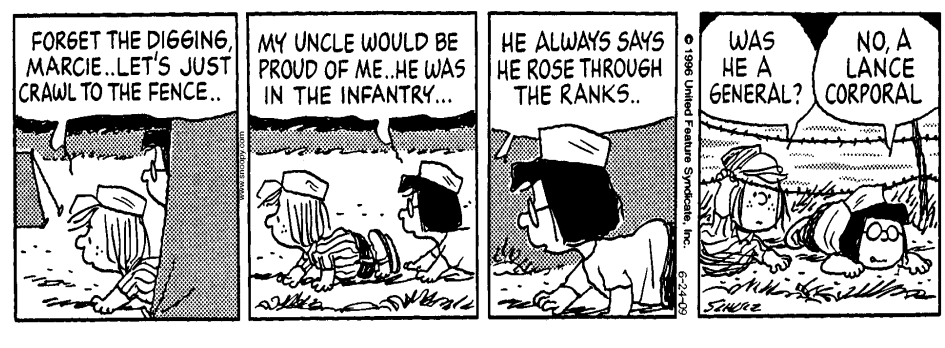
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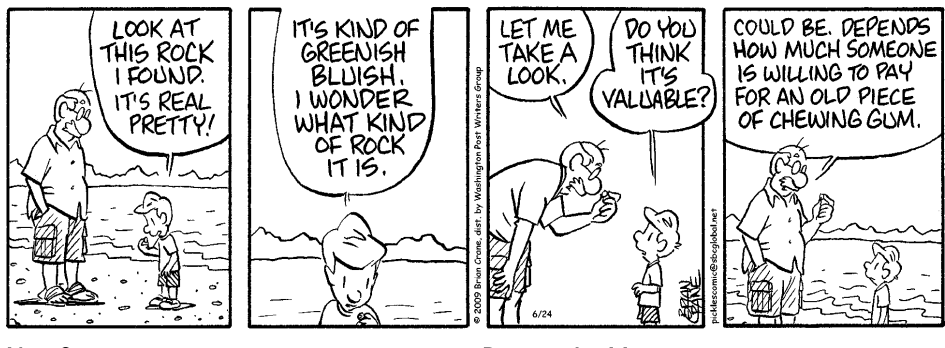
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