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## T.F. city budget down 2.8 percent next year

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

The city of Twin Falls' preliminary budget for next year is 2.8 percent less than this year's but city residents would still see a 12 percent increase in water rates, Twin Falls City Manager Tom Courtney said Monday.

Next year's overall

\$48.7 million budget is down as a reflection of the current economy, Courtney told the Twin Falls City Council. But the water rate increases are necessary to cover a portion of the debt toward the \$33.3 million project to meet federal arsenic standards.

"The budget this year is considerably different from what we've seen in past



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years," Courtney said.

With the current recession, city revenues are in decline, which Courtney said hasn't happened since the early 1980s. Tax-sup-

ported funds are down 1 percent and the deficit will be covered with reserves, according to a copy of the preliminary budget.

But Courtney asserted it's

a conservative budget and will be balanced while maintaining services to the community.

"When we complete the fiscal year, the city will remain in good financial condition," he said.

Still, the preliminary budget is a near-180 degree turnaround from last year when the City Council

adopted an unprecedented 22 percent budget hike. The city has since made changes to curb spending and capital projects in light of the economy.

The 2010 fiscal year kicks in Oct. 1. The City Council will hold an informational discussion at 3 p.m. July 20,

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ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Jake Norton, of Great Floors of Boise, installs tiles in the social hall area of the new Canyon Ridge High School in Twin Falls. The new school is nearing completion, with workers laying floor tiles and installing electrical fixtures before furniture begins to arrive on July 13. The new high school is expected to be ready when students report for the first day of school on Aug. 24.

## Former legislator will run for governor

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

Former GOP state legislator Jana Kemp, a Garden City business consultant, has filed the preliminary paperwork with the Secretary of State to run for governor as an independent. Last week she launched a Web site, [www.votekemp.com](http://www.votekemp.com). The official filing is in March.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter hasn't said whether he's running for re-election yet. Kemp's decision was first reported Monday by the *Times-News*.

In an interview Monday, Kemp said she is not running against Otter for personal reasons but rather to look out for Idahoans.

"I'm a collaborative leader who looks to the people who can solve the problems in order for all of us to reach the best possible decisions for the well-being of all of Idaho," she said. "I don't believe that's been the leadership that we have seen."

Kemp, who served from 2005 to 2006 in the Legislature, said her biggest issues are improving the education system and helping the economy.

"People have asked me, 'What would you do differently?'" said Kemp, 44, who is married with a step-daughter. "My response is 'everything.'"

She said the 2009 session was not the best time economically to seek new revenue to fix Idaho's roads and bridges — Otter's biggest issue as governor — but something must be done

See **RUN**, Main 3

## Canyon Ridge High nearing finish line

By Ben Botkin  
Times-News writer

Bit by bit, Canyon Ridge High School is looking more like a school and less like a construction site.

In the gym, the Riverhawks logo is on the hardwood floor where teams will play basketball. At the school's cafeteria, floor tiles are starting to cover the floor. Lockers line the walls.

For Canyon Ridge High School, the end of construction work is in sight. The new high school, when finished, will add a second major high school to Twin Falls High School.

"We're on the final stretch," said Dale Thornsberry, facilities manager for Twin Falls School District.

Finishing touches remain on June 30 before the first load of furniture arrives this week. Unfinished work included floor coverings and light fixtures, caulking some windows and cleaning all the finished rooms, Thornsberry said.

"It's certainly looking more like a school every day," he said.

The cost of Canyon Ridge in 2006 was estimated at about \$37.6 million in 2006. But the cost has grown since then to about \$47.4 million, with infla-



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tion and higher prices for construction materials cited by district officials as the reasons for the increase.

The district also saved on the costs in areas such as slightly cutting down on the width of sidewalks, height of curbs and changing its selection of the siding, Thornsberry said.

A total of 52 semi-trucks holding furniture and equipment will bring equipment to the school.

About five trucks a day will arrive. Thornsberry said the district hopes to have everything ready in the school building by Aug. 1.

Workers likely will still be around, though, doing tasks like landscaping work on the exterior.

Voters passed a \$49.7 million school bond issue in March

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## Luna to propose school facilities bond legislation

The Associated Press

MOSCOW, — Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna wants to eliminate a constitutional mandate requiring school districts to secure a two-thirds majority of voters in bond elections to raise money for facilities.

Luna says the first piece of legislation he will introduce during the next legislative session would lower the majority requirement from 66 percent of voters to 60 percent. School districts could previously choose any date for a levy or bond election. Lawmakers

changed that in the 2009 Legislature, limiting districts to four dates a year beginning in 2011.

Idaho Sen. Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow, said he had previously introduced legislation to amend the state constitution and lower the majority requirement, but there has never been enough support among lawmakers.

Education officials acknowledge they face an uphill battle, but say it's a necessary step to fund school facilities.

Minidoka County School

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Luna

## Hamilton Mfg. claims larger loss

By Andrea Jackson  
Times-News writer

A lawyer for Hamilton Manufacturing Inc. said Monday that a former comptroller pilfered substantially more than the company originally thought.

The Twin Falls-based recycling company is suing its former employee, Robie Probasco in Twin Falls 5th District Court, after Probasco allegedly embezzled \$306,030 by forging the CEO's name on checks during his employment there between 2003 and 2008, according to the suit filed Feb. 12.

Thomas High, attorney for Hamilton, said Monday in court that he will file an amended complaint, because the company has discovered "additional checks" that put the company's loss

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# You Don't Say

Steve Crump



## Great-Grandpa, a red? You might be surprised

Quick, what's the most conservative county in south-central Idaho? ... You could make a strong case for Minidoka County, which hasn't elected a Democrat to countywide office in a generation ...

Yet we're just a couple of years away from the centennial of the rise of socialism in Minidoka County ... You read that right: socialism ...

In the years before the U.S. entered World War I, the sheriff of Minidoka County was a Socialist ... So was the prosecuting attorney ... So — and you've got to appreciate the irony of this one — was the county assessor ...

Fact is, in the 1916 election Socialists pulled 25 percent of the total vote in Minidoka County ... By contrast, in radicalized Benewah County in the Idaho Panhandle — a hotbed of the Wobblies — Socialists polled 10 percent ...

I know all this because when he was a graduate student at Idaho State University years ago, Northern Arizona University historian Brant Short did a study of socialism in Minidoka County ... What he found will amaze anyone who grew up in Rupert, Paul, Heyburn, Minidoka or Acequia in the '50s, '60s or '70s ...

"Between 1912 and 1916, the Socialists were as important in Minidoka County as were the Republicans and Democrats," Short wrote in a 1982 article in *Idaho Yesterdays* magazine ...

According to Short, Socialists sold their publications on Rupert streets when farmers came to town to do their marketing ... And they ran a lending library out of the office of a radical Rupert dentist ...

Minidoka County, created by the Legislature in 1913, was uniquely fertile ground for rural socialism because it was a community of farmers whose lives were dominated by a federal agency, the United States Bureau of Reclamation, which had built Minidoka Dam in 1906 ... Unlike the

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privately funded Twin Falls and North Side projects next door, Minidoka County was dependent on the government ...

What's more, the county was organized during a nationwide farmer rebellion, which had been fueled by high rail transportation costs for farm products, like the potatoes that quickly dominated Minidoka County agriculture ...

"Local Socialists were rather vague concerning their plans for the family farm," Short said ... "Nationally, the party sought the eventual elimination of the private farm" ...

In the summer of 1914, the three political parties that dominated Idaho politics at the time — the Republicans, Democrats and Progressives — endorsed Prohibition ... The Socialists opposed it ...

In the "Socialist" column in the *Rupert Pioneer-Record*, the author asked, "How long will it take to eradicate the liquor business by preaching or moralizing? ... Solomon was doing this over 3,000 years ago ... A Socialist would say it's about time to try a new method" ...

From the outbreak of World War I in the summer of 1914 to the United States' declaration of war on Germany and Austria in the spring of 1917, the Socialists' pacifist policies had attracted thousands of Idahoans ... But with America finally at war, support for the party — nationally and in Idaho — collapsed ... Many Socialists joined the farmer-rights Non-Partisan League ...

Or the mainstream political parties ... For example, county Clerk C.H. Burgher, a Socialist, was re-elected as a Democrat ...

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

# Lands Board trip to Snake River interests local lawmakers

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

### STAY INFORMED

The State Land Board's next meeting will be 9 a.m. July 21 at the Borah Building, 304 N. Eighth St., Boise.

BUHL — Although the public isn't welcome to an "informational gathering" this morning for Idaho Lands Board Commissioners on the Snake River north of Buhl, a couple of Idaho legislators will be there anyway.

Today's 9 a.m. gathering stems from a request by Dan and June Miller, of Washington, considered by commissioners during their May meeting in Boise regarding a request to transfer ownership rights for 2.26 acres of Snake River frontage from the public trust into private hands.

Commissioners deferred granting the disclaimer request until after the visit, requested by Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, a Lands Board commissioner, in May. The matter has caught the attention of Reps. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, and Donna Pence, D-Gooding. Both plan to get educated about the process and site in question by being present at the tour.

"I'm concerned with state lands going to private

ownership," said Pence. "These are riparian areas — needed for the health of the river — and it's also a question of access, that's an issue for me. These lands have been in the public trust and the public should have access to them."

In exchange for approving the land transfer the Lands Board requires landowners to provide a 25-foot public easement along the riverbank. When water is as high as it is now, that easement area would be completely underwater.

Pence said the disclaimer in question may be out of her district, but she is concerned because such issues could easily come up across the river in Gooding County.

Until being contacted by a concerned resident familiar with the case, Pence said she had no idea the Lands Board routinely approves such land title transfer requests. Since 2006 the board has approved similar

requests for more than 500 acres of riverfront property. "I believe we need this out in the open and that people should be given a better opportunity to express their views when these disclaimers come up," Pence said.

While Wasden's attendance today has been confirmed, he would not comment on the trip. This is the first time the board has visited a site prior to ruling on such requests.

"This is just an informational gathering session. (Wasden) will be there but will be unavailable for comment, nor does he have comment now," spokeswoman Kriss Bivens Cloyd said.

The issue of whether the lands should be moved from the public trust into private ownership is where the river's "ordinary high water mark" lies. This term distinguishes the boundary for where public ownership and unlimited access to the bed

of the state's rivers is located. Under state law, private property is located upland from the mark.

Conflicting viewpoints arose around the delineation of the water mark, which was drawn by the Millers' surveyor and subsequently approved by Idaho Department of Lands Area Manager Tim Duffner.

Controller Donna Jones, another board commissioner, implied she would visit the river with Wasden at the May meeting, but a staffer told the *Times-News* that she will not be there due to schedule conflicts.

What action Pence can take following the river visit is unknown. She said right now it's a matter of education.

"I don't know what we can do ... we need to make sure our riparian areas are protected," she said.

The board decided at the May meeting that it would decide on the land transfer by August.

Blair Koch may be reached at [blairkoch@gmail.com](mailto:blairkoch@gmail.com) or 208-316-2607.

## Run

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eventually. She also said she supports early childhood education.

Kemp said she's not intimidated by Otter, a veteran politician, but is running as an independent because the position of governor should focus on governing, not politics, and Idahoans have long held an independent streak.

"No, I am not (intimidated). This isn't a personal race. This is about what is Idaho's future. Who can contribute the skills and leadership style that will focus on the great celebratory achievements of Idaho's past while looking to the future for the well-being of the state?"

Others who have filed to run for governor in 2010, according to the Idaho Secretary of State's office are Lee R. Chaney of Preston; Rex Rammell of Rexburg; Ron (Pete) Peterson of Boise; and Pro-Life of outside Emmett.

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## 5TH DISTRICT COURT RECORDS

### TWIN FALLS COUNTY Monday arraignments

Nicholas David Homolka, 23, Kimberly; driving under the influence; July 17 preliminary hearing; public defender appointed; \$10,000 bond  
Jason Emery Taylor, 32, Twin Falls; penetration of foreign object; July 17 preliminary hearing; \$10,000 bond; public defender appointed

Conner A. Lee, 16, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; July 28 pretrial; recognizance release; not guilty plea; public defender appointed  
David R. Torres, 17, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, failure to purchase driver's license; recognizance release; public defender appointed; not guilty plea; July 28 pretrial

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## 37th Annual Kimberly Good Neighbor Days

**Fri, July 10:** Good Neighbor Presentation and Community Dinner - 6:30 p.m.  
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**Sat, July 11:** Fun Run/Walk - 7:00 a.m.

Bike Race - 8:15 a.m.  
Breakfast - 6:00 a.m.  
Basketball - 11:00 a.m.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

## ISP investigating crash on bridge

Idaho State Police are investigating a non-injury crash reported Monday afternoon on the Perrine Bridge, involving four vehicles, according to an ISP dispatch official.

At about 5:30 p.m., shortly after the crash came through dispatch, traffic was moving smoothly along the bridge with the affected vehicles resting on a nearby pull-off as ISP troopers investigated.

A dispatch official said no arrests were made, and was unsure Monday night if any tickets were issued.

## No charges filed in Jerome fatality

No one has been charged or cited in connection to a pedestrian fatality Saturday night in Jerome, in a case that could take 30 days for authorities to finish investigating, Idaho State Police Capt. Kedrick Wills said on Monday.

Jerome resident Lenny Silvers, 56, was fatally struck



MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

An Idaho State Police officer photographs the scene of an accident involving four vehicles in the northbound lane of the Perrine Bridge Monday evening in Twin Falls.

by a pickup truck driven by another Jerome man, Roger Bothof, 72, in a Jerome County crosswalk at about 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, according to an ISP press release Monday.

Silvers "was in the crosswalk" of South Lincoln Street and West Avenue I when he was hit by Bothof's

truck. Silvers later died of his injuries at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center, according to the release.

ISP erroneously said Sunday that both men were from Boise, and on Monday Wills said he was unsure exactly how that mistake happened.

Sheriff's Office.

The woman, whom authorities declined to identify, was readying to walk her dog at about 6 p.m., when the animal bolted over a concrete barrier, according to the press release.

The woman tried to climb to the dog from a turnout leading to Centennial Waterfront Park, but "as she neared the top and was still unable to reach the dog assistance was called for," the press release shows.

Volunteers with the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue rappelled to the woman's position and lifted her and the dog safely out of the canyon, according to the press release.

## Cluff appointed to T.F. library board

Benjamin Cluff of Twin Falls has been appointed by the City Council to serve on the Twin Falls Public Library Board. He will serve as a trustee for a partial term of office extending from June 8 through Dec. 31, 2011 to fill the remaining term of former board member Mark

Wasden, who recently resigned.

The purpose of the five-member board is to establish and review policies and rules of use of the governance of the library. He will join current board members Brian Bolton, Susan Kelley-Harbke, Patti Patterson and Catherine Talkington.

## Wilson Creek Fire threat subsides

The Wilson Creek Fire was contained at 10 a.m. Monday after reaching the size of 150 acres. The Bureau of Land Management said that rainfall on Sunday afternoon helped slow the fire.

"It was a lifesaver," said Brandon Hampton, a BLM fire information officer.

One hundred fifteen personnel worked Sunday and throughout the night on the fire, located eight miles northwest of Murphy in Owyhee County.

The fire was controlled at 2 p.m. Monday, with personnel preparing to leave the scene. No property was damaged in the fire.

— staff reports

## Cops: Serial killer suspect slain in N.C. was felon

By Mitch Weiss  
Associated Press writer

GAFFNEY, S.C. — South Carolina law enforcement officials have identified the serial killing suspect slain in North Carolina as a felon with a lengthy record who was paroled in April after seven years in prison.

They say Patrick Tracy Burris was the man responsible for shooting five people to death in a killing spree that has terrorized residents in and around Gaffney.

He was shot by police responding to a burglary complaint in Gastonia, N.C., early Monday. They say bullets in his gun matched those used to kill residents in and around Gaffney some 30 miles away.

Authorities did not immediately say where Burris was from.

North Carolina prison records show the 41-year-old served more than seven years for felony breaking and entering and larceny. He has a lengthy record.

## AROUND THE STATE

COEUR D'ALENE  
Man severs foot in boat accident

Kootenai County Sheriff's marine deputies say a man severed his foot in a collision between a powerboat and a personal watercraft on Lower Twin Lakes.

The deputies say 40-year-old Jon Carlson of Merced, Calif. was operating a 19-foot boat and 48-year-old Brynne Malone of Deer Park, Wash. was operating a Sea-Doo personal watercraft Saturday when they realized they were about to collide. Malone turned hard to the left, which threw him from the watercraft, and Carlson turned sharply to the right.

Malone was struck by the propeller of Carlson's boat, severing his left foot above the ankle.

No charges have been filed in connection with the crash.

IDAHO FALLS  
2 boys injured when shot during parade

Police in Idaho Falls are investigating a shooting during a Fourth of July parade that left two boys with minor injuries.

Idaho Falls Police Sgt. Phil Grimes says a 12-year-old boy was selling cotton

candy along the parade route when a bullet went through his foot and hit a 10-year-old boy in the leg. The 12-year-old was taken to Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center for treatment and the 10-year-old was treated at the scene.

Grimes says it's not clear where the round came from.

Department of Fish and Game brought the animals to the zoo two weeks ago after both were orphaned in the wild.

The elk calf was found in the Grangeville region and officials suspect her mother was hit by an automobile.

The lamb was found floating down a river.

with two counts of first degree murder and two counts of first degree kidnapping in the December 2003 stabbing deaths of Bob and Idella Young of Nampa.

Prosecutor John Bujak says he intends to seek the death penalty.

— The Associated Press

## Jackson memorial performers announced as Los Angeles braces

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The stage was set Monday for Michael Jackson's final act as the world capital of make-believe braced for what could be the biggest, most spectacular celebrity send-off of all time.

Ecstatic fans who won the lottery for seats at Tuesday's all-star memorial received the tickets and spangly wristbands that will get them into the 20,000-seat Staples Center downtown. The family announced the participants will include Stevie Wonder, Mariah Carey, Usher, Lionel Richie, Kobe Bryant, Jennifer Hudson, John Mayer and Martin Luther King III.

The legal maneuvering that marked Jackson's extraordinary and troubled life also continued on Monday, with his mother losing a bid to control his enormous but tangled estate. And in one of the few reminders of Jackson's darkest hours, a New York congressman branded Jackson a "pervert" undeserving of so much attention.

More than 1.6 million

people registered for free tickets to the 10 a.m. memorial, which will be broadcast live worldwide. A total of 8,750 people were chosen to receive two tickets each. The lucky ones picked up their passes Monday at Dodger Stadium amid heavy police presence.

"I got the golden ticket!" one fan screamed out of his car window in a Willy Wonka moment as he drove out of the parking lot.

"My mother loves Elvis. This is my Elvis," said ticket winner Mynor Garcia, 29.

Downtown hotels were quickly filling. Police, trying to avoid a mob scene, warned those without tickets to stay away because they would not be able to get close to the Staples Center.

About 50 theaters across the country, from Los Angeles to Topeka, Kan., to Washington, D.C., were planning to broadcast the memorial live, said Cinedigm Digital Cinema spokeswoman Suzanne Moore. Admission will be free — first-come, first-served.

POCATELLO  
Elk calf, bighorn lamb join zoo herd

Two orphaned animals have found new homes at the Pocatello Zoo.

Zoo intern Sara Spangler says the cow elk calf and the bighorn lamb are about six weeks old. The Idaho

CALDWELL  
Judge denies motion to dismiss

A Canyon County judge has denied a motion to dismiss an indictment against a man charged with tying up and killing his landlords in 2003.

Pete K. Roberts is charged

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## Gary R. Anderson

BURLEY — Gary Robert Anderson, a local artist, died Saturday, July 4, 2009, at the age of 52.

Gary, the son of Jerald D. and Loraine Andreasen Anderson, was born Feb. 10, 1957, in Burley. Gary began formal art training at the age of 6. He attended local schools and graduated from Burley High School in 1975. He attended Ricks College and BYU, studying art and received an associate degree. Gary served a two-year mission for the LDS Church in Sweden and spoke Swedish the rest of his life.

Gary and his brother, Jeff, formed "Anderson Brothers Artists" on a commission basis and displayed their art in gallery shows throughout the West. Gary's favorite media was oils and watercolors. He illustrated children's books that were written by his friend, Gary Hoag. He won numerous awards for his achievements including the Idaho Muzzleloader Stamp competition for four years. Gary enjoyed the Mountain Man lifestyle and muzzleloaders. He attended several rendezvous yearly with his brother and father, selling carved knife handles, leatherwork, beadwork and his paintings. He made life-long friends at these events.

Gary developed brain tumors in 1991 and had sur-



gery to remove them, leaving him deaf and mostly blind, but he continued painting and carving. As his health declined, he learned American Sign Language and Braille. Gary received a cochlear implant, giving him greater ability in conversations with others.

Gary is survived by his brothers, J. DeLayne Anderson of Burley and J. Jeff Anderson of Twin Falls; his sisters, Deanne (Ray) Patterson of Burley and Lola Jo (Mark) Numnally of Dallas, Ga. Preceding him in death were his parents and grandparents.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 9, at the Unity LDS Church, 275 S. 250 E. of Burley. Burial will be in the View Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 8, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 1 until 1:45 p.m. Thursday at the church.

## Charlie 'Ross' Beale

BURLEY — Charlie "Ross" Beale, of Burley, passed away Tuesday, June 9, 2009. He had such a long and wonderful life and leaves behind so many people who loved him. His passing was due to the effects of age and a long battle with leukemia.

He was born in Idaho Falls on July 9, 1918, the son of Ida Matilda (Silfver) and William Ira Beale. He was one of nine children in the family, which included his twin brother, George. There were four girls and five boys. He grew up and attended schools in Idaho Falls. Shortly after graduating from high school, Ross and George had the opportunity to take pilot lessons with the Civil Air Patrol. Ross was in the top 10 of his class and was offered an instructor position. It would have meant relocating and leaving his job, so he turned it down. He and his fellow pilot classmates formed a flying club and bought a Piper Cub airplane to share. Ironically, both he and George applied to become pilots when they enlisted in the service but were denied because they were both color blind!

He was in the Army during World War II, at which time he was stationed in Manila in the Philippines, along with his twin brother, George, for 13 months. Originally commissioned to sort through warehouses stacked to the top with mail bags, when a large generator arrived in the compound, he volunteered to help as an electrician. It turned out that he had more experience than the guys in charge of the generator, so he was put to work installing the wiring to all the tents and mess hall. Ross was also an expert marksman and was No. 1 out of 300 men (George was second!) While he was in the service, he received five Campaign Ribbons and two Bronze Stars.

After he returned from the army, Ross ventured into the root beer business with his older brother, Alton. Together, they built four A&W Root Beer stands located in Burley, Twin Falls, Jerome and Boise. Eventually, they divided the businesses, with Ross taking the Burley, Jerome and Boise locations. Alton kept the Twin Falls site and also built in Pocatello. Ross stayed and operated the Burley site, where he met the love of his life, Velma Louise Thurston, when he hired her to be a carhop.

Ross and Velma were married Dec. 30, 1948. Together, they managed the business in Burley, which was only opened in the summers.



Shortly after their marriage, they relocated to Pocatello in the winters where Ross attended Idaho State University. An excellent student, he graduated in four years with two degrees, one in architecture and one in business. He was on the honor roll and maintained a 4.0 grade average.

Ross and Velma made their home in Burley and added to their family. They had two daughters and two sons. During that time, he decided to make use of his college degrees and went to work for Johnston and Associates Architecture firm in Payette. Arrangements were agreed upon so that he could work there during the off-season from the A&W Root Beer Stand, so the family lived in Burley in the summer and Payette in the winter. Eventually, the nomadic life got to be a little too much and around 1970, Ross and Velma permanently settled down again in Burley. Ross remodeled the A&W so it could be open in the winters as well.

Ross loved to hunt and fish and was able to indulge his passion at the cabin he and Velma (and kids) built on the Salmon River in the Stanley Basin. They spent every summer there until after hunting season. He also loved to travel and "see where this road goes," so he and Velma took many trips and cruises together. They would spend a few winter months in Yuma, Ariz., then go to their cabin in the summer when they weren't traveling. He also really enjoyed going to Jackpot, Nev.

Ross is survived by Velma, his wife of 60 years; and four children, Karma (Bob) Muhlitz of Boise, Lana Clark of Nampa, Kelly (Patricia) Beale of Boise and Lyle (Shelly) Beale of Burley. He also leaves behind his one surviving younger sister, Pearl (Darrell) Fisher of Boise; and an honorary son, John Bishop of Washington. He will be greatly missed by his eight grandchildren, Stacy Hensley, Chad Muhlitz, Shane Koski, Daniel Koski, Jennifer Shipp, Stephen Beale, Jessica Webb and Deven Beale; and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, all of his brothers and three of his sisters.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 11, at the Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley. Condolences can be left for the family at <http://www.hansenpaynemortuary.com>. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen-Payne Mortuary.

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## Carolyn Frankie Schreiber White

GOODING — Carolyn Frankie Schreiber White was born in Payette on Nov. 30, 1926, to Bill and Edith Schreiber. She was the youngest of two daughters. Her early years were spent in Payette, where she and her sister rode a horse to school and back. She shared memories of being in trouble for she and her sister sliding down a large hill on their bottoms and wearing out the seat of their pants. At a young age, the family moved to Gooding, where they built a house in a hay field at the edge of town.

She graduated from Gooding High School, where she developed lifelong friendships that she cherished. Her classmates and she would get together for lunches several times throughout the year and they shared a wonderful caring bond. Carolyn grew up working in the family bee business and her knowledge about the care of bees was sought after until the time of her death. She was considered an expert in the field of bee keeping.

Carolyn and Les were married in Gooding in December of 1949. To this union were born three daughters, Leslie, Rosalie and Frankie. These were the first three children that they raised, but they raised many other children. Their house was always full of young people. There are nieces and nephews that have said if it hadn't been for Aunt Carolyn they wouldn't have had clothes, school supplies or, at times, food on their table. Les and Carolyn had a



friend who lost his wife and they took in his two daughters and raised them. They took in their grandchildren and raised them. There were also numerous kids that for some reason or another needed a place to stay and there was always room at the White's, and no one was ever turned away.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents; her sister; son-in-law, Ray; and her beloved grandson, Teddy. She is survived by her life-long companion and husband, Les; her three daughters, Leslie (Charlie) Tennant, Rosalie Eberhard and Frankie (Don) Murray; nine grandchildren, Wade (Mellisa) Pulley, Jason (Abby) Tennant, Andy Tennant, Cheryl (Cheri) Pearson, Odessa (Jeff) Magnelli, Memori (Jesse) Carmichael, Jesse (Amanda) Boler, Jed McGuire and Stirling Murray; seventeen great-grandchildren, Karli, Tyler and Kaden Magnelli, Jackson Pulley, Dylm, Brady and Addison Carmichael, Brandon and Megan Pearson, Caleb, Sawyer, Trinity and Ainsley Tennant and Sara, Shaun, Skler and Josh Boler. All the other children are too numerous to mention, but they were all her kids in her heart.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday, July 10, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel. Burial will follow in the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. A viewing for family members and friends will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 9, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

## Betty June Zuck

TWIN FALLS — Betty June Zuck, 83, of Twin Falls passed away Friday, July 3, 2009, at River Ridge Care Center in Twin Falls.

Betty was born Jan. 18, 1926, in Buhl, to Harley and Rose (Kalousek) Gambrel. She attended school and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1944. On April 26, 1947, she met and married Donald K. Zuck. Betty was an active member of the USO during World War II. Betty worked as a secretary for the Chamber of Commerce for 18 years, was active in the Twin Falls Jaycees with her husband and served as a past president of the Jayceettes. Betty was very involved in the Lady Lions and was a member of the Catholic Legion of Mary. Betty was also a long-time member of St. Edwards Catholic Church in Twin Falls. She served as a secretary for the Idaho Wildlife Federation, where she and husband Don were very active. Betty enjoyed floral design, sewing, cooking, gardening, camping and



spending time with her family and friends.

Betty is survived by her loving husband of 62 years, Donald K. Zuck of Twin Falls; two sons, Donald A. (Donna) Zuck of Twin Falls and David J. Zuck (Mary Mundel) of Chugiak, Alaska; one daughter, Diane (Michael) Fuller of Ellensburg, Wash.; grandsons, Christopher Zuck and Daniel Zuck, both of Twin Falls. She is also survived by one sister, Harlene Moyer of El Cajon, Calif.; sister-in-law, Lois Gambrel of Twin Falls; and numerous nieces and nephews. Betty is preceded in death by two brothers, Bobby and Harley Gambrel.

A funeral Mass will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 9, at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Twin Falls with interment to follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery. A visitation for family and friends will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday July 8, with a rosary starting at 7 p.m., at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

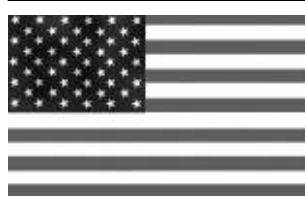
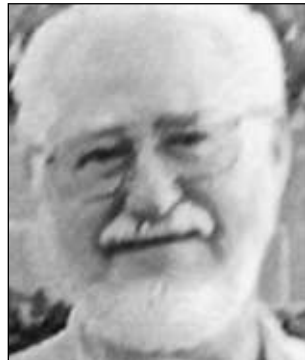
## Herschel Laney

BURLEY — Herschel Raymond Laney, age 70, of Burley, died Friday, July 3, 2009, at his home.

He was born July 7, 1938, in Declo, the son of Roland Arvil and Faye Lillian Kelly Laney. He was a graduate of Minico High School and served our country in the United States Air Force. He retired from Amalgamated Sugar Company and was a member of the Elks Lodge and a motorcycle riding group. Along with his passion of riding motorcycles, he also enjoyed fishing, camping and snowmobiling.

He is survived by two sons, Terry J. (Dana) Laney of Pocatello and Edward Scott Laney of Cedar City, Utah; two grandchildren, Sheldon Laney and Dannielle Laney; three sisters, Marguarite Heilig of Moses Lake, Wash., Dorothy (Alyx) Heilig of Sanford, N.C., and Daisy Edmonds of Roland Heights, Calif.; one sister-in-law, Mabel Laney of San Jose, Calif.; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Harry Laney and Clarence Laney.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 10, at the



Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, where friends and family may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday, July 9, and one hour prior to the service Friday. Officiating will be Pastor Brian Livermore. Burial will be in the Rupert Cemetery with military rites provided by the Mini-Cassia Veterans and Auxiliary.

The family suggests memorials be directed to the Wilson Theater Building Fund in care of Earl Corless, 55 N. Highway 24, Rupert, ID 83350, or to a charity of choice.

## Maxine Rose Monnin

BUHL — Maxine Rose Monnin was born Jan. 20, 1922, in Buhl. She died April 7, 2009 in Portland, Ore., where she had lived since August 2008. She was surrounded by her family and friends when she passed.

She leaves behind her daughter, Cathy Monnin of Portland.

Maxine will be buried at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 9, in the West End Cemetery in Buhl next to her husband, Louis Monnin. July 9 was their wedding anniversary.

## SERVICES

**Matthew Carl Hays**, formerly of the Wood River Valley, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Filer Cemetery in Filer (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home Twin Falls).

**Viola L. Sears** of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation one hour before the funeral today at the mortuary.

**Edward Phillip Schenk** of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert United Methodist Church; visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. today at the church (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

**Zachary A. Baird (Davis)** of Castleford, celebration of life at 11 a.m. today at the Castleford High School gymnasium; visitation one hour before the service in the gym; a gathering for family and friends will follow at Balanced Rock Park in Castleford (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

**Wally Young** of Hailey, funeral at 2 p.m. today at St. Charles Catholic Church in Hailey; visitation from 10 a.m. to noon today (Wood River Chapel in Hailey).

**Alan Waide Smith** of Burley, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the View LDS Church, 550 S. 500 E., of Burley; visitation from 1 to 1:45 p.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

**Elizabeth Miller** of Twin Falls and formerly of Wendell, celebration of life at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Wendell Elementary School cafeteria.

**Elma Jean Nielson Christiansen**, of Boise and Gooding, memorial service at 4 p.m. Thursday at the Gooding Country Club.

**Doris Jessie Ormesher Byerly** of Twin Falls, memorial service at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Chadron Christian Church at Sixth and Ridgeview in Chadron, Neb. (Parke's Magic Valley

Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

**Ruthmarie C. "Corky" Slane** of Joanna, S.C., memorial mass at 11 a.m. Friday at the St. Boniface Catholic Church in Joanna, S.C.

**Dr. David M. Webster** of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 7 p.m. Friday at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N. in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

**Zoe Marion Farr Wixom** of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Paul LDS Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis St. in Paul; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

**Maribelle Taylor Matthews** of Murtaugh, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave. (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

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# COMMUNITY

## North Side

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# On the trail, heading out



MARY HANSON/For the Times-News

Chad Eller, who plans to walk across America from west to east, pauses recently at the Gooding Public Library to check his e-mail.

## Trekker stops by Gooding on hike across America

By Mary Hanson  
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — A former Idaho resident trekking across America recently stopped in Gooding to plan the next leg of his journey.

Chad Eller, 32, was born in northern Idaho and raised in Oregon, where he graduated from the University of Oregon last year. After working several jobs to save money for the trek, he set out from the Oregon coast and found his feet took him to Gooding recently. While stopped at the Gooding Public Library to check his e-mail, Eller plotted his next move.

"I'm thinking I'll head up to Moscow to see my dad," he said. "I'm going to take my time in Idaho — visit with family and friends, and then I will take the time to investigate the various trails used when the Great Migration started west after the Lewis and Clark expedition ... The way I'm set up now, I can take my time."

Eller said he often sleeps in the open, close to the roads and trails he walks on. In his carefully arranged backpack is a one-man tent, a change of clothes, some trail food and a bevy of maps and books. He said that at night, he backs away from the road

he's following and writes in his journals with the use of a headlamp.

"I really try to stay on remote trails and roads away from people," he said. "I don't like highways. And, oh yeah, I spend a bit of time finding places I can jump in the water and bathe — ponds, irrigation ditches, anywhere that looks like clean water."

Eller hopes to pursue a career in writing, and is using the trip to learn more about the country's history.

"Mostly I want to learn and think — and, of course, write — while meeting interesting people who know about their local history," he said. "I just want to get acquainted with my own country, and I want to learn more about what I want to write about."

Gooding Public Library Director Pat Hamilton said that visits like Eller's aren't uncommon at the library.

"It happens all the time," she said. "Especially now that people can e-mail, or many have their own blogs."

Eller said that his mother sometimes expresses concern over his trek. As for his father, though?

"I guess we'll find out when I get to Moscow?"

Mary Hanson may be reached at [maryhansonmbd@gmail.com](mailto:maryhansonmbd@gmail.com).

## Gooding Elks awards MVS scholarships

Gooding Elks Lodge 1745 presented the Most Valuable Student Scholarships to local seniors from schools in the area north of Jerome encompassing 10 high schools. To qualify, seniors had to complete an application and be judged by a committee.

Money for the local awards came from the Gooding Elks Lodge. Top winners will be entered into the state Elks competition with the chance to advance to the regional and national competition. Money for the scholarships are provided by the National Elks Foundation.

First-place winner of \$500 in the girls division was Breeze K. Potter from Camas High School in Fairfield; second place with a \$300 award was Alexandra Moreno from Wendell High School.

Juniors with outstanding scholastic and activity records should consult with their counselors or go to [elks.org](http://elks.org) to find information pertaining to these awards or contact Jeff Jefferies, 934-4212.

## Nampa girl wins Miss Junior Rodeo in Gooding

Klancie Seiler, 13, of Nampa, was recently named Miss Junior Rodeo Idaho 2010.

Seiler competed against four other girls June 26-27 in Gooding for the title of Miss Junior Rodeo Idaho, which is open to girls ages 11-14. During the two-day contest, contestants were judged on horsemanship, rodeo knowledge, appearance, public speaking and personal interview. Along with the title, Seiler won the rodeo knowledge, public speaking and interview categories.

The Miss Junior Rodeo Idaho pageant was held in conjunction with the Miss Teen Rodeo Idaho and Miss Lil' Bit Rodeo Idaho pageants in Gooding.

Seiler's reign will officially begin when she is crowned at the Gooding Pro Rodeo on Aug. 20.

"It means so much to me and my family to be crowned at the Gooding Rodeo. My family has a long history here in Gooding and that makes winning this title here that much more special," Seiler said.

Seiler lives in Nampa with her family. She will be an eighth-grader at East Valley Middle School. She plays fiddle with the Idaho Junior Jammer Fiddlers and competes in school track, basketball and ski teams.

Seiler is the great-granddaughter of Gene (deceased) and Doris Gibbons of Gooding.



Seiler

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Lincoln Co. historical events join Arts in Park

Lincoln County Historical Society will hold its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the 2nd Time Around/Whistle Stop Building, 102 S. Rail St. E., Shoshone. The public is welcome to attend.

The Lincoln County Historical Society and Union Pacific Idaho Operation Lifesaver will have a display at the Shoshone Arts in the Park events Saturday and Sunday at the Lincoln County Courthouse lawn in Shoshone. The Historical Society will feature a DVD produced by Casey Keniston and Bud Andrew, both Shoshone natives. The DVD will feature pictures,

interviews and narration about Shoshone and its early history. Also on display will be photographs from around Lincoln County.

Union Pacific will give public tours of its street train during the two-day event.

The Shoshone Arts in the Park will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

### Three new classes at CSI North Side Center

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

**Science Camp** for kids in grades 1-3 will meet from 10 a.m. to noon July 14-16 and kids in 4-6 grades

will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. July 14-16 at the North Side Center. The class will use science to discover the essence of green, from plants to chemical reactions. Course fee is \$40 and includes supplies.

**Cosmic Bowling** for children age 6-12 will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. July 16 at Mountain View Lanes in Shoshone. The class will begin with a half-hour group bowling lesson followed by one hour of noncompetitive team bowling. The last half-hour of bowling will be done in cosmic lights. Participants will receive a complimentary candy bar or drink from the snack bar. Cost is \$15.

**Iris Paper Folding** will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. July 13 at the

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Eight-year old Victoria Anderson of Gooding dusts a soda can for fingerprints during the recent "CSI at CSI" youth enrichment class offered by the College of Southern Idaho North Side Center in Gooding. Boys and girls spent the day with real crime scene investigators, practicing many of the same investigative techniques used by professionals, and shooting Air Soft bullets at real police targets. For more information about summer enrichment classes for kids in the Gooding area: 934-8678.

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# Some answers about colorblindness and heredity

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** My best friend is colorblind. Her husband is not. They have three children, two girls and a boy. Her daughters are not colorblind, but the son is. How is this possible? Could her girls have colorblind children even though they themselves are not?

**DEAR READER:** Before I answer your questions, I



ASK DR. GOTT  
Dr. Peter Gott

will give a little background information on the eyes, color deficiency and total

colorblindness.

The eyes contain color-sensing materials known as pigments. There are three types of these pigments: One responds to long-wave colors, another medium-wave colors and the final short-wave colors. It simply takes a defect in one of these to cause a problem.

The most common form of colorblindness or defi-

ciency is with red-green colors that cause the sufferer to have trouble distinguishing between red and green. However, this does not mean that the person cannot see these colors. Mild defects can cause an inability to differentiate only certain shades of red and green, while severe forms may result in red and green appearing to be the

same color.

Blue-yellow color deficiency is less common, and most people with this type also have trouble with red-green colors.

The most severe and rare type is total colorblindness (achromatopsia), in which the sufferer can see only in shades of gray. This disorder is often accompanied by severe light sensitivity,

poor vision, lazy eye and small, jerky eye movements known as nystagmus.

Most cases of color deficiency or colorblindness are due to a genetic anomaly and affect men more frequently than women. Hydroxychloroquine, a medication taken for rheumatoid arthritis, can

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# OPINION

## QUOTABLE

"I ask the armed forces to comply with the order to open the airport so that there is no problem in landing and embracing my people."  
 — Ousted President Manuel Zelaya on attempting to return to Honduras

### EDITORIAL

## Groundwater users' casual approach to compliance is hard to figure

To suggest that the Idaho Department of Water Resources has been patient with Magic Valley groundwater users would be an understatement.

In an effort to minimize the potential impact of curtailment on pumpers and the broader south-central Idaho economy, former IDWR Director Dave Tuthill for two years bent over backward to find ways to help them mitigate their water debt to surface users and fish farms, which hold more senior water rights under Idaho law.

In May, Tuthill approved a plan permitting pumpers who had agreed to provide water owed to Clear Springs Foods through a pipeline to defer that project for two years — provided the groundwater users complied with certain benchmarks.

The pumpers didn't get it done.

According to Tuthill, who retired a week ago today, the groundwater users were supposed to:

- Convert 1,060 acres of irrigated land from groundwater to surface water.
- Continue converting about 9,300 acres within the North Snake Ground Water District.
- Stick with the federal Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, which pays to idle their land.

The districts had faced a June 1 deadline, and the IDWR inspected their progress early last month. It found that too few acres were converted and that wells on the converted land hadn't been disabled to prevent unapproved use.

Tuthill's mitigation plan for the pumpers above Clear Springs was reasonable — almost too reasonable. The fact that the groundwater users didn't comply is, plain and simple, a breach of good faith on their part.

Even worse, their excuses ring hollow.

Attorneys for the pumpers contend that while groundwater users didn't reach the conversion acreage goal, the pumping level of substituted lands was historically higher, meaning the plan would still be fulfilled.

The sour economy and record spring rains made it harder for the groundwater district to find additional acres, Randy Budge, the pumpers' lawyer, argued.

"The dairy industry is in an extremely depressed state and the cost of surface water delivery to the landowner has increased," Budge wrote, noting that the CREP acreage may still grow.

Not good enough.

Tuthill's mitigation plan was a modest first step toward solving the Clear Springs problem. It was a prudent approach designed to seek a solution through small steps.

The fact that the pumpers haven't managed to comply suggests two things:

1. They didn't take the ordered water compensation demand seriously; thought there would be opportunities to delay, deflect and defer, and took advantage of Tuthill's sincere efforts to help them.

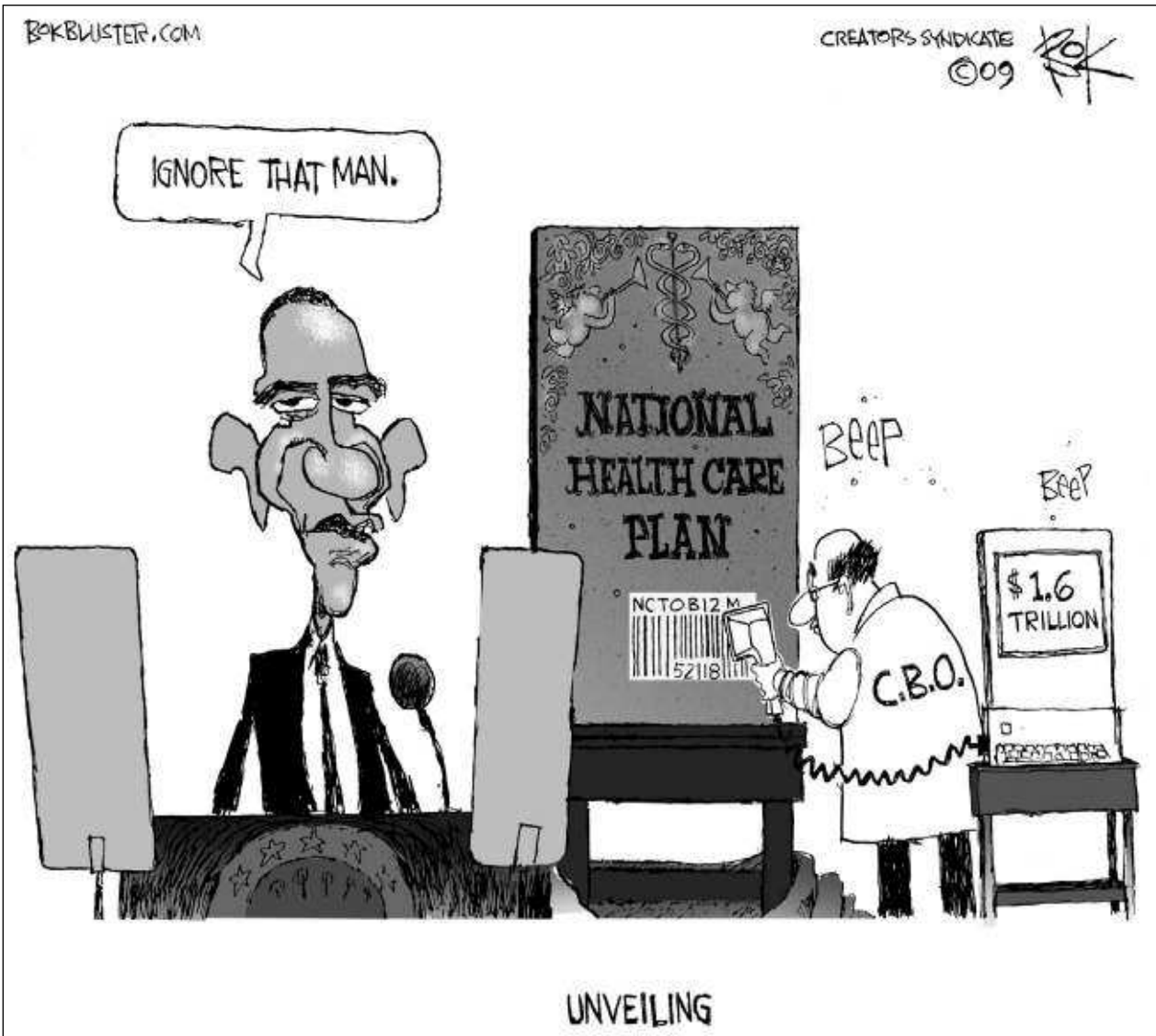
2. They are in serious denial about the risk that the next IDWR director will grant Clear Springs' demand that the state shut down the affected wells.

It's hard to escape the conclusion that this particular group of groundwater users just doesn't get it. Because of their inaction, these pumpers may be at least as close to having their wells padlocked just as they were during the drought-plagued, show-down summer of 2007.

This is a not a game. These groundwater users have a matter of weeks — maybe less — to prove they're serious about obeying the law.

### Our view:

This is not a drill: If the pumpers who owe water to Clear Springs Foods don't get their act together — and soon — they'll find their wells padlocked.



## Obamacare: What do Americans really think?

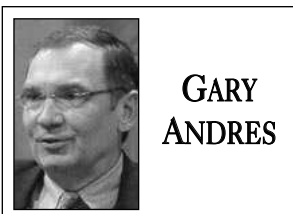
"Americans seem to say they can't live with health care reform — and can't live without it."

WASHINGTON — Health care reform moves into high gear this month in Congress, as lawmakers move beyond slogans to concrete ideas. Accompanying the heightened legislative activity is a chorus of new surveys, studies and think tank analyses — all intended to underscore one point or another.

The avalanche of polls is particularly disorienting when news media organizations report seemingly contradictory results. Do voters want reform or not? Are they willing to pay higher taxes to get it? How much of a role should the government play?

Rasmussen's most recent poll shows voters closely divided when asked about President Obama's health care plan (50 percent support — 44 percent oppose). A new CNN poll released on July 1 shows nearly identical results (51 percent support — 45 percent oppose).

But just a week earlier, *The New York Times* wrote: "Americans overwhelmingly support substantial changes to the health care system and are strongly behind one of the most contentious proposals Congress is considering, a government-run insurance plan to compete with private insurers." Other surveys over the last year have found eight out of ten Americans believe the health care system is in need of major overhaul.



GARY ANDRES

Why do the fingers in the wind on this subject point in so many directions? Turns out it depends a lot on how you ask the questions and what kind of new information is presented — as is always the case with polls.

Mark Blumenthal, founder of Pollster.com, writes a column about survey research for *National Journal* where he underscored this point recently saying the public's unfamiliarity with "details about pending legislation can wreak some polling havoc." Thus variations in question wording can produce different findings.

But despite the contradictory findings, two simple themes explain a lot about citizen views of health care reform: fear and loathing. Fear refers to the significant number of Americans who like their health care and don't want it changed. Loathing is the attitude that government might do something to screw things up. Writing earlier this week, Rasmussen cautions, "Support for reform falls dramatically when people fear they would have to change their own coverage."

These two connected beliefs explain why Americans seem to say they

can't live with health care reform — and can't live without it.

Many polls reveal Americans like their coverage — which might suggest more tepid support for reform. Why risk changing what you like? Democratic presidential candidates understood this public sentiment in 2008. "If you like the health care you have, you can keep it," then-candidate Hillary Clinton used to say. Barack Obama adopted the same rhetoric after he became the nominee and now as president.

Blumenthal also identified this pattern in a recent column. Surveys also show citizens concerned about costs, especially projecting down the road, he says. They "worry a lot about being able to afford the health care services they might need in the future," Blumenthal writes. "Those are the attitudes that fuel the desire for reform."

He's right, and that's why some polls show strong support for doing something about health care, even though 85 percent of Americans already have health insurance and say they're pretty happy with it.

The relatively new field of behavioral economics helps makes sense of these clash-

ing views. One major tenet of this sub-discipline is that people value a "loss" about twice as much as they value a "gain." And as a result, people are more risk averse than might be suggested by traditional, rational economic theory.

People might see some gains in reforming the overall system, but fear of changing what they have counts more. And while open to promises of health reform, they're concerned the government might mess things up.

Blumenthal quotes the Kaiser Foundation's pollster, Mollyann Brody, who argues, "It is really easy to scare people into thinking that reform will make their own situations worse off."

Americans are more likely to embrace reforms that emphasize protecting something they already have rather than promises of future benefits that introduce new risks. One thing we know for sure from the polls: Successful health reform will also require a heavy dose of public reassurance.

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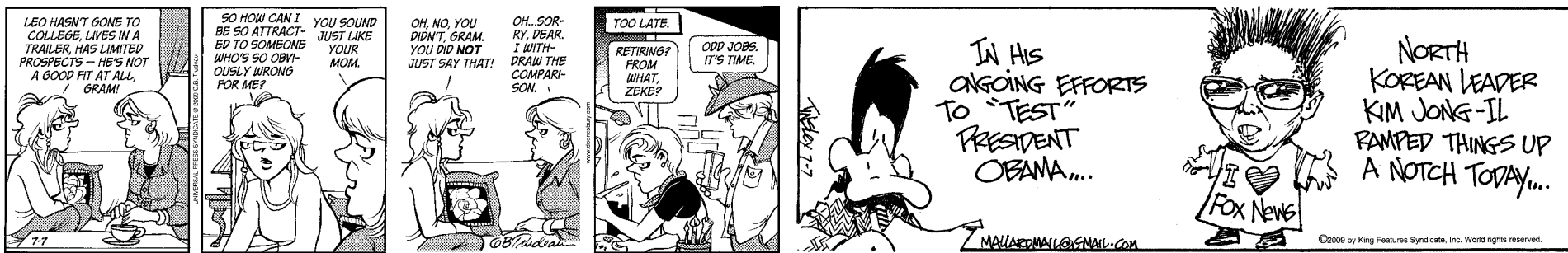
### THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

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# Big nuclear cuts in sight, Obama, Medvedev declare

Steven R. Hurst  
Associated Press writer

MOSCOW — Presidents Barack Obama and Dmitry Medvedev confidently committed to a year-end deal to slash nuclear stockpiles by about a third on Monday, but the U.S. leader failed to crack stubborn Kremlin objections to America's missile defense plans — a major stumbling block to such an agreement.

Both men renewed pledges to pull U.S.-Russian relations out of the dismal state into which they had descended during the eight years of the Bush administration. And to that end, they signed a series of agreements and joint statements designed to enliven and quicken contacts on a broad range of issues — including cooperation on



AP photo

President Obama and Russia's President Dmitry Medvedev talk before they signed a preliminary agreement to reduce the world's two largest nuclear stockpiles by as much as a third, the lowest levels of any U.S.-Russia accord, at a joint news conference at the Kremlin in Moscow, Monday.

Afghanistan, a key Obama foreign policy objective.

Obama said the leaders both felt relations had "suffered from a sense of drift. President Medvedev and I are committed to

leaving behind the suspicion and rivalry of the past."

His host expressed similar good will.

"This is the first but very important step in improv-

ing full-scale cooperation between our two countries, which would go to the benefit of both states," the Russian leader said. But he injected a note of caution, saying discussions so far "cannot remove the burden of all the problems."

There was no statement of Russian readiness to help the United States persuade Iran to abandon its nuclear ambitions, even though Obama's top Russia adviser, Michael McFaul, told reporters in a post-meeting briefing that Iran dominated the two leaders' private meeting that opened the summit. Talks continued in an expanded session that included 12 advisers for each president.

For all the upbeat public statements, a pall of disagreement on missile defense and NATO expansion lingered over the glit-

tering Kremlin hall where Obama and Medvedev answered reporters' questions. Obama said the meetings had been "frank," diplomatic speak for difficult.

The planned START replacement pact — the centerpiece summit agreement — calls for each side to reduce strategic warheads to a range of 1,500 to 1,675, and strategic delivery

vehicles to a range of 500 to 1,100. Current limits allow a maximum of 2,200 warheads and 1,600 launch vehicles. The new treaty, as conceived, would run for 10 years. Each side would have seven years to reach reduction goals with the final three years used for verification.

Medvedev called the plan a "reasonable compromise."

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## Police restore order in western China; 156 killed

William Foreman  
Associated Press writer

URUMQI, China — Chanting "Strike down the criminals," hundreds of paramilitary police with shields, rifles and clubs took control of the streets Monday in the capital of western China's Muslim region, a day after the deadliest ethnic violence in decades.

State media said at least 156 people were killed in the unrest, which did not bode well for China's efforts to mollify long-simmering ethnic tensions between the minority Uighur people and the ethnic Han Chinese in Xinjiang — a sprawling region three times the size of Texas that shares borders with Pakistan, Afghanistan and other Central Asian countries.

As darkness fell, security

forces became especially tense and ordered residents off the roads near the main gate at Xinjiang University — the scene of some of the worst clashes Sunday.

As people watched from an apartment building across from the school, riot police in green camouflage uniforms and helmets pointed long sticks at the gawkers and barked, "Close those windows!"

Mobile phone service and the social networking site Twitter were blocked, and Internet links were also cut or slowed down. Some videos were posted on YouTube.

The government often says the Uighurs should be grateful for the roads, railways, schools, hospitals and oil fields it has been building in Xinjiang, a region known for scorching deserts and snowy mountain ranges.

## Seven U.S. soldiers killed in Afghanistan

By Rajiv Chandrasekaran  
The Washington Post

NAWA, Afghanistan — Roadside bombings and a gun attack killed seven U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan on Monday, providing a grim reminder of the insurgency's resilience even as Marines moved to consolidate gains in their operation against the Taliban in the southern province of Helmand.

Four members of a U.S. military team training Afghan security forces died after their convoy was struck by a bomb near the northern city of Kunduz, according to U.S. military officials. Northern Afghan-

istan has been relatively stable compared to other parts of the country, in part because much of the territory is under the control of anti-Taliban warlords. But violence has been increasing in recent months around Kunduz and other cities as Taliban fighters seek to exploit a thin presence of NATO forces in the area.

Two U.S. soldiers were killed in a bombing in the southern province of Zabul, the officials said. Another U.S. soldier died after a fire-fight with insurgents in eastern Afghanistan. The deaths made Monday the deadliest day for U.S. forces in Afghanistan in nearly a year.

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**Terminator Salvation** (13) 7:20 9:50

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**Public Enemy** (R) 12:00 3:15 6:50 9:30

**Land of the Lost** (13) 7:30 9:45

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**Spiderwick Chronicles** (PG) or **Madagascar** (PG)  
Mon to Thurs 10:30 1:00 3:30 All Seats \$2.00 without Summer Ticket

**Jerome Cinema 4** 955 West Main, Jerome  
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**Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen** (13) Sorry No Passes  
Daily 6:45 9:30

**Public Enemy** (R) Daily 7:00 9:40

**The Proposal** (13) Daily 7:15 9:30

**Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs** (PG) Sorry No Passes  
Daily 7:00 9:20

**Summer Matinee #5 - Friday July 9**  
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Friday 10:30 1:00 3:30 All Seats \$2.00 without Summer Ticket

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**X-Men Origins: Wolverine** (13) Daily 7:15 9:30

**Star Trek** (13) Daily 7:00 9:30

**Brother's Bloom** (13) Daily 7:15 9:45

**My Sister's Keeper** (13) Daily 7:00 9:30

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# Grain acres down in Idaho, despite rise across rest of U.S.



BARRY KOUGH/Lewiston Tribune

Soft white winter wheat is shown turning from the green color of growth, to the brown color of harvest in a field near Mann Lake in Lewiston, Idaho. Idaho producers reduced the amount of wheat and corn they planted, but nationwide grain acres are up more than market watchers had expected.

## Corn stocks indicate continued herd liquidation

By Cindy Snyder  
Times-News correspondent

Idaho producers reduced the amount of wheat and corn they planted in 2009, but nationwide grain acres are up more than market watchers had expected.

According to the recently released U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates, grain producers planted 87 million acres of corn — surpassing March projections by more than 2 million acres.

If the number holds, 2009 will be the second highest planted acreage since 1946, behind 2007. Growers are expected to harvest 80 million acres for grain, up 2 percent from 2008.

Wet weather delayed planting across much of the eastern Corn Belt, which was expected to cause farmers to shift acres from corn to soybeans. But the June report shows just the opposite — a development that many considered surprising.

Kelly Olson, administrator of the Idaho Barley Commission, called the USDA estimate “shocking,” given that the March estimate was for just under 85 million acres and traders

| IDAHO CROP ACREAGE |                    |             |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Crop               | June 2009          | June 2008   |
| All wheat          | 1.25 million acres | 1.4 million |
| Spring wheat       | 500,000            | 540,000     |
| Winter wheat       | 740,000            | 850,000     |
| Barley             | 590,000            | 600,000     |
| Oats               | 60,000             | 70,000      |
| Corn               | 290,000            | 300,000     |
| Sugar beets        | 164,000            | 131,000     |
| Dry beans          | 100,000            | 80,000      |
| All hay            | 1.5 million        | 1.4 million |

Figures represent number of acres planted in Idaho.  
Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service

were looking for 83.9 million acres.

The USDA is projecting June 1 corn stocks at 4.266 billion bushels, greater than the average trade estimate of 4.178 billion bushels.

“That indicates there’s more livestock liquidation going on than people realize,” Olson said. “That’s not good news for feed barley prices.”

All told, planted acreage for corn, soybeans and wheat increased by 4.7 million acres between the March and June reports. Cotton was the only major crop to show a decrease of 417,000 acres.

All wheat planted acreage was up 1.1 million acres from March to June to 59.8 million acres. Increases in spring and winter wheat acreage were comparable; spring wheat was up 578,000 acres, while winter wheat increased 559,000 acres.

“More North Dakota acres got planted than people thought,” Olson said. “There were a couple of dry windows and people planted around the clock.”

Given the bearish nature of the June acreage reports, Idaho growers will need weather help from the global marketplace to bring grain prices up.

(A projection by USDA) indicates there’s more livestock liquidation going on than people realize. That’s not good news for feed barley prices.”  
— Kelly Olson, administrator of the Idaho Barley Commission

That’s not completely out of the picture. Hot and dry conditions are sapping the crop in Ukraine and Russia; while the continuing drought in Argentina could cut that crop to 6 million metric tons and effectively end Argentine exports. That could open the door for the U.S. to supply some of Argentina’s customers, Olson said.

Cool, wet weather also delayed planting in much of Canada and could limit the size of that crop as well.

### Idaho down

Paul Patterson, an extension crops economist with

See **GRAIN**, Agribusiness 2

# June moisture helps grain crops in S. Idaho

## Eastern Idaho growers see damage to beets and spuds

By Cindy Snyder  
Times-News correspondent

Plenty of moisture across southern Idaho is expected to yield a good crop, reduce irrigation needs and maintain soil profiles, say producers and agricultural researchers.

Rick Speicher, a district sales manager for Croplan in Twin Falls, said corn producers have struggled in the past to keep soil profiles — the moisture level below the surface — full when temperatures rise and crops are growing quickly.

Still, some producers in southern Idaho prefer to manage their own water for finicky crops such as barley, rather than having Mother Nature do it for them.

Glenn Meyer, who farms near Filer, said irrigators haven’t been running their systems for most of June and that is saving them money by reducing their power costs.

“Even the corn isn’t that bad, it’s not far behind,” Meyer said.

Stan Gortsema, University of Idaho extension educator in Power County, said barring any hail storms before harvest, south eastern Idaho could be looking at near record dry farm yields. While the moisture has been appreciated, the intensity of the storms has caused other problems.

“We’ve had areas of spud and beet fields completely under water at times and I’m sure there’s concern about whether some of those spuds may develop cellar rot problems in storage,” Gortsema said. “Some growers may just disk-down those areas.”

University of Idaho extension specialists have heard that 20,000 to 30,000 acres of potatoes in eastern Idaho may have been damaged by a hail storm in late June.

See **MOISTURE**, Section 3

# Late blight hits eastern U.S. veggies

By Holly Ramer  
Associated Press writer

CONCORD, N.H. — Tomato plants have been removed from stores in half a dozen states as a destructive and infectious plant disease makes its earliest and most widespread appearance ever in the eastern United States.

Late blight — the same disease that caused the Irish Potato Famine in the 1840s — occurs sporadically in the Northeast, but this year’s outbreak is more severe for two reasons: infected plants have been widely distributed by big-box retail stores and rainy weather has hastened the spores’ airborne spread.

The disease, which is not harmful to humans, is

See **BLIGHT**, Agribusiness 3



AP photo

Fresh tomatoes are seen growing at the community gardens in in Concord, N.H. A New Hampshire plant health specialist says late blight, a fungal disease that primarily affects tomatoes and potatoes, has shown up early this season and is warning gardeners to inspect their plants.

# Persistent wet weather may push hay prices down

## High quality feed becoming a rarity

By Cindy Snyder  
Times-News correspondent

The old adage that ‘rain makes grain’ appears to be true for the region’s small grain crops, but the wet weather hasn’t been so good for first cutting hay.

According to the National Weather Service, Twin Falls received 4.85 inches of rain in June with a record 11-day stretch of daily rain starting on June 5. That was about the time hay growers were putting down their first cutting

### Analysis

of hay and the wet forecast created a quandary. Cut it and run the risk of getting rained on, or leave it standing and hope you can get it cut before it blooms and feed value starts to decline.

“It’s going to be interesting to watch the hay market with all that hay down and got rained on,” said Paul Patterson, an extension economist with the University of Idaho at Idaho Falls. While he thinks the average hay price for the year may end up relatively

unchanged, he thinks the rain will change hay price distribution. With plenty of rained on hay available, feeder hay prices will likely slip to around \$50 per ton; while the shortage of high quality dairy hay may push the top prices even higher.

Whether dairies can afford to buy that hay with milk prices still in the \$9 to \$10 per hundredweight range is an entirely different question, he said.

Growers are expecting to deal with the effects of the June rain long after first cutting hay is finally out of the

See **HAY**, Agribusiness 2

# Washington state farmers sue to stop feedlot plan

## Battle brews over 30,000-head facility

By Shannon Dininny  
Associated Press writer

YAKIMA, Wash. — A group of Washington state farmers have joined two environmental groups in filing a lawsuit to block a proposed feedlot from using a well that is exempt from requiring state permits to water up to 30,000 cattle.

Easterday Ranches Inc., a longtime cattle company and one of the largest feedlot operators in the Northwest, wants to build the region’s first new feedlot in years on dry land near the small town of Eltopia, about 25 miles northeast of Pasco.

As proposed, the feedlot would be home to up to 30,000 additional cattle. The company already operates a 30,000-head feedlot in the area near Pasco in central Washington.

Easterday bought a water right for dust control and cooling cattle at the new feedlot, and the state Department of Ecology approved that water right transfer on June 11.

However, Easterday would use a well that is exempt from a state water permit to draw drinking water for the cattle.

Under a state law passed in 1945, some wells may be drilled without a permit, as long as water usage is limited to 5,000 gallons per day. They include wells for livestock watering, small industrial uses, domestic use or noncommercial watering

See **FEEDLOT**, Agribusiness 3

### Dates and deadlines

• August 1 - Deadline to request farm combinations and farm divisions to be effective for the current FY for

farms subject to DCP.  
• August 3 - Deadline for County Office Committee Election

Nominations  
• Nov. 6 - County Office Committee Election Ballots mailed to eligible voters.

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

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with 3 columns: NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ. Each column lists Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Diary. Includes volume, last change, and percentage change.

INDEXES

Table listing various market indexes like Dow Jones Industrials, NYSE Composite, S&P 500, etc., with their values and daily changes.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing local stocks such as AlliantEch, AmCasino, ConAgr, etc., with columns for price, change, and volume.

HOW TO READ THE REPORT

Explanatory text for stock symbols and report format. Includes sections for Name, Fund Name, Stock Footnotes, and Dividend Footnotes.

COMMODITIES REPORT

Table listing commodity prices for grains (wheat, barley), potatoes, and metals. Includes prices per bushel or ton.

METALS/MONEY

Selected world gold prices, Monday. Note that prices are in US dollars.

Note to our readers: Some of the commodity reports that regularly appear in the Business section weren't available for publication for today's newspaper. The Times-News regrets any inconvenience to our readers.

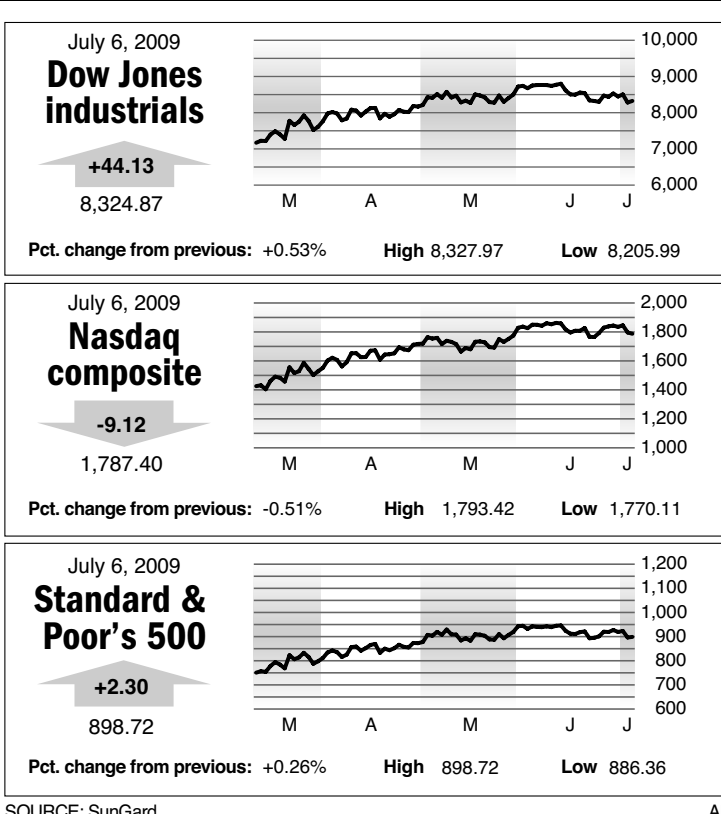
Blaze guts part of meatpacking plant

CUDAHY, Wis. (AP) — A large blaze gutted part of a meatpacking plant south of Milwaukee on Monday and authorities warned thousands of area residents to temporarily evacuate because of the possibility of an ammonia explosion.

about 18,000 residents seven miles south of downtown Milwaukee. The fire started Sunday night.

Crews were able to contain the ammonia, which is used in refrigeration, to a part of the plant where flames were not expected to reach, Fire Chief Dan Mayer said. He said he was "cautiously optimistic" an ammonia explosion would be avoided.

TODAY ON WALL STREET



SOURCE: SunGard

(AP) — Investors are fearing they may have bet too soon on an economic comeback. Stocks ended mostly lower Monday as drops in prices for oil and other commodities had investors worrying again that demand for basic materials may remain slack.

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MARKET TRENDS

Wheat trends

Local wheat prices were mostly lower this week: SWW ranged from 4 to 15 cents lower; HRW ranged from 1 to 31 cents lower; and DNS from 34 cents higher to 59 cents lower.

Dairy trends

Milk supplies are in good balance over most of Idaho. The U.S. mid-month price in June is \$128/ton, down \$44 from last year.

COMMODITY PRICES

Table listing commodity prices for Dairy (Block, Barrel, Butter, etc.) and Feed (Corn, Barley, Hay, etc.).

Table listing commodity prices for Small grain (Soft white wheat, Barley) and Livestock (Lambs and hogs, Feeder hogs, etc.).

Price quotes as of Monday afternoon; subject to change at any time. To be included in this table, call Joshua Palmer at 208-735-3231.

MARKET TRENDS

Hay trends

All classes of Alfalfa traded fully steady compared to last week. Retail and Grain hay not yet tested this season so trend not applicable.

Barley trends

Local barley prices were lower, ranging from \$.50 to \$1.50 lower this week. The U.S. Department of Agriculture reported no barley export sales last week.

Grain

Continued from Agribusiness 1. The University of Idaho at Idaho Falls, wasn't surprised by anything in the report, but he was somewhat surprised by how far the futures markets dropped after the report was released.

Hay

Continued from Agribusiness 1. parts of the state are better off. Glenn Meyer, who farms near Filer, said second cutting will be uneven with the areas between the windrows growing more quickly than the areas where wet hay laid for weeks.

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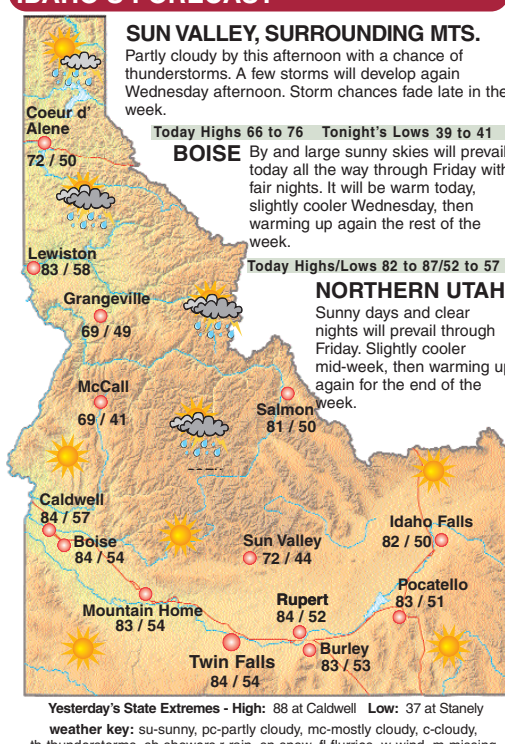
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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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

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

Moon Phases and Moonrise and Moonset information for Twin Falls.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table listing cities like Boise, Bonners Ferry, Challis, and others with their respective high/low forecasts.

Yesterday's Weather

Table of yesterday's weather for various cities including Boise, Challis, Coeur d'Alene, and others.

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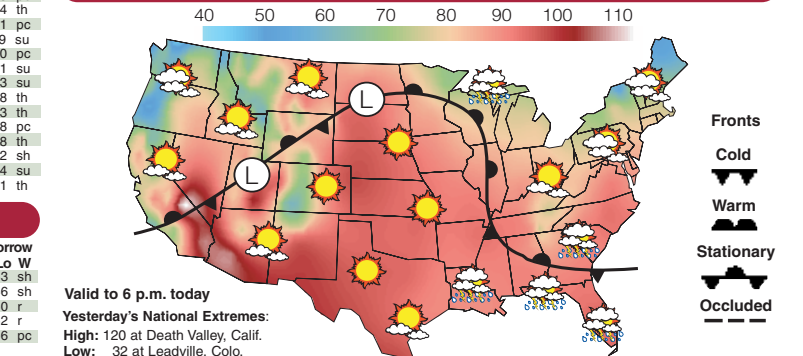
World forecast table listing cities like Acapulco, Athens, Auckland, Bangkok, Beijing, Berlin, and others with their respective high/low forecasts.

Gregg Middlekauff's Quote of the Day: 'I can change only myself, but sometimes that is enough.' Includes a photo of Gregg Middlekauff.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Canadian forecast table listing cities like Calgary, Cranbrook, Edmonton, Kelowna, and others with their respective high/low forecasts.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Bankruptcy judge OKs GM sale plan, appeal looms

NEW YORK — A bankruptcy judge has ruled that General Motors Corp. can sell the bulk of its assets to a new company, potentially clearing the way for the automaker to quickly emerge from bankruptcy protection.

But it appears the ruling will be appealed. A Chicago law firm representing people who have sued GM in several auto accident cases filed paperwork Monday saying it would appeal to U.S. District Court in New York.

communities in which GM operates," Gerber wrote in his ruling. The ruling comes after a three-day hearing that wrapped up Thursday, during which GM and government officials urged a quick approval of the sale, saying it was needed to keep the automaker from selling itself off piece by piece.

decades," GM President and CEO Fritz Henderson said in a statement early Monday. "Now it's our responsibility to fix this business and place the company on a clear path to success without delay."

notice of appeal with the bankruptcy court Monday morning that gave no grounds or details. The deadline to appeal is noon Thursday, after which point Gerber's order takes effect and the sale is free to close.

have objected to provisions in the sale that free the new company from liability for consumer claims related to incidents that occurred before GM went into bankruptcy protection. That means that people injured by a defective GM product in connection with an incident that occurred before June 1 would have to seek compensation from the "old GM," the collection of assets leftover from the sale, where they would be less likely to receive compensation.

McNamara, 93, architect of Vietnam War, dies

Los Angeles Times

Driven, cerebral and pugnacious, Robert S. McNamara was the pre-eminent policymaker overseeing the massive buildup of U.S. forces in Vietnam between 1964 and 1968, who masterfully deployed facts and figures to press the case for sending military advisers and then ground troops in a "limited war" to counter the advance of Communist forces in North Vietnam and Viet Cong guerrillas in South Vietnam.



McNamara

He was the Vietnam War's tireless cheerleader, the U.S. defense secretary who traveled to the battle zones more than 40 times to show the flag for two administrations. But McNamara, 93, who died at his home in Washington, D.C., Monday after a period of ill health, came to harbor regrets about his role in Vietnam. He kept his private doubts buttoned up for nearly three decades before finally going public.

Final rules out for government stem cell research

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government issued final rules Monday expanding taxpayer-funded research using embryonic stem cells, easing scientists' fears that some of the oldest batches might not qualify and promising a master list of all that do.

embryos — ones that otherwise would be thrown away — the agency made clear in draft guidelines. But the final rules issued Monday settle a big question: Would new ethics requirements disqualify many of the stem cells created over the past decade, even the few funded under the Bush administration's tight limits?

"We think this is a reasonable compromise to achieve the president's goal of both advancing science while maintaining rigorous ethical standards," said National Institutes of Health Director Raynard Kington.

maintaining rigorous ethical standards," acting NIH Director Raynard Kington said Monday. "We believe that judgment is necessary."

"I expect that most existing lines will be found to have been ethically derived," said Dr. Sean Morrison, director of the University of Michigan Center for Stem Cell Biology. "This will eventually make hundreds of new stem cell lines available for use."

Top Dem senator, hospitals near health care deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — With health care legislation at a crossroads, the nation's hospitals are near agreement with a key lawmaker and the White House to pick up part of the cost of President Obama's plan for expanded coverage, officials said Monday.

write bipartisan legislation on an issue that Obama has placed atop his list of domestic priorities. Obama has said he wants to sign a bill in October that would reduce medical costs and provide coverage to nearly 50 million uninsured Americans. Baucus and the White House reached agreement two weeks ago for pharmaceutical firms to spend \$80 billion over a decade, divided between closing a coverage gap under Medicare and defraying part of the cost of providing health care to millions who lack it.

Web-based therapy shows promise for insomnia

CHICAGO (AP) — Sleepless people sometimes use the Internet to get through the night. Now a small study shows promising results for insomniacs with nine weeks of Internet-based therapy. No human therapist is involved. The Internet software gives advice, even specific bedtimes, based on users' sleep diaries. Patients learn better sleep habits — like avoiding daytime naps — through stories, quizzes and games.

that style of therapy, which helps patients change thinking patterns that contribute to poor sleep. In the new study, released Monday in Archives of General Psychiatry, the researchers recruited 45 adults with moderate insomnia and randomly assigned 22 of them to try the Internet program. The group who got the treatment woke up fewer times and spent fewer minutes awake during the night. The control group's scores didn't change. Even after six months, the Internet group's scores remained improved.

The response was "fairly impressive and comparable to what you see with more intensive sorts of interventions," said Jack Edinger, a sleep disorder specialist at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, N.C., who wasn't involved in the study. Participants were highly educated and had no sleep apnea or psychiatric problems. Testing the approach on a larger, more diverse group could determine which patients benefit most, Edinger said.

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# Living in Lava

Home's construction is rooted in Shoshone history



The Heaths placed generations of family photos on the wall in the hallway from their home office.



Window frame seals are more than 15 inches wide, the size of the lava rock. The home naturally stays cool in the summer and warm in the winter with minimal energy costs.

By John Plestina  
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — With cubbyholes behind cubbyholes and weird angles, Bert and Julie Heath's lava rock house on Shoshone's North Apple Street is a child's dream playground.

It was that for the Heaths' now-grown children during the 1990s, and for Merthan and Ruth Dille's seven children during the 1940s and '50s.

"Oh my goodness, it was such a fun house to play in. It was a big playground. We crawled around lava rock," said Daveda Whitesell, a daughter of the Dilles. "We had snakes under there."

No, she never was bit. "A couple of times there were rattlesnakes that got in the house," Whitesell said.

She reminisced about playing hide and seek in cubbyholes accessible from bedrooms. "Oh, they were so much fun to play in."

Whitesell said there is a cubbyhole in a bedroom closet that is about 18 inches high — a great hiding place when her father wasn't using it to store homemade root beer. Julie Heath told stories about her children playing in the same cubbyholes and called her basement "the dungeon."



Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Julie Heath rolls up the hose in front of her lava-built home in Shoshone. Basque stonemasons might have constructed the home during the late 1800s or early 1900s. Builders hand-picked lava rocks to find the best ones to fit together like a puzzle.



Left: Julie Heath and her granddaughter Mylee walk through the kitchen on a recent tour.

Above: Many renovations have left the home with unique angles.



Whitesell remembers swinging from rafters as if she were on a playground jungle gym in the then-unfinished second floor, which was destined to become four bedrooms and an additional bathroom. Each upstairs room has a short, child-size door leading to what Heath described as

creepy hiding places where her children played hide and seek. Many renovations later, the Dilles and the Heaths have each left their mark on the structure that Basque stonemasons might have built during the late 1800s or early 1900s. Its construction is rooted in

Shoshone's history as a railroad and agricultural center that attracted a cultural diversity with Basque shepherders and other ethnic groups building distinctive lava rock homes, churches, garages, walls and commercial buildings. Lava rocks are volcanic basalt

from ancient lava flows and are common in Idaho and Oregon. While the exact age of the house and its builder's identity are not known, local residents have told both families they thought it might date to between 1902 and

See **LAVA**, H&G 2

## Rare poppies and organic sculpture

Tour seven Ketchum gardens Saturday

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — Kathleen Britt had to learn a new way of gardening after moving to Ketchum from Los Angeles in 1993. But that didn't stop her as she transformed the terraces that climb from the Big Wood River to her home into a horticultural work of art.

She became so gung-ho she even purchased the lot adjacent to her home and had 15 huge spruce moved to create a new border so she could plant more exotic species — including the rare, prized Blue Himalayan Poppy — on her two-acre spread. "I have no idea what possesses

### GET PLANT ENVY

- **What:** Sawtooth Botanical Garden's 14th annual Garden Tour in Ketchum
- **When:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday
- **Where:** Purchase tickets at the Sawtooth Botanical Garden — Idaho Highway 75 and Gimlet Road — or at any of the gardens the day of the tour.
- **Tickets:** \$35 for Sawtooth Botanical Garden members and \$45 for others.
- **Information:** 726-9358



Kathleen and James Britt have rare Himalayan poppies in their Ketchum garden.

I couldn't help myself — I have over a hundred bushes." Britt's expansive garden at 319



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A bocce or petanque court and game house are among the features in the Britt garden.

River Run Drive is one of seven diverse gardens that will be on view during the Sawtooth Botanical Garden's 14th annual Garden Tour on Saturday.

"We've got a great variety of gardens this year — small, large, new gardens, old gardens. And

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# Homeowners go DIY route

By Ylan Q. Mui  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Pattie Roberts had big plans for her cottage-style house in the Annapolis, Md., suburbs. She wanted to renovate her kitchen and first-floor bathroom, then transform the family room into a soundproof music studio for her husband. So in late 2007, she took out a home-equity loan and hired a contractor to do the work. That didn't last long.

"The money ran out, and the economy went in the toilet," Roberts said. So she opened a can of elbow grease and finished the renovations herself.

Do-it-yourself products have emerged as the one positive trend in the otherwise moribund home-improvement business. Stores are reporting an increase in paint and flooring sales. Fertilizer and gardening tools are flying off the shelves. Home Depot reports that attendance at its in-store workshops has risen.

Industry veterans and experts say several factors are driving the trend. Strapped consumers are trying to save money by cutting expenses such as lawn services, opting instead to tackle projects themselves. They also are trying to reduce their energy bills through small jobs such as installing ceiling fans or collecting rain water for reuse.

The battered real estate market has also contributed to the rise of DIY. Data released by the National Association of Realtors showed that the median price for existing homes was \$173,000 in May, down 16.8 percent from a year earlier. Faced with the prospect of selling at the bottom of the market, many homeowners are opting instead to stay put and remodel to suit their tastes. True Value chief executive Lyle Heidemann, who has been in the business through a number of recessions, said he thinks this economic downturn has shifted consumer habits for the foreseeable future.

"I actually think that this will go a little bit longer than it has in the past," he said. "If someone said tomorrow



KEVIN CLARK/Washington Post

Pattie Roberts hired a contractor to do home renovations in Edgewater, Md., but the money ran out before a soundproof music studio was created. So she did the work herself.

morning the economy's OK, I think we would still see a movement of more DIYers."

According to a report this year by Mintel, a market research firm, 23 percent of people who took on home renovation projects did so to save money. About 16 percent

reported having more time to work on their homes because they had been laid off or their hours were reduced. Men were also twice as likely as women to take on a project, but 60 percent of those surveyed said they often do the work with others.

Kathleen Britt enjoys gazing over some of the flowers that grace her two-acre Ketchum lot, featured in Saturday's garden tour.



## Tour

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we've got a great mix of people who are enthusiastic," said Jennifer Colson, executive director of the Sawtooth Botanical Garden.

Expect horticultural highlights at each garden, along with Master Gardeners explaining useful techniques. There'll be a barbecue picnic lunch at the Britts' garden, plus musicians and artists.

Here's a look at the other gardens:

### Janet and Roger DeBard, 230 Graduate

The focal point of the DeBards' yard in the Northwood subdivision of Ketchum is not the flowers but the sculptures. Four very different sculptures blend in among the pines and add interest to the patio.

One, which sits by the DeBards' patio reading nook, looks like a giant pine cone created out of stone with water spilling over it. It was created by Jeff Whittaker, a local artist who has shown at the Gail Severn Gallery, and the DeBards simply call it "the rock."

Mark Stasz of Bellevue, who also has had his work shown at Gail Severn, created two sculptures for the DeBards, including a curving 12-foot-tall steel piece that acts as a graceful conduit for water.

"They provide ambiance and are pleasant to look at," said Roger DeBard.

### Lila and Jack Corrock, 210 Huffman Drive

When Jack Corrock built his shake-sided home in the Warm Springs Canyon 35 years ago, there were no garden centers in Ketchum.

So Lila Corrock collected seeds and plants in the nearby woods and planted donations from friends' gardens. She got a few crab apple sticks through a mail order catalog and a pear tree from Kimberly Nurseries.

Today her yard is a cornu-



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One of Mark Stasz's two steel sculptures on Janet and Roger DeBard's Ketchum lot. Watch for it during the Sawtooth Botanical Garden's 14th annual Garden Tour.

copia of candytuft, honeysuckle, Peking cotoneaster. There's even a volunteer Oregon grape bush that stands 3 feet tall and 6 feet wide.

"My favorite is a dictamnus because if you hold a match next to it it gives off gas," she said. "It's fun for the kids."

### Kelle Weston and Parker Bryan, 360 W. First St.

Weston and Bryan created a small pocket garden in their yard, which lies in the shadow of Bald Mountain. Wind chimes, birdhouses and even a tree house accent the bountiful phlox, geraniums and daisies.

### Lynn and Barry Welker, 571 N. Third Ave.

This tiny yard in the heart of Ketchum features a rustic look with wooden window boxes, ornamental cauliflower growing in pots, and a garden nook through a wrought-iron gateway. The most impressive feature, however, is the vines. And

there are many of them.

### Lisa Vierling and Michael Stoneback, 1034 W. Warm Springs Road

This home is eight miles past the ski lifts on Warm Springs Road. But it's well worth the drive. Sitting across from Warsick Hot Springs at Frenchman's Bend, the Vierling-Stoneback home sits in the site of the historic mining settlement of Crony's Cove and offers several outbuildings of historical interest, in addition to the numerous trees and flowers Vierling has planted.

### Geoff and Alison Rusack, 411 Northwood

This beautiful estate garden is a native, natural garden. It features a plethora of ground covers, along with geraniums, columbine, bleeding hearts and other plants. And there are some great views of Bald Mountain from the Big Wood River and pool in the backyard.

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lawn may show a reddish, brown, or yellow tint. Rust diseases are more severe on slow-growing or stressed grasses (shade, drought, poor nutrition, and incorrect mowing height are possible causes of stress). The fungi over winter in diseased grass and can be spread by wind. Rusts typically occur on bluegrasses, ryegrasses, and fine fescues.

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## Twin Falls' Coats inks with College of Idaho

By David Bashore  
Times-News writer

There was a hefty push to stay local and a strong pull to join the big time, but Jacob Coats' heart kept honing in on the NAIA outfit a couple of hours to the northwest.

On Monday, he made that choice official.

In front of his teammates, parents and coaches past, present and future, Coats signed his letter of intent to play baseball at the College

of Idaho next season.

He turned down scholarship offers from the College of Southern Idaho, Lewis-Clark State College, Lower Columbia Community College, Skagit Valley Community College, Columbia Basin College and NCAA Division I programs St. Mary's (Calif.) and North Carolina-Asheville to sign with the College of Idaho. The



Coats

University of Oregon's fledgling baseball program also showed interest but wanted him to go to a junior college for a year or walk-on for his freshman year due to scholarship limitations.

Coats said that when it was all said and done, the College of Idaho was simply the most comfortable fit.

"For a little while the (Division I) schools started

calling, and I got a little starry-eyed, but when I took a step back I had to ask myself if that was really the right move for me to make. It was probably going to provide too many distractions, with moving to such a big city after growing up in Twin Falls," said Coats. "At College of Idaho I don't have to worry about too many distractions. I can just focus on my degree studies and building relationships with my teammates and coaches

because I'm going to be there for three or four years."

Coats compiled an 8-2 record in his senior season, recording a 1.79 ERA through 56 innings. He totaled 79 strikeouts to just 11 walks and was named the Class 5A Region Four-Five-Six Player of the Year and Idaho's Gatorade Player of the Year.

His effortless throwing motion and two above-average pitches make him an early candidate to crack the

College of Idaho's starting rotation as a freshman, and his physical stats — namely that of being a 6-foot-3 left-hander — have the Yotes hanging high hopes on their latest catch.

"He's going to have a good chance to be a conference starter for us as a freshman," said College of Idaho coach Shawn Humberger, a 1983 graduate of Twin Falls High School and former

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## Former CSI guard gets shot at NBA

He bounced around to numerous schools. His stay at CSI was brief. But now he's hoping his lights-out shooting touch can earn him a spot at the next level as he participates in NBA Summer League in Las Vegas.



MIKE CHRISTENSEN

Nate Miles, right? Wrong. Quinton Watkins.

If you don't remember Quinton's stay at CSI, you're forgiven. His time in Twin Falls was brief. The only time he played in front of Golden Eagle fans was the CSI Basketball Bash last Sept. 30. On that "meet the team night," Watkins sank 15 treys in 60 seconds, helping the men outshoot the women in the 3-point contest.

He also made numerous jumpers during the men's scrimmage, showing off his shooting range.

Then, he was gone, homesickness calling him back to Compton, Calif., where he was reunited with his girlfriend and young child.



Watkins

But when the New Orleans Hornets released their roster for the NBA Summer League, which begins Friday in Vegas, Watkins was part of their 14-man roster.

"I think it's fantastic. I wish him nothing but the best of luck," CSI head coach Steve Gosar said when informed of the news. "He's not taking the traditional path a lot of players have, but there's a lot of ways to get to the NBA."

Indeed, Watkins' path has been far from traditional. He signed with the University of Illinois out of Dominguez High School, but never played for the Illini after falling short of NCAA Clearinghouse standards. Once he became eligible, he decided to stay closer to home, enrolling at San Diego State in January of 2008. He practiced with the Aztecs, but left the squad in February for family reasons and reopened his recruitment.

In the summer of 2008, he became part of Gosar's first recruiting class and the Golden Eagles had high hopes for the 6-foot-3 lefty, who was ranked as one of the nation's top shooting guards after he averaged 19.7 points, 4.2 rebounds and 3.0 assists at Dominguez.

But Watkins' stay at CSI

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## TOUR DE FRANCE

# ASCENDING ARMSTRONG



AP photo

Seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong, center, strains during the third stage of the Tour de France cycling race Monday. Left of Armstrong is Alberto Contador of Spain, who lost 41 seconds on Armstrong as he finished in the second group.

## Seven-time Tour winner jumps from 10th to 3rd

By Jamey Keaten  
Associated Press writer

LA GRANDE-MOTTE, France — If age is Lance Armstrong's enemy, then experience is his friend.

With a savvy sense of the pack and a touch of luck, the 37-year-old Texan surprised some of the younger Tour de France contenders Monday to move within striking distance of the yellow jersey.

He made up for what his legs lack in power with road smarts during the breezy third stage along the Mediterranean, rising from 10th to third place.

Armstrong hitched a ride

with a breakaway group led by old sidekick George Hincapie's Team Columbia. Mark Cavendish, a Columbia rider from Britain, won the stage for the second straight day.

Race leader Fabian Cancellara of Switzerland kept the yellow jersey for a third day in a row. The Swiss rider with Saxo Bank extended his lead and is ahead of Columbia rider Tony Martin of Germany by 33 seconds and Armstrong by 40.

Most of the favorites were trapped by the wind during the 122-mile ride from Marseille to La Grande-Motte. Sensing the gusts

were playing havoc ahead of a turn with about 18 miles to go, Armstrong simply stayed in front, outfoxing riders like Alberto Contador of Spain, the 2007 Tour winner and favorite this year.

"Good positioning, experience, a little bit of luck," Armstrong said. "Just before that corner I was 20 guys back and I decided just that idea to move up enough to be on their wheel. And there it went."

"Whenever you see a team lined up at the front like that, you have to pay attention," he added. "You know what the wind's doing, and you see that a

turn's coming up, so it doesn't take a rocket scientist to know that you have to go to the front."

But Contador didn't. Nor did Levi Leipheimer of the United States or Cadel Evans of Australia or 2008 Tour champion Carlos Sastre of Spain. All lost 41 seconds to Cavendish, Armstrong and Cancellara.

Contador dropped from second to fourth overall, 59 seconds behind Cancellara. Leipheimer, Armstrong's Astana teammate, slipped from sixth to 10th, and is 1:11 back.

"I was moving up with a

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## Tribune, Ricketts reach Cubs sale deal

By Don Babwin  
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — The Tribune Co. has reached a written agreement to sell the Chicago Cubs, Wrigley Field and other assets to the family of TD Ameritrade founder Joe Ricketts for about \$900 million, a person close to the negotiations said Monday.

The agreement was reached over the weekend and a document outlining the deal — called a term sheet — was sent to Major League Baseball for review, according to the person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the agreement had not been announced.

The term sheet is not a final agreement, according to the person, who added that it contains details on how the Ricketts family will finance the deal. The deal also would give the Ricketts family a 25 percent interest in a regional cable television sports network.

Tribune Co. would not confirm an agreement had been reached.

"We continue an active dialogue with the Ricketts family with an eye toward reaching a definitive agreement," spokesman Gary Weitman said in an e-mail. "We don't intend to comment on the specifics of any potential transaction."

The team has been on the market since 2007, when real estate mogul Sam Zell announced his \$8.2 billion purchase of

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## INSIDE

Wells, Lee help Cubs stay on winning track.

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## NASCAR asks court to put driver back on suspension

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — NASCAR asked a federal judge Monday to reverse the ruling that lifted driver Jeremy Mayfield's indefinite suspension for failing a random drug test.

The motion filed in U.S. District Court asked Judge Graham Mullen to reverse the injunction he issued last Wednesday that cleared Mayfield to return to competition. NASCAR also filed notice of its intent to appeal to the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va.

Mayfield was suspended May 9 for a positive drug test, and NASCAR has identified the substance as methamphetamine.

Despite his reinstatement, Mayfield did not attempt to qualify for Saturday night's event at Daytona International Speedway, and he is not on the preliminary entry list for this weekend's race at Chicago.

NASCAR in its filing disputed Mullen's conclusion that the chance of a false positive on Mayfield's drug test was "quite substantial," and contended that Mullen

relied on facts "outside the record, including the purported existence of reliable hair sample tests and same-day tests for methamphetamine."

NASCAR said Mullen failed to properly consider the reliability of assessments by Mayfield employees that the driver did not ingest methamphetamine; the sophistication and sensitivity of NASCAR-commissioned Aegis Laboratories drug-testing procedures that prevent false positives; and an affidavit from a Mayfield expert that found

the level of methamphetamine in Mayfield's sample would make him a chronic user.

Mayfield attorney Bill Diehl argued to Mullen that Mayfield shows none of the physical characteristics of a chronic user, and if he tested positive at the levels NASCAR claimed, Mayfield would be "either a walking zombie or he's dead."

NASCAR also questioned in its filing Mullen's belief that Mayfield can be tested daily, including hair samples, to see if he is a safety risk.

"The Court improperly

decided without the benefit of any evidence in the record that a reliable and accurate same-day test for methamphetamine exists which can ensure Mayfield's drug-free participation in upcoming NASCAR events," court documents state, adding there is no evidence a hair test for methamphetamine exists.

"Mayfield continues to pose a threat to public safety, thereby warranting NASCAR's immediate appeal of this Court's decision."

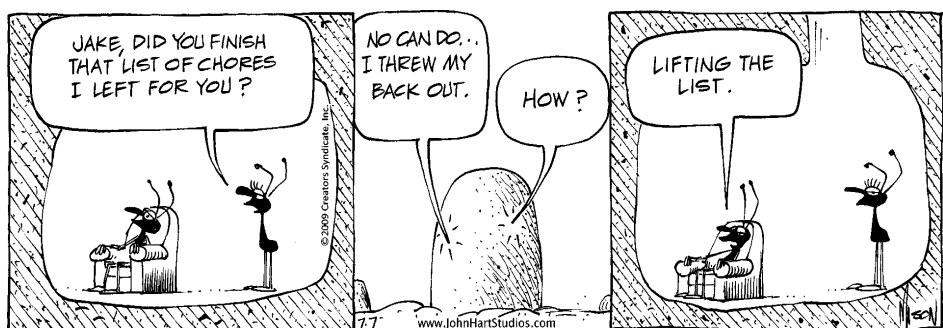
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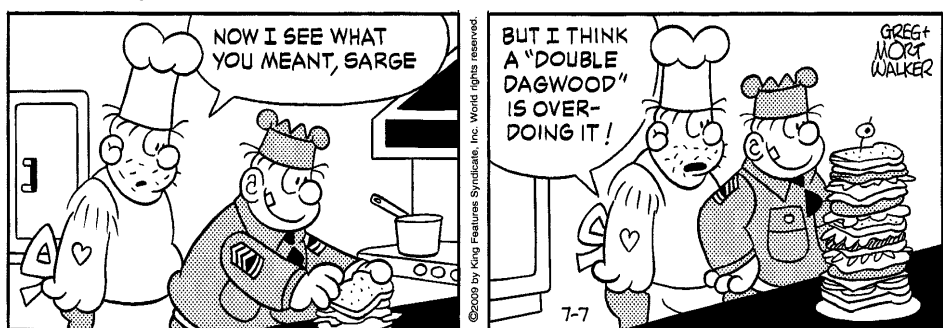
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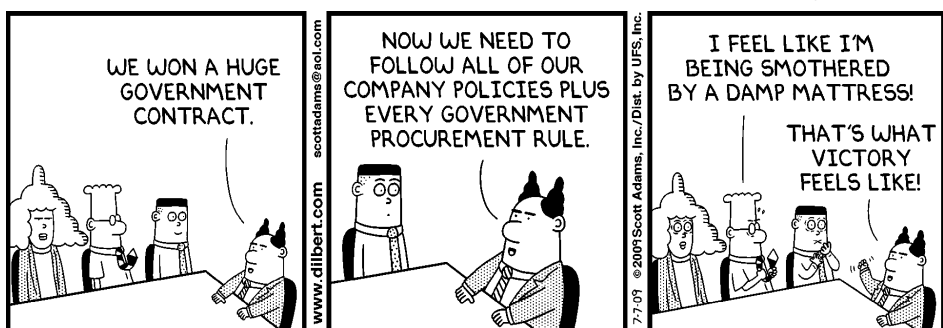
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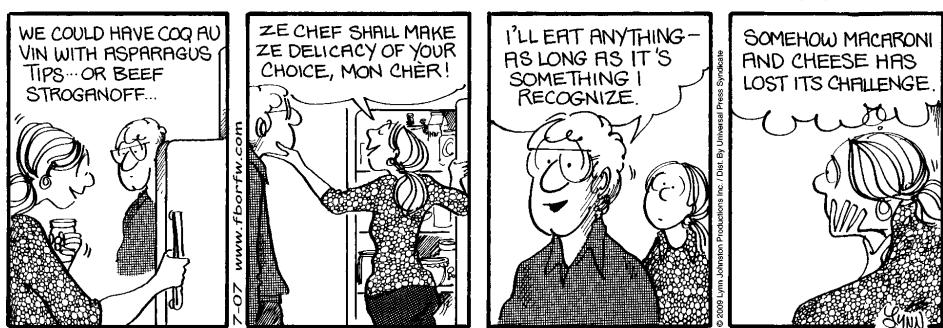
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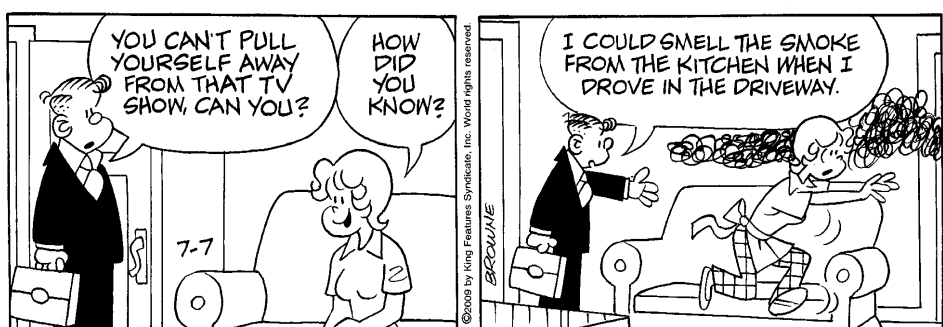
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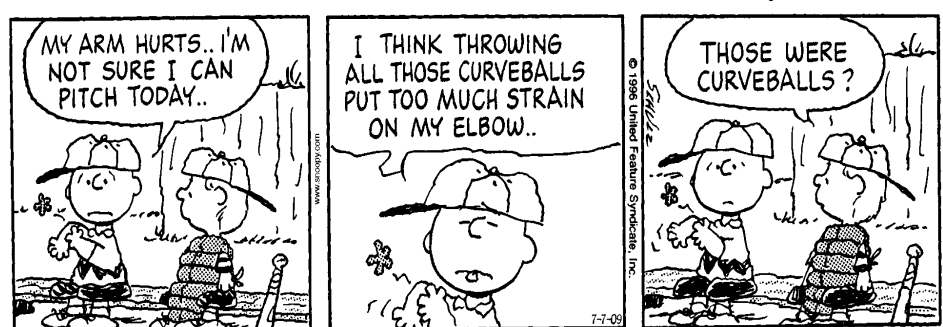
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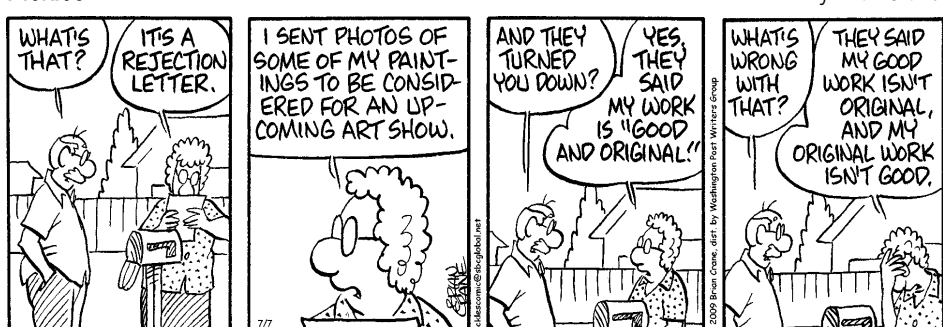
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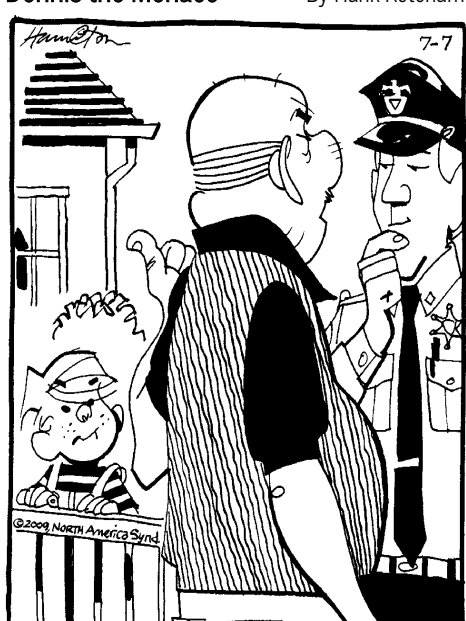
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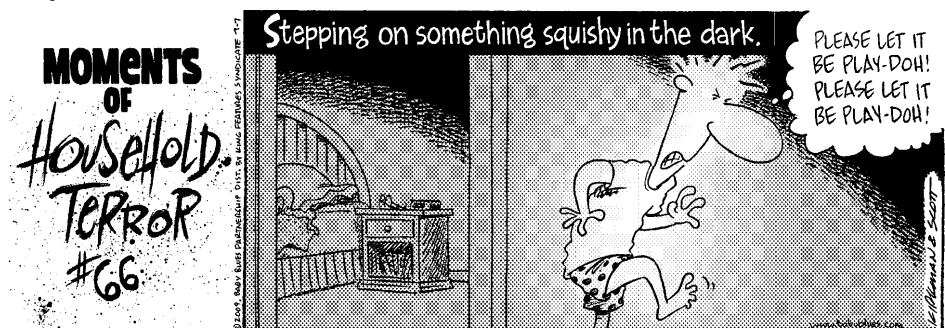
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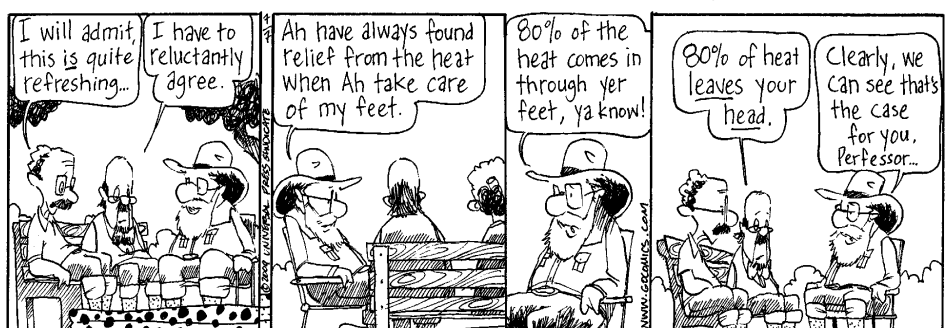
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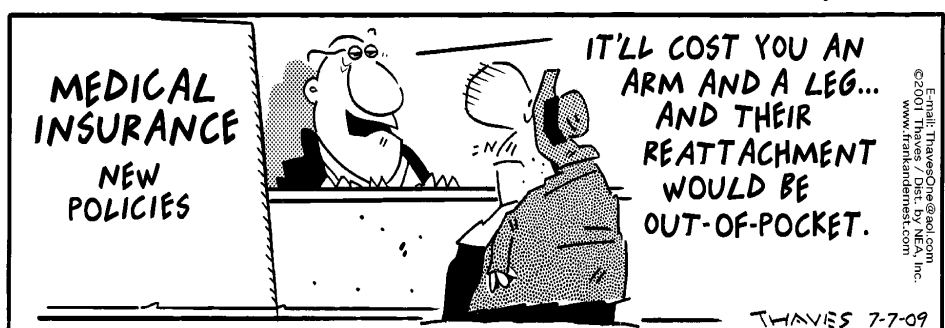
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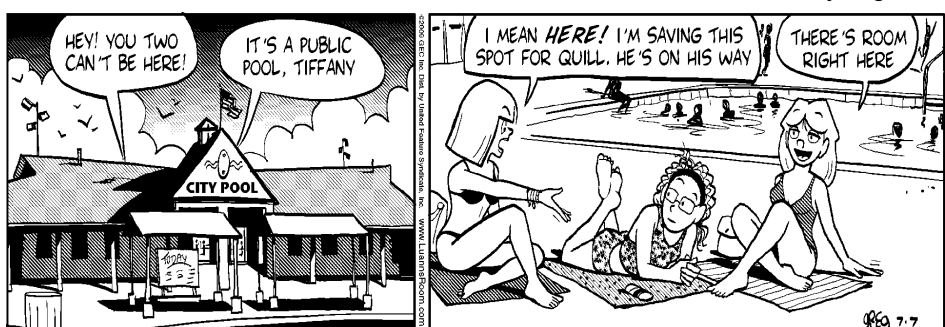
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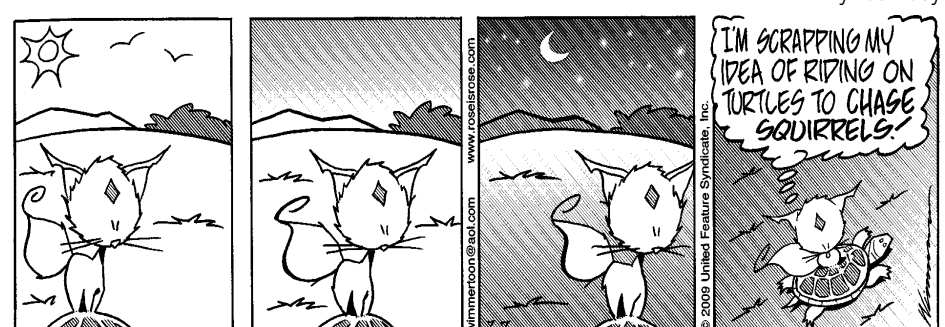
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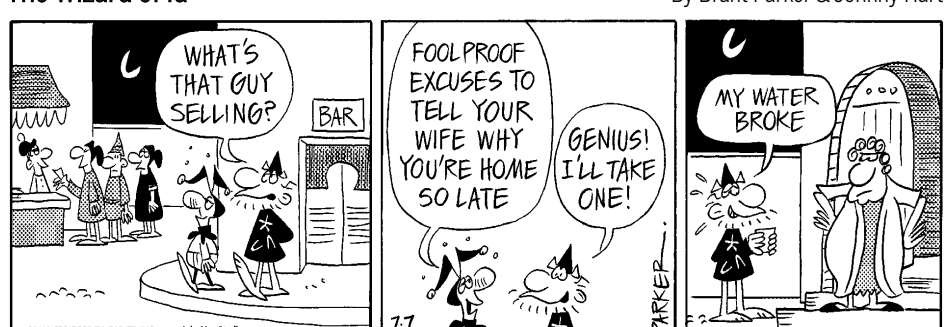
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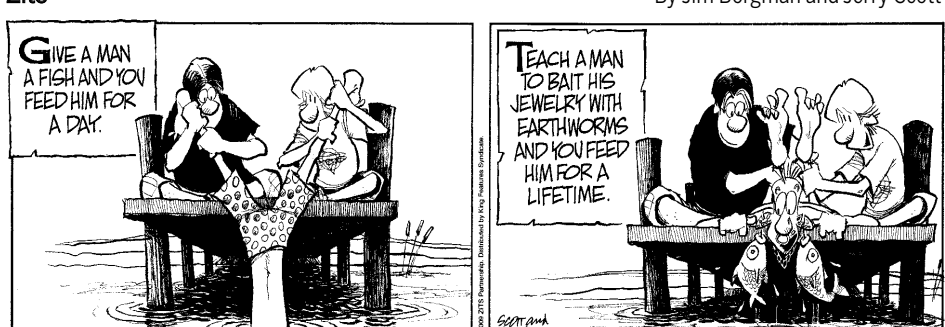
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