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Wood River Valley shows support for soldier captured in Afghanistan



Pfc. Bowe R. Bergdahl

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

HAILEY — Zaney's River Street Coffee is doubly off the beaten path — it's in a small town in Idaho, and it's not even on the main drag.

But when news of the Afghanistan capture of Pfc. Bowe R. Bergdahl hit the national media on Sunday, Zaney's quickly became the town's heart.

Bergdahl, 23, who grew up in Hailey, worked for more than a year as a barista and greeter at Zaney's before enlisting in the U.S. Army. He was captured by the Taliban June 30, after reportedly walking away from his base unarmed.

By noon on Monday, bouquets were beginning to appear at Zaney's, and yellow ribbons and yellow signs reading "Bring Bowe Home" sprang up on trees and business windows throughout Hailey and Ketchum. Zaney's owner, Sue Martin, said she and other close friends of the family had known about Bergdahl's capture for a few weeks, but at the request of his family and their military advisors, were keeping the news as quiet as they could. They were also keeping the young man in their prayers.

"All you can do is pray for his safe return," said Minna Casser, a neighbor and family friend of the Bergdahls.

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A Hailey stoplight is adorned with a yellow ribbon and a sign pleading for Pfc. Bowe R. Bergdahl's safe return to Idaho. Friends and family of the U.S. soldier are asking that people send prayers and 'positive energy' for Bergdahl's safe return.


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WATCH a video of Blaine County Sheriff Walt Femling reading the Bergdahl family's statement.

Family of captured soldier wants privacy in ordeal

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

HAILEY — The Pentagon said Monday that troops are "sparing no effort" to find an American soldier captured by the Taliban as his family pleaded for privacy and residents in his hometown tied yellow ribbons on trees along Main Street in a show of solidarity.

The actions came two days after the Taliban released a video of Pfc. Bowe R. Bergdahl in captivity expressing his fear that he would never see or hug his fam-

ily again. The footage showed Bergdahl with his head shaved, eating a meal and sitting cross-legged on what appeared to be a bunk.

"We've been overwhelmed with the outpouring of support and concern towards Bowe and our family," the family said in a statement read by Blaine County Sheriff Walt Femling. "As you know, the situation is extremely difficult for everyone involved. We'd like to remind all of you our sole focus is seeing

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Bedke floats new budget rule change

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

House Assistant Majority Leader Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, is floating a possible rule change that could significantly impact the state's legislative and budget-setting processes.

Under Bedke's idea, appropriations bills that clear the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee would be required to be voted on by a full chamber by a set deadline. If votes aren't cast by the deadline, the legislation would move to the other chamber for a vote and subsequently return to the original chamber once passed.

In the Legislature, budget bills begin in the joint budgeting panel and move on to the House or Senate, where chamber leaders may arrange their calendars however they want and delay votes on any bill for however long. Bills still on the calendar upon final adjournment simply die.

"We would look at some

changes that would not allow one body to manipulate the other," Bedke said. "If the joint appropriations process is going to be above the fray then it needs to be above the fray."

Bedke confirmed he's discussed with colleagues the concept, which would essentially prohibit budget bills from being "held hostage," legislative speak for delaying bills. The legislative rule change would come via a joint resolution approved by both chambers.

Bedke said delaying the votes on budget bills, particularly in the Senate, "flies in the face of the sanctity of the joint appropriations process."

What sounds like insider baseball had broad significance just months ago at the marathon 2009 Legislature. With the Senate holding onto budget bills, House Republicans drafted and passed their own versions, breaking a time-honored

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READ Capitol Confidential, a political blog by reporter Jared S. Hopkins.

Filer man claims innocence in alleged abuse at Canyon View

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

A registered sex offender accused of sexually abusing a vulnerable adult patient at St. Luke's Canyon View Behavioral Services pleaded not guilty to related felony allegations on Monday in Twin Falls 5th District Court.

David Aaron Knutsen, 28, of Filer, was indicted March 25 on four counts of sexual abuse of a vulnerable adult for acts allegedly committed on Jan. 30.

The alleged victim was a 21-year-old female patient at Canyon View who is described in court records as developmentally delayed. Knutsen and the woman were allegedly left together at the facility without staff supervision when the abuse occurred, according to court records.

The female patient allegedly told Canyon View staff that Knutsen led her to an area outside camera surveillance, according to court records. "(The victim) indicates to the staff that Mr. Knutsen walked her to the

corner near the coffee maker by an inside door where the camera could not see."

Knutsen allegedly performed each of the four sex crimes on the same day, Jan. 30, according to the indictment.

After the allegations were reported in the *Times-News*, St. Luke's officials announced in June that it had installed 31 new security monitors and imposed new personal space rules following a March 13 complaint inspection by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Police said in court records that hospital officials allegedly knew Knutsen was a sex offender and took six days to report the allegations.

"I was concerned about the failure to report this incident," an officer wrote in a report filed to the court.

St. Luke's Magic Valley CEO Mark Schwartz told the *Times-News* in June that Canyon View staff followed established procedure reporting the assault to

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T.F. Council discusses budget

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls City Council spent nearly two hours Monday discussing next year's proposed budget, a nearly 3 percent reduction from this year.

The \$48.7 million overall budget is down because of the current economy, including drops in revenue related to the region's housing slump.

Much of the talk was spent on water and wastewater. The budget includes a 12 percent increase in water rates to cover a portion of city debt toward the \$33.3 million project to meet federal arsenic standards.

"We do have more arsenic in the water than

"In these economic times, maybe we should lay off the outsource grants."

— **Councilman Trip Craig**

they allow anymore," City Finance Director Gary Evans told the council. "That's certainly perceived, even by a few people in this city, as a health risk and we don't have a choice but to remedy that."

Although the project is well under way, council members asked questions of what consequences the city would face if it refused to comply. City Manager Tom Courtney said he believes the city's system could be shut down.

On streets, Councilman David E. Johnson noted how funding for seal-coat-

ing has remained level for several years and wondered if it's enough to cover a growing city.

"We've got streets turning into spider webs," said Johnson.

Courtney said the process is performed on streets every seven to 10 years. But Johnson requested the city compile a chart to show whether all streets have been seal-coated during that span.

"I'd about put my money that we haven't," he said. Meanwhile, Councilman Trip Craig suggested pulling back the approxi-

mate \$100,000 for the city's municipal public outsource grants. Each year, the city doles out funding to applicants that provide services the city could but doesn't, such as public transportation.

"In these economic times, maybe we should lay off the outsource grants," he said. But most other councilmen disagreed. "I'm a proponent of giving more, not less during rough times," Councilman Don Hall said.

Despite the budget decline, officials have said no services will be cut and no employees laid off, partly due to cost controls installed in December. A public hearing on the budget is expected Aug. 24.



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MORNING BRIEFING

Pat's Picks

Three things to do today

Pat Marcantonio



- Oakley Pioneer Days kick off with car racing at 6 p.m. at the rodeo grounds. The event continues through the week.
- Stroll around the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Shoshone for a taste of county fair, from pig wrestling to livestock displays. Admission is free. Also check out the Mexican rodeo at 3 p.m. Sunday.
- Put on your hiking shoes and head for the Third Fork Complex Trails. Rated easy to moderate, the vari-

ety of trails begins at the Third Fork trailhead at the Steer Basin Campground south from Hansen on the Rock Creek Canyon Road. Remember, don't hike alone, or at least let people know where you are going and when they can expect your return.

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

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY MONDAY ARRAIGNMENTS
Ivan Dexter Baker, 20, Twin Falls; fail to purchase driver's license, no insurance, fail to appear; \$300 bond; public defender appointed; Sept. 1 pretrial
Karl Konrad Herbst, 52, Twin Falls; open container, invalid driver's license; \$100 bond; public defender appointed; Sept. 1 pretrial
Karl Konrad Herbst, 52, Twin Falls; driving under the influ-

ence; \$2,500 bond; public defender appointed; Sept. 1 pretrial
Preston David Heath, 22, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; \$10,000 bond; July 31 preliminary hearing
Jarod Edward Grace, 18, Twin Falls; frequenting, no contact order violation; public defender appointed; \$1,000 bond; Sept. 1 pretrial

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tradition of using JFAC while trying to adjourn early. The House returned three days later, as required by the Constitution and the Senate delayed bill consideration. Senators immediately dismissed Bedke's plan, pointing out the House held onto appropriations bills as well, and that this year's session was unlike the others with wild-card factors such as the federal stimulus and a national recession.

JFAC co-chairman Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, said delaying votes until the end of the session is typical, adding that he was disappointed with the proposal. "I'm not sure I understand the problem that Scott's trying to solve," he said. "Obviously we all would prefer not to have games being played or the joint committee manipulated either."

Senate Pro Tem Bob Geddes, R-Soda Springs, who is aware of Bedke's idea, called it unnecessary and unjustified.

"My response was I can't support that, nor would that rule change be supported by the Senate," he said. "The joint process has been very

successful. Yeah, we had some glitches during this year's session but we also had some very unusual circumstances."

He said delaying votes is not necessarily a problem in either chamber but a matter that both sides typically use to "move the process along."

"There's some real danger in putting those provisions in and taking the flexibility from either the Senate or the House as they see appropriate," he said.

Bedke said the change would keep the joint panel budgeting process intact and he has no interest in breaking up the committee. But he offered just a broad description.

Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, said she wasn't familiar with Bedke's concept but is skeptical.

"I'm not convinced the system is broken. I think the system is a very good system," she said. "There has to be give and take and bringing the other side to the table and this is one of the ways to bring them in."

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Ketch' em Alive free concert and dance, "The Heaters," 7 to 9 p.m., Forest Service Park, First Street and Washington Avenue, Ketchum, no cost, picnics, low-back chairs and blankets welcome; drinks sold at park, www.visitsunvalley.com.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

VFW Post 2136, Henry D. Lytle, Twin Falls, 7:30 p.m., DAV Hall, 459 Shoup Ave. (corner of Shoup Avenue and Harrison Street), Twin Falls, 733-6042.

EDUCATION/OPEN HOUSE

North Valley Academy charter school open house, focus: high school expansion; junior/senior high school faculty present to answer questions; early registration packets for students in grades 7-12 available (applications for enrollment from K-12 available in English and Spanish and online: www.northvalleyacademy.com.), 7 to 8 p.m., North Valley Academy, 202 14th Ave. E., Gooding, 208-934-4567.

FESTIVALS AND FAIRS

Lincoln County Fair, with theme: "Think Green Down on the Farm," features 4-H/FFA horse show, 8 a.m.; creative living exhibits entered, 2 to 8 p.m.; 4-H/FFA beef and dairy calf weigh-in and 4-H/FFA sheep and meat goat weigh-in, 4 p.m., Shoshone Sale Yard; and 4-H/FFA swine weigh-in, 5 p.m., Lincoln County Fairgrounds, Shoshone, free admission to fair, www.shoshonecity.com.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hailey, 788-5500.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln St., 644-2700.
Jerome City Council, 5:30 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8189.
Buhl School Board, 6:30 p.m., district office, 920 Main St., 543-6436.
Castleford School Board, 7 p.m., school library, 500 W. Main St., 537-6511.
Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 886-2030.

Wendell School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 750 E. Main St., 536-6318.
Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., council chambers, 300 Main St., 326-5000.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

SilverSneakers Fitness Program at Curves of Twin Falls, complete cardio and circuit training with resistance, state-of-the-art equipment and "Curves Smart" personalized coaching, 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Twin Falls Curves, 690 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., no cost for Humana Gold-insured or AARP provided by Secure Horizons, 734-7300.
Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Living Waters Presbyterian Church, 821 E. Main St., Wendell, no cost, 737-5988.
Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., First Segregation Fire Station, Eden, no cost, 737-5988.
Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977.

Court-appointed caretaker accused of more crimes

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

A woman trusted by the Twin Falls County Board of Community Guardians to look after incapacitated people allegedly exploited not just one, but two elderly clients.

Cindy Laws, 48, had a status hearing Monday in Twin Falls for a case charged against her in March, which is proceeding toward an Aug. 18 trial. In that case, Laws is charged with felony abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult for allegedly stealing about \$6,156 from a 93-

year-old woman with dementia who she was assigned to protect.

Laws is additionally accused of six counts of petit theft for allegedly stealing \$351.66 from another client aged 77, who authorities found is unable to handle her finances, according to court records. The misdemeanor case was filed July 10, and asserts that Laws did more than steal.

"Laws failed to pay premiums for (victim's) Medicare part D insurance



Laws

for four months and she nearly lost her coverage," according to court records. "Laws took advantage of her powers as Payee ... And took money from (the victim's) account."

Laws allegedly purchased food, clothes, and cleaning supplies with the client's money, though the client does not have a need for those items due to her arrangement at a local assisted living facility, according to court records.

An Office on Aging investigator warned of other vic-

tims before the second case against Laws was charged.

"I am concerned that there may be similar accounting irregularities in other cases where she is acting in the capacity of guardian," an investigator with the Office on Aging wrote in a Jan. 20 court filing.

The court has since removed Laws as a guardian, after she was assigned to help at least three people. She has a pre-trial in the misdemeanor case set for Aug. 4, and a pre-trial in the felony case scheduled for Aug. 10.

New ISDA rule would target agriculture waste outside CAFOs

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

The Idaho State Department of Agriculture plans to draft a new rule creating setbacks from agricultural waste storage areas that aren't on beef feedlots or dairies.

Public meetings to flesh out the proposed rule through ISDA's negotiated rulemaking process are set to start next month, said John Bilderback, the agency's section manager for dairy and confined-animal feeding operation programs.

While CAFOs have to have a variety of setbacks for their

waste, nothing similar is currently required of other agricultural operations. ISDA decided to create the rule to change that after noticing problems over time, Bilderback said.

"No one specifically requested it," he said.

To start the discussion going, Bilderback compiled what he described as an "extreme rough draft" of the rule, a document he said is just meant to propose initial ideas. According to the draft, released Monday, agricultural waste would include everything from livestock waste and compost to waste from commodities such as cull potatoes and mint tail-

ings. Waste could only be stockpiled for up to one year, though that would be extended another year if it is appropriately composted.

Setbacks wouldn't be required for the residence of whoever owns the land. But the draft suggests setbacks of 100 feet from property boundaries and water sources — including wells and waters of the state. It suggests waste piles be 500 feet from other residences, hospitals, churches and similar structures. Counties would have the flexibility to expand the setbacks further, Bilderback said.

The draft's suggestions are anything but fixed.

Farmers and other stakeholders in the issue, as well as the general public, can share their initial thoughts on the document at an Aug. 10 meeting at ISDA's office in Boise; comments can be submitted in writing for people who can't make it in person. The negotiated rule-making process will use their input to develop a final rule for submission to the 2010 Legislature.

"Hopefully we can get the group to do that," Bilderback said, adding later, "It's a good process."

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CORRECTIONS

Bid date incorrect

A Saturday editorial said Twin Falls County Commissioner Tom Mikesell tendered his illegal bid for a surplus Southern Idaho Regional Communication Center vehicle "after seeing that no other bids were tendered by the deadline." Newly released documents show Mikesell's bid was the sole

offer before the July 1 deadline, but was received by SIRCOMM on June 26.

Funk misidentified

A Sunday front-page story incorrectly gave the wrong first name for farmer Darrell Funk, and misspelled the first name of Murtaugh resident Mychel Matthews.

The *Times-News* regrets the errors.

T.F. police investigating two July deaths

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

Twin Falls police said Monday that they are investigating two separate deaths that happened earlier this month involving a baby who stopped breathing at a local day care and a bicyclist found dead along the road.

Police were called Saturday morning to the

200 block of Wirsching Avenue West after someone found the body of 48-year-old Twin Falls resident Michael Sweat, said Twin Falls Police Capt. Matt Hicks on Monday.

"He was found alongside a bicycle and had apparently struck a parking block in that area," Hick said. "He was not wearing a helmet."

Hicks said foul play is not

suspected, though police "have not ruled anything out" and toxicology results could take four to six weeks.

On July 3, police were called to Happy Feet Day Care on the 1900 block of Elizabeth Boulevard because 14-month-old Brendan J. Becker was not breathing, Hicks said.

The child was resuscitated by first responders and

taken by helicopter to a Boise hospital, where he died on July 5, Hicks said. "We are also conducting an investigation into this incident and it has not reached a conclusion as of yet."

Toxicology reports are also pending in the baby death, and Hicks asked anyone with information on either case to call 311 or 735-4357.

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Abuse

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police, but that procedure has been changed to make the reporting of abuse allegations immediate.

Police say the female patient was depressed, not eating and suicidal in the days after Knutsen allegedly abused her, before the hospital alerted law enforcement, according to court records. "(The victim) was fearful that Mr.

Knutsen would be readmitted to Canyon View and would have access to her again." Hospital officials said on Monday during a tour of Canyon View that the facility has a capacity for about 28 patients, though usually serves no more than 18.

The alleged victim in this case on May 18 was jailed on misdemeanor battery allegations against family

members, who allegedly tried to stop her from cutting herself with broken glass, though police wanted her placed in a secure bed in a mental health facility, according to court records in Minidoka County. "After they exhausted all possible ways of getting her into an appropriate facility, I (police officer) placed her under arrest."

Knutsen was found guilty of lewd conduct with a child after pleading guilty to the 1999 crime against a family member, according to court records.

His three-day trial in this case was set Monday to begin Nov. 18.

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Convicted sex offender gets 10 years

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

Twice-convicted sex offender Bryan Atwell apologized Monday to his newest child victim who he conspired to injure a year ago, telling the girl not to fear him.



Atwell

Atwell, 47, of Twin Falls, was sentenced on Monday in Twin Falls 5th District Court to a fixed 10 years under retained jurisdiction after he pleaded guilty in May to conspiracy to commit injury to a child.

He was originally charged, along with his then-girlfriend Christina Kay Strauss, 27, with felony sexual battery of a minor aged 16 to 17, after they allegedly tried to solicit sex from a 16-year-old girl on June 30 through text messaging. The girl worked with Strauss at a local fast food establishment.

Strauss and Atwell were convicted of the lesser

charge of conspiracy to commit injury to a child, with Strauss punished more lightly than Atwell — receiving a four-year prison sentence, suspended to probation.

The maximum punishment for the crime is 10 years in prison, and prosecutors wanted that with retained jurisdiction for Atwell because of his criminal history.

The girl's mother read a letter on Monday to the court that she said her daughter wrote, in which the girl asked Judge Richard Bevan to "make sure he (Atwell) won't do this to another girl."

The girl said in her letter that she is more cautious now of dispensing her phone number, and fears seeing Atwell again in the community.

"I don't hate him, but I don't like him," the child said in the letter. "They

pulled me into their sick and twisted game."

In exchange for Atwell's guilty plea, Twin Falls County prosecutors dismissed other crimes against him, including 10 counts of possession of sexually exploitative material with a child involved, and a count of sexual battery of a minor.

Twin Falls police seized a computer from Atwell, which had 200 images of possible child erotica and 366 possible child pornography photos.

Deputy Prosecutor Julie Sturgill told the court that Atwell "has gotten back into treatment and is working on a relapse program."

Atwell stood Monday and turned to his child victim seated in the back of Bevan's courtroom. "I apologize sincerely for my actions. None of this is your fault," Atwell said. "I'm trying my best to overcome my issues ... I'm amenable to treatment."

Bevan called Atwell's actions stupid. "Luckily in this situation there was no

direct harm to this child ... What risk should the community take on you?"

Atwell was convicted in Twin Falls County in 1987 of

sex abuse with a child and again in 1997 in Ada County for lewd conduct with a minor. He was also charged in 1993 with sexual abuse of

a child, but that was amended to battery and Atwell was put on probation for two years, according to online court records.

Fish and Game opens reservoirs to salvage

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The Idaho Department of Fish and Game will remove daily bag, possession and size limits from two Elmore County reservoirs today, allowing fish to be salvaged before the reservoirs dry up.

Irrigation demand is expected to drain Little Camas and Mountain Home reservoirs by late summer, the agency announced on Friday, likely killing whatever fish are left in them. Following the state's official fish-salvage rules, fish there

may now be taken by any method except firearms, explosives, chemicals and electric current. Anglers must still have state licenses.

The salvage period will last through Nov. 30. For more: 208-324-4359.

Spackman named temporary IDWR head

Times-News

Gary Spackman, administrator of the Idaho Department of Water Resources' water management division, was named the agency's interim director last week.

Former IDWR Director Dave Tuthill retired June 30 after two and a half years as the agency's head.

Spackman will now lead the agency while Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter searches for a permanent director. Spackman announced his appointment to department staff on Friday.

Otter spokesman Jon Hanian said the governor has no firm timeline for naming a new director, preferring to find the right

person. State law names various requirements for whoever takes the job, including that he or she must be an engineer.

"Obviously, we'd like to do this as soon as possible," Hanian said.

Jeff Peppersack, head of the agency's water-allocation bureau, filled in as acting director until Spackman's appointment.

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

From July 6 police reports:

Aggravated assault: Dave Vogel, 38, was arrested for aggravated assault after his wife, 39, reported that they began arguing while camping near Burley and that Vogel, according to the report "grabbed an ax with a yellow handle and started to chase (her) around the campsite with it" at 9 a.m.

He then allegedly grabbed their 4-year-old daughter, "threw her in the Suburban," and took off. A 21-year-old female was sleeping in the back of the vehicle and told police that she saw "David chasing (his wife) around with the one-headed ax."

Vogel was pulled over on U.S. Highway 30 and arrested.

When questioned at the jail, he denied chasing his wife with an ax. "David told me that he did not have an ax but he had a wood splitting tool," the report reads. He also denied chasing her with the wood-splitting tool and said his wife "is always trying to get him in trouble."

Information:

A 22-year-old female who has been dating a 36-year-old man, both of Burley, reported

that the man also has a 16-year-old girlfriend with whom he is having sex.

From July 7 police reports:

Collision:

A 23-year-old Declo male crashed his truck between Declo and Burley. According to the report, "the vehicle struck a brick building which housed water pumps, operating the area's water well. The vehicle also went through vinyl fencing and came to rest in a field. Three horses fled from the field and were later located."

While looking for the driver, police attempted to inspect the truck. They had to break the window, because the vehicle had no door handles, according to the report.

Eventually, they found the driver in a residential area. "I noticed the man had dirt and grass stains on his clothing and wet spots on his pants," Deputy Brynn Blacker's report reads. The man allegedly admitted to drinking three beers. He was taken to the hospital and cited for leaving the scene of an accident and for not having insurance. DUI charges are pending.

— Damon Hunzeker

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Hanks, Stewart and high-desert Hollywood

Actor Tom Hanks has been compared so often to Jimmy Stewart that the two have become virtual bookends of Hollywood history. And both owned pieces of the Great Basin located almost exactly 85 miles from Twin Falls.

Hanks' 10-acre compound north of Ketchum is well known, despite the fact that Hanks and his wife, Rita Wilson, jealously guard their privacy. In 2001, Washington Post Publisher Katharine Graham died after a fall on a sidewalk following lunch with Hanks and Wilson, and the couple has been involved in a long-running dispute with a Ketchum contractor over work done at their home, the details of which are laid out in 5th District Court records.

In 1953, Stewart and three partners bought the 500-square-mile Winecup-Gamble Ranch located east of U.S. Highway 93 midway between Jackpot and Wells, Nev. They paid \$700,000. Singer Bing Crosby, who at one time owned several ranches in Elko County, had previously owned part of Winecup-Gamble.

The scope of the spread — which includes two landing strips and a railroad spur — is breathtaking. Its grazing boundaries extend across 1 million acres, enough to support 9,000 cattle. Winecup-Gamble is

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so big that Sierra Pacific Power, the Reno-based electrical utility, bought the ranch in the 1980s with the intention of building a gas or coal-fired power plant on the site.

The utility abandoned those plans in 1993, and sold the property to Florida citrus broker David L. Walker for \$7 million. At one point the Utah-based polygamist group Latter-day Church of Christ had a stake in the operation.

The ranch was originally owned by John Sparks, a Democrat who became Nevada's 10th governor. Diamondfield Jack Davis, the gun-toting enforcer who played such a colorful role in the Magic Valley's history, worked for Sparks and his partner, Jasper Harrell.

At one time, Elko County was Hollywood's ranch. In addition to Stewart and Crosby, actor Joel McCrea and singer Tennessee Ernie Ford had spreads in the county. Crosby sold out in 1958; Stewart stayed until the 1960s.

Steve Crump is the Times-News Opinion editor.



Sue Martin, a friend of U.S. Army Pfc. Bowe Bergdahl's family, speaks about the American soldier who was captured in late June at her Hailey coffee shop Monday afternoon.

MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Soldier

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Casser said the Bergdahls, who have asked not to be contacted by the media, are grateful for these prayers and the letters and e-mails that have been pouring in.

According to Lt. Col. Tim Marsano of the Idaho National Guard, the military asked that the family keep quiet until Sunday.

"The Department of Defense has felt it's been critical to keep this close held so as not to interfere with getting him home safely," Marsano said. He said the military planned to release Bergdahl's identity prior to the Taliban release of the video. "The two things happened closely together."

Because information about a captive could be used against him in a hostage-type situation, Bergdahl family friend and Blaine County Sheriff Walt Femling declined to give any details about Bergdahl's background in a press conference Monday.

Other neighbors and friends, with the family's permission, have begun to

open up about their memories of Bergdahl before he left for war. Even they are cautious, however, about what they say to the media.

"It's like the ballet thing, you never know how the Taliban would see such a thing," said Casser, referencing Bergdahl's time studying with the Sun Valley Ballet School. She described him as hardworking and unfailingly polite, always using "ma'am" and "sir," who would regularly ride his bicycle the 15 miles from Hailey to Ketchum and back to work or on other errands. Homeschooled, he was an avid reader, she said, who loved to learn, going so far as to teach himself Russian for fun.

"He wanted to travel and get out into the world," said neighbor Lee Ann Ferris. "He wanted to fight for his country."

The two neighbors said they have been overwhelmed by the media attention to the town as well as the community's response, and cautioned everyone not to make assumptions or guess about the situation, because errors of fact and rumors could be hurtful to Bergdahl and his family.

"His parents don't know

more than what the military has told us (publicly)," Casser said.

Hailey, a town used to keeping mum about high-profile celebrities, managed to hold its communal tongue about Bergdahl's capture even as it sought ways to support the family.

Martin, asked by the Bergdahl family to be their spokeswoman when the news broke, suggested that anyone concerned about Bergdahl send a letter or care package to another soldier on the war front. "I think Bowe would appreciate that as well."

Although satellite trucks and microphones remained set up in front of Zaney's, no formal candlelight vigil or other gathering of friends and well-wishers had been planned as of early Monday evening.

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Family

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our beloved son Bowe safely home."

Defense Secretary Robert Gates condemned the video Monday, saying he was disgusted by the exploitation of a prisoner. "Our commanders are sparing no effort to find this young soldier," Gates said at a Pentagon news conference.

Bergdahl, 23, grew up just outside Hailey. He had been stationed at Fort Richardson, Alaska.

Bergdahl's parents, Bob and Jani Bergdahl, have refused requests to be interviewed, and the sheriff

declined to answer personal questions about Bergdahl in a news conference that was televised nationally from Hailey.

And few in town would speak openly about Bergdahl because of fears that any remarks might hurt the possibility of his safe return. The town learned about the capture in early July but kept quiet about the ordeal.

The circumstances of Bergdahl's capture on June 30 weren't clear.

On July 2, two U.S. officials told The Associated Press the soldier had "just walked off" his base with three Afghans after his shift. The officials spoke on the condition of anonymity because they

were not authorized to speak on record.

On July 6, the Taliban claimed on their Web site that five days earlier "a drunken American soldier had come out of his garrison" and was captured by mujahedeen.

Details of such incidents are routinely held very tightly by the military as it works to retrieve a missing or captured soldier without giving away any information to captors.

Officials with U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Fla., declined to give additional details of his capture.

Bergdahl's family learned of his capture when a member of the Idaho National

Guard came to their home in early July. Over the weekend of July 4, four service members who specialize in hostage events visited and told them what their son might be experiencing in captivity as well as what the military was doing to have him released.

Military officials in Afghanistan refused a request from the AP to interview fellow soldiers from Bergdahl's Army unit. Spokesman Navy Lt. Robert Carr in Kabul said the military was controlling the flow of information so nothing could be used against other American forces or Bergdahl.

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Shoshone parents can pay for school lunches online

By John Plestina
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — Nearly extinct are the days when parents send their children to school with lunch money. With a recent unanimous vote, Shoshone School District trustees gave parents the option of paying for lunches and fees online.

The Twin Falls, Jerome, Gooding and other Magic Valley school districts are

using Power School, a program that includes student information and registration software and gives parents access to grades, progress reports and school charges including lunch and athletics fees.

Shoshone trustees adopted Power School and Wells Fargo Bank to administer it.

Daily lunch prices are \$1.75 for elementary students and \$2 for junior and senior high students.

The board also adopted Wells Fargo Bank for the district's banking.

Jennifer Schwinn, Wells Fargo's business relationship manager in Twin Falls, explained that the bank is providing a machine that will allow the school district to deposit checks without having to go to the bank.

"The machine doesn't tell us if the check is good. It just makes things easier," she said.

Wells Fargo provides an

online portal for parents to use credit or debit cards to pay for lunches or fees. It has English and Spanish language options.

The service charges 1.3 percent for credit card transactions and 90 cents for debit card transactions.

The district will pay a one-time fee of \$199 and a \$35 monthly fee for the service.

"As far as security goes, once they click on the link

they go behind a Wells Fargo firewall," Schwinn said. "My feeling is people are really going to like it."

In other business, during a portion of the meeting that was designated as the annual meeting, Lorie Race and Debbie Pierson were sworn in as board members.

Race ran unopposed in the May election for the seat Pam Pantone held for six years. Pantone also

served as board chairperson.

Pierson was appointed last year for one-year term and again this year.

The board can fill vacancies for one year at a time.

The board elected Carl Horn as the chairman for the coming year.

John Plestina may be reached at jplestina@magicvalley.com or 208-358-7062.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Open house is tonight at North Valley Academy

North Valley Academy charter school in Gooding will hold an open house from 7 to 8 tonight at the school, 202 14th Ave. E.

The meeting will focus on the high school expansion. Junior and senior high school faculty will be present to answer questions. Early registration packets for students in grades 7-12 will be available.

Residents of Gooding and surrounding communities are invited to come visit the school, meet the teachers and ask questions about North Valley Academy. The school is offering a free bus pick-up site in Wendell this year and there are still seats available in most classes.

Applications for enrollment are now being accepted. Applications for K-12 are available in English and Spanish at the school and online at www.northvalley-academy.com.

Information: Deby Infanger, 934-5738.

T.F. Senior Center hosts bag sale

The Twin Falls Senior Center Bargain Store is holding a bag sale every Wednesday in July. Patrons may stuff two bags for \$5 or one bag for \$3 (a few exceptions are marked in the store). The store is located at the center, 530 Shoshone St. W. in Twin Falls and the hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Information: 734-5084.

Monument plans trail clean-up

The Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument has a series of trails open to visitors year-round. A Trails Through Time trail clean-up and appreciation barbecue will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Hagerman Fossil Beds Visitor Center (across from Hagerman High School). Volunteers can participate in the clean-up in the morning hours and enjoy a free lunch and games in the afternoon.

The clean-up and barbe-

cue is open to all ages, groups, individuals and families. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts may be eligible to earn the stewardship patch by participating.

Registration will be from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Volunteers are asked to bring a hat, gloves and sun block. Water, training and tools will be provided.

A free lunch will be provided for volunteers at the Hagerman's Coltharp City Park in the afternoon. Games and activities include a watermelon seed spitting contest, whiffle ball games and more.

RSVP to Melissa Larsen, volunteer coordinator, melissa_larsen@nps.gov, 837-4793, ext. 5236.

Open house planned for Wendell sailor

Sherman King, son of Roger and Merri Ann King of Wendell, is pursuing aviation machinist mate in the U.S. Navy. An open house will be held in his honor from 7 p.m. until, dark Friday at his parents home, 1864 E. 2950 S., Wendell.

Sherman is a 2002 graduate of Wendell High School.

Wright celebrates 90th birthday

Lola Anderson Wright of Gooding will celebrate her 90th birthday at an open house from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday at 430 Montana St. in Gooding.

Wright was born July 26, 1919, in Cleveland, Idaho. She has been a resident of the Magic Valley her entire life and remains involved with her family and active in the LDS church.

She and her late husband, Forest A. Wright, have two children, 10 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren.

The event is being hosted by her children.

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Staying cool at the pool



MARY HANSON/For the Times-News

Children cool off in the Gooding Municipal Swimming Pool with other swimmers Friday as temperatures soared into the mid-90s.

Swim lesson slots still available in Gooding

By Mary Hanson
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — Summer may be half over but there's still time to learn to swim, said Mekala Koyle, Red Cross-trained lifeguard and swim teacher at the Gooding Municipal Swimming Pool.

"Making sure their chil-

dren learn to swim is a responsibility parents have toward their children," Koyle said.

Diana Dewey, Gooding pool manager and director, as well as a Red Cross-trained water safety instructor, said the last session of swimming lessons at the pool will begin July 27, and children can

sign up any time.

Some upper-age classes are filled but there are waiting lists and spots often develop, she said. Pre-school lessons are also full, though classes for children entering grades 3-6 have openings.

Gentry Koyle, who's served at the pool as a lifeguard for five years said,

"It's never too late to start kids in lessons, and never too early, either; four years is a perfect age to begin. We have private lessons available here, too, for kids and adults."

Information: 934 5941.

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

We want your community news

Do you have community news you would like to have published in the *Times-News'* Jerome, North Side, Mini-Cassia and Twin Falls Community sections?

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If you are announcing an upcoming event please send the information at least two weeks in advance.

Do computed tomography scan dyes cause pain, itching?

DEAR DR. GOTT: Could you discuss the reaction to CT scans with dye?

I experienced hives and severe hand problems, particularly with the hand that the dye was injected into. I had the test done 10 days before having surgery. That was two months ago, and I am still having problems with my hands.

DEAR READER: The



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Dr. Peter Gott

contrast material used in some computed tomography (CT) scans is harmless

for the vast majority of people but can cause allergic reactions in some.

These "dyes" (which are actually clear) commonly consist of iodine, barium or gadolinium. When injected, they contrast with the air and tissues within the body allowing for easier viewing. Some people may experience a warm sensation when the dye is first

injected, followed by a metallic taste in the mouth — both of which are harmless and common. With ingested contrast, diarrhea may develop within a few days after the scan, especially with iodine-based contrast, as the material leaves the system.

People with diabetes or those who take metformin can experience problems

with the contrast material. Those with known allergies to iodine, barium or gadolinium need to be especially careful in informing both their physician and the technicians before receiving any contrast material.

Unusual symptoms experienced after the contrast is injected or ingested, during the CT or upon

completion, should be reported to the technician immediately. In the event of an allergic reaction, the personnel should be capable of providing assistance.

I doubt that your current hand problem (which you failed to elaborate on) is due to your CT scan or the contrast material used. I

See **DR. GOTT**, Main 6

Filer school district appoints new trustee

By John E. Swayze
Times-News correspondent

FILER — A new name has been added to the roster of the Filer School District Board of Trustees.

Judy Lea Smith, 62, ran unopposed for the position of Zone 2 trustee in May and was sworn into her three-year term of service during Wednesday's public meeting. She will fill the vacancy left by Jason Ramsey who,

citing time constraints, opted not to run for a second term.

Smith graduated from Filer High School in 1965 and earned a master's degree in literacy and a Ph.D. in English education from the University of Idaho. Her postdoctoral studies in educational anthropology were completed at Stanford



Smith

University in California.

She taught first-grade in Lewiston for five years before accepting a faculty position at the University of Pittsburgh. From there, her career path extended to the University of Louisville in Louisville, Ky., and Stanford before it brought her back to Filer.

"I've had a lengthy career

in all different levels and situations within education," she said. "So, when the Zone 2 position opened up, I thought I would run to remain active in education and give me the opportunity to see education from the perspective of school board activities."

Smith hopes her background will be of benefit to the district. One of her primary goals is to increase public participation during

regular monthly school board meetings, she said. A portion of the zone residents she spoke with during her bid for a school board position said they knew little about the board or district policy.

"I think it's important that the people of Filer know when the school board meetings are and make efforts to come," Smith said.

In other activity, the board approved a proposal to move

its regular public meetings to the second Wednesday of each month beginning in August. The meetings' Filer Elementary School library location and 7 p.m. start will remain unchanged.

The board also made an editorial change to the district's smoke-free school policy. The policy has been extended beyond buildings and grounds to include all district vehicles and any school buses.

Minico cheerleaders lauded by board

By Laurie Welch
Times-News writer

RUPERT — The Minico High School cheerleaders received a round of applause Wednesday at the district's school board meeting after it was announced they placed first in every competition they entered during the year.

Minico High School Cheerleader coach Nikkole Raff said the 2008-09 squad completed an outstanding year of competition and volunteerism.

Raff said the team, which starts its year in June and ends in March, spends the summer months painting signs, working on cheers, fundraising for goodie baskets and earning money to

pay for equipment.

Raff said the squad — seven seniors and nine juniors — cheers at pep rallies and one to three games per week.

In competition, the team took first place in the District IV competition and an open-cheer event in Idaho Falls, where it also garnered the judges' choice award and the overall award.

It finished first in the Idaho State Cheerleading and Dance competition and took home another first-place trophy in a multi-state competition.

"They have a level of dedication not seen often in schools," Raff said. "These young ladies are stars and deserve to be recognized."

Dietrich schools nearing online learning policy

By John Plestina
Times-News writer

DIETRICH — A proposed policy addressing online learning passed muster Thursday in a first reading before Dietrich school trustees.

The need for the policy centers on concerns by parents and teachers over the Idaho Digital Learning Academy (IDLA), which allows students to take online courses within their own school. It is intended to provide credit recovery for high school students who are not passing required classes, and to allow students in small districts to take courses not otherwise available to them.

Questions raised in Dietrich last month included concerns from teachers that some students might opt for online courses to avoid teachers they don't like.

Dietrich Principal Mike Hancey proposed a compromise, offering a

policy he said might reach an accord between parents and teachers.

Highlights of the policy include that students would only earn credit toward graduation if:

- The course taken was not offered at the school.

- Students would not otherwise be able to take the class due to a scheduling conflict.

- The course would supplement home schooling.

- The student has been expelled from school

- The principal determines the student requires a different learning environment. In that situation, the policy would require the teacher, guidance counselor and parents to agree.

"I think it reaches a good compromise between what teachers and parents wanted," Hancey said.

"We should focus on keeping the kids in the classroom," said board

Chairman Perry Van Tassel.

He said he hopes concerned parents will attend the August board meeting to express their opinions before final adoption of the policy.

Math teacher Wayne Maughan again raised concerns over IDLA.

"Most of the kids I've seen that struggle in the classroom don't have the maturity to make it online," he said.

"I'd hate to see kids pulled out of a class just because they don't like the teacher," said teacher Ryan Smith.

Students may also take online classes through the College of Southern Idaho or the state's Virtual Distance Academy.

In other business, trustees re-elected Van Tassel as board chairman, and Kris Hubert as vice chair.

They also voted to move board meetings to the second Tuesday of each month with meetings beginning at 7:30 p.m.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

LINCOLN COUNTY
JULY 8 ARRAIGNMENTS
Taylor J. Anderson, 18, Shoshone; inattentive/careless driving; pretrial July 29.
Casey N. Beard, 27, Boise; drug paraphernalia, use or possession with the intent to use; pretrial July 29.
Mystique B. Jimenez, 19, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; pretrial July 29.
Ruben Lorano, 27, Shoshone; fail to purchase or invalid driver's license; fail to appear.
Jade Peyman, 20, of Dietrich; criminal trespass; no hearing scheduled.
Logan T. Plymel, 18, Shoshone; battery; status changed; closed pending clerk action; status hearing Dec. 30.
Doug M. Stanovich, 37, Gooding; fail to provide proof of insurance; pretrial July 29.
Michael S. Starr Jr., 24, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; unlawful transportation/open container alcohol; stipulation to continue pretrial hearing.
Marc E. Stowell, 22, Twin Falls; open container alcohol; no hearing scheduled.
Eduardo R. Vargas, 20, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; fail to provide proof of insurance; inattentive/careless driving; pretrial July 29.

JULY 15 ARRAIGNMENTS
Enrique Camarillo Ibarra, 50, Shoshone; driving without privileges; operating a motor vehicle without liability insurance; no hearing scheduled.
Francisco Hernandez Gonzalez, 34, Castelford; failure to purchase or invalid driver's license; failed to appear.
Faith L. Johnson, 35, Boise; driving without privileges; no hearing scheduled.
Coralynn Larocco, 31, Richfield; two counts forgery; no hearing scheduled.
Isauro C. Sosa, 43, LaPuente, Calif.; driver's license or commercial driver's license violation; providing false information to a officer; pretrial conference July 22.
Elena M. Trujique, 69, Shoshone; fraud, insufficient funds check; no hearing scheduled.
Juan Vega, 22, Richfield; fail to purchase/invalid driver's license; no hearing scheduled.

JULY 6-10 MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS
Rick M. Hiatt, 58, Richfield; inattentive/careless driving; pleaded guilty; 90 days jail, 88 suspended; \$225 fine; 12 probation months.
Blanca Chavez, 18, Shoshone; fail to purchase or invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$146 fine.
Jorge Ceballos, 46, Shoshone;

vicious dogs violation; pleaded not guilty; 12-month deferred prosecution.
Logan Plymel, 18, Shoshone; battery; peace bond ordered.
Marc E. Stowell, 22, Shoshone; alcoholic beverage/open container; pleaded guilty; fine \$287.50.

JULY 15 MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS
Robert J. Walsh, 40, Shoshone; malicious injury to property; pleaded guilty; fine \$75.50; 12 months probation.
Gregory Knoepfel, 19, Hailey; drug paraphernalia, use or possession with intent to use; pleaded guilty; 180 days jail, 178 suspended; 12 months probation; community service.
Anthony F. Elfering, 45, Bellevue; speed, maximum speed limitations and basic; pleaded guilty; fine \$75.
Efren Carrillo Figueroa, 25, Ketchum; driver's license or commercial driver's license violation; guilty; fine \$228.50.

JULY 8 MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS
Dora A. Diaz, 28, Shoshone; disturbing the peace; dismissed by motion of the prosecutor.
Brenda Owens, 49, Twin Falls; fail to purchase or invalid driver's license; dismissed by motion of the prosecutor.

Cornelio Zarate, 31, Carey; driving without privileges; dismissed.
July 15 misdemeanor dismissals
Tristan Eugene Savedra, 28, Phoenix, Ariz.; vicious dog violation; dismissed on motion of the prosecutor.
Troy Armstrong, 22, Shoshone; battery; dismissed on motion of the prosecutor.

JULY 6-10 DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS
Rafael Solorio-Solorio, 33, Shoshone; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; 180 days jail, 178 suspended; 24 months probation; driver's license suspended 90 days.

JULY 15 DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS
Epifanio Ramirez, 23, Hailey; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; 180 days jail, 176 days suspended; 24 months probation; driver's license suspended 180 days.

JULY 9 CIVIL FILING
Midland Funding LLC vs. Ruby K. Brown; status pending; seeking unspecified amount.

JULY 15 CIVIL FILING
Chantell Riley vs. Whitni Gentry. Small claims pending. Seeking unspecified judgment.

Community

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Ketchum blood drive is July 28

The Ketchum Community Blood Drive will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. July 28 at the LDS Church on Sun Valley Road in Ketchum. All eligible donors are asked to schedule an appointment to donate blood by calling Barbie Crandlemire at 720-8288 or visiting givelife.org and entering the sponsor code Ketchum.

American Red Cross Blood Services collects blood and platelets to ensure patient needs are met year-round. In order to meet these demands, blood must be available before it's needed. Any healthy person age 17 or older and weighing at least 110 pounds may be eligible to donate blood. Valid identification is required for all blood donations.

Flower show held at Gooding Co. Fair

For the second consecutive year, the Gooding County Fair, held Aug. 20-22, will feature a flower show organized by

the Gooding Garden Club.

The one-day event will accept entries of flowers in any type of container with a drainage hole and some type of saucer. Adult and children age-11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. variety of same-color flowers, variety of mixed-color flowers, mixed foliage of any color, herbs, succulents and cacti, any mixture, self-dried flower and plants.

Each container must be planted by the person entering it, using seeds or pony packs.

Information: Gooding Garden Club President Ruth Brown, 934-8313.

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cannot say this definitively, however, because you don't provide any details. What was the CT for? How old are you? Are you male or female? Does your hand problem consist of stiffness, redness, swelling or itching? Without knowing the answers to these questions, I won't hazard a guess as to what the problem may be.

Return to your physician and explain to him or her what is going on. Perhaps you simply have age-related arthritis or some other benign yet annoying condition that can be handled easily. You may need blood work or other testing to check for allergies.

To provide related information, I am sending you copies of my Health Reports "Osteoarthritis"

and "Allergies." Other readers who would like copies should send a self-addressed stamped No. 10 envelope and a check or money order for \$2 per report to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title(s).

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 71-year-old female with high blood pressure and high cholesterol. I take medication for both, and for the past two years, my BP has been normal and my cholesterol runs about 185.

How often should I see my doctor for blood work and monitoring of these conditions.

DEAR READER: That is difficult to say. If your blood pressure is stable, it can be monitored anywhere from one to four times a year. My general recom-

mendation is twice a year for those with stable pressures and as often as every two weeks for those who fluctuate drastically until the proper treatment can be found.

For cholesterol, one to four times a year can be normal. More frequent testing may be required for those who are using non-prescription medications in order to ensure the cholesterol levels are lowering. For those on statins, liver enzymes should also be checked at least once or twice a year to ensure that the medication is not causing liver damage.

Because I cannot give you

specific advice, I urge you to speak to your physician for his or her recommendations.

Peter Gott is a retired physician and the author of the book "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Diet," available at most chain and independent bookstores, and the recently published "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Cookbook."

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Phyllis Marie Gleason Culver

Phyllis Marie Gleason Culver, age 90, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, June 27, 2009, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.



American Association of University Women (AAUW) and was a campfire leader. She enjoyed playing bridge, doing crossword puzzles and gardening.

She was born Feb. 23, 1919, in Garland, Utah, the daughter of George and Myrtle Gleason. There were 10 children in the family. Phyllis was raised in Garland and attended schools there.

Phyllis was selected to be in the First Class of Navy WAVE officers during World War II. She served in Washington, D.C., and San Francisco, Calif., achieving the rank of lieutenant before being honorably discharged from active duty in 1946. She continued in the Naval Reserve until 1948.

After the Navy, she completed her education at the California College of Arts and Crafts, where she met and married Lawrence F. Culver Jr., her husband of 60 years. The couple moved to Twin Falls in 1954, where they have resided ever since. During her years in Twin Falls, Phyllis taught for five years in the Twin Falls School District, raised two children, was active in the

Phyllis is survived by her husband, Lawrence F. Culver Jr.; one son, Frederick N. Culver of Boise; one daughter, Anna Marie (Culver) Ritchey of Boise; grandson, Erick Lawrence Culver of Twin Falls; and granddaughter, Valerie Delmarie Culver of Filer. She is also survived by two sisters, Myrtle (Gleason) Rock of Morgan, Utah, and Ruth (Gleason) Warburton of Tremonton, Utah; one brother, Keller Gleason of Cheyenne, Wyo.; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, two sisters and many friends.

It was Phyllis' wish to have no funeral service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.

Those wishing to offer condolences or sign the guest book may do so at www.magicvalleyfuneral-home.com.

Humberto Maldonado

RUPERT — Humberto Maldonado, 68, of Rupert, passed away Saturday, July 18, 2009, at his home.



Humberto was born July 31, 1940, to Filemon Maldonado and Juanita Pena in Cd Mier, Tamaulipas, Mexico. He married Zenaida Carrillo on Dec. 23, 1997.

He is survived by his wife, Zenaida; children, Humberto Jr., Rigoberto, Dagoberto and Banessa; grandchildren, Marisa, Madeline, Ian, Maya and Leah; brothers, Juan A., Ruben and Rogelio; and sis-

ters, Rebecca and Socorro. He was preceded in death by his son, Mario Alberto; and his brother, Alvaro.

The funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 22, at the First Christian Praise Chapel, 1110 Eighth St. in Rupert, with Pastor and Brother Roy Maldonado officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 20, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St. and one hour prior to the service Wednesday at the church.

Virginia Alene Rowe Depew Neiditch

Virginia Alene Rowe Depew Neiditch, 86, of Imbler, Ore., passed away Thursday, July 16, 2009, at Grande Ronde Hospital.

A celebration of life was held Sunday, July 19, at the Summerville Church. Loveland Funeral Chapel and Crematory was in charge of the arrangements.

Virginia was born Dec. 16, 1922, to Chester and Ruth Rowe in Salmon. She attended school in Salmon until high school graduation in 1940. She married George S. Depew on Dec. 16, 1940. They lived in southern Idaho, where they raised five children, Charles, Gary, Georgia, Nancy and Sandra. Virginia and George divorced in 1962. Virginia went on to pursue her inter-

est in nursing and became an LPN working in Jerome and Kennewick, Wash. Virginia loved to help people, she took care of others her whole life, whether it was as a nurse, mother, wife or friend. She enjoyed gardening, reading, attending and socializing at her church functions both in Jerome and in Imbler, where she resided the last six years and was a member of the Summerville Baptist Church.

Virginia was preceded in death by her eldest son, Charles; her parents, Chester and Ruth; and brother, Bill.

Donations can be sent to the Youth Mission Fund at the Summerville Baptist Church.

Thomas Gerald 'Tuck' Taylor

Beloved husband, father and grandfather, Thomas Gerald "Tuck" Taylor, returned to his Father in Heaven on Saturday, July 18 2009.



Born to R.C. "Bob" and Fern Taylor on April 11, 1940, Tuck was the fourth of five children. He loved the outdoors and spent his youth hunting, fishing and logging with his family. He learned early in life to work hard and to have fun. He also learned that family is everything. He married his soul mate, Kathryn Wilding on June 8, 1962 in Jerome. They were later sealed in the Boise Idaho temple. Tuck was proud of Kathryn for her volunteer work, her loving example and for her attitude of service. Tuck spent 47 wonderful years with Kathryn.

Tuck worked as a truck driver and mechanic for Circle A Construction for more than 20 years. He later worked for Anderson RV until he retired. He loved his work and especially the associations he made over the years.

Tuck's life was dedicated to his family and to God. He supported his children in all that they did. He understood weaknesses and did not judge. His unconditional love made it possible for those around him to progress and become better. He visited and cared for his elderly mother until the time of her death. His smile and "Hi Mom" always brought a twinkle to her eye and smile to her face. He was proud of his grandchildren and would tell you all about their accomplishments, including fishing, motocross, snowmobiling, missions and mili-

tary service.

Tuck was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many callings, including working with his wife as stake missionaries and as temple workers in the Twin Falls Temple. Tuck was known for his humor and gentle spirit. He was a Christ-like man who loved and inspired all who knew him.

Tuck is survived by his children, Thomas D. Taylor of Twin Falls, Dale Taylor of Kimberly, Jill (Mark) Quaintance of Twin Falls and Glenn (Wendy) Taylor of Highland, Utah; his siblings, Wilford "Bill" Taylor of Jerome, Robert "Bob" Taylor (Peggy) of New Mexico and Juanita "Sis" Carnell (Dud) of Shoshone; his aunts, Josie Riddle and Rosie Esquivel, both of Jerome; 14 grandchildren; many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, RC and Fern Taylor; twin brother, Lawrence Dale Taylor; niece, Gayla Hinsz; and nephews, Eddie Hinsz and Gregg Stowe.

The funeral will be conducted at noon Wednesday, July 22, at the Kimberly LDS 2nd Ward Chapel, with Bishop Lance Godfrey conducting. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome and one hour prior to the service Wednesday at the church in Kimberly. Burial will follow the service in the Jerome Cemetery. Funeral services are under the care and direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com.

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John Barry, ex-head of WD-40, dies in California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The man who is credited with turning WD-40 into a household name has died at 84.

His widow says John S. Barry died of pulmonary fibrosis on July 3 at a nursing facility in La Jolla (HOYE' - yuh).

Employees of what was then the Rocket Chemical Co. in San Diego were selling their rust-preventer out of car trunks when Barry joined

the company in 1969 as president and CEO.

WD-40 was used to coat missiles but it also had a smaller following among consumers who used it to lubricate everything from bicycle chains to fishing reels.

Barry, who held a business degree from MIT, suggested renaming the firm after its product and went on to help build the company's place in the global market.

DEATH NOTICES

Roy F. Koch

Roy F. Koch, 87, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, July 19, 2009, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 23, 2009, at the West End Cemetery in Buhl (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home and Crematory of Twin Falls)

Jerry Schenk

RUPERT — Jerald Edward "Jerry" Schenk, 63, of Rupert, died Saturday, July 18, 2009, at his residence.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 25, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation before the service at the mortuary.

Timothy N. ZeBarth

Timothy "Tim" N. ZeBarth, 44, of Twin Falls, died Saturday July 18, 2009, in Twin Falls following injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, July 27, 2009, at the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 960 Eastland Drive in Twin Falls; no public viewing (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

Michael O. Sweat

Michael Odell Sweat, 48,

SERVICES

Harvey Buck Maxwell of Gooding, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Hagerman Cemetery (Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

Mary Gertrude Smead of Soda Springs, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the West End Cemetery in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Alice Cecilia Peyron, formerly of Rupert, funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Thursday at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m., with vigil service at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Lucy Marie Altomare of Twin Falls, service of remembrance at 1 p.m. Thursday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551

of Twin Falls, died Saturday, July 18, 2009.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Clytie B. Gabriel

WENDELL — Clytie Belle Gabriel, of Boise and formerly of Wendell, died Monday, July 20, 2009, at Capital Care in Boise.

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

Ray A. Clark

BUHL — Ray A. Clark, 90, of Buhl, died Sunday, July 19, 2009, at The Caring Place in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Flora A. Bennyhoff

YUMA, Ariz. — Flora A. Sullivan Giraud Bennyhoff, 80, of Yuma, Ariz., and formerly of Rupert, died Thursday, July 16, 2009, in Phoenix, Ariz.

Arrangements will be announced at a later date.

Lorraine Rasmussen

PAUL — Lorraine Rasmussen, 82, of Paul, died Sunday, July 19, 2009.

Arrangements will be announced by Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Trend worsening for pollutant in 16 national parks

By Mike Stark
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — A pollutant that can slowly trigger changes in the lives of plants and animals is increasingly being found in 16 National Park Service sites, mostly in the western United States.

Air quality data obtained by The Associated Press shows significant worsening trends for ammonium in several flagship parks, including Yellowstone, Mount Rainier and Utah's Canyonlands. At Colorado's Rocky Mountain National Park, researchers have already seen subtle shifts in the alpine tundra, where some of the park's trademark wildflowers are being replaced by grass.

Scientists worry that increases in nitrogen-rich ammonium could gradually transform other national parks' sensitive ecosystems, affecting everything from microscopic algae and plants to fish, frogs and other wildlife.

"We're in the early stages of seeing impacts to the parks but the longer we let it go, the harder it is to fix later," said Tamara Blett, an ecologist with the National Park Service's air quality branch in Denver.

Ammonia is a mix of hydrogen and nitrogen. When it mixes with water, it becomes ammonium and acts as an extra dose of fertilizer when it reaches the ground. It's commonly associated with fertilizers, large animal feeding operations, vehicle exhaust and factory emissions. It also occurs naturally.

After it is emitted, it gets swept up into the atmosphere and hitches a ride back to Earth on bits of rain and snow.

And, more often in recent decades it has found its way to national parks, detected by a network of air and precipitation monitors.

The latest data from the Park Service, which analyzed trends from 1998 to 2007, raises particular concern about seven national parks and monuments in Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and Washington state.

"We're in the early stages of seeing impacts to the parks but the longer we let it go, the harder it is to fix later."

— Tamara Blett, an ecologist with the National Park Service's air quality branch in Denver.

"Nitrogen is a fertilizer. It's used on lawns to help them grow and be green. That's fine for lawns but not good for national parks where we want them functioning in a natural way," Blett said.

In large enough doses, excess nitrogen can change soil and water chemistry, affect species diversity or provide extra nutrients for exotic grasses that facilitate the spread of wildfires.

Much of what's known about the effects of ammonium in national parks comes from studies at Rocky Mountain National Park north of Denver.

Scientists there watch vulnerable high-elevation tundras and lakes for signs that nitrogen is overloading the system and setting off a chain-reaction that alters which native species survive and which don't, according to Jim Cheatham, a biologist at the park.

Of the park's 265,000 acres, about a third are alpine tundra.

"All of that is susceptible to that change," Cheatham said.

Rocky Mountain officials say ammonium is "perhaps the most subtle, potentially the most serious, air quality threat to the park." A plan between the park, federal regulators and state officials aims to cut ammonium levels by more than half over the next 25 years.

Researchers plan to publish a study later this year trying to pinpoint sources for those bits that show up in Rocky Mountain National Park. Roughly half comes from Colorado and half from out of state, according to John Vimont, chief of the Park Service's research and monitoring branch for air quality.



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“Sometimes I think I flew to the wrong place. Mars was always my favorite as a kid and it still is today.”
 — Apollo 11 command module pilot Michael Collins

EDITORIAL

Memo to Legislature: Let next ITD director do their job

The handwriting was on the wall for at least half of Pam Lowe's two-year tenure as director of the Idaho Transportation Department. But as Lowe was cashiered last Thursday by the Idaho Transportation Board, it's impossible not to consider what a thankless job she had.

And the challenge that faces her successor.

Lowe inherited an agency in serious political trouble.

Her predecessor, David Ekern, had managed to alienate much of the Legislature by overselling Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's Connecting Idaho initiative, paid for with borrowed money. Ekern retired in 2006 after it was clear that Kempthorne's successor, Jim Risch, didn't want him in the job. He was subsequently hired to run the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Ekern, arrogant and self-possessed, didn't work well with others in Idaho. A report prepared by the current chairman of the ITB, Darrell Manning, described poor morale and “an unusual amount of fear” of changes in the department. It said senior management did not communicate effectively with employees or the board.

By the time Lowe, a career highway engineer, succeeded Ekern, it would have required a politician with the acumen of Cecil Andrus or Phil Batt to lift IDT out of its tailspin.

Lowe had no such skills, and she did herself no favors when the department she ran bungled the revenue estimate for Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter's proposal to raise vehicle registration fees — by \$11 million.

And it was painfully apparently during both the 2008 and 2009 sessions of the Legislature that lawmakers simply do not trust IDT, and weren't about to give the agency the money that Otter said it needed to repair the state's roads.

Lowe's successor — transportation directors in Idaho are hired and fired by the ITB, not the governor — will need the breaks Lowe never enjoyed.

The Republican caucus of the Idaho House of Representatives — where enmity toward the IDT is concentrated — must give the next agency director room to function effectively. Transportation is a core responsibility of state government, and disapproval by nullification — which is essentially what lawmakers have done the past two years — isn't acceptable.

Even the die-hard opponents of Otter, Lowe and Ekern in the House have a responsibility to the taxpayers to assure that highways in Idaho are safe and capable of accommodating Idaho's economy. And that extends from the freeways of Boise to the back roads of the Murtaugh Highway District.

Lowe made some very visible public mistakes, but it's questionable whether she was ever in a position to succeed. The next IDT director deserves better.

Our view:

Pam Lowe, fired last week as the director of the Idaho Transportation Department, made her share of mistakes. But she never really had a chance to succeed.

What do you think?

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

Smoke and mirrors on Aisle 7

I loved Target with a fervor that bordered on religious. The friendly red-and-white color scheme, the cute ads, the democratic “Design for All” motto, they all got me. I always fell in love 50 times between the front door and the diaper aisle: With the edgy shirts, the impossibly stylish screwdriver sets, the breezy outdoor plates with matching napkins. All of it was gorgeous for the price.



YVONNE ABRAHAM

I did not feel this way about Wal-Mart, because Wal-Mart was the devil. They drove down workers' wages and benefits, used their huge clout to squeeze suppliers and gutted old-fashioned downtowns across America.

I was cheap, but I was also socially conscious. I haven't spent a cent in one of the cut-price behemoth's stores for over a decade. I was a Target woman.

And then, one miserable Wednesday morning, Ellen Ruppel Shell ruined Target for me. Ruppel Shell, a journalism professor at Boston University, has written a book called “Cheap: The High Cost of Discount Culture.”

In it, she points out that all discount stores, including Target and (this is truly painful) IKEA, shortchange people up and down the supply chain so that we can pick up good-looking home decor for short money.

And they've turned low



prices into a kind of cult, an end in themselves. All we care about is the deal, Ruppel Shell argues.

Quality, value for money — such quaint factors barely enter into our shopping decisions these days. Who cares if that adorable screwdriver snaps within the year? Nobody expects anything to last, anyway.

I arranged to meet Ruppel Shell at a Target in Somerville to see how all of this works in practice. I arrived first, and within minutes, I found a deal: a pair of brown toddler shorts reduced from the already ridiculously low price of \$4 to just \$2.88.

I proffered my score with a mixture of triumph and apprehension. Ruppel Shell pointed out the fly on the shorts was sewn closed. She turned them inside out to reveal a stitching job a kid might have managed. They were rubbish, not worth any price.

“Look at this bag,” she said, picking up an \$18 apricot canvas number.

“It's not so different from the ones you buy for \$1 at the grocery store,” she said.

She pulled picture frames out of boxes and showed how the packaging was the only appealing, not to mention sturdy, part of the product. She drew my attention to the signs in the store: Almost all of them trumpeted low prices, while none mentioned the quality of the products for sale. They barely mentioned the products, period.

In the blender aisle, she pointed out that discount stores are not staffed with skilled sales assistants because that would lead us to overcontemplate our purchases. To prove this, she asked a passing staff member what made the \$20 machine different from the \$60 one.

“They're all pretty much the same,” he said.

Walking through Target with Ruppel Shell was like uncovering the pathetic little man behind the curtain in Oz. Where once I saw a fantasy world of

endless possibilities and unbeatable values, I was now confronted with manipulations and rip-offs.

I had an inkling of all this, of course. Even though Target has not been vilified as Wal-Mart has been, I knew they couldn't sell things as cheaply as they do without employing some of the same dubious techniques as their down-market competitor.

Before my shopping trip, I chose to ignore this. And after she left me in the store, holding those little brown shorts, I tried to ignore it still: Isn't \$2.88 a handsome deal, even if they fall apart after a few washes? Or should I forgo instant gratification in favor of fewer, better quality clothes?

It took 15 minutes, and all of my will power. I put the shorts back on the shelf.

Yvonne Abraham is a columnist for the Boston Globe. Write to her at Abraham@globe.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Blue Lakes drivers asked to slow down and be patient

I am writing this letter in regards to road construction. Whether it be on Blue Lakes Boulevard, Interstate 84, residential streets or in the boon-docks, it can certainly be viewed as an inconvenience. It is important to remember the end result while dealing with delays, detours and barrels.

This is the Northwest; construction crews have a few short months to get road work completed. We work during the hottest times of the year to make driving in winter months safer and smoother.

Those choosing to use Blue Lakes should exercise patience and adhere to the posted signs. No left turn means just that. So please give all road crews out there a break and show appreciation instead of irritation. Our work may be inconvenient for drivers and businesses in the short term but will make driving and drainage of water far better in the long term.

So please exercise caution and pay attention when driving through any road job; this is where we work! It ensures our safety along with yours.

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 Corvallis, MT

Galena Cell tower should be denied a second time

A decision by Sawtooth Forest Supervisor Jane Kollmeyer on the proposed Galena Cell Tower is now expected in August. This follows a second round of public input in early 2009 mandated by a bewildering bureaucratic hiccup emanating from the Ogden Regional Office. An astounding 300 citizen inputs were received. In July 2008, Kollmeyer made her commendable well-reasoned decision to deny

the tower supported by a meticulous 74-page Environmental Assessment.

Cheers to the *Times-News* for the quality paragraph below that hit the nail squarely on the head (from its July 3 editorial on new Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell.)

“Trust your land managers. Forest Supervisor Jane Kollmeyer ruled correctly that a private company couldn't build a cell tower on Galena summit. Her superiors reversed her simply because she hadn't jumped through all the proper bureaucratic hoops. That's crazy.”

Former Idaho Gov. Cecil Andrus opposes the tower

while Gov. Butch Otter endorses it. Cecil knows everything about the creation and moving parts of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area per Public Law 92-400. Butch understands absolutely nothing about the pertinent SNRA history.

The impeccably professional retired 34-year veteran SNRA landscape architect concluded in an 11-page official 2007 report that the tower would cause “substantial impairment of the visual resource.”

The SNRA is all about protecting the scenic quality of the landscape.

Allowing insidious and creeping piecemeal encroachments of commercialization must be prevented. Other workable technological improvements such as permanent telephone call boxes on Highway 75 are under intense discussion. Public safety communications will be improved without a series of non-conforming cell towers!

All of us who have opposed the towers for all the right reasons have absolutely every confidence Supervisor Kollmeyer will again do the right thing based on the law and logic with a second denial decision.

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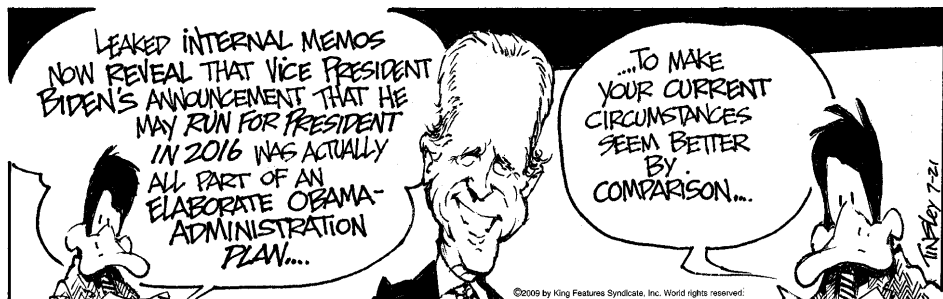
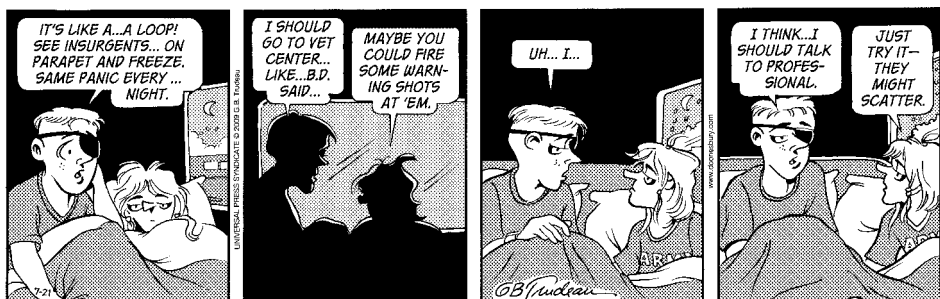
THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

Doonesbury

By Garry Trudeau

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How the potato got to be so hot

A tale from history offers us a prediction about the future of food.

The wonder crop is new and unfamiliar, lauded by scientists and politicians as having the potential to end famine and feed the poor. But the public is skeptical, regarding this new food as unnatural and dangerous. The reaction to genetically modified crops today? In fact, this is what happened when potatoes were introduced into Europe from the Americas in the 1500s and 1600s.

Scientists were enamored with this new food-stuff because it had several valuable properties. Potatoes thrive even in years when the wheat crop has failed, noted a committee of the Royal Society, Britain's pioneering scientific association, in the 1660s. Better still, potatoes can be grown in almost any kind of soil and take only three to four months to mature, against 10 for cereal grains. And potatoes produce two to four times as many calories per acre as wheat, rye or oats. The case for widespread adoption of the potato, the scientists argued, was obvious.

The public was much less enthusiastic. Potatoes aroused suspicion because they were unfamiliar. They were not mentioned in the Bible, which suggested that God had not meant people to eat them, said some clergymen. To herbalists who believed that the appearance of a plant was an indication of the diseases it could cause or cure, potatoes resembled a leper's gnarled hands, and the idea that they caused leprosy became widespread.

But European attitudes toward potatoes shifted during the 1700s as a result of two things: war and famine. Disruptions to the food supply meant that some people had no choice but to eat potatoes, and they soon discovered that their fears about them were unfounded.

Frederick the Great of Prussia urged wider cultivation of potatoes among his subjects after crops failed in 1740. In Russia, Catherine the Great's medical advisers convinced her that the potato could be an antidote to starvation.

The potato's greatest champion was Antoine-Augustin Parmentier, a French scientist. While serving in the army, he spent three years in a Prussian jail, where he subsisted almost entirely on potatoes and became convinced of their merits. On his return to France, he wrote an essay touting potatoes as "foodstuffs capable of reducing the calamities of famine," and convinced other scientists and doctors of their benefits.

But the public was unmoved until Parmentier arranged a series of publicity stunts. He organized a potato-heavy birthday banquet for King Louis XVI, for example, and persuaded the king's wife,



TOM STANDAGE

Marie Antoinette, to wear potato flowers in her hair. She never actually said, "Let them eat cake," but she did endorse the potato.

Today, in an era when french fries are an icon of globalization, it is difficult to imagine that people were once afraid to eat potatoes. Yet many of the concerns they raised are now inspired by genetically modified foodstuffs. As with potatoes, they are seen by their critics as unnatural and possibly dangerous, though they also raise entirely new concerns about the extent to which agriculture has come under the control of large companies.

Might the threat of famine and war cause attitudes to shift again? Hardly a month goes by without a new report on the effect of climate change on global agriculture. A recent report from the International Food Policy Research Institute warned of the "dramatic consequences" for agriculture as variations in rainfall patterns cause droughts and floods, and coastal food-producing areas are inundated and yields decline.

Navigating the coming food-climate-population crunch will require new approaches to food production, both to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture itself and to ensure that there is enough food. Advocates of genetic modification argue that it could be used to develop new varieties of wheat, corn and other crops that require less fertilizer and water and are more disease-resistant. Such miracle crops have yet to be developed, but a lot of research is under way.

What is clear is that it will be necessary to assemble the largest possible toolbox of agricultural methods for the coming century. That will include making the best use of traditional and modern farming techniques, and creating hybrids of the two. It also will open the door to new approaches, from wider use of techniques developed since the 1970s that minimize the tilling of the soil to reduce erosion and fuel use to the cultivation of food using hydroponic techniques in "vertical farms" inside skyscrapers. And it seems plausible that the prospect of famine and war might also prompt people to put aside their worries about genetically modified crops — just as they did, more than 200 years ago, in the case of the potato.

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The old, the sick and health care reform

Here's a way for America to cut its spiraling health-care costs: ice floes.

This idea isn't mine. It's President Obama's. Or rather, it's where we're likely to end up if the president prevails on Congress to pass the adventurous health-care reform proposal currently being discussed, which the Congressional Budget Office estimates will cost about \$1 trillion over the next 10 years. That's on top of Medicare's annual \$327 billion budget, whose massive deficits, if they continue at the same rate, are predicted to bankrupt the Medicare system by the end of the next decade.

In looking for a way to fund health care, Obama has set his eye on the oldest and sickest. You see, according to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, about 30 percent of Medicare spending goes to care for patients during their last year of life. What if there were no "last year of life," the president seems to be asking. The Eskimos used to set their elderly and sickly adrift on the ice or otherwise abandon them during times of scarcity, and that, metaphorically speaking, is what Obama would like us all to start doing.

The scarcity of resources to pay for expensive medical procedures will only increase under a plan to extend medical benefits at federal



CHARLOTTE ALLEN

expense to the 47 million Americans who lack health insurance. So why not save billions of dollars by killing off our own unproductive oldsters and terminal patients, or why not simply ensure they die faster by denying them costly medical care? The savings could then subsidize care for the younger and healthier.

Sound too Draconian? Enter the ghost of Obama's late maternal grandmother, Madelyn Dunham, who died of cancer at age 86 two days before her grandson's election to the presidency. Dunham's health issues first surfaced in a *New York Times* interview with the president May 3. There, Obama questioned the appropriateness of a hip replacement his grandmother had undergone after being diagnosed with terminal cancer last year. The alternative to such surgery is typically excruciating pain and opiate dependency. Obama made it clear that he loved his granny and would have paid for the surgery out of his own pocket if he had to, but he said there ought to be a "conversation" over whether "sort of in the aggregate, society making those deci-

sions to give my grandmother, or everybody else's aging grandparents or parents, a hip replacement when they're terminally ill is a sustainable model." Obama suggested such decisions be made not by patients or their relatives but by a "group" of "doctors, scientists, ethicists" who are not part of "normal political channels."

Obama brought up his grandmother's hip replacement a second time in his June 24 town hall event on health care on ABC. The "question was," Obama said, "does she get hip-replacement surgery, even though she was fragile enough they were not sure how long she would last?"

An audience member told the story of her 99-year-old mother, who had initially been turned down for a pacemaker. Her mother persuaded a second physician to perform the life-extending operation — and she's still hale today at age 105. "Outside the medical criteria," Sturm asked, "is there a consideration that can be given for a certain spirit ... and quality of life?"

Nope. "I don't think that we can make judgments based on people's spirit," Obama said. "That would be a pretty subjective decision to be making. I think we have to have rules that we are going to provide good, quality care for all people."

Now, I'm well aware that having 47 million people

who can't afford medical care is a genuine social problem. I'm also aware that I can't necessarily have everything I want, whether it's a dozen pairs of Prada boots or a pacemaker at age 90. I know Medicare is on the greased rails to a train wreck, and not just because of spiraling costs but because doctors are fleeing the system because they're sick of below-cost reimbursements and crushing paperwork. There are ways to solve some of these problems: health-care tax breaks, malpractice reform that would lower the cost of practicing medicine, efforts to make it easier to get cheap, high-deductible catastrophic coverage, steps to encourage fee-for-service arrangements of the kind that most people have with their dentists. In short, as someone who's not getting any younger, I'd like to be the one who makes the "difficult decision" as to whether I can afford — and thus really want — that hip replacement in my extreme old age. Sorry, President Obama, but I don't want "society" — that is, government mucky-mucks — determining that I've got to go sit on an ice floe just because I'm old and kind of ugly, no matter how many fancy degrees in medicine or bioethics they might have.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

INL responds to letter about pit contents

A misstatement in the letter to the editor on June 23 criticizing the Elmore County commissioners for their consideration of a possible nuclear power plant requires clarification with regard to references to the U.S. Department of Energy's Idaho site.

The letter claims that "millions of gallons of radioactive liquid have been buried in 10 to 12 acres of shallow pits atop the Snake River aquifer." In fact, what was buried were items like protective gloves and clothing, tools and equipment that were contaminated with small amounts of radioactive material. The vast majority came, not from nuclear power research or generation, but from Cold War nuclear weapons production activities at the Rocky Flats Plant in Colorado.

Your readers should know that the U.S. Department of Energy, in concert with the state of Idaho and the Environmental Protection Agency, is working to remediate this waste site by digging up targeted waste and actively removing hazardous chemicals that were released from the waste site. The removed waste is being repackaged and shipped to regulated disposal sites out of Idaho.

Further, recent implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will expedite the safe retrieval and shipment of

even more contaminated material from Idaho. Finally, your reader's claim that "nuclear power is a thing of the past" neglects the clear recognition that the development of non-carbon emitting, clean nuclear energy will be critical to finding a carbon management solution while meeting the growing demand for baseload electric capacity. There are currently more than 100 nuclear reactors providing clean, carbon-free nuclear power in the United States — about 20 percent of this nation's electricity currently comes from nuclear power. Forty-three more nations have plans to launch nuclear programs in addition to the 31 economies such as France, China and Japan that currently operate nuclear facilities.

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Shoshone weed law should be enforced

Why does the city of Shoshone have ordinances about weeds if they are not enforcing them? These ordinances are Chapter 8.08, Sections 8.08.010 Nuisance declaration; 8.08.020 Destruction-Cost assessment and 8.08.30 Destruction-from City Hall.

We have gone to the City Hall with our concerns about the weeds in the

vacant lots in our neighborhood. We were told the land owners would be contacted.

Some of the more noxious weeds have been sprayed, but the other weeds have already seeded out.

Adjacent property owners are wishing to sell and feel the weeds situation will decrease their property values.

We are also concerned about the health of those with allergies.

We were put on the July 7

City Hall agenda but were called back and told it would not be necessary to attend the City Council meeting as the city of Shoshone would be sending out letters to the property owners in regard to this situation.

When will we see some action to this unsightly issue, since nothing was done last year or for the past nine years?

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Medicare took one year; overhaul to take nearly 10

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Lyndon Johnson signed the Medicare law on July 30, 1965, and 11 months later seniors were receiving coverage. But if President Obama gets to sign a health care overhaul this fall, the uninsured won't be covered until 2013 — after the next presidential election.

In fact, a timeline of the 1,000-page health care bill crafted by House Democrats shows it would take the better part of a decade — from 2010-2018 — to get all the components of the far-reaching proposal up and running. The moving parts include a national insurance marketplace overseen by a brand new federal bureaucracy — the Health Choices Administration.

Medicare was big. This could be bigger. If a bill passes, Americans probably will be discovering — and debating — its effects for years.

"It touches every part of the health care system," said Dan Mendelson, a health

care consultant who served in Bill Clinton's administration during the second term. "We are only just beginning to explore and understand what the effects would be on premiums, providers and the evolution of health care technology."

The plan is "at least as far-reaching" as what former President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton attempted in the 1990s, says Mendelson, now president of Avalere Health.

Did anybody think it was going to be simple?

The House bill isn't close to becoming law. The Senate has its own ideas. But the House proposal represents the most comprehensive effort by lawmakers to meet Obama's twin goals of guaranteeing coverage to all Americans and slowing the pace of rising medical costs.

It advances the first goal slowly, and independent analysts doubt it will meet the second.

First comes the pain. In 2011, the government would start collecting higher taxes on upper-income people to

pay for the overhaul. The uninsured would have to wait until 2013 before they started receiving the benefits — after the 2010 and 2012 elections.

Collecting the taxes up front — and paying for the benefits later — would help to keep costs manageable over the 10-year window Congress uses for budget estimates. Still, it's not yet adding up. The Congressional Budget Office says the plan would increase the government's deficit by about \$240 billion over that period. Long-range forecasts could turn out worse.

One thing isn't in dispute — the role of the federal government would increase each year.

"Having accepted a government bailout of the financial system, and with the government having a big part in running GM, it is just a very different attitude now in terms of the government," said Gail Wilensky, who ran Medicare for President George H.W. Bush. "We're seeing that in this package."

YEAR-BY-YEAR BREAKDOWN

The timeline, prepared by Democratic staff members, reflects the proposed expansion of government responsibilities. Here's a look at how some of the parts would unfold:

2010

The government sets up a Health Benefits Advisory Committee led by the surgeon general to recommend a basic benefits package. Community health centers serving low-income people get a funding boost. Insurance companies are barred from engaging in "rescissions" — the cancellation of existing policies. A campaign is launched to reduce health care paperwork. Doctors serving Medicare patients are spared a 20 percent cut in fees.

2011

The benefits committee unveils a recommended package for adoption by the Health and Human Services Department. HHS sets rules requiring insurance companies to spend a minimum percentage of premiums on medical costs. Medicare

recipients get relief from the 'doughnut hole' coverage gap in their prescription benefits. Tax hikes on upper-income earners take effect.

2012

In the presidential election year, low-income seniors get additional financial assistance with their Medicare prescription plans.

2013

The year of heavy lifting and major coverage changes. Insurance companies are barred from discriminating against people with health problems. The government opens the health insurance exchange — a new purchasing pool — to individuals and businesses with fewer than 10 workers. A government-sponsored plan is among the options available through the exchange, with premiums estimated 10 percent lower than private coverage. All plans in the exchange offer at least the basic benefits package. Individuals and families making up to four times the federal poverty level get subsi-

dies to help pay for insurance. Individuals are required to get coverage — and employers to offer it — or face financial penalties. Businesses with payrolls under \$250,000 are exempt from the mandate. Medicaid eligibility is expanded.

2014

The health insurance exchange is expanded to include companies with up to 20 employees and people who can't afford premiums under their employer's plan.

2015

The government decides whether to open the health insurance exchange — and the government-sponsored plan — to all employers.

2018

Employers who continue to provide coverage outside the exchange must offer at least the same basic benefits available through the government-regulated purchasing pool. Obama, if re-elected to a second term, would have left office in January, 2017.



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Behavior at the BBQ



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Backyard etiquette for the gracious host and guest

By **Melissa Davlin**
Times-News writer

BYOB or provide the sodas yourself? Bring along the kids or hire a baby sitter?

Barbecues are some of the most casual get-togethers but still can cause etiquette misunderstandings for both hosts and guests. So we talked to Barbara Petty, extension educator at University of Idaho's Bonneville County Extension Office, for some grilling guidelines.

Is it OK to ask guests to bring their own chairs/beverages/utensils?

Yes, for the most part. "If it's a casual thing in your backyard, if you want to ask them to bring their own chair, their own utensils, that's fine," Petty said. However, make sure you're prepared in case people forget. To keep from bringing out your nice

dinnerware, have some plastic utensils available, and stash a few extra two-liters of soda in the fridge.

"It's a better practice to provide your own," Petty said.

Should I accommodate all dietary restrictions?

Have a friend who is gluten-intolerant, and another who is vegetarian? The safest bet is to provide a variety of foods so everyone can find something they will enjoy, whether they're on a diet or just picky, Petty said. Fresh fruits and vegetables on a tray will please everyone, and they add texture and color to the meat mash-up or mayo-laden potato salad.

Alternatively, for a casual get-together, you can ask each guest to bring a side dish — something that Annette Garcia of Twin Falls recommends. That ensures everyone will have at least one thing they're

able (and happy) to eat.

Should I assume my children are invited?

Heavens, no! Always, always ask whether your children may come, Petty said. (And hosts, if you specify that the event is adults-only, send your own kids away, too.)

Also, never assume pets are welcome. As cute as you think your puppy is, other guests may not agree when she is stealing chicken legs off of their plates.

What to do when eating messy foods like barbecue?

Garcia, who recently moved to Twin Falls from Colorado, said she has never worried about dripping sauces during casual backyard get-togethers.

"Everyone is eating the same thing," she said, adding there is no need to be embarrassed.

Petty agreed.

"If you are outside at a barbecue, use your fingers," she said. "Chicken becomes a finger food when you're outside at a barbecue." Just make sure you use a napkin after every bite.

While eating cherries or watermelons, what should I do with the seeds?

Follow the host of the party. "Whatever the host does, that's what they should do," Petty said. In other words, don't start a spit-spitting contest if the hosts are discreetly disposing of their cherry pits in napkins.

Last year, Petty found herself in the opposite situation at a dinner party. While she was politely spitting pits into a spoon, the hosts threw theirs over their heads and into the backyard.

"I quickly adjusted to the way

they did it," Petty said.

What is the best way to offer my services?

Just ask, Petty said, but don't push it.

"When people offer to help, they really need to follow the directions of the host," she said. So if the hosts say they don't need help, then don't insist on doing the dishes. You may feel like you're helping, but you could just be in the way.

Hosts can curtail problems by telling guests exactly what to do. And guests, whatever you do, don't take over the grill or offer unwanted advice to the cook. The person on burger duty probably doesn't need your input; even if he does, it's not worth offending him by suggesting you can do it better.

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Expect Italian glass, reclaimed timber at Warm Springs tour

By **Karen Bossick**
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — One home features cobblestones from the Yangtze River valley, along with heavy timber beams reclaimed from an old cannery in Washington.

Another is a contemporary home with hand-blown glass and other Mediterranean influences that evoke warmth amidst the simplicity.

Still another has fanning rooflines designed to withstand the impact of an avalanche roaring down from above.

These are three of the five homes that will be on display Aug. 1 when the Community Library stages its 30th Annual Community Homes Tour.

The tour — a fundraiser for the library, which receives no tax money — will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. that Saturday. Tickets are \$75, fully tax-deductible, and will include a Jazz in the Garden Party featuring finger sandwiches, desserts



Photos courtesy of TIM BROWN

A rock wall anchors the fireplace in the Avery home, bringing the outside in.



The great room of the Meadowcroft home features a fireplace made of stones imported from London, a collection of ceramic pots authored by a variety of artists and two Mees Van der Rohe Barcelona chairs made for the 1938 Worlds Fair.

and other treats from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. wish to walk or bike.

Shuttles will ferry tour participants from one house to the next if they do not

See **TOUR**, H&G 2

All those decks need some maintenance

DEAR JIM: I am tired of treating my old, decaying wood deck. Also, it gets hot in the sun. I want to replace it with one requiring no maintenance and one which is environmentally friendly. What are my alternatives?
— Jan G.



SENSIBLE HOME
James Dulley

DEAR JAN: A typical pressure-treated pine wood deck does require periodic cleaning and treatment with sealers, and it still has a limited life. When the wood gets dark and badly mildewed, it can get quite warm in the afternoon sun. The hot decking can make the air near your house warmer and radiate heat in through windows.

There are quite a few alternative decking materials available, some of which are installed identically to wood decking. These alternative materials do not



Photo courtesy of TimberTech

Composite decking is low-maintenance and comfortable to sit and walk on.

require sealing treatments every couple of years, but they are not no-maintenance. Even the newest nonstaining cellular PVC decking should be washed off periodically.

Everyone seems to want to use eco-friendly “green” products today, but it can be difficult to determine which are the most green. One must consider the entire life-cycle energy and resource usage to make a reasonable determination

on which decking material is best.

For example, wood sounds as though it would be the most natural green product. When you consider the cleaners, brighteners and chemical products consumed to seal it every couple of years, its limited life, transportation costs, etc., it may not be as green as it first appears.

Plastic decking can be made from virgin or recycled materials. Since the virgin

materials can be recycled into other products someday, they may actually be green overall. The bottom line is it is difficult to make an accurate green comparison, so just try to make whatever decking you select last as long as possible.

The newest type of decking material is cellular PVC. It is relatively lightweight, easy to handle and does not stain or mildew. Much of it has realistic graining in the surface so it is not slippery when wet. I recently replaced my old wood decking with AZEK cellular PVC planks.

Cellular PVC planks can be attached with matching screws or hidden fastener clips. Also available are special Cortex screws (www.fastenmaster.com) with plastic plugs to hide the heads. The colors match the major decking manufacturers’ standard colors.

Composite decking, most of which is a combination of wood particles and polyethylene (some recycled), is mid-priced between wood and more expensive PVC. It does not resist stains as well

as PVC, and the wood particles may mildew over time. Hollow extruded vinyl planks are low-maintenance, but they do not simulate the look of wood very well.

DEAR JIM: I am trying to keep my house comfortable. I had overhang and ridge vents installed in my attic last summer. The old gable vents are still open. Should they be left open, or should I block them off? — Cathy S.

DEAR CATHY: A combination of soffit (roof overhang) inlet vents and a ridge outlet vent is best for keeping your attic cool. You should block off the old gable vents so the inlet air is drawn in the soffit vents low over the insulation.

You mentioned summer, but adequate attic ventilation is also important during winter. The fresh-air ventilation keeps moisture, which comes through the ceiling, from collecting in the attic floor insulation.

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From biceps to a table’s napkin

By Korky Vann
The Hartford Courant

Looking for the next hot decorating trend? Think ink.

“Tattoos used to be associated with bikers and rockers,” says tableware designer Jessica Rust, who introduced her Tattoo Collection of personalized plates, mugs, bowls and platters in July. “Now they’re exploding in home decor, furniture and fashion.”

Inspired by the popularity of television shows “Miami Ink,” “LA Ink,” “Inked” and “Tattoo Highway,” and the mainstream acceptance of “tats” (estimates are that as many as 1 in 4 people between the ages of 18 and 50 are tattooed), designers have introduced clothing, bedding, rugs, tables and accessories emblazoned with the iconic patterns.

The new “Tattoo Heart Collection” from Gucci features handbags with stylized heart tattoos decorated with the company’s logo. Luxury leather maker Coach included a \$438 bag featuring the company’s name surrounded by a tattoo-inspired border of flowers and leaves in its spring collection.

The hip Dana Hotel and Spa in Chicago hired tattoo artist Ami James, star of “Miami Ink,” to create tattoo art “Do Not Disturb” door hangers. Kiki Smith’s Tattoo line of engraved crystal vases and accessories made for Steuben sold out at stores across the country. Los Angeles ink man Paul Timman recently teamed up with Ink Dish Design to create a line of delicate blue-and-white porcelain plates inspired by classical Japanese tattoos. Even jewelry-maker-to-the-stars Harry Winston has several tattoo-inspired brooch designs. (Put those in the if-you-have-to-ask-how-much-they-cost-you-probably-can’t-afford-them category.)

Connecticut writer Karen Olson says the trend inspired her new Tattoo Shop Mysterics. “Missing Ink,” the first book in the series, is released this summer.

But ink on skin is permanent. Body-art-inspired accessories for the home allows consumers to have tats without the long-term commitment. Ed Hardy, considered by many to be the godfather of the skin-art-to-fashion movement, was one of the first to put tattoo patterns on bedding and bath decor. His Home Collection, featuring comforters, duvets and sheets with retro skull, heart, animal and rose designs, is carried at Macy’s and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

“The look is popular with hipsters,” says Allan Gordon, president of Wholley Sheet, a Los Angeles company that markets the Ed Hardy Home Collection. “People who are fly love the look.” (Urbanictionary.com defines “fly” as “cool” and “in style.”)

Rust, who worked with her shipping assistant Michael Mellstrom, a tattoo artist, to create her tableware, agrees.

“It’s not really about age; it’s about attitude,” says Rust. “People who express themselves in a very individual way are drawn to tattoos.”

Q&A: Bedroom textiles that pop

By Jennifer Barger
The Washington Post

For 10 years, DwellStudio has dressed beds in modern patterns: songbirds nesting on gray branches, black swoops on a field of stark white. The New York-based company makes soft yet city-fied textiles such as sheets, throw pillows and nursery hampers. Its products can be found at home furnishings stores and online at dwell-shop.com and PillowsandThrows.com. There’s also a lower-priced children’s and home line at Target.

We spoke with DwellStudio founder and creative director Christiane Lemieux about her company and about making a bedroom both comfy and chic.

Q: Why did you create Dwell?

A: I was working in New York for a traditional linens store, Portico. This was 1999, and no one was doing modern bedding. Wallpaper magazine had just started, and there was something in the air.

Q: Now your patterns are



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DwellStudio founder and creative director Christiane Lemieux finds inspiration in such places as exhibits and store windows.

pretty much de rigueur in downtown apartments. What inspires them?

A: We get inspiration all over the place. It’s like a cultural blender of what’s happening in fashion, an exhibit I’ve seen or a piece of scrap paper. Like, this season’s geometric line was motivated by a store window in Paris.

Q: So that spawned spring’s geometric patterns

and bold colors?

A: The window was at the Yves Saint Laurent store. The way he mixed things got me thinking. We threw a little Matisse and a little Marni into that and came out with a graphic, primitive collection.

Q: Who buys moth-print pillows and cubist-inspired duvets?

A: Our customer is probably between 25 and 40 and

often works in the arts, advertising or interior design. I think we appeal to a niche of people willing to be at the forefront, people who like to mix things up.

Q: So what’s the key to mixing it up, design-wise, in the bedroom?

A: There’s a rule of three. Never mix more than three patterns or elements, or it gets crazy. Do a small, medi-

um and large pattern so things don’t get overpowering.

Q: How is designing products for kids different from doing adult stuff?

A: We don’t want parents to have to close the door on their nurseries. When we first started, the only baby bedding choices were teddy bears or beaded ladybugs.

Q: Is sheet thread count really important?

A: I think up to a point, thread count is fairly important. But when you get into 1,000 thread count, you aren’t getting what you’re paying for. The quality of the cotton is more important. And it’s also what you like: Some people like flannel; others like silky sheets. Sheets are very personal.

Q: Any bedding-care secrets?

A: If you’ve got a percale, wash it inside out so prints don’t fade so much over time. And if you don’t feel like ironing sheets, take them out of the dryer when they’re still a little bit damp and put them on the bed. It’s the lazy person’s way of pressing them.

Tour

Continued from H&G 1

“It’s a great fundraiser for the library. And this year’s tour is going to be absolutely spectacular given the homes they’ve picked and the fact that this is the 30th anniversary of the tour,” said Theresa Pemberton, one of the tour’s dozens of volunteers.

This year’s homes are in the Warm Springs area of Ketchum.

Among them is the European Agri-style home of Chris and Caroline Spain, which looks as though it had been transported from Provence and set down in a quiet neighborhood close to downtown Ketchum. Atlanta architect Keith Summerour sat for an hour in the snow painting his vision of what the home should look like.

“I’d always wanted one of his homes,” said Caroline Spain about Summerour, who was named one of America’s top 100 residential architects by the Institute of Classical Architecture. “He’s a total artist.”

The home with its steep rooflines hedged by snow logs is situated sideways on the lot with the guest quarters fronting the street to create a private entry courtyard with a bit of streetside intrigue.

The granite cobble in front of the garage is from a roadway in China’s Yangtze River area. It would have been covered by the backwaters of the Three Gorges Dam had it not been saved.



Photos courtesy of TIM BROWN

TOP: The Spain home features timber beams recovered from a Washington salmon cannery and a host of interesting collectibles, including Tibetan trunks.

ABOVE: The master bath in the Avery home combines contemporary with the Old World country look of massive barn doors.

Inside are countless paintings and other art objects, including a glass cowboy created by world-renowned artist Thurman Statom, as well as a French limestone backsplash above the stove from the era of Louis XIV.

Elisabeth Avery and her family have built countless

homes in the Sun Valley area through their Grabher Construction over the years.

So when she and her husband, Marc Avery, set about building their own 7,000-square-foot home, they opted for something calming that eschewed the cacophony of the hammering and drilling that they

GET HOUSE ENVY

- **What:** Community Homes Tour
- **When:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 1
- **Where:** Five distinctive homes in Ketchum’s Warm Springs neighborhood.
- **Tickets:** They’re \$75, tax-deductible, and include the Jazz in the Garden Party from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. that day. Available at 726-3493.
- **Opening party:** This year’s home tour will include an opening party July 30 at the home of Kipp Nelson in Adam’s Gulch north of Ketchum. Nelson’s home boasts a lap pool and an outdoor amphitheater capable of holding a couple-hundred people, among other things. The evening will include cocktails, wine, appetizers and a talk by architect Mark B. Thompson about current trends in architecture, focusing on sustainability. Thompson owns Mark B. Thompson Architecture and Planning in Philadelphia and teaches at the University of Pennsylvania’s Graduate School of Fine Arts. Party tickets are \$250; call The Community Library at 726-3493.

features barn-like doors that contrast with the modern bath fixtures, Italian hand-blown glass and free-standing acrylic bath augmented with a soap stool.

“If you go to Italy, you see a lot of older elements mixed in with newer ones. You see contemporary mixed in among the farmhouses,” Elisabeth Avery said. “That’s what I was trying to achieve here.”

Patricia Meadowcroft’s home nestled into a steep south-facing slope in an avalanche zone is a stylish take on the traditional log home. It includes a free-standing staircase made of bamboo and steel that appears to float away from the wall.

Mary Ann and John Underwood visited their homesite during most hours of the day for months to determine the best spot to build a home to utilize natural light — a facet they show off in the 22-foot-high window in the great room, which looks out onto Baldy.

Paul and Carol Fremont-Smith’s 10,000-square-foot home also looks out onto spectacular views of Baldy. It boasts some unusual features including handcrafted banisters, Inuit sculptures, a custom fire screen for its huge fireplace and a bookcase that swivels around to make time for TV.

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face every day on the job. One of the highlights is the master bathroom, which

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Homemade recipes cut cost of cleaning

By Korky Vann
The Hartford Courant

Here's the dirt: I hate to clean.

It turns out that puts me at odds with a majority of women. A new poll released by the Consumer Reports magazine "Shop Smart" reveals that only 7 percent of women dislike slaving over a hot vacuum. The rest of us "love" cleaning and "find it relaxing."

Right. I "love" shopping, I find a cruise "relaxing." Scrubbing floors, washing windows — not so much. Call me crazy.

To keep my home from being condemned by the health department, I've always ascribed to the "more is more" theory of cleaning supplies: using a designated product for each dirty area.

Spray bottles filled with blue liquid for the windows, green for the bathroom. Lemony-smelling liquid for furniture. Disposable magnetic dusting sheets.

Canisters of gentle powder for scouring the tub. Heavy-duty cleanser for the toilet. Aerosol foam for appliances. Cooktop wipes. If a product promised to cut

down on cleaning time and make the task easier, I'd buy it.

But as much as I dislike cleaning, I hate wasting money even more. Since I've been writing about ways to live on less, I've discovered that spending big bucks on pricey cleaning products is dollars down the drain.

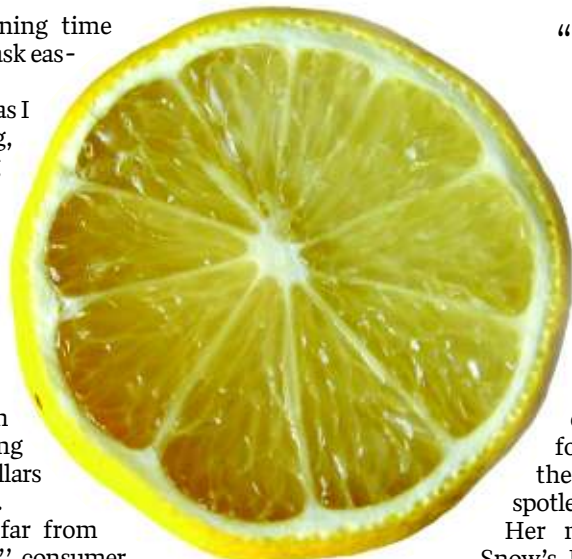
It's also as far from being a "green" consumer as one can be.

According to such Web sites as PioneerThinking.com, Getdollarsavvy.com, Beingfrugal.com, Dollarsaver.com and ThePennypinchergazette.com, everything I need to make the house sparkle is already in my kitchen and medicine cabinet.

Well, almost everything. While I do have vinegar, lemon juice, baking soda and hydrogen peroxide — the major ingredients in most homemade cleaning supplies — on hand, I found myself fresh out of rottenstone, neatsfoot oil, Fuller's

earth and oxalic acid. Luckily, such off-the-grid components are not essential. Sara Snow, host of the Discovery Network shows "Living Fresh" and "Get Fresh," says replacing even a few expensive commercial cleaning products with easy, homemade alternatives can save money and create a healthful, more natural home environment.

"With lemon juice, white distilled vinegar, baking soda, a mild liquid Castile soap and water, you can clean your whole house for pennies on the dollar to what it costs for commer-



cial cleaners," says Snow. "Think of it as going back to the thrifty ways of past generations. Our grandmothers didn't have a special cleaning product for each task, and their homes were spotless."

Her new book, "Sara Snow's Fresh Living: The Essential Room-by-Room Guide to a Greener Healthier Family and Home," contains tips for starting your own green cleaning tool kit.

A few of her suggestions: To freshen a toilet, pour 2 or 3 cups of white vinegar into the bowl, let it sit a few hours, scrub and flush. Use distilled white vinegar to clean and disinfect counters, remove stains on carpets and to replace fabric softener in your washing machine's final rinse.

"A paste of baking soda, warm water and mild soap makes a great scrub that won't scratch your sur-

"In these difficult times, consumers are looking for bargains."

— Neil Wertheimer, editor in chief of the Reader's Digest Association's Home & Garden and Health & Wellness groups

faces," says Snow.

"Two parts of olive oil and one part lemon juice picks up dust and gives a nice shine to your wood furniture. Mix one part hydrogen peroxide and two parts water, put it in a spray bottle and use it to clean the moldy, mildewy stuff off the grout in your shower."

Books such as "Clean Sweep: The Ultimate Guide to Decluttering, Detoxing and Destressing Your Home" by Alison Haynes include directions for shining silver with sour milk, dissolving rust with white vinegar and water, and shining patent leather with petroleum jelly.

"The Healthy Home Workbook" by Kimberly Rider tells how to clean windows and starch clothing with cornstarch.

At Getdollarsavvy.com, a community of consumers share money-saving ideas and swap tips on making homemade and eco-friendly cleaners and beauty products, and provide money-saving uses for common household items.

These budget-minded folks remove stains with mixtures of ammonia and dishwashing liquid, polish silver with toothpaste and remove water marks from wood tables with peanut butter. They wash windows with solutions of ammonia and water and crumpled newspapers. They make their own Swiffer-type mop heads with old T-shirts.

"In these difficult times, consumers are looking for bargains," says Neil Wertheimer, editor in chief of the Reader's Digest Association's Home & Garden and Health & Wellness groups. "They want to be — and feel — smart about how they spend money. It's all about value."

I agree. So I'm stocking up on jugs of vinegar and bottles of peroxide. I'm buying ammonia, cartons of salt and boxes of baking soda. The house is just as scrubbed as it was with the high-priced products, and, best of all, I'm saving money.

Watering plants by Twitter prompts is not all wet

By Jill Rosen
The Baltimore Sun

Until recently, my plant and I didn't have much to say to one another.

In fact, we had nothing. I didn't talk to the vegetation and it, most certainly, didn't talk to me.

But now my little croton has let me in — informing me, delighting me, even almost pestering me with frequent updates on her health, happiness and general well-being. Maybe it's got something to do with sitting next to a computer all these years, but the plant is reaching me online, with short, sweet messages sent through the cutting-edge social network Twitter.

"Water me, please," she asked me late one week.

Hurrying home to enjoy the weekend, I didn't check my messages.

Over the weekend she tried again: "URGENT!" she seemed to yelp in a message, clearly hoping either the all-caps or the emergency punctuation would get my attention. "Water me!"

Alas, no love from me until Monday morning when I finally noticed the desperate cries for attention. Feeling awful, I hurried over with a big cup of water. As I poured it slowly into the pot, the parched soil sucked up every drop.

By the time I got back to my keyboard, she had sent another message: "Thank you for watering me!"

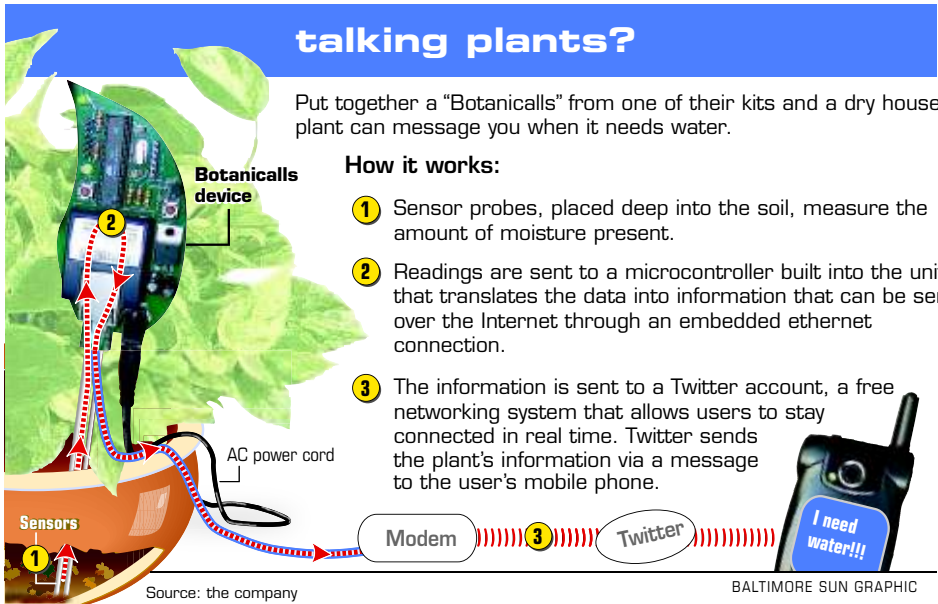
The technology that enables humans and houseplants to take their relationships to the next level comes from a company called Botanicalls, which sells \$99 kits for just that purpose.

It's not only a nifty gadget charming wonks and gardeners. Botanicalls, some say, is indicative of the next wave in commercial technology, devices that allow us to interact not just with each other but with our homes, our pets, our possessions.

"I see all technology going in this direction," says Shawn Van Every, who teaches a course at New York University called Redial, which explores new ways to use the telephone.

He sees vast mass market potential for the idea — in the toy industry, where a plaything could exist in both the real and virtual worlds, or in mobile phones, where people could call home to check on their refrigerator or their dog.

Botanicalls is the brain-



Outfitted with a Botanicall, a plant is ready to Twitter.

MONICA LOPOSSAY/The Baltimore Sun

child of three students in NYU's interactive telecommunications program, a two-year graduate program in the school's arts department.

The idea hatched when some of the students were sitting around in their New York office, wistfully missing nature. Someone mentioned getting some plants. Someone else pointed out that no one would remember to water them and they would die.

"Eventually, we came to the idea of what if a plant could just make us a telephone call?" remembers Kate Hartman, one of Botanicalls' three partners. "What if we could pick up the phone in the lounge and it's the plant on the windowsill, calling to say it wants to be watered?"

The first generation of the Botanicalls technology used the telephone. The creators rigged a moisture sensor to stick a plant's soil to sense how wet the dirt is and then pass that information to a microchip. The chip, in turn,

talking plants?

Put together a "Botanicalls" from one of their kits and a dry house plant can message you when it needs water.

How it works:

- 1 Sensor probes, placed deep into the soil, measure the amount of moisture present.
- 2 Readings are sent to a microcontroller built into the unit that translates the data into information that can be sent over the Internet through an embedded ethernet connection.
- 3 The information is sent to a Twitter account, a free networking system that allows users to stay connected in real time. Twitter sends the plant's information via a message to the user's mobile phone.

seem, the kits aren't for everyone. They require soldering, for instance, and the ability to program if, say, you want to expand your plant's vocabulary. Still, the company has sold a few dozen kits and gotten interest from publications that cater to techies and do-it-yourselfers.

Hartman guesses the perfect audience for Botanicalls is either a do-it-yourself, crafty sort who's into gardening or an avid techie with a black thumb.

"We're still feeling it out and seeing how it develops," she says. "Right now, it's a tool for watering your plants and a tool for conversation — a way to think about technology and its role in our lives."

Kit buyers are signing up to follow each other's plants on Twitter.

"It creates this really odd social dynamic," says Hartman, who's following her dad's Arbicola on Twitter. "I know whether or not he's taking care of it."

Another thing Botanicalls illustrates is people's growing comfort level with technology. The hardware on the Botanicalls device, a leaf-shaped computer circuit board, is exposed for a reason — the company wants people to touch it — play with it, tweak it and personalize it.

Full sun can put stress on azaleas

By Scott Aker
Special to The Washington Post

For the past two or three years, the azaleas in the sunniest part of a shrub bed have seen a decline in flowering, and this spring they did not bloom at all. Azaleas in shadier locations are still blooming well.

We took care to water well last year and mulched lightly with leaves and pine nuggets. Lacebug and aphids are sometimes a problem with the azaleas in the sun. What's the fix?

Full sun is stressful for most azaleas. Lacebugs can drain azaleas of chlorophyll, which is required to manufacture carbohydrates that are in turn needed to develop the flower buds.

Also, you don't state how you watered the azaleas last year. Frequent watering might have led to root rot, causing the plants stress. Even if you watered them correctly, it is difficult to replicate the effects of rain. Azaleas and other

pH sensitive plants can suffer when irrigated with municipal water because of its high pH. Domestic water supplies are dosed with lime to prevent corrosion of iron pipes and to give tap water an agreeable flavor. Often the pH is as high as 7.5 or 8.0. High pH means that iron is tied up and unavailable to the roots of the plant; the lack of iron can cause the leaves of azaleas to yellow. Again, because of the lack of chlorophyll and diminished carbohydrate production, flower bud formation can be suppressed.

You might want to consider planting trees to provide shade for the plants that are in sun, or you might want to replace them with satsuki azaleas. These are the last of the azaleas to bloom, and they tolerate more light than most azaleas. Gumpo is one of the most common varieties within this group of azaleas.

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



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Lori Chandler
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Answer: Thank you for inquiring, but don't even think about replacing your shower! We have a super product called SHOWERS 'N STUFF that cleans up fiberglass better than anything I've ever used. It's a blend of four different acids so it works every time, and the best part is, it does the work for you! Then, rather than using car wax, we have a spray called FINISHING TOUCH that will protect the surface. Don't use wax, it can create a mess when combined with soap scum and hard water!

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IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Mostly sunny and very warm today and Wednesday. A stray thunderstorm may develop Wednesday afternoon.

Map of Idaho showing weather forecasts for various cities including Boise, Grangeville, McCall, Salmon, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, and Twin Falls.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Five-day forecast for Twin Falls showing Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday with icons for sun, moon, clouds, and rain.

Yesterday's Weather

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

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

Moon Phases and Moonset

Diagram showing Moon Phases: New July 22, First July 28, Full Aug. 6, Last Aug. 13.

REGIONAL FORECAST

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

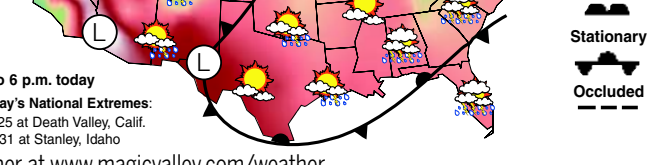
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WORLD FORECAST

World forecast table listing cities like Acapulco, Athens, Auckland, Bangkok, Beijing, Berlin, Buenos Aires, Cairo, Dhahran, Geneva, Hong Kong, Jerusalem, Johannesburg, Kuwait City, London, and Mexico City.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Advertisement for Gregg Middlekauff's quote of the day: 'Tell a person they are brave and you help them become so.' Includes a photo of Gregg Middlekauff and his name.

CANADIAN FORECAST

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

Sources: CIT Group board OKs rescue loan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The board of CIT Group Inc., one of the nation's largest lenders to small and midsize businesses, approved a deal with major bondholders to keep the company out of bankruptcy, said two people briefed on the talks.

CIT will receive a rescue loan from key bondholders hoping to keep it alive long enough to restructure its debt, these people said. They spoke on condition of anonymity because the company has not yet made an official announcement.

The deal will not necessarily prevent a bankruptcy filing for the ailing firm, but will give it desperately needed breathing room while it attempts to refinance existing debt. CIT has a \$1 billion payment due in August.

CIT representatives didn't immediately return phone calls from The Associated Press to comment on the reported financing deal. CIT had been trying to reach a deal with the federal government for emergency funding before talks broke down last week.

A Treasury spokeswoman declined to comment and would not say whether the government was involved in the negotiations. Once talks with government officials fell apart, CIT turned to some of its major bondholders for financial help.

Apollo lunar rocks still offer clues to scientists

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Forty years after the Apollo 11 astronauts made their historic lunar landing, the rocks they collected are still helping researchers learn more about the moon, the solar system, even about how life on Earth began.

But if not for a St. Louis scientist and a few of his colleagues, NASA may never have collected moon rocks in the first place. It was 40 years ago Monday that Neil Armstrong first set foot on the dusty lunar surface, announcing it was a small step for a man but a giant leap for mankind.

continue to be valuable. Just a decade ago, missions that orbited the moon collected mineralogical and compositional data. That new material, combined with the rocks scooped up by the Apollo astronauts, can offer clues about not only the moon but also about the origins of the solar system and life on Earth itself.

4 U.S. troops die in deadliest month yet in Afghanistan

KABUL (AP) — A roadside bomb killed four American troops in eastern Afghanistan on Monday, driving the July death toll for U.S. forces to the highest monthly level of the war.

July's death toll for the entire U.S.-led coalition, which includes American, British, Canadian and other forces, stands at 55 — well over the previous record of 46 deaths suffered in June and August of 2008.

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Spiders are often needlessly feared, say experts. They generally keep to themselves and are virtually harmless when left undisturbed. There are very few spiders whose bites will require medical attention.

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Potato acreage up, market soft

First yield remains strong despite storms

By Cindy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

Potato acreage is up across Idaho but a soft market likely kept a lid on further increases.

According to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service, potato growers planted an estimated 320,000 acres of potatoes this year, a 5 percent increase from the 305,000 acres planted in 2008. Harvested acreage is estimated at 319,000 acres, also up 5 percent from last year. This is the second

lowest potato acreage in Idaho since 1986.

Paul Patterson, a University of Idaho extension economist at Idaho Falls, called the report neutral although the acreage estimate was on the high end of a range of values industry watchers had been talking about.

After four years of decent prices, industry watchers were expecting to see an increase in acreage. Strong prices last summer set a tone to the start of the new marketing year, but by March prices

started to soften. Once the turmoil over contract price and acreage was factored in, growers did not plant as many acres as some industry watchers had expected.

According to Patterson's calculations, contract growers lost an estimated \$1 to \$1.50 per hundred-weight on the 2008 crop.

"The contract price growers got (this year) was not bad," Patterson said. "But growers had hoped the higher price they negotiated earlier would help them."

But Jerry Wright, spokesman for

United Potato Growers in Idaho, called the 2008 marketing year profitable for fresh growers, even though prices are the lowest of the year right now.

"We have successfully balanced supply with demand," Wright said.

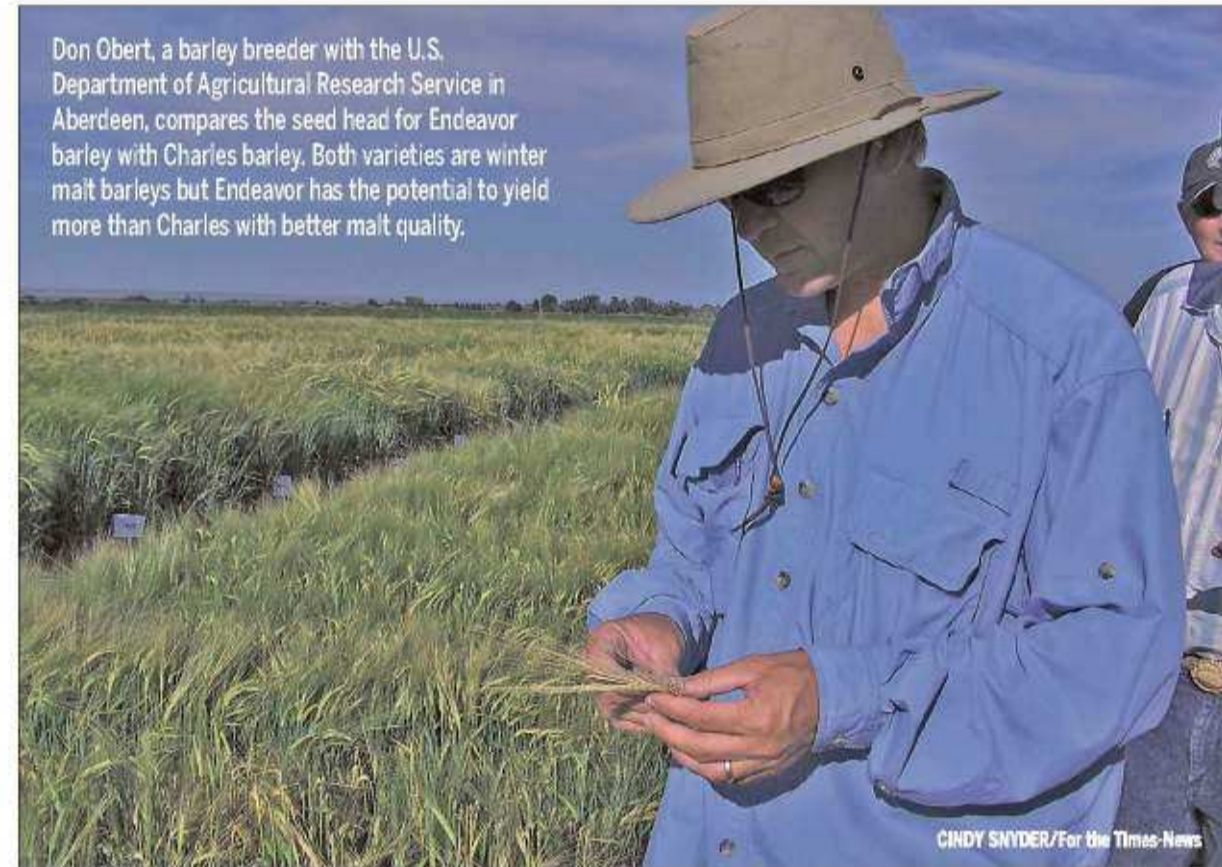
Based on a special growers survey, acreage intended to be marketed through fresh channels accounted for 57 percent of the total acres planted, acreage intended to be marketed directly to a processor accounted for 34 percent and acreage intended to be used for seed represented 9 percent.



Russet dominated the acreage representing 94 percent of the planted acreage. Of

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Barley industry changing with new varieties



Don Obert, a barley breeder with the U.S. Department of Agricultural Research Service in Aberdeen, compares the seed head for Endeavor barley with Charles barley. Both varieties are winter malt barleys but Endeavor has the potential to yield more than Charles with better malt quality.

CINDY SNYDER/For the Times-News

Success of new malts depend on industry acceptance

By Cindy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

FILER — Once upon a time, planting barley was straight forward.

Growers planted either a malt or feed barley variety in the spring — and that was the end of it.

But growers are taking a fresh look at barley, which may change the types of varieties planted in southern Idaho.

Don Obert, the barley breeder at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Research Service's Aberdeen laboratory, is working on two lines of hullless barley. He believes it has potential as an alternative to malt barley in the Magic Valley, especially in areas where growers still rely on surface irrigation.

Irrigating hullless barley

What has impressed agronomists and growers alike is the ability of winter barley to tiller and produce a good yield even if just 10 percent of the stand survives the winter.

with an overhead sprinkler irrigation system can lead to discolored kernels because there is nothing to protect the kernel. The food industry is interested in extracting beta glucan from hullless barley that can be added to food products to boost the fiber content — such as a flavored fruit drink with beta glucan that provides 40 percent to 45 percent of the daily fiber requirement.

Hullless barley contains about 10 percent beta glucan compared to 5 percent for hulled barleys. Without the hulls, test weight runs 60 to 61 pounds, very simi-

lar to that of wheat. Obert hopes to release one or maybe both of the varieties in the fall of 2010. He is working with a private company to determine which variety will best meet their criteria.

In addition to working on new varieties for food uses, Obert continues to work on new malt barley varieties including winter varieties.

Charles was the first winter malt barley released and it has been officially added to the brewing industry's recommended variety list.

Anheuser Busch has about 11,000 acres of

Charles planted across southern and eastern Idaho.

Ron Elkin, a member of the Idaho Barley Commission who farms west of Buhl, had already harvested his Charles acres by mid-July.

He was surprised to see how short the Charles in the ARS trials near Filer looked.

Clark Kauffman has grown Charles for several years. He says growing winter barley instead of spring barley can save at least one irrigation each year, and in a year like this one, even more.

A second winter malt barley, named Endeavor, is in trials across the state. Both the yield and malt quality of Endeavor are

See **BARLEY**, Agribusiness 2

Locally killed

Grants, growing interest in free-range beef put mobile slaughter on the road

By Jacob Adelman
Associated Press writer

LOMPOC, Calif. — The end of the line for cattle raised at Elizabeth Poett's spread on the Central Coast used to come at an inland slaughterhouse after a five-hour drive crammed in a trailer with other spooked animals.

Now death comes to Rancho San Julian in the form of a mobile butchering vehicle that caters to small ranchers offering premium meats marketed as free-range, grass-fed and sustainably raised.

While "locally slaughtered" may not join those buzz words on meat labels, the practice allows the eighth-generation rancher and her peers to do what their ancestors took for granted: raise animals from

manger to cuts of meat. "They are treated like animals should be treated when they're harvested here with, I believe, dignity and respect," said Poett, 29, as her sunglasses mirrored the rugged, scenic golden pastureland of her home.

Soaring interest in meat from free-roaming cattle and more than \$180,000 in government grants helped give ranchers in the remote area the momentum to get the mobile unit on the road and cut out the middlemen between farms and shoppers.

Food scares traced to large slaughterhouses, such as last month's recall of 380,000 pounds of beef from a JBS Swift & Co. plant in Colorado due to possible E. coli contamination, are

See **MOBILE**, Agribusiness 3



Steve Greco, left, guides a quartered section of a cow to Clayton Greco, right, to the meat locker inside the Central Coast Agriculture Cooperative's mobile slaughterhouse on the Poett Ranch near Lompoc, Calif.

AP photo

Wine industry works to create research center

The Associated Press

BOISE — Leaders in Idaho's growing wine industry are teaming with two colleges to establish a research center designed to teach the art of growing grapes and making wine while helping newcomers get into the business.

The industry is partnering with Boise State University and the College of Western Idaho to establish a \$1.1 million Idaho Viticulture Research Center outside of Boise.

The nonprofit center would include a teaching winery, a co-op winery where fledgling winemak-

ers can share equipment, a tasting room, classroom space, a grape-crushing pad, lab and warehouse and distribution center at a 30-acre site in Eagle. A separate greenhouse and nursery for growing grapes is planned for the neighboring town of Star.

Organizers say the center will be financed mostly with private donations. But last month, the Idaho Department of Commerce awarded a \$300,000 economic development grant to Eagle to help pay for infrastructure costs.

The goal is to open the See **WINE**, Agribusiness 3

AGRIBUSINESS BRIEFS

ISDA to update retail raw milk rules

BOISE — The Idaho State Department of Agriculture is negotiating revisions to rules governing quality and safety of retail raw milk.

The department proposes to update milk quality and sanitary requirements for raw milk for human consumption and provide clarity to existing rules for raw

milk produced under a 'cow share' program, according to the ISDA. The proposed rule also would eliminate outdated rules that were last amended in 1994.

The first meeting to discuss the revisions will be held August 10 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at ISDA, located at 2270 Old Penitentiary Road in Boise. For more information, contact Marv Patten at 208-

332-8550 or marv.patten@agri.idaho.gov.

Board to promote seed to markets

The United States Potato Board will be host international guests for a Seed Potato Symposium to promote the use of U.S. potato seeds in foreign markets.

The 2009 USPB Seed

Symposium will be held July 27 in Las Vegas.

Following the symposium, a group of importers and producers from Egypt and Sri Lanka will meet with growers in Idaho.

Officials will meet at 8 a.m. July 29 at the Burley Inn & Convention Center, 1800 N. Overland Ave. in Burley to tour a nearby potato field.

— Staff reports

MARKET SUMMARY

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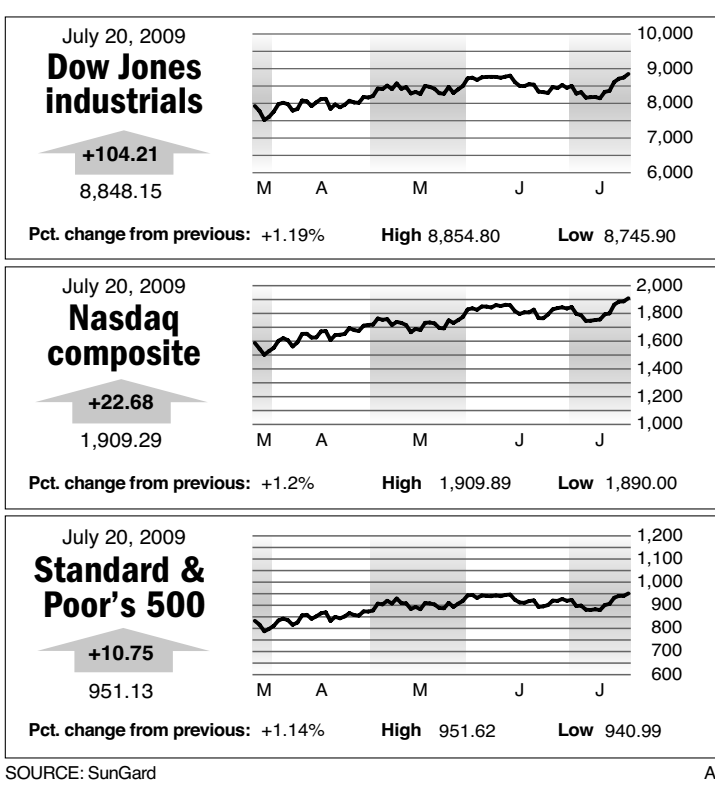
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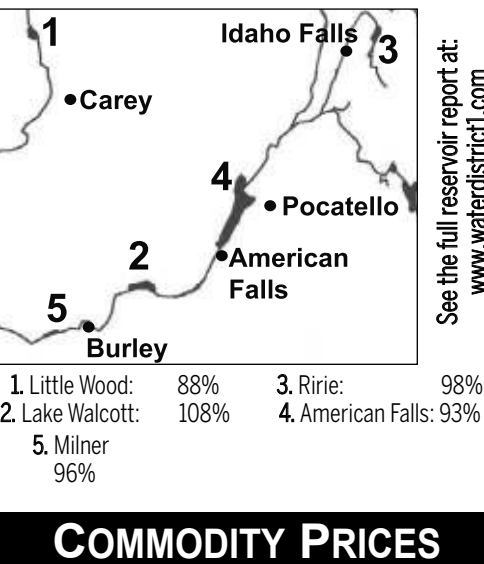
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Dairy trends

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Text describing local trends in dairy and barley markets, including production levels and market conditions.

Barley

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Low gas prices hurt ethanol sales

By Steve Karnowski
Associated Press writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Lower gasoline prices, while a boon for drivers, were a gut punch for ethanol producers and promoters of the high-ethanol blend known as E85.

In Minnesota, the nation's leader in E85 pumps, sales fell off by more than half this spring compared with the year before, a disappointment to E85 producers and the farmers who supply them with corn to make the fuel. It's also a letdown for those who hoped the blend would provide a cleaner alternative to gasoline and accelerate the move away from fossil fuels.

When the price of gasoline falls, drivers of flex-fuel vehicles are less likely to choose E85 because the blended fuel's price advantage is reduced. Alternative fuel supporters, however, say they expect E85 sales to bounce back as gas prices rise again.

E85, which is 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline, can be used in the nearly 8 million flex-fuel vehicles on U.S. roads today. Corn and ethanol producers have promoted it heavily as a way to boost demand for ethanol beyond what's possible with the maximum 10 percent blend that's OK for any car.

The fuel is sold in all but a handful of states, but Minnesota has the most pumps, more than 350. It's



AP photo

Ethanol E85 enthusiast Donald O. Brown talking to a motorist in Minneapolis where he tried to convince her to try the high-ethanol blend of E85. In Minnesota, the nation's leader in E85 pumps, state figures show that E85 sales in May were less than half what they were in the same month last year.

followed by Illinois with about 200, and Wisconsin, Iowa and Indiana with about 120 each.

Three years ago, Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty set a goal of 1,800 E85 pumps across the state by 2010. The state clearly isn't going to reach that goal — it's only about 20 percent of the way there.

"It's important for any politician to set a lofty goal, something audacious," said Bob Moffitt, spokesman for the American Lung Association of the Upper Midwest. "That's the only way real progress is made. You have to be something of an optimist in the alternative fuels world, otherwise the hard realities will

beat you down."

The U.S. ethanol industry has been staggered by high corn prices, low wholesale ethanol prices and the credit crunch. Major producers such as South Dakota-based VeraSun Energy Corp. went bankrupt.

Minnesota sales of E85 fell 52 percent from 1.84 million gallons in May 2008 to 879,000 gallons in this May, according to the most recent Minnesota Department of Revenue figures available. The dip in overall gasoline sales in that period was much smaller — down just 3 percent, to 192 million gallons.

Not all major E85 states compile detailed sales numbers, or they compile them

differently and on different schedules. But in Illinois, sales of all high-percentage biofuel blends, which are mostly E85 sales, plummeted 89 percent from 1.55 million gallons in May 2008 to 177,000 gallons last December before rising to 239,000 in March, according to the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In Iowa, E85 sales dropped from 2.2 million gallons in the second quarter of 2008 to 1.9 million gallons in the fourth quarter, revenue department figures showed.

The sharp but temporary drop in gasoline prices late last year was the major reason for the drop in E85 sales because it reduced E85's price advantage. A gallon of ethanol contains less energy than a gallon of gasoline, so a flex-fuel vehicle burning E85 generally gets mileage about 15 percent to 20 percent lower than it would from gas.

Flex-fuel drivers tend to be very price-sensitive, so E85 needs to be about 40 cents per gallon cheaper to be competitive, Moffitt said. The average price difference nationwide was 48 cents in June compared with 6 cents in December, according to E85Prices.com.

With gas prices going back up, Moffitt said E85 sales seem to have bottomed out last winter and are starting to come back — and the long-term outlook is positive.

Grant to help restore bumblebee habitat

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — With bumblebees and other native insects that pollinate crops dying off, scientists are working on the best ways to restore natural habitat on or near farms.

The Xerces Society, based in Portland, announced this week it has received \$458,000 from the Natural Resources Conservation Service to do some of the work.

Part of the money will go toward tracking how pollination improves on

farmland around Davis, Calif., where farmers have established mile-long hedgerows to provide food and shelter for pollinators like bumblebees and insects such as ladybugs, which prey on pests.

The rest will be spent on working with universities and agricultural organizations to develop local combinations of trees, shrubs and plants that can be used nationwide to make life better for beneficial insects.

Potato

Continued from Agribusiness 1

the remaining acres, 3 percent are red, 2 percent white and 1 percent yellow.

Two unknowns are likely to influence Idaho's price more than the 5 percent increase in acreage.

The first is yield. Up to 25,000 acres of potatoes in eastern Idaho suffered hail or flooding damage during the June and early July storms.

Some growers think they may have lost a set because of the storm damage, others report the damage was-

n't severe.

But even more important is what demand is going to be. Will it continue to soften or begin to improve? If the national economy turns around and demand improves, the next question is how growers move potatoes to market.

"If there is a race to get potatoes to market, they will kill the price," Patterson said. "How they choose to handle bringing potatoes to market will determine what the price is going to be."

Wine

Continued from Agribusiness 1

center in 2010 and begin offering classes through the College of Western Idaho on all aspects of the industry, from building and operating a winery to marketing wines. Boise State University would be involved in research projects.

"At this time, there are no classes on viticulture or winemaking in Idaho," Larry Mahaffey, owner of Floating Feather Vineyard in Eagle, told the Idaho Statesman.

"Furthermore, there is no teaching winery ... or a co-op winery where small winery startups can start

making their wine until they can afford their own facility. These are important capabilities to grow the industry," he said.

MaHaffey is expected to serve as the center's chairman.

A recent Boise State University study found wine producers in Idaho, located predominantly in the southwest corner, contribute \$73 million in economic value to the state.

The study also found the industry supports 625 full-time jobs and produces \$19 million in employee wages. The number of wineries in the state has grown to 38, up from just 11 in 2002.

Mobile

Continued from Agribusiness 1

also prompting shoppers to seek shorter paths from stable to table, said Debra Garrison, chief executive of the Central Coast Agricultural Cooperative, which deployed the unit in May.

The concept harkens to a bygone age when cattle grazed in pastures and ranchers butchered them. That changed in the early 1900s when the government required meat inspection at federally regulated slaughterhouses.

Since then, beef production has become consolidated with 76 percent of the nation's cattle slaughtered in 26 plants, each capable of handling more than 500,000 animals a year, said John Nalivka, president of livestock industry consultant Sterling Marketing Inc.

Ranchers, meanwhile, who once raised animals to



AP photo

Deb Garrison, organizer of the Central Coast Agriculture Cooperative, poses on the Poett Ranch in front of the cooperative's mobile slaughterhouse near Lompoc, Calif., July 8.

harvesting age, mostly now sell calves to big feedlots that fatten them on corn-based feed before sending them to slaughter. Those changes have shuttered

most small regional slaughterhouses, with the number of processors nationwide decreasing from a peak of 1,665 in 1976 to 630 last year.

In recent years, however, a growing number of ranchers have gotten into the pasture-raised beef niche.

Eatwild.com, which promotes grass-fed meat, listed only 50 ranchers when it went online a decade ago, said Jo Robinson, who runs the Web site. Now it lists about 1,300 ranchers, with three to five — mostly new — added a week.

With most local slaughterhouses gone and new facilities expensive to set up, ranchers are taking the mobile unit for a spin at a cost of \$240 per animal for slaughter and butchering.

"This is the first chance we have had since a lot of the little slaughter plants of old have closed up," said

rancher Jack Varian, who until recently sold his cattle to feedlot operators.

By the end of summer, six ranches will be using the "mobile harvest unit," a tractor-trailer outfitted with knives, meat hooks and a freezer that is based on a similar unit in Washington state.

The vehicle, which employs three butchers and shares a USDA inspector with a nearby meat-packing shop, charges nearly three times as much as a stationary facility. But with the nearest slaughterhouse hours away, Garrison said costs equal out once trucking expenses and time away from the ranch are factored.

Poett's customers pay a premium for the beef. Her boneless rib eye steak costs \$22 per pound, while a similar cut from conventionally raised cattle costs \$11.99 at a Vons supermarket in Los Angeles.

LOCAL TRENDS

Wheat trends

Local wheat prices were mixed this week: SWW ranged from 15 cents lower to 13 cents higher; HRW ranged from 1 to 35 cents higher; and DNS from 12 to 32 cents higher.

U.S. wheat export sales were below trade expectations at 422.5 TMT, which was 28 percent below the previous week. Wheat export shipments totaled 164.4 TMT which was down 55 percent from the previous week.

India reinstated its ban on wheat exports due to concerns about recent shortfall in Monsoon rains, due to the developing El

Nino weather pattern.

Source: Idaho Grain Producers Association

Hay trends

Compared to last week, premium alfalfa steady in a light test. Other classes not tested this week as wet weather on 1st cutting made Supreme and Premium hay in short supply.

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Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture

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Itching for BSU football

I'm itching. Here's why: football season, at least for me, begins in one week. And that means it begins for you too.

I will be in Salt Lake City July 28-30 for the Western Athletic Conference preview, a two-day press conference with coaches and players from every team in the WAC.



DUSTIN LAPRAY

The trip last year opened my sights, preparing me for fall camp and the entire season. It's a tricky gig to cover, one in which reporters swoon over stars — hustling to their tables — and eventually wander over to everyone else to round out stories.

I'm itching because I'll soon know more about the conference, the Boise State Broncos and college football in general. The evolution of athletics forces men of my ilk to be in a constant state of education. I plan, like the players I'll cover, to use what I've learned and get better this season.

I'm itching because as the sun sets on the third of September, I will cover the next game in my career, an 8:15 p.m. kickoff in Bronco Stadium. That's Oregon at BSU, in case the weekend sun got to you.

I'm itching because the sun got to me, burned me at Lower Salmon on Saturday, because when football season hangs on July's end, fools like me spend the middle in the river.

I'm itching because people keep asking me to score them tickets to games. BSU students get a free one, and I never use mine. My pal Jared asked for the free one to the Oregon game months ago.

I itch, and I can't wait to scratch. I'll really scratch the itch in fall camp and two-a-days, bike rides and conversations with the next revolution of Bronco youth. BSU could be called 'young' last season — and it only lost one game by one point in 2008 — but the whole program is a year older.

I'm itching because the Bowl Championship Series and the WAC title linger on the horizon again, if the Broncos beat Oregon (and everyone else) this season. It's kind of a shame that only an undefeated season can get BSU into the show — and sometimes that's not even enough. But that is how the series works, for now.

I'm itching to talk to head coach Chris Petersen, and itching more to see what surprises he and his staff have for the Ducks and for everyone else. Petersen is a good guy. Sometimes you get a coach who is a good coach, but being a good guy is different. My intuition is epic, and I like Petersen's story.

I'm itching because with football follows the start of school (my final year, and the last for cornerback Kyle Wilson, who ran the 40-yard dash so fast this spring I almost missed it).

I itch and scratch because some of the best stories are just under the skin, because sometimes just talking to a player tells more than a row of prescribed interrogations.

I'm itching because it's so close, because in two weeks I will be back in Boise with my wide brim and water bottles, sweating hot August nights and relaying tales of camp back to Twin Falls and the rest of the Gem State.

I'm itching because this is what I do, and I finally get to do it.

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NBA defends age minimum to Congress

By Frederic J. Frommer
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The NBA defended its minimum age requirement to Congress, but a critical lawmaker was unmoved and is asking to meet with top league officials to discuss it, according to letters obtained Monday by The

Associated Press.

The rule, which is part of the league's collective bargaining agreement with the players union, requires that players be at least 19 years old and a year out of high school before entering the league. Last month, Rep. Steve Cohen, D-Tenn., urged the league and union to scrap the requirement in

the next collective bargaining agreement, calling it unfair.

NBA President Joel Litvin told Cohen in a recent letter the purpose of the requirement is to promote the league's business interests by "increasing the chances that incoming players will have the requisite ability, experience, maturity and

life skills" to perform at a high level. The policy also helps teams make informed hiring decisions, he wrote.

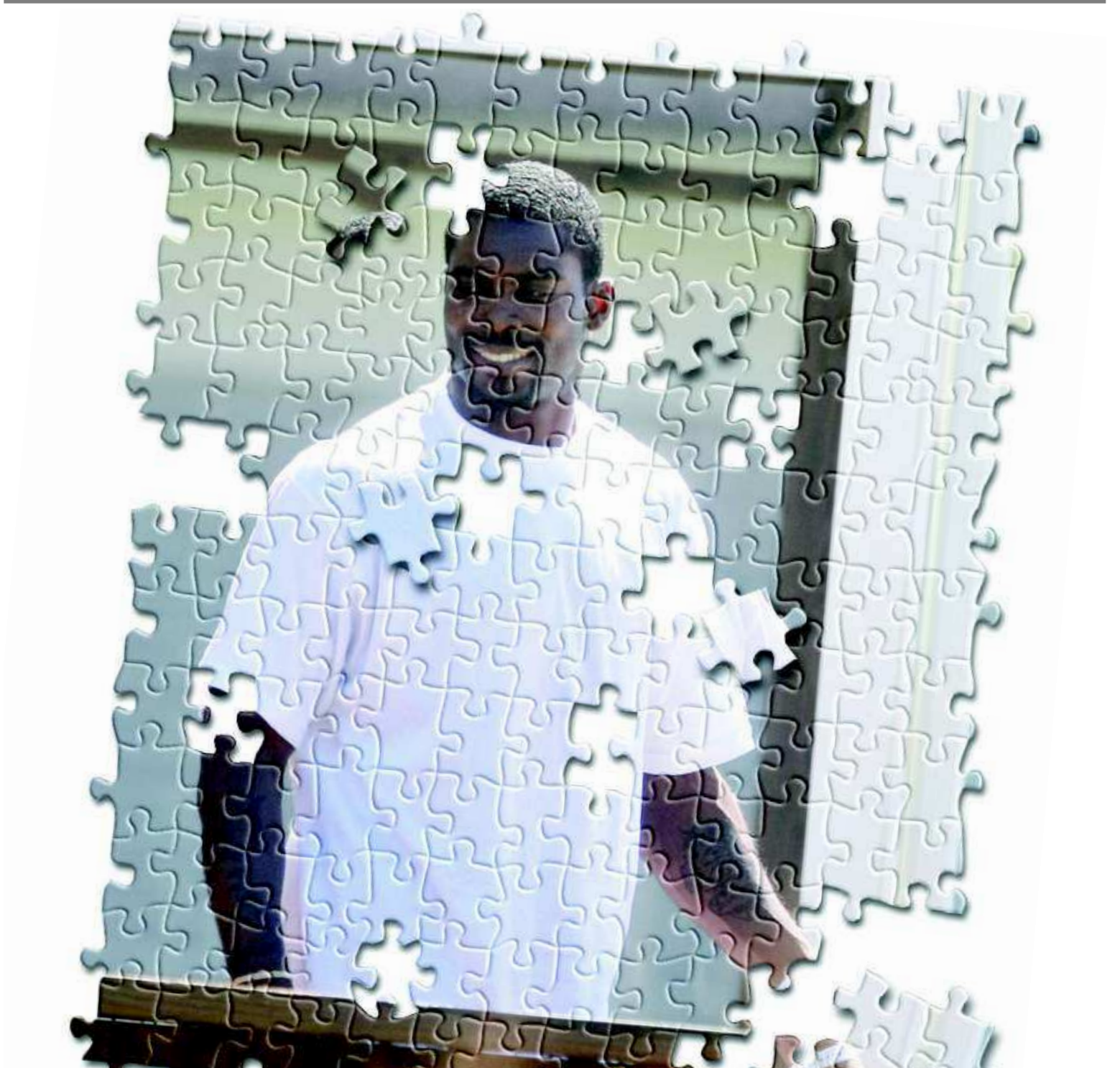
In addition, he said, players get an extra year to mature and develop, making it more likely they can handle the challenges of being an NBA player.

Litvin said the policy is motivated by "business

considerations," not a desire to force players to attend college against their wishes.

He wrote that many employers require job candidates to have post-high school experience, and that the U.S. Constitution sets minimum ages for House

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FREE TO PICK UP THE PIECES

Released from federal custody, Michael Vick has to convince NFL commissioner, teams he's a new man, ready to play

By Larry O'Dell
Associated Press writer

HAMPTON, Va. — The electronic monitor came off Michael Vick's ankle and made him a free man Monday.

Now he just has to get on Roger Goodell's calendar and convince both the NFL commissioner and team owners he's reformed and ready to play.

It'll be no small task. Vick's release after serving 23 months on a dogfighting conviction — the last 60 days in home confinement — came a week before NFL training camps open for veterans.

"It is going to take a lot of hard work" for Vick to make it back, said New York Jets veteran wide receiver Jerricho Cotchery.

"He is a talented player, so someone will give him a shot," Cotchery added. "He just has to take advantage of it."

The last NFL game Vick played was on Dec. 31, 2006, months before he was indicted on federal dogfighting conspiracy charges in

July 2007. At 29 years old, Vick could play several more years in the league.

That begins with a face-to-face meeting with Goodell, who has said he wants to see remorse and evidence of change from the player he suspended indefinitely. The last time they met, about two years ago, Vick denied his

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Time running out on Watson

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press writer

TURNBERRY, Scotland — Tom Watson was among the British Open champions whom the R&A consulted when it decided the game was getting younger and it was time to lower the age limit to 60 for winners of golf's oldest championship.

It might be time to reconsider.

Imagine how much different that conversation would

have been had the Royal & Ancient seen a performance for the ages at Turnberry, where a 59-year-old Watson was in the lead the final three days and came within an 8-foot putt of winning.

"I'm sure if someone at age 59 had been winning the championship, bringing down the age limit would have been lower on the agenda," R&A chief executive Peter Dawson said Monday. "But we brought down the age limit in order to give more spaces in

the championship to younger players allegedly in their prime to compete."

Watson sure looked in prime time at Turnberry.

Perhaps more people should have paid attention the eve of the British Open when Watson spoke in reverent tones about his affection for Turnberry, where he had won 32 years earlier in the famous "Duel in the Sun" against Jack Nicklaus. He



Tom Watson misses a putt on the No. 18 green Sunday during the final round of the British Open Golf championship, at the Turnberry golf course, Scotland.

AP photo

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Contador eyes other Tour rivals, not Armstrong

SION, Switzerland (AP) — The tension with Lance Armstrong is all but gone in the crisp mountain air and the line of authority is clear. Now, Alberto Contador wants to concentrate on those teams intent on seizing his Tour de France lead.

The Spaniard used Monday's rest day to lay out his plan of attack to keep the yellow jersey he won by capturing the first stage in the Alps a day earlier.

Contador, the 2007 Tour champion, said his lead over other contenders "looks good" so far, but cautioned: "It's not done yet, we still have a hard week left to go."

Armstrong, the seven-time champion who returned to the race after 3½ years of retirement, is in second overall — 1 minute, 37 seconds behind his Astana teammate.

The 37-year-old Texan has conceded that his chances of victory on the Champs-Elysees in Paris on Sunday are slim. He pledged to be a faithful support rider for Contador.

"Yesterday, he gave me his support, and I believe him," Contador told a news conference at a team hotel in the Swiss town of Sion, near the start of today's 16th stage in Martigny.

On his Twitter page Monday, Armstrong wrote: "Just finished a easy ride on rest day (No.) 2. Beautiful here in Sion, Switzerland. Lots of vines."

Armstrong wasn't speak-

ing to reporters Monday, Astana spokesman Philippe Maertens said. But a week earlier, after the two riders leapfrogged each other in the standings, Armstrong referred to "tension" within the team.

That's all but vanished now.

"We have come down a lot from the level of tension, both at the (team) dinner table and on the course," Contador said.

He said his top concern in the punishing final week is Andy Schleck of Luxembourg, a strong climber who is 2:26 behind in fifth place.

Bradley Wiggins of Britain, a strong time-trial rider who has proved his ability to climb at this Tour, is third and 1:46 back. Contador said Wiggins will be "dangerous" in Thursday's time trial in Annecy.

"I still have a small gap with him, (and) he's one of my biggest competitors now," the Spaniard said. "So maybe I'll try to take some more time on him beforehand. We'll see."

Astana's Andreas Kloecken of Germany is fourth, meaning Contador is counting on two teammates in the top five to help him to retain the jersey. But Contador won't wait to be attacked.

"I would sleep better if the gap was bigger," he said. "It all depends on how the stages develop. If I can take advantage of some situations, I'll do it."

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members, senators and the president. Given that, "we do not understand your objection" to the rule, Litvin wrote.

In a letter sent to Litvin Monday, Cohen maintained that players should have the "economic freedom" to make their own decisions. He said he understood that the policy may help the league in its scouting and hiring decisions.

"However, my concern is that the players who must abide by this rule are harmed by the league's pursuit of these business interests," the congressman wrote, adding that the "age discrimination" prevents players from supporting their families.

The policy increases the

chance that such players will be injured before getting the chance to play in the NBA, he added.

"I am concerned that the careers of young men who possess all the skills necessary to succeed in the NBA," Cohen wrote, "may be sacrificed in favor of the bottom lines of the teams on which they hope to play."

Cohen, a member of the House Judiciary Committee, asked for a meeting with Litvin and Commissioner David Stern. Cohen has said that he'd consider both hearings and legislation if the requirement remains.

Neither the NBA nor the union immediately responded to requests for comment Monday.

Watson

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explained all week why he can still complete on links courses that require shots to be struck pure, not necessarily with power.

Watson wound up beating all but one player in the field.

Tiger Woods didn't even make it to the weekend, hitting the ball poorly into a northwest wind during a pivotal stretch along the coast. Two-time defending champion Padraig Harrington was never a factor, finishing 14 shots behind.

Stewart Cink, a worthy champion who closed with a 69, still needed help from the old man. Watson's 8-iron on the 18th had just enough bounce to roll off the back of the green. In the playoff, Watson looked his age for the first time and lost by six shots.

"It would have been a hell of a story," Watson said. "It wasn't meant to be. And, yes, it's a great disappointment. It tears at your gut, as it always has torn at my gut. It's not easy to take."

Cink was too young to remember Watson's victory at Turnberry, although he played a practice round with him at the Masters this year and was struck by how cleanly Watson hit the ball. Playing against him when it counted was more impressive.

"The same Tom Watson that won this tournament in '77 showed up here this week," Cink said. "And he just about did it. He beat everybody but one guy. And it was really special."

The yellow scorecard towered over the 18th green

beneath a blue Scottish sky on a quiet Monday morning. The traditional message in red letters had yet to be removed, a somber reminder of who didn't win the British Open.

"Well played Stewart. See you at St. Andrews 2010."

Cink will arrive at the home of golf with the silver claret jug.

Barring another turn-back-the-clock moment, Watson will go to St. Andrews next year for a farewell party.

The British Open is the only major that sets an age limit for its champions. The U.S. Open gives only a 10-year exemption, while the Masters and PGA Championship offer their winners a chance to play as long as they want.

Augusta National announced an age limit of 65 this decade when its former champions began quitting after one round, sometimes even sooner. The club backed off, however, and the age limit was never imposed. The Masters left it up to their champions to decide when it was best to stop playing.

There's no reason that couldn't work at the British Open.

Watson is the first to concede he doesn't have the length or the skills to compete at the Masters. He has not made the cut since 2002, nor has he broken 70 in the last 12 years. Rarely do former champions over 50 compete in the PGA Championship.

The British Open, held on links golf courses, is the only major where age shouldn't matter.

Parke first in morning tie-down

Times-News

Area cowboys and cowgirls continued to turn in top-20 showings through Monday's two performances at the National High School Finals Rodeo in Farmington, N.M.

In Monday's morning session of the first go of tie-down roping, Jusing Parke, of Gooding, led with a time of 10.423 seconds. Later in the evening, Cody Wadsworth, of Kimberly, finished 14th in the session at 27.262 seconds, while Cy Eames, the Idaho All-Around Cowboy, came in four places behind Wadsworth, clocking 27.262.

Kimberly's Megan Crist placed seventh in the morning session of the pole bending first go. She clocked a time of 21.24 seconds.

"It wasn't as fast as I would have liked, but it was a clean run," she said. "It wasn't bad. If I make a good run in the second (go), I'll be right there."

Crist will compete in the Friday evening session of the second go.

In barrel racing, Samantha Logan of Jerome was 18th in the evening barrel racing performance. Her time was 18.424 seconds, and she is set to compete in the second go on Friday morning.

Another Kimberly cowboy, Cody Rowe, took 10th in cutting Monday evening with 183 points. His next go is also Friday morning.

American Legion Baseball

TWIN FALLS 15, IDAHO FALLS 5, FIVE INNINGS

The Twin Falls Cowboys punched their ticket to the American Legion Baseball Class A Area C Tournament Monday by defeating the Idaho Falls Rangers 15-5 at Bill Ingram Field in Twin Falls.

2009 American Legion Baseball Class A Area C Tournament

Monday's play-in games

Wood River 9, Jerome 4 (Jerome eliminated)
Twin Falls 15, Idaho Falls Rangers 5 (I.F. eliminated)
Bear Lake def. Shelley (Shelley eliminated)
Hillcrest def. Marsh Falls (Marsh Falls eliminated)
Pocatello Rebels def. Skyline (Skyline eliminated)

Wednesday's games At Idaho Falls Championship field

Twin Falls fell behind 5-0 to start the game, but Eric Harr's pitching and the Cowboys lineup were able to overcome the deficit. At the plate, they pounded the Rangers pitchers all afternoon. Harr (2-for-2) and Marcus Donaldson (1-for-3) each recorded three RBIs, while Tyler Wolters (2-for-2) and Dakota Cummins (2-for-3) plated a pair of runs. Harr threw four shutout innings in relief of Scott Speer.

The Cowboys (23-19) will play the Wood River Wranglers at noon Wednesday in Idaho Falls. The winner will advance to play Bonneville later that evening.

Twin Falls 15, Idaho Falls 5, five innings

Idaho Falls 500 00-5 12 1
Twin Falls 6 18 0x-15 13 1
Brady, Wixom (1), Birch (3), Gazzo (4) and Birch, Thayer, Scott Speer, Eric Harr (1) and Tucker Donnelly, W. Harr, L. Wixom.
Extra-base hits - 2B: Idaho Falls, Wixom, Micktrick; Twin Falls, Donnelly, Ryan Fuchs, Tyler Wolters, Dakota Cummins. 3B: Twin Falls, Cody McBride, Zayne Sloten.

WOOD RIVER 9, JEROME 4

The Wood River Wranglers defeated Jerome 9-4 Monday in Hailey to eliminate the Cyclones and book a trip to the American Legion Baseball Class A Area C Tournament in Idaho Falls.

The Wranglers led the whole way, as Pitcher Sean Bunce kept Jerome in check with 10 strikeouts. Alex Padilla drove in four runs

Game 2: Bear Lake vs. Burley, 9 a.m.
Game 4: Wood River vs. Twin Falls, noon
Game 6: Winner 2 vs. Upper Valley, 3 p.m.
Game 8: Winner 4 vs. Bonneville, 6 p.m.

Second field

Game 1: Hillcrest vs. Kimberly, 9 a.m.
Game 3: Pocatello Rebels vs. Pocatello Razorbacks, noon
Game 5: Winner 1 vs. Blackfoot
Game 7: Winner 3 vs. Buhl

and scored two more to help the Wranglers. Jerome's Spencer Parker recorded two RBIs.

Wood River will play Twin Falls Wednesday, with the winner advancing to face Bonneville later that evening.

Wood River 9, Jerome 4

Jerome 000 100 3-4 3 1
Wood River 11 303 x-9 8 3
Spencer Parker and Kevin Bos; Sean Bunce and Tyler Peters; W. Bunce; L. Parker.
Extra-base hits - 2B: Jerome, Parker; Wood River, Bunce, Michael Brunner. 3B: Wood River, Greg Wakelied.

Golf

HAMBLIN FINISHES 15TH AT IGA AMATEUR

Twin Falls golfer Jordan Hamblin shot 74 on the final day of the 2009 IGA Men's State Amateur tournament Sunday at Falcon Crest Golf Course in Kuna to finish tied for 15th overall.

His three-day total was 219. Chris Reinke, of Ashton, won the championship with a 209, which he carded with a 71 and two straight 69s.

Alan Ward of Burley came in tied for 23rd with a three-day total of 221.

2009 IGA Men's State Amateur Championship

At Falcon Crest Golf Course, Kuna

Final gross scores

Chris Reinke, Ashton 71-69-69-209
David Nuhn, Moscow 70-70-72-212
Jason Williams, Meridian 69-74-69-212
John Caranco, Boise 75-62-72-212
Brad Tenslen, Boise 75-64-74-213
Geno Bonnalie, Lewiston 72-68-73-213

Area golfers

Jordan Hamblin, Twin Falls 73-72-74-219
Alan Ward, Burley 75-73-73-221
Matt Meador, Hailey 75-79-76-220
Shawn Murray, Ketchum 81-69-80-230
Brennon Lancaster, Twin Falls 78-77-78-233

Jake Harr, Buhl 78-78-78-234
Kevin Kelly, Twin Falls 83-75-81-239
Blake Fischer, Twin Falls 81-80-79-240
Cody Faught, Twin Falls 81-77-82-240
Hunter Pierrpont, Ketchum 80-78-87-245
Crockett Stearns, Ketchum 80-82-90-252
David Blaszkiewicz, Buhl 83-80-89-252
Doug Mackay, Buhl 84-84-84-252
Kade Crossland, Buhl 84-86-85-255
Doug Piper, Twin Falls 84-88-95-267

STEARNS, SHARP AMONG WINNERS AT IGA JUNIORS

Crockett Stearns of Hailey and Jenna Sharp of Twin Falls won their respective divisions Monday at the IGA Juniors District II event at Canyon Springs Golf Course in Twin Falls. Full results follow.

IGA Juniors District II event

9-hole playoffs

Boys Age 9: 1. Preston Meyerhoeffer, Twin Falls 45; 2. Ridge Pickup, Burley, 53; 3. (tie) Tanner Schultz, Twin Falls, 55; 5. Trey Garey, Twin Falls, 55.
Boys Age 10: 1. Bryson Comstock, Twin Falls, 47; 2. (tie) Cady Mead, Elko, 48; 4. Drew Meyerhoeffer, Twin Falls, 48.
Boys Age 11: 1. (tie) Tregg Pickup, Burley, 42; Hunter Ostrom, Twin Falls, 42; 3. (tie) Clancy Cockerham, Gooding, 50; Johnny Lancaster, Wendell, 50; 5. (tie) Joshua Rocha, Wendell, 52; Cole Hunt, Twin Falls, 52.
Boys Age 12: 1. Braden Stutzman, Twin Falls, 40; 2. Kaleb Jones, Twin Falls, 52; 3. Braden Griffith, Twin Falls, 55; 4. Landon Jones, Twin Falls, 59.
Girls Age 10: 1. Kennedy Jones, Twin Falls, 83; 2. Olivia Lyda, Twin Falls, 93.
Girls Age 12: 1. Caryssa Leon, Twin Falls, 73; 2. Lauren Lyda, Twin Falls, 82.
Girls Age 13: 1. C.C. Harr, Buhl, 42; 2. Lexie Meyerhoeffer, Twin Falls, 44.

18-hole playoffs

Boys Age 11: 1. Matthew Hee, Twin Falls, 74; 2. Derek Thompson, Twin Falls, 75; 3. Alec Perkins, Jerome, 77; 4. Braden Luper, Twin Falls, 81.
Boys Age 14: 1. Kade Crossland, Buhl, 74; 2. Connor Meyerhoeffer, Twin Falls, 76; 3. Peter Seppi, Twin Falls, 77; 4. Kyle Miley, Twin Falls, 79.
Boys Age 15: 1. (tie) Matthew Frank, Twin Falls, 78; Stephen Clements, Twin Falls, 78.
Boys Age 16: 1. Gage Huff, Kimberly, 74; 2. Derek Cook, Twin Falls, 77; 3. John Essma, Twin Falls, 78.
Boys Age 17-up: 1. Crockett Stearns, Hailey, 73; 2. Blake Fischer, Twin Falls, 74; 3. Sawyer McMillen, Twin Falls, 76.
Girls Age 14: 1. Kalli Archibald, Twin Falls.
Girls Age 15: 1. Kate Reed, Twin Falls, 91.
Girls Age 16-up: 1. Jenna Sharp, Twin Falls, 90; 2. (tie) Michelle Kootstra, Wendell, 91; Taylor Lancaster, Twin Falls, 91.

Drag racing

The High Desert Speedway has announced winners for the Bully Dogs Days of Summer event, held Saturday and Sunday.

High Desert Speedway

Saturday results

Bully Dogs: 1. Jarid Vollmer, Chubbuck; 2. Rod Coddens, Eagle; 3. Jake Johnson, Blackfoot.
Super Pro Class: 1. John Larsen, Paul; 2. Paul Arnold, Hagerman.
Kidd Mechanical Pro Class: 1. Butch Schell, Rupert; 2. J.R. Ard, Filer.
Bike/Sled Combo Class: 1. Mitch Johnson, Heyburn; 2. Gary Quam, Jerome.
Ed's Precision Automotive Street Class: 1. Paul Stewart, Jerome; 2. Wade Wickham, Wendell.
L&M Enterprises Junior Dragster Class: 1. Jordan Quam, Jerome; 2. John Crawford, Blackfoot.
Dash 4 Cash Jackpot Winners: 1. Mike Buel, Hansen; 2. Mark Mastrolini Sr., Shoshone.

Sunday results

Super Pro Class: 1. John Howsdren, Wendell; 2. Cody Melton, Pocatello.
Kidd Mechanical Pro Class: 1. Mike Schulz, Twin Falls; 2. Dave Arnold, Pocatello.
Bike/Sled Combo Class: 1. Gary Quam, Jerome.
Ed's Precision Automotive Street Class: 1. Kelly Egan, Twin Falls; 2. Karen Schulz, Twin Falls.
L&M Enterprises Junior Dragster Class: 1. Jordan Quam, Jerome; 2. Morgan Smith, Blackfoot.
Dash 4 Cash Jackpot Winners: 1. Jim Naveron, Wells (Nev.); 2. Mike Buel, Hansen.

Phillies keep rolling against Cubs

PHILADELPHIA — Raul Ibanez hit a three-run homer, Carlos Ruiz and Ryan Howard both went deep, and Philadelphia won its ninth straight game, 10-1 over Chicago on Monday night.

Ruiz had an RBI double during a four-run fourth inning for the NL East leaders.

BRAVES 11 GIANTS 3

ATLANTA — Tommy Hanson struck out 11 to remain unbeaten, Chipper Jones hit a two-run homer and Atlanta beat Jonathan Sanchez in his first start since his no-hitter.

Matt Diaz had a tiebreaking two-run triple in Atlanta's six-run seventh inning, helping the Braves snap a five-game skid against San Francisco and Hanson improve to 5-0. Atlanta has won four of five and six of eight overall.

METS 6, NATIONALS 2

WASHINGTON — Livan Hernandez threw seven solid innings and Jeff

Francoeur hit his first homer with New York.

Francoeur finished with three hits and two RBIs for the injury-riddled Mets, who scored five runs in the first two innings.

ROCKIES 10, DIAMONDBACKS 6

DENVER — Jorge De La Rosa pitched seven strong innings in his fifth straight win and drove in two runs, while Dexter Fowler and Chris Iannetta homered for Colorado.

Every Colorado starter except Brad Hawpe had at least one hit, and the Rockies scored at least one run in each of the first five innings.

ASTROS 3, CARDINALS 2

HOUSTON — Carlos Lee's three-run homer lifted Houston.

The Astros were trailing 2-0 when Lee followed Miguel Tejada's single and a walk by Lance Berkman in the fourth inning.

PIRATES 8, BREWERS 5

PITTSBURGH — Delwyn

Young and Garrett Jones homered to help Pittsburgh end a 17-game losing streak against Milwaukee.

Andrew McCutchen had three hits and scored two runs for Pittsburgh, which snapped the major's longest losing streak against an opponent in 39 years. The Baltimore Orioles won 23 straight against the Kansas City Royals from 1969-70.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

YANKEES 2, ORIOLES 1

NEW YORK — Hideki Matsui homered off Jim Johnson in the ninth inning Monday night, giving streaking New York a 2-1 victory over Baltimore.

Matsui's home run off Johnson (3-4) extended the Yankees' winning streak to four since the All-Star break. Matsui's only other game-ending homer in the majors was July 17, 2003, against Cleveland's David Riske.

RANGERS 6, RED SOX 3

ARLINGTON, Texas — David Murphy and Jarrod

Saltalamacchia of Texas homered on consecutive pitches in the same inning Michael Young led off with a long ball.

The Red Sox have lost three straight, scoring only six runs in those games.

Kevin Millwood (9-7) left trailing 2-1 after six innings. The Rangers hit three homers off John Smoltz (1-3) in the bottom of the sixth.

WHITE SOX 4, RAYS 3

CHICAGO — Paul Konerko hit a three-run homer to back a solid start by Chicago's Gavin Floyd.

The Rays threatened in the eighth but did not score and loaded the bases with two outs in the ninth against Bobby Jenks before Jason Bartlett struck out to end the game.

Scott Podsednik had three hits and scored twice, but Konerko's 18th homer was the difference as the White Sox won for the 13th time in 19 games. His homer in the third gave the White Sox a 4-1 lead.

— The Associated Press

Vick

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dogfighting involvement. Goodell has repeatedly said he would only meet with Vick after he completed his prison sentence, but it's unclear when that meeting will take place.

"The review of his status is ongoing, but we are providing no other details at this time," league spokesman Greg Aiello said Monday.

After Goodell come the teams. The owners of the Jets and the New York Giants said Monday that they have no interest in signing Vick. Giants owner John Mara and Jets owner Woody Johnson were emphatic in saying their teams' quarterback positions were filled.

"On a lot of levels, no," Mara said when asked if the

Giants had any interest in Vick.

Mara added there wasn't even any discussion or debate in the front office about Vick.

Despite the competition to replace Brett Favre, Johnson said the Jets also weren't interested.

"We've got Kellen Clemens and now we have this young Mark Sanchez, and I think we are good on quarterbacks," Johnson said, adding that the Jets also didn't see Vick as an option.

Earlier Monday, two men in a car with a U.S. Probation Services folder on the dashboard arrived at Vick's home and removed the electronic monitor he wore while on home confinement. Vick's attorney, Lawrence Woodward, arrived while the

men were inside. He came out a few minutes later and told The Associated Press that Vick had been released from federal custody as scheduled.

Woodward then drove Vick to the federal courthouse in Norfolk, where they met with probation officials and completed paperwork. They declined to answer reporters' questions when they came out after about an hour and 45 minutes.

A man in a passing car shouted, "We've got your back, Mike!" Vick silently raised his right fist in the air.

Brenda Boddie, Vick's mother, wore a broad smile in the morning after the probation officials removed the monitor. She said later that she is excited he's free again.

"He's doing fine," she told The Associated Press Monday afternoon, but added she wasn't sure what his next step would be.

Vick admitted bankrolling the "Bad Newz Kennels" dogfighting enterprise on his property in rural southeastern Virginia and participating in killing dogs that performed poorly in test fights.

"It is this barbarism that sets the crime apart," said Ed Sayres, president of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. "This was not a one-time transgression or crime of passion — this was a multiyear pattern of behavior that demonstrates a startling lack of moral character and judgment."

SCOREBOARD

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NASCAR Sprint Cup Leaders

Through July 19
Points

1. Tony Stewart, 2,884
2. Jeff Gordon, 2,709
3. Jimmie Johnson, 2,672
4. Kurt Busch, 2,526
5. Benny Hamlin, 2,457
6. Carl Edwards, 2,438
7. Ryan Newman, 2,385
8. Casey Kahne, 2,336
9. Juan Pablo Montoya, 2,321
10. Kyle Busch, 2,298
11. Mark Martin, 2,296
12. Matt Kenseth, 2,295
13. Greg Biffle, 2,285
14. David Reutimann, 2,219
15. Clint Bowyer, 2,169
16. Brian Vickers, 2,149
17. Jeff Burton, 2,113
18. Marcos Ambrose, 2,078
19. Jamie McMurray, 1,960
20. Joey Logano, 1,956

Money

1. Matt Kenseth, \$4,521,252
2. Tony Stewart, \$4,429,935
3. Jimmie Johnson, \$3,891,292
4. Jeff Gordon, \$3,835,493
5. Kevin Harvick, \$3,619,999
6. Kyle Busch, \$3,582,217
7. Carl Edwards, \$3,191,652
8. Casey Kahne, \$3,119,950
9. Joey Logano, \$3,020,757
10. Jeff Burton, \$2,964,107
11. Ryan Newman, \$2,927,764
12. David Reutimann, \$2,865,379
13. Mark Martin, \$2,847,203
14. Juan Pablo Montoya, \$2,717,929
15. Kurt Busch, \$2,667,884
16. Greg Biffle, \$2,651,934
17. Denny Hamlin, \$2,604,889
18. Martin Truex Jr., \$2,592,427
19. Reed Sorenson, \$2,590,021
20. Brian Vickers, \$2,587,704

BASEBALL

American League

All Times EDT

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	55	37	.598	-
New York	55	37	.598	-
Tampa Bay	51	42	.548	4½
Toronto	46	47	.495	9½
Baltimore	41	51	.446	14

CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	48	42	.533	-
Chicago	44	45	.511	2
Minnesota	47	45	.511	-
Kansas City	37	54	.407	11½
Cleveland	36	57	.387	13½

WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	52	38	.578	-
Texas	50	41	.549	2½
Seattle	49	43	.533	4
Oakland	38	52	.422	14

Sunday's Games

Toronto 3, Boston 1
Baltimore 10, Chicago White Sox 2
N.Y. Yankees 2, Detroit 1
Tampa Bay 4, Kansas City 3
L.A. Angels 1, Oakland 0, 10 innings
Texas 5, Minnesota 3, 12 innings

Monday's Games
Texas 6, Boston 3
N.Y. Yankees 2, Baltimore 1
Texas 6, Boston 3
L.A. Angels at Kansas City, p.m., rain
Chicago White Sox 4, Tampa Bay 3
Minnesota at Oakland, late

Tuesday's Games
L.A. Angels (E.Santana 2-5) at Kansas City (Ponson 1-5), 3:10 p.m., 1st game
Baltimore (R.Hill 2-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Mitre 0-0), 5:05 p.m.
Seattle (Olson 3-3) at Detroit (Porcello 8-6), 5:05 p.m.
Cleveland (C.Lee 5-9) at Toronto (Cecil 3-1), 5:07 p.m.
Boston (Beckett 11-3) at Texas (Trotter 11-1), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Niemann 8-4) at Chicago White Sox (Richard 3-3), 6:11 p.m.
L.A. Angels (O'Sullivan 2-0) at Kansas City (Chen 0-4), 6:40 p.m., 2nd game
Minnesota (Swarzak 2-3) at Oakland (Braden 7-8), 8:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, 11:05 a.m.
Minnesota at Oakland, 1:35 p.m.
Seattle at Detroit, 5:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Toronto, 5:07 p.m.
Boston at Texas, 6:05 p.m.
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National League

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EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	52	38	.578	-
Atlanta	47	46	.505	6½
Florida	46	47	.495	7½
New York	44	48	.478	9
Washington	26	66	.283	27

CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	51	44	.537	-
Chicago	47	44	.516	2
Houston	47	46	.505	3
Milwaukee	47	46	.505	3
Cincinnati	44	47	.484	5
Pittsburgh	41	51	.446	8½

WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	58	34	.630	-
Colorado	51	42	.548	7½
San Francisco	50	42	.543	8
Arizona	39	54	.419	19½
San Diego	37	55	.402	21

Sunday's Games

Cincinnati 5, Milwaukee 3
Philadelphia 5, Florida 0
Chicago Cubs 11, Washington 3
San Francisco 4, Pittsburgh 3
St. Louis 2, Arizona 1
Cleveland 6, San Diego 1
L.A. Dodgers 4, Houston 3
Atlanta 7, N.Y. Mets 1

Monday's Games
Philadelphia 10, Chicago Cubs 1
N.Y. Mets 6, Washington 2
Atlanta 11, San Francisco 3
Houston 3, St. Louis 2
Colorado 10, Arizona 6
Florida (Volstad 6-9) at San Diego (Gaudin 4-8), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (H.Bailey 1-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Wolf 4-4), 8:10 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, 10:35 a.m.
Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia (Blanton 6-4), 5:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Looper 8-4) at Pittsburgh (Vasquez 1-3), 5:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (O.Perez 2-2) at Washington (Lannan 6-7), 5:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Sadowski 2-1) at Atlanta (D.Lowe 8-7), 5:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Wellemeier 7-7) at Houston (W.Rodriguez 9-6), 6:05 p.m.
Arizona (Scherzer 5-6) at Colorado (Cook 9-3), 6:40 p.m.
Florida (Volstad 6-9) at San Diego (Gaudin 4-8), 8:05 p.m.
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AL Boxes

YANKEES 2, ORIOLES 1

Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi	New York	ab	r	h	bi
BRorts 2b	4	0	1	0	Jeter ss	3	0	0	0
Markis rf	4	1	1	1	Damon lf	3	0	1	0
Adions cf	3	0	1	0	Teuber 1b	4	0	1	0
A.Huff lb	4	0	0	0	ArDrez 2b	3	0	0	0
Mora 3b	4	0	0	0	H.Matsu dh	3	1	1	1
Scott dh	3	0	0	0	Cano 2b	3	0	0	0
Reimid lf	3	0	0	0	Hinske rf	3	1	1	1
Wieters c	2	0	1	0	Swisher rf	0	0	0	0
Cltzurs ss	3	0	1	0	McCarr cf	3	0	0	0
					Wojcik	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	1	6	1	Totals	29	2	4	2
Baltimore	100	000	000	-	Baltimore	100	000	000	-
New York	000	000	001	-	New York	000	000	001	-

One out when winning run scored.

DP—New York 2, LOB—Baltimore 6, New York 5, 2B—B.Roberts (3), HR—Markakis (10), H.Matsu (15), Hinske (4), SB—Ad.Jones (8).

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Da.Hernandez	6	3	1	1	3	4
Hendrickson	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jr.Johnson L-3-4	11:3	1	1	1	0	1

New York	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Yettie	7:1	6	1	1	2	8
Coke	1	0	0	0	0	0
Aceves W-6-1	2:3	0	0	0	1	0
HBP—by Coke (Ad.Jones), WP—Pettitte.						
Umpires—Home, Adrian Johnson; First, Jim Wolf; Second, Brian O'Nora; Third, Gary Cederstrom; T-2:34. A-46,342 (52,325).						

TV SCHEDULE

WHITE SOX 4, RAYS 3

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Blyton cf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Cwrd lf	3	1	2	1	0	1
Longori 3b	4	1	1	1	0	1
C.Pena lb	3	0	0	0	0	0
Zobrist rf	4	1	1	1	0	1
Burrell dh	3	0	0	0	0	0
Kapler pr	0	0	0	0	0	0
W.Ayaz 2b	4	1	1	1	0	1
Navyrr pr	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.Hrdn c	3	0	0	0	0	0
Gross ph	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bartlett ss	4	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	31	6	3	3	3	4

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
E.Aybar 2 (6), M.Hernandez (2), DP—Tampa Bay 2, LOB—Tampa Bay 6, Chicago 8, 2B—Podsednik (2), Kierro, HR—Crawford (9), Longoria (18), Zobrist (18), Bonifant (18), SB—C.Pena (2), Bartlett (20), Podsednik (15), Beckham (3), CS—Crawford (8), Bartlett (2).						

RANGERS 6, RED SOX 3

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Ellisury cf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Pedroja 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0
Yokulis lb	4	1	2	1	0	1
O.Rtíz dh	4	0	1	0	0	0
Bay lf	4	0	1	0	0	0
J.Drew rf	2	1	0	0	0	0
Baldeli p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lowell 3b	4	0	2	1	0	1
Varitek c	3	0	1	0	0	0
Lowie ss	3	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	3	6	3	3	6

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kinsler 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0
M.Moore 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0
Hamlin rf	4	1	1	0	0	0
Anjos dh	4	0	1	0	0	0
Blalock lb	4	1	2	1	0	0
Byrd cf	4	0	0	0	0	0
D.Mrpf lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Silimich c	4	1	2	1	0	1
Andrus ss	3	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	3	6	3	3	6

ROCKIES 10, DIAMONDBACKS 6

Arizona	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Lilly L-9-7	4	8	9	7	2	6
Stevens	2	0	0	0	0	0
Heilman	1	0	0	0	0	0
A.Guzman	1	1	1	1	0	2

Colorado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Fowler cf	4	2	2	2	1	1
Barnes 2b-ss	5	1	2	1	0	1
Hellon 1b	3	0	0	0	0	1
Hawpe rf	3	2	2	0	0	0
C.Gonz lf	2	1	1	1	0	0
Twitz ss	3	1	1	0	0	0
J.Porper p	4	0	0	0	0	0
M.Floris p	4	1	1	0	0	0
Corpas p	4	1	1	0	0	0
Ojeda 3b	4	1	1	0	0	0
S.Mrth lf	4	1	1	0	0	0
Boyer p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Iannett c	4	2	2	1	0	0
DeLRS p	2	0	0	0	0	0
Quntill 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	36	10	6	6	3	10

ASTROS 3, CARDINALS 2

St. Louis	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Bourn cf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Brickman 1b	4	1	1	0	0	0
Ca.Lee lf	2	1	1	0	0	0
Blum 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0
Pence rf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Rodrigz c	3	0	1	0	0	0
K.Matsu 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0
Moeblir p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wright p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fulchin p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hwks p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kata ph	1	0	0	0	0	0
Valrd p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	2	9	2	3	3

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Bourn cf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Brickman 1b	4	1	1	0	0	0
Ca.Lee lf	2	1	1	0	0	0
Blum 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0
Pence rf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Rodrigz c	3	0	1	0	0	0
K.Matsu 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0
Moeblir p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wright p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fulchin p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hwks p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kata ph	1	0	0	0	0	0
Valrd p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	2	9	2	3	3

BRVES 11, GIANTS 3

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
McLoth cf	3	2	1	1	0	0
Prado 2b-3b	4	0	0	0	0	0
C.Jones 3b	5	1	2	1	0	0
Conrad pr-2b	0	0	0	0	0	0
McMn c	5	0	1	0	0	0
Medlen p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medlen p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gandrs lf	4	2	2	1	0	0
M.Gnztz p	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Ross c	4	1	1	0	0	0
M.Diaz rf	4	2	2	1	0	0
Ktchm lf	4	2	1	1	0	0
Hanson p	2	0	0	0	0	0
Church ph-rf	2	1	2	1	0	0
Aurilia ph	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	3	6	3	3	3

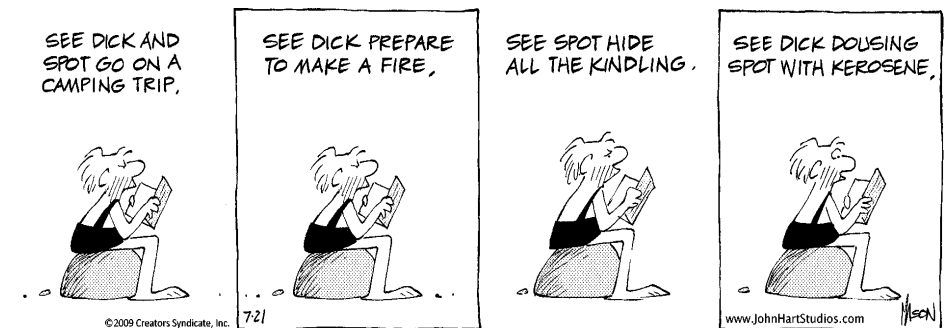
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Conrad pr-2b	0	0	0	0	0	0
McMn c	5	0	1	0	0	0
Medlen p	0	0	0	0	0	0
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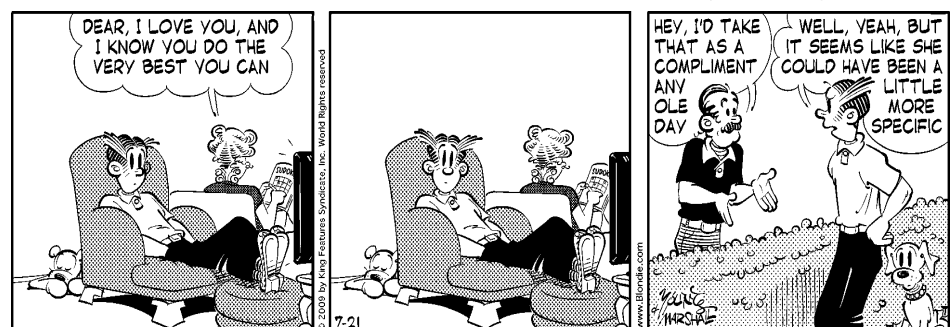


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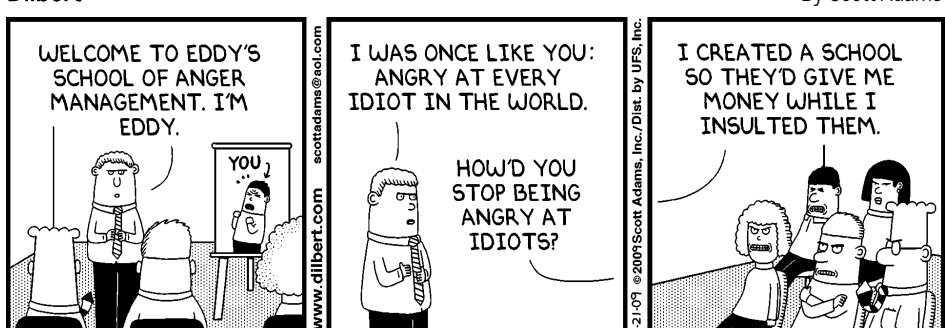


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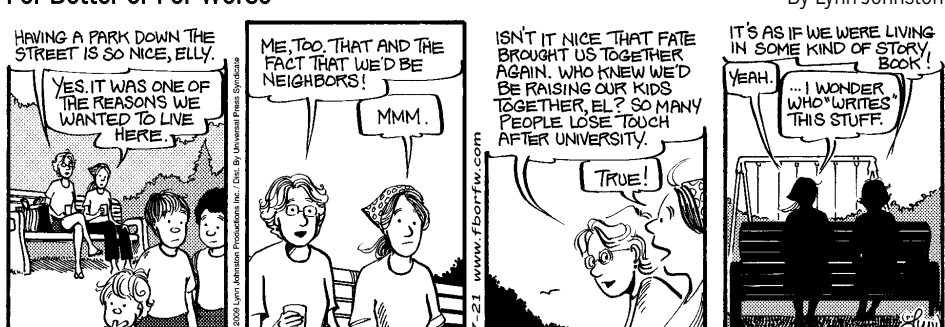


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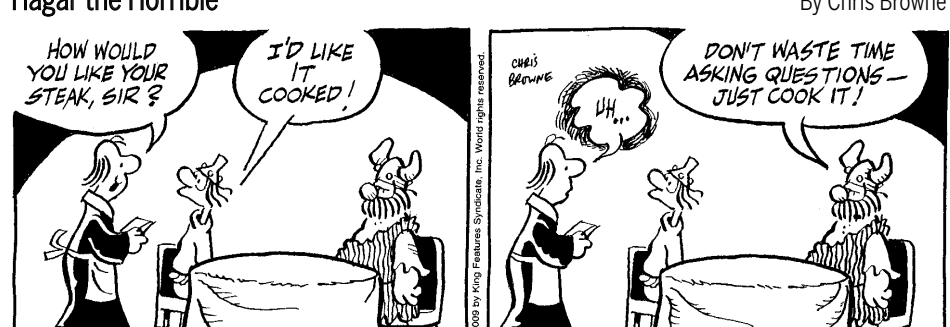


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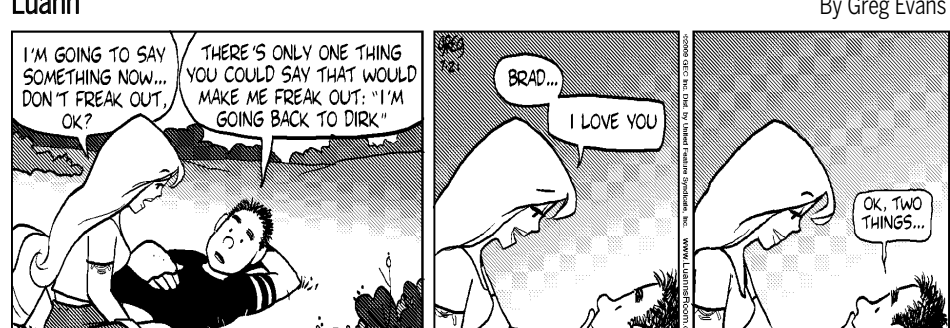


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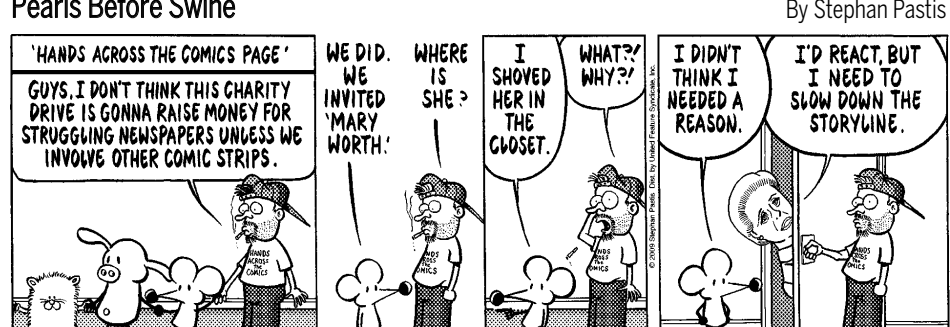
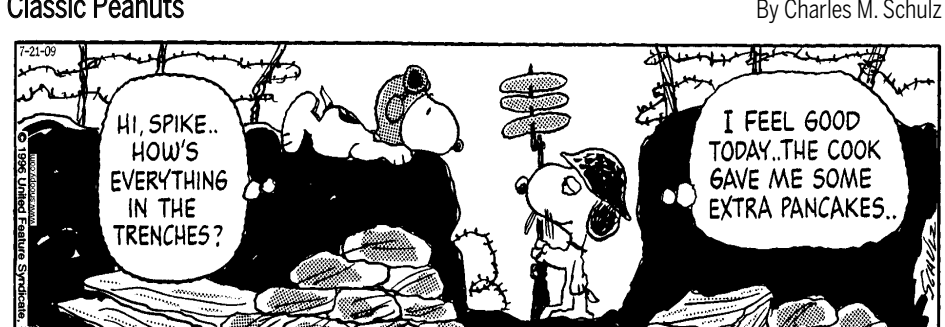


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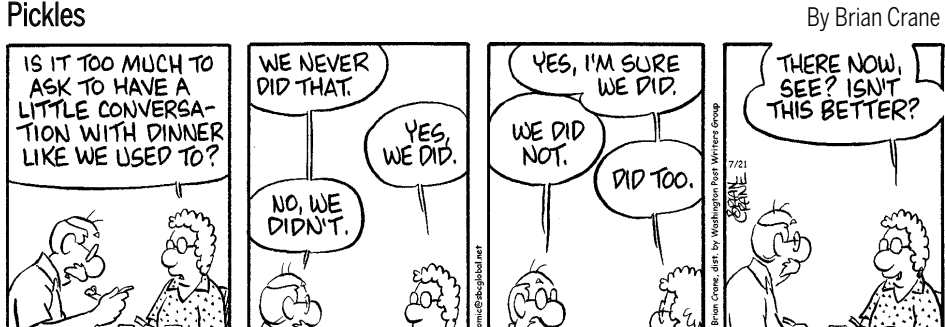


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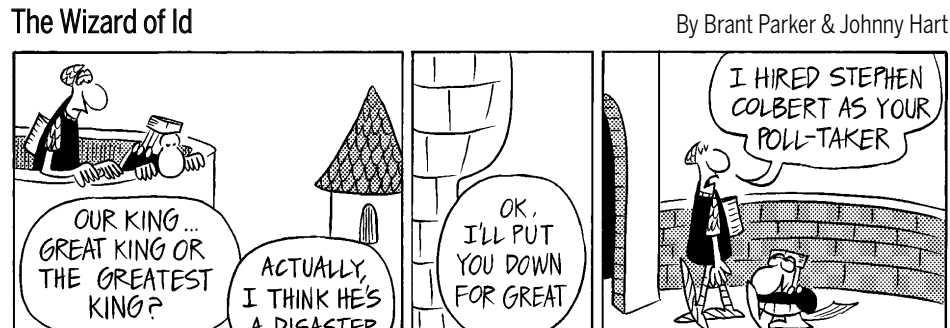
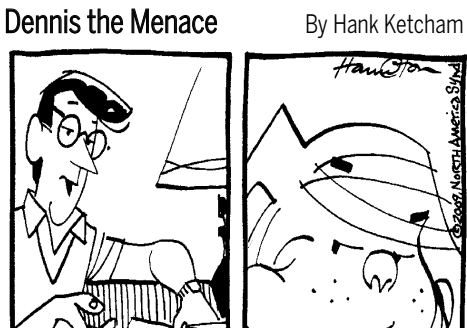
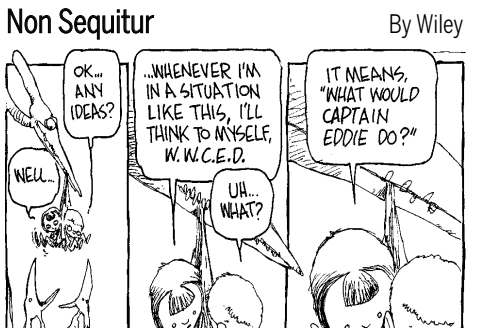
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