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STATE GOES AHEAD WITH FIRST LARGE-SCALE WELL CLOSURE OF MORE THAN 300 WATER RIGHTS IN M.V.

WATER DISTRICTS HAVE LIMITED OPTIONS, COULD FILE A STAY



ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

The state plans to close a number of Magic Valley wells today, including those on Donald Taber's farm, Donley Farms, east of Shoshone. Taber says the well closures will not affect him too much this year because he has alternate sources of water.

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

The Idaho Department of Water Resources will go forward this morning with a plan to shut off more than 300 water rights irrigating just less than 9,000 acres of Magic Valley farmland, the first wide-scale well curtailment to actually be carried out by the state.

IDWR Interim Director Gary Spackman ordered the closures last week, shortly after the department learned the districts had lost as much as half of 9,300 acres of farmland converted to use surface water instead of groundwater. State officials said those conversions needed to be maintained in order to fulfill an agreement with Clear Springs Foods of Buhl, whose springs, officials ruled, have declined due to

groundwater pumping.

The districts seem to have limited options, though they could file for a stay on the closures in district court. Spackman on Wednesday rejected a plan from the pumpers to avoid the closures, and Lynn Carlquist, chairman of the North Snake Ground Water District, said Thursday afternoon that he didn't expect any other plan to be filed that day.

Carlquist planned to have

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Find out how curtailment will work.

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a late-evening conference call with board members and their attorney. Meanwhile, IDWR will start a series of inspections this morning to ensure pumpers comply with the order.

Curtailments only became possible in the Magic Valley a few years ago, and today's work is new territory for IDWR, spokesman Bob McLaughlin said.

"We will do the best we can and proceed cautiously," he said, noting that the agency doesn't want to shut off the wrong rights.

Former IDWR Director Dave Tuthill, who retired June 30 and presided over much of the Clear Springs call, told the *Times-News* on Thursday that he supports Spackman's decisions so far.

"The groundwater users did not perform as they had suggested they would," Tuthill said from his home

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Who's on the list?

Today's well closures will affect about 315 water rights held by about 250 entities in six Magic Valley counties. The water rights all carry dates after Jan. 8, 1981, and were selected by location and date to provide a little more than 5 cubic-feet per second of water to springs from Buhl to the Thousand Springs area. About .36 cfs will go to a Clear Springs Foods fish farm, though it may take some time to get there.

The closures will primarily affect farmers and fields irrigated at dairies. Participants in an Idaho Dairymen's Association water plan will not have their water for dairy operations shut off.

Several cities, businesses and other groups will be affected as well, including:

- Cities of Dietrich, Jerome and Wendell — municipal supplies
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints — irrigation water for 1,610 acres
- Gooding Urban Renewal Agency — commercial supplies
- Jerome Country Club — irrigation supplies
- Moss Greenhouses Inc. near Jerome — commercial supplies
- Valley School District — domestic supplies and water for fire protection

T.F. Co. drafts own Gateway West document

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

Twin Falls County commissioners have drafted their own document to cooperate with Magic Valley counties for a proposed transmission corridor after they rejected the original proposal by the other counties.

Last week, the commission balked at a memorandum of understanding to establish a utility transmission corridor to house the proposed Gateway West over concerns about language. The Twin Falls version will build on the county promising to use its facilities, financial resources

and manpower in a way commissioners said won't tie them down.

"We're going to pledge all that and add 'to the extent deemed appropriate by and for each individual county,'" Commission Chairman George Urie said Thursday. "In other words, if we're going to commit those things, we want to commit them to our county."

The Twin Falls MOU is scheduled to be voted on this afternoon.

The transmission lines in questions are within the 1,150-mile Gateway West project proposed by Idaho

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Camas County nets large pot bust

17,101 marijuana plants seized from Sawtooth National Forest

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

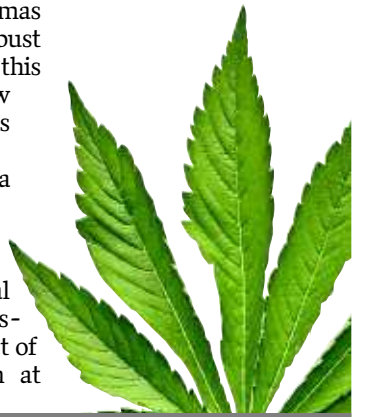
About 17,101 marijuana plants were pulled this week from the Sawtooth National Forest in Camas County in the largest bust on federal land so far this year in Idaho, law enforcement authorities said on Thursday.

The plants covered a hillside on at least 15 acres in a remote and undisclosed section of the Sawtooth National Forest. At least three suspects believed to be part of the operation remain at

large, though no one has been charged, said Camas County Sheriff David Sanders.

Suspected growers fled when authorities raided the site earlier this week, but left behind ammunition, trash and an estimated 3 to 5 miles of irrigation pipe. Authorities said they were unsure exactly how long the pot may have been there.

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Cabin owners, campers report more bears above Fairfield

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Perhaps the cool spring changed how plants grew in the mountains north of Fairfield. Or maybe bears just like the taste of hamburger.

No matter the reason, campers and cabin owners in the area of the Big and Little Smoky creeks say black bears seem to be prowling around buildings and investigating campgrounds more often this summer.

Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough, who owns a cabin in the area, said a bear apparently wandered onto his deck and tore up his barbecue. He got a good look at one of the animals later on.

"Then one walked by my window while I was eating dinner," he recalled, adding

Protect yourself

- Be very cautious around bears, said Fish and Game biologist Regan Berkley. They startle easily; if you encounter one, make sure it knows you're there and that there's space for it to move away from you.
- Bears are largely drawn to food, trash and similar items left out by humans. In towns with bears nearby, Berkley said, consider waiting to put your garbage out until the morning it's picked up. Cabin owners should keep garbage inside their cabins, and campers should secure food in coolers in the trunks of their cars.

that it ran off as soon as it noticed him.

Witness reports vary as

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Defensive driving classes offered for ages 15 to 24

Burley High School to host first class Monday

Times-News

Idaho drivers between the ages of 15 and 24 can get a free defensive driving lesson from law enforcement beginning Monday at Burley High School.

The class teaches curriculum called Alive@25, aimed at reducing traffic crashes and fatalities in that age group.

Drivers in that age span represent about 14 percent of licensed drivers who are involved in about 27 percent of crashes, said Idaho State Police Cpl. Andy Hitt.

Classes will last about four and a half hours, and participants will be awarded a certificate. Participants should

Take part

Register online at <http://idsafedriver.org>. Learn more about the curriculum at <http://www.alive-at25.us/>

check with their insurance companies for possible discounts for taking the course, authorities said.

This is the first year Idaho has offered these classes through the Alive@25 cur-

riculum, which has been used successfully in Colorado, officials said.

A few classes have already been held in other regions in Idaho, but Monday's class at Burley High School will be the first offered in the Magic Valley.

A federal grant for about \$35,000 is funding the instruction this year. Seven officers were trained to teach

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You Don't Say

Steve Crump



When farmers raised hell

This morning, the Idaho Department of Water Resources will begin the process of shutting down some groundwater pumpers' wells across south-central Idaho. If so, it won't be the first time the spigot has been turned off on Magic Valley farmers in the middle of the growing season.

In fact, it happened more often than not to irrigators on Minidoka Project land during the first 20 years of the Magic Valley's history.

"As a consequence of miscalculations by federal reclamationists, they failed to deliver the quantities of water promised the settlers and to make water available to settlers at the prices quoted at the onset of the project," said Hugh Lovin, a retired professor of history at Boise State University.

That meant that farmers had to compete with their neighbors for water — often at the point of an irrigation shovel.

"Meanwhile, farmer factions (the so-called 'Boosters' and 'Knockers') clashed in spirited and often hostile debates over the issue of whether Eldorado was, after all, attainable in Idaho," Lovin wrote in an article in the fall 1976 edition of *Idaho Yesterdays* magazine. "Farmers enrolled in militant organizations, sired by the Knockers, such as the North Side Settlers' Union and the Salmon River Canal Users' Association."

The Carey Act, the federal law that was the basis for reclamation, was administered by the state — and badly. Many farmers stopped paying for water and irrigation companies

folded. That in turn scared away investors, and there was no private capital available to fix the problems.

Republican Gov. John Haines was unsympathetic, so the irrigators voted for Democrat Moses Alexander.

Alexander won, but he didn't help. He refused to spend taxpayers' money to bail out the farmers and pushed hard for more reclamation works, spreading the the available water even thinner.

So irrigators embraced Arthur Townley, a North Dakota farmer with some radical ideas. Among other things, Townley's Nonpartisan League favored state-run banks to supply inexpensive farm credit.

In the 1918 primary Nonpartisans effectively hijacked the Idaho Democratic Party. But in the general election, rank-and-file Democrats stayed home and Republicans won by a landslide.

The Legislature repealed the direct primary law and passed legislation preventing an outside group from taking over the Democratic or GOP state conventions.

By 1922 the Nonpartisans had merged with the Progressive Party, which flourished for a few years and then faded.

"Reclamation tract farmers of south Idaho ... never wavered from Townley's premises that farmer salvation required unconventional, aggressive and tireless political action by the farmers' party," Lovin said.

Steve Crump is the Times-News Opinion editor.

Judge denies change of venue for Stevens

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

HAILEY — Judge John Butler denied this week a motion to change venue in the case of Cody Stevens, the Twin Falls man charged with vehicular manslaughter for allegedly causing the March car-crash death of Hailey resident Bert Redfern.

The motion had been

filed in recent weeks by Stevens' attorney, Doug Werth, alleging that pretrial publicity, including blogs and news stories, were prejudicial against his client and created an environment in which it would be difficult to find unbiased jurors.

In reaching a decision to deny the motion without prejudice — which means the attorney may re-file if additional information

comes forward before Stevens' trial — Butler said news articles were "for the most part factual" and that public comments on Web versions of those stories were balanced between those presuming Stevens' guilt and those critical of such presumptions.

Butler also noted the amount of time that will have passed between Redfern's death and

Stevens' scheduled Oct. 27 trial, saying that court precedent has shown that given enough time between pretrial publicity and the trial, media coverage and potential jurors' memories of that coverage will dissipate.

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Sheriff's association hosts PERSI barbeque

By Nichole Carnell
Times-News writer



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WATCH a video of the barbeque and videos with Lt. Daron Brown and Stephanie Haas.

If the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Employee Association thinks the county's rejection of a new retirement plan for its employees is final, it isn't showing it.

"We are going to see it forward as far as we can," said Stephanie Haas, criminal records supervisor for the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department and a leader in the campaign to educate county employees on the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI).

Members of the Sheriff's Employee Association hosted a hot dog barbeque Thursday afternoon at the Twin Falls County Courthouse for all county employees. The goal of the

event was to educate county employees on PERSI in hopes of gaining signatures for a petition to challenge commissioners' decision to keep its current plan, said Lt. Daron Brown, president of the association.

Earlier this month commissioners rejected an initiative to change from the current stock market-based retirement provider Nationwide insurance to PERSI, which guarantees money after an employee has become vested in the program after five years. PERSI is also transferrable throughout the state.

Haas, Brown and others answered questions from county employees unsure

of the switch.

"Don't hesitate to go to the commissioners and tell them what you think," Brown said, speaking to those gathered on the courthouse front steps.

Approximately 130 employees have signed the petition, said Haas, and she is hoping more will come forward to learn about the benefits of the change.

County Commissioner George Urie stopped by the barbeque but said he could not stay long due to another luncheon, said Brown.

Urie said everyone at the lunch was polite.

"It's their right," Urie said of the association appealing the commission's decision. "I am not sure of the outcome but we will be glad to listen to them."

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Franklin Scott Osterhoudt, 20, Twin Falls; two counts rape; Aug. 7 preliminary hearing; \$20,000 bond; public defender appointed
Audias Avendano-Leon, 29, Jerome; possession of controlled substance; Aug. 18 pretrial; not guilty plea; \$300 bond; public defender appointed
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INL investigates disappearing grounding cables

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

The Idaho National Laboratory is investigating what appears to be a sizable copper theft at the site of one of its cleanup projects.

According to an operations summary released every two weeks by the facility, officials inspecting a facility used for the Idaho Cleanup Project on July 6 found that an external copper grounding cable had been cut off and was missing. A closer look revealed that hundreds of feet of cable were missing from various systems, buildings and trailers in the area, which requires clearance from the U.S. Department of Energy to access.

Replacement cables and hardware were ordered and INL investigators are now looking into the incident. While that investigation is still going on, it appears that the thief or thieves likely intended to

sell the copper as scrap, said Erik Simpson, spokesman for the cleanup project.

Similar thefts have plagued Idaho farmers, utility companies and other groups in the recent past, peaking last summer when the price of copper and other metals rose sharply. Wires vanished from power substations and farmers lost irrigation wheels and sprinkler heads, prompting the Idaho Legislature this spring to pass a bill requiring more documentation from metal sellers.

Prices have dropped since, leading to fewer thefts. But this month wasn't the first time INL has had problems with copper disappearing. Suspects in such cases can be charged with stealing government equipment and tried in federal court, Simpson noted.

The recent round of thefts was confined to three facilities used for the Accelerated Retrieval Project,

involving subsurface disposal of radioactive waste. The area is a secure facility, Simpson confirmed, upping the odds that the thief was a site employee. One employee did submit an anonymous tip to investigators, he said, but it didn't pan out.

"It wouldn't have been a member of the public, I can tell you," he said.

Officials immediately shut down work at the site when they discovered the missing cables but later determined that the lack of grounding posed no immediate threat to worker safety. A later order detailed steps for personnel to take when lightning was in the area until the cables were replaced.

INL, which is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year, covers 890 square miles near Idaho Falls and focuses its research on nuclear and other energy, national defense and other fields. The Idaho Cleanup Project is conducted by contractor CH2M-WG Idaho and targets waste generated at other DOE sites and stored at INL decades ago.

Two M.V. projects pass Senate committee

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

The U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee recently approved funding for two projects in the Magic Valley, according to U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo's office.

The projects are part of the annual funding for the departments of education, health and human services, and labor. They must still be approved by the Senate and a conference committee with the U.S. House.

Among the 11 projects that received funding were Cassia Regional Medical Center facility improvements and equipment in Burley at \$100,000, and \$100,000 for College of Southern Idaho for its new Renewable Energy Technician Apprenticeship Training Program in Twin Falls.

"We have made important strides to improve health services and expand educational opportunities in Idaho, but there is more to do," Crapo said in a statement. "I am proud to have participated in the expansion of telemedicine, which improves diagnosis for patients in rural Idaho, and to have recently seen firsthand the expansion of health education in Lewiston and Nampa."



Crapo

"There is a great need for up-to-date health services, particularly in our rural communities," said U.S. Sen. Jim Risch. "This funding will help many local hospitals upgrade their facilities. These funds also provide much-needed support for our medical education programs. We must invest in these training programs to meet the demands of a rapidly growing senior population."

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10:00 a.m. Lil-Bitty Horse Show (8 & under)- DePew
Noon-10:00 p.m. Commercial & Food Booths Open
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- THURSDAY, AUGUST 6**
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7:30 p.m. PRCA RODEO-DePew Arena
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Noon-10:00 p.m. Commercial & Food Booths Open
2:00 p.m. Open Sheep Show-Show Ring
4:00 p.m. Small Animal Round Robin
4 p.m. Midnight Inland Empire Carnival Open
5:00 p.m. 4-H Large Animal Round Robin
5:30 p.m. Open Swine Show-Swine Show Ring
7:30 p.m. TOUGH ENOUGH TO WEAR PINK- PRO
- SATURDAY, AUGUST 8**
8:30 a.m. Stock Sale Buyer Appreciation Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Stock sale for 4-H/FFA Market Animals
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Hagerman Planning & Zoning reviews zoning ordinance

By Kimberly Williams-Brackett
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN — The Hagerman Planning and Zoning Commission began reviewing and revising its zoning ordinance Tuesday evening.

The commission agreed to hold a workshop, as the meeting's notice and agenda were not posted 48 prior to the meeting as required by Idaho Open Meeting Law, said Commission Chairwoman Pat Winther.

Recommendations for amending the ordinance included making changes to its subdivision ordinance and a section containing P&Z bylaws. Commissioner David Maestas also said that the ordinance contained a lot of duplication.

"Any amendments must be on the agenda for the next meeting," Maestas said.

Winther said the P&Z ordinance should mirror the city's ordinance.

In other business, the commission briefly discussed the city's area of impact and updated zoning map. Huntley disagreed with the size of the commercial zone north of Hagerman. Winther said approval of the final map has been delayed by issues with the planned annexation of the Hagerman Pioneer Cemetery into the city. Maestas advised P&Z to wait for a recommendation from the City Council.

Commissioner Lynn Beutler asked the commission if a resident living in a commercial zone could reside and operate a business in the same structure. Commissioner Almer Huntley said the commission may, after proper notice and a public hearing, permit a "residence directly related to business located on same lot" where such use is deemed essential or desirable to public convenience or welfare.

AROUND THE VALLEY

Twin Falls fire burns garage

A late-night fire Wednesday in the president streets in Twin Falls damaged a garage, but was put out quickly by the city's fire department.

Residents at 371 Monroe Street called firefighters shortly after 11 p.m. to report a fire in the garage behind their home. Crews were mostly greeted with smoke when they arrived, and quickly had the fire out. No injuries were reported.

The fire, drifting smoke and the flashing lights of response vehicles drew onlookers from around the neighborhood. Though neighbors told the *Times-News* the home's residents were launching fireworks shortly before the blaze, firefighters said the family was trying to burn some weeds and the flames spread to their small garage. The structure, in an alley, was estimated to have sustained more than \$12,000 in damages.

East Fork Road reconstruction nearly complete

Reconstruction of East Fork Road in Blaine County is expected to be complete by Aug. 7, according to the Idaho Transportation Department.

Construction crews are completing paving of the one-mile section between the Big Wood River bridge and Ranch Lane this week. Final painting and cleanup should be completed by the end of next week.

The contractor will return later this fall to do seeding of the right-of-way with grasses and native vegetation, as required by the contract.

The contractor's final public meeting took place at 1:30 p.m. Thursday day at the Greenhorn Fire Station.

Idaho Sand and Gravel of Jerome is the contractor for the \$900,000 reconstruction. ITD administered the Blaine County-sponsored, federally-funded project.

Twin Falls County man jailed before 'Wanted' item printed

A public service announcement for a man wanted in Twin Falls County on a probation violation ran July 25 in the *Times-News*, a day after he was booked into the jail.

The public service announcements list people who are wanted by law enforcement in the Magic Valley and are submitted weekly by the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office to the *Times-News*.

On Wednesday, sheriff's office authorities apologized for the miscommunication regarding the custody status of the wanted man, John James Credille, 36.

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"If we fail to act today, our people, our states and our economy will be harmed."
 — Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga, said of the passage of a bill that will ensure vital federal aid for unemployment benefits and other programs doesn't dry up while lawmakers are out of town in August.

EDITORIAL

Hamblin's new Muni deal is a win-win proposition

We've often criticized the City of Twin Falls for opacity when transparency is called for.

But the city hit a hole-in-one in its new contract with Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course Pro Mike Hamblin.

Hamblin, who is in his 24th year at Muni, will no longer be an independent contractor when the five-year deal kicks in later this year. A city employee, he will be paid \$40,000 a year.

The city expects the contract to lead to savings of \$80,000 in next year's budget.

Just as important, Hamblin will from now on have to disclose revenue from the pro shop, restaurant and driving range.

Muni has lost money for more than a decade, and it was hard for the city to get a handle on revenue and costs when it couldn't ask to see Hamblin's books.

Now — thanks to the new contract and higher greens fees approved by the council last winter — it's actually projecting a \$30,516 profit next year.

Hamblin will receive all proceeds from the driving range and golf cart fees.

He will also get revenue from the restaurant, golf shop and rentals.

The city will continue to receive revenue from greens fees, season passes, corporate memberships, locker rentals and cart storage. And it will pay course superintendent Kevin Packard.

The 49-year-old Hamblin is a popular figure in the community because of his contributions to youth golf. It will be nice to have him around for another five years.

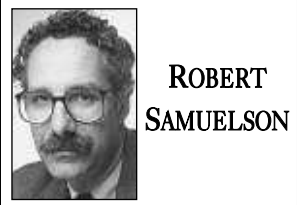
And nicer still to have a golf course that's not a drain on the taxpayers.

Our view: The City of Twin Falls has put the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course on the road toward profitability.

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

We can't expand health care benefits and control costs

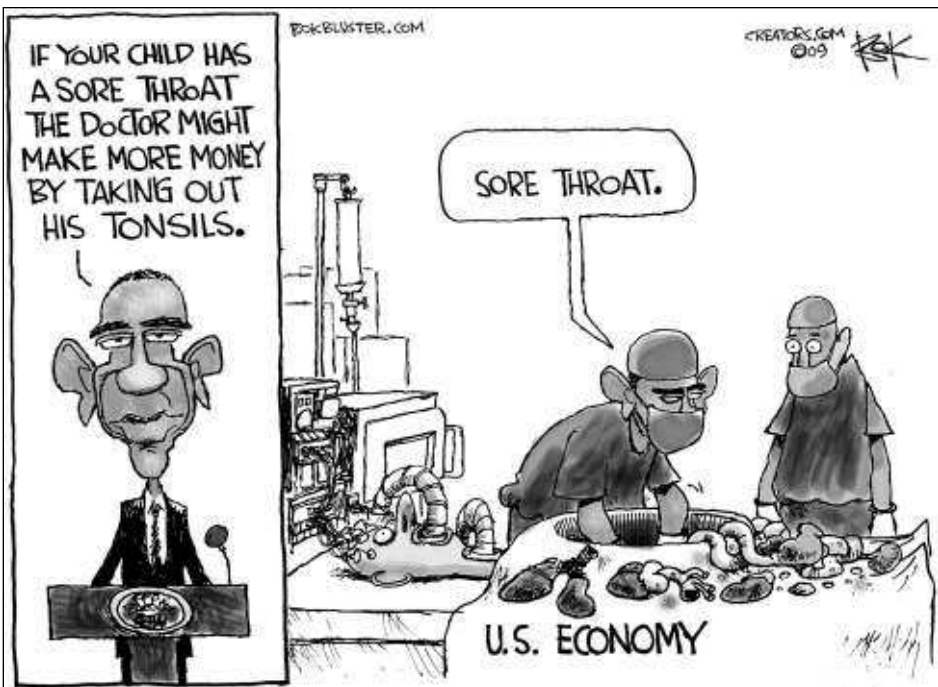
WASHINGTON — The most mis-used word in the health care debate is "reform." Everyone wants "reform," but what constitutes "reform" is another matter. If you listen to President Obama, his "reform" will satisfy almost everyone. It will insure the uninsured, control runaway health spending, subdue future budget deficits, preserve choice for patients and improve quality of care. These claims are self-serving exaggerations and political fantasies. They have destroyed what should be a serious national discussion of health care.



ROBERT SAMUELSON

The health care conundrum involves a contradiction that the administration steadfastly obscures: In the short run — meaning four to eight years — government cannot both insure the uninsured and rein in health spending. Here's why. The notion that the uninsured get little or no care is a myth: They now receive about 50 percent to 70 percent of the health care of the insured. If they become insured, their health care would rise toward 100 percent; that would increase both government and private health spending, depending on how the insurance is provided.

Until health costs are better controlled, expanding insurance coverage will be expensive. The president talks endlessly about the need to limit spending and eliminate waste. These are worthy goals. But changing the way medical care is delivered and paid for would take years and involve disruptive and unpopular measures. Patient co-payments might increase; networks of doctors and hospitals might displace individual practices; the tax exclusion for employer-paid health



insurance might be curbed. Obama downplays the obstacles. Any "reform" isn't likely to compel needed changes, partly because it's not clear what will work.

Evaluations of proposals reflect this reality. The Congressional Budget Office judges that the legislation in the House would, through expanded Medicaid and subsidies for private insurance, cut the uninsured to 17 million in 2019 from 46 million in 2007. But the cost would be \$1 trillion over a decade; of that, \$239 billion would add to the budget deficit. Worse, the costs would rise faster than the sources of financing, including a tax on the wealthy. In 2019, the projection's last year, the deficit would be \$65 billion. Assuming that deficit rises 4 percent a year, the cumulative shortfall in the second decade would total about \$800 billion.

But Obama sees all blue sky. "Here's what reform will mean for you," he said at a recent rally. "It will mean lower costs and more choices and coverage you can count on. Health insurance reform will save you and your family money," he said. (Note: Except for subsidies, it's doubtful families will experience savings anytime soon.) And later: "We'll also change incentives so that our doctors and our nurses can finally start

providing patients with the best care and not just the most expensive care. And if we do that, then reform ... will lower our deficits in the long run."

Contrast Obama's reassuring rhetoric with this exchange at a congressional hearing between Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, and Douglas Elmendorf, head of the CBO.

Conrad: "From what you have seen from the product of the committees that have reported, do you see a successful effort being mounted to bend the long-term cost curve?"

Elmendorf: "No, Mr. Chairman. In the legislation that has been reported, we do not see the sort of fundamental changes that would be necessary to reduce the trajectory of federal health spending by a significant amount. And on the contrary, the legislation significantly expands the federal responsibility for health care costs. ... The (cost) curve is being raised."

Judged objectively, "reform" may do exactly the opposite of what Obama says. But because the president is so well-spoken, he has the ability to make misleading statements sound reasonable or sophisticated. Still, they're misleading.

The administration had to make choices; it could

emphasize expanded insurance coverage ("access") or cost control, but not both. It chose coverage, embracing the long-standing liberal goal of "universal" insurance. Millions of Americans would receive more health care, though how much their health would improve is uncertain (the administration can't logically argue that much health care is wasteful and also that the uninsured will automatically benefit from more of it). Many with insurance would gain the peace of mind that they won't lose it.

But what helps many Americans as individuals may hurt society as a whole.

That's the paradox. Unchecked health spending is depressing take-home pay, squeezing other government programs — state and local programs as well as federal — and driving up taxes and budget deficits.

The president has said all of this; he simply isn't doing much about it. He offers the illusion of "reform" while perpetuating the status quo of four decades: expand benefits, talk about controlling costs. The press should put "reform" in quote marks, because this is one "reform" that might leave the country worse off.

Newsweek columnist Robert Samuelson writes about economics.

New Jersey: Where corruption is an art form

Once again, it's time to look for a silver lining.

California is about to whack the heck out of funding for its school system. But on the plus side, the Legislature rescued the money that localities needed to continue identifying dead bodies in their morgues. We hate it when they balance the budget on the back of the corpses.

In New York (Most Dysfunctional State in the Union! Thanks, *National Journal*!), Albany is being run mainly by thugs and people who were appointed to fill sudden vacancies. But I'm happy to report that we do have a lieutenant governor for the moment, thanks to an emergency swearing-in ceremony at a steakhouse in Brooklyn, two minutes ahead of Republicans waving court orders.



GAIL COLLINS

The governor of Nevada is being sued by a cocktail waitress, who claims he assaulted her outside a nightclub, and his wife, who wants a divorce. But at least he is doing better than the state's lieutenant governor, who is facing felony charges for misusing funds when he was the state treasurer. And not all that much worse than Nevada's U.S. senator, who had that affair with the campaign bookkeeper who was married to his chief of staff.

No matter what dreadful embarrassment your state is facing, you can always console yourself by remembering

that you do not live in New Jersey. Last week, a vast corruption sweep there netted three mayors, two state assemblymen, five rabbis and a guy who had allegedly been running an organ-trafficking business that has left swathes of the population of Moldova walking around with only one kidney.

Among the indicted mayors was Peter Cammarano III, Hoboken's 32-year-old "thoughtful fighter" whose reform agenda had raised hopes in a city so beleaguered that it had been under control of a state monitor.

The New Jersey story is particularly dispiriting because it appears that the original federal investigation was not aimed at government corruption at all, but a money-laundering scheme centered in a town appropriately named Deal. This case

involved Israel, Switzerland and an Apple Jacks cereal box stuffed with \$97,000 — all of which was very regrettable, but not the sort of thing likely to give nightmares to lovers of democracy around the globe.

However, it turned out that once the informant began driving around with a trunk filled with laundered money, government officials popped up like so many beagles sniffing an unsupervised hot dog. And these public servants were depressingly inexpensive. Five-thousand dollars appeared to be the going rate for pretty much everything in the political favor department. Although there was a reform assemblyman who allegedly got \$15,000. And, of course, the kidney would set you back a bundle.

According to the indictments, one employee of the

Hudson County Board of Elections did complain that he was being shortchanged when he was paid \$2,500. And although his name is now linked to a scandal that is roiling New Jersey with shame, he is probably comforted in the knowledge that he was absolutely right.

Hard to come up with any consolation for the people of Hoboken, who turned on the TV and saw their brand-new mayor being hauled off in handcuffs. While Cammarano was campaigning to "build a better, stronger, more-affordable Hoboken" he was also allegedly sitting down at a diner with a federal informant, who promised to give him two \$5,000 payments in return for help with various development projects.

And, oh, bitter pill — the prosecutors say he lightly heartedly told the informant

that he was so popular that he could win the election even if he was "uh, indicted."

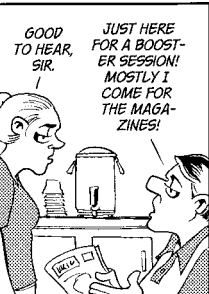
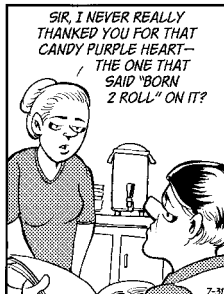
The voters can tell themselves that at least they tried. Cammarano's official biography boasts that he championed ethics and open government and sponsored a law requiring "that all wood products purchased for municipal projects are certified as non-rain forest in origin." Whoever told us to beware of politicians bearing rain forest resolutions?

And it could have been worse. At least Hoboken's indicted mayor isn't the cut-rate \$2,500 kind. And at last report, everybody was still hanging on to their kidneys.

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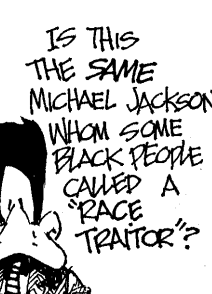
THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

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Bully boys: A brief history of White House thuggery

Six months into the Obama administration, it should now be clear to all Americans: Hope and Change came to the White House wrapped in brass knuckles.

Ask the Congressional Budget Office. Last week, President Obama spilled the beans on the "Today Show" that he had met with CBO Director Douglas Elmendorf – just as the number crunchers were casting ruinous doubt on White House cost-saving claims. Yes, question the timing.

The CBO is supposed to be a neutral scorekeeper – not a water boy for the White House. But when the meeting failed to stop the CBO from issuing more analysis undercutting the health care savings claims, Obama's budget director Peter Orszag played the heavy.

Orszag warned the CBO in a public letter that it risked feeding the perception that it was "exaggerating costs and underestimating savings." Message: Leave the number fudging to the boss. *Capiche?*

Obama issued an even more explicit order to unleash the hounds on Blue Dog Democrats during his health care press conference. "Keep up the heat" translated into Organizing for America/Democratic National Committee attack ads on moderate Democrats who have revolted against Obamacare's high costs and expansive government powers over medical decisions.

Looks like there won't be a health care beer summit anytime soon.

The CBO and the Blue Dogs got off easy compared to inspectors general targeted by Team Obama goons. Former AmeriCorps inspector general Gerald Walpin was slimed as mentally incompetent ("confused" and "disoriented") after blowing the whistle on several cases of community service tax fraud, including the case of Obama crony Kevin Johnson. Johnson is the NBA star turned Sacramento mayor who ran a federally funded nonprofit group employing AmeriCorps volunteers, who were exploited to perform campaign work for Johnson and to provide personal services (car washes, errands) to Johnson and his staff.

Walpin filed suit last week to get his job back – and to defend the integrity and independence of inspectors general system-wide. But he faces hardball tactics from both the West Wing and the East Wing, where first lady Michelle Obama has been intimately involved in personnel decisions at AmeriCorps, according to youth service program insiders.

At the Environmental Protection Agency, top Obama officials muzzled veteran researcher Alan Carlin, who dared to question the conventional wisdom on global warming. The economist with a physics degree was trashed as a non-scientist know-nothing.

Obama Treasury officials forced banks to take TARP bailout money they didn't want and obstructed banks that wanted to pay back TARP money from doing so. The administration strong-armed Chrysler creditors and Chrysler dealers using



MICHELLE MALKIN

politicized tactics that united both House Democrats and Republicans, who passed an amendment last week reversing Obama on the closure of nearly 800 Chrysler dealerships and more than 2,000 GM dealerships.

At the Justice Department, Obama lawyers are now blocking a House inquiry into the suspicious decision to dismiss default judgments against radical New Black Panther Party activists who intimidated voters and poll workers on Election Day in Philadelphia. The DOJ is preventing Rep. Frank Wolf, R-Va., from meeting with the trial team in the case. Wolf has been pressing for answers on what communications Attorney General Eric Holder and his deputies conducted with third-party interest groups and other political appointees about the case. So far: radio silence.

In the mafia culture, bully boys depend on a code of silence and allegiance – *omerta* – not only among their brethren, but also from the victims. The victims of Obama thugocracy are no longer cooperating. Perhaps it won't be long until some of the enforcers start to sing, too.

Gay rights and religious liberties

We shouldn't have to choose between gay rights and religious liberties.

ROBERT MARANTO

The media often report on the very real pain of same-sex couples unable to validate their relationships through marriage.

But reporters almost never discuss the full implications of same-sex marriage, or the underlying aims of some of its supporters. Privately, many of my fellow professors argue that a religiously affiliated college or university should receive no government funding for student loans or faculty research until gay and lesbian couples can wed at the campus chapel, synagogue or mosque.

I was reminded of this recently when the U.S. Supreme Court let stand a lower court ruling that the University of California could deny recognition to a Christian student group that did not allow its members to engage in "unrepentant homosexual conduct." This is just one of a number of recent court and bureaucratic decisions forcing faith-based institutions to embrace gay rights, no matter their sacred beliefs.

Yeshiva University was ordered to allow same-sex couples in its married dormitory.

In Boston, Catholic Charities ended adoptions after the state supreme court forced it to place children with gay and lesbian couples. In short, many intellectuals not only want to permit

Yet ultimately, we can only lessen the culture wars by lowering their stakes, finding ways for diverse peoples to live and let live without sacrificing their beliefs. Because people are tribal, anyone can start a culture war, but it takes genuine tolerance of others to defuse one.

same-sex marriage; they want to stigmatize religious dissenters as either bigots or fools.

Recently, such secular intolerance made me a conscientious objector in this particular culture war.

At a political science conference, I had the temerity to argue that, rather than refusing to hold our conventions in states without same-sex marriage, we professors should tolerate a wide range of views. Given the reaction, I'm just glad I don't need a grant from any of the professors who heard it.

I can't support intolerance of religion. As President Obama might put it, I am a red-state American with gay friends who deserve the right to marry (and divorce). But I also spent many years teaching in a blue state at Villanova University, where the Augustinian Brothers worship an awesome God, who does not allow hatred. Even so, Catholic intellectuals make reasonable claims that children benefit from the monogamous union of a man and woman, who together provide strength and diverse perspectives through their gender differences.

Legitimate concerns about the effect of same-sex marriage on children are not yet resolved by social science, as my

friend Richard Redding, who does not oppose gay marriage, points out in his recent Duke Journal of Gender Law and Policy article reviewing all of the research on same-sex parenting.

Moreover, same-sex marriage opponents have a point when they argue that on this issue, race-based civil rights approaches should not apply.

Race is so uncertain a concept that some scholars deny its objective existence; while gender and sexual orientation are central to our humanity. Same-sex marriage is therefore a far greater social change than interracial marriage, so it is not necessarily bigoted to argue that reform should be gradual.

But just because many of my friends who oppose same-sex marriage are decent people with reasonable views, that does not mean they are right. I cannot understand how a friend's same-sex union threatens my heterosexual marriage.

And if social science finds that on average, gay and lesbian parenting does not work quite as well as straight parenting, what of it? Do we really want a government powerful enough to decree that only ideal parents can raise children?

To take this to extremes, should Obama lose custody of his daugh-

ters because he smokes cigarettes? Research suggests that marriage generally, gay or straight, is likely better for children than the instability associated with out-of-wedlock birth.

For me, the reasonable compromise would recognize same-sex marriage in the public sphere, while leaving space for faith-based institutions, including schools, colleges and social services agencies, to opt out of practices that contradict their faith. Last month, New Hampshire Gov. John Lynch signed a same-sex marriage bill only after a religious exemption was added.

Given human nature, negotiating and compromising with opponents is not as sexy as coercing them to do things your way.

Yet ultimately, we can only lessen the culture wars by lowering their stakes, finding ways for diverse peoples to live and let live without sacrificing their beliefs. Because people are tribal, anyone can start a culture war, but it takes genuine tolerance of others to defuse one.

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President Obama, right, talks with Cambridge, Mass., police Sgt. James Crowley as they have a beer with Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr., not shown, in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington, Thursday.



AP photo

Cold beer, calm words on race at the White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — With mugs of beer and calming words, President Barack Obama and the professor and policeman engulfed in a national uproar over race pledged Thursday to move on and try to pull country with them.

There was no acrimony — nor apology — from any of the three: black Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates Jr., white Cambridge, Mass., police Sgt. James Crowley who had arrested him for disorderly conduct, and Obama who declared on national TV that the police had “acted stupidly.” But neither Gates nor Crowley backtracked either, agreeing they still had differences.

Said Obama after the highly anticipated, 40-minute chat at a picnic table on the White House South Lawn: “I have always believed that what brings us together is stronger than what pulls us apart.”

“I am confident that has happened here tonight, and I am hopeful that all of us are able to draw this positive lesson from this episode,” said the nation’s first black president.

Under the canopy of a magnolia tree in the early evening, Obama joined the other players in a story that had knocked the White

“We agreed to move forward.”

— Sgt. James Crowley

House off stride. Vice President Joe Biden joined them for drinks and snacks.

The policeman and the professor both expressed respect for each other after their dispute had unleashed a furor over racial profiling in America.

It all began when Crowley was called to investigate a potential burglary at Gates’ house and ended up arresting the protesting professor for disorderly conduct. The matter mushroomed when Obama made his comment in a prime-time news conference. He later expressed regret.

“We agreed to move forward,” Crowley said Thursday night when asked if anything was solved in the meeting. “I think what you had today was two gentlemen agreeing to disagree on a particular issue. I don’t think that we spent too much time dwelling on the past. We spent a lot of time discussing the future.”

For his part, Gates said he and Crowley had been caught up as characters in a much larger narrative about race over which they had no control.

“It is incumbent upon Sgt. Crowley and me to utilize the great opportunity that fate has given us,” Gates said in a statement. He said their task must be to foster sympathy among Americans about “the daily perils of policing on the one hand, and for the genuine fears of racial profiling on the other hand.”

Although Obama had invited Crowley and Gates as part of what he called a “teachable moment,” it wasn’t quite reachable for the masses. The coverage allowed the public to get the we’ve-come-together photos and video footage that the White House wanted, while keeping the discussion private among the men.

They were seen chatting with each other, each with a mug of beer — except Biden, who had a nonalcoholic drink. The media were stationed far away, out of earshot, and ushered away quickly.

In Massachusetts, meanwhile, a black sergeant who was with Crowley at Gates’ home said he’s been maligned as an “Uncle Tom” for supporting the actions of his white colleague, according to an e-mail that CNN said it received from the sergeant. The officer, Leon Lashley, said he “spoke the truth” about the arrest.

Baby cut from womb; woman suspected

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Family and friends who watched Julie Corey show off a newborn baby girl noticed the signs something wasn’t quite right with the baby she said she’d given birth to a day earlier: her seeming to breast-feed a newborn under a blanket when a bottle of formula was nearby and an umbilical cord tied with a ribbon instead of a clamp.

Then they heard Corey’s former neighbor had been found dead with a baby cut from her womb.

Corey, 35, of Worcester, Mass., was ordered held

on \$2 million bail in New Hampshire on Thursday, one day after being found with a 4-pound baby girl at a homeless shelter.

Appearing in Concord District Court via video from jail, Corey said little during the hearing and did not waive extradition to be brought back to Massachusetts to face kidnapping charges. Judge Gerard Boyle ordered all police affidavits in the case

sealed and scheduled a hearing for Aug. 30.

Corey is accused of kidnapping an infant carried by Darlene Haynes, a 23-year-old mother of three who had been eight months’ pregnant and was found dead Monday in her Worcester apartment. Authorities say she had head trauma, but an exact cause of death has not been determined. The missing fetus was discovered during an autopsy.

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Business

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Economy shows signs of stabilizing

Fed reports that inflation has been kept in check

By Annys Shin
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy's downward slide is slowing with more regions seeing signs of stabilization since mid-June, according to the Federal Reserve's latest snapshot.

The Fed's "beige book," a compilation of impressions

collected from businesses across the country, offered a brighter assessment than a previous report, which suggested that the economy continued to deteriorate in April and May.

"It anecdotally confirms what the economic indicators have been telling us," said Bernard Baumohl, chief global economist with the

Economic Outlook Group. "The economy is transitioning from recession to recovery."

Business spending also appeared to be staging a slow comeback, according to a separate report released by the Commerce Department on Wednesday. Orders for durable goods — appliances, construction equipment and other items made to last at least three years — fell more than expected in June, mainly due to a drop in demand for airplanes and autos. But excluding aircraft, new orders rose by a surpris-

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ing 1.1 percent, the second straight monthly increase and one that is significantly larger than the increase in May. Orders for non-defense capital goods excluding aircraft, a closely watched barometer of business investment, rose for the second consecutive month.

The durable goods report

"doesn't suggest business spending is going to come roaring back," said Wells Fargo economist Tim Quinlan. "You've had corporate belt-tightening for the first five months of the year, and we're finally starting to see business build back essential stockpiles. It's probably just rebuilding core

supplies rather than planning for future growth."

The beige book covered a six-week period since the release of the last survey on June 10 and was prepared in advance of the Aug. 11 and 12 meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee, the Fed's policy-setting arm.

That panel is not expected to alter the Fed's strategy for reigniting growth, which has involved keeping a key interest rate it controls close to zero and buying hundreds of billions of dollars in

See **ECONOMY**, Business 2

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Exxon Mobil 2Q profit falls a surprising 66 percent

Exxon Mobil Corp. on Thursday reported its lowest profit in nearly six years, a 66 percent plunge from the second quarter a year ago as the world's biggest publicly traded oil company confronted sharply lower crude and gas prices and anemic demand for refined products.

Exxon Mobil, based in Irving, Texas, said earnings for the April-June period came to \$3.95 billion, or 81 cents a share. That was down from \$11.68 billion, or \$2.22 a share, a year ago, a record at the time.

Excluding one-time items, net income in the most-recent quarter amounted to \$4.09 billion, or 84 cents a share.

The latest result missed the average Wall Street profit forecast by a wide margin. Analysts polled by Thomson Reuters were looking for net income of \$1.02 cents a share. Those estimates typically exclude one-time items.

Revenue fell 46 percent to \$74.5 billion from \$138.1 billion a year ago. Analysts, on average, had forecast revenue of about \$71.3 billion, Thomson Reuters said.

Company shares fell 88 cents to \$70.55.

Kellogg profit rises 13 percent in 2Q

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — Cereal maker Kellogg Co. said Thursday its profit rose 13 percent in the second quarter, boosted by higher prices and cost cutting, even though the stronger dollar hurt the company's sales.

The maker of Frosted Flakes, Cheez-Its and Eggo waffles said its quarterly profit rose to \$353 million, or 92 cents per share, from \$312 million, or 82 cents per share last year.

Revenue fell 3 percent to \$3.23 billion from \$3.34 billion last year, short of analyst predictions of \$3.27 billion.

The results beat analyst expectations of 83 cents per share in profit but fell short of the average revenue forecast from analysts polled by Thomson Reuters poll, of \$3.27 billion. Analysts estimates typically exclude one-time items.

Excluding the effect of the stronger dollar, sales overall rose 3 percent. North American retail cereal rose 4 percent, North American frozen and specialty channels 5 percent and North American snacks 3 percent.

Internationally, sales fell 13 percent but rose 2 percent excluding the stronger dollar.

Kellogg Co. says it now expects earnings per share to grow 8 percent to 10 percent in 2009, sharpening its earlier forecast of high single-digit growth.

Lee Enterprises reports revenue

Lee Enterprises, Inc., parent company of the *Times-News*, reported revenue from continuing operations for the quarter decreased 20.5 percent from a year ago to \$203.8 million.

Operating expenses, excluding unusual items, depreciation and amortization, decreased 22.0 percent to \$157.6 million and decreased 21.5 percent in total.

Compensation, excluding unusual items, declined 22.4 percent, with the average number of full-time equivalent employees down 16.8 percent. Newsprint and ink expense decreased 41.4 percent, a result of a reduction in newsprint volume of 36.4 percent and more favorable newsprint prices.

Operating cash flow decreased 16.9 percent compared with a year ago to \$44.7 million. Including equity in earnings (loss) of associated companies, depreciation and amortization, as well as adjustments for impairment and other non-cash charges, the operating loss was \$13.8 million.

The company does not report financials for individual newspapers.

— wire reports

STORES GET READY FOR SCHOOL SHOPPING

Pulling out all the stops

Thrifty is nifty but getting parents excited about back-to-school shopping will be tricky



AP photo

Amanda Griffin, left, shops for school supplies with her daughter Haven, 11, at a Little Rock, Ark., Wal-Mart store on July 24.

By Mae Anderson
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Retailers are geared up for back-to-school shopping. But getting recession-weary parents similarly stoked — now, that might be tricky.

Stores are doing more than ever to win business this back-to-school season — lengthening it; focusing on more T-shirts, lower-priced jeans and other basics; and promoting 50-cent boxes of pens and outright giveaways to get people in the door. The high hopes come as retailers work through one of the bleakest years in memory, beset by a steep consumer pullback amid the recession.

Families are expected to spend 8 percent less on back-to-school, including everything from new shoes to dorm room gear, the National Retail Federation forecasts. It expects total spending of \$47.5 billion.

That's worrying news for a retail industry that's seen sales declines at stores open at least a year of about 4 percent or more in recent months, according to The International Council of Shopping Centers-Goldman Sachs tally.

Rising unemployment and steep drops in housing prices and investments have many parents looking for cheaper alternatives to the mall.

"We are checking out the thrift shops and flea markets," said Diana Ennen, 51, who runs a publicity and marketing company in Margate, Fla. She is shopping for a college-age son and 15- and 12-year-old daughters. "In years past, I would have been embarrassed to say this, but not anymore."

"It's very much a back-to-basics season," said WSL Strategic Retail president Wendy Liebmann. "There's not going to be excessive spending going on, people are still very unsure about what their job situations are and trying to do more saving."

Alice Hendricks, 41, from Bethesda, Md., owner of a small technology company, said she will focus on practical clothes more than the latest fad for her 14-year-old boy and 9-year-old girl.

"I am going to buy more

See **SHOPPING**, Business 2

Jobless claims show downward trend

Jobs remain scarce for those still looking for work

By Christopher S. Rugaber
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The number of newly laid-off workers filing first-time claims for jobless benefits rose last week, the government said, though the increase was mostly due to seasonal distortions.

Many economists say new claims, which track layoffs and firings, are trending downward in a modest sign of improvement in the labor market.

The Labor Department said Thursday that the initial claims for unemployment aid rose by 25,000 to a seasonally adjusted 584,000, above analysts' estimates. But the figure is below the 617,000 new claims filed in late June, before the numbers began to be distorted by a shift in the timing of temporary auto shutdowns.

The four-week average of claims, which smooths out fluctuations, fell to 559,000, its lowest level since late January. And the number of people remaining on the jobless benefit rolls unexpectedly fell to 6.2 million from 6.25 million, the lowest level since mid-April.

"The latest report is actually reasonably good news," Abiel Reinhart, an economist at JPMorgan Chase & Co., wrote in a client note. "Obviously, claims are still high ... but things appear to be gradually improving."

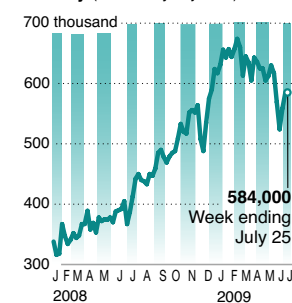
Stocks surged in morning trading as investors welcomed both the new data on jobless claims and

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Jobless claims

Initial claims for unemployment benefits increased by 25,000 in the fourth week of July.

Weekly (seasonally adjusted):



SOURCE: Department of Labor AP

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Today in business

WASHINGTON — Commerce Department releases second quarter gross domestic product and employment cost index.

SAN RAMON, Calif. — Chevron Corp. releases second-quarter financial results. PARIS — Tire maker Michelin reports first-half results.

COMMUNITY

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Covering the communities of Buhl, Castleford, Filer, Hansen, Hollister, Kimberly, Murtaugh, Rogerson, Twin Falls.

HISPANIC HERITAGE PAGEANT WINNERS



Winners of the 2009 Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Pageant, held July 25 in Twin Falls, were recently announced. They are, from left, Princesa Primera Dini Vicenti, Princesa Segunda Daniela Rodriguez, Reina de la Fiesta Rebeca Miramontes and Princesa Tercera Marcela Munguia. The contestants competed in talent, sportswear, evening gown and spontaneous question categories. They also wrote essays. Scholarships and cash were awarded. The Hispanic Heritage Fiesta will be held Aug. 8-9 at Twin Falls City Park.

Courtesy photo

COMMUNITY NEWS

Chess exhibition to be held Saturday

Idaho State Chess Champion Garrett Reynolds will conduct a simultaneous chess exhibition on Saturday in front of Magic Valley Bank, located at the corner of Main Avenue and Shoshone Street in Twin Falls, as part of the Inaugural MagicFest celebration.

Reynolds, the only three-time Scholastic Chess Champion in Idaho history, will face 10-12 players in the event, scheduled to start at 11 a.m. Any chess player wanting to take a shot at the Idaho champion should contact Barry Eacker, 733-6186 or

mol@q.com.

VerWey completes basic training

Donald Ryan VerWey, son of Kelly and Cheryl VerWey of Hansen, and grandson of Donald VerWey of Kimberly, graduated from U.S. Army basic training on July 2. The VerWeys attended graduation held at Fort Knox, Ky.

VerWey is now serving with the Army National Guard in Boise. He is a graduate of Hansen High School.



VerWey

Chapman completes transition training

U.S. Army Reserve Pfc. Chris S. Chapman has completed the Warrior Transition Course at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

The course teaches basic skills necessary for integration into the Army for all prior service members to fully prepare them for Advanced Individual Training or their first assignment.

Chapman is the son of Allen Chapman of Filer.

Registration dates at Kimberly schools

Kimberly School District announced registration

dates for the upcoming school year are:

Kimberly Elementary School: 8 a.m. to noon; 4 to 8 p.m. Aug. 11; 1 to 5 p.m. Aug. 12.

Kimberly Middle School: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 11; 1 to 7 p.m. Aug. 12.

Kimberly High School: New student registration, Aug. 11; All others Aug. 12: seniors, 8:30 to 11 a.m.; juniors, 12:30 to 3 p.m.; sophomores, 8:30 to 11 a.m.; freshmen 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Head Start now accepts applications

South Central Head Start is currently accepting applications for the 2009-10 program year. Applications

will be accepted for children ages 3-4 by Sept. 1.

The program is a low-income-family service program that provides a pre-school opportunity for children. Home visits focus on growth and enrichment for parents. The program is provided at no cost. Contact the center in your location for consideration or for more information.

Head Start Centers are located in: Twin Falls, 734-5550; Buhl, 543-5618; Jerome, 324-2385; Hansen, 423-9683; Rupert, 436-4553; Wendell, 536-1547; Shoshone, 886-7784; Hailey, 788-0082; Burley, 678-3669; and Hagerman, 490-0950.

Kimberly Public Library adds to list of materials

New materials at the Kimberly Public Library include:

Adult fiction

"Finger Lickin' Fifteen" by Janet Evanovich, "Black Hills" by Nora Roberts, "Roadside Crosses" by Jeffery Deaver, "Under The Radar" by Fern Michaels, "Right Next Door" by Debbie Macomber, "Medusa" by Clive Cussler, "The Scarecrow" by Michael Connelly, "Wicked Prey" by John Sandford, "Matters of the Heart" by Danielle Steel, "Killer Summer" by Ridley Pearson, "Below Zero" by C.J. Box, "Heartless" by Diana Palmer, "Gone Tomorrow" by Lee Child, "Prayers For Sale" by Sandra Dallas, "Cemetery Dance" by Douglas J. Preston, "Deep Down" by Karen Harper, "Flowers On Main," "Harbor Lights" and "The Inn at Eagle

Point" by Sherryl Woods, "Rewriting Monday" by Jodi Thomas, "Tea Time for the Traditionally Built" by Alexander McCall Smith, "Knockout" by Catherine Coulter, "Swimsuit" by James Patterson, "The Neighbor" by Lisa Gardner, "Burn" by Linda Howard, "Robert Ludlum's the Bourne Deception" by Eric Van Lustbader, "Return to Sullivan's Island" by Dorothea Benton Frank, "Look Again" by Lisa Scottoline, "Relentless" by Dean R. Koontz, "The Mist" by Carla Neggers, "A Plague of Secrets" by John Lescroart, "Still Life" by Joy Fielding, "The Moon Looked Down" by Dorothy Garlock, "One Last Scream" by Kevin O'Brien, "The Memory Collector" by Meg Gardiner

Inspirational fiction

"Take Two" by Karen Kingsbury,

"A Vote of Confidence" by Robin Lee Hatcher, "A Passion Denied" by Julie Lessman, "Enduring Love" by Bonnie Leon, "Plain Pursuit" by Beth Wiseman, "A Gift of Grace" by Amy Clipston, "A Claim Of Her Own" by Stephanie Grace Whitson, "The Secret" by Beverly Lewis, "The Reluctant Cowgirl" by Christine Lynxwiler, "Katt's in the Cradle" by Ginger Kilbaba, "Beloved Captive" and "Beloved Counterfeit" by Kathleen YBarbo, "Deeper Water" and "Higher Hope" by Robert Whitlow

Adult nonfiction

"Betty Crocker's Great Grilling Cookbook" by Betty Crocker, "Real Simple Cleaning" by Kathleen Squires, "501 Recipes for a Low-carbohydrate Life" by Gregg R. Gillespie, "Running With Angels" by Pamela H. Hansen, "Bronze Age Atlantis" by Walter Baucum, "Emigrant

Trails of Southern Idaho" edited by Idaho State Historical Society, "Guerrilla Marketing" by Jay Conrad Linvson

Juvenile fiction

"City of Ashes" and "City Of Bones" by Cassandra Clare, "Smoke Mountain" by Erin Hunter, "The Warrior Heir," "The Wizard Heir" and "The Dragon Heir" by Cinda Williams Chima, "The Everafter War" by Michael Buckley, "Gatekeepers" and "Timescape" by Robert Liparulo, "Pendragon: The Soldiers of Halla" by D.J. MacHale, "Oath Breaker" by Michelle Paver, "Necropolis" by Anthony Horowitz, "Geronimo and the Gold Medal Mystery" by Geronimo Stilton, "Mean Spirits," "Shadowland," "Ninth Key," "Twilight," "Hunted" and "Darkest Hour" by Meg Cabot, "Burned" by Ellen Hopkins, "Dragon In the Wood" and

"Dragon's Hiding Place" by Lucy Kincaid, "Flower Girl" by Gail Herman, "Camping Out" by Mercer Mayer, "Cook-A-Doodle!" by Janet Stevens, "Everybody's Helper" by Stephanie Marbury, "Francie The Baby-Sitter" by Catherine Lukas, "What Grandmas Can't Do" by Douglas Wood, "Biscuits' Day at the Farm" by Alyssa Satin Capucilli

Juvenile non-fiction

"Koalas" and "Tigers" by Rachael Hanel, "Tomie de Paola's Book Of Bible Stories" Edited by Tomie de Paola, "A Jonah Day" by Phil A. Smouse, "I Love Baby Animals" by Steve Parker, "Rainforest Wildlife" by Antonia Cunningham, "Construction Vehicles" by Terry Jennings, "A Collage of Crafts" by Charlie Guerrier, "Camels" by Donna Bailey, "Cool Clay Projects" by Pam Scheunemann

Reader scared of losing health benefits after husband retires

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband retired this month, and we have his company's health insurance until today. On Saturday, he will go on Medicare and a supplemental insurance, but I will have nothing. After months of investigating outside coverage for a 55-year-old female, we found that it is unaffordable to us because of the high rates out there. I do not work and can't at this time. I am getting scared for this deadline to arrive.



ASK DR. GOTT
Dr. Peter Gott

I am on Synthroid for an underactive thyroid, Simvastatin and Trilipix for cholesterol and triglyceride maintenance, and Actonel for osteopenia. After Aug. 1, I will have to give up these

medications and any doctor visits once I run out.

Are there any supplements I can go on to continue my maintenance of these health issues? I'm panicking in Illinois.

DEAR READER: To begin with, I do not agree that you should go off your medications. Instead, I recommend you apply to Medicaid in your state to determine if you qualify. If so, you will be assigned a local physician at little to no cost. You may

also be able to get any prescriptions through the same program. If you don't qualify because of financial holdings or other assets, then contact the insurance company under which you have your home or automobiles covered. Check rates with a \$2,500 or greater annual deductible. This will only be catastrophic coverage, but better than nothing.

Abbott Labs manufacture Synthroid, Trilipix and Simvastatin, and Procter &

Gamble Pharmaceuticals makes Actonel. Ask your physician to contact the companies for help through their drug-assistance programs. You may be able to get all the supplies you need at a reduced cost or free by filling out a rather simple form. Also, Target and Wal-Mart both offer \$4 generic prescription drugs. Levothyroxine is the generic form of Synthroid and is available through both pharmacies. Neither

Simvastatin nor Trilipix are available, but lovastatin and pravastatin are, so perhaps you physician may agree to a switch. Actonel also isn't available, but since you only have osteopenia, you may be able to get adequate benefits from taking 1,000 to 1,500 mg of calcium and 600 to 800 IU of vitamin D daily from supplements.

By stopping all medications and forgoing medical

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Makings selected for service project

Isaac Makings, son of Dave and Kathy Makings of Kimberly, was recently selected to serve a year in City Year Corps in Little Rock, Ark.

The City Year youth service corps unites 1,500 young people yearly for a year of community service, leadership development and civic engagement in locations across the United States and South Africa.



Makings

These young leaders come from diverse backgrounds and put their idealism to work by tutoring and mentoring school children, reclaiming public spaces, organizing various service programs.

Corps members receive training before working 50 to 60 hours per week for the 10 months that they are in the schools.

Upon successful completion of his service, Makings will receive an education award of \$4,725 through AmeriCorps. He can apply the award toward a college degree, graduate school, or qualified student loans.

Makings is a 2009 graduate of Kimberly High school.

He was very active in extracurricular activities, including track and field, football, basketball, FFA, band and pep band.

He also contributed many hours of community service during middle school and high school.

He qualified for two Congressional Awards and took several dual-credit classes while in high school and also completed additional coursework this summer at the College of Southern Idaho.

After serving with City Year he intends to complete his college education.

Information: www.cityyear.org/whatyoudo.aspx.

'Jailbirds' raise funds for MDA

Magic Valley business-people were arrested and processed into the Montana Steak House "jail" recently to help raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Southern Idaho.

Volunteers were arrested in front of their co-workers and escorted by Twin Falls and Jerome fire fighters to the MDA "jail." Upon arrival, jailbirds had their mug shots taken and were treated to a buffet as they raised "bail" from

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SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

Volunteers — Idaho Home Health and Hospice needs volunteers to help in the office, provide respite care, be companions and read to patients in the Twin Falls, Gooding, Wendell, Jerome, Burley, Rupert and Buhl areas. Volunteers are also needed to hold positions on the Friends of Hospice Board of Directors. Friends of Hospice is a nonprofit organization that provides grants to hospice patients and their families. Information: Nichole, 734-4061, ext. 117, or nichole@idahohomehealth.com.

Drivers —Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center needs drivers to deliver hot meals to the homebound. Volunteers can drive one day a week or more. Information: Karen, 734-5084.

Volunteers — Retired and Senior Volunteer Program needs volunteer drivers, age 55 and older, in the Mini-Cassia area to take senior citizens to medical appointments and for grocery shopping. Volunteers are reimbursed mileage and covered by excess insurance. Information: Kitty, 677-4872, ext. 2.

Mentors — Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

WANT TO HELP?

This public service column is designed to match needs in the Magic Valley with volunteer help. If you need a volunteer, contact the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) at 736-4764, before noon Wednesday for Friday publication. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho.

needs volunteers in Twin Falls and Jerome counties to mentor children with a parent in prison. Volunteers must undergo a complete FBI background check and be willing to mentor a child for a minimum of four hours each month for one year. Information: Ken, 736-2122, ext. 2394, or kwhiting@ooa.csi.edu.

Volunteers/donations — The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center needs volunteers to befriend newly arrived refugee families and provide English tutoring, transportation for grocery shopping and visits. The center also needs donations of twin or double beds and frames, kitchen tables and chairs, fans, children's and adult bicycles,

vacuums, and washers and dryers. Donated items can be taken to the center, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed noon to 1 p.m.), Monday through Friday, at 1526 Highland Ave. E., Twin Falls. Information: Michelle, 736-2166.

Volunteers — Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, a local nonprofit organization, needs volunteers in Twin Falls, Buhl, Kimberly and Filer to assist individuals with transportation, homemaker services, visiting and monitoring, respite and other tasks. Mileage reimbursement is available. Information: Karen, 733-6333.

Volunteers — Hospice Visions needs volunteers for office work, patient assistance, fundraising, grocery shopping, yard work (both at Hospice Home and at the office) and grant writing. Information: Flo, 735-0121.

Wheelchairs — LINC needs good, used wheelchairs, preferably with foot rests. The nonprofit group takes used medical equipment and gives or loans it to people in need of assistance. To donate: Julie, 733-1712.

Volunteers —The Senior Health Insurance Benefits

Advisors program needs volunteers willing to counsel Medicare beneficiaries in all aspects of Medicare benefits. Full training will be provided. Information: Tamara or Nora, 736-4713.

Volunteers — St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center has several volunteer positions available on a regular or project basis. Information: Kim, 737-2006, kimpa@mvrmc.org; or Linda, 933-4844, lindat@mvrmc.org.

Volunteers — St. Luke's Volunteer Services needs volunteer golf cart drivers to shuttle patients to and from the parking lot at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center. Flexible hours. Information: Kim, 737-2006, kimpa@mvrmc.org; or Linda, 933-4844, lindat@mvrmc.org.

Volunteers — St. Luke's Volunteer Services needs accomplished musicians willing to volunteer time and talent to bring comfort and entertainment to patients and their families at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center. Two pianos are available, and the group is open to other musical options. Information: Kim, 737-2006, kimpa@mvrmc.org; or Linda, 933-4844, lindat@mvrmc.org.

Pomeranian puppy snatched from child

CHUBBUCK (AP) — Police in Chubbuck say they're searching for a woman who snatched a puppy out of the arms of a 5-year-old girl.

Sgt. Robert Butterfield says the little girl, Sadie Austin, was a the local park with her grandmother when the dognapping occurred Tuesday. He says the child was working on a craft project when the woman asked if she could hold the 11-week-old

Pomeranian puppy. But Butterfield says once the woman had a hold of the dog, she fled the park and drove away. Sadie and her parents, Dan and Julie Austin, had only had the puppy two weeks when it was stolen. The dog is valued at \$800.

Butterfield says the woman who stole the pup is in her mid-30s with short blonde hair, and the police are hoping for tips from the public.

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advice, you will be taking very serious risks with your health. Your hypothyroidism symptoms may return, leading to depression, fatigue, sore joints, slowed metabolism/weight gain, elevated cholesterol and more. You already have a high cholesterol level, which puts you at risk for heart attack and stroke. You may also be able to work out a deal with your current physician where you pay a reduced rate for any office appointments. If you require testing at the hospital, inform the billing department that you need to set up a payment schedule.

Finally, follow your newspaper for clinics or hospitals in your area that offer cholesterol screening for free as a community service. Investigate the possibility of walk-in clinics that are sub-

sided by the state or government. AARP has a program for individuals 55 and older. Determine if the rates are affordable — even if you have to go with a substantially higher deductible. Consider part-time work in a healthcare facility that will provide benefits, even if all your earnings go for those benefits. Don't despair. Help is available.

To provide related information, I am sending you copies of my Health Reports "Understanding Cholesterol," "Thyroid Disorders" and "Osteoporosis." 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).

Readers who would like to contact Dr. Gott may send their mail directly to Dr.

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friends, family and business associates.

The 56 jailbirds raised approximately \$22,000 for the event. Erin Eimann, of Stockman's Transport, and Lee Devore of Devore and Associates Real Estate, proved to be the best fundraising felons at the event, raising \$1,600 and \$1,200, respectively.

MDA would like to personally extend their thanks to everyone who volunteered to make the

event possible.

Funds raised go toward helping Idaho individuals and their families meet the challenges of chronic, progressive diseases.

Included among these services are: a network of outpatient clinics, assistance with the purchase and repair of wheelchairs, leg braces and communication devices, equipment loans, support groups, youth summer camp programs, flu shots and resource referral.

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AUGUST HAPPENINGS

- CHAMBER HAPPENINGS**
- August 4 Noon - Chamber Luncheon** 8th Street Center
Speaker: Scott McCurdy & Jaimy Swanson
PRIMERICA
Menu: Sandwiches, Potato Salad, Fresh Fruit & dessert.
Cost: \$10 per person
Call 543-6682 for more info.
 - August 9 2 pm - WFLA Meeting** Lincoln Courts in Buhl
 - August 14 WEMA Farmers Appreciation Golf Tournament** Clear LakeCountry Club in Buhl
 - August 18 Teachers Breakfast**

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Health bill inches forward in House

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democrats methodically pushed ahead with a compromise health overhaul Thursday over liberals' complaints, intent on achieving tangible — if modest — success on President Barack Obama's top domestic priority ahead of a monthlong summer recess.

"We've got to pass the bill. Not only do we have to, but we're going to," said Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee, the last of three House committees to act on the sweeping legislation.

Across the Capitol, there was more delay as bipartisan Senate negotiators announced they needed additional time to produce any agreement for their committee to review.

Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., chairman of the Finance Committee, said it would be September before



AP photo House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., gestures during a news conference on health care Thursday on Capitol Hill.

the panel could act. He spoke after a day of uncertainty in which months of negotiations briefly appeared to veer off-course.

"The president, Leader (Harry) Reid and I share the goal of a bipartisan bill and

we will continue to work toward meaningful, bipartisan legislation that can pass the Senate and become law this year," Baucus said in a statement.

Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa, the lead Republican in the talks, said earlier that the discussions have made very good progress and may result in a deal. "But that'll never happen if Democrat leaders tell Republicans to take a hike by forcing the committee to move on an all-Democrat bill," he said.

Reid told reporters during the day that August deadlines were a product of the media, rather than lawmakers or the White House.

Republicans swiftly produced a rebuttal, in the form of statements from Obama as well as Reid underscoring the importance of action by early August.

Both chambers already jettisoned plans for floor votes before the summer break, and Democrats are

now aiming just to get bills out of the final House and Senate committees that have yet to act.

Even that much has turned into a protracted struggle but Democratic leaders said it had to happen. Returning to their home districts with Obama's top issue in disarray on Capitol Hill was not an option.

Waxman's committee resumed work Thursday, with the goal of finishing Friday, after a week-and-a-half delay caused by objections from fiscally conservative Democrats. That rebellion was quelled with an agreement Wednesday that would protect more small businesses from a requirement to provide insurance to their employees, and restructure a new public insurance plan so it could pay higher rates to doctors and other providers, among other changes.

Feds seize heroin worth \$17M

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Authorities say federal drug agents have broken up a narcotics ring responsible for importing heroin valued at \$17.5 million into California from Mexico.

Acting U.S. Attorney Lawrence Brown said Thursday federal and local agents discovered 200 kilograms of heroin and \$670,000 in cash during an 18-month investigation.

The drug ring is suspected of smuggling cash and heroin in secret compartments of vehicle engines and transmissions. The drugs were transported from Michoacan, Mexico, to Modesto.

A federal grand jury in Sacramento indicted 21 people in Mexico and California on charges of conspiring to import and distribute heroin.

AROUND THE WORLD

WASHINGTON Source: Government to suspend 'cash for clunkers' program

WASHINGTON — The government plans to suspend its popular "cash for clunkers" program amid concerns it could quickly use up the \$1 billion in rebates for new car purchases, congressional officials said Thursday.

The Transportation Department called lawmakers' offices to alert them to the decision to suspend the program at midnight Thursday. The program offers owners of old cars and trucks \$3,500 or \$4,500 toward a new, more fuel-efficient vehicle.

The congressional officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly.

A White House official said later that officials were

assessing the situation facing the popular program but auto dealers and consumers should have confidence that transactions under the program that already have taken place would be honored.

Rae Tyson, a spokesman for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which administers the program, declined comment.

Congress last month approved the Car Allowance Rebate System program, known as CARS, to boost auto sales and remove some inefficient cars and trucks from the roads. The program kicked off last Friday and was heavily publicized by car companies and auto dealers.

IRAQ U.S. hopeful about exit after quiet July

BAGHDAD — July is on track to be the least deadly month for American troops and one of the quietest for Iraqis since the war started, a

decline in violence that has led the U.S. to consider stepping up its withdrawal plans just a month after pulling its combat forces back from Baghdad and other cities.

The optimism was tempered by two bombings that killed 12 civilians to the north and west of Baghdad on Thursday. While such attacks have become a daily fact of life for Iraqis, overall violence levels remain low.

At least 274 Iraqis have been killed in attacks so far in July, according to an Associated Press count. Only two months — both this year — have seen fewer Iraqis killed since the AP began tracking war-related fatalities in May 2005. There were 242 deaths in January and 225 deaths in May.

Only seven U.S. troop deaths have been recorded this month, the lowest monthly total since the war started in March 2003, according to an AP tally. By contrast, July was the bloodiest month for U.S. forces in

the eight-year Afghan war, with at least 41 dead.

CALIFORNIA Jackson kids to live with grandma

LOS ANGELES — Michael Jackson's children will live with their grandmother under an agreement reached with the King of Pop's ex-wife that ensures the youngsters won't have to endure a public fight over who raises them.

The agreement announced Thursday preserves Jackson's wishes as spelled out in his 2002 will, and reopens the door to a relationship with Deborah Rowe, the mother of Jackson's two oldest children.

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Jerry Fischer and Art Cristler

In its second year, the competition drew more than 200 nominations out of 5400 True Value stores. Nominees were evaluated on store appearance, product selection, competitive pricing, promotional sales and customer assistance. 13 winners were chosen with Krengel's True Value representing the Northwest.

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP

National weather map showing fronts, cold/warm systems, and weather icons across the United States. Includes a legend for weather symbols.

Quote of the Day by Gregg Middlekauff: 'Nothing is particularly hard if you divide it into small jobs.' Includes a photo of Gregg Middlekauff.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table showing Canadian forecasts for various cities including Calgary, Toronto, Vancouver, and others. Includes temperature ranges and weather icons.

Japanese astronaut tests endurance - of his undies

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - In what might embarrass less adventurous souls, astronaut Koichi Wakata is returning to Earth with the underwear he kept on for a solid month during his space station stay and scientists will check them out.
They're experimental high-tech undies, designed in Japan to be odor free.
The Japanese spaceman described his underwear test Thursday as shuttle Endeavour and its crew aimed for a touchdown today. The astronauts released some mini satellites, their final job before today's re-entry, and said it was time to come home after more than two weeks aloft.
Wakata has been off the planet for 4 1/2 months.
'I haven't talked about this underwear to my crew members,' Wakata said in an interview with The Associated Press, drawing a big laugh from his six shuttle colleagues. 'But I wore them for about a month, and my station crew members never complained for about a month, so I think the experiment went fine.'
The Japanese underwear, called J-Wear, is a new type of anti-bacterial, water-absorbent, odor-eliminating clothing designed for space travel. The line includes shirts, pants and socks as well. Wakata tested all of them during his mission; he had four pairs of the silver-coated underwear, a cross between briefs and boxers.
'We'll see the results after landing,' Wakata said.
J-Wear is billed as being antistatic and flame retardant, which is especially important for spaceship wear. The cotton and polyester clothes are also seamless, making them lighter and more comfortable, according to the Japanese Space Agency. The goal is 'comfortable everyday clothes for life in a spaceship.'

Army chief: Soldiers to get help in dealing with stress

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) - The Army's top general says basic training will soon include anti-stress programs as part of a broader effort to help soldiers deal with the aftereffects of combat and prevent suicides.
Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey told reporters at Fort Jackson in South Carolina on Thursday that the training will begin Oct. 1. It will be part of a soldier's first week in basic and continue through all levels of Army education.
The Army has struggled to curb a surge in suicides. Casey says he is frustrated by the numbers and feels the Army hasn't done enough to give soldiers preventative skills to fight stress, both in combat and when they return home.
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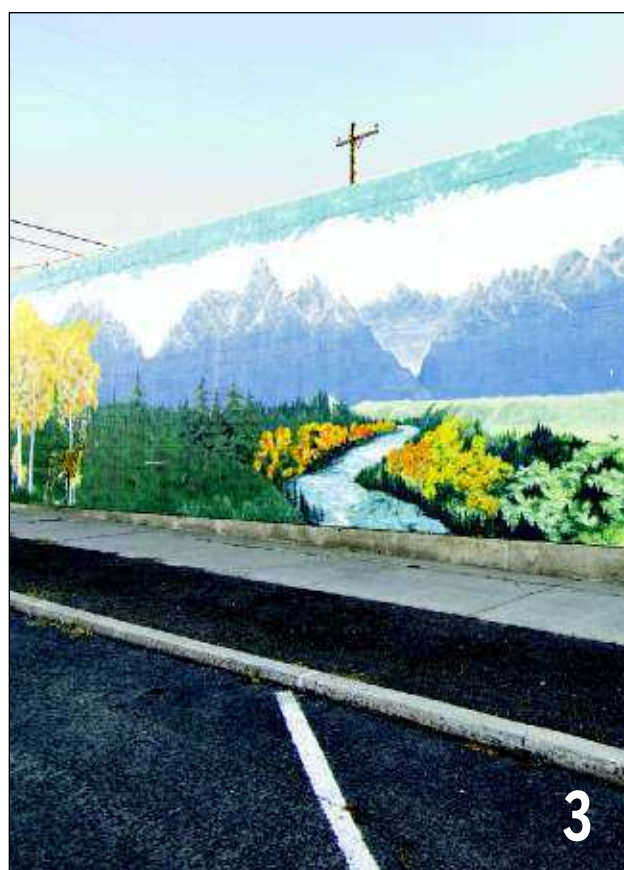
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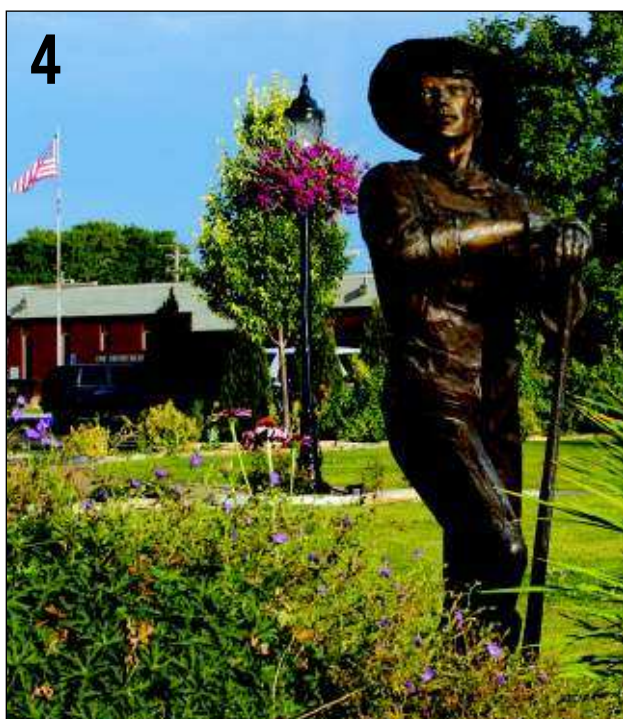
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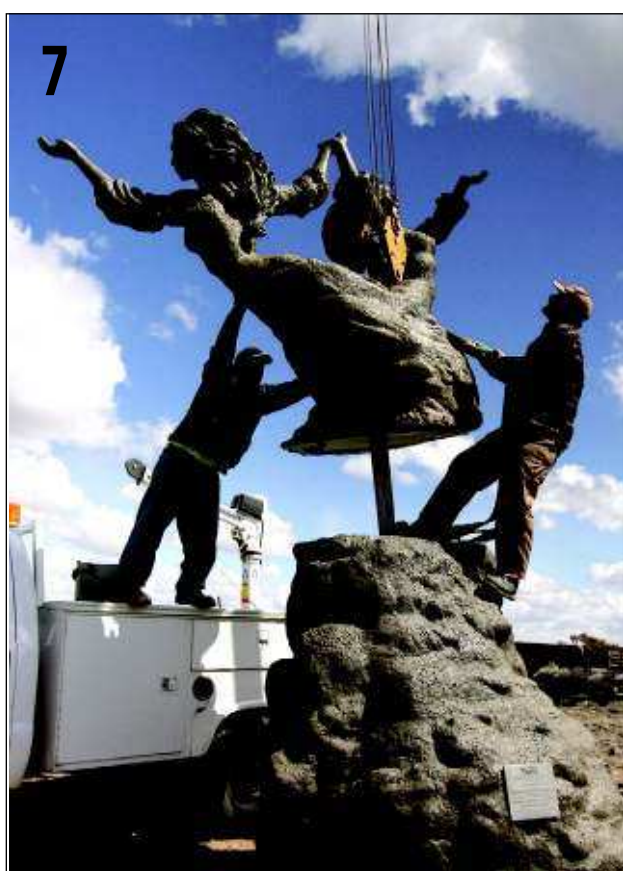
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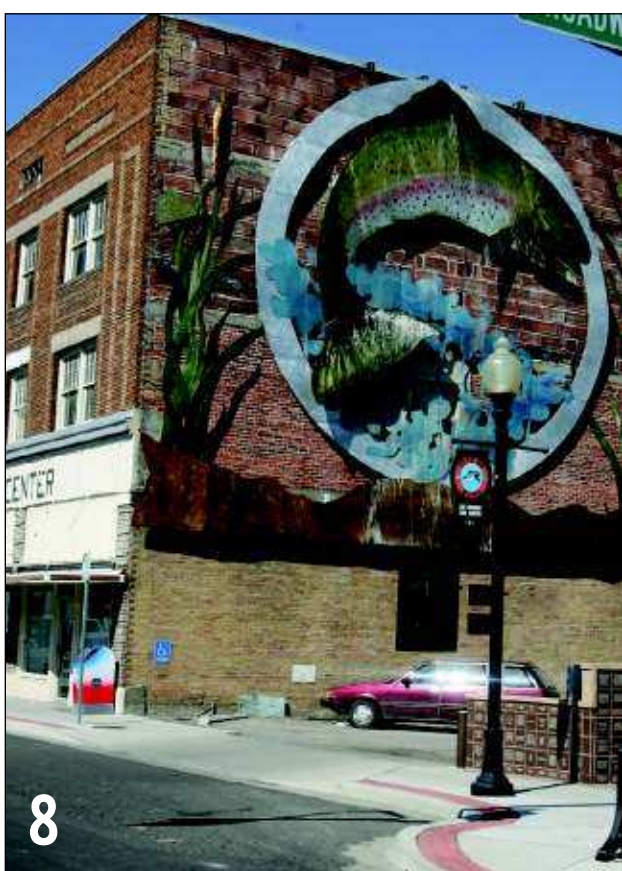
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1. At Ketchum Grill, customers are welcomed by this dog statue, one of 75 created in 2001 by local artists as a fundraiser for animal-related charities.
2. A cast-bronze figure by Spanish artist Marta Moreu lifts its hand toward the entrance to Gallery DeNovo in Ketchum. For a quick hit of publicly displayed art, walk along First Avenue North and enjoy the sculptures in front of the many galleries.
3. A landscape mural dresses up the side of Don's Thriftway in Buhl.
4. A bronze statue of a farmer leaning on his shovel plays tribute to Burley's agricultural heritage. It is one of two pieces of public art in Burley's Centennial Park.
5. A new statue on the north side of Twin Falls Public Library celebrates reading.
6. Part of the Friesen Gallery housed in this building along Ketchum's First Avenue North, this piece is made of steel with a rusted patina, by artist Steve Jensen. Works from Gallery DeNovo are also displayed on this patio.
7. The Twins was installed on the Snake River Canyon Rim near the Perrine Bridge last year, and has proved to be a popular piece of public art, said Magic Valley Arts Council's executive director, Stacy Madsen.
8. A trout sculpture greets drivers on Broadway Avenue in the middle of Buhl.

PUBLIC ART IS EVERYWHERE IN SOUTH-CENTRAL IDAHO

To get a dose of art, you could go to a museum. You could visit the home of a wealthy collector. Or you could just walk around town.

In many south-central Idaho cities, murals, statues and other pieces of public art are just waiting for families and visitors to come by. Most have explanatory plaques describing the media, the artist and the context under which the piece was created or installed, while a few are simply mysteriously beautiful.

The Idaho Commission on the Arts tracks some public art, and a list by

artist, location or medium is available on its Web site, www.arts.idaho.gov. At the same time, cities and arts councils are working hard to get new pieces installed, whether permanent or temporary. As you might expect, Twin Falls and Ketchum have the most public art of our local cities, but even smaller towns like Buhl boast a piece here and there.

Public art is a great way to introduce yourself or your children to the arts, for free. Consider tagging along with a school field trip to hear about what

went into the artwork, or visiting some of these pieces with an artistic friend to hear a more experienced critique.

"We want to have this as an avenue for reflection, community, as well as the individuals having the opportunity to embrace how important it is, through intellectual curiosity or the sheer beauty of it," said Joe Castle, a Bellevue sculptor and vice chairman of the Hailey Arts Commission. "If you take it away, you'd find out how important it really is. The whole state of Idaho is picking up this mantle: that we have a

responsibility to our constituents to show them that we're not only a beautiful state, but we also have beautiful works of art."

On Entertainment 4, find a photomontage — not comprehensive — of some of the pieces of public art that Magic Valley and Wood River Valley residents enjoy. Pack a picnic, or take a few moments during your lunch break, stop by and enjoy.

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ENTERTAINMENT 4

Junior Jazz

The slow, hard path to greatness

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

Jazz floated out of the Fine Arts Building at College of Southern Idaho this week, filling the hot air with sultry trumpets and saxophones. Inside, students ignored the calls of swimming pools and movie theaters to focus on improving their performing skills.

Finishing up today, 37 jazz students hailing from all corners of the Northwest are trading five days of their summer for hands-on jazz instruction at Great Basin Jazz Camp.

The camp, in its third year and its first in Twin Falls, brought together instructors from across the country to teach teenagers the finer points of jazz ensembles. On Tuesday, New Orleans-based drummer Tom Goicoechea explained a complicated progression to David Hoogkamer of Winlock, Wash.

"One-two-three-four-five-six-seven-eight-nine-BAM," he said. Hoogkamer gave it a shot, and nailed it after a couple of tries.

"That is funky," Hoogkamer said. Jerome drummer Lael Cherry, 17, agreed. "I love it!" she said.

On the other side of the Fine Arts Building, guitarist Bruce Forman of Washington taught six teenage boys how to make solos on the fly.

It's imperative to practice and play with as many different musicians as possible, he said.



Darrick Ward, 16, of Elko, Nev., plays the trumpet during the camp Tuesday in Twin Falls.



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"People have this mistaken impression that they're gonna learn a whole bunch of stuff and suddenly, they're going to be a great player," Forman said. "It doesn't work that way."

Throughout the class, Forman encouraged students to play with their ears and avoid the temptation to let their hands take over on autopilot.

Camp director Mike Allen said the main skill the camp focuses on is improvisation so students can play solos in ensembles.

"We try to teach them to play extemporaneously," Allen said.

First, the students need to get down the basics. Down

the hall, Bob Dunmire of Idaho Falls worked with 13 saxophone players on "Sir John," one of the songs the group will play at tonight's concert. Dunmire kept time by snapping his fingers sharply, and stopped the students if he felt their playing needed help. He interspersed tips about playing along with musical commands.

"We shut the door," Dunmire said, gesturing to his throat while instructing about a one-beat rest in the music. "You don't stop that with your tongue." Cutting off the air flow in the throat produces a cleaner sound, he explained.

"Sloppy, sloppy, sloppy," he said at one point, shaking



Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Lael Cherry, 17, of Jerome practices the drums Tuesday during Great Basin Jazz Camp at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Students from around the region, including Nevada and Washington, attended the camp.

TONIGHT'S CONCERT

Great Basin Jazz Camp student musicians and faculty will perform at 7 p.m. tonight at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Theater, 315 Falls Ave.

All of the camp faculty will perform, including two artists in residence, guitarist Bruce Forman and trumpeter Carl Saunders, plus drummer Tom Goicoechea, bassist Wayne Bliss, trombonist Andrew Meronek and pianist David Joyner. (Bill Watrous, previously scheduled to perform, is no longer on the program.) Admission is free. Information: greatbasinjazzcamp.com.

Redford, 15, said she hoped she would learn more about arranging music and big band playing during the camp.

"I thought it'd be really good experience," the Nampa student said. "These camps are great, 'cause you've got everyone all together," Forman said.

But during the other 51 weeks, he said, the kids have to make it happen on their own.

his head. He made the students sing the notes — "Buh dee yuh ba, buh dop bop" — to better understand the music.

After 20 minutes, the arrangement was already tighter.

The intense, jazz-filled workshops are exactly what the kids came for. Only halfway through the second day, student Jack Casper, 14, said he had learned several new chords that would help his playing.

"It's gonna expand my knowledge of my music," the Boise guitar player said.

Other students had high

hopes for the rest of the week. Bass player Melanie

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Public art

Continued from Entertainment 1

KETCHUM:

Various locations, including Thunderpaws Pet Shoppe, Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory and Ketchum Grill. Painted by local artists.

Based off Cody, a Labrador retriever rescued by Lyn Stallard, founder of the Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley, 75 fiberglass statues were painted by local artists and displayed in Ketchum throughout the summer and fall of 2001. Some were purchased outright, while others were auctioned that winter, earning \$100,000 for animal-related charities.

"We got letters from tourists saying it was the high point of their trip," said Terry Tischer, who co-created the Lab project. Along with Stallard, she is writing a book based on Cody's story that she hopes to print and sell in conjunction with small paintable statues of the dog.

Several of the statues are still publicly displayed, though some are brought in at night. Most are in Ketchum, although others can be found throughout the valley, including at Zaney's River Street Coffee in Hailey — its Cody is covered in coffee beans.



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Real pooches follow the eyeline of one of the statues auctioned in 2001 that were modeled after a rescue dog. This one is outside Thunderpaws Pet Shoppe, so all of these canines may be hoping to get a bone from customers visiting the store.

KETCHUM:

Along Fourth Street East (between Washington Avenue and Walnut Avenue). Various artists.

This collection of sculptures, coordinated a few years ago after the city redesigned Fourth Street to be more pedestrian-friendly, includes pieces from many Ketchum-area galleries. They are installed at a cost of about \$400 apiece at the beginning of summer, and remain up until September or October, depending on weather. Although some are sold to collectors, they are not removed until the end of the season.

"The response has been incredible," said Robin Reiners, owner of Gallery DeNovo, describing how the corridor of art has changed the city each summer. "It added not only a sophistication, but a levity and ability to enjoy the downtown in a much different way. It's a little less intimidating, it's



ARIEL HANSEN/Times-News

A bronze warthog with birds perched on its back is one of the pieces installed this summer on a pedestrian-friendly route along Ketchum's Fourth Street.

much more accessible."

Reiners said people interact with the sculptures more, feel more comfortable touching them, than if they were in a gallery setting.

Also part of this walk is one of Ketchum's first permanent public sculptures, a memorial piece to honor a whitewater rafter, installed at Leadville Avenue.

To extend a walking tour, start at Walnut, and walk Fourth Street East all the way west to First Avenue North, then head south past the galleries to Second Street East. Many galleries have sculptures installed in front, or in nearby sculpture gardens, and they can be visited at any time of day.

TWIN FALLS:

There are so many pieces of public art in Twin Falls, it's hard to know where to start. But Twin Falls City Park might be a good place, especially for kids.

"During the Idaho centennial, there was a piece commissioned that's a fountain. It has an outline of the state of Idaho, and in an oval shape around it is a pool," said Stacy Madsen, executive director of the Magic Valley Arts Council. "I know a lot of children really like that because kids are always attracted to the water portion."

Walk a few blocks west to 436 Main Ave., where you'll find Mary Alice Park, a private park where the public is invited to enjoy a sculpture of a child sitting on a bench or play with two giant chess boards — for small kids, the pieces are just about life-sized. What a great way to learn a new game, or practice chess skills on a sunny afternoon!

Heading back to the center of town, check out the mural on the side of the Hands On building on Shoshone Street. Painted on bricks, it depicts a woman walking with a basket, as well as a vintage ad for Barton's Club 93 in Jackpot, and is a bright spot of vertical color.

One of the most obvious, and newest, pieces of public art in Twin Falls is The Twins, a statue commissioned and installed at the Snake River Canyon rim near the Perrine Bridge. Madsen said it's one of the primary pieces she takes friends to when they visit town. "First and foremost I would take



Ben Lewman moves a chess piece during a king-sized game of family chess at Mary Alice Park in Twin Falls. Watching the move are, left to right, Zorina Winterholler, Doug Haase, Jade Winterholler and Savannah Winterholler. DOUG GASKILL/For the Times-News



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Laila Linch, 3, and Brace Wilcox, 2, cool off on a hot July day in the fountain at Twin Falls City Park.



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Eldar Pashalyev glances at the mural on the side of the Hands On building at Shoshone Street and Second Avenue North in Twin Falls.

them to The Twins, it holds a lot of meaning for our community," she said, describing how it emphasizes the canyon's importance to the city. Then she'd stroll under the bridge to a bronze statue near the visitor center.

"Because it's so close to the Perrine sculpture, I'd also walk over there and talk about Perrine and the beginning of Magic Valley."

Of course, there are lots of other

pieces of public art scattered through the city, including a mural on the side of the Idaho Youth Ranch building, a caricatured wood map of Twin Falls at the airport, and of course, the many pieces available to view in and around the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho. Keep your eyes open as you drive or walk through the city, and you'll probably find a new favorite.

HAILEY:

Next to 309 S. Main St. Various artists.

When the Hailey Chamber of Commerce moved into its new downtown digs on Main Street, chamber president Jim Spinelli inquired about the big lawn next door, and he heard what he'd hoped — that the city's arts council could use the space to display sculpture.

So as summer warmed up, statues went up, including a large arch that's impossible to miss as visitors drive through town. It looks like an upright spur, with the arch made from tubes of rusty metal that appear almost like the logs from a cabin. Other statues — smaller in size, but with a similar focus on themes of circles, spheres and arches — fill out the lawn.

"The archway was a



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Kyle Kimball's sculpture — a dominant feature on Hailey's Main Street this summer — resembles a giant, upright spur. The metal walls of the arch are shaped almost like the wood of a log cabin, giving a Western feel to the Hailey Chamber of Commerce's temporary sculpture garden.

beautiful invitation for people to walk under," Castle said. He hopes the arts council will be able to inspire donations or purchases of art to be installed in Hailey, or that private owners will offer pieces from their collections to be displayed publicly. "Privately owned art being

displayed publicly is a gift. With private donations you can get a little more variety, and that's cool for a town to see."

If visitors are interested in purchasing one of these pieces, or want more information, pamphlets are available at the chamber offices next door.

OTHER CITIES:



This firefighter statue is in front of the Jerome fire station on East Avenue A. DOUG GASKILL/For the Times-News

• In Jerome, swing by the fire house on East Avenue A to see a statue honoring the department. Rough and a little abstract, the stone piece is still clearly of firefighters and the tools of their trade.

• With the natural colors and images of Idaho, deer and mountains are the highlights of the mural on the side of Don's Thriftway in Buhl, 115 Ninth Ave. N.

And as part of Buhl's centennial in 2007, city leaders came together to beautify a wall marred by the fire that destroyed the city's first building, at the corner of Broadway Avenue and Main Street. They chose a metal sculpture of a trout swimming through reeds, which was dedicated during that year's Trout Festival.

• As you cruise through Shoshone, check out the mural on the side of the Moon Creek Store at Greenwood Street and Idaho Highway 75. It welcomes visitors from the north with a vista of mountains and running horses — and advertises the Pepsi-Cola products available with a vintage flair.

• In Albion, check out the paintings on the sides of the Sinclair Station tanks, showing skiers, rock climbers and other ways to enjoy the outdoors in the Albion area. Just drive north on Idaho Highway 77, and near 600 South you won't miss them — they're right behind the "Welcome to Albion: Gateway to Recreation" sign.

• Burley's Centennial Park, off Parke Avenue between West 13th and 16th streets, holds two pieces of public art: the Centennial Arch, decorated with wrought iron flowers, and a bronze statue of a farmer standing on his shovel.

• In Filer, an exterior wall of the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds along Fair Avenue features a huge mural of fairgoers, exhibits and rides. See if you can find one of the faces of your neighbors in the dozens of people lined up waving American flags as if they were cheering on a parade.



DOUG GASKILL/For the Times-News

Alysha Rodriguez gives Nicole Nieto a ride past the mural painted on the west side of a merchants' building at the Filer fairgrounds. Following them are Aali Langdon, right, and Iziah Rodriguez, rear.

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Today last day for Sun Valley Jazz Festival's discounted early-bird pricing

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Sun Valley Jazz Festival will host more than 300 musical performances in Sun Valley, Oct. 14-18. Organizers are touting a planned 20th Anniversary Gala and the addition of Sun Valley Pavilion as a venue.

The gala, in the Limelight Room at 5 p.m. Oct. 14, features Titan Hot Seven, Blue Renditions, The Midiri Brothers, Bill Allred's Classic Jazz Band, Louis Ford and his New Orleans Jazz Flairs, Claudette Stone, Tom Rigney & Flambeau and surprise guests.

The event includes door prizes, raffles and a silent and live auction. Proceeds will benefit The Tom Hazzard Memorial Jazz Hall of Fame Record Preservation Project, Jazz in the Schools (bringing music to students) and Sun Valley Jazz Jamboree.

The pavilion is an indoor/outdoor facility, with a roof, drop-down curtains and heated floor. Sun Valley Jazz Festival will use portable heaters and lap blankets to provide warmth for the sometimes chilly fall days.

"Our patrons are very important to us and we will do everything possible to assure their comfort, but it would be a great idea to bring a warm coat, some fuzzy socks and a pair of mittens," Carol Loehr, festival director, said in a press release.

"Believe me, the musical experience in this amazing venue will be worth the extra effort."

An all-events badge at the early-bird rate is \$100, but that discount ends today at midnight. After that, all-events badges will cost \$115.

Day badges are also available: www.sunvalleyjazz.com.

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — Did you know that a popular Ketchum dress shop once housed dynamite for mine workers? Or that a Chapter One bookstore building held one of Ketchum's first banks?

These are some of the facts visitors might learn on the Guided Historical Tours being offered every Saturday morning in August.

The new walks are led from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. by Katherine Pleasants, a past president of the Ketchum-Sun Valley Historical Society Heritage and Ski Museum. Cost is \$20 per person or \$30 per family; Pleasants keeps half and donates half to the museum.

The walks will leave from the historical museum in Ketchum's Forest Service Park and take a different tack every week.

A member of the American Legion, for instance, might be interested in touring Ketchum's American Legion Hall and learning about the chapter's

KETCHUM'S HISTORICAL TOURS

'Stroll the streets where miners and old-time skiers used to go'



KAREN BOSSICK/For the Times-News

Katherine Pleasants leads a variety of tours from the historical museum in Ketchum's Forest Service Park. The walks benefit the museum, which features a variety of ski exhibits, Isaac Lewis' 1800s bank vault and other items.

namesake David Ketchum, who discovered silver at the headwaters of the Big Wood River in 1879.

"Ketchum has a fascinating history," said Laura Hall, who volunteers at the Ketchum museum and the Blaine County Historical Museum in Hailey. "Every nook and cranny has something interesting. Tours like this give people a chance to stroll the streets where miners and old-time skiers used to go."

Ketchum and Sun Valley also sport many of American author Ernest Hemingway's haunts — and plenty of colorful stories to go with them. In Sun Valley Lodge, for instance, is Room 206 where Hemingway toiled behind a thick oak door writing "For Whom the Bell Tolls."

Martha Gellhorn, Hemingway's third wife, once said she feared Hemingway had shot a man when she heard two shots

Free pamphlets offering self-guided walking tours of Ketchum are also available, at the Ketchum-Sun Valley Historical Society Heritage and Ski Museum at First and Washington streets. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays. Admission is free.

ring out in the room, said Ketchum history buff Jim Jaquet. But Hemingway said he had seen an ailing duck flying past the French doors looking out onto Baldy and had grabbed his shotgun to put it out of its misery.

Pleasants said she has gleaned a lot of the information she will provide on the tours by talking with old-timers she met when she moved here in 1978.

"And I know what visitors seem interested in — how Galena got its name, how David Ketchum and Isaac Lewis came here and settled the town, how the Sun Valley Lodge was built. ... The tours seem to fill a void."

The smoke and the roar — in Castleford

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

As the dog days of summer set in, it's time for the 5th Annual Buhl Bunch Car Club Show and Shine in Castleford.

The show and weekend events are no longer known as the "Castleford Classic," but you can still expect the show and shine, mud drags, burn outs, street dance, fireworks, vendors and more over the Aug. 8-9 weekend at Jean's Park in the quaint city of Castleford.

"The main thing about the show is where it's located," said George Bobango of Buhl, helping to organize the fireworks display. "The area is picturesque, with the mountains to the east, south and north, it's beautiful."

The middle-of-nowhere setting attracts thousands of visitors and hundreds of entrants. Automotive enthusiasts browse classic to modern cars and trucks and relish the ready-to-rumble, mud-flinging mud bogs or the burn-'em-up action of the burn outs.

"The burn outs are really the biggest thing," said car club president Jerry Rhodes. "They've gotten so popular that this year we're having two times scheduled instead of just one."

Typically a Saturday-afternoon event, burn outs will begin in the morning of Aug. 8. Winners will be invited out to the blow out finale that evening.

"We do get a lot of entries," Rhodes said. "Plus, this will make it so there is more of a show to watch, instead of just getting them

Don't miss the Buhl Bunch club's car show with events in and around Castleford's Jean's Park.

Aug. 8
All events are free to watch; \$25 entry fee to participate.
8 a.m.: Jean's Park opens for registration and car show display
10:30 a.m.: Burn outs on strip, west end of park
11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.: Mud drags, in field west of park
Noon to 4:30 p.m.: Poker run,

beginning at Jean's Park
5:30 p.m.: Burn out finals
9 p.m.: Free street dance on Main Street

Aug. 9
8:30 a.m.: Church in the park
9 a.m.: Jean's Park opens for car show, horseshoe tournament registration and mud drags
10 a.m.: Horseshoe tournament
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Car show vehicle judging



mud drags, a horseshoe tournament, a fire hose competition and awards ceremony.

Information: Lisa Knutz, vendor coordinator, 731-1702 or 537-6678; Rhodes at 731-1240; or Snyder at 543-5466.

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done all at once."

Car show coordinator Mindy Snyder said another popular event is the poker run, which will be longer than in years past. The riding tour/card game will take participants from Castleford to Buhl and back with stops at Balanced Rock, Magic Water Reservoir, Miracle Hot Springs, Black Bear Tavern, Mimi's Flowers and Gifts, Blue Rock Winery and Nunes Family Dairy.

"Every stop you get another card, and then we see who has the best hand at the end. The winner gets a prize," Snyder said.

Participants pay \$25 to enter car show events; that includes entry, a T-shirt, dash plaque and other goodies.

Bringing Aug. 8 festivities to a close are the street dance and fireworks show, both family-friendly and free. The latter, Bobango said, "will be the best fireworks display they've seen."

Aug. 9 events include morning church services in the park, another round of



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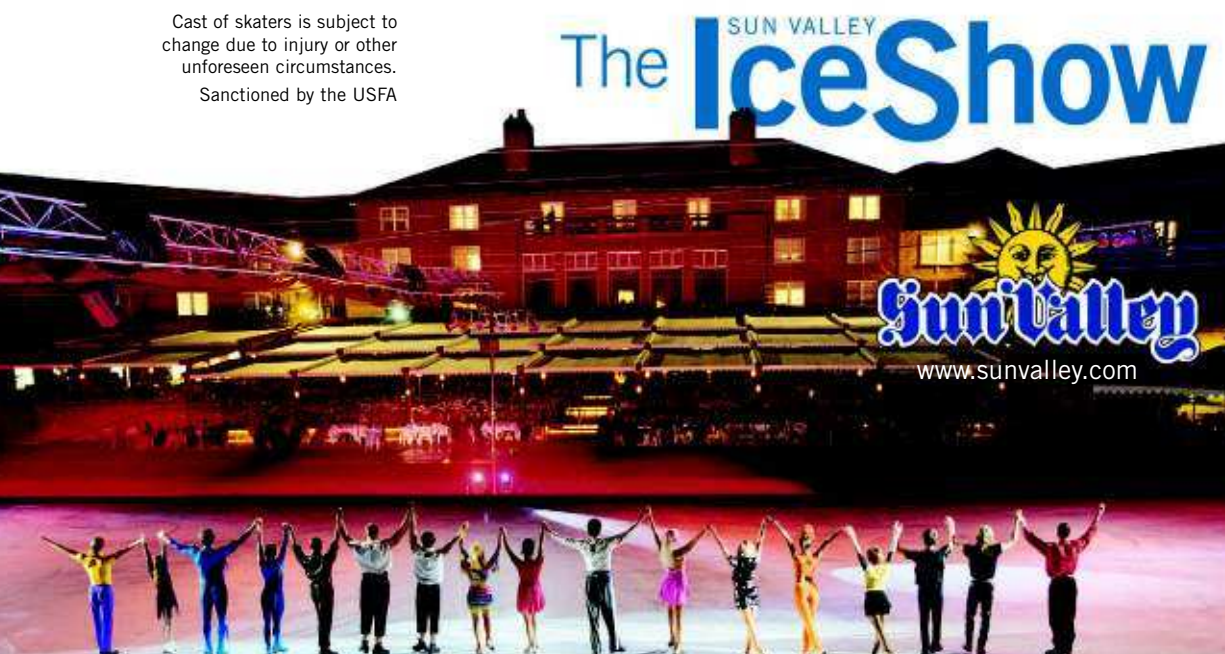
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Magic festival/Twin Falls
MagicFest, with free magic performances, 4-11 p.m. at downtown businesses; and children's movie matinees at 10:30 a.m., 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. at the Orpheum Theater, 146 Main Ave. N.; cost is 50 cents (with a coupon printed in the *Times-News*). Information: info@MagicFest.org, Lance Clow at 733-5767 or www.MagicFest.org.

Jazz concert/Twin Falls
Great Basin Jazz Camp student musicians and faculty perform, 7 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Theater, 315 Falls Ave. Admission is free. greatbasin jazzcamp.com.

Movie/Twin Falls
City of Twin Falls presents **Movies in the Park**, featuring "Charlotte's Web," 9 p.m. in front of the band shell at Twin Falls City Park. Bring a blanket or chairs. Twin Falls Kiwanis Club will have soda and popcorn for sale; families can bring their own food. Free admission.

Planetarium/Twin Falls
Faulkner Planetarium at Herrett Center for Arts and Science presents "Here Comes the Sun" at 2 p.m.; "Two Small Pieces of Glass" with live sky tour at 7 p.m.; and "Lynrd Skynrd: Fly On Free Bird" at 8:15 p.m. Education-show tickets are \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors and \$2.50 for students. Tickets for the 8:15 p.m. entertainment show are \$4.50 for all ages.

Art/Twin Falls
Advanced Art class, 6-7:30 p.m. at Twin Falls Creative Arts Center, 249 Main Ave. W. Cost is \$35 for the series. tcreativearts-center.com or 737-9111.

Teen movie night/Twin Falls
Teen/Tween Night at Hands On, 8-11 p.m. This month's movie is "Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants." Cost is \$8 per person plus the price of the bisque piece you choose to paint (pieces start around \$6) and includes studio fees, pizza, soda, snacks. Movie starts at 9 p.m. Hands On is at 147 Shoshone St. N. Reservations: 736-4475.

Music/Twin Falls
 Pianist **Robin Mingo** plays easy-listening music, 7-9 p.m., and vocalist and guitarist **Chris Bender** plays light rock, 9-11 p.m., at Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center, 330 Canyon Crest Drive. No cover.

Music/Twin Falls
Jimmy Bivens, 9 p.m. at Sidewinder Saloon, 233 Fifth Ave. S., and **DJ Night with Joey Bravo and Icy**, 9 p.m., in the Blue Room at Woody's, 213 Fifth Ave. S. No cover.

Country, rock/Twin Falls
Mixed Emotions, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive. No cover.

Rock and Roll/Twin Falls
Milestone, with guest Doug from Dirty Johnny, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., at the Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road.

Jazz/Twin Falls
Great Riff Jazz combo, 7-10 p.m. at Pandora's restaurant, 516 Hansen St. No cover.

Country/Jerome
Country Classics, 8 p.m. to midnight at Snake River Elks Lodge, 412 E. 200 S. Open to the public; \$5 per person or \$9 per couple. Dinner available 6-9 p.m.

County fair/Jerome
Jerome County Fair at Jerome County Fairgrounds: 4-7



International dancers entertain the crowds at a previous Idaho International Dance and Music Festival in Rupert. Concluding its 2009 visit to Mini-Cassia, the festival offers a gala performance in Burley tonight.

p.m., 4-H decorate Messersmith; and 4 to 6 p.m., 4-H enter noninterview home ec/misc. projects.

County fair/Fairfield
Camas County Fair and Rodeo highlights: 9:30 a.m., 4-H dog show at 4-H Park; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., American Legion Hall open (4-H and open-class projects); 6 p.m., community potluck at park; 7:15 p.m., bed races on Main Street; and 8 p.m., concert featuring Sound County, followed by Micky and The Motorcars at 9:30 p.m., at American Legion baseball field. Advance concert tickets are \$12 for adults, \$7 for children, at Soldier Creek Brew in Fairfield, The Cove in Twin Falls and Summit Auto Sales in Hailey, or \$17 at the gate; proceeds benefit children in the community.

County fair/Rupert
Minidoka County Fair continues: 9 a.m., 4-H/FFA beef showmanship/quality at pavilion; 10 a.m., buildings open to public; 5 p.m., 4-H/FFA large and small animal round-robin showmanship competition; 7:30 p.m., mutton busting at rodeo arena; 8 p.m., IMPRA rodeo in arena; and 10 p.m., buildings close. Fair admission is free. Rodeo tickets are \$8 for adults; \$5 for children, ages 6-12; and \$30 per family (two adults, four children). Free for children under 6.



Dance, music/Burley
 The 24th annual **Idaho International Dance and Music Festival gala performance** at 7:30 p.m., with pre-show at 7 p.m., at the King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Park Ave. Features more than 300 dancers and musicians from around the world with their native dances, music, colorful costumes, exotic instruments and stirring rhythms. Tickets are \$5, \$10 and \$12.50, at Book Plaza in Burley, 678-2505; The Book Store in Rupert, 436-5661; Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, 679-4793; or at the door.

Music/Burley
Kroakers DJ, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside, 197 W. U.S. Highway 30. \$2 cover.

Country, rock/Declo
The Fugitives, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers, 826 Idaho Highway 81. No cover.

Theater/Oakley
Oakley Valley Arts Council presents "Paint Your Wagon," at 7:30 p.m. at Howells Opera House, 160 N. Blaine Ave. Reserved tickets are \$8 at 677-2787 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday). oakleyvalleyarts.org.

Music festival/Hailey
The 32nd annual Northern Rockies Folk Festival with

regional and national bands, 5-10 p.m. at Hop Porter Park. Local musicians play between several of the acts. Festival kicks off at 5 p.m. with **Up A Creek** from Wood River Valley, alt/country-rock (band members Bill Sprong, Raul Vandenberg, Jeff London and Scott Seaward); 6:15 p.m., **Craig Meyers** of Wood River Valley; 6:30 p.m., **Brave Combo** from Texas, polka, world music, jazz, rock 'n' roll, Tex-Mex, blues band, cocktail and Latin music (Carl Finch, Jeffrey Barnes, Danny O'Brien, Ross Schodek and Arjuna Contreras); 7:45 p.m., **Mike White** of Wood River Valley; and 8 p.m., **The Blasters**, formerly led by Dave Alvin and now reworked under guidance of Phil Alvin with Americana, rock 'n' roll, blues (Phil Alvin, John Bazz, Keith Wyatt and Jerry Angel). Nonprofit vendors sell food during the festival; picnics are welcome. No dogs or bikes in the park. Cost is \$25 for two-day wristbands (for today and Saturday) in advance at www.nrff.net, at Notes Music in Hailey or Chapter One Bookstore in Ketchum. Single-day tickets are \$12. Information: Dana DuGan at 788-0939, 720-1791 or danafan@gmail.com.

Theater/Hailey
Company of Fools presents "Welcome Home Jenny Sutter" at 7 p.m. at Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens (62 and over) and \$10 for students (18 and under). Tickets at Liberty Theatre (9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday), 578-9122, or at the box office one hour before show time.

Classical/Sun Valley
Sun Valley Summer Symphony presents the **Edgar M. Bronfman Chamber Music Series** at 6:30 p.m. at the Sun Valley Pavilion at Sun Valley Resort. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Features guest pianist **Ori Shaham** and **Sun Valley String Quartet** members Jeremy Constant and Paul Brancato, violins; Adam Smyla, viola; and Steven Honigberg, cello and director. Shaham has established an international reputation as a gifted pianist and is admired for her interpretations of both standard and modern repertoire. Free admission. svsummersymphony.org or 622-5607.



Jazz/Sun Valley
Joe Fos, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Duchin Lounge at Sun Valley Lodge. No cover. 622-2145.

Karaoke/Sun Valley
MC Spice Train, 9 p.m. at the Boiler Room. Cover charge: \$5-\$10. 208-622-2148.

Movie/Bellevue
Hot Summer Nights Outdoor Movie, featuring "E.T.," at Bellevue Memorial Park. Show starts at 9:20 p.m. with cartoon trailers. Bring lawn chairs. Free admission; bring a non-perishable food donation for the Hunger Coalition.

Bluegrass/Ketchum
Kim Stocking Band, a trio performing with mandolin, bass and

Magicvalley.com
 WATCH MagicFest's champion, Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow, demonstrate a few tricks and talk about how he got interested in magic.

guitar, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Papa Hemi's Hideaway, 310 S. Main St. No cover.

Theater/Glenns Ferry
Historic Opera Theatre presents a comedy murder mystery, "Let Him Sleep 'Til It's Time For His Funeral," at a dinner show at 208 E. Idaho Ave. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.; show at 7:45 p.m. Tickets are \$22.50 for dinner and show; show-only tickets are \$7 general admission, \$6 for seniors and children. Dinner reservations required; 366-7408.

Lecture/Stanley
Sawtooth Forum and Lecture Series with a presentation by **Cort Conley**, "Salmon River History," at 8:30 p.m. at Redfish Lake Amphitheater, five miles south of Stanley. A presentation on human and natural history of Middle Fork and Main Salmon Rivers, illustrated with vintage films, photos and recordings about boating, homesteading and early outfitting. Conley is director of literary services at Idaho Commission on the Arts. Free admission. discoversawtooth.org.

Country/Island Park
Moulton Jess, 8 p.m. at Ponds Lodge, 3757 U.S. Highway 20. Tickets are \$5 in advance at the lodge and at the door. 558-7221.

Cowboy music/Nevada
Western Folklife Center presents Texas cowboy musicians **The Gillette Brothers** in concert at 7 p.m. at G Three Bar Theater, 501 Railroad St. in Elko. Doors open at 6 p.m. Guy and Pipp Gillette play traditional and original cowboy music and are popular performers at the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering. They were recipients of the 1998 and 2003 Will Rogers Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Advancement of Contemporary Cowboy Music. Tickets are \$16 general admission and \$12 for Western Folklife Center members, seniors and students, at westernfolklife.org or 775-738-7508 or at the door.

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Magic festival/Twin Falls
MagicFest, with free magic performances, 10 a.m.-11 p.m. at downtown businesses. Also, **Magic Extravaganza**, featuring **Kipp Sherry** and **Jason Byers** with a Magic Show, 7 p.m. at Roper Auditorium, 1615 Filer Ave. E.; tickets are \$10 for ages 13 and

ter's new property (corner of Second Avenue and Fourth Street). The first installation includes artists Bob Dix, Curtis Kemp, Elissa Kline and Troy Passey. The second installation opens **SEPT. 7** and continues through **SEPT. 5**, with artists Jan Cox, Pamela DeTuncq, Megan Murphy and Angela Tsai. Containers are unlocked from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. sunvalleycenter.org or 726-9491.

Music/Twin Falls
 Pianist **Linda Schoepp** plays dinner music, 6:30-8:30 p.m., and vocalist and guitarist **Rick Kuhn** plays light rock, 9-11 p.m., at Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center, 330 Canyon Crest Drive. No cover.

Country, rock/Twin Falls
Mixed Emotions, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive. No cover.

Rock and Roll/Twin Falls
Milestone, with guest Doug from Dirty Johnny, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., at the Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road.

Jazz/Twin Falls
Great Riff Jazz combo, 7-10 p.m. at Pandora's restaurant, 516 Hansen St. No cover.

Country, rock/Declo
The Fugitives, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers, 826 Idaho Highway 81. No cover.

County fair/Jerome
Jerome County Fair continues: 8 a.m., Magic Valley Horseman's Association Horse Show; 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 4-H interview judging; noon-5 p.m., enter open class art and photography, antiques, hobbies, ceramics, home arts, Messersmith building; and 8 p.m., Demolition Derby at DePew Arena, \$25 pre-registration fee, \$30 day of derby. Jack: 324-6475, Justin: 539-0108 or Steve: 644-2251.

County fair/Rupert
Minidoka County Fair continues: 7-9 a.m., 4-H/FFA livestock buyers breakfast at 4-H food booth; 9 a.m., 4-H/FFA livestock sale at pavilion; 10 a.m., buildings open to public; 1 p.m., antique tractor pull at horse race track; 7:30 p.m., mutton busting at rodeo arena; 8 p.m., IMPRA rodeo in arena; and 8 p.m., buildings close. Fair admission is free. Rodeo tickets are \$8 for adults; \$5 for children, ages 6-12; and \$30 per family (two adults, four children). Free for children under 6.

County fair/Fairfield
Camas County Fair and Rodeo: 8 a.m., 4-H livestock show at 4-H Park; 10 a.m.-3 p.m., cancer fundraiser silent auction at the park; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. American Legion Hall open (4-H and open-class projects); noon, 4-H livestock buyers barbecue; 1 p.m., parade along Main Street; 2 p.m., volleyball tournament; 2 p.m., livestock sale at the park; 4 p.m., pig wrestling at the park; 6 p.m., Idaho Cowboy Association rodeo in the field behind medical clinic (admission is \$6; free for children age 8 and under); and 9 p.m., street dance on Main Street.

Music festival/Hailey
The 32nd annual Northern Rockies Folk Festival continues with regional and national bands, noon-10 p.m. at Hop Porter Park. Music starts at noon with **Joe Paisley** of Wood River Valley; 1 p.m., **No Cheap Horses** of Wood River Valley with folk music (band members Dave Muscavage, Mia Edsell, Gerard Kelly, Jason Vontner and Jim Paisley); 2 p.m., **The Daphnools** of Wood River Valley,

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Art/Twin Falls
 Twin Falls artist **John McClusky's** latest artwork on display 5-9 p.m. through today at Tori's Eatery, 1924 Addison Ave. E. Free admission. 733-1860.

Gate Gallery, 229 Main St. Free admission. Information: Teddy Keeton at 326-8686 or 543-5265.

Art/Filer
New exhibit featuring work of Sharon McKenna, watercolors with lyrical quality by local artist and former Michael's teacher, on display 1-5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Aug. 1-15 at Lion's Gate Gallery, 229

Main St. Permanent collection with work by James Castle, Ed Pieters, Ray Owens, Archie Teater, Khtelian-Keeton and others also on display. Free admission; refreshments. Information: Teddy Keeton at 543-5265.

Art/Ketchum
"The Container Show" exhibition, presented by Sun Valley Center for the Arts, on display through Saturday in storage containers on the cen-

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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a young band formed in Hailey a few years ago (Troy "Chuy" Hartman, Kent Mueller, James Fisher, Tony "Burger" Pfau, Rico Hood and Taco Wakefield); 2:45 p.m., **Braden Jonny** of Boise and Wood River Valley; 3 p.m., **Kim Stocking Band** of Wood River Valley with folk and rock music (Kim Stocking, Mike Saul, Chip Booth, Jeremy Haddon and Troy Tadlock); 3:45 p.m., **Tom Archie**; 4 p.m., **Ryebender** (pictured) of Alaska, Portland and Wood River Valley, first album "Hollow and Drifting" recorded in 2008 in Sun Valley (Alaskan brothers, Mark and Jason Ward, and fellow Alaskan Lennie Dietsch); 5:45 p.m., **Tim East** of Wood River Valley; 6 p.m., L.A.-based **Olin and the Moon**, four of the five band members grew up in Wood River Valley (David LaBrel, Travis LaBrel, Marshall Vore, Brian McGinnis and Kyle Vicoso); 7:40 p.m., **Piers Lamb** of Wood River Valley; 7:55 p.m., **Northern Rockies Folk Festival quilt raffle** (created by local quilters as a fundraiser for the event); 8 p.m. **The Gourds**, of Austin, Texas, with country music (Kevin Russell, Jimmy Smith, Claude Bernard, Keith Langford and Max Johnston). Nonprofit vendors sell food during the festival; picnics are welcome. No dogs or bikes. Cost is \$25 for two-day wristbands (Friday and Saturday) in advance at www.nrrf.net, at Notes Music in Hailey or Chapter One Bookstore in Ketchum. Single-day tickets are \$18. Information: Dana DuGan at 788-0939, 720-1791 or danafan@gmail.com.



Theater/Oakley
Oakley Valley Arts Council presents "Paint Your Wagon," at 7:30 p.m. at Howells Opera House, 160 N. Blaine Ave. Reserved tickets are \$8 at 677-2787 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday). oakleyvalleyarts.org.

Theater/Hailey

Company of Fools presents the musical "110 in the Shade" at 8 p.m. at Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens (62 and over) and \$10 for students (18 and under). Tickets at Liberty Theatre (9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday), 578-9122, or at the box office one hour before show.



Home tour/Ketchum

The Community Library's 30th Anniversary Tour of Homes fundraiser, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with five distinctive homes in the Warm Springs area. Includes Jazz in the Garden Party from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with finger sandwiches, desserts and other treats. Features homes of Chris and Caroline Spain, Marc and Elisabeth Avery, Patricia Meadowcroft, Mary Ann and John Underwood, and Paul and Carol Fremont-Smith. Transportation provided by bus, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. from the library, 415 Spruce Ave.; bicycles encouraged. Tickets are \$75 (include the Jazz in the Garden Party), at 726-3493 or thecommunitylibrary.org.

Bluegrass, folk/Ketchum

Hat Trick, a trio performing bluegrass, folk and Grateful Dead music with harmonica, guitar and bass, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Papa Hemi's Hideaway, 310 S. Main St. No cover.

Figure skating/Sun Valley

Jeremy Abbot, 2009 U.S. champion, performs at the Sun Valley Ice Show, 9:15 p.m. at the Sun Valley Ice Rink. Tickets are



Courtesy photo

The Gourds are back with their hillbilly wail, Texas drawl and honky-tonk ballads. The Austin, Texas, country music group will headline the 32nd annual Northern Rockies Folk Festival on Saturday at Hailey's Hop Porter Park.

\$32 to \$52 for bleacher seats and \$62 for dessert buffet and ice show, at seats.sunvalley.com, 622-2135 or 888-622-2108.

Jazz/Sun Valley

Joe Fos, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Duchin Lounge at Sun Valley Lodge. No cover. 622-2145.

Karaoke/Sun Valley

MC Spice Train, 9 p.m. at the Boiler Room. Cover charge: \$5-\$10. 208-622-2148.

Theater/Glenns Ferry

Historic Opera Theatre presents the melodrama "Blazing Guns at Roaring Gulch," at a dinner show at the theater, 208 E. Idaho Ave. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.; show at 7:45 p.m. Tickets are \$22.50 for dinner and show, and show-only tickets are \$7 general admission, \$6 for senior citizens and children under 12. Dinner reservations required; 366-7408.

Country/Island Park

Moulton Jess, 8 p.m. at Ponds Lodge, 3757 U.S. Highway 20. Tickets are \$5 in advance at the lodge and at the door. 558-7221.

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SUNDAY

Magic festival/Twin Falls

MagicFest continues with children's movie matinees at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. at the Orpheum Theater, 146 Main Ave. N.; cost is 50 cents (with a coupon printed in the *Times-News*). Information: info@MagicFest.org, Lance Clow at 733-5767 or www.MagicFest.org.

County fair/Jerome

Jerome County Fair continues: noon-5 p.m., enter open class art and photography, Messersmith building,

County fair/Fairfield

Camas County Fair and Rodeo: 7-10 a.m., American Legion breakfast; 10:30 a.m.-noon, church at 4-H Park; 1-4:15 p.m., music in the park; and 5 p.m., Idaho Cowboy Association rodeo in the field behind medical clinic (admission is \$6; free for children ages 8 and under).

Rock/Jackpot

Chicago performs at 6 p.m. at the Cactus Petes Resort Casino Outdoor Amphitheater, 1386 U.S. Highway 93 in Jackpot, Nev. Tickets are \$45, \$50 and \$55, at (800) 821-1103.

Theater/Hailey

Company of Fools presents "Steel Magnolias" at 2 p.m. at Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens (62 and over) and \$10 for students (18 and under). Tickets at Liberty Theatre (9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday), 578-9122, or at the box office one hour before show time.

Theater/Hailey

Company of Fools presents "Welcome Home Jenny Sutter" at 7 p.m. at Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens (62 and over) and \$10 for students (18 and under). Tickets at Liberty Theatre (9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday), 578-9122, or at the box office one hour before show time.

Classical/Sun Valley

Sun Valley Summer Symphony benefit concert, "Some Enchanted Evening," at 6 p.m. at the Sun Valley Pavilion at Sun Valley Resort. Pre-concert reception at 4 p.m. Features Broadway producer and conductor **Ted Sperling** and Tony Award-winning performers **Victoria Clark** and **Paulo Szot**, with selections from the Broadway musical "South Pacific" and music from other Broadway hits including "Oklahoma!," "Carousel," "The King and I" and "Sound of Music." Tickets are \$250 to \$500 (include cocktails and hors d'oeuvres), at

svsummersymphony.org or 622-5607.

Music/Sun Valley

Pianist and singer **Leana Leach**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. during Sunday brunch in the Lodge Dining Room at Sun Valley Resort. No cover. 622-2800.

Music/Stanley

Music From Stanley concert series, featuring Idaho musicians **Charley Jenkins** and **Shoemaker Brothers**, 4-8 p.m. at Redfish Lake Lodge. Free admission. Concert recordings to be aired in radio series on KBSU and KISU in the fall. musicfromstanley.com.

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MONDAY

Art camp/Twin Falls

Around the World, Masters of Art summer art camp, through AUG. 20, at Twin Falls Creative Arts Center, 249 Main Ave. W. Learn about some of the great masters of art and create artwork in the styles of famous artists and art projects from different countries in the world. Schedule: preschool/kinder art (ages 3-6), 1-2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, \$50; early elementary (first through third grades), 2:15-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, \$65; late elementary (fourth through sixth), 3:45-5 p.m., \$65; open for all ages, 2:15-3:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, \$65; junior and senior high (seventh through 12th grades), 3:45-5 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, \$65; and young art (age 2-4 with a parent), 1-2 p.m. Wednesdays or 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays, \$30. 737-9111 or tfcreativeartscenter.com.

Music/Twin Falls

Reggae Night, 9 p.m. in the Blue Room at Woody's, 213 Fifth Ave. S. No cover.

County fair/Jerome

Jerome County Fair continues: 8:30 a.m., 4-H horse show, both arenas; 8:30-9:30 a.m., swine enter/weight, 4-H/FFA market dairy heifers; 9 a.m.-6 p.m., enter open class antiques, hobbies, ceramics, home arts and produce, Messersmith building; 9 a.m., open dairy show, Show Ring; 12:30 p.m., enter/weight 4-H/FFA market sheep; 4:30-5:30 p.m., enter/weight 4-H/FFA market beef; 5 p.m., turn in 4-H silent auction baskets; and 7 p.m., Junior Rodeo in DePew Arena.

Bluegrass, folk/Ketchum

Hat Trick, a trio performing bluegrass, folk and Grateful Dead music with harmonica, guitar and bass, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Papa Hemi's Hideaway, 310 S. Main St. No cover.

Jazz/Sun Valley

Bruce Innes, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Duchin Lounge at Sun Valley Lodge. No cover. 622-2145.

Classical/Sun Valley

Sun Valley Summer Symphony performs at 6:30 p.m. at the Sun Valley Pavilion at Sun Valley Resort. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The season opens with a tribute to Sun Valley Summer Symphony founder and Conductor Laureate Carl Eberl with a performance of his Concerto for Viola and Orchestra. Free admission. 888-622-2108 or 622-2135.

Space programs/Boise

Third annual Idaho Space Days opens at The Discovery Center of Idaho, 131 Myrtle St., with space-related programs and demonstrations in honor of NASA's 50th anniversary and the 40th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moonwalk. Model rocket demonstration at 2 p.m.; nightly star gazing at dusk; Magic Planet demonstration and live streaming NASA TV. Regular hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6.50 for adults, \$5.50 for seniors 60 and

older, and \$4 for children 3-17. Free for children 2 and under. 343-9895 or www.scidaho.org.

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TUESDAY

Planetarium/Twin Falls

Faulkner Planetarium at Herrett Center for Arts and Science presents "Sky Quest" with live sky tour at 2 p.m.; "Two Small Pieces of Glass" with live sky tour at 7 p.m.; and "Space Jammin'" at 8:15 p.m. Education-show tickets are \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors and \$2.50 for students. Tickets for the 8:15 p.m. entertainment show are \$4.50 for all ages.

Music/Twin Falls

Tattuesday, 9 p.m. in the Blue Room at Woody's, 213 Fifth Ave. S. No cover.

County fair/Jerome

Jerome County Fair continues: 7:30 a.m., enter/weight 4-H/FFA market swine, Swine Barn; 8-11 a.m., enter open class flowers and produce, Messersmith building; 8:30 a.m., 4-H horse show, both arenas; 8:30 a.m., 4-H/FFA dairy show, Show Ring; 10:30 a.m., 4-H dog show; noon to 10 p.m., commercial and food booths open; 2-3 p.m., enter all small animals and breeding animal 4-H projects; check-in required; 4 p.m., Inland Empire Carnival opens; 5 p.m., parade along Main Street; 6-10 p.m., cultural exhibit and 4-H exhibits open, Messersmith building; and 7:30 p.m., pig wrestling in DePew Arena.

Book talk/Hailey

Author **Ridley Pearson** and humor columnist **Dave Barry** will promote their new book "Peter and the Starcatchers: Sword of Mercy" at 6 p.m. at the Hailey Public Library. The book comes out in October. The series has explored the origins of Peter Pan and how he learned to fly.



Live music/Ketchum

Ketch'em Alive free concert and dance, 7 p.m. at Forest Service Park, First Street and Washington Avenue. Local bands warm up the crowd at 7 p.m. The headliners, this week local funk band **Cosmic Beans**, start playing at 7:30 p.m. Picnics, low-back chairs and blankets welcome. Drinks sold at the park.

Jazz/Sun Valley

Joe Fos, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Duchin Lounge at Sun Valley Lodge. No cover. 622-2145.

Space programs/Boise

Third annual Idaho Space Days continue at The Discovery Center of Idaho, 131 Myrtle St., with space-related programs and demonstrations. Highlights: 2 p.m., Teen Club's model rocket demonstration; and 3 p.m., Idaho educator and Teacher In Space finalist Dave Marquart with Orbiteron class on tracking satellite movement, both events at the center; and 7 p.m., retired NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence talks about her experiences on the fourth Space Shuttle mission STS-114, at Boise State University's Special Events Center, 1800 University Drive; free admission. Daily activities: nightly star gazing at dusk, Magic Planet demonstration and live streaming NASA TV. Admission is \$6.50 for adults, \$5.50 for seniors 60 and older, and \$4 for children 3-17. Free for children 2 and under. 343-9895 or www.scidaho.org.

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WEDNESDAY

Planetarium/Twin Falls

Faulkner Planetarium at Herrett Center for Arts and Science presents "Here Comes the Sun" at 2 p.m. \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors and \$2.50 for students.

Fiddling/Twin Falls

Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association members' jammin' session, 6-8 p.m., followed by the monthly meeting, at Idaho Pizza Co., 1859 Kimberly Road. Open to the public and prospective members. 420-3345.

Music/Twin Falls

Magic Valley Idol Contest, 10 p.m. at the Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road. Contestants can sign up before performance time. \$10 registration fee. Weekly contest winners compete at semifinals Aug. 19-20. Finals competition is Aug. 26, with cash prizes. No cover. 733-9937.

Music/Twin Falls

Open Mic Night, 9 p.m. in the Blue Room at Woody's, 213 Fifth Ave. S. No cover.

County fair/Jerome

Jerome County Fair continues: 8:30 a.m., 4-H/FFA beef show in the Big Show Ring and sheep show in the Small Show Ring; 10 a.m., Lil Bitty Horse Show

(8 and under), DePew Arena; noon to 10 p.m., commercial and food booths open; noon to 10 p.m., cultural exhibits and 4-H exhibits open in the Messersmith building; 1 p.m., 4-H demonstration and style review; 2:30 p.m., 4-H/FFA dairy goat show; 3 p.m., 4-H/FFA pygmy goat show; 4 p.m., Inland Empire Carnival opens; and 7 p.m., Junior Rodeo in the DePew Arena.

Music/Hailey

Back Alley Parties, featuring free live music, Wednesday nights through AUG. 26 outdoors at The Wicked Spud on Main Street. Benefits a different local nonprofit every week.

Folk and jazz/Ketchum

Rick Hoel, folk and jazz guitarist, 6-9 p.m. on the patio at Papa Hemi's Hideaway, 310 S. Main St. No cover.

Classical/Sun Valley

Sun Valley Summer Symphony, featuring pianist **Horacio Gutierrez**, performs at 6:30 p.m. at the Sun Valley Pavilion at Sun Valley Resort. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Gutierrez performs Brahms' Concerto for Piano No. 1 in D minor. Free admission. svsummersymphony.org or 622-5607.

Jazz/Sun Valley

Joe Fos, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Duchin Lounge at Sun Valley Lodge. No cover. 622-2145.

Space programs/Boise

Third annual Idaho Space Days continues at The Discovery Center of Idaho, 131 Myrtle St. Highlights: 11 a.m., 2 and 7 p.m., rocketry demonstrations with Kevin Young of Idaho National Laboratory; 3 p.m., model rocket demonstration with Ray Amaya of KIDO; 3:30 p.m. Mallory Yates, BSU Microgravity Team, with her experiences with weightlessness in NASA's parabolic flight simulator; and 4:30 p.m., Barbara Morgan, Idaho resident retired astronaut, greets the public and signs posters. Daily activities: nightly star gazing at dusk, Magic Planet demonstration and live streaming NASA TV. Admission is \$6.50 for adults, \$5.50 for seniors 60 and older, and \$4 for children 3-17. Free for children 2 and under. 343-9895 or www.scidaho.org.

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THURSDAY

Planetarium/Twin Falls

Faulkner Planetarium at Herrett Center for Arts and Science presents "Sky Quest" with live sky tour at 2 p.m.; \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors and \$2.50 for students.

Music/Twin Falls

Magic Valley Idol Contest, 10 p.m. at the Pioneer Club, 1519

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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Kimberly Road. Contestants can sign up before performance time. \$10 registration fee. No cover. 733-9937.

Music/Twin Falls

Twin Falls Municipal Band, at right, performs its last outdoor concert of the season, "Best of the Summer," at 8 p.m. at Twin Falls City Park. Free. Program highlights include "Appalachian Morning," "All You Need Is Love," "Galena," "Symphony of Sit-coms" and "Comedy Classics." Free admission.



summertime paintings. **326 S. 250 E.:** Kathleen Hawkins and Nicole Maier with ceramics (new work out of the kiln) and Billie Larios with jewelry. **637 W. 18th S.:** Marilyn R. Miller with new small paintings. **494 E. 200 S.,** Springdale School (open at 5 p.m.): works by Claudette Bray, June Carey, DeeAnn Goodwin, Maize Bowers and Joan Turner. Light refreshments at some studios.

County fair/Jerome

Jerome County Fair continues: Highlights: 8:30 a.m., 4-H/FFA swine show in the Show Ring; noon to 10 p.m., commercial and food booths open; noon to 10 p.m., cultural exhibits and 4-H exhibits open in the Messersmith building; 2 p.m., 4-H/FFA poultry show; 2:30 p.m., 4-H/FFA rabbit show; 4 p.m. to midnight, Inland Empire Carnival open; and 7:30 p.m., PRCA Rodeo at DePew Arena.

Art studio tour/Burley

First Thursday Artist Studio Tours, 4-8 p.m. at several Mini-Cassia studios with new and varied work. Purchases can be made from the artists. **Studios in Burley:** 401 E. 16th St.: Donna Arbogast with a new painting of the back side of Minidoka Dam, with pelicans and cormorants, and Heywood Williams with

Classical/Sun Valley

Sun Valley Summer Symphony, featuring conductor **Alasdair Neale**, performs at 6:30 p.m. at the Sun Valley Pavilion at Sun Valley Resort. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Free admission. svsummer-symphony.org or 622-5607.

Jazz/Sun Valley

Joe Fos, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Duchin

Lounge at Sun Valley Lodge. No cover. 622-2145.

Live music/Ketchum

Thursday Plaza Nights, a free concert series, 6 to 8 p.m. in Town Plaza across from Atkinsons' Market. Ice cream and crepes will be for sale; part of the profits go to Wood River Valley nonprofits.

Movie, games/Rupert

Baseline Fellowship's family event, with free hot dogs, games and a movie, at the church, at 123 K St. Games start at 6:30 p.m., followed by a movie at 7:30 p.m. Information: Sam Andrew at 312-5092.

Space programs/Boise

Third annual Idaho Space Days continues at The Discovery Center of Idaho,

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Pianist **Jordan Kezele** plays dinner music, 6:30-8:30 p.m. **AUG. 7**, and vocalist and guitarist **Rick Kuhn** plays light rock, 9-11 p.m., at Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center, 330 Canyon Crest Drive. No cover.

Music/Twin Falls

Live music, 7-9 p.m. **AUG. 7** at Moxie Java Tuscan, 430 Blue Lakes. No cover.

Music/Buhl

Live music, 7-11 p.m. **AUG. 7** at Mimi's at the Saddle Horn Events Center, 289 Clear Lakes Road. No cover.

Movie/Bellevue

Hot Summer Nights Outdoor Movies, **AUG. 7** at Bellevue Memorial Park. Show starts at 9:20 p.m. with cartoon trailers. Bring lawn chairs. Made possible through a grant from Hayward Family Foundation, and sponsored by Hailey Chamber of Commerce and Bellevue Council. Free admission; bring a non-perishable food donation for the Hunger Coalition.

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WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Hawaii's McMackin apologizes for gay slur

(Editor's note: The following story contains language that may be offensive to some readers.)

By Dustin Lapray
Times-News correspondent

SALT LAKE CITY — Apologetic and embarrassed, Hawaii head coach Greg McMackin asked reporters at the Western Athletic Conference football media preview not to print a gay slur he used three times during his press conference Thursday morning.

McMackin used the word 'faggot' to describe a cheer

employed by Notre Dame football players before last year's Hawaii Bowl.

In a story about the night before Hawaii's game against the Fighting Irish, McMackin said Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis got up to ask the Irish to do a hand clap and cheer.

"They get up and do this little cheer," McMackin said. "Like this little faggot dance."

After briefly continuing his story, McMackin paused and said to reporters, "Don't write that 'faggot' down. I was misquoted."



McMackin

At the WAC media preview in 2008 McMackin accidentally referenced a player (Billy Ray Stutzman) who had not yet signed with the team. He immediately caught his mistake and reporters decided to let it slide.

With WAC commissioner Karl Benson standing in the back of the room Thursday, McMackin concluded his comments by saying: "Please, last year you covered for me as far as my recruit. Cover for me, go ahead, say 'faggot dance? Please cover for me on that, too. Right Karl? I'll deny it'"

The WAC posted video of the other eight coaches' press conferences to its Web site, but did not post the McMackin interview. Benson said at this time the conference does not plan to post it.

McMackin quickly returned to the podium for another statement.

"I want to officially, officially apologize," he said. "Please don't write that statement I said as far as Notre Dame. The reason is, I don't care about Notre Dame. But I'm not a ... I don't want to come out and have every homosexual ticked off at me."

See **MCMACKIN**, Sports 2

Cowboys reach AA semifinals

Times-News

Zeb Sneed and the Twin Falls infield got the Cowboys out of a major jam and into the American Legion Class AA State Tournament with a 9-6 win over Trail (British Columbia) on Thursday in Lewiston.

Sneed entered the game in the fifth inning with the bases loaded and no outs. But a strikeout followed by a double play got the Cowboys (37-8) out of the inning unscathed and keyed the win.

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"Sneed got us out of a big jam," said Twin Falls coach Tim Stadelmeir, who also praised infielders Michael Williams and Braden Box. "They've just played outstanding the last two nights."

The win put the Cowboys into today's 8 p.m. (MDT) semifinal game against either Coeur d'Alene or the Lewis-Clark Twins, who faced off late Thursday evening. Today's victor earns a spot in Sunday's championship game and would have to be beaten twice to lose the title.

"It's a big game," said Stadelmeir.

Williams hit a solo home run in the win,

See **LEGION**, Sports 2

SEEKING SWAGGER

Akey aims for bowl game in 3rd season with Vandals

By Dustin Lapray
Times-News correspondent

SALT LAKE CITY — There is some good news and some bad for the Idaho Vandals as the 2009 football season begins. The good news: Idaho opens its season at New Mexico State, the only WAC opponent the Vandals beat last season. If the Vandals win that game they could be on top of the WAC standings for weeks.

The bad news: Idaho then has to play the rest of its schedule.

Despite the woeful season Idaho had in 2008, going 2-10 and yielding at least 42 points in nine of those losses, third-year head coach Robb Akey was talking about playing in a bowl game at the WAC football preview meetings Thursday in Salt Lake City.

"We'd have meals where sometimes we had them eating out of bowls," Akey said of his players. "We want them thinking of bowls. I want them talking about bowls. Why not? If I can't talk about it, how can they?"

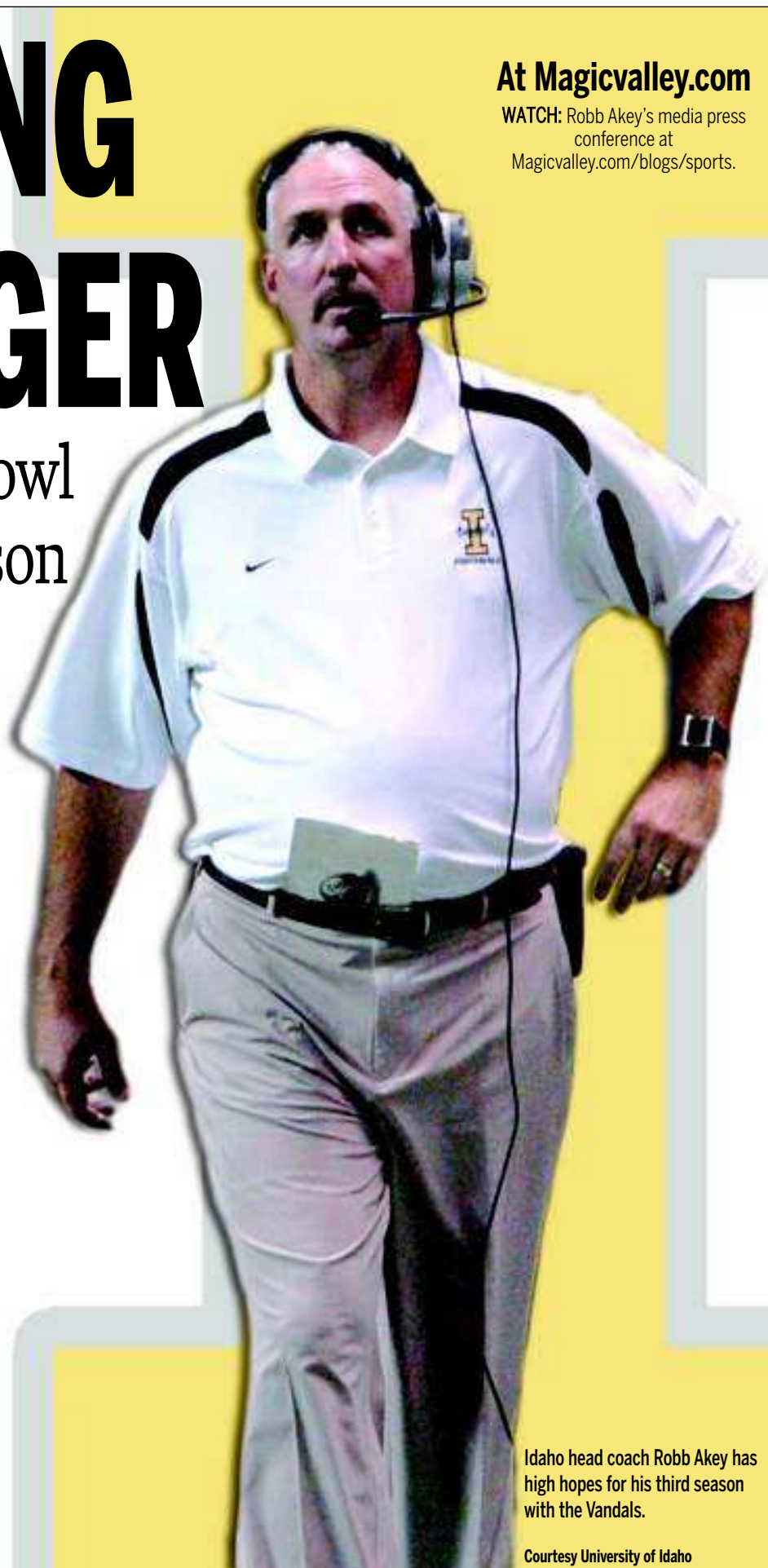
Akey has reason to hope for a bowl appearance. For the first time in his tenure he can honestly say his team has depth and young talent. He said he hasn't gone the route some WAC coaches have, snagging junior college transfers, hoping for a quick fix. He brought in young players, threw out the bad eggs and built the program his way.

"The brotherhood, the family, the health of the program is night and day from what it was when we took over," Akey said. "They like playing football. They like going out there and getting after it. Those things have changed a lot."

One of the biggest changes is a quarterback battle between incumbent Nathan Enderle and Brian Reader, a junior college transfer brought in to "stir the pot."

"Nate's the guy, but I'm pushing Brian to push (Nate) out of there if he can, because

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WATCH: Robb Akey's media press conference at Magicvalley.com/blogs/sports.

Idaho head coach Robb Akey has high hopes for his third season with the Vandals.

Courtesy University of Idaho

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— Idaho head coach Robb Akey, on his team —



AP photo

University of Southern California head coach Pete Carroll, left, stands with University of Washington head coach Steve Sarkisian at the Pac-10 football media day in Los Angeles on Thursday.

New commish, coaches in Pac-10, but USC still tops

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — The Pac-10 is awash in change heading into fall. There's an energetic new commissioner touting the virtues of a "West Coast advantage," intriguing new coaches at Oregon and Washington, and an apparent league-wide philosophical shift to more run-based offenses in a conference long known for loving the pass.

At least one aspect of the Pac-10 still hasn't changed, though: Southern California is the front-runner, and everybody else is rushing — or passing — to catch up.

Yet judging by the tenor of the league's annual media day, more coaches than ever seem to believe they might finally track down the Trojans this year.

"They have set a very high standard," said Arizona coach Mike Stoops, whose Wildcats are coming off their first winning season and bowl victory in his five years in Tucson. "The rest of our ability to close the gap has gotten better, and the conference has gotten stronger. It's not as easy (for

See **PAC-10**, Sports 2

Ortiz, Ramirez reportedly on 2003 steroids list

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Boston Red Sox slugger David Ortiz became the latest star implicated in baseball's ever-growing steroid scandal, acknowledging Thursday that the players' union confirmed he tested positive in 2003.

Shortly after hitting the go-ahead home run that beat Oakland 8-5, Ortiz responded to a story on The New York Times' Web site



Ortiz



Ramirez

that he and former teammate Manny Ramirez tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs six years ago.

"I've just been told that

the report is true," Ortiz said in a statement after contacting the union. "Based on the way I lived my life I'm surprised to learn I tested positive."

The popular Big Papi, who had never been linked to drugs, said he intended to find out what was in his system and would tell the Red Sox and the public.

"You know me — I will not hide and I will not make excuses," he said.

Alex Rodriguez, Barry

Bonds, Roger Clemens and Sammy Sosa are among the many All-Stars tainted by the drug cloud, which has called into question some of the sport's achievements over the last two decades.

Ortiz and Ramirez led the Red Sox to the World Series title in 2004 — their first in 86 years — and another championship in 2007.

Ramirez, now with the Los Angeles Dodgers, recently served a 50-game suspension for violating

baseball's drug policy.

Asked about this second alleged doping violation, he told reporters in St. Louis: "You want more information, I'm pretty sure you guys got the phone number to the union. Call the union, and they can explain that to you guys."

More than 100 major leaguers tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs in 2003 — the results were supposed to be anonymous and are now under court seal.

"Precisely for that reason, the Players Association will not, indeed cannot, comment on whether the information is accurate," union leader Donald Fehr said.

The Times' story cited lawyers involved in pending litigation over the testing results who spoke anonymously because the information is under seal by a court order.

The newspaper did not say what the players tested positive for.

Rangers club 5 HRs in rout of M's

ARLINGTON, Texas — Derek Holland took a one-hit shutout into the ninth inning and Michael Young hit two of Texas' five home runs, leading the Rangers over the Seattle Mariners 7-1 on Thursday night.

Holland (4-6) retired 24 of his first 25 batters and struck out 10. The only hits he allowed were Jack Hannahan's broken-bat single with two outs in the fifth and Franklin Gutierrez's two-out single in the ninth on the rookie left-hander's 118th and final pitch.

Warner Madrigal gave up an RBI single to Jose Lopez and walked Mike Sweeney to load the bases before Chris Shelton flied out to end it.

Texas matched a season high for homers, three off starter Garrett Olson (3-5). Hank Blalock, Jarrod Saltalamacchia and Marlon Byrd also connected.

RED SOX 8, ATHLETICS 5

BOSTON — Hours after he was linked to a positive drug test, David Ortiz hit a go-ahead homer in the seventh inning.

With two runners aboard, Ortiz hit a two-out pitch from Craig Breslow (4-5) to right-center, giving Boston a 6-5 lead. The drive sailed over the Red Sox bullpen and to the right of the 420 foot sign that marks the deepest part of Fenway Park.

ORIOLES 7, ROYALS 3

BALTIMORE — Rookie Brad Bergesen allowed one run in seven innings, then hobbled off the mound after being hit with a line drive on his final pitch, and the Orioles beat the Royals.

Bergesen (7-5) was struck in the leg by a sharp grounder off the bat off Billy Butler. Catcher Matt Wieters picked up the loose ball and threw out Butler to end the inning. Details of the injury were not immediately known.



AP photo

Texas Rangers catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia, left, is congratulated at home by Andruw Jones, right, following a two-run home run on a pitch from Seattle Mariners lefty Garrett Olson in the second inning of Thursday's game in Arlington, Texas.

WHITE SOX 3, YANKEES 2

CHICAGO — DeWayne Wise hit a game-ending RBI single in the ninth inning.

behind Johan Santana, who struck out eight in seven sharp innings.

BRAVES 6, MARLINS 3, 10 INNINGS

MIAMI — Brian McCann's three-run homer in the 10th inning gave Atlanta the victory.

Nate McLouth led off the Braves 10th against Luis Ayala (1-3) with a single. After a sacrifice and an intentional walk to Chipper Jones, McCann hit a 2-2 pitch over the right-center field wall.

CUBS 12, ASTROS 3

CHICAGO — Kevin Hart won

his third straight start, Jake Fox and Milton Bradley hit back-to-back homers and the Cubs beat the Astros for their 11th win in 14 games since the All-Star break.

Kosuke Fukudome reached base five times, and Ryan Theriot had four RBIs apiece for the Cubs.

PADRES 7, REDS 4

CINCINNATI — Rookie Will Venable hit a three-run homer to help Tim Stauffer earn his first win in almost three years and the romped to a win over the reeling Reds.

Venable drove in a career-high four runs and had four hits as the Padres picked up a third consecutive win for the first time since they won 10 straight from May 15 through May 25.

BREWERS 7, NATIONALS 5

MILWAUKEE — Yovani Gallardo struck out 11 in seven innings and Mike Cameron slid under catcher Wil Nieves' tag for the go-ahead run in the seventh, lifting the Brewers to a victory over the Nationals.

Prince Fielder hit his 25th homer and Craig Counsell added a homer and three RBIs for the Brewers, who won consecutive games for the first time this month after a miserable 8-16 start to July.

DODGERS 5, CARDINALS 3, 10 INNINGS

ST. LOUIS — Matt Kemp hit a two-run single in the 10th inning for his third hit, helping the Los Angeles Dodgers end a season-worst four-game losing streak with a 5-3 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Thursday night.

Casey Blake had four hits and is 7 for 10 the last two games for Los Angeles, which avoided a four-game sweep.

— The Associated Press

National League

METS 7, ROCKIES 0, FIRST GAME ROCKIES 4, METS 2, SECOND GAME

NEW YORK — Jorge De La Rosa set a franchise record by winning his seventh consecutive start and Colorado beat New York 4-2 on Thursday night, earning a split in the day-night double-header and snapping the Mets' five-game winning streak.

The Mets won the opener 7-0

North Side 12U off to winning start at regionals

Times-News

The North Side 12-U All-Star team of Jerome won its opener at the Pacific Northwest Regional Tournament in West Linn, Ore., on Thursday, beating the West Linn B team 5-0.

Jacob Lloyd pitched a complete-game shutout for North Side, while Ethan Bragg smashed a two-run homer in the third inning.

Lloyd's triple in the fifth inning scored Ben Taylor and Trever Ostler to make it 5-0.

West Linn's lone chance to score came in the third, but North Side left-fielder Damon Zamora fired a throw to catcher Austin Bobrowski, who tagged out a West Linn player at home.

North Side took on Mission Valley (Mont.) in a late game Thursday.

Pac-10

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USC) as a lot of people think it is."

New commissioner Larry Scott is preaching patience when asked about long-awaited changes in the Pac-10's bowl structure and television deals, but he's already a cheerleader for the conference's sterling record in the postseason. After going 5-0 in bowl games last season, it's clear USC isn't the conference's only outstanding ambassador.

After seven consecutive Pac-10 titles, BCS bowl game appearances and top-four finishes in the AP poll, USC again has been picked to finish atop the league by the media, getting 28 of 32 first-place votes. But the Trojans will have an untested quarterback — probably Aaron Corp — and new starters all over their defense.

Even though coach Pete Carroll says he feels as if he's only "in the middle" of a phenomenal

run at USC, the other schools hope he's approaching a bump.

"We would love for this to be the year we finally get past USC," said California tailback Jahvid Best, the Bay Area speedster touted as a Heisman Trophy contender. "You know they're not just going to give it away, though. Somebody has to try to take it."

Carroll insists the Trojans' toughest games are in conference, a claim he repeated Thursday in the hotel ballrooms near the Los Angeles airport. After downplaying the latest allegations of NCAA infractions against his program, this one concerning improper assistant coaching, Carroll insisted the league is stronger than ever.

"It's a new feel," Carroll said. "It's exciting. There's something different going on in the Pac-10. ... What we're seeing is more balance. We're seeing more teams running and passing. I think bal-

ance is better?"

Last season's statistics seem to back up Carroll. In a league that once produced several 3,000-yard passers annually, USC's Mark Sanchez and Arizona's Willie Tuitama were the only Pac-10 quarterbacks to reach that mark last year, and both are gone.

Several talented passers will take the spotlight this year, from Washington's Jake Locker and Oregon State's Lyle Moevao to less-established starters Corp at USC and Kevin Riley at Cal. Yet most Pac-10 schools have even more impressive talent at tailback.

Best, the Pac-10 rushing champion, is back after averaging 8.1 yards per carry last season. Jacquizz Rodgers returns for his sophomore year at Oregon State after running for 1,253 yards as a freshman.

Stanford's Toby Gerhart and

USC's Joe McKnight also are looking to break out.

"With so many good running backs in this league, you have to think that's what most schools will try to do," USC safety Taylor Mays said. "You've got to have defenses for all different types of situations. The Pac-10 isn't predictable in any way."

The league has two new coaches, both moving into high-profile positions. Oregon is picked to finish third in the Pac-10 under Chip Kelly, who takes over for longtime coach Mike Bellotti. Steve Sarkisian is the new man in charge of rebuilding a once-powerful Washington program that went 0-12 last year.

Sarkisian, who helped run USC's offense for six of the previous seven seasons, won't predict how long it will take to make Seattle's fans forget about the sport's only winless season last year.

Legion

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while Brodie Hall added an RBI double. Jason Welker finished 4-for-5 and Remington Pullin went 3-for-4 as Twin Falls cranked out 15 hits.

Twin Falls 9, Trail (British Columbia) 6

Twin Falls 011 340 000-9151
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Jacob Coats, Zeb Sneed (5) and Remington Pullin; K. Jones, Underwood (6) and C. Jones, W. Sneed, L. Jones.
Extra-base hits — 2B: Twin Falls, Michael Williams, Pullin, Jayson Welker, Brodie Hall, HR: Twin Falls, Williams.

Class A

BUHL 11, OROFINO 1, SIX INNINGS

J.D. Leckenby hit a two-run homer in the top of the first and then went to work making sure it would hold up, fanning five batters and walking none as Buhl stayed alive in the American Legion Baseball Class A state tournament by eliminating host Orofino 11-1 in six innings on Thursday.

Matt Hamilton hit a one-out double in the top of the first for the Tribe. One batter later, Leckenby came up and gave himself the only run support he would need. Buhl scored six times in the top of the fourth to put the game out of reach.

For the Tribe, it was the perfect response to an awful opening-

2009 American Legion Baseball Class AA State Tournament

At Harris Field, Lewiston
All times MDT
Wednesday's games

Game 1: Trail (British Columbia) 11, Centennial 4

Game 2: Twin Falls 6, Boise Gems 5

Game 3: Coeur d'Alene 4, Treasure Valley Stars 3

Game 4: Lewis-Clark Twins 10, Idaho Falls Russets 3

Thursday's games

Game 5: Boise 4, Centennial 3 (Centennial eliminated)

Game 6: Treasure Valley 8, Idaho Falls 5 (Idaho Falls eliminated)

Game 7: Twin Falls 9, Trail 6

Game 8: Coeur d'Alene vs. Lewis-Clark, late

Today's games

Game 9: Loser 8 vs. Boise, 2 p.m.

Game 10: Treasure Valley vs. Trail, 5 p.m.

Game 11: Twin Falls vs. Winner 8, 8 p.m.

Saturday's games

Game 12: Winner 9 vs. Winner 10, 5 p.m.

Game 13: Loser 11 vs. Winner 12, 8 p.m.

Sunday's games

Championship: Winner 11 vs. Winner 13, Noon

Second championship: If necessary, 3 p.m.

round game, in which they lost 8-0 to Emmett.

"We just fell apart yesterday, but I knew we'd bounce back and we did," said Buhl coach Allyn Reynolds. "The kids got off to a

great start and that was the key. J.D. is always around the plate and he always gives us a chance, especially if he gets the lead."

Buhl faces Lewis-Clark, a 2-1 loser to Bonneville, at noon

2009 American Legion Baseball Class A State Tournament

At Orofino
All Times MDT
Wednesday's games

Game 1: Lewis-Clark def. Treasure Valley

Game 2: Bonneville def. Boise Capitals

Game 3: Emmett 8, Buhl 0

Game 4: Upper Valley def. Orofino

Thursday's games

Game 5: Boise 13, Treasure Valley 4 (Treasure Valley eliminated)

Game 6: Buhl 11, Orofino 1 (Orofino eliminated)

Game 7: Bonneville 2, Lewis-Clark 1

Game 8: Emmett vs. Upper Valley, late

Today's games

Game 9: Buhl vs. Lewis-Clark, noon

Game 10: Boise vs. Loser 8, 2:45 p.m.

Game 11: Winner 9 vs. Winner 10, 5:30 p.m.

Game 12: Bonneville vs. Winner 8, 8 p.m.

Saturday's games

Game 13: Winner 11 vs. Loser 12, 1 p.m.

Championship: Winner 12 vs. Winner 13, 4 p.m.

Sunday's game

Second championship: If necessary, time TBA

(MDT) today.

Buhl 11, Orofino 1, six innings

Buhl 200 612-11 81
Orofino 000 100-11 63
J.D. Leckenby and Nick Hamilton; Beau Dahmen, Michael Leroy (4), Ethan Holland (6) and Frank Haskett.
Extra-base hits — 2B: Buhl, Taylor Houtz, Matt Hamilton. HR: Buhl, J.D. Leckenby.

Vandals

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however that works out, we're going to be better at the quarterback spot," Akey said.

It hasn't been easy for Akey, who replaced Dennis Erickson after he bolted for Arizona State one year into his second stint as the Vandal head coach. One of the biggest problems Akey said he has faced is the acceptance of losing, in that if a loss was close it was still counted as a positive. He specifically mentioned the game against USC two years ago.

"We're talking about 'great job' and we got beat," Akey said. "We were supposed to get beat by 7,000 points and we only got beat by three scores."

Nose guard Jonah Sataraka agreed the problem exists. He thanked the fans for their support but said he wants different results.

"If we're in a tight game and lose by 10 or 13, they still encourage us, congratulate us," Sataraka said. "But as for our team, our coaches, that's unacceptable. We still lost. That's nothing to celebrate about."

There is no such thing as overnight success in college football. Programs must be built before they can withstand the storm. The framework is up in Moscow, but there is a lot of finish work to be done.

"I feel great about the progress and I want to see it happen quicker and I know our fans do," Akey said. "It's been a decade since we had a bowl game, a winning season, and I know that grates on our fans. They want success and I want success."

That success begins with continuity and Idaho has that coming. This is Year 3 of the Akey era and he said it would probably take five years to turn the tide. Having Akey as a cornerstone enables his players to help rebuild a once-proud program.

"This is the third year with the same plays and the same program," Idaho guard Mike Iupati said. "You go out there and you already know what to do. Now it's more of cleaning up the little mistakes we have. It helps a lot."

Akey may sound crazy talking about a bowl game after only three wins in his first two seasons, but he sees it differently. He doesn't want his players' hope to have limits.

"A lot of what you can make happen is the mentality of what you believe," Akey said. "That's what we're working to get built. I want them to have the confidence to put that swagger out there. Don't let people put a cap on it."

It may not happen for Idaho this year, but Akey has the will and his Vandals are finding their way.

McMackin

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You know what I mean. Because I don't have any problem with homosexuals. But I apologize for saying that and I'd appreciate it if you wouldn't run that word. If you said 'dance,' that's OK. But don't use the bad term that I chose, please. Thank you."

About an hour later, Benson asked an obviously troubled McMackin to re-address the media.

"I would sincerely like to apologize for the inappropriate verbiage and words that I used. I have nothing against the University of Notre Dame. I have nothing against ... I don't talk like that, and I'm really ticked off at myself for saying that. I don't have any prejudices, and it really makes me mad that I even said that. I'm disappointed in myself. In know there's a couple of you that know me. I'm a very competitive person. I think I told you guys that was my worst loss in my 40 years, against Notre Dame. It really ticks me off that that I said that because Notre Dame played a great ball game.

"What I was trying to do was be funny and it wasn't funny. It's not funny, and even more, it isn't funny to me. I was trying to make a joke and it was a bad choice of words. I really, really feel bad about it. I wanted to apologize. I'm going to apologize to my team, apologize to the people in Hawaii.

"I'd hate for a game to get in the way of me saying something like that, because I hope some of you guys know me well enough to know what I am saying. All I can do is apologize and I feel bad that I used those words. It was really stupid and I just feel really bad about it. I apologize."

Benson followed McMackin's statements, deferring to the University of Hawaii to handle the situation.

"This primarily will be a University of Hawaii issue. There is a sportsmanship piece in our code that may apply. At the appropriate time we will be able to address it."

Hawaii posted an additional statement of apology by McMackin on its Web site Thursday afternoon.

Benson said the penalties for derogatory statements and profanity begin with a private reprimand and can escalate to a public reprimand and/or suspension.

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Consumers pay \$34 billion for alternative medicine

By Marilyn Marchione
and Mike Stobbe
Associated Press writers

ATLANTA — Americans spend more than a 10th of their out-of-pocket health care dollars on alternative medicine, according to the first national estimate of such spending in more than a decade.

Chiropractors, massage therapists, acupuncturists and herbal remedies are commanding significant consumer dollars as people seek high-tech care in a high-tech society, the report released Thursday by the government shows.

Altogether, consumers spent an estimated \$34 billion on those and other alternative remedies in 2007, the report found.

"We are talking about a very wide range of health practices that range from promising and sensible to potentially harmful," said Dr. Josephine Briggs, director of the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, the federal agency that leads research in this field.

More research into which therapies work is critically needed, because the spending on them is "substantial," she said.

The data, gathered in 2007 mostly before the recession was evident, don't clearly reflect whether the economy played a role in spending on these therapies. But Briggs noted there has been "speculation that as the number of uninsured grows, there may be increased utilization of some of these approaches, which tend to be relatively inexpensive."

Some consumer advocates say people are wasting money on some products that rigorous studies have shown don't work. Dr. Sidney Wolfe, who leads Public Citizen's health

research, has long criticized the government for what he considers lax regulation of prescription drugs and mainstream medicine. Yet, he also sees problems with the widespread use of dietary supplements.

"People think they are cleared" by the Food and Drug Administration, he said, when in fact they do not need proof of safety or effectiveness to go on the market.

"Mainly, they're ineffective," he said.

The report is based on a 2007 survey by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of more than 23,000 adults nationwide.

An earlier report from this survey, released in December, found that more than one-third of adults use alternative medicine.

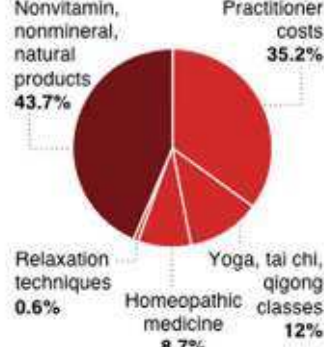
That includes a wide range of services from meditation and yoga to herbal supplements, such as echinacea and ginseng. Vitamins and minerals are not included in this report but will be addressed in a future one.

Pain was the main reason people tried massage, chiropractic care and other alternative therapies. Among supplement users, most popular were glucosamine for joint pain and fish oil to cut the risk of heart disease.

Alternative care

In 2007, adults in the U.S. spent about \$34 billion out-of-pocket on visits to complementary and alternative medicine practitioners, products and classes.

Alternative medicine costs



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RoadWorthy!
By Ken Chester, Jr.
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Based on the all-new second generation CTS sedan introduced last year, Cadillac turned up the heat with the introduction of the CTS-V -- the automaker's ultimate expression of performance and luxury. Part of Cadillac's acclaimed V-Series of high-performance models, the new CTS-V delivers over 556 hp, making it the most powerful production Cadillac ever.

More than just power, the CTS-V also includes a comprehensive suite of technical and design enhancements. These include Magnetic Ride Control, super-capable Brembo brakes and the addition of a new automatic transmission with paddle-shift control.

The exterior of the new CTS-V amplifies the assertive stance and elegant details of the standard CTS, and communicates the car's remarkable capabilities. The front grille is double the size of the standard CTS, enabling much more air intake and features a satin finish. The raised hood encompasses the supercharged engine, and new front and rear fascias identify the vehicle as a V-Series. The car's 19-inch Michelin Pilot Sport 2 tires enhance its stance on the road.

Power for the new rear-drive Cadillac sedan flows from the all new (LSA) 6.2L supercharged V8 prime mover. The torque generated by this motor is channeled through



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the standard Tremec TR6060 six-speed manual gearbox. An all-new Hydra-Matic 6L90 six-speed automatic transmission is an available option. The CTS-V accelerates from zero-to-60 in less than four seconds.

"The CTS-V represents the full extension of our design, technology and performance capabilities," said Jim Taylor, Cadillac general manager. "The V-Series takes the award-winning CTS sports sedan and elevates it to a position with the club of the world's most exclusive and capable cars."

Control hardware for the CTS-V features the world's fastest-reacting suspension

technology. Magnetic Ride Control (MRC). It uses shock absorbers controlled by advanced magneto-rheological technology, rather than mechanical valves, greatly accelerating response time and precision. Electronic sensors at all four wheels literally "read the road" every millisecond, making constant adjustments to damping to create virtually instantaneous and extremely precise control of car body motions. This is of particular benefit for a high-performance sedan, helping to keep the car very composed during hard cornering, acceleration, braking and other dynamic maneuvers.

The CTS-V includes all the elements of the standard CTS passenger cabin, while adding some elegant and purposeful accents. Performance driving seats are standard, designed to provide excellent support for spirited driving and adding to the luxurious and purposeful interior. The new 14-way adjustable performance seats include pneumatic bolster controls in the seat cushion and backrest.

The steering wheel, seat inserts and gear shifter are covered in microfiber, providing the soft and luxurious character of suede with suede's inherent drawbacks of difficult care

and moisture sensitivity. These accents are standard, elegant to the touch and help support high-performance driving.

The car's integrated center stack is trimmed in new Obsidian black material that is also applied to the center console and door trim. Like every CTS model, the CTS-V includes a hand-stitched instrument panel, door trim and center console. Leading-edge infotainment features include a 40-gigabyte hard drive, advanced navigation system with a "pop-up" screen and Bose digital surround audio, as well as factory-installed Bluetooth capability.

2009 Cadillac CTS-V Sedan By The Numbers

PRICING
The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2009 Cadillac CTS-V sedan starts from \$58,575. Destination charges add \$775.

DIMENSIONS & SPECIFICATIONS
Wheelbase: 113.4; overall length: 191.6; width: 72.5; height: 58.0 -- all vehicle measurements are in inches.
Engine: 6.2L supercharged V8 -- 556 hp at 6,100 rpm and 551 lbs-ft of torque at 3,800 rpm.

SAFETY FEATURES
Dual front airbags, dual front seat-mounted side-impact airbags, front/rear head curtain side-impact airbags, daytime running lights, automatic headlamps, Xenon high-intensity discharge headlamps, front fog lamps, Adaptive Forward Lighting, tire pressure monitoring system, limited slip differential with positraction, four-wheel high-performance Brembo disc brakes with anti-lock, StabiliTrak vehicle stability control system, all-speed traction control, Bluetooth hands-free phone system, power programmable automatic door locks, central locking system, keyless access system with Smart Remote Start, OnStar communications system, PASS-Key III plus theft deterrent system, engine immobilizer, universal home remote, ultrasonic rear parking assist, and automatic RainSense wipers with moisture detection.
Optional safety features include navigation system.

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Basic: 4-year/50,000 mile, bumper-to-bumper.
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NOTICES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On November 24th 2009 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. on said day, at the front door of First American Title Company, 260 Third Ave. North, Twin Falls, ID 83303. Bruce J. Blohowiak, as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit: Lot 11 in Block 6 of Bickel Addition, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the plat thereof, recorded in book 3 of plats, page 19, in the office of the county recorder of said county. THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60 113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: 161 Elm Street, Twin Fall, ID 83301, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by BARBARA JO D TRUJILLO, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN as TRUSTOR TO TWIN FALLS TITLE, as original Trustee, and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (EMERSÉ) is the beneficiary solely as nominee for FIRST FRANKLIN A DIVISION OF NATIONAL CITY BANK OF IN. on that certain deed of trust dated March 22nd 2006 and recorded under Twin Falls County Instrument No. 2006007590. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45 1506 (4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

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NOTICE OF SALE

On the 23rd day of November, 2009, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M. on said date at the office of LAND TITLE AND ESCROW, INC., located at 710 G Street, Rupert, Idaho, 83350, LAND TITLE AND ESCROW, INC., as Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in lawful money of the United States of America, payable in full at the time of the sale, the following described real property, located in the County of Minidoka, State of Idaho, more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. "EXHIBIT A"

PARCEL NO. 1: TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, BOISE MERIDIAN, MINIDOKA COUNTY, IDAHO SECTION 29: That part of the SE 1/4 SW 1/4 more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said SE 1/4 SW 1/4; thence West for 693.3 feet; thence North for 487.4 feet to a point, which point shall be known as the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence North for 170 feet; Thence West for 195.6 feet to the point of intersection with the South line of the right of way of Idaho Highway No. 24 (formerly U.S. Highway 30N); Thence Southwesterly along said right of way for 212 feet; Thence East for 320 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL NO. 2: TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, BOISE MERIDIAN, MINIDOKA COUNTY, IDAHO SECTION 29: That part of the SE 1/4 SW 1/4, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said SE 1/4 SW 1/4; thence West for 693.3 feet; thence North for 437.4 feet to a point, which point shall be known as the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence West for 100 feet; Thence North for 50.4 feet; Thence East for 100 feet; Thence South for 50.4 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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PARCEL NO. 5: TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, BOISE MERIDIAN, MINIDOKA COUNTY, IDAHO SECTION 29: That part of the SE 1/4 SW 1/4, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said SE 1/4 SW 1/4; thence West for 696.3 feet; thence North for 437 feet to a point, which point shall be known as the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence North for 220.4 feet; Thence East for 30 feet; Thence South for 220.4 feet; Thence West for 30 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL NO. 6: TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, BOISE MERIDIAN, MINIDOKA COUNTY, IDAHO SECTION 29: That part of the SE 1/4 SW 1/4, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said SE 1/4 SW 1/4; thence West for 29.8 feet; thence North for 341.2 feet to a point, which point shall be known as the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence North for 316.2 feet; Thence West for 633.5 feet; Thence South for 316.2 feet; Thence East for 633.5 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL NO. 7: TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, BOISE MERIDIAN, MINIDOKA COUNTY, IDAHO SECTION 29: That part of the SE 1/4 SW 1/4, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said SE 1/4 SW 1/4; thence West for 29.8 feet; thence North for 657.4 feet to a point, which point shall be known as the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence North for 316.3 feet to the Southeast boundary of Idaho Highway No. 24 (formerly U.S. Highway 30N); Thence Northeasterly along said Southeast boundary line to a point 30 feet East of the True Point of Beginning; Thence South to a point 30 feet East of the True Point of Beginning; Thence West for 30 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL NO. 8: TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, BOISE MERIDIAN, MINIDOKA COUNTY, IDAHO SECTION 29: That part of the SE 1/4 SW 1/4, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said SE 1/4 SW 1/4; thence West for 29.8 feet; thence North for 657.4 feet to a point, which point shall be known as the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence North for 135.0 feet; Thence West for 633.5 feet; Thence South for 135.0 feet; Thence East for 633.5 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; SAVE AND EXCEPTING the following described tract: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said SE 1/4 SW 1/4; thence West for 29.8 feet; thence North for 792.4 feet to a point, which point shall be known as the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence West for 120.0 feet; Thence South for 54.0 feet; Thence East for 120.0 feet; Thence North for 54.0 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM: Commencing at a 5/8 inch rebar marking the South quarter corner of said Section 29, and running thence along the South line thereof South 89°47'21" West for 693.30 feet; thence leaving said South line North 0°06'56" West for 437.52 feet; thence North 89°47'21" East for 20.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar and plastic cap; thence continuing North 89°47'21" East for 10.00 feet; thence North 0°06'56" West for 319.77 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar and plastic cap and the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence continuing North 0°06'56" West for 243.71 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar and plastic cap; Thence continuing North 0°06'56" West for 21.00 feet to a point on the Southeastern right of way line of State Highway 24 and 25; Thence along said right of way line South 31°31'15" West for 17.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar and plastic cap set thereon; Thence continuing along said right-of-way line South 31°31'15" West for 294.24 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar and plastic cap set thereon; Thence leaving said right-of-way line North 89°47'21" East for 163.25 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

The street address or the designation commonly used for the property is 700 or 702 South Onelda Street, Rupert, ID 83350. The name, address and telephone number of the person or firm from whom information may be obtained is: William A. Parsons, Parsons, Smith and Stone, LLC, 137 West 13th Street, Burley, ID 83318, (208) 878-8382.

The sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding the title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by K & C ENTERPRISES, LLC, as Grantor, to LAND TITLE AND ESCROW, INC. as Trustee, and CIRCLE BUTTE, LLC, as assigned to RICHARD L. KECHTER and PAUL WORNELL, as Beneficiary, dated March 30, 2007, and recorded as Instrument Nos. 490052 and 493346, in the office of the County Recorder for Minidoka County, Idaho.

The default for which said sale is to be made is the failure to pay monthly installments for the months of May 2009 and subsequent months, in the sum of \$3,306.57 each, and failure to pay real estate taxes for 2007 and 2008.

The balance owing as of this date on the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust is \$480,000.00, together with accruing interest, and costs of sale. DATED this 21st day of July 2009. LAND TITLE AND ESCROW, INC. /s/ Larry Roberts LARRY ROBERTS, President

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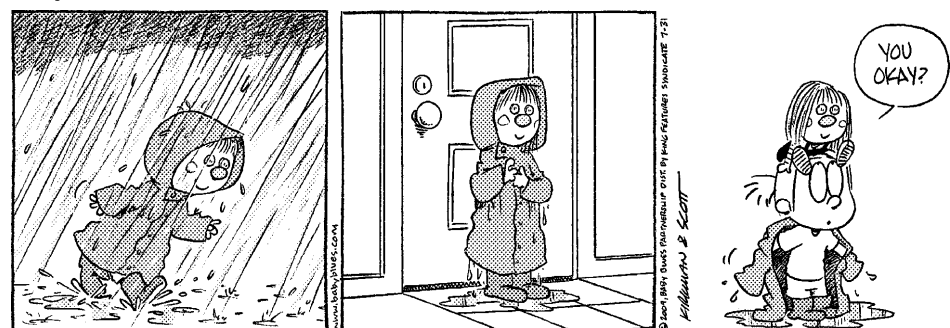
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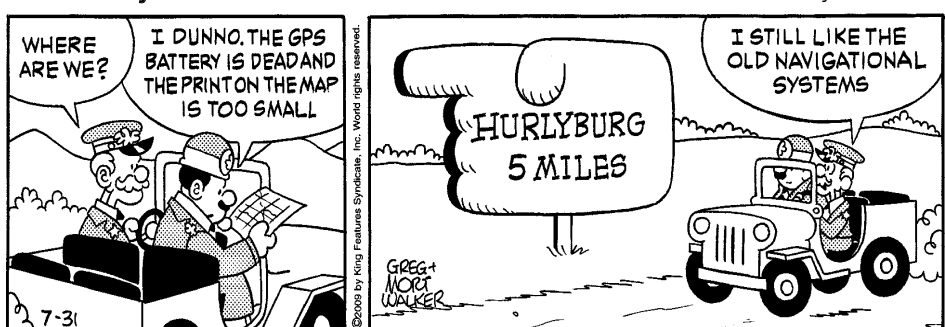
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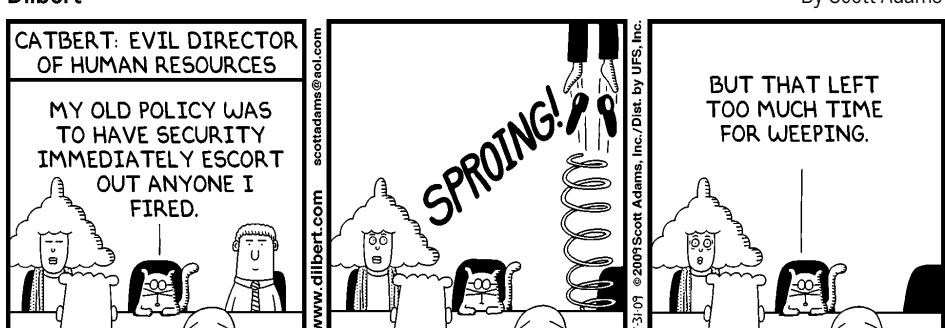
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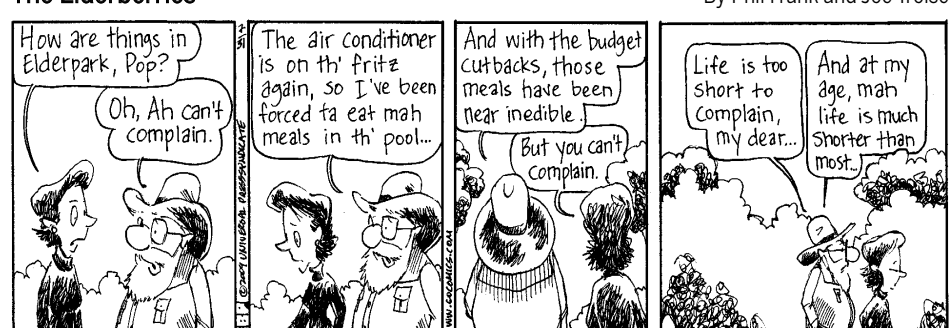
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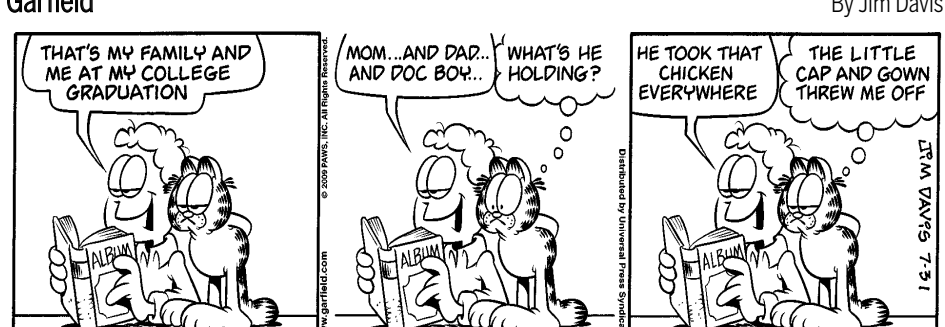
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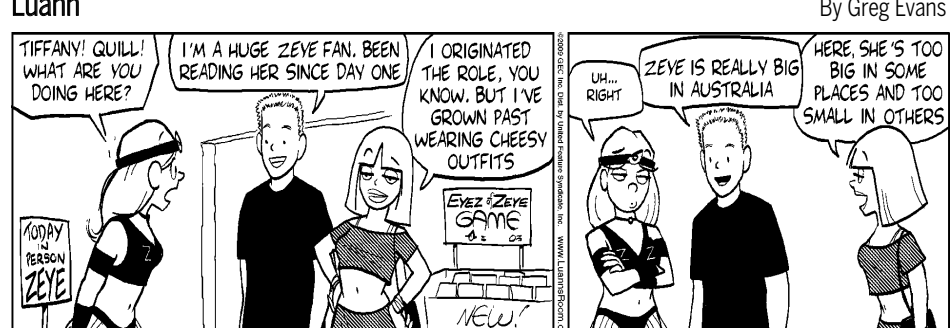
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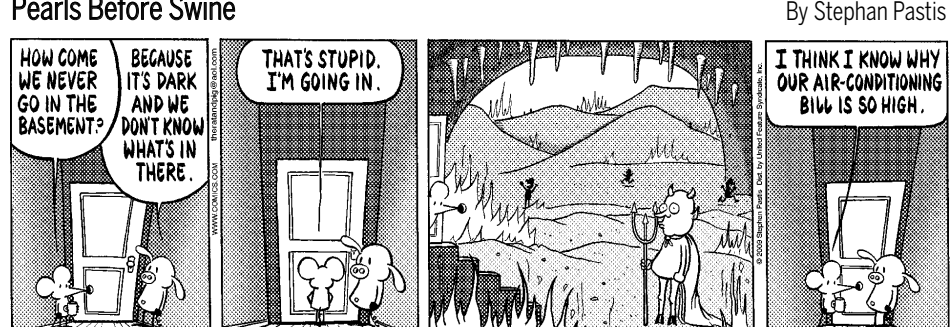
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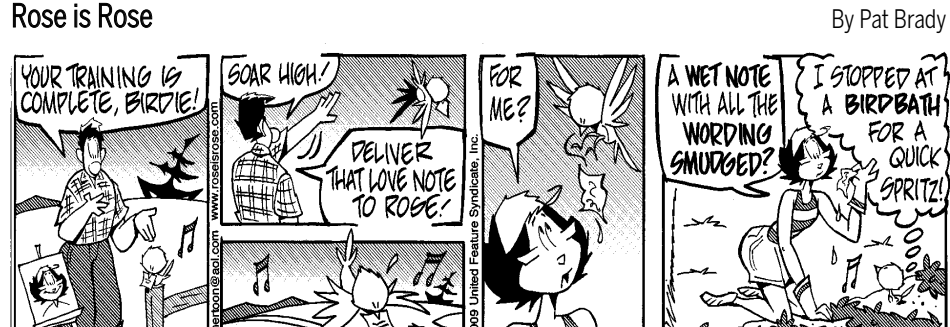
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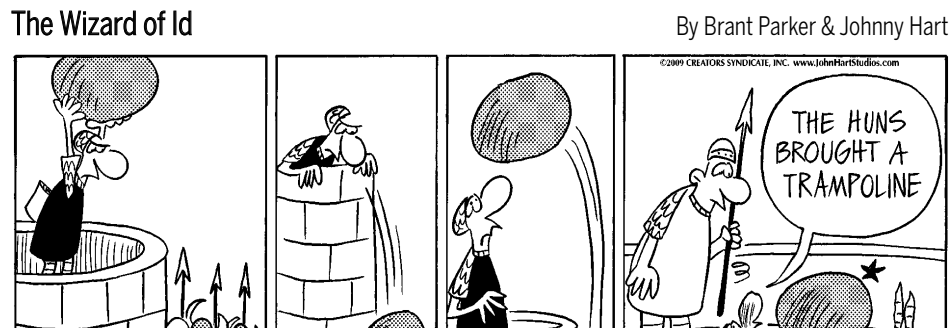
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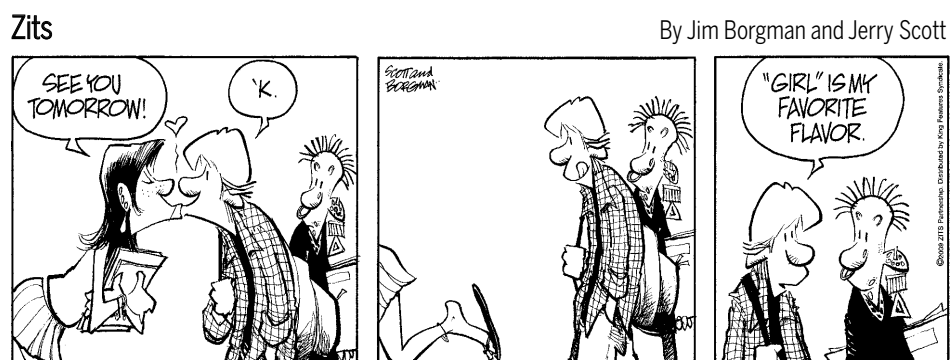
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