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Well closures are now in judge's hands

Melanson hears arguments regarding curtailment stay

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

A 5th District judge says he'll decide early next week whether the first large-scale series of well closures imposed by the Idaho Department of Water Resources should be allowed to continue.

Judge John Melanson on Friday heard from attorneys representing groundwater users, IDWR and Clear Springs Foods of Buhl as he considered whether to stay the closures as requested by two area groundwater districts.

The closures, known as "curtailment," started three weeks ago as the latest development in a water delivery call dating to

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High court hears Tom Hanks' SV home dispute

By Rebecca Boone
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The latest act in a nine-year battle between Tom Hanks, his wife, Rita Wilson, and a high-end contractor played out before the Idaho Supreme Court on Friday.

The case revolves around the couple's sprawling Sun Valley-area home, built by Storey Construction starting in 2000. Hanks and Wilson say the company's shoddy workmanship left them out more than \$2 million. The company, meanwhile, contends the couple is just out for revenge because they lost an earlier arbitration over the work.

Hanks, whose character in the 1986 movie "The Money Pit" dealt with a decaying house, didn't attend the hearing, but Wilson, also a film producer and actress, was in the courtroom.

"We never expected it would come to

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AMTRAK RETURN

Pioneer route service could restart after 12-year absence



A woman rides over the tracks in Shoshone with children in tow earlier this month.

Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

By John Plestina
Times-News writer

Amtrak's Pioneer route, once the only passenger train service to southern Idaho, may return after a 12-year absence.

The train route, which made a stop in Shoshone for passengers going north to Sun Valley or south to the Magic Valley, was discontinued in 1997 after 20 years of service. Plagued by low ridership, the Chicago-to-Seattle Pioneer route lost a reported \$20 million per year during the 1990s.

Now Pioneer supporters believe Amtrak's expanding express shipping business could create demand for restoration of the route with stops in Tacoma, Portland, Boise, Shoshone, Pocatello, Ogden, Salt Lake City,

Cheyenne and Denver.

Amtrak has never revived a discontinued route, but increased financial support from a more train-friendly Congress, rising gasoline prices and population growth along the route have raised hopes for a return as soon as 2011.

Republican Idaho Sen. Mike Crapo, a leading supporter of Pioneer's restoration, recently set off some alarms when he said cities along the route might be asked to help subsidize service. He mentioned Shoshone, Boise and Pocatello.

Shoshone Mayor J.R. Churchman said the City Council has not been asked for money and has not taken a position on the



The Amtrak building in Shoshone, where the train service last ran in 1997.



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WATCH area residents talk about the possibility of Amtrak returning to Shoshone.

return of the Pioneer.

"I read that and I thought, 'That's a joke because Shoshone doesn't have any money;'"

Churchman said. "It's one of those wish-list items at this point."

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Restaurant owner looks to expand business

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

It's time for the main event.

Eddie Sabia, who owns 360's Bistro and Lounge in downtown Twin Falls, plans to open 360's Main Event on the other end of downtown. The new enterprise wouldn't be a nightclub but rather an expansion of his current outfit, he said.

Sabia, who owns a DJ company and does catering, wants to do larger events, including holiday parties and weddings, and said he's been approached by organizers for cage fighting and comedy shows. He does off-premise catering and the

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Eddie Sabia, owner of 360's Bistro and Lounge in downtown Twin Falls, stands in a building at 348 Fourth Ave. S., where he hopes to open an event center and expand his catering business. Sabia is seeking a special use permit from the Twin Falls City Council, which will give the request a public hearing on Tuesday.

Bernanke optimistic economy will grow soon

By Jeannine Aversa
Associated press writer

JACKSON, Wyo. — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke on Friday offered his most optimistic outlook since the financial crisis struck, saying the economy is on the verge of growing again.

Speaking at an annual Fed conference, Bernanke acknowledged no missteps by the central bank in managing the worst crisis since the Great Depression. But he conceded that consumers and businesses are still having trouble getting loans, even though the financial system is gradual-

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Nationwide home sales in July surge more than 7 percent.

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ly stabilizing. Economic activity in both the U.S. and around the world seems to be leveling out, and the economy is likely to start growing again soon, Bernanke said in a speech at an annual Fed conference in Jackson.

The mood here was decidedly more hopeful than it was last summer, when a sense of foreboding

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Pat's Picks

Three things to do today

Pat Marcantonio



- Support the West End Senior Center Steak Fry Dinner and Auction with dinner from 4:30 to 7 p.m. and auction to follow, at the center, 1010 Main St. W., Buhl. The cost is \$13 for adults and \$4 for children ages 11 and younger.
- Lovers of cars should hit the NAPA Auto Parts Joe Mama's Car Show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Jerome City Park. Admission is free.

- Up north, silver medalists Nancy Kerrigan and Brandon Mroz perform at the Sun Valley Ice Show at 9:15 p.m. at the Sun Valley Ice Rink. Tickets are \$32 to \$62.

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

Expand

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ago by Randy Paulino, the former owner of Phat Eddy's. That restaurant and nightclub, located near Woody's in downtown Twin Falls, closed after property owner Dave Woodhead declined to renew the business' lease after a fatal shooting nearby. Sabia said he founded Phat Eddy's but was not the owner at the time of the shooting.

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Sabia said he hopes big events come to the new site frequently, for business' sake. "Maybe everyday — it depends on how busy it gets," he said. Sabia added he wants to help improve that area of downtown, which for decades has struggled.

Sabia said he'll lease the building and doesn't plan on securing additional alcohol or liquor licenses. Liquor licenses are overseen by Alcohol Beverage Control at the Idaho State Police, who did not respond to an inquiry Friday.

Sabia owns the bistro, which was opened two years

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another claim of standard work. Fifth District Judge Robert Elgee agreed with the construction company and said the arbitration process had effectively already dealt with the matter.

But Hanks' and Wilson's attorney, Art Harrigan, told the Idaho Supreme Court justices Friday that the ruling was in error because it would essentially require homeowners to know instantly about any problems with their new construction — even if it meant ripping down the walls to discover them.

The couple didn't have control over the timing of the arbitration — Storey Construction did, because it filed the arbitration demand shortly after construction was completed. That wasn't enough time for many of the problems — such as a roof that wasn't properly attached — to become apparent, Harrigan said.

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Auditions for Oakley Valley Arts Council's production of The 1940s Radio Hour directed by Steven Tuft, 9 a.m. to noon, Howells Opera House, 160 N. Blaine Ave., Oakley. www.oakley-valleyarts.org or 677-2787 (performances will be Nov. 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, and 14).

"Blazing Guns at Roaring Gulch" melodrama, dinner show presented by Historic Opera Theatre, 6:30 p.m. dinner and 7:45 p.m. show, at the theater, 208 E. Idaho Ave., Glens Ferry, \$22.50 for dinner and show (choice of steak or chicken), and show-only tickets: \$7 general admission and \$6 for senior citizens and children under 12, 366-7408 or 366-2744 for required dinner reservations.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

McCains dual Relay for Life team fundraiser, includes yard sale at 9 a.m. and "Mini-Cassia has Talent" competition at 4 p.m., Burley Armory, 678-9431.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Christian Men's Fellowship and no-host breakfast, 7 to 8:30 a.m., Depot Grill, Twin Falls, no cost, 733-5501.

EDUCATION

Sun Valley Writers' Conference, features talks, panels, readings and small-group discussions led by writers, Sun Valley Pavilion and Sun Valley Resort, Sun Valley, single-event tickets: \$25 each per presentation, 888-655-6529 or at the conference near the main entrance, schedule: www.svwc.com or 726-5454.

FAMILY

Magic Valley Armed Forces Family Day, for all families from all service branches, active duty

and reservists, sponsored by Idaho National Guard State Family Programs Office; includes military family and community resource education opportunities, activities for children, bicycle rodeo (for military children; bring bikes and helmets) and family Frisbee golf tournament (prior registration required), 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., College of Southern Idaho, behind Herrett Center with inclusion of Twin Falls Armory, 208-272-7027, 208-404-8770 or 208-733-2404, ext. 7027.

FESTIVALS AND FAIRS

Gooding County Fair continues, with highlights: 4-H and FFA Market Animal Sale (beef, pigs, sheep), 10 a.m.; Buyer Appreciation Barbecue (open to public), 11 a.m.; 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in beef barn (youth and adults), 2 p.m.; and pro rodeo, 8 p.m., followed by live music and dancing, at the fairgrounds, 201 Lucy Lane, Gooding, rodeo tickets: \$10 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens and \$5 for children ages 12 and younger; free admission to the fair, 934-4529 or gooding-prorodeo.com.

The 10th annual Sawtooth Salmon Festival, features music, food, children's activities, field trips to spawning grounds, salmon education, storytelling, and local arts and crafts, presented by Idaho Rivers United, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., with Salmon Feast from 6 to 9 p.m., Pioneer Park, Stanley, dinner tickets: \$12 for adults and \$6 for children, free admission, 800-878-7950.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

SilverSneakers Fitness Program at Curves of Twin Falls, complete cardio and circuit training with resistance, state-of-the-art equipment and "Curves Smart" personalized coaching, 7 to 11 a.m. Twin Falls Curves, 690 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., no cost for Humana

Gold- insured or AARP provided by Secure Horizons, 734-7300.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Bingo, for men and women, 1 to 3 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls, cards: four for \$3, 734-5084.

HOME AND GARDEN

Mini-Cassia Farmers Market, with crafts and some produce vendors, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Gossner Cheese Factory, corner of U.S. Highway 30 and Seventh Street, (I-84 exit 211 and two miles south), Heyburn, 678-8408.

Twin Falls Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Community Garden site, North College Road, across from Eldon Evans Expo Center, Twin Falls, 543-4582.

Salmon Tract Farmers Market, includes locally grown foods, organic red wheat, handmade crafts, shaved ice and more, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Hollister City Park, Hollister, 208-655-4354.

MUSEUMS AND PARKS

Minidoka National Historic Site ranger-guided walking tour, through old Minidoka Relocation Center (Hunt Camp), 10 to 11 a.m., entrance to Minidoka National Historic Site, Jerome, no cost, bring water, sturdy shoes (little to no shade and limited bathroom facilities), 208-933-4137.

SPORTS

Jerome Gun Club sporting clays shoot, a 100-target, 20 gauge or less event, 9 a.m. sign up and 10 a.m. start, at the club, 11 miles north of junction of U.S. Highway 93 and I-84 at mile marker 64, \$20 for adults and \$14 for juniors (\$5 extra for non-members) and first 50 targets free for newcomers, 539-4814.

Water

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ings. The May agreement is still an approved plan because it had the consent of both parties, he said, responding to assertions that a Melanson ruling had undone it.

Clear Springs has stayed largely silent since the curtailment began, speaking briefly last week to offer the districts a stipulated agreement. The company's attorney, John K. Simpson, repeated on Friday its past assertion that the curtailment stay is largely a matter between the districts and the state while arguing that IDWR should be left to enforce the closures.

Melanson asked several questions of the parties, largely focusing on the damage the lack of water causes the two sides and the factors that drag out IDWR's hearing schedule. Rassier argued that a past IDWR director had tried once to shorten the schedule, but faced resistance from water users who claimed they weren't receiving proper due process.

"You agree, don't you, that unless speedy relief is provided for both sides, it's meaningless?" Melanson then asked.

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Amtrak

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Crapo press secretary Lindsey Nothern said Wednesday that communities would likely be asked only to repair dormant stations where necessary.

That won't be much of an issue for Shoshone, which has only an "Amshack" — a structure resembling a bus shelter. It's unclear who is responsible for it now.

"The last time we looked at the train coming back was about 10 years ago. Amtrak didn't have the funding they have now," Nothern said. "Because we passed the spending bill that requirement (for cities to fund the service) is probably going to go away."

C.B. Hall, of Lopez Island, Wash., a spokesman for the Pioneer Restoration Organization, concurred that the city might not be asked for money.

"I don't think Shoshone will be asked to do anything with the Amshack," Hall said.

Hall cited a recent Amtrak report on Amshacks on the Los Angeles-to-New Orleans Sunset Limited route that included "no indication at all that the station costs would be born by the local communities."

The Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 included \$13 billion over five years for Amtrak, and it includes a Crapo amendment that requires a feasibility study for reinstating all or parts of the Pioneer route. The study is scheduled for release this month, and will be presented to Congress in October. There's no dead-

line for congressional action.

It's also possible that federal stimulus money can be used to refurbish old rail passenger cars that could be used for the Pioneer route, and to cover costs the national passenger railroad might have shifted to state and local government in the past, Nothern said.

"It was a good increase for Amtrak," he said. "In conversations we've had with Amtrak they've indicated that even though the study hasn't been released yet, their recommendation might be that the Pioneer route be returned in some form."

Hall said the Pioneer Restoration Organization has sought support from city councils and chambers of commerce along the route.

Hall said his group has talked to several people in the Wood River valley and Twin Falls who support the effort.

While still waiting to see if they'll be asked to chip in, Shoshone community leaders are already on board — at least in concept.

"Last year they had the Idaho Chamber Alliance regional meeting here in Shoshone and we hosted it. They were asking us some things that were priorities for our area and we brought that up (Pioneer route)," said Julie Oxarango-Ingrim, Shoshone Chamber of Commerce member. "At the time they didn't hold out a lot of hope that it would happen but they thought it was worth talking to various people to see who would play what part."

Hanks

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something like this," Wilson told The Associated Press after the hearing.

The case began in 2000, when Hanks and Wilson — through their Sun Valley Trust — hired Storey Construction to build a high-end villa in the remote but tony central Idaho resort town. But there was a dispute over payment, and in 2002 Storey Construction filed a demand for arbitration. Hanks and Wilson, meanwhile, filed a counterclaim, contending the company did substandard and defective work on the complex, which includes the main residence and three guest cottages.

Storey won the arbitration in 2004, and the counterclaim was tossed. Hanks and Wilson paid the company \$1.85 million for their contract balance, interest and legal fees.

But in 2007, the couple filed a demand for a second arbitration, saying they had discovered latent construction defects totaling \$2.5 million in damages. Storey Construction responded by suing in district court, contending the couple was abusing the process and that the previous arbitration award barred Hanks and Wilson from bringing

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Risch: Slow down health-care discussion

Sen. speaks on mercury, state budgets

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

In February, U.S. Sen. Jim Risch, R-Idaho, carried a copy of the massive federal stimulus bill with him, a prop as he railed against its contents during a trip home.

These days, Risch keeps a different pile of paper around, albeit one he's still not happy with — a copy of one of the proposed health-care reform bills currently being developed in Congress.

"There is no one can tell us what's in here," Risch said as he held up and flipped through the bill Friday afternoon at the *Times-News'* main office. Even worse, he added, no one can describe the bills' consequences.

The health-care work currently being attempted by Congress was one of many topics Risch touched on during his visit to Twin Falls on Friday, when he also addressed a Chamber of Commerce luncheon and toured the new St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center currently under construction.

The senator said he'd like to see health-care reform slowed down and split into its various components to make it easier to thoroughly address. The current process will end one of three ways, he predicted: it'll fall apart similar to how the Clinton administration's effort did in 1994, President Obama will somehow twist enough arms to get his vision passed or the president will pare back his proposal to get more people on board.

"Everybody said we need health-care reform," Risch said. "Unfortunately we never defined that."

Also on Risch's mind:
• The senator said he believes a cap-and-trade



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Sen. Jim Risch, R-Idaho, takes in the view from the fourth floor of the new St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center under construction in Twin Falls. The new hospital will be twice the size of the existing Twin Falls facility and, according to hospital officials and construction workers, is a customized facility built to suit this area's medical needs.



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WATCH Sen. Risch describe his views on the debate over health-care reform.

energy bill aimed at reducing carbon emissions is largely dead in the Senate. But one provision, granting the federal government more control over siting large electric-transmission projects in the West, made its way into another energy bill and still threatens to overturn the system shaping current projects like Gateway West, he said. Providing for local landowners to protest a transmission route may not be efficient, he said, but neither is democracy.

"The system is working," Risch said. "People have to sit and talk."

• The Idaho National Laboratory is not at all the proper site for a national long-term mercury storage facility, Risch said, referring back to the effort it took Idaho officials to get the federal government to agree to clean up radioactive waste and other materials there.

"That is not the mission of the INL, period," he said.

The future of the existing cleanup project is unclear given the moves by the Obama administration and

some congressional leaders to abandon a proposed long-term nuclear storage site at Yucca Mountain in Nevada.

• State governments "have got to step up" to handle their budget crises rather than looking to the federal government for aid, Risch said. He declined to comment on Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's performance this spring as the Legislature grappled with budget cuts and a push by Otter for new transportation

funding, saying a former governor shouldn't critique a current one. But he did endorse a second term for Otter.

• Obama officials and Democrats have hailed the "Cash for Clunkers" rebate program as a great success. But Risch, who voted against it, argued it didn't change much. He said a report given to senators showed most of the traded-in cars would have ended up at dealerships anyway in the near future, and the money just adds to the debt future generations will face.

"It's nonsense," Risch said. "It's just nonsense."

Idaho delegation not sold on proposal for colleges

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

Idaho's federal lawmakers aren't ready to commit yet on a proposal from President Obama's administration that would pump billions of dollars into U.S. community colleges.

Obama announced in July the proposed American Graduation Initiative, a federal program that would provide \$12 billion to community colleges in the next decade. The proposal has the goal of making room for an additional 5 million students to graduate from community colleges by 2020.

Before Idaho's delegation supports the proposal, more information is needed, though.

"The question I've got is what's the division going to be and where's the money coming from?" Sen. Jim Risch, R-Idaho, said Friday in an

editorial board meeting with the *Times-News*.

Risch's counterpart, Republican Sen. Mike Crapo, hasn't pledged support for the proposal yet, either.

"It would be something that Sen. Crapo would want to look at very carefully," said Susan Wheeler, a spokeswoman for Crapo.

Wheeler said Crapo would want to make sure it's fiscally responsible, and is already concerned about the level of federal spending.

In his state of the college address on Monday, College of Southern Idaho President Jerry Beck had said that the bill still faces debate in Congress and that the competition for getting the federal funding will depend on the eligibility requirements.

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SHOSHONE FALLS ADVENTURE



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Unidentified men bring a capsized canoe to shore Friday evening at the base of Shoshone Falls on the Snake River east of Twin Falls. According to Twin Falls County Sheriff's officials who responded to the scene, the canoe capsized after the occupants ventured too close to the falls. Sheriff's officials were unable to communicate with the nine people who dotted the rocky shoreline 257 feet below Shoshone Falls Park. The canoeists suffered no reported injuries, but may face misdemeanor charges for being too close to the falls and Idaho Power hydropower operations, violating a 2008 county ordinance. 'That could've ended very badly for these guys,' said Twin Falls County Sheriff's Det. Matthew Becker. 'It's clear that these folks kind of overestimated their abilities and got way too close to these waterfalls. Mother Nature's got a way of reminding us that we're very small.'

Judge lowers bond for T.F. rape suspect

Prescription fraud suspect also in T.F. courtroom Friday

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

A 19-year-old Twin Falls man accused of rape and burglary quickly bonded out of jail on Friday, after a judge in Twin Falls lowered his bond.

Aurelio Hernandez's bond had registered at \$250,000 but on Friday Judge Roger Harris lowered that to \$25,000, after defense lawyer Rockne Lammers requested the reduction, saying Hernandez has cooperated with authorities.

Hernandez is accused of rape and burglary for allegedly assaulting a 16-year-old girl in May at her home after entering through her bedroom window. The girl told authorities that she was awoken in May by Hernandez, clad in dark clothes, opening her window. He proceeded to rape her, according to court records.

The prosecutor for Hernandez's case, Julie Sturgill, told the court that Hernandez is a "known gang member." She had asked that bond be no lower than \$100,000.

According to court papers, the victim's mother told Hernandez to leave her daughter alone prior to the alleged rape.

Also in Harris' courtroom on Friday morning in Twin Falls, a man accused in an alleged prescription fraud conspiracy — also involving another patient, a former police detective and a nurse practitioner — waived his

preliminary hearing and signed off on a plea offer from prosecutors.

Donald Schaeffer, 39, was accused of three counts of prescription fraud, and two counts of conspiracy to commit prescription fraud in a case involving former Twin Falls-based nurse practitioner Jan Sund and former Twin Falls Police Det. Curtis Gambrel, along with another patient, Debra K. Brandebourg, also known as Debbie Schaeffer.

Sund was accused of overprescribing the painkillers hydrocodone and oxycodone for money and drug kickbacks, and was sentenced to a six-month retained jurisdiction program after pleading guilty to two counts of prescription fraud and two counts of conspiracy to commit prescription fraud on April 30.

Brandebourg pleaded guilty to one count of prescription fraud and one count of conspiracy to commit fraud earlier this

month, and is set for sentencing on Sept. 28. Gambrel is scheduled to appear Monday in Twin Falls 5th District Court for an arraignment on allegations of two counts of conspiracy to obtain a prescription by fraud and three counts of obtaining a prescription by fraud, all felonies. Schaeffer's next hearing date has not been set.

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Speaker encourages T.F. educators

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

Education will continue for students long after they graduate from Canyon Ridge High School and elsewhere.

That was part of the message from Rick Lavoie, a motivational speaker and educator from Cape Cod, Mass., who spoke Friday at a lunch and tour for community leaders at Canyon Ridge, where classes begin Monday in the new Twin Falls school. Lavoie encouraged the audience of about 50 to focus on teaching children how to learn, because

that's something they'll always need.

"They're going to learn for the rest of their lives," he said. "... The idea of us just teaching kids stuff — those days are over."

Information is constantly changing, with the need to learn, unlearn and relearn new things, Lavoie said. For example, the brontosaurus was once misidentified as a separate species and later discovered to be an apatosaurus, another type of dinosaur.

In his own life, Lavoie said he had to unlearn the basics of a traditional telephone and relearn how to

use a cell phone.

He encouraged educators to realize that being fair means providing different services and levels of attention to students based on their individual needs.

And all levels of a school's leadership needs to focus on students and not let differences get in the way.

"We don't need to love each other, but we need to work together," Lavoie said.

Citing research on effective schools from Harvard University, he said that community support of schools is needed, along with parental involvement and high expectations.

AROUND THE VALLEY

Political rally held today in Twin Falls

The TEARS of the Patriots, a local political activist group, will host a town hall-style forum today at noon on the lawn of the Twin Falls County Courthouse.

The event, dubbed Speech of Freedom, is expected to draw 200 to 300 people, and will allow people to give 5-minute speeches on any topic, said group spokesman Rusty Satterwhite. He said potential topics include health care, the Second Amendment and water rights. "This is a completely open rally," he said.

"One of the reasons we're doing it is our representatives in the Magic Valley and Idaho are not holding town hall meetings.

"We decided we'd create a forum for the public to present their ideas to the officials and the public."

The group invited area elected officials, some of whom are expected to attend, Satterwhite said. Idaho's three Republican

members in Congress could not attend due a scheduling conflict, he said.

T.F. Republican picnic held Tuesday

The Twin Falls County Republican Central Committee will hold its annual picnic Tuesday at 6

p.m. at Rock Creek Park in the Heider Pavilion.

The event is open to the public.

Entry fees are \$8 per person or \$20 per family of four.

The picnic usually features speeches by area elected Republican officials.

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T.F. sheriff employees buy school clothes, supplies for children in need

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

Twin Falls mom Chris Henstock said Friday under the fluorescent lights of a local big box store that law enforcement officers gave her three young sons something more than material.

They saw police in a truly positive light.

Henstock's boys on Friday were treated to new school supplies and clothes compliments of the employee association of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office and Wal-Mart during a "shop with a cop" event at the store.

Cops shopped with children whose families have been served through the Crisis Center of Magic Valley, Inc., authorities said. The center has offered "safe shelter, support, and hope to people victimized by domestic and sexual violence," since 1982, according to its Web site.



DREW GODLESKI/For the Times-News
Twin Falls County Sheriff's Deputy Chris R. Bratt talks to Stormy Henstock, 7, about getting good grades during 'shop with a cop,' held Friday at Wal-Mart in Twin Falls.

Henstock's children — Issac Nolan, 9, Stormy Henstock, 7, and Hunter Henstock, 5 — along with nearly a dozen other children, walked through Wal-

Mart, pushing carts brimming with new provisions.

"I'm not working right now ... It's going to help us a lot," said Henstock. "I think it shows these officers are positive, and it's not always about bad stuff."

Kids weren't allowed toys, though items from new shoes, to binders, paper, and even hand sanitizer filled the carts.

Missing four teeth, Stormy Henstock insisted on holding his new shoes as he walked through the store: a \$19 pair of Air Speed's, size 5.5.

He stood waist-level to Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office Deputy Chris R. Bratt, who asked for fist-bumps after locating many of the boys' purchases.

"Blow it up," said Bratt, before he energetically pounded his knuckles with the boys'.

"It's healthy contact with law enforcement," said Bratt. "We want a positive

impact with kids."

Authorities said many of the children who shopped Friday had been exposed to difficult situations such as adult drug use or domestic violence.

"This is very satisfying," said Bratt from the check-out line. "Sometimes, we have to wreck people's days; this is one of those opportunities where we get to make one."

A lengthy receipt spewed from a cash register at the new Wal-Mart in Twin Falls that was taller than Henstock's boys.

In the end, the bill totaled \$1,213 and some change. The sheriff's office employee association that originated nearly 30 years ago covered \$1,163.01 of the total and Wal-Mart paid the rest.

It didn't end there, though. When it was all over, the children were also treated by sheriff's office employees to \$60 worth of hot dogs and drinks.

T.F. police use Taser to subdue man at convenience store

Officer also injured Friday, returns to work

Times-News

Twin Falls Police said they subdued a Burley man with a Taser on Friday at a local convenience store after he allegedly fought with authorities.

Authorities said they were called to Oasis Stop 'N Go at 1310 Addison Ave. E. at about 12:51 p.m. Friday because a man was allegedly trying to buy merchandise with a check drawn from a closed account.

The man, identified as Lyndon M. Buffington, 26, was allegedly uncooperative and fought with

police, said Twin Falls Police Lt. Craig Stotts on Friday. "After he was tased he continued to fight."

Stotts said that Buffington was arrested on allegations of three counts of battery on a police officer, passing a forged document, and possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine.

Buffington was also arrested on an outstanding misdemeanor warrant from Cassia County for reckless driving, and a parole warrant for an alleged parole violation for dangerous drugs, said Stotts on Friday.

An officer was examined at a local hospital following the incident, though he was cleared Friday to return to work, said Stotts, who declined to elaborate.

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OPINION

QUOTABLE

"It has brought in some traffic that we would not have had, but if you don't get paid, it is all for naught."
 — Alton Owen Jr., sales manager at Owen Ford in Jarratt, Va., on the Cash for Clunkers program, which ends Monday

Idling cars are nobody else's business — even in Ketchum

JEERS: Ketchum faces real challenges. Too many idling motor vehicles isn't one of them.

Ketchum resident Kathryn Tucker's petition to the city that it start fining folks who leave their cars running when they're not in them is, frankly, silly.

"Not only do the exhaust fumes smell bad," Tucker said this week, "but they're so bad for the environment, for snow. People move here because they love to ski, including my children who are ski racers. Now we're in danger of losing our snow because of global climate change. Restricting idling can help save our snow."

Save our snow? Please. Ketchum has averaged 112 inches of snow annually for the past 30 years, and the Sun Valley Company operates some of the most sophisticated

snow-making equipment in the world.

Tucker's proposal is a prime example of what laws shouldn't do. If the community is serious about climate change, it will educate and lead by example.

Not reach into other people's vehicles and switch off the ignition.

CHEERS: To state Sen. Tim Corder of Mountain Home, a practical conservative with a conscience.

Corder, the moving force behind the comprehensive day-care regulation law that passed the Legislature last session, is working with animal advocacy groups and the agriculture industry to tighten Idaho's animal cruelty laws while preserving the state's ag base.

Corder, a three-term Republican who runs a truck-



ing company, hopes to develop a broad animal cruelty law that would lead to felony charges for offenders. A second bill would address concerns related to California's Proposition 2 and expand animal care while allowing concessions for the livestock industry.

Idaho is one of just four states without a felony penalty in a broad animal cruelty law.

One of Corder's bills would build off of a failed effort from last year to separate production animals from "companion animals," over which law enforcement would have more discre-

tion. For example, having five steers in a three-acre lot might be perceived to be cruel by people outside agriculture, he says.

Other legislation is designed to address issues raised in Prop. 2, a successful statewide ballot initiative that mandated confined animals have enough room to move around. The senator envisions the Idaho State Department of Agriculture defining the appropriate care for production and managing the space requirements for animals.

His goal is to head off an initiative in Idaho similar to California's. We're all for that.

JEERS: There may be plenty of good reasons for requiring University of Idaho freshmen to live on the Moscow campus, but juicing housing and dining service revenue isn't one of them.

University administrators are pitching a plan that would mandate campus residency for first-year students. Nine out of 10 freshman already do, the school says.

Trouble is, not every student can afford room and board, U of I style.

When classes start Monday, students at the school will be paying 8.46 percent more in fees than last year. The tab for undergraduates is now \$5,014 a year.

Student fees at Moscow have doubled in 10 years.

For undergraduates, room and board on the Moscow campus will cost \$7,242 this academic year. Five years ago, residence hall and meal plans topped out at \$5,514.

It seems to us that the U of I should welcome as many freshman as it can, wherever they choose to live.

What's more important: health care or prisons?

At a time when we Americans may abandon health care reform because it supposedly is "too expensive," how is it that we can afford to imprison people like Curtis Wilkerson?



Nicholas Kristof

Wilkerson is serving a life sentence in California — for stealing a \$2.50 pair of socks. As *The Economist* noted recently, he already had two offenses on his record (both for abetting robbery at age 19), and so the "three strikes" law resulted in a life sentence.

This is unjust, of course. But considering that California spends almost \$49,000 annually per prison inmate, it's also an extraordinary waste of money.

Many politicians seem to think we should lead the world in prisons, not in health care or education. The United States is anomalous among industrialized countries in the high proportion of people we incarcerate; likewise, we stand out in the high proportion of people who have no medical care — and partly as a result, our health care outcomes such as life expectancy and infant mortality are unusually poor.

It's time for a fundamental re-evaluation of the criminal justice system, as legislation sponsored by Sen. Jim Webb has called for, so that we're no longer squandering money that would be far better spent on education or health.

Consider a few facts:

- The U.S. incarcerates people at nearly five times the world average. Of those sentenced to state prisons, 82 percent were convicted of nonviolent crimes, according to one study.

- California spends \$216,000 annually on each inmate in the juvenile justice system. In contrast, it spends only \$8,000 on each

child attending the troubled Oakland public school system, according to the Urban Strategies Council.

- For most of American history, we had incarceration rates similar to those in other countries. Then with the "war on drugs" and the focus on law and order in the 1970s, incarceration rates soared.

- One in 10 black men ages 25 to 29 were imprisoned last year, partly because possession of crack cocaine draws sentences equivalent to having 100 times as much powder cocaine. Black men in the U.S. have a 32 percent chance of serving time in prison at some point in their lives, according to the Sentencing Project.

Look, there's no doubt that many people in prison are cold-blooded monsters who deserve to be there. But overall, in a time of limited resources, we're overinvesting in prisons and underinvesting in schools.

Indeed, education spending may reduce the need for incarceration. The evidence isn't conclusive, but it's noteworthy that graduates of the Perry Preschool program in Michigan, an intensive effort for disadvantaged children in the 1960s, were some 40 percent less likely to be arrested than those in a control group.

Above all, it's time for a rethink of our drug policy. The point is not to surrender to narcotics, but to learn from our approach to both tobacco and alcohol. Over time, we have developed public health strategies that have been successful in

reducing the harm from smoking and drinking.

If we want to try a public health approach to drugs, we could learn from Portugal. In 2001, it decriminalized the possession of all drugs for personal use. Ordinary drug users can still be required to participate in a treatment program, but they are no longer dispatched to jail.

"Decriminalization has had no adverse effect on drug usage rates in Portugal," notes a report this year from the Cato Institute. Drug use appears to be lower in Portugal than in most other European countries, and that Portuguese public opinion is strongly behind this approach.

A U.N. study, World Drug Report 2009, commends the Portuguese experiment and urges countries to continue to pursue traffickers while largely avoiding imprisoning users. Instead, it suggests that users, particularly addicts, should get treatment.

Webb has introduced legislation that would create a national commission to investigate criminal justice issues — for such a commission may be the best way to depoliticize the issue and give feckless politicians the cover they need to institute changes.

"There are only two possibilities here," Webb said. "Either we have the most evil people on earth living in the United States, or we are doing something dramatically wrong in terms of how we approach the issue of criminal justice."

Opponents of universal health care and early childhood education say we can't afford them. Granted, deficits are a real constraint and we can't do everything, and prison reform won't come near to fully financing health care reform. Still, would we rather use scarce resources to educate children and heal the sick, or to imprison people because they used drugs or stole a pair of socks.

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Nobody's right when everybody's wrong

Talk about your "death panels." The flip side of a militant refusal to solve any national problem is, in effect, an active commitment to national suicide. That seems to be our course these days.



Tom Teepen

Is global warming real, man-made and building on itself? A few noisy contrarians and dug-in deniers to the contrary notwithstanding, a broad consensus understands that the process is manifest and nothing less than an accumulating threat to life on Earth, at least life as we know life.

But the implicated industries and their spear-carriers among political conservatives are working together to make sure that the U.S. government will fail to take any actions that could inconvenience the industries or offend conservatives' ideological free-market absolutism.

Even the red-faced folks who are shouting down health care reform know that, as a system — or more accurately, non-system — health care in this country is overpriced, underperforming and an economic calamity. Nearly half of our personal bankruptcies and a large part of home foreclosures are due to medical bills. Insurance companies refuse coverage to the sickest at every opportunity.

But the furious protesters have been suckered by a campaign of lies and distortions that depict the largely sensible changes being discussed in Congress as just about everything they are not, from socialist to murderous. The Republican Party, harkening to the din, has happily forgotten all about the loyal part of loyal opposition, public and republic alike be damned.

Economists pretty much agree the recession seems to be bottoming out, though the improvements are tentative and uneven. With new jobs and renewed hiring usually the last step into solid recovery, a "lagging indicator" as the lingo goes, a feel-good economy still remains long months off.

But with rising ardor, the tea-party opponents of economic stimulus spending are demanding that unspent stimulus funds be withdrawn and some in Congress are paying attention to the pitch as another chance to undermine President Obama. Chocking off the stimulus is a perfect plan for killing the recovery before it is solid and for giving the

recession a second wind.

Since our earliest days, the nation's moralists have fretted that our degeneracy would have us soon going the way of the debauched Roman empire. Religious opponents said Thomas Jefferson, if elected president, would set prostitutes to dancing in the churches.

The good-souled scolds had it all wrong. It has not been sexual but political degeneracy that has menaced us — a breakdown into political self-indulgence that loses sight of the whole, of the common good. The Civil War damn near did us in.

The threat is not when we are squabbling among ourselves. That goes with the democratic territory. The threat occurs when we convince ourselves that our own government is our enemy, that none of our institutions can be trusted to solve any problem and that the plainest words are but a scrim meant to obscure nefarious meanings behind them.

Right now the wages of earnest governance are ridicule and contempt and the most dangerous move in politics is forward.

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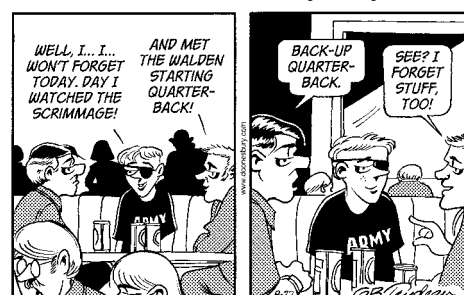
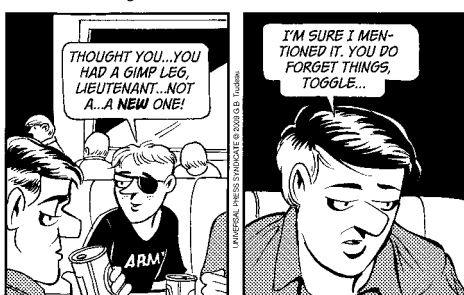
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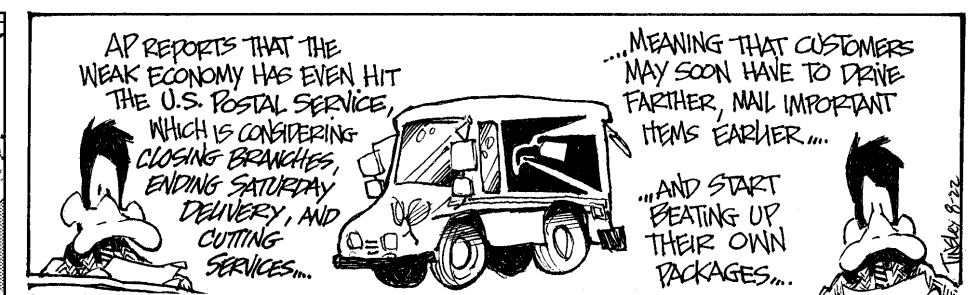
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By Bruce Tinsley

As medical helicopter industry has grown, so have fatal crashes

By Gilbert M. Gaul
and Mary Pat Flaherty
The Washington Post

SANTA ROSA BEACH, Fla. — Shortly after midnight on a storm-swept October night in 2004, Tom Palcic, a medical helicopter pilot, started across Choctawhatchee Bay to pick up a hospital patient and transport him to a facility 60 miles away.

Such flights are common in the highly competitive multibillion-dollar air-medical business. Although the public profile of medical helicopters has them swooping to crash scenes at the edge of highways, most flights, like Palcic's, involve shuttling patients between hospitals.

The director of the helicopter program for which Palcic flew called these lucrative patients "golden trout" and pushed pilots to reel in as many as possible. When pilots balked at flying in bad weather, he called them sissies and second-guessed them, records and interviews show.

Palcic, 63, was just two minutes into the flight of AIRHeart-1 when his crew radioed a dispatcher that he was turning back because of the thunder and lightning.

Moments later, Palcic's helicopter banked in clouds and plunged 700 feet into shallow waters, killing him, a flight nurse and a paramedic. A woman who lived nearby recalled that the vibration shook candlesticks out of their holders.

For the medical helicopter industry, it was the fourth fatal crash that year — part of a legacy that has claimed the lives of 211 crew members and 27 patients since 1980 and injured many others, The Washington Post has found.

The number of fatal flights has risen sharply, closely tracking the rapid growth of what is now a \$2.5 billion industry. Nearly half of all deaths have occurred in the past decade. In 2008, the deadliest year ever, 23 crew members and five patients were killed.

Some calamities were the result of pilot errors. But many were predictable, pilots and safety experts say, and could have been prevented with stronger oversight and better technology.

"We've been killing ourselves the same way for 20 years," said veteran pilot Ed MacDonald. "There's not a whole lot new about these crashes."

What began almost four decades ago as a way to save lives is now one of the most dangerous jobs in America — deadlier than logging, mining or police work — with 113 deaths for every 100,000 employees, The Post found. Only working on a fishing boat is riskier. The rate for airline pilots is 80.1.

In the 37 years helicopters have been used to transport patients, pilots and crews have died in an almost unfathomable array of crashes. In the past two years alone, medical helicopters have dropped into pitch-black oceans, plummeted to the ground after losing rotor blades, smashed into mountains and collided in clear blue desert skies.

Yet as crashes and deaths have



The coffin of Tonya Mallard, a Waldorf, Md., EMT who was among four people killed in a medical helicopter crash last year, is loaded into the ambulance that she used to work out of.

KATHERINE FREY/Washington Post

mounted, top executives at the Federal Aviation Administration and its parent agency, the U.S. Transportation Department, have acted as partners with the industry, issuing reams of voluntary safety advisories with little follow-up. The FAA has sent poorly trained inspectors to monitor operators and used fines and penalties as only a last resort.

"I'd rather use a carrot than a hammer," said John Allen, the FAA's director of flight safety standards. "It's not like we do nothing and then smack them with a rule."

Allen said the agency has to balance business and safety. "Even one crash is too many," he said. "But there's a fine line on how far does government go to impact business."

Private, for-profit companies dominate the industry, with about 830 medical helicopters vying for patients. The number of aircraft has doubled every decade since 1980, leaving some firms with fleets as large as those of US Airways or JetBlue. Yet medical helicopters are permitted to operate without basic safety features that commercial flights must carry, such as black box recorders, collision-avoidance sys-

tems and radar altimeters.

Unlike an airliner, a medical helicopter does not fly a direct route from one airport to another, seamlessly tracked by radar. Most flights are at low altitude. There might or might not be an established landing zone.

Because of their low flight paths, helicopters are especially vulnerable to rapid changes in weather. Most flights are made under visual flight rules, with the pilot using his eyes to pick through clouds and around obstacles, and often are to out-of-the-way accident scenes. Unlike commercial airline trips, only a fraction of helicopter flights are conducted under instrument flight rules, which make it easier to travel in inclement weather.

More than half of fatal crashes occur at night, but only one-third of medical helicopter pilots are equipped with night-vision goggles to help them avoid power lines, towers and other obstructions.

Industry officials are well aware of the risks, noting in public statements that medical flights are inherently dangerous. They emphasize the thousands of patients they safely transport each year and the

many lives that have been saved. They also say helicopters are critical in rural areas.

Although the industry has not advocated for a specific federal safety requirement, companies have made individual improvements and supported voluntary guidelines, said Christopher Eastlee, a spokesman for the Air Medical Operators Association.

The accidents last year "lend themselves to safety concern in the industry, but I don't think that translates into a safety problem," said Eastlee, whose group represents more than 90 percent of the industry, which is dominated by five private companies and dozens of smaller programs.

Industry officials have been slow to adopt safety technologies until recently and urged more studies, citing the expense and readiness of the equipment. Operators also have successfully sued state regulators who tried to restrict the number of helicopters in their areas based on a community's medical need.

In effect, the FAA and Transportation Department treat the companies the same as low-fare carriers to Disney World, contending that a deregulated, unfettered market will drive down costs through competition.

The model hasn't worked. Costs keep increasing, with a one-way trip running as high as \$20,000. Medicare alone spends \$220 million yearly to ferry patients — 20 times higher than a decade ago, adjusted for inflation. Air Methods, the largest firm, has revenues of \$500 million.

The unchecked growth has saturated some regions.

In Kentucky, "all of a sudden, the skies were almost black with helicopters," recalled Brian Bishop, a former regulator.

With a population of 4.2 million, Kentucky has 26 medical helicopters — more than many nations. Canada, which is about nine times as large with a population of 33 million, has 20. It has never suffered a fatal crash.



AIRHeart-1 is recovered from Florida's Choctawhatchee Bay, where it crashed in a storm in 2004 as it headed to pick up a patient. The pilot, flight nurse and paramedic died.

Courtesy photo

Officials seek TV show contestant charged with murder

BUENA PARK, Calif. (AP) — An ex-model found stuffed in a bloodstained suitcase without fingers or teeth was so badly mutilated that authorities had to use breast implants to identify her body, prosecutors said Friday.



Jenkins

Meanwhile, the U.S. Marshals Service offered a \$25,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of Ryan Alexander Jenkins, a wealthy reality TV show

contestant who was charged Thursday with murder in the gruesome slaying of Jasmine Fiore.

Detectives tracked the serial number on the implants because they could not use fingerprints or dental records, said Farrah Emami, a spokeswoman for the Orange County district attorney's office.

Fiore's body was found Aug. 15 in a trash bin in Buena Park, about 20 miles southeast of Los Angeles.

Authorities believe Jenkins, a contestant on VH1's "Megan Wants a Millionaire," may have fled more than 1,000 miles to

reach his native Canada.

Buena Park police Lt. Steve Holliday said Jenkins, a native of Calgary, Alberta, is possibly armed with a handgun. Prosecutors recommended bail of \$10 million upon his arrest and said he had significant resources to finance his flight.

Canadian authorities have

ended a massive border search using helicopters, ground police and dogs but continued their investigation, Royal Canadian Mounted Police Sgt. Duncan Pound said.

Tips in Canada were "on the low end," he said.

However, a Thursday news conference in Southern

California prompted phone tips to American authorities that were being pursued, said Tom Hession, chief inspector for the U.S. Marshals Service's regional fugitive task force.

Jenkins is a real estate developer and investor who is also the son of a prominent Canadian architect.

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Pilot pleaded to evacuate stranded passengers

By Nomaan Merchant
Associated Press writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Continental Express Flight 2816 smelled like diapers. It had no food and a full toilet. Its 47 passengers had been stranded on a tarmac in southern Minnesota since after midnight.

"They are getting really upset — you know, with the plane," the captain told her dispatcher just before 3 a.m.

Recordings released Friday of conversations among the captain, dispatcher and staff for another airline at the Rochester, Minn., airport expose a breakdown that kept the plane sitting on the tarmac for almost six hours and triggered a Department of Transportation investigation.

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood released the recordings along with conclusions from his department's investigation exonerating ExpressJet, the regional carrier that operated the flight for Continental Airlines.

Instead, he criticized Mesaba Airlines — which was in charge because it had the only employees left at the airport — for refusing to let the passengers inside the terminal because all security personnel had left for the night.

"There was a complete lack of common sense here," LaHood added. "It's no wonder the flying public is so angry and frustrated."

The plane left Houston at 9:23 p.m. Friday and was scheduled to arrive in Minneapolis by midnight. Instead, severe thunderstorms forced air controllers to divert the plane south to Rochester, where it landed about 12:30 a.m.

It received clearance to take off at 2 a.m., but the storms started again.

The recordings show dispatchers trying to persuade officials for Mesaba, a unit of Delta Air Lines of Atlanta, to allow passengers inside. Passengers from an earlier flight diverted to Rochester had been allowed to deplane and were driven by bus to Minneapolis.

However, Mesaba officials said there were no more buses available.

Passengers were kept waiting until 6 a.m. before they could enter the terminal. It took another 2½ hours for the passengers to re-board the same plane — still with a full, smelly toilet — to head to Minneapolis. They landed at 9:15 a.m., almost half a day after leaving Houston.

Mesaba CEO John Spanjers said he disagreed with the department's conclusions. In a statement, Delta CEO Richard Anderson said he has reached out to Continental's chairman and CEO about the incident.



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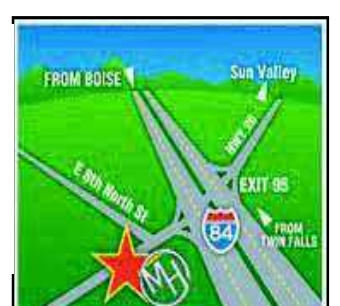


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Nationwide home sales in July surge more than 7%

South-central Idaho market remains mostly unchanged

By Alan Zibel
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The U.S. housing market is rebounding faster than expected.

The question is, can it last? Nationwide home resales in July posted the largest monthly increase in at least 10 years as first-time buyers rushed to take advantage of a tax credit that expires Nov. 30.

Sales jumped 7.2 percent and beat expectations, the National Association of Realtors said Friday.

Sales in south-central Idaho remained mostly unchanged in July compared to the previous year.

Existing home sales in Twin Falls declined from 82 to 87, according to the Intermountain Multiple Listing Service.

Cassia and Jerome counties saw a less than one percent increase

during the same time period.

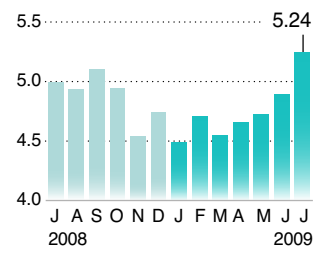
However, the average number of existing home sales hit a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.24 million in July, from a pace of 4.89 million in June. It was the fourth-straight monthly increase and the strongest month since August 2007. Sales had been expected to rise to an annual pace of 5 million, according to economists surveyed by Thomson Reuters.

The risks to that healthy pace, however, are job cuts, mortgage rates and the looming end to the homebuyer tax credit. And the last one could be a doozy because first-time buyers are snapping up one out of every three homes.

First-time buyers get a credit of 10 percent of the purchase price of a home, up to \$8,000. The credit

Home sales

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



SOURCE: National Association of Realtors AP

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Hopper invasion

Grasshopper infestation forces livestock sales

By Carson Walker
Associated Press writer

WASTA, S.D. — Grasshoppers are eating grass and other forage grown for livestock in such proportions that some U.S. ranchers are selling cattle because they won't have feed for the animals this winter.

So far, Idaho has seen minimal damage from the insects, which often plague the southern half of the state during summer months.

Glenn Shewmaker, a forage specialist with the University of Idaho, said crop damage caused by grasshoppers and Mormon crickets has been isolated to specific parts of Owyhee County.

"We haven't heard of any widespread problems yet," he said.

However, Mark Tubbs, who ranches in southwest South Dakota and inside the Wyoming border, plans to sell about a third of his cows this fall after putting up a sixth of the hay he usually does. He had been expecting a decent cutting — until the grasshoppers started chomping.

"This year we had a good start but they just took it," said Tubbs, 57. "The grasshoppers have taken it down to the dirt. They've eaten everything but the cactus."

Much of Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho have the worst infestations of grasshoppers this year, but large populations also have been found in North Dakota, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, Utah, Washington, Oregon, California and Arizona, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"It's just off the charts," said Bruce Helbig, state plant health director with the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) in Pierre. In far southwest South Dakota, there are more than 60 grasshoppers per square yard.

Still, ranchers' hopper-instigated sell-offs are unlikely to increase consumer meat prices, said Adele Harty, Haakon County Extension educator. "In the past when we've had droughts we haven't seen that result," she said.

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A grasshopper rests on a blade of grass, near Wasta, S.D. South Dakota is among several western states dealing with a severe grasshopper infestation.

AP photo

Oil prices hit 10-month high as optimism grows

By Chris Kahn
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Oil prices jumped Friday to a new high for the year after Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said that the U.S. economy is nearing a recovery and other economic data backed him up.

Benchmark crude for October delivery rose 98 cents to settle at \$73.89. After Bernanke spoke at an annual Fed conference in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, prices briefly neared \$75.

The price for natural gas plummeted to a new seven-year low, which suggests some skepticism about an economic rebound. Natural gas is used by major industries, including utilities, for power.

Oil started climbing early in the morning after financial information company Markit said its composite purchasing managers' index showed the European economy was stabilizing.

"If Europe's coming out of recession, the euro could get even stronger," analyst Phil Flynn said. "That means more demand for oil."

And the dollar did fall against the euro to end the week, effectively making dollar-based oil cheaper across the globe. That created its own momentum and drew a lot of investor money into crude, meaning the price for gasoline and other fuels will likely move up as well.

U.S. gasoline prices have flattened and few expect a major run on prices as the driving season winds down.

Retail gas prices were almost unchanged, rising

SECTOR SNAP: ETHANOL PRODUCERS SLIDE

ST. LOUIS — Shares of ethanol producers rose in Monday afternoon trading as oil prices hit a new high for the year after Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said the U.S. economy is recovering, which could increase demand for gasoline.

Ethanol producers were battered over the last year as prices collapsed because of over production and a drop in demand for fuel.

Agribusiness giant ADM is one of the young ethanol industry's biggest players, with new ethanol refineries throughout the Midwest. Shares rose 74 cents, or 3 percent, to \$28.71. Chairman and CEO Patricia Woertz told investors earlier this month that ethanol profit margins are improving after months of over production.

Hurting ethanol companies is an increasing amount of supply and falling crude oil prices.

Among other ethanol producers, MGP Ingredients Inc. rose 2 cents, or nearly 1 percent, to \$4.02. Pacific Ethanol, which operates a facility in Burley, rose 4 cents, or 10 percent, to 39 cents.

a hundredth of a cent to a new national average of \$2.625 a gallon, according to auto club AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service.

Seventeen states see unemployment rates drop in July, but still widespread

By Christopher S. Rugaber
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A rebound in the auto industry and federal stimulus money helped lower unemployment rates in many of the 17 states that reported drops in July.

Still, the Labor

Department report Friday showed that joblessness remains widespread as 26 states reported higher unemployment rates — including Idaho, where unemployment increased from 8.4 percent to 8.8 percent.

Fifteen states and the District of Columbia are

suffering from unemployment rates above 10 percent. Michigan's rate was 15 percent in July, down from 15.2 percent in June — the first time any state's jobless rate had topped 15 percent since 1984.

The states with the next highest jobless rates in July were: Rhode Island, at 12.7

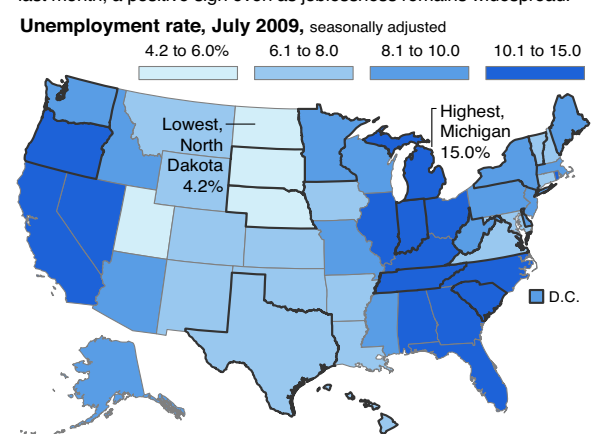
percent; Nevada, 12.5 percent; California, 11.9 percent; and Oregon, also at 11.9 percent. Four reached state record highs: Rhode Island, Nevada, California and Georgia.

But the report also showed that 21 states added

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Jobless rate drops in several states

The unemployment rate fell in 17 states and the District of Columbia last month, a positive sign even as joblessness remains widespread.



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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Sources: \$2 trillion higher deficit projected

Numbers could trigger concern among public, lawmakers wary of government spending

By Jim Kuhnhenn and Andrew Taylor
Associate Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration expects the federal deficit over the next decade to be \$2 trillion bigger than previously estimated, White House officials said Friday, a setback for a president already facing a Congress and public wary over spending.

The new projection, to be announced on Tuesday, is for a

cumulative 2010-2019 deficit of \$9 trillion instead of the \$7 trillion previously estimated. The new figure reflects slumping revenues from a worse economic picture than was expected earlier this year. The officials spoke only on the condition of anonymity ahead of next week's announcement.

Ten-year forecasts are volatile figures subject to change over time. But the higher number will likely create political difficulties

for President Barack Obama in Congress and could create anxiety with foreign buyers of U.S. debt.

Earlier this week, the White House revealed that it expects a budget deficit for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30 to be nearly \$1.6 trillion. That figure was lower than initially projected because the White House scratched out \$250 billion that it had initially added to the budget as a bank rescue contingency. The administration ultimately did not ask Congress for that money.

Still that number, together with the 10-year projection, represents a huge obstacle for an administra-

tion trying to undertake massive policy overhauls in health care and the environment.

Economists predict a slow recovery from the recession, further testing Obama's goal of cutting the deficit to \$512 billion in 2013. Even as he seeks higher revenues to pay for new climate change and health care measures, the president could face pressure to increase revenues or make deep spending cuts to tame the deficit.

Earlier long-term estimates released in February and May relied on now-outdated projections of economic growth. Then, the White House predicted the

economy would shrink by 1.2 percent this year, but the economy shrank 6.4 percent in the first quarter, the worst in nearly three decades.

Both the White House and the Congressional Budget Office scheduled announcements for Tuesday on their new budget estimates. Relying on more pessimistic economic projections than the White House, the CBO earlier this year predicted deficits totaling \$9.1 trillion over 2010-19. Those predictions were based on expectations that the economy would shrink by 2.2 percent this year.

THINKING TWICE

More shoppers have second thoughts in checkout line

By Anne D'Innocenzo
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Penny-pinching Americans are getting cold feet at the checkout — thinking twice about spending and ditching items before they're rung up.

They're leaving sweaters in the dress department, dumping cookies near the grocery cashier and waiting until the last minute to weigh wants versus needs. Online, shoppers are abandoning their virtual carts as they search for better deals.

People "want to be in the act of shopping, but they don't want to be in the act of buying," said Joel Bines, a director at AlixPartners, a turnaround consultant.

It means more lost sales for stores at a time when there are already fewer customers because of the recession. For bricks-and-mortar shops already working with fewer staff, it also means more work because orphaned items have to be restocked.

Hard numbers are difficult to come by, but Burt P. Flickinger III, a retail consultant, estimates that in 25 percent of shoppers' trips to the store, they're ditching at least one item. In the recession of the early 1990s, it was 15 to 20 percent. In good times, it's more like 10 percent.

Ashley Nichols Guttuso of Midlothian, Va., dumped a red cardigan last week at the counter at the local Limited store after she found out she couldn't use a \$15 store coupon on the \$15 sweater.

Guttuso says she could have afforded it, but she has focused on necessities since losing her job as a copywriter for Circuit City in January, as the chain was preparing to go out of business.

"I went in there thinking I could get something for free," said the 27-year-old. "I couldn't rationalize it — even spending \$15 to \$20. I am watching everything now!"



A cart full of a groceries is seen at the check-out counter at a Kroger store in Gahanna, Ohio, in March. Shoppers are increasingly ditching their items before they're rung up, as they think twice about spending and obsess about saving amid worries about job security and financial woes.

Besides abandoning goods while standing in line, they're paying close attention once checkout begins. They ask cashiers to provide a total while they're still scanning items to see where they stand, or to have necessities like health care basics scanned first, said Dan Fishback, chief executive of DemandTec Inc., a retail technology company. When they hit their limit, they forgo what's left in the basket.

Lower credit limits are also contributing to the abandonment. Shoppers say credit card transactions are being denied if they go over their limit just a bit, said Ben Woosley, director of marketing and consumer research at CreditCards.com. In the past, issuers would often approve purchases up to 10 percent over the limit.

Web stores are taking a variety of steps to get consumers to complete purchases. They include sending e-mails to remind customers

about abandoned items, simplifying the online checkout process and offering extra discounts to lasso would-be quitters.

Web retailers have always grappled with high abandonment rates because of confusion and technology glitches. Plus shoppers are less invested in the process because they didn't have to drive anywhere. But even online stores say orphaning has escalated.

Internet research company Forrester Research estimates as much as 59 percent of online purchases are being dumped during checkout. Those rates had ranged from 47 percent to 53 percent in the past six years, according to industry surveys.

The Container Store, which sells storage items, has seen its online abandonment rate rise to 68 percent. The company has launched an e-mail campaign to remind shoppers of their abandoned purchases and a service that lets shoppers pick up online pur-

chases at the store to avoid shipping costs.

And SkyMall.com has cut its abandonment rate to 49 percent from 56 percent by reducing the steps in the checkout process and sending out e-mail reminders, online marketing manager Shea Beck said.

Online shoppers are scrutinizing extra charges that wouldn't have slowed them down in a better economy, right up to clicking the "place order" button.

Eric Younan, 35, of Farmington Hills, Mich., who said he had never quit during the checkout process, has abandoned online shopping carts four times in recent weeks because he discovered extra charges late in the game.

"Two years ago, a \$10 handling charge wouldn't have fazed me, but now I would just drop it," said Younan, a publicist. "Back then, I had more disposable income, and my time was worth money."



AP photo

Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, speaks Aug. 12 at a 'Small Business Field Hearing' in Portland, Maine. Snowe's support of President Obama's health care plan could be crucial to the Democrats.

Negotiators look to reduce costs of health care legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bipartisan health care negotiators are aiming to cut the costs of their bill after getting an earful from voters, a participant in the closed-door talks said Friday.

Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, a moderate whose support could be crucial if President Barack Obama is to realize his goal of a comprehensive health care overhaul, said contact with constituents "sharpened our focus on issues such as affordability and cost."

"We keep reinventing the wheel in terms of our approach based on what we learn at home," Snowe told The Associated Press.

Snowe is one of six senators — three Democrats and three Republicans — on the pivotal Senate Finance Committee who have been negotiating for months to come up with a health care bill that could garner bipartisan support.

With raucous town halls dominating Congress' August recess and prospects for bipartisanship appearing to dim, Snowe said the outcome was uncertain.

"People are confused, and rightfully so given how many issues and how many plans are out there," Snowe said. "Ours isn't, and so whether or not we can break through that chatter remains to be seen."

Members of the so-called Gang of Six spoke on a conference call late Thursday, their first discussion since leaving Washington for recess.

They discussed controlling costs on their bill while still extending affordable coverage to tens of millions of uninsured Americans. The final price tag will likely hover around \$900 billion over 10 years.

Snowe said keeping down costs means tinkering with the design of health care plans that would be offered through new purchasing exchanges. Another piece is the level of subsidies to be offered to help low-income people buy care, something that remains a matter of debate, Snowe said.

In their reach for a bipartisan product, Finance Committee negotiators are looking at nonprofit co-ops instead of a new public insurance plan that has become a lightning rod in the debate.

How that will turn out remains to be seen. Another Finance negotiator, Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., has said there are not enough votes in the Senate to pass a health bill with a new public plan that would compete with private insurers.

But House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said Thursday that the House couldn't pass a bill without one.

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer seemed to contradict Pelosi on Friday when asked about her comments.

"I'm for a public option but I'm also for passing a bill," Hoyer, D-Md., told reporters.

Va. Tech gunman's care typical for taxed centers

ROANOKE, Va. (AP) — As counselor Sherry Lynch Conrad said goodbye to Seung-Hui Cho after a 45-minute session, she urged him to return in January. He never made an appointment.

That single in-person meeting in December 2005, which followed two telephone triage sessions, was the last contact Cho would ever have with therapists at Virginia Tech's campus counseling center. Sixteen months later, he killed 32 people and himself in the worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

Could Conrad and her colleagues at Cook Counseling Center have done more to prevent the massacre?

The families of two of Cho's victims, who have sued the state and the school seeking \$10 million, certainly think so. But some experts who reviewed Cho's recently discovered mental health files aren't so sure. They say the treatment the Virginia Tech gunman received at Cook was

typical of that given to students in similar circumstances who appeared to pose no imminent danger.

"These look like thousands and thousands of records I've seen before," said Gregory Eells, director of Cornell University's counseling services and president of the Association for University and Counseling Center Directors, who reviewed the records after they were released Wednesday. "They were asking the right questions?"

Eells and other experts say the fact that a student like Cho could conceal his problems from counselors reflects the increasing complexity of mental disorders such centers around the country are facing.

Anxieties over grades, college romances and homesickness are still mainstays on American campuses, but counseling centers have had to



Cho

adapt to a growing number of more troubled individuals.

People with mental disorders are being treated at a younger age, meaning more students are arriving on campus with deeply rooted problems that might have prevented them from going to college at all a generation ago, Eells said.

"We see some pretty complicated cases," said Eells.

In response, centers have stepped up training requirements for their staffs of psychiatrists, licensed psychologists and clinical social workers. Conrad, a psychologist, has a doctorate.

Still, school counseling centers typically are equipped to give brief treatment and then refer more serious cases to another mental health agency. And they are only equipped to treat clients who come in voluntarily.

"We really cannot collar a

student and drag them in for services," said Dennis Heitzmann, director of Penn State's Center for Counseling and Psychological Services.

Cho had contact with the counseling center at the university in Blacksburg three times in a two-week period. The sessions came after female students complained to police about Cho's disturbing behavior.

There were the two telephone sessions, and the one in-person session with Conrad after Cho had spent the night in a mental hospital because he expressed suicidal thoughts to a roommate.

In all three sessions, he admitted being depressed and anxious, but denied any homicidal or suicidal thoughts.

"It appeared to be a situation that didn't suggest any imminent risk to himself or others," said Heitzmann, Penn State's director for 25 years and a former president of the counseling directors' association.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Warmer than normal temperatures, isolated late thunderstorms. Highs lower 90s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy and mostly dry. Lows in the upper 50s.
Tomorrow: Milder temperatures and a better chance of thunderstorms. Highs lower 80s.

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Table with 2 columns: Temperature and Precipitation. Rows include Yesterday's High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, and various monthly/annual averages.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

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

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Five-day forecast table for Twin Falls, Idaho. Columns: Today, Tonight, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

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Almanac for Twin Falls including Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, and Pollen Count. Also includes Moon Phases and Moonrise and Moonset information.

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Regional forecast table listing cities and their weather conditions for Today and Tomorrow.

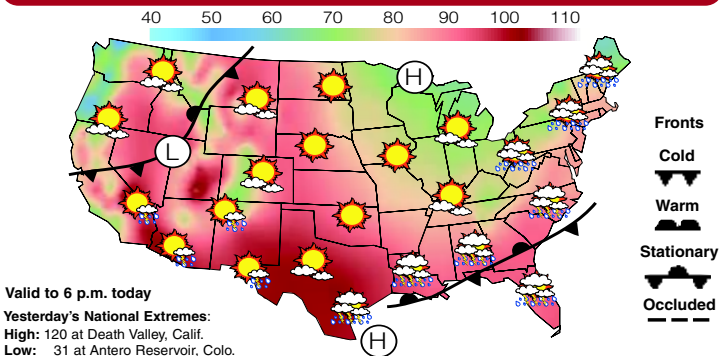
NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table listing major cities and their weather conditions for Today and Tomorrow.

WORLD FORECAST

World forecast table listing various international cities and their weather conditions for Today and Tomorrow.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Canadian forecast table listing major Canadian cities and their weather conditions for Today and Tomorrow.

Quote of the Day by Gregg Middlekauff: 'If we fix a goal and work towards it, then we are never just passing time.' Includes a small photo of Gregg Middlekauff.

Officials: Idaho early budget numbers aren't looking good

LEWISTON (AP) — Seven weeks into Idaho's fiscal year, state officials say the numbers aren't looking good. Budget director Wayne Hammon said July revenue was about 9 percent, or \$27 million, below the year-ago period.

“Our main sources of revenue are income tax and sales tax, so we need jobs before state revenues will recover,” Hammon told the Lewiston Tribune in a story published Friday. Ray Houston, a state budget analyst, said the Legislature planned for fiscal 2010 ending with a general fund balance of \$49 million.

Searchers find body in Idaho glider wreckage

MACKAY (AP) — Searchers said the pilot of a glider that crashed in central Idaho has been found dead. The pilot, 78-year-old Thierry Thys of Oakland, Calif., was found in the wreckage of his motorglider aircraft on Friday morning.

DOG LOVERS



Kody Stolworthy, 7, and his sister Paige Bundy, 5, enjoy hotdogs in the food court at the Douglas County Fair in Roseburg, Ore., this month.

Idaho to use stimulus savings on road projects

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Transportation Board is considering several new road projects to be built with savings from previous road work funded by federal stimulus money. Construction bids for eight previous stimulus-funded projects, the dilapidated Dover Bridge on northern Idaho's Highway 2, came in at more than \$50 million less than their original \$148 million price tag.

Human remains found northeast of Yellow Pine

YELLOW PINE (AP) — Valley County officials have recovered human remains from an area about 24 miles northeast of Yellow Pine. Lt. Dan Smith says three men who were hiking last weekend discovered the body. They reported it to the sheriff's office on Monday morning.

Lawn & Garden Center Tour

Advertisement for Fred Meyer featuring a map of the Magic Valley area with numbered locations (1, 2, 3) and a call to action: 'Call 733-0931 to advertise in this section!'.

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Martin juggles jerseys as BSU holds 2nd scrimmage

By Dustin Lapray
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — Learning the Boise State playbook is hard enough, but Doug Martin has to learn the offense and defense for every game. Martin proved in Friday night's scrimmage that he belongs in both the Bronco backfield and secondary.

He rushed 16 times for 88 yards in the team's second scrimmage at Bronco Stadium. He shined on a 34-yard run, one of the longest of fall camp among the

backs.

"I enjoyed running the ball again," Martin said. "I just want to be on the field, that's all that matters. They both have their pros and cons. At running back you get to run the ball and on defense you get to make tackles, not be tackled."

With Jeremy Avery, Matt Kaiserman and D.J. Harper out of the scrimmage due to minor injuries, Martin ran with authority, swapping his orange jersey for white,



Martin

plunging into holes, making the cuts required to gain ground. Avery has missed a week of camp, and if he's not careful, Martin could take the job. He took one run off tackle for 18 yards,

spinning and breaking tackles.

"You just turn your brain off," Martin said. "It's all instincts. Just find the hole, blast right through it, try to get as many yards as you can."

BSU head coach Chris Petersen knows he has an athlete in Martin, and enjoys the pressure it puts on the other tailbacks.

"I bet you tomorrow we got some running backs healthy," Petersen joked. "(Martin) is just a football player. We're going to plug him in."

None of the injured backs expect to miss significant time and should be ready for the Sept. 3 season-opener against Oregon (8:15 p.m., ESPN).

Kellen Moore wasn't

incredibly sharp Friday night. He threw a few errant passes over and under receivers, but still led his team to score. He hit Jarvis Hodge on a 5-yard flare on fourth-and-goal, which he bobbled, but caught to score.

Kyle Brotzman made kicks from 31 and 49 yards, respectively. His kicking cohort, Trevor Harmon missed one from 37 yards out and clanked a PAT off the left upright.

Joe Southwick got a lot of time in the scrimmage with the second unit, solidifying

his spot as the backup quarterback. Petersen praised Southwick as "an impressive freshman."

Malcolm Johnson looked good again at tailback, breaking out of a tackle in the backfield and turning the corner for a 23-yard run. He also scored on an inside plunge from the 2-yard line.

Defensively, Jason Robinson bid hard for the starting nickel spot. He made six tackles in the scrimmage.

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ALL OR NOTHING

Jerome to settle for no less than state title

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

JEROME — Win state. Those two words sum up the all-encompassing goal for the Jerome boys soccer team this season.

In the last two years, the Tigers won two Great Basin Conference West championships and took home the school's first state soccer trophy last year by placing third.

This year, with almost every player returning, the team reckons that winning it all is the only logical progression.

"That's been the goal for this team since they lost to Sandpoint (in last year's state semifinals)," said Jerome head coach Robert Garcia. "That's what's really got them refocused for this season."

The Tigers return every key player from last season's squad bar one — influential attacking midfielder Sergio Mendoza, who now plies his trade at Northwest Nazarene University. But with a group of seniors and juniors who have bonded through two seasons of success, they are confident in their ability to overcome his absence.

INSIDE

The high school soccer season begins in earnest today. See a full schedule of today's games.

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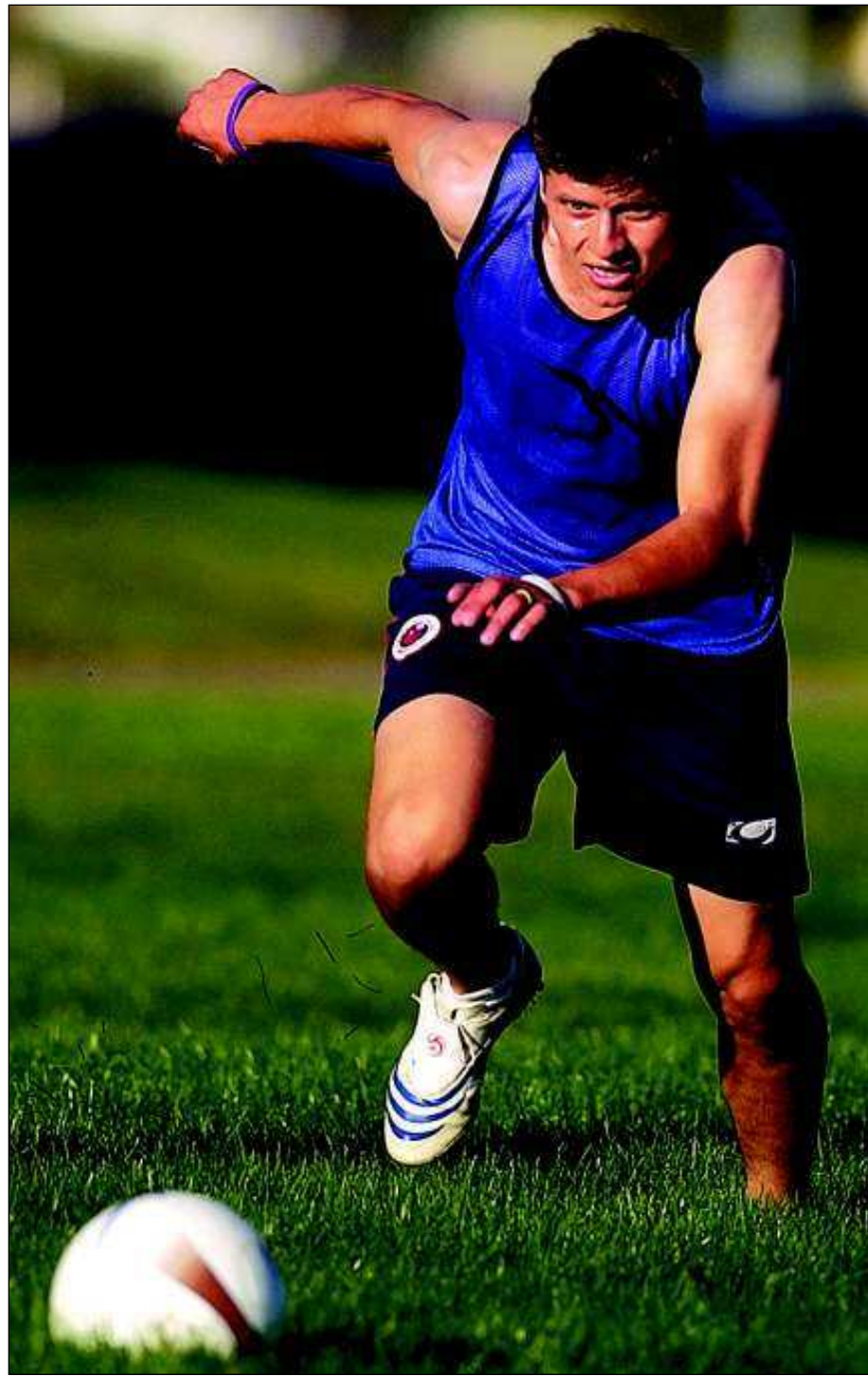
"Sergio's a big loss, but we've got the guys to replace him," said senior forward Gabriel Pulido. "We're really happy with the team we have back. We feel really good, and confident that we'll do well."

Jerome suffered its only loss of the 2008 season in that 3-1 defeat to eventual champion Sandpoint, as the Tigers finished 19-1-1.

To label it a disappointment would understate the feeling, but the Tigers did their homework over the summer after being outmuscled by a team that also passed circles around them.

"We learned that we need to get much stronger, and pass the ball more quickly," said senior forward Fermin Martinez, who scored 32 goals last season and has 60 for his prep career. "And we know we can't get frustrated during the game."

Mental strength is one key Jerome has addressed. Testing its mettle against quality opposition more



DREW GODLESKI/For the Times-News

Jerome senior Fermin Martinez eyes the ball during a practice Thursday at Jerome Middle School. Martinez led the state last year in goals scored.

often is another.

The Tigers have gone to great lengths to play a tougher schedule this season, in an effort to become more battle tested should they meet expectations and qualify for the state tournament.

Two Class 4A teams that made the state tournament — Hillcrest and Middleton — as well as Class 5A Madison will come to Jerome this season, and the Tigers also will make a

return trip to Middleton.

"It's a whole different game once you get to the state tournament," said Garcia. "It's a benefit for us, because Middleton usually makes it to state, and the 5As are bigger schools and have a bigger selection (of students) to pull from. It makes us play harder to see where we're at in our own level."

The improved schedule starts today when the Tigers host Madison — a game Pulido will miss after being

sent off in the last game last season. It's the beginning of the mission to exact revenge and hit the one and only season target.

"I think it's going to be hard," said Martinez, who hopes to eclipse 100 goals before season's end. "But we're going to give it all we have to get first place."

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One week away, CSI spikers burst with optimism

A week remains until the season starts, and College of Southern Idaho head volleyball coach Heidi Cartisser still isn't quite sure what she's going to do.

It's fair to say there are a few jealous coaches out there.

DAVID BASHORE



A season ago I could pretty much pencil in the starting lineup for a given Golden Eagles match before I headed from the newsroom over to cover it. This season, Cartisser says her opinion of her starting six changes pretty much every day.

"I think I have it, and then someone comes in the next day and steps up," Cartisser said after the team's intra-squad scrimmage Friday evening. "But it's a good thing. Every day there's a battle on the floor. But that puts pressure on people to perform."

A week remains until the path to redemption opens up for a group of sophomores that, in their last competitive match, tasted the shock and bitterness of an unexpected defeat to North Idaho College, one which eliminated them from the Region 18 Tournament before they could qualify for nationals.

The seven holdovers have channeled that disappointment into a positive, joining forces with eight newcomers to forge a tight-knit unit, something that wasn't

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Marlin racing today at MVS

Times-News

NASCAR driver Sterling Marlin will race a McKean Motorsports car tonight in the Pepsi Late Model Series events at Magic Valley Speedway. Marlin will also sign autographs for the fans.

Those wanting an autograph from Marlin must have an official driver's card, which is included in the Magic Valley Speedway program available at the track. There will be 400 cards printed. Two hundred fans will be able to get an autograph in the first session (5:45 to 6:15 p.m.) and 200 in the second session, which runs from 6:45 to 7:15.

It's Bud Lite night at MVS, and along with the Pepsi Late Models, the NAPA Pony Stocks, Magic Valley Pipe Street Stocks, Quale's Electronics Hornets and Jr. Stingers will be on the track.

Gates open at 3 p.m., qualifying begins at 5:30 and green flag racing starts at 6.

Magic Valley Speedway is located one mile west of the Twin Falls Airport.

MVS POINT STANDINGS

Pepsi Late Models: 1. Kris McKean 1139, 2. TJ Woodhall 1050, 3. Cliff Chester 969, 4. Dan Lowther 954, 5. Jeff Wade 922.

Mountain Dew Modifieds: 1. Rick Fowle 1083, 2. Scott Gilligan 901, 3. Dustin Miller 737, 4. Sam Harris 387, 5. Shelby Stroebel 287.

Budweiser Super Stocks: 1. Jerry McKean 1342, 2. Kris McKean 1286, 3. Allen Williams 1244, 4. Jason Abbott 999, 5. Daniel Shirley 983.

NAPA Pony Stocks: 1. Ray Homolka 876, 2. Michael Stuart 727, 3. Josh Pitz 670, 4. Wade Henslee 577, 5. Stacey Jensen 298.

MVP Street Stocks: 1. John Newell 1215, 2. Jim Shirley 1158, 3. Rob Carraway 1079, 4. Steve Edens 1077, 5. Chase Rocca 1033.

Quale's Electronics Hornets: 1. Bob Gilligan 1015, 2. Jeff Peck 906, 3. Jenna Quale 888, 4. JB Rogers 867, 5. Brandon Thurber 787.

Jr. Stingers: 1. Taylor Patrick 475, 2. Dustin Patrick 450, 3. Russell Dalton 445, 4. Hannah Newhouse 237, 5. Caitlin Stroebel 110.

Off-target Favre debuts for Vikes

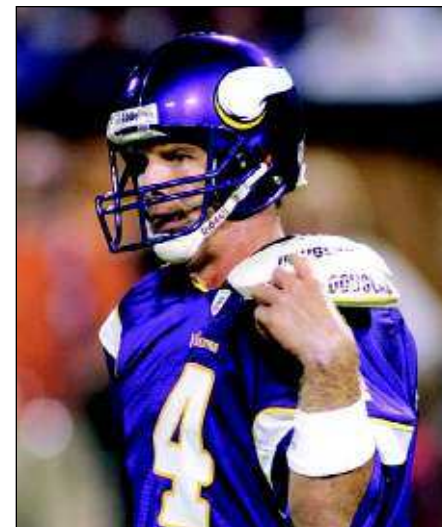
The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Camera flashes illuminated the Metrodome on each of Brett Favre's eight plays for Minnesota. Captured on film? Only one completed pass.

Favre's debut was a dud in terms of on-field action, a predictably brief preseason performance in the 17-13 victory by the Vikings on Friday over the Kansas City Chiefs preserved by a goal line stand by the third-stringers.

"I just didn't want to fumble the snap," Favre said. "Wanted to make sure I got the handoffs. If you complete passes, great. But I was nervous about that."

Cheered loudly by the same fans who used to loathe him when he played for Green Bay, Favre played two series and went 1 for 4 for a whopping 4 yards. He moved around all right and his passes had



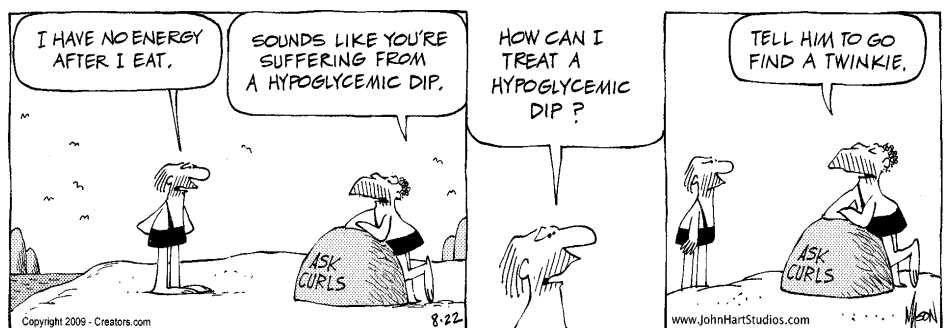
AP photo

Minnesota Vikings quarterback Brett Favre adjusts his shoulder pads as he walks off the field in a preseason game against the Kansas City Chiefs Friday in Minneapolis.

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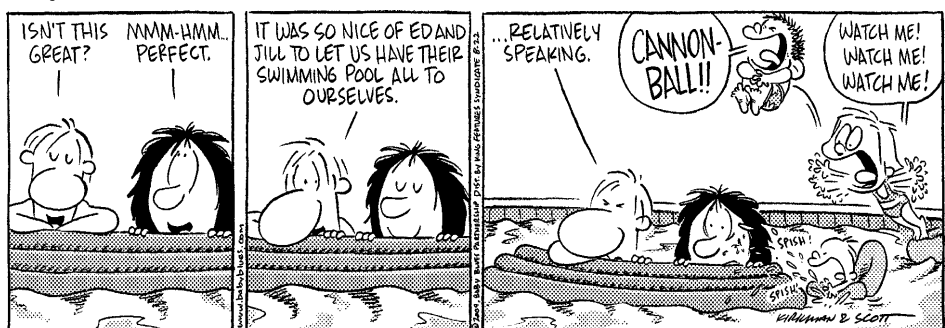
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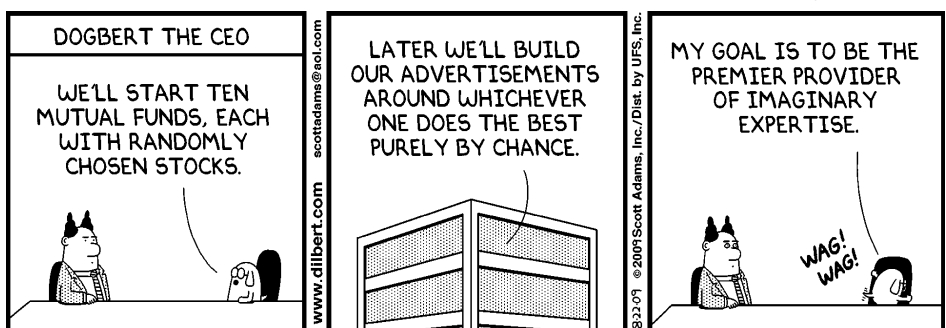
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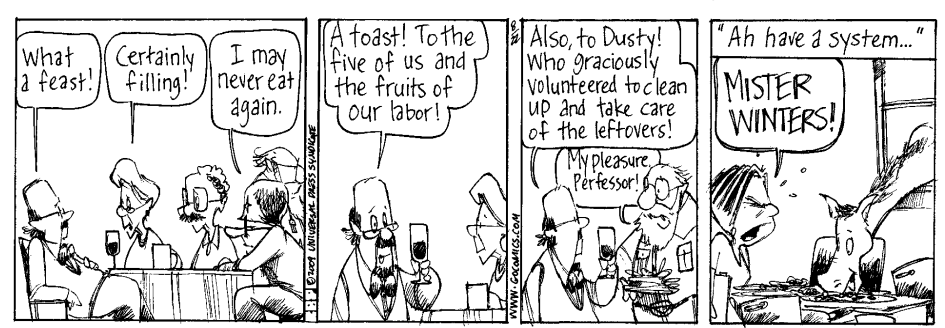
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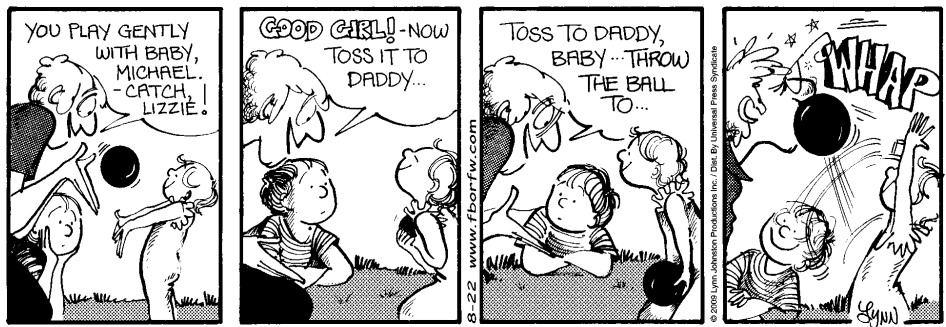
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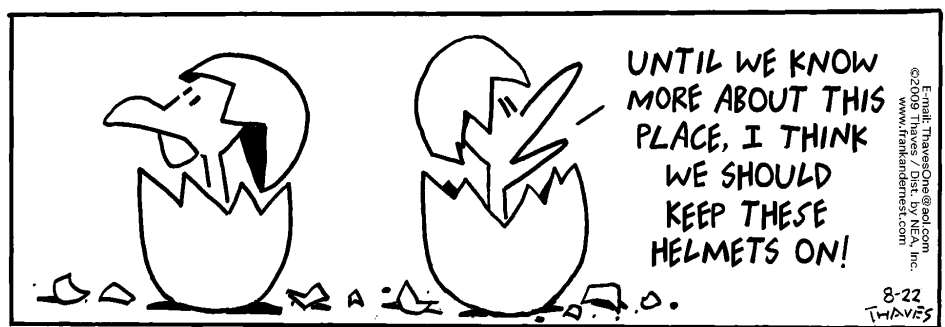
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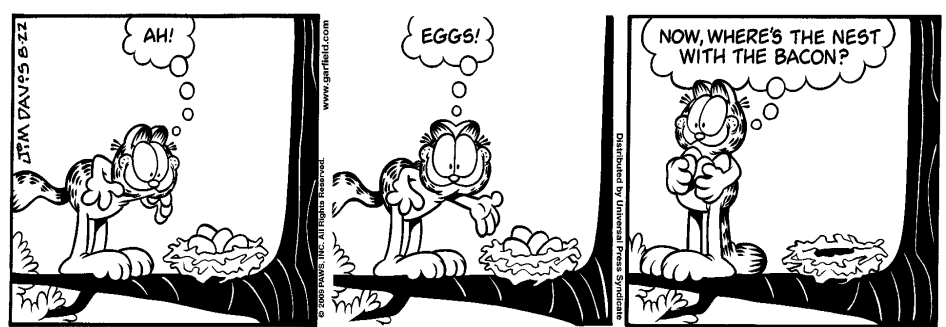
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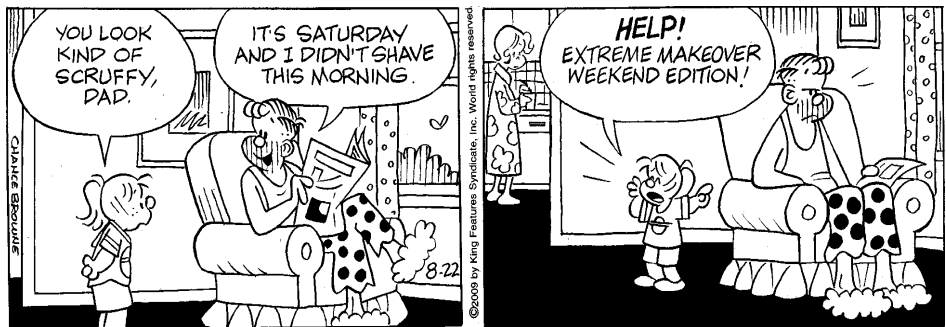
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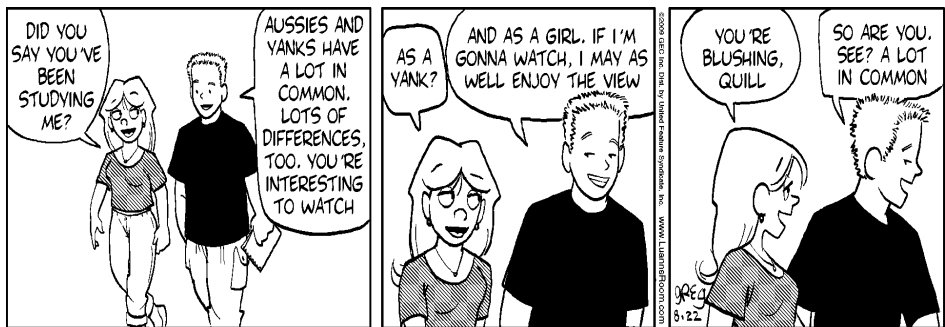
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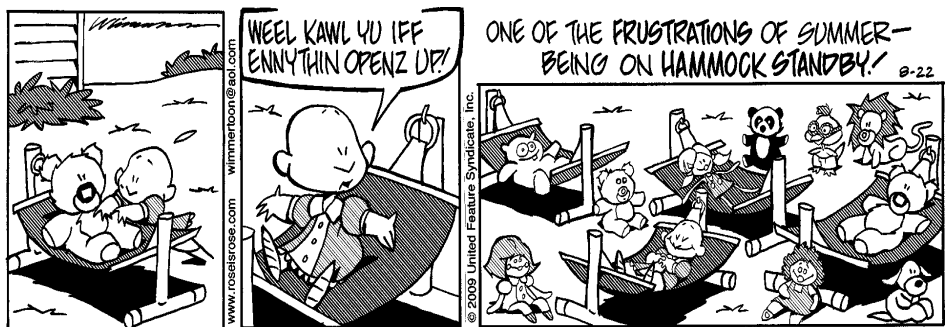
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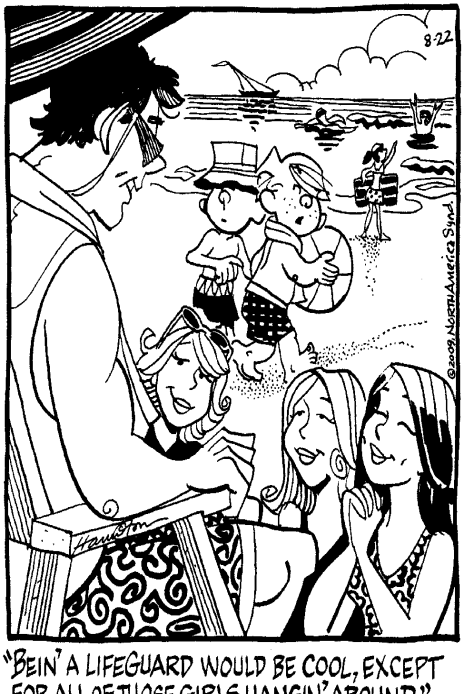
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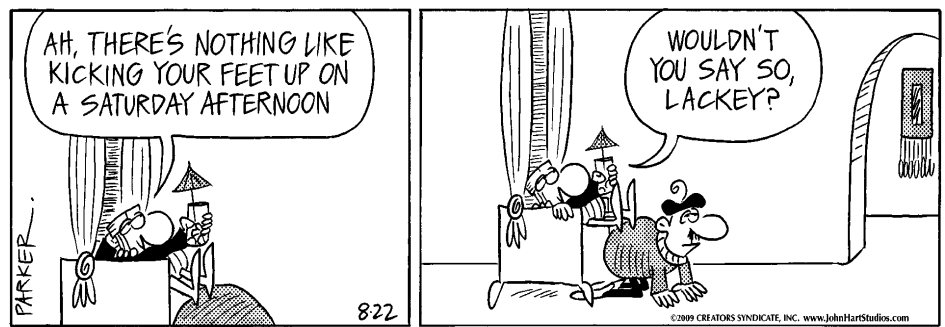
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NATION & WORLD

Lockerbie bomber release stirs diplomatic dispute

By Jill Lawless
Associated Press writer

LONDON — The release of the only man convicted of blowing up a Pan Am flight in 1988 has brought high drama and controversy: the jeering mob outside a Scottish prison, the cheering crowd at a Tripoli airport, the furious families of the 270 people who died in the Lockerbie bombing.

Britain on Friday condemned the “upsetting” scenes of jubilation in Tripoli at the return of Abdel Baset al-Megrahi and considered canceling a royal visit to Libya as a sign of displeasure. President Barack Obama said the warm welcome in Libya was “highly objectionable.”

Despite the strong words, the

diplomatic end of the decades-long Lockerbie saga is unlikely to damage steadily warming relations between the West and Libya, a country once reviled as a pariah state.

“It will introduce a note of caution in the West’s dealing with Libya,” said Diederik Vandewalle, a Libya specialist at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. “I don’t think it will have much of an impact at all.”

Thousands of young men greeted al-Megrahi’s plane at a Tripoli airport after he was released from a Scottish prison Thursday on compassionate grounds. Some threw flower petals as the 57-year-old former Libyan intelligence agent stepped from the jet.



al-Megrahi

British Foreign Secretary David Miliband condemned the scenes as “deeply distressing” and said the way Moammar Gadhafi’s government behaved in the next few days would help determine whether Libya is accepted back into the international fold.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown had written to the Libyan leader before al-Megrahi’s release urging Libya to “act with sensitivity” when he returned.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said footage of al-Megrahi’s arrival was “tremendously offensive to the survivors that, as I said, lost a loved one in 1988.”

“I think the images that we saw in Libya yesterday were outrageous

and disgusting. We continue to express our condolences to the families that lost a loved one as a result of this terrorist murder,” he told reporters.

Gibbs said the White House had been in contact with Libyan authorities. “We’ve registered our outrage. We have discussed with the Libyans about what we think is appropriate. We’ll continue to watch the actions of this individual and the Libyan government.”

Yet by Libyan standards, al-Megrahi’s welcome was relatively muted. Hundreds of people waiting in the crowd for his plane were rushed away by authorities at the last minute, and the arrival was not aired live on state TV. It was an unusually low-key approach for a country that used to snap up any opportunity to

snub the West and could easily bring out hundreds of thousands to cheer if it chose to. It suggested that Libya is wary of hurting its ties with the U.S. and Europe and had listened to Obama’s warning not to give al-Megrahi a hero’s welcome.

“It seemed as some form of last-minute compromise between those who felt it their patriotic duty to welcome him and those in the Libyan hierarchy who wanted to heed the demands of the U.S. that it should be low-key,” said Richard Dalton, a former British ambassador to Libya.

“There was no Libyan dignitary to receive him, and no formal reception. This is compulsory in Arab hospitality, so the absence of a welcoming party is quite significant,” he added.

Aftermath of an election



AP photos
Ballot boxes are piled to be counted at the voting center in Kandahar province, south of Kabul, Afghanistan, Friday.

Chile confirms swine flu found in turkeys

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Chile said Friday that tests show swine flu has jumped to birds, opening a new chapter in the global epidemic.

Top flu and animal-health experts with the United Nations in Rome and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta were monitoring the situation, but said the infected turkeys have suffered only mild effects, easing concern about a potentially dangerous development.

Chile’s turkey meat remains safe to eat, the experts said, and so far there have been no signs of a deadly mutation. None of the birds have died from this flu, according to the farms’ owner, Sopraval SA.

Chile’s Health Ministry said it ordered a quarantine Friday at two turkey farms outside the port city of Valparaiso after genetic tests confirmed sick birds were afflicted with the same virus that has caused a pandemic among humans. The infected

birds are contained within closed buildings, preventing any spread to wild birds, the farms’ owner said.

So far, the virus — a mixture of human, pig and bird genes — has proved to be very contagious but no more deadly than common seasonal flu. However, virus experts fear a more dangerous and easily transmitted strain could emerge if it combines again with avian flu, which is far more deadly but tougher to pass along.

Sopraval alerted the agriculture ministry after egg production dropped at the farms this month. After initial tests on four samples, further genetic testing confirmed a match with the subtype A/H1N1 2009, the agriculture and health ministries announced.

“What the turkeys have is the human virus — there is no mutation at all,” Deputy Health Minister Jeannette Vega told Chile’s Radio Cooperativa on Friday.



An Afghan shepherd passes by an electoral poster of Afghan presidential candidate and current President Hamid Karzai in Mazar-i-Sharif, Afghanistan, Friday.

Karzai, Abdullah both claim lead in Afghan vote

KABUL (AP) — Both main candidates for Afghan president claimed to be ahead Friday after an election marred by violence, spotty turnout and fraud allegations — threatening U.S. hopes for Afghans to come together to combat the challenges of Taliban insurgency, corruption and poverty.

President Hamid Karzai’s campaign insisted he would have enough votes to avoid a runoff with his chief challenger, Abdullah Abdullah, a former foreign minister. Abdullah countered that he was leading but suspected there would be a runoff.

Election officials called on the candidates to refrain from such claims, which could delay formation of a new government. Officials

of Afghan and international monitoring teams agreed that it was too early to say who won or to know whether fraud was extensive enough to influence the outcome.

Millions of Afghans voted Thursday in the country’s second-ever direct presidential election, although Taliban threats held down the turnout, especially in the militant south where Karzai was expected to run strong among his fellow Pashtuns. Insurgent attacks claimed more than two dozen lives.

Partial preliminary results won’t be released by the election commission before Tuesday with final official returns due in early September. Officials count

ballots at voting centers around the country and then send the figures to Kabul, where they are tabulated, verified and announced.

Nevertheless, the absence of official figures didn’t dissuade supporters of the two leading candidates from issuing their own claims, which they said were based on reports from their representatives at the counting centers.

Karzai’s campaign spokesman, Waheed Omar, said the president’s campaign believes “we are well ahead” in the ballot count and will end up with more than 50 percent of the votes — enough to avoid a runoff that Omar said would be “logistically, financially and also politi-

cally” problematic.

“Our prediction is that the election will not go to the second round,” Omar said. “Our initial information is that we will hopefully be able to win the elections in the first round.”

Abdullah challenged the claim, telling The Associated Press that he was in the lead “despite the rigging which has taken place in some parts of the country.”

He alleged that government officials interfered with ballot boxes and in some places blocked monitors from inspecting boxes or their contents. Abdullah said there “is a likelihood” that neither he nor Karzai would win more than 50 percent of the vote, setting the stage for a runoff in early October.

U.S.: 4 American troops in Iraq charged with cruelty

BAGHDAD (AP) — Four American soldiers in Iraq have been charged with cruelty and maltreatment of soldiers in their platoon, the U.S. military said Friday.

The four Multi-National Division-South soldiers are accused of abusing male soldiers with excessive physical fitness, said Lt. Col. Kevin Olson, a military spokesman.

In a statement, the military identified the men as Sgt. Enoch Chatman, Staff Sgt. Bob Clements, Sgt. Jarrett Taylor and Spc. Daniel Weber of B Troop, 2nd Squadron, 13th Cavalry

Regiment from Fort Bliss, Texas. The military did not provide their ages.

CNN reported that the men were charged with mistreating four subordinates after a suicide investigation brought to light alleged wrongdoing, according to the military.

There was no confirmed evidence that the suicide of a fifth subordinate in the unit was a result of any mistreatment, Lt. Col. Kevin Olson, a spokesman for Multi-National Division-South, told CNN. But he said the military is looking into that possibility.

Bombings interrupt Baghdad’s summer of optimism

BAGHDAD (AP) — Some worshippers stayed away from mosques Friday, offering their traditional prayers at home. Markets had fewer-than-usual shoppers. Parks were strangely uncrowded — unusual for a hot August day.

The normally bustling streets of Baghdad were subdued, in sharp contrast to the lively atmosphere that had been creeping back as major violence ebbed the past two years.

Devastating truck bombs targeting symbols of state authority this week have undermined Iraqis’ confidence and battered the prime minister’s image as a champion of security ahead of parliamentary elections in January.

Iraqis have grown used to explosions in the years since the 2003



AP photo
Flowers and a memorial banner adorn the remains of vehicles destroyed in a bombing outside the Iraqi Foreign Ministry building, seen in the background, in Baghdad, Iraq, Friday.

Finance ministries dashed hopes that the security situation had turned around for good.

They rekindled a climate of fear the government had desperately sought to relegate to the past.

The irony in the now-outdated message on the new billboard at Baghdad’s Liberation Square says it all.

“Our victory brings back a smile to Baghdad,” reads the giant poster featuring the face of a beaming boy.

For years, Baghdad had not looked better and seemed more lively than this summer. Thousands have been crowding riverside green spaces and amusement parks, packing outdoor restaurants and cafes, and thronging to markets.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki’s government fed hopes for better days with a recent announcement

that concrete blast walls, the defining symbol of years of strife, would be removed, reopening roads and relieving traffic congestion.

All that ended this week.

With at least 101 dead and more than 500 wounded in Wednesday’s violence, Baghdad appears to have abandoned, at least temporarily, its quest for returning to normal. Images of gutted buildings, firefighters extracting charred bodies from burned cars, and a collapsed stretch of highway brought back memories of days that many in the city thought were behind them.

They were particularly painful because they came at a time when al-Maliki was tirelessly dismissing the insurgency as way past its prime and talking up the capabilities of the Iraqi security forces, despite con-

cerns that the moves were too soon after the June 30 withdrawal of U.S. troops from populated areas.

No street demonstrations were held to protest the perceived security failures of Iraq’s security forces and the government, but Iraqis found other ways to register their disappointment.

Many stayed home from work Thursday — the last day of the Muslim business week ahead of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan — because of fears of similar attacks. Some worried that mosques also could be targeted.

“After seeing that most of the streets are empty, four friends and I decided to offer the prayers in my house instead of going to the mosque,” said Ibrahim Moussa, who owns a shoe store.

COMMUNITY

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Bales celebrates 90th birthday

Elise Bales, of Rupert, will celebrate her 90th birthday from 2 to 4 p.m. Aug. 29 at Autumn Haven Assisted Living, 924 Christian Way, Rupert. Friends are encouraged to attend.



Bales

their 67th wedding anniversary on Aug. 7. Bill Bales celebrated his 90th birthday on April 26.

Bales was born in Hardesty Creek, Utah, on Aug. 29, 1919. She grew up in Oakley and graduated from Oakley High School.

She married William Bales of Kuna and they celebrated

They have one daughter and son-in-law, two grandsons, four great grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter. No gifts please. Cards may be sent to Bales at Autumn Haven Assisted Living, 924 Christian Way, Rupert, ID 83350.

Ready to teach

Minidoka County school staff kicks off school year

By Laurie Welch
Times-News writer

RUPERT — The Minidoka County School District kicked off the new school year with a breakfast and inspirational meeting Wednesday for district staff.

"This is the best time of the year," said Scott Rogers, Minidoka County School District superintendent. "We are opening two new elementary schools. It's been quite a long road and we're finally here. Four of our eight schools met AYP (mandated Adequate Yearly Progress goals) and Minico High School met it (the goals) for the first time."

Rogers said the district also saw growth in its Limited English Proficiency population, which met

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LAURIE WELCH/Times-News

Minidoka County School District Payroll Clerk Diane Nielsen, right, works in a booth Wednesday during a back-to-school kick-off celebration for Minico High School staff.

FIVE GENERATIONS



Courtesy photo

The Merlin Stelly family recently gathered for a five-generation picture. Pictured from left are (back) Merlin Stelly; daughter, Cindy Stelly Remington; wife, Connie Hansen Stelly; (seated) Ed and Geneva Stelly and Barbara and Don Hansen; (front) Chelsey Ellison holding daughter, Acelynn JaRae.

Free, reduced lunches offered in Minidoka County

Minidoka County School District will offer free and reduced-price meals served under the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program. The school has a copy of the policy available for review.

Eligibility guidelines for free meals are \$23,803 annual salary for a household of three; add \$4,862 per year for each additional family member. For reduced-price meals, the annual salary is \$33,874 for three people; add \$6,919 for each additional family member.

Application forms are available from the school and are being sent to all homes with a letter to parents or guardians. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

Under the provisions of free and reduced price policy, the food service supervisor will review the applications and determine eligibility. Appeals may be sent to Scott Rogers, 633 Fremont Ave., Rupert, ID 83350 or 436-4727.

QUEEN BREAKFAST



Courtesy photo

Pictured are Cassia County queen and princess candidates: From left, princess candidates Max McCammon, Declo; Kelli Anderson, Burley; Becky Jo Robins, Burley; 2008-09 Cassia County Princess Hayley Greenwell, Oakley; 2008-09 Cassia County Rodeo Queen Whitney Rasmussen; queen candidates Carlie Jean Morrison, Burley; Samantha Ward, Raft River; Madilyn Patterson, Burley; and Tanisha Adams, Albion. The saddle, donated by United Electric, was won by the newly crowned queen, Tanisha Adams, and was presented to her the last night of the rodeo. McCammon was named rodeo princess.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Relay for Life fundraiser is today

McCain Foods will hold a dual Relay for Life team fundraiser consisting of a yard sale and "Mini-Cassia has Talent" competition today.

The yard sale will begin at 9 a.m., with the talent competition at 4 p.m., at the Burley Armory, 2000 E. Main St.

Paul Palooza nears

The public is invited to attend the Paul Palooza from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 29 in the Paul City Park by the water tower.

The event will include chili dogs and hot dogs, prizes, a greased watermelon race, karaoke contest (ages 13 and up) and a

baked food sale.

Information: 438-5438.

Red Cross blood drive nears in Burley

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. Sept. 1 and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 2 at the Burley Armory, 2000 E. Main St.

Anyone interested in donating blood or wishing to volunteer can call Lori, 678-9840.

BJ bridge announces results

The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club in Rupert has announced the results of Tuesday play.

North-South: 1. Joe Blackford and Edna Pierson, 2. Vera Mai and Barbara

Carney, 3. Tie Warren and Faun McEntire and Nanette Woodland and Wilma Shockey, 4. Bill Goodman and Nancy Gibson.

East-West: 1. Donna Moore and Jane Keicher, 2. Dot Creason and Jackie Brown, 3. Mildred Wolf and Sheila Hubsmith, 4. Clarence and Sylvia Neiwert.

Games are held at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks. For partners and more information: Steve Sams, 878-3997 or Vera Mai, 436-4163.

Searle awarded ag scholarship

Mitchell Searle, of Burley, a member of Burley High School FFA, has been awarded a \$2,000 Agriculture Division Wilbur-Ellis Company scholarship from the

National FFA Organization.

Searle was selected from 7,810 applicants from across the country. He plans to use the funds to pursue a degree at Brigham Young University-Idaho.

Searle was also named the State FFA Diversified Crop Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency award winner, and received a \$200 check at the state FFA convention. As a state winner he will advance to competition for national honors.

The Diversified Crop Production Proficiency award program is sponsored by Crop Production Services and national Crop

Insurance as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Burley library has new items

New items at the Burley Public Library include:

DVDs

"He's Just Not That Into You," "The Librarian: Curse of the Judas Chalice"

Adult fiction

"Burn" by Linda Howard, "Intervention" by Robin Cook, "Smash Out" by Sandra Brown, "The Traffickers" by W.E.B. Griffin, "Take Two" by Karen Kingsbury, "Guardian of Lies" by Steve Martini

Young-adult fiction

"Girl of the Limberlost" by Gene Stratton-Porter, "Daniel X: Watch the Skies"

by James Patterson.

Nonfiction

"The Art of National Geographic"; "Christmas with Southern Living 2009"

We want your community news

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

E-mail the information and a photo, if you have one, to frontdoor@magic-valley.com. Please put the word "community" in the subject line.

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

— Staff reports

Sister-in-law wonders if weight loss is due to eating disorder

DEAR DR. GOTT: Last year, I found out that my sister-in-law had an eating disorder. At first I thought she was making herself throw up, but during a recent visit, I accidentally found a bag of Epsom salt with a cup and spoon in it she had put in my guest bathroom.

She is 29 years old, 5 feet 8 inches and now weighs

ASK DR. GOTT

Dr. Peter Gott



110 pounds. She lost more than 150 pounds in the last 18 months but hasn't changed her eating habits. I have seen her eat a 3-pound hamburger with

everything on it and then rush into the bathroom. Every night, she eats at least a bag of pigskins with a pint of blue cheese dressing, but again, as soon as she is finished, she rushes back into the bathroom.

She has told my brother (her husband) that she is on a no-carb diet. He isn't a fool, but he is gone all day working and doesn't see

what she eats. She can also talk anyone into anything.

No one knows that I know about this, but I am very worried about her. She spent most of her visit here in the bathroom. Can you tell me how dangerous this is?

DEAR READER: This is a very complicated issue.

At 5 feet 8 inches and 110 pounds, her body mass

index (BMI) is 16.7, which categorizes her as under-weight; however, this is not the best judge of a healthful weight. If she has a very narrow/slender frame, this weight may be appropriate. There are many extremely healthy people who are labeled as under- or over-weight because of their BMI measurements. This is simply because this meas-

urement does not account for body frame and fat vs. muscle. One pound of muscle takes up less space than 1 pound of fat. For example, a body builder or professional athlete may be considered to be over-weight despite having below average body-fat levels and an otherwise

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Prepare yourself for school time

I use to dread but be excited for this time of year when I was much younger — school time.

I didn't look forward to school as much as I did football season, but that is a story for a day at the coffee shop. I instead want to talk about some things that everybody out there can do to make it a safe school year.

The first and most important thing I must talk about is using a cell phone while driving through a school zone. I, luckily, have not had to take any crash reports — knock on wood — involving school zones and children.

I'm also not issuing a challenge toward that event either. I can say that every ticket I wrote last year for school zone speed violations involved use of a cell phone and not paying attention to the speed the driver was going or the stop sign that magically appeared. Please leave the cell phone use for either a side-of-the-road conversation or a conversa-



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Dan Bristol**

tion outside of the school zone. Is chatting with somebody really more important than a child's safety?

The other factor about school zones is that children are the only ones who know that they are going to run out from behind another vehicle. Being aware that this is a possibility means extra attention is needed while driving through school zones.

The next important thing to remember is that children in a crosswalk have the right of way. The safe bet here is that if you see children approaching a crosswalk, stop and let them make it through the crosswalk.

Remember, sometimes children may just decide to

start running to and across the crosswalk. Also remember that if the school has a crossing guard and you fail to stop for them, you can be cited.

One final thing I want to talk about is hurrying to school because you are running late. I know tardiness is frowned upon, but so is absenteeism from all future school attendance. I would much rather see that you drove safely and got your child to school than to have the other children have to draw get-well-soon or sympathy cards because you chose to hurry to school and disregard being safe.

Finally, if you have a digital camera or a cell phone with a camera, why not just take a picture of your child before they go to school each day? The reason is simple; if your child were to come up missing that day, you'd have a very current photo of not only what he or she looked like but also what your child was wearing.

The other plus side is that you would also have a school year full of memories to share or embarrass them later in life. It also costs you nothing.

I hope for a safe and happy school year and I know that the teachers and students are looking forward to another year of school and the joy that it brings. OK, now you can throw the rocks — not literally though.

Officer down

Please put these officers, killed in the line of duty, and their families in your prayers. God bless them all.

- Agent Jorge Sanchez-Santiago, Puerto Rico Police
- Deputy Stephen (Mike) Gallagher, Lewis County Sheriff, Washington

Be safe, I'll talk to you next week. Keep e-mailing your questions to police-mandan@yahoo.com.

Dan Bristol is the Heyburn chief of police.

Teach

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goals for the first time district-wide.

Keynote Speaker Chad Hymas, who became a motivational speaker and world-class wheelchair athlete after a farm accident in Utah left him a quadriplegic at the age of 27, spoke to the group about a "paralyzed economy."

"In a paralyzed economy you are never as productive as you could be," Hymas told the group of about 300.

Hymas likens the term "paralyzed economy" to his state of being after his acci-

dent and described learning to make the most of everything that he had left.

"Look at the economy with whole new eyes," Hymas said. "The way you were taught is not the way you have to teach. Change your routine."

Hymas said although these are challenging times it just means people have to do things differently but they can still be successful.

"Not in spite of a paralyzed economy — but because of it," Hymas said.

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DeMary library booknotes

Here are the most recent book notes from the DeMary Memorial Library in Rupert.

Fiction: "Storm Cycle" by Iris Johansen

Rachel Kirby is a computer genius whose personal life is hell. When she receives an e-mail from archaeologist John Tanek, telling her that he is trapped inside a collapsed Egyptian tomb, she's flabbergasted.

It would appear the collapse was no accident and someone else wants what the archaeologist had found inside the tomb all for themselves.

Fiction: "Hot Pursuit" by Suzanne Brockmann

The shaken men and women of Troubleshooters, Inc. go up against the mysterious organization called The Agency.

Blackmail, extortion and murder are all part of their game. The Agency's black-ops sector, Shadow Group, has gone too far and hit too close to home. The stakes are high and it becomes clear the hunters have become the hunted.

Fiction: "Traffickers" by W.E.B. Griffin

Murder is a part of homicide Sgt. Matt Payne's daily life, but lately the death rate has been escalating in Philadelphia.

Most recently, a gangland shooting at a tourist attraction left six dead.

Days later, the body of a headless Latina is found in the Schuylkill River.

Payne has a hunch that the two cases are related. That hunch leads him to the Texas-Mexico border.

Dr. Gott

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healthful lifestyle.

Another issue is that losing 150 pounds in 18 months is not unhealthy, depending, of course, on the methods used. At that rate, your sister-in-law lost an average of just under 2 pounds a week, which is not harmful.

The final issue is that while you have suspicious behavior on your sister-in-law's part, you do not actually have proof that she is using the Epsom salt inappropriately. The product is widely used in soaking baths to ease sore muscles, as an exfoliant and as a laxative for occasional constipation.

I think the main issue here is that you are worried

your sister-in-law is over-using the Epsom salt as a laxative for weight loss. This may certainly be the case. Some people who try the product to relieve constipation find that it causes severe diarrhea, cramps and even vomiting. Everyday use can be associated with complications such as chronic diarrhea and allergic reactions such as hives, difficulty breathing and swelling of the lips or face. It is also possible to overdose, which may lead to vomiting, nausea, low blood pressure, drowsiness, decreased heart rate, coma and even death.

Eating disorders are not about weight loss and food. They are about control.

People with these disorders feel that their lives are out of control and, in an attempt to take back some of that control, they turn to restricting or overindulging in food.

If you are truly worried, you should confront your sister-in-law. Express your concerns and let her know that you love and worry about her and only wish her to be happy and healthy. Perhaps knowing someone cares for her will be enough to get her to realize that she needs help. An eating disorder is like any addiction: The person will not seek out help until he or she is ready to admit there is a problem, but sometimes it only takes one person with a kind con-

cern to be the catalyst.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Eating Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed, stamped No. 10 envelope and a check or money order for \$2 to Newsletter, PO Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

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

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Religion 2

People of faith **STILL GIVING IN TOUGH TIMES**

By Andrew Weeks
Times-News writer



Photo illustration by ANDREW WEEKS/Times-News
Despite tough economic times, religious leaders say people of faith in the Magic Valley are still donating to churches and charities.

A bad economy, sure, but that hasn't stopped people of faith from giving. Religious leaders in the Magic Valley say that despite some setbacks their flocks are, for the most part, still donating to churches and charities.

"I haven't seen any kind of drop in tithes and offerings to the church," said Robert Humphries, pastor of First Baptist Church in Burley.

Instead, recent donations have provided for books and other materials to help the church start a youth program, he said.

Though Humphries has been pastor of the church only since December, he said he's seen plenty of examples of devout Christians who struggle financially but who remain faithful contributors to the church.

"I think it's thankfulness. People understand that whatever they have, whether it's money or otherwise, comes from God."

Despite tough times, other churches are seeing the devotion of their members.

"Our giving here at First Baptist Church in Twin Falls is up by about 10 percent over the past 12 months," said Jeff Cooper, the church's senior pastor. Two things account for the increase, he said: church membership has grown and people are responding to a program Cooper presented last fall,

which encouraged members to pay their tithes.

"It wasn't a beat-you-over-the-head thing, but it laid out the biblical principle of tithing," he said, noting that if members can't pay a full tithe right away, they can start out gradually paying what they can. That way, "it's not a matter of law but of grace," Cooper said.

Though the church has seen increased

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Lutherans hold last debate on gay clergy proposal

By Patrick Condon
Associated Press writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Opponents made a last stand Friday against a proposal to allow sexually active gays and lesbians in committed relationships to serve as clergy in the largest Lutheran denomination in the U.S.

Gays and lesbians are currently allowed to serve as Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ministers only if they remain celibate.

At 4.7 million members and about 10,000 congregations in the United States, the ELCA would be one of the largest U.S. Christian denominations yet to take a more gay-friendly stance on clergy.

"We are today part of a



Evangelical Lutheran Church of America voting members, left to right, Orinda Hawkins-Brinkley, Diane Yeager, Marj Ellis and Steven Schnittke, along with other members of the ELCA, stop for a moment of prayer Friday morning during their assembly at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Minneapolis. AP photo

church denomination that is changing, and it will make possible sexual moral standards that are contrary to the Bible — which is what brings Jesus closer to us," said convention delegate Al Quie, a former Republican governor of Minnesota.

The debate over the so-called "ministry recommendations" got under way first thing Friday, and Quie proposed an alternative proposal: "Practicing homosexual persons are excluded from rostered leadership in this church."

The proposal, which would have left the church's policy more or less unchanged, failed. In addition, conservatives lost an important vote Wednesday night when the convention's

See **DEBATE**, Religion 2

U.S. Jews protest Catholic document on salvation

By Rachel Zoll
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Major Jewish groups and rabbis from the three largest branches of American Judaism said Thursday that their relationship with Roman Catholic leaders is at risk because of a recent U.S. bishops' statement on salvation.

Jewish groups said they interpret the new document to mean that the bishops view interfaith dialogue as a chance to invite Jews to become Catholic. The Jewish leaders said they "pose no objection" to Christians sharing their faith, but said dialogue with Jews becomes "untenable" if



On the Net:

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops:
<http://www.usccb.org/>
Anti-Defamation League:
<http://www.adl.org/>

the goal is to persuade Jews to accept Christ as their savior.

"A declaration of this sort is antithetical to the very essence of Jewish-Christian dialogue as we have understood it," Jewish leaders said

See **PROTEST**, Religion 2

Spain: For sake of swine flu, don't kiss the saint

By Daniel Woolls
Associated Press writer

MADRID — Spain's Catholic Church has new advice for pilgrims to Santiago de Compostela: Don't kiss the saint.

For centuries, pilgrims have visited one of Roman Catholicism's holiest shrines — the cathedral holding the purported remains of St. James the Apostle, Spain's patron saint. It was customary for them to hug a statue of St. James and even kiss it.

Now, thanks to fast-spreading swine flu, the church is urging the faithful not to pucker up. It has even removed the holy water that worshippers use to bless themselves in the cathedral in the cobblestone old quarter of Santiago de Compostela, in Spain's northwestern Galicia region.

The cathedral's dean, Jose Maria Diaz, said Friday the campaign has been discreet.

"We have not put up any signs or anything," he told The Associated Press.

Rather, an usher stationed next to the statue — located behind the main altar — quietly passes the message on.

"They are asked at least to refrain from kissing it,"



In October 2005, the President of Venezuela, Hugo Chavez, embraces the statue of the apostle St. James during a visit to Santiago de Compostela, Santiago, Spain. Amid the worldwide swine flu pandemic, Spain has new advice for Roman Catholic pilgrims: Don't kiss the saint. AP file photo

Diaz said.

He said the measure stems from a new Health Ministry campaign offering hygiene hints on how to curb the spread of swine flu, one of which is to halt Spaniards' deeply ingrained custom of greeting each other with kisses, one on each cheek, even when meeting strangers. Spaniards are now supposed to shake hands.

Health Minister Trinidad Jimenez goofed the very day after announcing the drive this month, receiving a colleague with two kisses prior to a meeting on swine flu.

At the cathedral, people are generally receptive to the idea of not kissing St. James

but they still trade pecks during the Catholic Mass for the kiss of peace, Diaz said.

"As we say in Spanish, this is like trying to put a fence around the countryside," Diaz said, using an expression for a task deemed impossible. "What about all the kissing in the nightclubs and pubs?"

Santiago's cathedral is not the first to rein in worshippers' lips, just the most prominent, visited each year by hundreds of thousands of people. Earlier this month, the cathedral in the central city of Toledo urged people suspend their habit of kissing a statue of the Virgin Mary.

Swine flu has killed 12

people in Spain and is spreading so fast the Health Ministry has stopped trying to count the number of confirmed cases, shifting instead to a weekly estimate. By that measure, it says Spain is seeing more than 10,000 cases new cases of swine flu per week.

Luis Alemparte, a 67-year-old man from the Canary Islands, said he had embraced the statue of St. James rather than kiss it, but in any case he was not afraid of swine flu.

"If you come down with flu, either you get better or St. James is here to take you to heaven," Alemparte told the Spanish news agency Efe.

Protest

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in a letter to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The signers were the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Committee and rabbis representing the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform movements.

The statement fueling the tension was issued by the bishops in June to clarify a 2002 document called "Covenant and Mission." The bishops said the earlier document mistakenly played down the importance of sharing the Gospel

and was therefore misleading.

"While the Catholic Church does not proselytize the Jewish people, neither does she fail to witness to them her faith in Christ, nor to welcome them to share in that same faith whenever appropriate," said Bishop William Lori of Bridgeport, Conn., chairman of a bishops' committee on doctrine. He had said the revisions affirmed statements from the Holy See.

The tensions are rooted in a complex theological debate about salvation for those outside the Catholic Church.

Debate

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1,045 delegates approved by a two-thirds supermajority a "social statement on human sexuality" that said the ELCA could accommodate diverging views on homosexuality.

The Rev. Katrina Foster, a pastor in the Metropolitan New York Synod, pointed out that the church has ordained women and divorced people in violation of a literal interpretation of scripture.

"We can learn not to define ourselves by negation," Foster said. "By not

only saying what we are against, which always seems to be the same — against gay people. We should be against poverty. I wish we were as zealous about that."

Some critics of the proposal have predicted its passage could cause individual congregations to split off from the ELCA, as has been the case with other Christian denominations, including the Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Tim Housholder of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove, Minn. described himself as a rostered ELCA pastor "at least for a few more hours."

MISSIONARIES

Tyler Seamons returns



Elder Tyler Seamons, son of Dee and Wendy Seamons of Burley, will report his mission to Trujillo, Peru, at 2:45 p.m. Sunday at Pella 1st Ward.

He plans to attend Utah State University this fall.

Samual Smith called



Elder Samual J. Smith, son of Gary and Kimberly Smith of Buhl, has been called to the Concepcion South Mission in Chile.

Sam is a 2009 graduate of Buhl High School, earning high honors. He also served as student body president during the 2008-09 school year.

Smith earned his Eagle Scout award and served as a Boys State delegate in 2008. During the four years of school, he played football and ran on the track team for the Buhl High School Indians. He served as co-captain for both teams, earning numerous medals in track.

Elder Smith is trained in CPR and water safety instruction, and has worked as a lifeguard and swimming instructor during the last several years, a job he has really enjoyed.

Sam has been active in his priesthood quorums for several years and has had the opportunity to serve in different ways, from participating in Johnny Horizon and many other service activities to holding several leadership positions. He enjoys playing the piano and guitar, water skiing, snow boarding, working out, and spending time with his family and friends.

Smith has been accepted to Brigham Young University in Provo and is planning on attending when he completes his mission in 2011. He will be sorely missed while he's gone, but is excited to serve the good people of Chile.

Sam will be reporting to the Mission Training Center in Provo on Aug. 26. He will be speaking this Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Buhl 1st Ward sacrament meeting at the Latter-day Saints Church at 501 Main Street in Buhl.

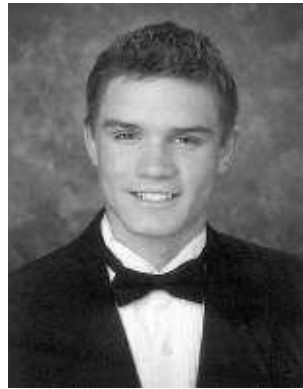
Kurt Heward called



Kurt James Heward, son of Alan and Melody Heward of Burley, will report his mission to California Sacramento, at 9 a.m. Sunday at Unity First Ward, 275 S. 250 East, Burley.

Heward is a graduate of Declo High School and an Eagle Scout. He plans to work for a time, then attend college.

Kyler Olson called



Kyler Kade Olson of Burley will enter the Mission Training Center Aug. 26 to serve in the Dallas, Texas, Spanish mission.

He is a 2009 graduate of Burley High School and a four-year Burley seminary graduate. Kyler is an Eagle Scout and a member of Burley 7th Ward.

His parents are Nada Olson of Burley and Larry Olson of Paul.

Gentle Ben

This is dumb.

I mean, Ben was just a dog. And he wasn't even my dog. But something about Ben captured a big piece of my heart.

And now, today, that piece of my heart is broken.

Is that dumb, or what?

To be honest, I don't remember when or how I first became aware of Ben. I'm not exactly sure what you would call a pet person. I've always seen the dogs in the neighborhood as ... well ... dogs — something to be tolerated, not necessarily embraced. But there was something about this big old yellow Lab that made me notice him — and eventually love him — despite my best efforts to remain indifferent.

I think he first captured my attention as the leader of our neighborhood doggy gang. I know — you would normally call a group of dogs a pack. But that would suggest more organization, structure and purpose than these guys had. There were

three or four of them, and they just sort of cruised the neighborhood, yapping at cars and begging for food. Ben was clearly the alpha leader of the gang because he was far and away the biggest of the dogs, but also because he had this powerful personality that seemed to permeate the entire gang ... er ... pack ... er ... whatever.

And that wasn't a bad thing. I quickly learned that Ben's personality was something special. Not to get too anthropomorphic or anything, but Ben was a gentle soul. Sure, he was also playful, fun, loyal and good-natured — all of those things that are often attributed to beloved dogs. But he was first and foremost gentle. I don't remember ever hearing him growl or bare his teeth or act in an intimidating way — ever. There was a basic goodness and sweetness about him that made you feel that he was ... I don't know ... kind. And caring. And compassionate.

Is that dumb?

Certainly, Ben was special to my family, even though he wasn't ours. When my daughter Andrea was living at home Ben would follow her when she would go out jogging. I never feared for Andrea's safety because I knew Ben would take care of

VALUE SPEAK

Joseph Walker



her. My son Jon would love to have a dog, but since we don't (see above) I have often found him playing and wrestling on the lawn with Ben. And even though she is allergic to dog hair, my wife Anita always carves out a piece of every pot roast and takes it outside to Ben, who seems to know when it is time to camp outside our back door and wait for his share of our dinner.

For my part, Ben has been my barbecue buddy. I don't know if it's the smell of the propane or what, but 10 minutes after I fire up that barbecue he's there. He doesn't beg, exactly. He just stretches out on the grass in the shade of our backyard apple tree and patiently waits. Occasionally he will lift up his head to look at me, in much the same way that Anita will occasionally poke her head out the back door to see how the grilling is coming. When Ben gets up and saunters over to the grill, I know that it's time to eat.

I'll probably burn our next barbecue because he won't be there to tell me when it's done.

Giving

Continued from Religion 1

donations, it has battled to stay on top of rising expenses and was forced to cut the hours of some of its staff. Also, fewer parents are signing their children up to participate in church programs, he said. For now, though, the programs are still intact.

Elsewhere, the Twin Falls Reformed Church has had months when donations were down, but overall things have remained steady.

"We've certainly seen strong giving continue at our church," said Mike Smit, the church's director of ministries.

The church hosts a number of programs throughout the year supported by donations, including its popular Refuge program, where children are welcome to participate in after-school activities. The church also offers specialty programs for those overcoming addiction, divorce and other problems.

"We have not eliminated any of our programs at this point, and I don't foresee that happening at any point in the future," Smit said. "We've seen a real openness

of heart, because people see that others are having a tougher time than they are and want to help."

It helps, too, to have a fiscally conservative budget, he said. Smit admits, however, that for some people institutional giving will likely become tougher in the future.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints does not publish donation amounts from its members, said area spokesman Terry McCurdy. But he believes that church donations such as tithing and fast offerings likely have remained steady or increased over the past several months. The reason why is because some congregations are seeing more of their members attend weekly meetings.

"It's an interesting thing," McCurdy said. "But what I've seen in our area is that church attendance either stays level or increases during tough economic times. Most of the congregations are staying stable, but some are increasing. ... Sometimes donations actually go up (during these times)."

Since Latter-day Saints are asked to donate 10 per-

cent of their annual income to the church as a tithe, McCurdy believes if more people are attending their sacrament meetings, they are likely fulfilling other church obligations, such as paying tithing.

While it might be a fluke, McCurdy said, he tends to believe it is because members are exercising faith in difficult times.

Besides tithing, Latter-day Saints are asked to donate, as their means allow, to church charities such as fast offerings, humanitarian efforts, missions, and its Perpetual Education Fund.

Attendance also is up at the Church of the Nazarene in Twin Falls, according to senior pastor Jerry Kester.

"Sometimes when things are difficult economically, all things look good for the church," he said. "People tend to dig deeper for stronger foundations in their lives."

While donations have not increased — rather they've stabilized, he said — the church has not cut any of its programs nor has it laid off any staff.

Kester estimates that about 8 percent of his congregation are either unem-

ployed or not working in their professional fields due to the economy. Congregants who are in a position to contribute have been asked to donate \$1 on Sundays to help those in need. The result affirms that people are still giving when they can: About \$1,500 have been collected over the past year for that very purpose, he said.

Analysts who project when the economy might improve or employment will rise might give hope to some, but for many more who experience the woes of unemployment and strapped budgets, church leaders say hope comes from putting their faith in God, much like the poor widow whom Jesus saw cast into the temple's treasury "all that she had, even all her living." (See Mark 12:41-44.)

"Tough times create an environment when you have to decide whether you give because you're affluent or as an act of faith," Kester said. "Giving ultimately is a reflection on our dependence on God."

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30 525 Adams Street Sat 8/22 8-5pm Baby items, kayak, sporting goods, clothes, jackets, household items, books, shoes, boots, toys, camping gear, horse tack, and misc.
31 704-705-707 Locust Street Sat 8/22 8am-7 Neighborhood yard sale. Youth bow, clothing (children-adult), lots of misc.
32 715 Center St. East Lot #165 Sat 8/22 8am-7 Lots of miscellaneous, too much to mention.
BUHL
1 1004 Burley Ave Sat 8/22 8am-7 Huge variety of items! HUGE SALE. All proceeds to benefit Bread of Life Community Kitchen. Church parking lot.
2 117 8th Ave. S. Sat 8/22 8-7 52" color TV, entertainment center, kitchen table, chairs, 2 kids beds, kids clothes & toys, lots of knick knacks and much more!
3 19900 Hwy 30 Sat 8/22 7:30-3:30 Huge Garage Sale!!!!!! Tons of tools, bicycles, sewing machine, furniture, vintage vinyl albums and much, much more!!!!
EDEN
8 155 Atherton Ave. Sat 8/22 8-4pm Multifamily yard sale! Lots of stuff! Worth the drive! Corner of Eden Rd. & Atherton.
FILER
9 2212 E. 4000 N. Sat 8/22 8-1 Big moving sale. Everything must go! Antique dining set, furniture, camping and fishing gear, tools, home decor and lots of misc.
10 3815 N. 2500 E. Sat 8/22 9-5pm Men's hand tools and electric tools, router, lathe used only twice, electrical equipment, ceramics, craft wood, household items, stereos, TV, camping gear, misc. & much more! Turn South at Curry Crossing. Follow signs.
11 611 Union Sat 8/22 8am-7 Kids clothing, PS2 games, DVDs, TV with stand, and much more.
12 706 6th. St. West Sat 8/22 9-6 Sale (2) 4-wheelers, set of chrome spoke wheels, (2) TV's, entertainment center, clothes, asst. Christmas decor, commercial swamp coolers, tools, household, other misc items
13 815 Stevens St. Sat 8/22 8-6pm Yam, beanie babies, travel trailer, pickup truck, household stuff, girl clothes, rifles, pellet guns, and more misc.
HAGERMAN
14 Highway 30 Sat 8/22 10-6pm Fantastic Flea Market. Billingsley Creek State Park, 1 mile north Hagerman on Highway 30. New, used, arts, crafts, food, and fun. Live Music This Saturday.
15 Salmon and 3rd Sat 8/22 8am Sun 8/23 8am New building materials, bdrm, set, sliding glass mirror doors, furniture, Antique dressers, organ, steamer trunk, wood stove, cedar chest. Lots of miscellaneous. (Corner of Salmon and 3rd)
HANSEN
15 209 2nd St. E. Sat 8/22 9-5 Sun 8/23 8-12 Child, adult, teenager clothes, housewares, toys, and lots of miscellaneous.
PAUL
33 678 W. 100 S. Sat 8/22 9-2pm Moving sale! Kitchen table/chairs, end tables, cedar chest, holiday decor, full size mattress, futon, etc. clothing and more!
78 113 E Idaho Sat 8/22 8-noon Huge indoor yard sale! Lots of children's clothing, toys & books. Some furniture, skirts, dishes, bedding, fabric & much more. (across from the Post Office)
RUPERT
34 541 5th Street Sat 8/22 9-4 WOW! Fantastic inside sale. Kathi cleaned out her home! Also furniture liquidation. Don't miss out! (Park View Furniture, south side of Rupert Square)
SHOSHONE
35 708 N. Grape St. Sat 8/22 8:30-4pm Sun 8/23 8:30-4pm Family affair, clothing, furniture, dishes, TV, VCR, records, books, canning jars & misc.

100 Announcements

101 Lost and Found

FOUND Chihuahua off of West Falls on Rim View Lane. Male, light tan, 208-733-6779

FOUND fold up camp table on Kimberly Road on August 14. Call 208-423-9064.

FOUND purse at yard sale on 8/14 on Wakefield St in Twin Falls. Call to identify 208-733-9510

LOST Beagle, tri-colored, female, lost in the Buhl/Castelford area. Please call 208-316-1234

LOST Border Collie Black/white/gray, male, small, "Spot". Jerome tags. 308-4361

LOST Pomeranian 7/29. I'm begging anyone if you have my little girl to give her back to me. I'm so heart broken and I love her very much. Reward. 734-3633 or 410-1454

LOST: Kodak Z812 digital camera, blue case, many camera cards with priceless photos. Left at Cascade Park on August 15. Please call 208-339-5313.

106 Special Notices

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Burley Meetings N/S 1321 Oakley Ave. #9 Saturday, 7pm Spanish Speaking, Monday Thursday, 8pm, 219-3403 / 438-0448 / 312-5051 / 679-9414

106 Special Notices

AL-ANON Tuesdays-7:00pm. 1836 Elba, Burley 208-678-9518

CELEBRATE RECOVERY Friday, 6pm Dinner 7pm group Burley Christian Center, 317 W 27 208-312-2987

CHOICES FOR RECOVERY Monday, 4-5:30pm Minidoka Memorial Hospital, 1218 8th St., Rupert. 431-3741

CRYSTAL METH ANONYMOUS Monday & Friday, 6:30pm. 109 E. Main, Burley. 878-CLUB or 312-4590

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS Sunday-11am-12:30pm Sunday-7pm Monday Ladies only, 6-7:30pm

OVERCOMERS OUTREACH Wed., 6:30-7:30pm. First Baptist Church, 2262 Hiland Ave., Burley, 208-678-3678

ROAD 2 RECOVERY Tues. 7:00-8:30pm. 1044 E. Main, Burley 208-670-2578

SUBSTANCE ABUSE RECOVERY SERVICES Friday 7pm, LDS Burley W. Stake, 2420 Park Ave., Burley, 208-678-3933

106 Special Notices

TOPS CLUB ID# 374 Rupert, Thursday, 9:30am. 410 East 3rd, Rupert 436-6037 or 679-3518

107 Pregnancy Alternatives

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

108 Professional Services

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

110 HOME HEALTH CARE

CAREGIVER Room and board in exchange for PT care of elderly woman. Mainly needs caregiver at night. Background check required. Call 208-200-0129

CAREGIVER SEEKING WORK in Twin Falls area, experienced, have refs. Please call 320-1642

SCOOTA TRAILER With tailgate/ ramp combo, \$850. Call 208-736-6723

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BO PEEP CHILD CARE/PRESCHOOL ICCP & CPR Certified. State licensed. Ages 16 mo.-6 yrs. Open 6am-6pm. Call 208-733-5097

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200 Employment

200 Work Wanted

PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE Federal Employment information is free. Remember, no one can promise you a federal job. For free information about federal jobs. Call Career America Connection 478-757-3000

204 Customer Service

CUSTOMER SERVICE Looking for a PT friendly outgoing person to work with customers in a multi media company. Must have good computer & organizational skills. Fax resume to 735-1381

CUSTOMER SERVICE Need Experienced Full-time CSR in Rupert. Call 208-436-9026

206 Drivers

DRIVER Local Beverage Distributor is seeking energetic Delivery Driver. Class A CDL required Clean driving record. Exc. benefit package Drug Free Workplace Apply between 9-3 at 167 Eastland, Twin Falls

REMEMBER That birthday or anniversary picture you ran in the paper. Now is the time to come in and pick up your pictures.

206 Drivers

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

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

207 Education

EDUCATION Filer School District is accepting applications for 5 separate positions:

- *Part-time (6 hr/day) Computer Lab Para Professional
*Part-time (6 hr/day) Para-Professional -Filer High School
*Part-time (5.5 hr/day) Developmental & pre-school Paraprofessional
*Head Girls Basketball Coach
*Assistant Football Coach- Filer Middle School

The applicants for the paraprofessional positions must meet State guidelines for paraprofessionals. The required method of applying is a classified application (available at the Filer District office), resume and three letters of recommendation. These positions will be open until filled.

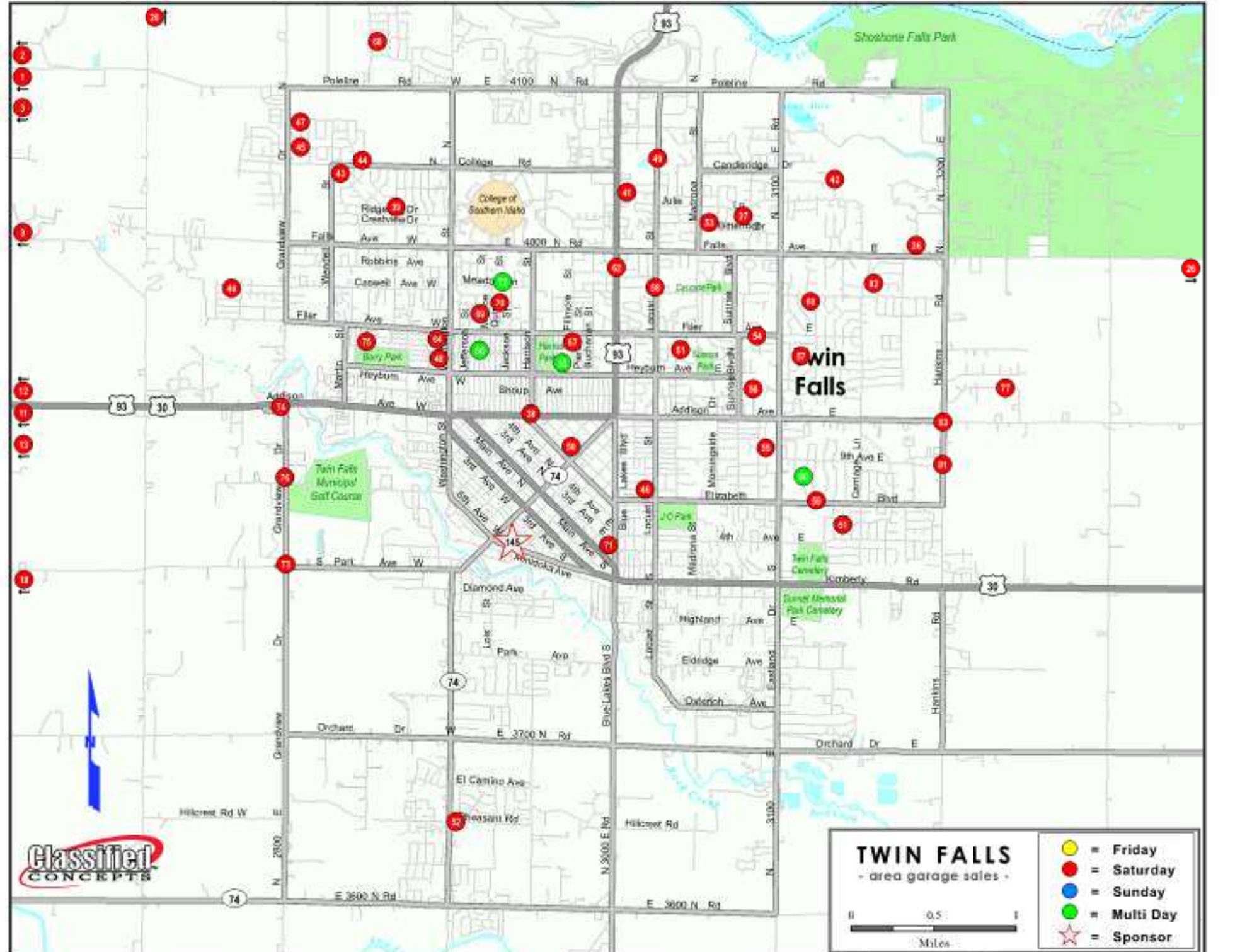
For more information contact Courtney Bingham, Filer School District (208)326-5901 or courtney.bingham@filer.k12.id.us

GARAGE SALE MAP

TWIN FALLS - Saturday, August 22nd 7am-2pm. Multifamily/Estate sale. Small electric appliances-some new in box, figurines, pictures, tons of picture frames, nice golf clubs, many pairs of roller skates & soccer shoes, tons of books & book collections, encyclopedia & weekly reader, antique typewriter & record player, computers, printers, cannisters, dishes, linens many bed sets, tons of clothes name brand women, teens and children, levis mens teens and womens, shoes, Furniture including Double bed, end tables, lamps, entertainment center, chairs, loveseat/couch, tools, many Christmas decorations, luggage, rugs, toaster iron, 2 electric coolers that cool & heat, blankets, elderly items including wheel chair, walkers porta potty, etc. shoe racks, pans, towel sets, file cabinet, phone, answering machine, alarm clocks, BBQ, jewelry, darling kitten, blankets, lots of misc and household items. Too many to list. NO EARLY BIRDS! 455 Fillmore

Haggler's Market Saturday's 11 to 6pm Articles of Interest both New & Used "Name Your Own Price" Corner of South 5th Avenue & Idaho Vendors (All Kinds) Desired 208-420-2861

Come check out all 88888888883333333333 great yard sales this week.





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'10 Ford Mustang
V6 Coupe, Automatic, Power Equipment, & more!
*72 Month term at 4.59% APR O.A.C.

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\$0 Down \$339 Month*

MSRP: \$23,135, Ranch Discount \$1,766, Rebate \$1,000, Military Rebate \$500

'09 Ford Focus
S Package, Automatic, A/C, CD Player
*Must meet all US Govt. guidelines
**60 Month term at 3.94% APR O.A.C.

\$10,530 #49089

\$0 Down \$215 Month**

MSRP: \$17,030, Rebate \$2,000, Military Rebate \$500, CARS Allowance \$4,500*

'10 Ford Fusion
Sport Pkg., Automatic, V6, SYNC, Power Equip.
*Must meet all US Govt. guidelines
**72 Month term at 4.29% APR O.A.C.

\$17,260 #410010

\$0 Down \$297 Month*

MSRP: \$23,760, Rebate \$1,500, Military Rebate \$500, CARS Allowance \$4,500*

2009 Ford Escape HYBRID

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2010 Mercury Milan HYBRID

'09 Ford Ranger
XL Pkg., Long Bed, A/C
*Must meet all US Govt. guidelines
**60 Month term at 3.94% APR O.A.C.

\$11,250 #49088

\$0 Down \$229 Month**

MSRP: \$19,250, Rebate \$4,000, Military Rebate \$500, CARS Allowance** \$3,500*

'09 Ford Escape
XLT, 4X4, Power Equip., Chrome Clad Wheels
*Must meet all US Govt. guidelines. Call for details. **72 Month term at 4.29% APR O.A.C.

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