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## CROWDED JAIL

"Room is our enemy.  
All else, we can and will deal with."

— Twin Falls County Sheriff Tom Carter



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Inmates at the Twin Falls County Jail play a game of handball Monday afternoon at the facility's outdoor exercise area.

By Andrea Jackson  
Times-News writer

An industrial-grade refrigerator is stocked full of salads and pasta at the Twin Falls County Jail, while washing machines churned with laundry in a small, humid room near cells where inmates slept on the floor.

Twin Falls county commissioners viewed those crowded sites on Monday during one of four annual tours of the county jail that are required under Idaho code. They noted inmate crowding, along with recent improvements and some infrastructural needs, but shied away from talk of building a whole new lockup.

About 190 inmates were being held Monday in the 20-year-old jail that was originally designed for 140, authorities said.

"Room is our enemy," said

## AS INMATE POPULATION CONTINUES TO RISE, LEADERS SHY AWAY FROM BUILDING NEW TWIN FALLS COUNTY LOCKUP

Twin Falls County Sheriff Tom Carter, after a tour with county commissioners Tom Mikesell and Terry Kramer, and Jail Administrator Doug Hughes. "All else, we can and will deal with," the sheriff said.

Because of the economy, Carter said now is the wrong time to campaign for a new jail and that the county is getting by with its 20-year-old facility, while continuing to send overflow inmates to jails in Blaine County and Gooding County at comparable costs. "It's easier to keep it (jail) up, than to catch up," said Carter.

The inmate population "is not going to go down," said Hughes. The next couple of years will likely bring continued growth to the local incarcerated population, he said.

In nearby Jerome County, commissioners are working to build a new facility with the help of private consultants they've hired. If Jerome County gets a new jail, that also could help Twin Falls County, Carter said Monday.

As early back as 1988, the Twin Falls County Jail was on the top floor of the Twin Falls County building, near the commissioners' current

offices. Since then, the current jail was built and has expanded by adding multipurpose rooms to accommodate growth.

Commissioners on Monday pointed to recently installed improvements at the jail, while highlighting others that remain on their radar.

A room that is used for inmate classes has some new technology that was put to use for the first time this month.

The room is now being used for another purpose: to

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## Officials say Dell closure creating opportunities

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

State and local officials say there's a silver lining in the closure of the Dell call center: It gives Twin Falls the opportunity to do something it hasn't done for some time — create new jobs.

On Thursday, Dell Computer Inc. announced it will close the center in January, eliminating 500 jobs and nearly \$20 million in local economic activity.

The announcement caught state and local officials by surprise, but on Monday Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter met with Dell execu-

tives and city and state economic development officials to discuss help for laid-off workers and ways to reuse the 48,000-square-foot building on Pole Line Road.

Officials who attended the meeting in Twin Falls said plans were discussed to market the facility to other technical support businesses.

"We're going to pool all our resources together and try to form a strategy," said Mayor Lance Clow.

But participants said nothing is planned because it's unclear if or when Dell

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WATCH an interview with Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter discussing the state's reaction to the Dell closure.

## Gov. Otter kicks off T.F. Alternate Route

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

With gusts of wind blowing up dust in Rock Creek Canyon behind him, Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter led the groundbreaking ceremony Monday for the Twin Falls Alternate Route.

The \$26.6 million, six-mile project is from Pole Line Road to 2400 East Road and heads south to the U.S. Highway 93-U.S. Highway 30 junction. After languishing for years on highway priority lists, the project moves forward thanks to stimulus money, and will include a four-lane bridge over Rock Creek.

Otter and other public officials said the project is

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long overdue and used the occasion to emphasize the need to improve roads across the state for economic development, safety and to relieve congestion.

"Today is a day to celebrate. It's a day to celebrate something that we finally, after all the hard work and all the effort, we finally got to a point to where now we can start planning our

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From left, Idaho Lt. Gov. Brad Little, Glanbia President and CEO Jeff Williams, Idaho Gov. C.L. 'Butch' Otter — sporting a hard hat shaped into a cowboy hat — and state Rep. Leon Smith chat after breaking ground at the site of a new bridge that will be built with federal stimulus funding at Rock Creek Canyon along Pole Line Road west of Twin Falls.

## State, inmate's parents settle federal lawsuit

By Rebecca Boone  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The Idaho Department of Correction and the parents of an inmate who killed himself in a private prison have reached a settlement ending a federal lawsuit over the son's death.

The agreement, approved Sunday by U.S. District

Judge B. Lynn Winnmill, also marks the end of lawsuits the parties had filed against each other in state court after previous settlement talks fell apart earlier this year.

The case arose after the 2007 death of Scot Noble Payne, who had been sent to a private Texas prison with hundreds of other inmates

to alleviate overcrowding in Idaho. Payne slashed his own throat, and Idaho officials who investigated the Dickens County Correctional Facility said the deplorable conditions at the prison and the physical environment of Noble's solitary cell could have contributed to his suicide.

Payne's mother, Shirley

Noble, and his father, Alberto Payne, sued the Idaho Department of Correction, saying the department was responsible for the wrongful death of their son. The parties went into mediation to see if they could reach a settlement, and in February both sides

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## Swine flu case reported at Xavier Charter School

By Ben Botkin  
Times-News writer

An elementary student at Xavier Charter School has been diagnosed with having H1N1 flu, a sign that swine flu has arrived in the Magic Valley this school year.

Xavier parents were notified

Monday about the case in an e-mail that said the school will remain open and that the diagnosed student is at home. It's the first reported case among Magic Valley schools. According to a report released Friday by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, there had been no

reported cases of swine flu in the Magic Valley in September.

"We will continue to monitor state and local health officials' reports, and notify parents if the situation changes and it becomes necessary to close school," the Xavier e-mail states. "Although we do not anticipate school clo-

sures in our area, these events present an opportunity to be prepared and make plans in the unlikely event of a closure."

The e-mail also advises parents to plan ahead and — if schools are closed — not put their children in places where they are in contact with other youngsters, like a

friend's house or group child care setting.

"The school has e-mailed every family," said school board member Teresa Berry, adding that the goal is to inform them, not spread panic.

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# Twin Falls Council approves Knievel land use change

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls City Council agreed Monday to make technical changes to an agreement designed to allow the city to receive property that includes the Evel Knievel jump site.

The 7-0 decision pertains to a 2007 agreement the city entered into with Casper Southgate LLC, in which the city would trade nearly seven acres for land that includes the jump site and nearby land for parking and access to Hankins

Road. The developer would also build the city a paved access road through his proposed subdivision to the city's police gun range.

Since then Casper Southgate LLC sold its land to Renaissance Development LLC, which plans to develop the subdivision. The council agreed to allow the subdivision to be developed in multiple phases and to change limitations for who can use the access road to the police gun range.

The changes were needed in order for the city to

continue efforts to open access along the Snake River and allow people to visit the dirt ramp Knievel used in 1974.

In many ways, the unsuccessful rocket jump by the world's best-known daredevil put Twin Falls on the map, and the city has long sought to make it available for tourism.

"It is a big part of Twin Falls history," said Council member Don Hall. "It is really an icon in this community. People come here to see that, and there's a lot of history there."

# Utah crews search for BASE jumper from Missouri

FILLMORE, Utah (AP) — Search and rescue crews have searched unsuccessfully for a man missing since last week in west-central Utah after BASE jumping with a Twin Falls man.

The Millard County Sheriff's Office says 31-year-old Leroy Buckley, of Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and 44-year-old Kurt Gregory, of Twin Falls, hiked to Notch Peak to BASE jump on Wednesday. Gregory lost sight of Buckley along a ledge near the base of the peak.

Gregory searched but couldn't find Buckley and called police using an emergency beacon when he ran out of water. A Utah Department of Public Safety helicopter picked up Gregory on Wednesday.

Crews started an extensive search of the area by ground and air, but Buckley remains missing.

BASE jumpers use a quick-release parachute to

jump from mountains, cliffs, buildings and bridges, such as the Perrine Bridge.

Gregory was involved in another BASE jumping incident at the Perrine Bridge, according to *Times-News* archives.

On Sept. 10, 2007 — almost exactly two years ago to the day of the Utah incident — Gregory and a friend, Andrew J. Karnowski were BASE jumping off the Perrine Bridge when Karnowski's chute snagged the beam of the bridge.

After dangling in his harness for two and a half hours from the bridge, Karnowski was lowered to a boat in the Snake River in an effort that involved about 20 people from the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office and a hospital emergency team. Gregory had landed safely on the river's south bank.

Karnowski, who had hit his head, survived the accident. At the time, officials

said the rescue was the first of its kind for the Perrine Bridge.

Millard County Sheriff Robert Dekker told the *Times-News* on Monday afternoon that wind gusts of up to 50 mph and an inch of hail in the weather forecast has led to the search's suspension, adding that Gregory has helped with the search.

Gregory is also listed in a 2008 *Times-News* story as one of about 10 organizers of the Twin Falls BASE Association.

The association was formed following the February 2008 death of a BASE jumper who jumped off the Perrine Bridge and died of exposure after failing to find a trail that leads out of the canyon.

Gregory couldn't be reached for comment Monday.

*Times-News* reporter Ben Botkin contributed to this report.

# No one injured in airplane fire at Hailey's Friedman Airport

By Ariel Hansen  
Times-News writer

HAILEY — Four occupants of an aircraft landing Sunday in Hailey escaped injury when the airplane's landing gear gave out.

As a Beechcraft Bonanza airplane was landing at Hailey's Friedman Memorial Airport on Sunday afternoon, it veered east off the runway. The front landing gear collapsed, but the four occupants were able to get out safely, and were examined and released at the scene, according to a press release from the Hailey Fire Department.

The plane's engine caught fire, and the blaze was controlled by airport fire personnel. It was quickly extinguished, but it took about an hour to clean up the debris and the aircraft.

"It was somewhat anticlimactic," said Mike Chapman, Hailey fire chief. He said his department responds to about a dozen incidents a year at the airport, but this is the first time an engine has ignited after a crash. Just like cars, he said, few crashes result in fire. "It's not like Hollywood."

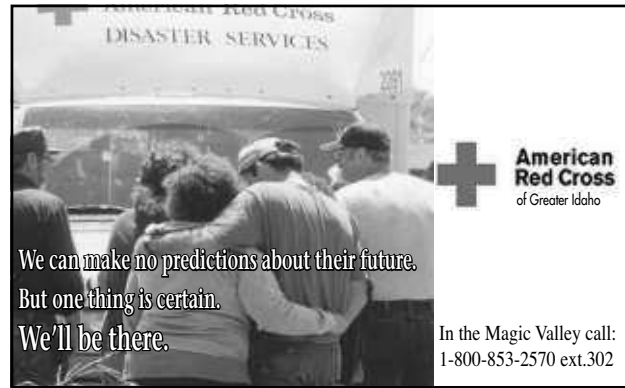
As the runway is adjacent to Idaho Highway 75,

the portion of the highway closest to the fire was briefly closed and traffic was diverted for about half an hour through the Woodside neighborhood. The closure was primarily intended to avoid vehicle crashes due to drivers paying attention to the crash instead of the road, Chapman said.

The airport reopened at about 5:10 p.m., about an hour and 20 minutes after

the incident was first reported.

The Federal Aviation Administration is expected to look into the crash, Chapman said, though he suspected a weather front moving through Hailey at the time may have been influential. "We had a crosswind at the time which was thought to be a contributing factor," Chapman said.



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# Wendell man arrested in shooting

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Jerome police arrested a Wendell man Sunday night for allegedly shooting a gun at an occupied vehicle, according to a press release from the department Monday afternoon.

Raymundo J. Luna-Gomez, 22, was arrested on a charge of unlawfully discharging a firearm, the press release states.

A city patrolman heard shots fired around the 100 block of East Avenue C at about 9:53 p.m. on Sunday, and saw a sport utility

vehicle leaving that area at a high rate of speed, according to the release.

"Officers stopped the vehicle and a subsequent investigation revealed that one of the vehicle occupants had fired several rounds from a handgun toward another occupied

vehicle in the area," the release states.

Police found a weapon near the scene, according to the press release, and no injuries were reported.

Police are still investigating the shooting and ask anyone with information to call 324-4328.

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## How a loose-lipped lieutenant sparked draft resistance at Hunt Camp

On June 20, 1944, Lt. B.M. Harrington swore a group of draftees into the Army at a ceremony in Jerome County. He didn't choose his words wisely.

"We in the American armed forces are happy to welcome you Japanese among our ranks, even though your country, Japan, is at war with the United States," said Harrington, a member of the Army's Traveling and Examining Board. "The fact that you young Japanese are willing to fight against your country should prove to all that there are a few Japanese who are good Americans."

Trouble was, the 65 young men standing in front of him at the Minidoka Relocation Center were as American as Harrington — born and raised in the Seattle area to parents of Japanese ancestry and interned at the Hunt Camp because of that.

After Harrington sat down, one of the Japanese-American inductees renounced his oath. There would be others.

The story of the Hunt Camp draft resisters is little known in Idaho, although it was the subject of a 2001 book by Eric Muller, a professor of law at the University of North Carolina. The Minidoka center sent hundreds of young men off to war.

But when the government started to draft Nisei — as Japanese-ancestry American citizens were called — in 1944, the irony couldn't be more acute. The Army would give the Nisei draftees a rifle and send them off the kill Germans in Europe, while their wives, children, parents and relatives would be detained behind barbed wire by other soldiers with rifles.

Thirty-three Hunt Camp Nisei were eventually charged, tried and convicted of draft evasion and sentenced by U.S. District Judge Chase Clark — who ironically was governor of Idaho at the time of Pearl Harbor — to stretches ranging from 18 months to 39 months in prison. Most of them did their time at McNeil Island, a high-security, fortress-like federal lockup in the Puget Sound. They weren't released until 1946.

On Christmas Day 1947, President Truman pardoned all wartime draft resisters. And in 1988, Congress passed and President Reagan signed legislation apologizing for the wartime relocations and awarding \$20,000 compensation to each internee.

But given the patriotic fervor with which other

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Hunt Camp internees embraced their country's cause during World War II, it's worth asking whether there would have been any draft resisters at Minidoka if the Army had treated them with the respect due any American citizen.

## New booster club to help Twin Falls parents promote academic excellence

By Ben Botkin  
Times-News writer

A new club is starting up for Twin Falls parents and students interested in academics.

The Twin Falls Academic Booster Club is intended to promote academic excellence in the school district and recognize students for their achievements, said Carrie Edlund, who is organizing the club.

Its long-term goals are still under discussion, because the club just had its

first organizational meeting last week. Potential ideas, though, include: a club for students who score high on their SAT tests, scholarships for students and test preparation and mock exams for SAT tests.

"I would love to have a way for other parents to share their bits of knowledge," Edlund said.

The club's intended to be for parents and students of all grade levels throughout the district, not just high school students preparing for college, she said.

### LEARN MORE

The next meeting of the Twin Falls Academic Booster Club is at 7 p.m. Oct. 8, at Canyon Ridge High School. Information: 208-421-2454 or tfacademicboosters@gmail.com.

Six parents attended the first organizational meeting. Thirty-five parents are also on Edlund's e-mail list to receive information about the club's activities. The club is also intended

to help not only the top achieving students, but also anyone who wants more rigorous academic opportunities.

Patti O'Dell, associate superintendent of Twin Falls School District, said the district is supportive of the new organization's efforts. District administrators also attended the meeting last week.

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# An exchange of ideas



Vernon Jordan, former advisor for President Clinton, had time for chit-chat while signing copies of his book 'Make It Plain: Standing Up and Speaking Out.'

Photo courtesy Sun Valley Writers Conference

## S.V. Writers Conference gathers variety of top authors

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — It's billed as an exchange of words — and ideas — and the annual Sun Valley Writers Conference held recently had plenty of both.

One of the speakers who seemed to have the most

impact was Abraham Verghese, author of "Cutting for Stone."

Verghese, who was among the first doctors in the U.S. to treat AIDS patients, described how he became known as the go-to doctor for those suffering with chronic fatigue syndrome because he always spends a

full hour examining those patients from head to toe and listening to their concerns.

In the end, he said, he doesn't offer them any additional remedies than what the Mayo Clinic and others have already offered. But they trust his diagnosis because he has taken the

time for them.

Unfortunately, Verghese said, the patient in the bed has become an icon for the "real patient" on the computer screen.

Phil Zabriskie, who covered the capture of Saddam Hussein as a correspondent

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## Brother's rare disease inspires boy to organize charity ride in Wood River Valley

By Ariel Hansen  
Times-News writer

HAILEY — It's only been a few months since 12-year-old Nash Hartdegen's older brother, Zac Gilstrap, was diagnosed with a rare form of multiple sclerosis that has required a summer of hospitalization in Idaho and Utah.

As he followed his family to multiple medical facilities, Nash came up with an idea: a fundraising bicycle ride through the Wood River Valley.

"To want to do something special, especially after he's been kind of robbed of this summer, it's so sweet, it just amazes me," said Kimberly Coonis, mother of both Nash and 26-year-old Gilstrap.

Nash was inspired by a ride for multiple sclerosis in McCall three weeks ago, at which several dozen employees of Albertsons stores wore shirts reading "I Ride for Zac." Gilstrap formerly worked for the grocery store chain.

Nash went to Tod Gunter, social worker at Wood River Middle School, and asked for his help in organizing a similar event closer to home.

"It's great to see a kid who can take their frustration and their grief and put it in a

### JOIN THE RIDE

Registration for the "I Ride for Zac Gilstrap" family bicycle ride will start at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Albertsons in Hailey. Participants are expected to donate or raise \$20 in pledges. Pledge sheets are available at Albertsons, or by calling Tod Gunter, 481-2341.

The ride will go from Hailey to Ketchum, and a shuttle will be available for those who want a return ride.

For information about the benefit show on Sept. 26, visit Facebook.com and search "Zac Gilstrap show."

direction where they're doing something positive with it," Gunter said. "I've seen examples of this before, but Nash takes it to another level."

Gunter said every child at Nash's school knows the ride is coming up, and the boy has put up flyers all over the valley to advertise the event. More than \$1,500 has been raised or pledged so far, including \$1,000 raised solely by Nash, Coonis said, and a large number of day-of registrations are expected.

The family brought Gilstrap home from a hospital in Salt Lake City last



Courtesy photo

Family and friends of Zac Gilstrap, center, pose with the 26-year-old outside the University of Utah hospital, wearing 'I Ride for Zac' T-shirts. Zac was diagnosed with a rare, aggressive form of multiple sclerosis this summer. His brother, 12-year-old Nash Hartdegen, has organized a fundraising bicycle ride this weekend in the Wood River Valley to help offset the costs of Zac's care.

weekend, as he has made remarkable progress in responding to his illness. Zac suffers from the Marburg's Variant of multiple sclerosis,

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## Hagerman Public Library holds fundraising drive

By Kimberly Williams-Brackett  
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN — The Hagerman Public Library board of trustees has launched a fundraising campaign to benefit the library's building fund.

The theme is "Bursting at the Seams," which is appropriate for a 750 square-foot library nearly packed to the rafters with books.

Director Barbara Stobart established donation cans at the Hagerman City Hall and the library to collect spare change and checks. She said library officials are a little short of the asking price of five city lots they're in the process of trying to acquire.

"We've been getting awesome donations," said Stobart.

In addition, the library is hosting another book sale in conjunction with a Hot Wheels race during the Hagerman Valley Chamber of Commerce's 10th annual Hagerman Swap Meet and Car Show on Saturday at the city park. Hot Wheels cars will be sold for \$3 and races will take place from 3 to 4 p.m. Races are open for all ages and the top

three placers of the timed event will win gift certificates.

Racers cannot bring their own cars, said Trustee Nancy Bright.

In other business, the Hagerman City Council authorized the library board to purchase property for a new library.

Trustee Jasmine Call will visit with the Hagerman High School senior class about possibly painting the library for their senior project.

Stobart said she was planning to pull books from the Idaho section to make room. Those books may be donated to the Twin Falls Public Library for its Idaho and Pacific Northwest History Room.

Kimberly Williams-Brackett may be reached at gusandkim@rtci.net.

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 — Nikki Marlette on the nearly 3,000 small American flags on display on the Ohio Statehouse lawn

EDITORIAL

## Whatever succeeds Dell can make our economy stronger

**W**e've been here before. Last week's announcement that Dell Computers, Inc. will shutter its Twin Falls call center, eliminate or move 500 jobs and take a \$20 million divot out of the local economy was stark, but the reality is this:

The 1987 closure of the Tupperware plant in Jerome and the 2002 demise of J.R. Simplot's potato-processing facility in Heyburn — which employed 700 and 168 workers, respectively — made the Magic Valley's economy more robust in the long run.

Why? Because it made regional economic development efforts not just possible but necessary.

"(The Tupperware closure) was probably one of the better things that ever happened to us," businessman John Maxwell, one of the catalysts of the Jerome redevelopment campaign, said in 1993. "It got us off our duffs and got us recruiting businesses."

In the scheme of things, the loss of Tupperware was more severe than the potential economic consequences of the Dell announcement. In 1987, south-central Idaho was barely emerging from the longest economic downtown since the Great Depression. As a consequence of the farm crisis that began in 1981, construction had been moribund for years by 1987, county and city budgets were flat and job growth weak.

The 700 jobs lost at Tupperware represented 2.5 percent of all the jobs in the Twin Falls/Jerome/Gooding labor market; the 500 jobs at Dell account for just 1 percent of the total today.

And although Tupperware didn't pay \$15 to \$18 an hour, as Dell does, the average compensation at Tupperware was significantly higher than the typical hourly wage in the area then.

In the five years that followed, Bridon Cordage, Spears Manufacturing, Keebler Co. and Jerome Cheese all set up shop in Jerome, and the community has consistently attracted new companies ever since.

The turnaround was even quicker in the Mini-Cassia area after Simplot upped-stakes seven years ago. The timing dovetailed with the expansion of the dairy industry, which quickly took up much of the slack in the local labor market. Attracted by a stable, efficient workforce, food-processing companies followed — and they haven't stopped relocating in Burley and Heyburn.

Despite the current recession, the Mini-Cassia and Jerome economies are healthier today than they were before the Simplot and Tupperware closures because they're more diverse, with a more nimble workforce and economic development infrastructures that know how to attract business.

There will be some hard times for Twin Falls and the wider regional labor market after Dell leaves, but they won't last. The city and the broader Magic Valley community have too much to offer.

**Our view:** Twin Falls should emerge from the Dell closure better positioned to attract good jobs.

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

## Thanks to the deficit, the buck stops right here

**B**eware of deficit fetishism. Last week we learned that the national debt is likely to grow by more than \$9 billion. That's not great news — no one likes a big deficit — but President Obama inherited an economic mess from the Bush administration, and the cleanup comes with an inevitably high price tag. We're paying it now.



Joseph E. Stiglitz

There are no easy options. When financial crises strike, economic growth declines and living standards drop, resulting in lower tax revenues and greater need for government assistance — all of which leads to higher fiscal imbalances.

What really matters is not the size of the deficit but how we're spending our money. If we expand our debt in order to make high-return, productive investments, the economy can become stronger than if we slash expenditures.

There are other consequences, however, that we're missing in the debate over all this red ink. Our budget deficit will accelerate a process already well underway — a changing role for the U.S. dollar in the global economy.

The domino effect is straightforward: Higher deficits spark market concerns over future inflation; concerns of inflation contribute to a weaker dollar; and both come together to undermine the greenback's role as a reliable store of value around the world. Right now, with so much unused capacity in the American economy and so much unemployment — likely to persist for at least another year or two — the more pressing worry is deflation, not inflation. But as the economy eventually recovers,



the possibility of inflation will loom, and with forward-looking markets, worries about the future often play out in the present. Anxieties about future inflation can lead to a weaker dollar today.

So, are these anxieties justifiable? And what do they portend for the global financial system?

The worries are justified, even though Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke, recently nominated for another four-year term, assures us that he will deftly manage monetary policy to keep the economy on an even keel.

This is a tough balancing act — move too quickly or too vigorously, and you plunge the economy into another downturn; too slowly or too weakly, and inflation can be unleashed. Anyone looking at the Fed's record in recent years will be skeptical of its forecasting skills and its ability to get the balance right.

In addition, international markets understand that the United States may face strong incentives to reduce the real value of its debts through inflation, which makes each dollar owed worth less. If market players are worried about inflation that is bad news for the dollar. Holding dollars today represents risk without reward: The

returns to U.S. Treasury bills are near zero, and even those most confident in the Federal Reserve must acknowledge the chance that things will not go smoothly.

For decades, other nations have held dollars in their central bank reserves, seeking to give confidence to their country and currency. But in a globalized economy, why should the entire financial system depend on the vagaries of what happens in America?

The current system is not only bad for the world, it is bad for the United States, too. In effect, as other countries hold more dollar reserves, we are exporting T-bills rather than automobiles, and exporting T-bills doesn't create jobs. We used to offset this drag on the economy by running a fiscal deficit. But going forward, we won't find it as easy to do this. And the Fed may not be able to do the trick — as we have learned, expansionary monetary policy poses its own risks.

It's better for the United States to participate in the construction of a new system than have it happen without us.

America has seen great advantages with the dollar as the world's reserve currency of choice, particu-

larly the ability to borrow at low interest rates seemingly without limit. But we haven't seen the costs as clearly: the inevitable trade deficits, the instability, the weaker global economy.

The benefits to us are likely to shrink as countries shift their holdings away from the dollar.

It is happening already, and the process is likely to accelerate. Chinese authorities have openly expressed concerns about the value of the country's vast dollar reserves. Not surprisingly, China and other nations holding lots of U.S. debt support efforts to build a new system.

America should show leadership in helping shape this new structure and managing the transition, rather than burying its head in the sand. We may have preferred to keep the old system, in which the dollar reigned supreme, but that's no longer an option.

*Joseph Stiglitz, the 2001 Nobel Prize winner in economics, is a professor of economics at Columbia University and former chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers during the Clinton administration. He wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Magic Valley should salute the 'innocent' bicyclists

John Ellis' Sept. 1 letter took issue with a *Times-News* editorial claim that "there is no such thing as a minor encounter between a motorist and a bicyclist." Ellis insisted that a "check of police reports will show that there are many such encounters that result in minor or no injury." When he is not checking police reports for surviving cyclists, I wonder if Mr. Ellis is not gathering carrion for his dinner. This, too, might be survivable if it is cooked up well enough.

The main point of the Ellis letter, which cites the recent downtown bicycle death and the bicycle awareness parade of last July, seems to be that cyclists are careless and often to blame for collisions.

Even if the statistic is false that 90 percent of bicycle-car crashes are the fault of motorists (many of whom are simply blind to the presence of bicycles), a bicyclist is,

almost by definition, innocent. A person conducting his business on a bicycle is not contributing to the fouling of our air, he is not clogging arteries, he is not glutting oil-rich oligarchs, and he is not adding to our landfills. A bicyclist is as innocent as a raindrop falling on a sludge pond.

Instead of looking to blame cyclists for their carelessness, Ellis and the rest of us ought to salute them for pedaling and make our town safer for them.

**BRENDA LARSEN**  
Twin Falls

### Good job to Twin Falls City Council for balancing budget

I just wanted to say good job to the Twin Falls City Council as well as all the supporting staff for the completion of the new budget. Even in this economic environment, you were able to balance the budget again and decrease overall spending.

Additionally, I am pretty sure that

you did not have to lay off any employees of the city. Councilman Kezele was within his duties to question the budget. However let's not "cut spending" just to "cut spending." If you lay off or eliminate jobs, you can increase costs to government and citizens. When people lose their employment, health insurance is gone and obtaining new health insurance is a real struggle.

My wife and I have both experienced it during our marriage. Even though we are reasonably healthy, "pre-existing conditions," gender rating, age, etc., caused our choices to be about the same as a new house payment. We were lucky as we had some resources to draw back upon; most people do not. If we eliminate jobs, we increase the unemployment claims, Medicaid, food stamps, indigent claims, etc., so on the surface, we may have cut some expense but we build it right back up on the other side.

**KEVIN DANE**  
Twin Falls

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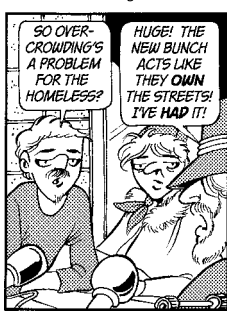
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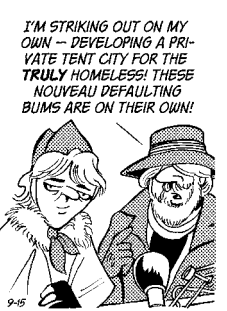
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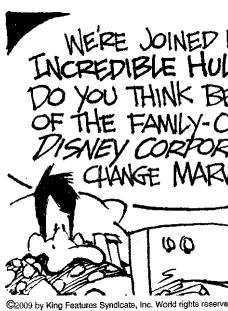
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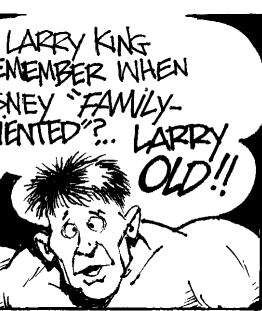
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AROUND THE WORLD

Egypt

Bin Laden calls for Americans to end Afghan war

CAIRO — Osama bin Laden said in a new audiotape that President Obama's strategy in Afghanistan is "hopeless" and called on Americans to resolve the conflict with al-Qaida by ending the war there and breaking the U.S. alliance with Israel.

In the message marking the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, the al-Qaida leader avoided his usual rhetoric of jihad and instead took a more analytical tone, claiming its differences with the U.S. stemmed from the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

But analysts said Monday that the message's tone and its unusually short length — only 11 minutes, far shorter than others released by al-Qaida to mark the anniversary — was an indication that al-Qaida was struggling to maintain interest eight years after its most shattering terror attacks.

NEW YORK Residences raided in terrorism probe

Law enforcement agents raided residences in New York City before dawn Monday as part of a terrorism investigation.

One senator briefed Monday by federal law enforcement authorities on the raids said a terrorist attack was not believed to be imminent.

New York Police Department spokesman Paul Browne confirmed that searches were conducted in the borough of Queens by agents of a joint terrorism task force. He would not discuss the matter further.

Authorities have not found any weapons ready for use — such as a bomb — that would indicate an attack was imminent, they said. Nevertheless, one of the officials called the threat very real and emphasized the urgency of the threat.

The investigation was continuing.

INDONESIA Lawmakers pass law on stoning to death

BANDA ACEH — Adulterers can be stoned to death and homosexuality is punishable by steep prison terms under a new law passed unanimously by lawmakers in Indonesia's devoutly Muslim Aceh province Monday.

Aceh's regional parliament adopted the bill despite strong objections from human rights groups and the province's deputy governor who said the legislation needed more careful consideration because it imposes a new form of capital punishment.

— The Associated Press

Showerheads may harbor potentially dangerous bacteria

By Randolph E. Schmid Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — In what may be the scariest shower news since Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho," a study says showerheads can harbor tiny bacteria that come spraying into your face when you wash.

People with normal immune systems have little to fear, but these microbes could be a concern for folks with cystic fibrosis or AIDS, people who are undergoing cancer treatment or those who have had a recent organ transplant.

Researchers at the University of Colorado tested 45 showers in five states as part of a larger study of the microbiology of air and water in homes, schools and public buildings. They report their shower findings in Tuesday's edition of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

In general, is it dangerous to take showers? "Probably not, if

INSIDE

Researchers find those who have swine flu can spread it for a week.

See Business 4

your immune system is not compromised in some way," lead author Norman R. Pace says. "But it's like anything else — there is a risk associated with it."

The researchers offer suggestions for the wary, such as getting all-metal showerheads, which microbes have a harder time clinging to.

Still, showerheads are full of nooks and crannies, making them hard to clean, the researchers note, and the microbes come back even after treatment with bleach.

People who have filtered showerheads could replace the filter weekly, added co-author Laura K. Baumgartner. And, she said, baths don't splash microbes into the air as much as showers, which blast them into

easily inhaled aerosol form.

It doesn't seem as frightening as the famous murder-in-the-shower scene in Hitchcock's classic 1960 movie. But it's something to be reckoned with all the same.

The bugs in question are Mycobacterium avium, which have been linked to lung disease in some people.

Indeed, studies by the National Jewish Hospital in Denver suggest increases in pulmonary infections in the United States in recent decades from species like M. avium may be linked to people taking more showers and fewer baths, according to Pace.

Symptoms of infection can include tiredness, a persistent, dry cough, shortness of breath, weakness and "generally feeling bad," he said.

Showerheads were sampled at houses, apartment buildings and public places in New York, Illinois, Colorado, Tennessee and North Dakota.



Clues point to inside job in Yale killing

By Pat Eaton-Robb Associated Press writer

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Clues increasingly pointed to an inside job Monday in the slaying of a Yale graduate student whose body was found stuffed inside a wall five days after she vanished from a heavily secured lab building accessible only to university employees.

Police on Monday sought to calm fears on the Ivy League campus, saying the death of 24-year-old Annie Le was a targeted act. But they declined to name a suspect or say why anyone would want to kill the young woman just days before she was to be married.

"We're not believing it's a random act," said officer Joe Avery, a police spokesman. No one else is in danger, he said, though he would not provide details and denied broadcast reports that police had a suspect in custody.

Yale officials said the building where Le worked would reopen under increased security. Still, some students worried

Building's blueprints used in search

More than 100 local, state and federal police had searched the building where a body was found on Sunday. It is believed to be the missing Yale student.



SOURCES: ESRI; Yale University

about their safety. "I'm not walking at nights by myself anymore," said student Natoya Peart, 21, of Jamaica. "It could happen to anyone, anytime, anywhere."

Michael Vishnevetsky, 21, of New York, said he did not feel safe when he made a late trip to his lab Sunday in a different building. "It felt very different than how I usually felt," he said.

Twenty-year-old Muneeb Sultan said he's shocked that a killing could take place in a secure Yale building.

"It's a frightening idea that there's a murderer

walking around on campus," said Sultan, a chemistry student.

Police found Le's body about 5 p.m. Sunday, the day she was to marry Columbia University graduate student Jonathan Widawsky, lovingly referred to on her Facebook page as "my best friend." The couple met as undergraduates at the University of Rochester and were eagerly awaiting their planned wedding on Long Island.

Police have said Widawsky is not a suspect and helped detectives in their investigation.

Iran to meet world powers on nukes

VIENNA (AP) — Iran warned the U.S. and Israel on Monday it will repel any attack — while also tamping down tensions by agreeing to meet with Washington and other world powers more than a year after talks broke down over Tehran's refusal to curb its nuclear activities.

The U.S., Iran and European Union expressed hope the Oct. 1 talks could lead to substantive negotiations — despite Iranian warnings it would not even discuss

meeting U.N. Security Council demands that it freeze uranium enrichment. But White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said enrichment — which can make both nuclear fuel and fissile warhead material — "would be part of the discussion," along with Tehran's "illicit nuclear weapons program."

The prime minister of Israel, Iran's most bitter foe, was quoted as urging tougher action, including additional sanctions to cripple Tehran's economy and turn Iranians against

the government.

Iran also sounded a tough note — accusing the U.S. of amassing "frightening and dreadful weaponry in ... the Persian Gulf" and warning Israel and the United States that it is ready to defend itself against any attack on Iranian nuclear facilities.

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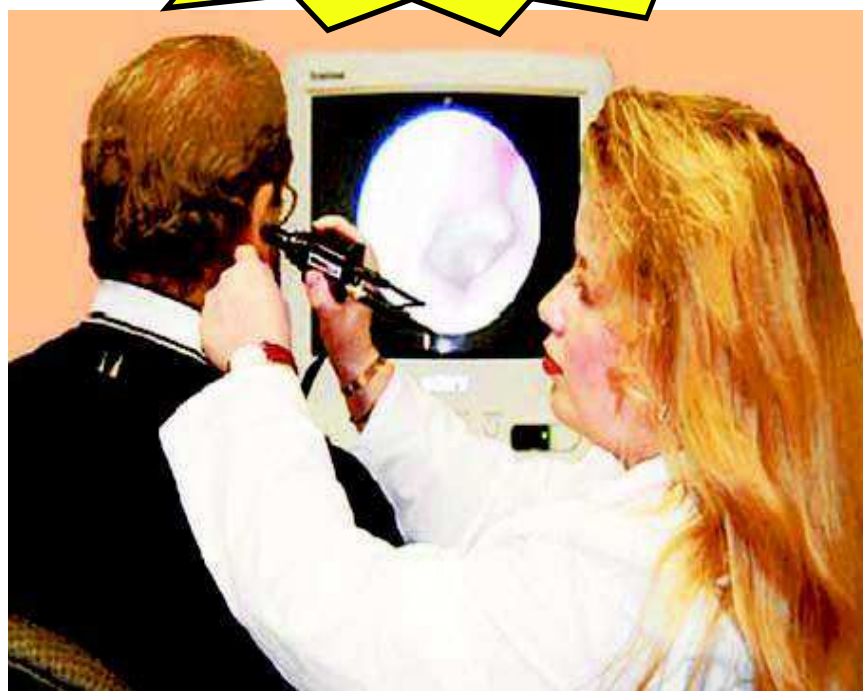
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# Nation's corn crop keeps growing

## Big harvest possible if frost stays away

By **Cindy Snyder**  
Times-News correspondent

If the old adage holds that "big crops get bigger," the 2009 crop could be a bin buster.

But many producers in the nation's Corn Belt continue to point out that counting bushels before the crop matures is like counting chicks before the eggs hatch. They say the first killing frost can still steal

potential bushels from a crop that was planted late and has struggled through one of the coldest Julys in the last two decades.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is projecting an average U.S. corn yield of 161.9 bushels per acre, up 2.4 bushels per acre from the August estimate and about 5 bushels over last year's crop. If the crop escapes a frost before maturity, that would put

production at 12.96 billion bushels, 194 million bushels higher than last month's forecast.

Large increases in expected yield are projected for Illinois, Michigan, Missouri and South Dakota. The western corn belt remains the most vulnerable to frost.

Producers raising corn for grain in the Magic Valley are also hoping for a late fall.

## DEMAND FOR CORN UP

As the corn crop grows so does demand.

Feed and residual use is now projected at 5.35 billion bushels, 50 million bushels greater than last month and 100 million bushels larger than the 2008-09 marketing year. But projected use is well below the 6.16 billion bushels of five years ago reflecting the impact of reduced livestock numbers and a sharp increase in the use of distiller grain.

Paul Patterson, University of Idaho extension economist, characterized the report as neutral to slightly bearish. Strong domestic demand continues to support the market in the face of a large crop, he said.

The USDA continues to project an increase in ethanol demand, up 14 percent; and exports are forecast to be up 13 percent.

Forecasters are now projecting a national average farm price of \$3.35 per bushel for corn for the marketing year that began

Sept. 1.

## DAIRY OUTLOOK

While the increase in forecast corn yields grabbed attention when USDA released the September world supply and demand estimates Friday, the milk production forecast for 2010 was also revised. Milk production is projected at 186.7 billion pounds, down 0.9 percent from 2009. Class III prices are forecast to average \$13.75

See **HARVEST**, Agribusiness 3

# GETTING AWAY FROM GRASS

Argentina's cattle are increasingly spending time in feedlots

By **Juan Forero**  
The Washington Post

MAGDALENA, Argentina — Cattle once ruled the seemingly endless grasslands here, delivering decades of prosperity for Argentina and producing a brand familiar to the world — natural, grass-fed beef.

But a quiet revolution has arrived on the famously fertile pampa, a swath of plains bigger than Texas.

Instead of roaming freely and eating to their hearts' content, a growing number of Argentine cattle are spending a third of their lives in U.S.-style feedlots. There, crammed in muddy corrals, they are pumped with antibiotics and fed mounds of protein-rich grain, which fattens them up fast but hardly conjures up the romantic image of the Argentine cowboy, the iconic gaucho, herding cattle on the high plains.

It is an image ranch hand Tomas Leclercq cherishes. The strapping, ruddy-faced 58-year-old has been working with cattle since boyhood. Like any Argentine, Leclercq knows his beef — he likes it grilled on a spit, a tad red, tender as butter. The reason Argentina's meat is so lean and juicy, he contends, is that cattle here have traditionally grazed across miles of plains.

"There's a big difference between grass-fed beef and feedlot beef," said Leclercq, who manages about 250 head of cattle for a Buenos Aires businessman and eats meat daily. "Beef raised on the plains is better, but there is less and less of it because the land is going for agriculture, so the feedlots are multiplying."

All over the pampa, ranchland that was home to Angus and Hereford cows has in recent years been replaced by fields of soybeans, corn and wheat as commodity prices skyrocketed by more than 300 percent. This year, a third of the 15 mil-

See **ARGENTINA**, Agribusiness 3



Buyers look over cattle at the 108-year-old Liniers market in Buenos Aires. Increasingly, the cattle there come from feedlots, buyers say.

JOSHUA PARTLOW/Washington Post

# Agricultural interests key to financial reform

By **Jim Puzanghera**  
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The road to reforming financial regulations winds through the cornfields, hog farms and cattle ranches of America's heartland, and that complicates the Obama administration's already arduous effort to revamp oversight of Wall Street.

Lawmakers from farm-belt states who sit on the congressional agriculture committees have a surprisingly influential role in the administration's proposed overhaul.

Those committees oversee a key regulatory agency, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and committee members don't want to give up that role for a big reason — they raise more money from the financial sector than they do from agribusiness.

Many experts have long believed that it makes no sense to have both the CFTC and the Securities and Exchange Commission regulating markets that have become increasingly indistinguishable. They have advocated merging the agencies.

"If you were to merge the CFTC and the SEC, it would be hard to make the argument that the primary (oversight) committees would be the agriculture committees," said Douglas Elliott, an economic studies fellow at the Brookings Institution. "That would mean the agriculture committees would lose a significant amount of power that they have, and they also would lose a lot of campaign contributions."

The agriculture committees' oversight of the CFTC stems from its origins regulating markets once dominated by corn, soybeans, pork bellies and other farm products. But the world of futures and options contracts became increasingly complex and led to holes in oversight between the CFTC and SEC.

Those contracts spun into sophisticated unregulated products, such as derivatives and credit default swaps, were at the heart of the nation's financial crisis and helped prompt the Obama administration to propose the biggest revamp of financial regulation since the Depression.

But even though President Barack Obama had wanted to combine the agencies to close

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# University of Idaho tool tracks land's consumption of water

By **Kari Lydersen**  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Water management is serious business in the American West, where precipitation is scarce, irrigated agriculture is a major industry, new housing subdivisions spread across arid landscapes and water rights are allocated in a complicated seniority system.

"If you can't measure it, you can't manage it," water officials are fond of saying.

But measurement — trying to determine how much water is diverted from rivers and how much is pumped from hundreds of thousands of wells — has been an inexact and expensive science.

Now a tool developed by the Idaho Department of Water Resources and the University of Idaho is

changing the face of water management and conservation by efficiently offering specific measurements of the water consumed across a large region or single field.

Using surface temperature readings from government satellites, air temperature and a system of algorithms, the new method lets officials measure how much water is "consumed" on a certain piece of land through

evapotranspiration. Evapotranspiration is a combination of the evaporation of water into the atmosphere and the water vapor released by plants through respiration — basically, a measurement of the water that leaves the land for the atmosphere, not water that is diverted or pumped onto land but then returned quickly to the water table or river for other users.

Water resource management agencies in Idaho and other states see this as the best way to measure water consumption, since it is a more exact definition of how much water is being removed from the system by a given individual or entity. The program, called METRIC for Mapping EvapoTranspiration with High Resolution and Internalized Calibration,

was launched in 2000 with a NASA/Raytheon Synergy Project grant and is used by 11 states.

"There's not enough water for all uses, so you use METRIC to see exactly where water is being consumed," said Tony Morse, manager of geospatial technology at the Idaho Department of Water

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MARKET SUMMARY

Table with 3 columns: NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ. Each column lists 'Most Active', 'Gainers', and 'Losers' with stock names, volume, and price changes.

INDEXES

Table of market indexes including Dow Jones Industrials, Dow Jones Transportation, NYSE Composite, S&P 500, and Russell 2000.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing local stocks such as AlliantEgy, AmCasino, and Kaman, with columns for name, price, and change.

HOW TO READ THE REPORT

Explanatory text for the market report, detailing symbols for stock names, dividends, price changes, and fund information.

COMMODITIES REPORT

Table of commodity closing futures prices for various goods like live cattle, feed, and grains.

BEANS

Valley Beans section providing information on bean prices and market conditions.

GRAINS

Valley Grains section providing information on grain prices and market conditions.

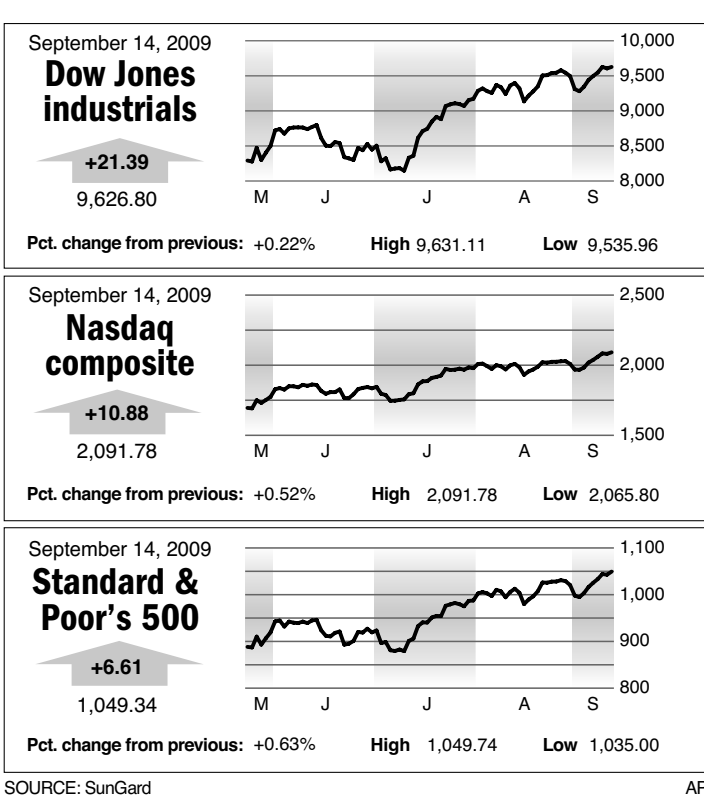
Table of grain prices for Pocatello (AP) and Burley, listing wheat and corn prices.

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By The Associated Press section detailing metal prices and exchange rates.

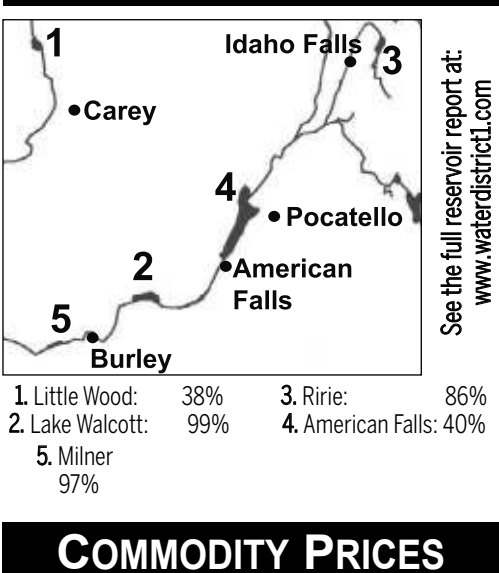
Table of metal prices for various commodities like aluminum, copper, and silver.

TODAY ON WALL STREET



NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks bounced back from early losses to post moderate gains as traders funneled money into utility and financial stocks.

RESERVOIR LEVELS



AGRICULTURE BRIEFS

Agriculture futures trade mixed. Wheat for December delivery dropped 13.25 cents to \$4.54 a bushel, while December corn fell 2 cents to \$3.1775 a bushel.

COMMODITY PRICES

Table of commodity prices for Dairy (Block, Barrel, Butter), Feed (Corn, Barley, Hay), and Small grain (Alfalfa, Soft white wheat).

Table of Livestock prices for Lams and hogs, Ewes, Fat hogs, Feeder hogs, and Weaners.

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

Field day set for Wednesday at center

SALMON — The University of Idaho Nancy M. Cummings Research, Extension and Education Center will host its 2009 field day and open house from noon to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

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## Harvest

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to \$14.75 per hundredweight next year.

Although the removal of almost 190,00 head of dairy cows from the nation's herd has had some impact on actual milk values, the impact has not been as much as the market expected. The November milk futures contract is now around \$13 per hundred-weight. Back in late March when the industry announced that it would embark on a program to liquidated the dairy herd, November milk futures

traded as high as \$16.4.

Wilson Gray, UI extension livestock economist, said most producers have removed the lowest producing cows from the herd through the liquidation programs, which has actually improved some herd averages. And although production has fallen in the western states, production in the Midwest — where dairies raise their own feed — has increased.

Break-even production costs in southern Idaho are expected to come down from \$16 per hundred-

weight, to around \$14 as dairies begin to feed cheaper corn silage and hay this fall. But even at \$14 that's still about \$2 under milk prices.

The cattle-corn ratio was 25.6 in August, up nearly 2 from July and significantly higher than the 19.0 from a year ago. The critical value for beef is 30 to 1 before herd expansion begins.

Feedlots are almost keeping their heads above water now that feed prices have come down, but Gray said it could be 2011 before the nation's beef herd begins to expand.

## Reform

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the gaps, the agriculture committees' power, many believe, was the reason the administration decided against merging them.

"I think they correctly judged the politics ... that it would be a serious impediment to the passage of the overall reform bill to merge the SEC and CFTC," Elliott said.

Instead, the two agencies last week held their first joint meetings to try to eliminate gaps and policy differences in their oversight of futures and options markets. Critics said such a move might work for a while but could still lead to the same sort of regulatory gaps that helped cause the financial crisis.

Those meetings follow several hearings this year by the agriculture committees on overhauling financial regulations, adding additional layers to the already difficult task of passing comprehensive legislation this year. The tangential role of the agriculture committees complicates the process because some committee members don't understand financial issues well, according to some in the industry.

"Derivatives are very complex, and we had to start

from square one before we could even get to the meat of the issue" in briefing them, said one financial industry executive, who requested anonymity to avoid alienating committee members. "Remember that old song, 'One of these things is not like the other?' Derivatives are just not like the rest of their jurisdiction."

Overall, committee members have raised more money from the finance, insurance and real estate sector the past two election cycles than from agri-business, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

Senate agriculture committee members have raked in \$41.6 million from that Wall Street-related sector and less than half that — \$17.6 million — from agribusiness in the 2008 and 2010 election cycles. House committee members have raised \$7.9 million from the financial sector and \$6.6 million from agricultural interests, according to the center.

Committee leaders make no apologies for supporting a tougher CFTC and not eliminating it. They said the agency's role in regulating agricultural futures is important to America's farmers. And the committee chairmen — Sen. Tom

Harkin, D-Iowa, and Rep. Collin Peterson, D-Minn. — each have sponsored legislation tightening oversight of derivatives markets.

"Agricultural future markets are fundamental to the functioning of every aspect of our agriculture economy," Harkin said at a June hearing on regulatory overhaul.

The United States, though, is the only country that splits the oversight of the financial industry, said Roberta Karmel, co-director of the Dennis J Block Center for Study of International Business Law at Brooklyn Law School.

Former Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson proposed merging the two agencies in 2008 as part of his regulatory overhaul plan.

Obama appeared headed in that direction this year when he chose Mary Schapiro as chairwoman of the SEC. She had chaired the CFTC in the 1990s, and some analysts said such experience would qualify her to run the merged agencies.

But it soon became clear that such a move would make the already difficult task of passing the overhaul even harder because of opposition from many agriculture committee members.

## Argentina

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lion animals expected to go to slaughter will fatten up in the now-ubiquitous feedlots, three times as many as in 2001.

The Argentine government established export restrictions and price controls to keep beef prices artificially low, and a currency devaluation made exporters of cash crops more competitive. Agricultural subsidies also helped make corn feed affordable for cattlemen, allowing them to move their animals off the land. Many farmers have switched from cattle to crops over the past decade.

At the same time, Argentina has slipped from the dominant position it had long enjoyed in the international beef market. Once the No. 1 meat exporter, Argentina today is seventh. The vast majority of the meat it produces is consumed domestically; most of the rest is exported to Europe, elsewhere in South America and, to a lesser extent, the United States.

It's all enough to make an old gaucho grieve for the past — but there are no laments in Rodrigo Troncoso's fashionable offices in Buenos Aires.

General manager of the Argentine Feedlot Chamber, Troncoso has a master's degree in agribusiness and travels to other major cattle-producing countries, including the United States, to study their latest techniques. Troncoso said he expects that more than 60 percent of Argentina's cattle will pass through feedlots in five years.

"I'm not a romantic," he said, referring to those who pine for the old days in cattle country. "Argentina sold this image to the world to position itself — that was the '40s, '50s, '60s, '70s and '80s. But the reality is all the



rest of the world went the other way."

Troncoso said that if Argentina wants to take advantage of the world's growing appetite for meat, then it, too, must become a more efficient producer of beef.

Critics call the process unnatural, saying all mass-produced meat tastes the same.

"Of course, the taste is very different," said Claudio Schonfeld, a member of the Argentine Angus Association, considered among the most traditional of all the cattlemen's groups. "There's a lack of cholesterol in the meat because the cow that feeds on grass has to roam great distances to eat."

Feedlot beef tastes more like pork, said Luis Alberto Nieva, standing near a side of beef slowly roasting over a wood-burning fire outside his friend Leclercq's house. "Corral meat tastes different," Nieva said.

"They give them many things to eat, and you don't know what they're giving them."

At the Santa Maria feedlot here in Magdalena, heifers and small bulls seven or eight months old are trucked in weighing about 400 pounds each, after having grazed on grass. Three months later, at 600 pounds but still

young and tender, they are ready for butchering. The remarkable growth is due to a high-energy, high-protein diet of wheat, corn and soy.

"This is a factory to produce meat," explained Sebastian Saparrat, the administrator, noting that 20,000 head of cattle are produced annually at Santa Maria.

Walking on a dirt road lined with pens, Saparrat recalled how he "felt bad" when he started working at Santa Maria nine years ago and saw cattle in corrals.

But he said he has come to appreciate the efficiency of it all — how 7,000 animals take up scarcely 12 acres. To grass-feed that many animals, he said, would require 13,000 acres.

The cattle from Santa Maria, and many of those produced across this stretch of pampa, are then shipped off to the sprawling, 108-year-old Liniers cattle auction in a Buenos Aires barrio called Mataderos, "slaughterhouses" in Spanish. As many as 12,000 animals come through daily. Men representing local butchers stand on catwalks above the pens, buying animals that are slaughtered elsewhere hours later. Increasingly the cattle come from feedlots, the buyers said.

Edgardo Zaldibar, 49, has worked at Liniers since he was 16, helping round up cattle on horseback.

His father and grandfather worked there, too. Zaldibar called himself a man of tradition but said he has no problem with the new trend — he eats beef every day and likes the feedlot variety.

"This is modernity, I suppose," he said, taking a break from herding. "But I don't think that this is bad — it's modernity, and you have to adapt yourself."

## Water

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Resources. "How much for agriculture, how much on the Indian reservation, how much by native cottonwoods, how much by saltcedars."

METRIC uses images from the two Landsat satellites, which orbit Earth every 16 days, meaning an image of a given field is available every eight days unless cloud cover interferes. Until this year users had to pay the U.S. Geological Survey \$600 for each 185-by-180-kilometer "scene." Starting in 2009 the government satellite images, which are also used for Google Earth, are free to the public. METRIC developers have published their algorithms for anyone to use, though agencies must write their own computer codes.

The data have already been used to help settle a century-long fight between Colorado and Kansas over water in the Arkansas River and a dispute between Idaho irrigation districts. Previously, officials had to look at well-pumping records and electricity use to estimate each irrigation district's usage. Water managers say the data help to settle and avoid litigation.

"This tool would allow the state of Wyoming or Colorado to independently verify what's going on in California," said Tony Willardson, executive director of the Western States Water Council. "It probably wouldn't be safe for someone in a Colorado Department of Natural Resources truck to drive around in California to see how much water they're using."

Recently the program's future has been in jeopardy because NASA was not planning to include the \$100 million thermal infrared sensor needed to record surface temperature in the next Landsat satellite, scheduled to launch in 2012. The cur-

rently orbiting Landsat 5 and 7 were launched in 1984 and 1999 and were designed to last only three to five years.

After much pressure from Western politicians, it appears NASA will include the sensor in Landsat 8. A final decision is expected by the end of the year, according to Jim Irons, a project scientist for the Landsat Data Continuity Mission based at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland.

James Levitt, director of the Program on Conservation Innovation at

the Harvard Forest, Harvard University, said METRIC will help Western states adapt to climate change, as more extreme heat and less precipitation are expected.

"The water conflicts that are brewing are intense," he said. "If you don't have water you can't farm. Climate change is actually happening now. This will allow government and farmers to adapt. Not every farmer in Idaho subscribes to global warming as a proven theory. But they want to know where their water is."



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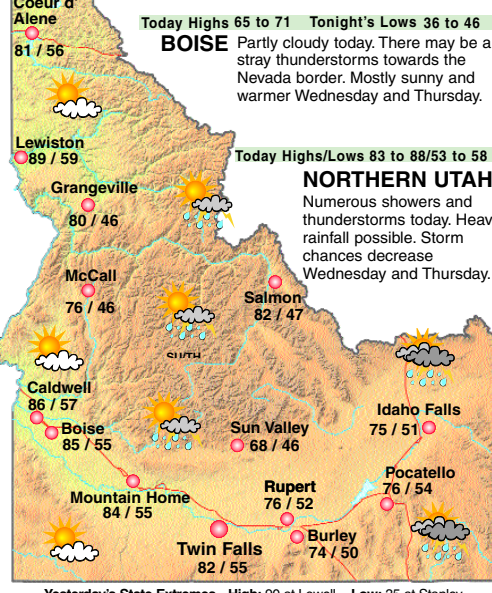
Today: Partly to mostly cloudy. A chance of afternoon showers and thunderstorms. Highs 72 to 76.
Tonight: Thunderstorms ending by midnight. Decreasing clouds after midnight with lows around 50.
Tomorrow: Partly to mostly sunny and a bit warmer. Afternoon highs 77 to 82.

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Table with columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Yesterday's High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Mostly cloudy by afternoon with a small chance of thunderstorms. Clearing later tonight. Mostly sunny and a bit warmer Wednesday and Thursday.



Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 90 at Lowell Low: 35 at Stanley
Weather key: su-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, mc-mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, th-thunderstorms, sh-showers, r-rain, sn-snow, fl-furries, w-wind, m-missing

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Forecast table for Twin Falls from Today to Saturday, including weather icons and temperature ranges.

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Table with columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Yesterday's Weather.

MOON PHASES



MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table with columns: Today, Wednesday, Thursday, Moonrise, Moonset.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday, HI, LO, W, HI, LO, W, HI, LO, W.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, HI, LO, W, HI, LO, W.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, HI, LO, W, HI, LO, W.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Gregg Middlekauff's Quote of the Day: 'You block your dream when you allow your fear to grow bigger than your faith.'

Canadian Forecast table with columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, HI, LO, W, HI, LO, W.

Obama warns Wall Street not to block tighter regulations

NEW YORK — Lecturing Wall Street on its own turf, President Obama warned financial leaders not to use the recovering economy to race back into "reckless behavior" that could cause a new meltdown.



President Obama sternly warned Wall Street Monday against returning to the sort of reckless and unchecked behavior that threatened the nation with a second Great Depression...

Yet Obama's reach goes only so far; his bid for huge regulatory change is up to Congress. The president's plan has yet to gain serious traction on Capitol Hill...

Obama insisted Monday that there is an urgent need for tighter financial regulation, and he cautioned his audience not to try to block it. He spoke on the first anniversary of the collapse of the Lehman Brothers investment bank...

profit, millions of Americans are still coping with unemployment, home foreclosures and retirement portfolios that got washed away in the storm. For symbolic emphasis, Obama spoke from venerable Federal Hall on Wall Street. "Unfortunately, there are some in the financial industry who are misreading this moment..."

But the sluggish pace is expected to pick up in coming weeks. Democrats aim to stick to their promise of completing the bill by year's end, a timeline Obama badly wants to keep, but they face long odds. Republican Sen. Judd Gregg of New Hampshire...

Swine flu spreads week or more after symptoms

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — New studies show that many people spread swine flu for a week or more after symptoms first appear, and doctors say coughing may be a better sign than fever for telling who is contagious.

do not seem worth it for a virus that now seems to cause mostly mild illness, said the CDC's flu chief, Nancy Cox. Swine flu is spreading so widely now that confining the sick does less good, she said.

factors," she said. "It's just virtually impossible not to have virus introduced into settings such as schools and universities."

Health officials have been telling people to avoid contact with others for a day after their fever goes away. The new research suggests they may need to be careful for longer, especially at home where the risk of spreading the germ is highest.

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Judge sets \$30M bail for man accused of kidnapping Dugard

PLACERVILLE, Calif. (AP) — A judge on Monday set bail at \$30 million for a California man accused of kidnapping a girl and holding her captive for 18 years.

Garrido, 58, and his wife, Nancy Garrido, 54, have pleaded not guilty to 29 charges of kidnapping, rape and false imprisonment charges and have been held without bail in an El Dorado County jail.

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## Are you the DIY champion? One day remains for nominations

As summer winds down, perhaps you're brushing the final coat of paint onto your home's new entryway, or tightening the last screws in the massive shelving that finally organized your garage.

If so, you have a chance to be south-central Idaho's champion do-it-yourselfer.

It's a title we plan to bestow on one of our readers this fall, and nominations are due Wednesday.

To compete for the title, tell us about a home-improvement project you've completed in 2009. Could be anything from adding a bedroom to

installing tiles in the kitchen. And bigger isn't necessarily better.

In this entirely subjective contest, we'll judge on these criteria: Was it a downright cool idea? Did you get a big bang for the money you spent? Did the project make a substantial functional or aesthetic difference to your home? Did you do it yourself, without calling in the pros? Did you learn new skills in the process? And did you get it done without stretching it out unreasonably long?

To compete, tell us about your project in an e-mail, and send it to

virginia.hutchins@lee.net, with "DIY" in the subject line. Be sure to include: your name, address and phone number; a description of the project; the estimated total cost; how long you took and when you finished the project.

Entry deadline: Wednesday.

We'll choose our favorites and feature them in Home & Garden sections this fall.



Photos by DREW GODLESKI/For the Times-News

Nuala Guisto, 3, front, and her sisters, from left, Mia, 10, and Ava Guisto, 6, pull carrots out of the family garden Thursday in Kimberly. Their mother planted plenty with plans to give away part of her harvest.

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# Anyone want zucchini?

### Gardeners find ways to share their bounty

By Melissa Davlin  
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — Craving fresh veg, but think you can't afford it?

Then you haven't met Tara Guisto.

The Kimberly mother planted a large garden with plans to give away part of her harvest after seeing a neighbor hand out free bags of peaches last year.

"I thought, 'Oh, that's a great idea. That's what I'm going to do,'" Guisto said. She even planted onions — which her family hates — specifically to give them away.

Guisto isn't alone. Gardeners across southern Idaho are participating in the yearly ritual of sharing their bounty with neighbors, co-workers, and — with the help of the Internet — complete strangers.

Twin Falls gardener Kelly Groce had a little extra produce this year



Tara Guisto is hugged by her daughter Nuala, 3, in their Kimberly garden Thursday.

and found luck giving it away on Web site Freecycle.com. Groce planted his first garden this year in response to the tough economy. He was laid off last year and is still looking for work, he said.

So he planted his garden and let it bloom. All of his produce flourished — tomatoes, bell peppers, onions, jalapenos, serrano peppers and zucchini. He found himself with extra everything.

He had no problem finding takers. One woman, a single mother just diagnosed with cancer, was especially grateful for the free veggies.

"That was one I really felt good about," Groce said.

Linda Busbee of Buhl found takers for her plums online. She and her husband moved into their house about 12 years ago and inherited mature apricot and plum trees. She gave away both kinds of fruit until cutting down the apricot tree, and continues to find takers for her plums. The gleaners even help her out — if no one takes them, the overripe plums make a mess on her yard.

"We'd just as soon give it away if someone wants it," Busbee said.

Guisto hasn't had as much luck giving away vegetables. She has tried giving extras to neighbors and other parents at her

children's school, even providing recipes with the food. She also uses as much as she can.

"I tried going a month where I'd eat a different squash every day," Guisto said. "My family went a little nuts."

Now, most of her squash ends up in the compost pile. She has no plans to downsize her garden, though — instead of relying on folks looking for freebies, she is thinking about selling at a farmers market.

"I'm going to have a bigger garden, actually," she said.

Melissa Davlin may be reached at 208-735-3234 or melissa.davlin@lee.net.

## Energy efficiency:

### Telling fact from fiction

Deborah Jian Lee  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — You're a savvy consumer and you know how to cut corners when it comes to energy. You've given your dishwasher a rest and picked up a soapy sponge again. You even make sure never to fill your gas tank more than half way because you get more miles to the gallon.

Or wait, is it the other way around? Is it better to leave the computer on all day or shut it off when not in use? Does my refrigerator use less energy when it's empty or full?

We spoke with people in the know at the Department of Energy, Edison Electric Institute, AAA and General Electric Co. to find out once and for all what is fact and what is fiction when it comes to powering down.

#### COMPUTERS AND ELECTRONICS

Screen savers save energy

FICTION — Those hypnotizing screen savers give the illusion that your computer is on some energy-saving standby mode, but in reality, electricity is still pumping to keep your computer and monitor running. In fact, screen savers may even prevent the operation of your computer's power-down feature — which actually will cut down on energy use. Screen savers may even use more energy than a basic blank screen.

Your computer stops using energy when it's in sleep mode

#### FICTION

Computers still use energy when in sleep mode. However, the electricity drawn in sleep mode is about 70 percent less than what is used when a computer is awake.

You waste more energy restarting a computer repeatedly than letting it run all day

FICTION — Even though a small surge of energy is required to start up a computer, this amount is less than the energy consumed when a computer runs for long periods of time. If you plan to leave your computer for 20 minutes, trim some costs by switching off the monitor. For an absence longer than two hours, shut it down!

No energy is used after you turn appliances and electronics off

FICTION — A plasma TV or stereo system when turned off still slowly drains electricity, a phenomenon called "phantom load." Solve this unnecessary waste by unplugging appliances or using a power strip that, when switched off, will cut off power to the device. There are even power strips now that you don't have to switch off. They do it for you and turn back on with the click of a TV remote.

#### MAJOR APPLIANCES

It's more efficient to keep your refrigerator full than half full

FACT — The larger the mass of cold items in a

See ENERGY, H&G 3



AP photo  
Amy Herendeen loads the dishwasher with the help of her daughter Kaitlynn, 2, in their home in Ballwin, Mo. Dish washing by hand seems like less wasteful option, but it actually consumes more water and energy.

# Retractable awnings also cool home

**DEAR JIM:** We just installed a new two-level deck. We enjoy it, but the afternoon sun is hot and the glare is annoying. What is a good method to shade the deck and also shelter it so we can use it when it rains? — **Don Y.**

## SENSIBLE HOME

**James Dulley**



Courtesy of Sunsetter

**DEAR DON:** The heat and glare from the afternoon sun can be not only quite uncomfortable and annoying, but it can also make your house hotter indoors. The heat rays from the sun on the walls of your house warm up the entire wall structure. Even with adequate wall insulation, the wall stays hot well into the evening and radiates this heat indoors.

The fact you have a two-level deck offers more shading options, but also creates more difficulties. With the afternoon sun lower in the sky than at noon, a larger

This lateral arm retractable awning fabric has a contemporary pattern.

shading system is needed. A single system to do both levels requires it be higher over the lower deck, so more sun will shine under it. It would be best to try to shade just the lower level for use in the afternoon and during rain showers.

One of the best shading options is a retractable awning. I used one for many years over my west-facing patio until I built a sunroom there several years ago. Retractable awnings, though not waterproof, will provide enough resistance

to water to keep you dry under it during most showers. There may be just a slight dripping depending upon the fabric type you select.

There are several types of retractable awning designs available, but I prefer a lateral arm one. This design does not require any lower side supports to be attached to the house wall. With just two long supporting lateral arms attached high from the house wall, there are no extra supports to bump your head on or to attach when

you install the awning.

These awnings are supported by two strong arms with elbows, similar to your own arms. They project out from the house wall from the top of the awning and down at a slight angle as the awning opens. The awning fabric rolls up onto a storage rod mounted against the wall just above the lateral arms.

The lateral arms have strong springs built into the elbows which try to force them straight. This spring force holds the awning fabric taut as it opens and the arms begin to straighten. With this design, the awning can be opened any distance from the wall, depending upon how much shade or shelter you desire, and the fabric remains taut. With the fabric taut, rainwater should run off of it.

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turn. For very large awnings, up to 40 feet long with a 13-foot projection, a motorized operator might be easier to use.

**DEAR JIM:** I have thought about installing reflective attic foil as you have mentioned. There are several areas in my attic which are difficult to reach. Does it make sense to install the foil in less than the entire attic? — **Fred G.**

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Times-News

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# GARAGE-MAHAL?

## Architectural Digest to feature super garage

By Dan Neil  
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — An MRI exam of Holger Schubert's head might reveal an inner space of bare, winter-white walls, polished concrete, wall-to-ceiling glass and halogen lighting.

"I like very pure, minimalist, empty space," says the 41-year-old product designer. Schubert's home, under construction on two acres in West Los Angeles, will be a symphony in sparseness: three glass boxes as the main living quarters, a pool house with cantilevered roof, a Japanese tea house and a glass-walled guest house facing an enormous Zen stone garden.

"I like to be in a space where things line up and nothing stands out," says the native-born German.

The relentlessly orthogonal Schubert has allowed himself one concession to voluptuousness: a mint-condition 1984 Ferrari 512 BBi "Boxer," gray with black underbody. It took him 11 years to find the one he wanted. And now he has built a garage around it.

That garage — or is it an art gallery with a Ferrari parked in it? — recently won Maserati and Architectural Digest's Design Driven award for best garage. The contest, with categories for "existing" and "concept" garages, drew 125 entries that can be seen at [www.designdriven.us](http://www.designdriven.us)

The winners are profiled in a special section in the October issue. "Once considered merely an extended function of the home, the garage is now a space where people are finding new inspiration architecturally," according to Giulio Capua,



'I wanted to create a backdrop for the car as a piece of art,' says Holger Schubert of the enclosure for his 1984 Ferrari 512 BBi 'Boxer,' which won Maserati and Architectural Digest's Design Driven award for best garage.

RICARDO DeARATANHA/  
Los Angeles Times

vice president and publisher of Architectural Digest.

Schubert's Modernist "garage" — hereafter I use the word with an asterisk of skepticism — is a brilliantly lighted 1,200-square-foot space above what will be some kind of workshop/gymnasium. There's a lovely modular couch and two Dodo recliners by Toshiyuki Kita around a metal and stone coffee table. One wall is covered in Homasote, a kind of recycled paper-fiber lapboard, with a single-tier bookshelf built in. Two walls are floor-to-ceiling glass with retractable exterior shades to cut down on the afternoon sunlight. Overhead, the central skylight is artfully bisected with an aluminum enclosure for halogen lights. A flat-screen TV on tracks can traverse the length of the room.

The "space" — as designers insist on calling rooms — is breathtaking. Beautiful. Exquisite. But a garage? Please. Where are the tools, the work benches, the girlie calendars?

Schubert concedes that it isn't a typical, oil-on-the-floor garage, and he's comfortable with that. "I wanted to create a backdrop for the car as a piece of art," he says. The contest had a lot of garages attached to nice homes, but Maserati, which sponsored and judged the competition, "wanted something more."

"This is a space whose

only purpose is to enjoy the car."

The Design Driven contest is, to be sure, mostly about promoting the Maserati and Architectural Digest brands, but let's take it seriously anyway. What does the Schubert garage exemplify about the changing nature of Americans' relationship to their mobility?

First, the notion of the automobile's machine-ness has been abandoned here in favor of the car as objet d'art. There are no wrenches, screwdrivers or battery boosters lying around — and Schubert will need them if the Ferrari remains true to form. Such a garage is consistent with the fact that modern cars are largely inaccessible to the tinkering, shade-tree mechanic. Most people never open the hoods of their cars.

And to the extent that self-sufficiency with automobiles is a masculine trait, Schubert's garage strikes me, at any rate, as an oddly

neutered space, more like the waiting room of a Beverly Hills plastic surgeon than garage.

Schubert's garage also suggests a growing intimacy with the automobile. For about a decade, amenities such as high-end audio, navigation, driver assistance, Bluetooth phones and even Web access gradually have turned the car into a work space, a living space. Schubert's garage returns the favor by bringing the car into the living space.

To avoid exhaust fumes when the car is started, Schubert built a hydraulic ramp into the floor. The ramp tilts up about six inches at the front, allowing the car to roll back across a bridge and into the street before it starts.

Soon, however, emission-free electric cars will "really open up the design of houses," says Schubert, so that people will be able to drive directly into the home. It would make unloading groceries easier.

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Beth Rogers wipes out the kitchen sink at her home in Fayetteville, Ark. If you can spare 10 minutes once or twice a day, you can spruce up the whole house without breaking a sweat.

## Got 10 minutes? Get the house (somewhat) clean

By Megan K. Scott  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Who says you need to spend an entire Saturday cleaning the house?

If you can spare 10 minutes once or twice a day, you can spruce up the house without breaking a sweat:

**1. Grab** a laundry basket, a large trash bag and some small trash bags. Go from room to room, emptying the trash cans and putting the stuff that doesn't belong in that room into the laundry basket, said Amy Clark, a home management expert for the Kenmore Make-it-

Simple Team. Replace the trash bags as you empty the trash.

**2. In another** 10-minute chunk, return the items in the laundry basket to their proper homes.

**3. Next**, sort the mail. Recycle old magazines, newspapers and file away papers, said Alicia Rockmore, CEO of Buttoned Up, an organizational lifestyle company in Ann Arbor, Mich.

**4. Do** a surface wipe. Take some disinfectant wipes or some cleanser and paper towels and clean all the counters and the sinks in the kitchen and the bath-

rooms that get used the most often, said Rockmore. "Literally, you can do the kitchen in 10 minutes and one or two bathrooms in 10 minutes."

**5. Grab** two microfiber cloths and a multipurpose cleanser, said Clark. Dust the surfaces in each room with one cloth and use the other to wipe down the mirrors.

**6. Unload** and load the dishwasher.

**7. Do** the final eye, said Rockmore. Check room by room to see if anything needs to be addressed immediately, such as a dirty toilet.

## Tomato seedlings may have suffered from lack of light

By Scott Aker  
Special to The Washington Post

Q. I had poor luck getting my tomato seedlings to grow with vigor this spring. I kept them warm, the room humidified and the seedlings growing under two fluorescent bulbs, but they stalled. Would fertilizer help, and how often should it be applied?

A. The seedlings may have been starved for light. Regular fluorescent lamps give off light that is less intense than lamps designed specifically for plants. Plants use red and blue light for photosynthesis, and you can get fluorescent tubes that provide more red and blue light than standard tubes. They must be placed close to the seedlings, no farther than six inches.

A high-intensity discharge lamp imparts a lot of light,



but concentrated in the red spectrum. It is so bright that it must be placed about three feet from the leaf surface. The best indoor lights for starting seeds have a combination of fluorescent tubes that boost the amount of light in the blue wavelength and a rather small high-intensity discharge lamp.

Tomatoes can be successfully grown from seed outdoors in a well-prepared

seedbed. Simply plant three or four seeds in each location you wish to grow a tomato plant. Thin the seedlings to one or two when they have grown their second set of true leaves. In most cases, your harvest may be only slightly delayed because transplants don't grow until night temperatures are warm. This is particularly true for heirloom varieties that tend to be indeterminate plants that fruit later than most tomatoes.

You can plant tomato seeds as late as early July for an October harvest. Be sure that the soil is well prepared, and water the seeds weekly to get them off to a good start. Late plantings may avoid some of the foliar fungal diseases associated with wet spring weather.

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## Energy

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refrigerator or freezer, the less work is required to maintain the appliance's chilly temperature. You don't need to stuff the case to its limits, but simply keep the space respectfully occupied with food and liquids — a gallon of water if you have it — as these items retain the cold.

**Hand-washing dishes is more energy efficient than a dishwasher**

**FICTION** — Dish washing by hand seems like less wasteful option, but it actually consumes more water and energy. People typically leave the hot water running, using up to 14 gallons of water on average. Heating that many gallons of water is far more costly than energy-efficient dishwashers, many of which have a booster heater, a localized heater that raises water temperature for just 5 to 10 minutes. New dishwashers typically use up to 7 gallons of water per cycle. GE Appliances' Paul Riley says to get the most out of an energy-efficient dishwasher, make sure it is fully loaded with food scraped off the plates. No need to waste more water with a pre-rinse. Scraping is sufficient as dish detergent actually needs something to clean, otherwise it will work at the finish on your plates.

**Wash clothing with hot water for a truly effective wash.**

**FICTION** — Heating the water for laundry makes up about 90 percent of the energy used for washing clothes in a conventional top-load washer. Older washing machines heat up to 40 gallons of water, a major drain on energy. Cut out the hot water and you've got yourself some major savings. Using warm and cold water can be just as effective and can slash your energy use in half or more. Other ways to save: Wash only full loads and switch to an energy-efficient front-loading washer.

### CARS AND FUEL

**It's better to fill your gas tank halfway than full because the full tank weighs down the car and is less fuel efficient**

**FACT** — The lighter your car, the better the fuel economy; which is why a half-full tank of gasoline makes your car run more efficiently. But

according to AAA, the degree of savings is negligible. If you are a pack rat, you might actually see more savings if you ditched all the junk in the trunk, like your golf clubs, camping equipment and other random pile-ups.

**If you live in a warm climate, buy a light-colored car.**

**FACT** — "It's one of those esoteric gas-saving tips," said Robert Sinclair Jr. of AAA. It has the same cooling effect as wearing light-colored clothing in hot weather. The lighter colors reflect the heat, whereas dark vehicles absorb heat and require more air conditioning to cool down.

### AROUND THE HOUSE

**If you live in a warm climate, paint your house a light color**

**FICTION** — While the light-color theory applies to cars, it does not entirely work for houses. A light-colored roof helps dial back the temperature in a home's attic by reflecting sunlight, but insulation is the key factor when it comes to energy savings. The paint color chosen for the sides of the house don't make much of a difference. To really cool down your digs, focus on

proper insulation and planting thicker foliage to block the sun's rays.

**Shut the door and vents in unused rooms**

**FACT** — This works only if you close the doors and vents in multiple rooms. If you only apply this strategy to one room, you won't reap a whole lot of savings.

**Leave the heating or cooling system on all day. If you shut it down when you're away, the system needs a surge of energy to reach the desired temperature**

**FICTION** — Switching the thermostat off when you go to sleep or leave for the day will boost energy savings. Sure, it will suck up a little more energy as it works to bring the temperature back to your desired level, but less energy is used during the down times.

The longer you sweat out those hot summer days or bundle up in the winter while your thermostat is switched off, the more you can shave away at your energy bill. When the system in action, the Edison Institute recommends holding back a degree or two, as you will realize a 2 percent savings on your bill for every degree you cut back. Of course, this only works if you are doing that on a consistent basis.

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## Brady rallies Patriots past Bills, 25-24

By Barry Wilner  
Associated Press writer

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Back on center stage, Tom Brady acted like, well, the NFL's biggest star.

It seemed to take forever, though.

A year after being sidelined with torn knee ligaments, Brady resembled a rusty game manager more than the invincible record-setting quarterback who guided the Patriots to a per-

## WEST COAST GAME GOES LATE

The Oakland Raiders were tied with the San Diego Chargers 10-10 in the third quarter as of 10:30 p.m. See Wednesday's Times-News for a full game story.

fect 2007 regular season. Yet, he threw two touchdown passes in the final 2:06 as New England beat the Buffalo Bills 25-24 on Monday night.

When the spotlight hit, Brady lived up to the advance billing.

"We have a real competi-

tive locker room, a real competitive team," Brady said. "When you're in a situation like we were, it's when you really have to step it up. It takes every guy on the field to step it up. Hopefully, we will continue to do that."

But Brady needed help in the form of Leodis

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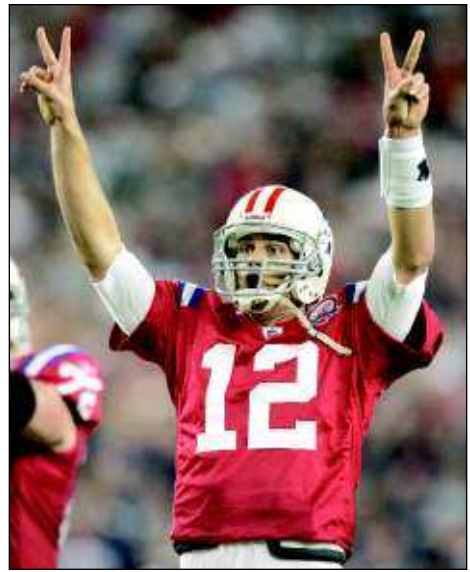
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See Sports 2

McKelvin's fumble on a kickoff return after the Patriots pulled within five points.

Placekicker Stephen Gostkowski, of all people, recovered at the Buffalo 31.

See NFL, Sports 2



New England quarterback Tom Brady (12) celebrates the first of two touchdown passes to Benjamin Watson late in the fourth quarter Monday as the Patriots defeated the Buffalo Bills 25-24 in Foxborough, Mass. AP photo

Down year?  
Not in the  
Canyon

Is it a down year for high school football in the Magic Valley? Do the "haves" have a little less in 2009? Is there a touch more "not" in the have-nots?

Depends on where you look.

The answer to the initial inquiry appears affirmative when it comes to the Class 4A Great Basin Conference. The same goes for Class 3A and both 1A divisions.

Mike Christensen



The exception: The Class 2A Canyon Conference, where the top two teams — Declo and Glens Ferry — look every bit like state title contenders.

The Hornets, last year's 2A runner-up, have outscored their first two foes 113-15. The Pilots are 3-0, including a lopsided road win over third-ranked New Plymouth last week.

Declo has size in the trenches and superb senior QB Jeremy Jenkins. Glens Ferry has ridiculous speed and athleticism at the skill positions.

Should be a dandy when they hook up Oct. 16 in Declo, with both likely ranked among the top three 2A teams in the state.

Fans and national pundits are already gushing with talk of Boise State and BYU busting the BCS, and possibly the BCS National Championship game. But one quick reminder: Both teams are 2-0. Not 12-0. Not 10-0. Not even 6-0. A lot can happen between now and December.

Interestingly, BSU and BYU have followed similar paths thus far, topping ranked foes on ESPN in their openers and pasty patsies in Week 2. This week, both play tough games against FSUs — Boise State traveling to Fresno State on Friday and BYU hosting Florida State on Saturday. Win those, plus the next five or six, and then let's talk about BCS busting.

Anything prior to that is far too premature.

Close games, anyone? This past Friday, we sent three full-time reporters to high school football games. The combined scores in those contests: Winners 181, Losers 17.

Here's hoping this week delivers up some real competition. The juices get flowing under the Friday Night Lights, but nothing halts them quicker than a 42-0 score after one quarter.

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## ROAD TRIP



Boise State receiver Tyler Shoemaker makes a catch over Miami of Ohio defender Brandon Stephens Saturday during their game in Boise. AP photo

## Broncos begin travels with Fresno State on Friday

By Dustin Lapray  
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — Boise State moved into Fresno State film study almost immediately after shutting out Miami of Ohio 48-0 Saturday.

This is a big game early, and Fresno always plays early. This season, No. 10 Boise State is one of Pat Hill's early giants.

"They play the tough teams early," Boise State head coach Chris Petersen said. "Now we have them. The last time we played them early, they got us."

That was Nov. 10, 2005, and FSU won 27-7, one of only four Western Athletic Conference losses for BSU since joining in 2001

(60-4). The other three losses were also on the road (Hawaii 2007, Louisiana Tech 2001 and Rice 2001).

"When we came into the league in 2001 everyone's eyes were on Fresno State," Petersen said. "If you're going to do something in the WAC, you gotta take care of Fresno."

The Bulldogs shared three WAC titles (1992, '93, '99), but since BSU came along the WAC crown is often hung in the City of Trees. The Broncos have six titles (2002, '03, '04, '05, '06, '08) and five undefeated marks in the WAC.

Because of the short week, the Broncos (2-0) lose a day to review their second win in 2009. The

Bulldogs (1-1) lost a heartbreaker at Wisconsin Saturday, 34-31 in double overtime.

Petersen gave himself a little break before cracking the books on the Bulldogs.

"I went home and watched a little football," Petersen said. "When I watch other guys' pain, it eases mine."

Sunday, as Petersen posed in the Allen Noble Hall of Fame Gallery, his staff broke down film. The Bronco schedule now morphs as they prepare to hit the road.

"The energy and focus change being away from home," Petersen said. "It's a much different feel."

See BSU, Sports 2

Chase Joslin

In the  
SportLightJoslin emerges  
as senior leader  
for RiverhawksBy Bradley Guire  
Times-News writer

Chase Joslin has earned a place in school history.

Following a practice last week as the Canyon Ridge football team prepared to face Jerome, he and teammates talked and laughed through an interview as they sat in the locker room. Though they were dismayed by the opening loss to the Burley Bobcats, they appeared in good spirits as they talked about Joslin, who transferred from Twin Falls High School for his senior year. He was a wide receiver and kicker for the Bruins varsity squad prior to joining the first-year Riverhawks program.

"I've played varsity my whole life," Joslin said.

A teammate shouted from beyond the corner wall, out of view, "Even in first grade?"

"Even in first grade," Joslin said, amid the laughter.

The senior wide receiver and kicker helped the Canyon Ridge football team score its first points in the opener against Burley on Sept. 4. Joslin hauled in a 74-yard pass from Tyler Myers and kicked two PATs for eight of the Riverhawks' points in a 28-14 loss.

"It's pretty special to score some of the first points in the first game," he said.

His teammate, tight end Derek Bastion, had the honor of scoring the program's first points as he took in a 25-yard toss from Myers.

Joslin also had the team's only points against the Jerome Tigers Friday when he connected on a 27-yard field goal in Canyon Ridge's 70-3 loss.

Head coach Bill Hicks called Joslin a big, strong, athletic kid who's "easy to talk to and intelligent." His teammates have praised his dedication to the new program, and Myers complemented Joslin's abilities and hustle on the gridiron.

"He knows his plays, and he runs good routes," Myers said. "He's working hard even when the ball's not coming to him. That's what makes him a good receiver and a good player."

After Friday's game, now that Joslin has scored 11 of the Riverhawks' 17 points, Hicks added, "It's also nice to know that we can line up and kick a field goal when we need it."

David Bashore contributed to this report.

## Federer stunned by del Potro in Open final

By Howard Fendrich  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Always so cool, so consistent, so in control of his emotions and his matches, Roger Federer amazingly let the U.S. Open championship slip from his grasp.

Two points from victory against inexperienced, unheralded Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina, two points from a sixth consecutive title at Flushing Meadows and a record-extending 16th Grand

Slam title overall, Federer, quite simply, fell apart Monday.

He railed at the chair umpire. His legs grew weary. His double-faults mounted. He could not figure out a way to stop the 6-foot-6 del Potro from pounding forehand after forehand past him. In a result as shocking for who lost as how it happened, the sixth-seeded del Potro came back to win his first Grand Slam title by upsetting the No. 1-seeded Federer 3-6, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-2.

"Maybe I look back and have some regrets about it," said Federer, never before beaten by anyone other than Rafael Nadal in a major final. "But, you know, you can't have them all and can't always play your best."

He had won 40 consecutive matches at Flushing Meadows. He had won 33 of his previous 34 Grand Slam matches. And he has made the final at 17 of the past 18 Grand

Slam titles (1992, '93, '99), but since BSU came along the WAC crown is often hung in the City of Trees. The Broncos have six titles (2002, '03, '04, '05, '06, '08) and five undefeated marks in the WAC.

Because of the short week, the Broncos (2-0) lose a day to review their second win in 2009. The

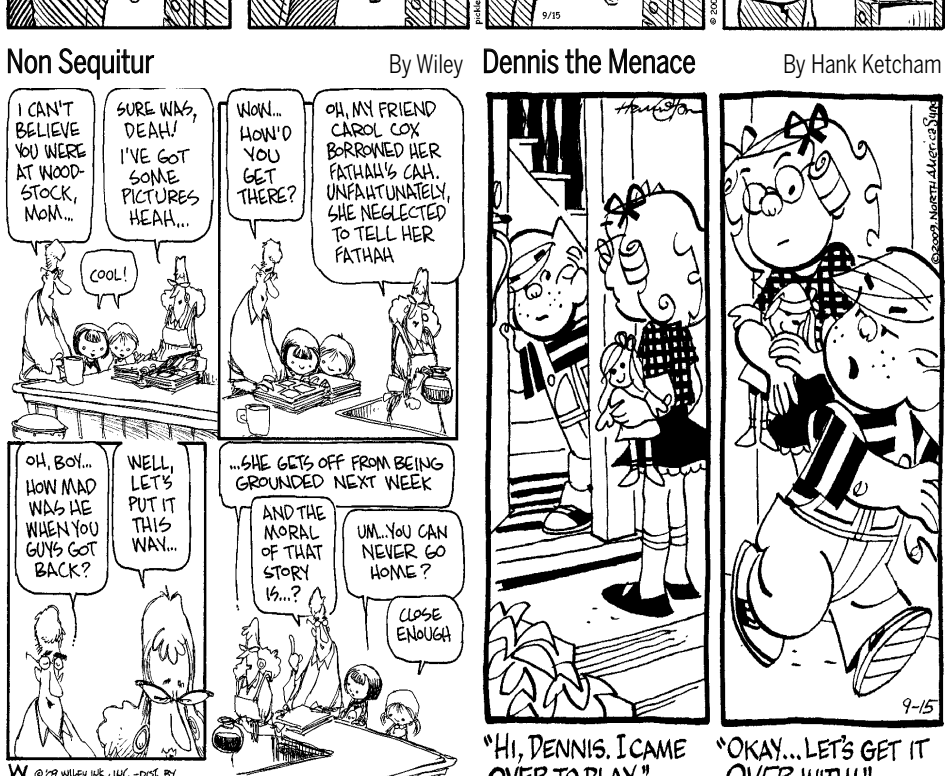
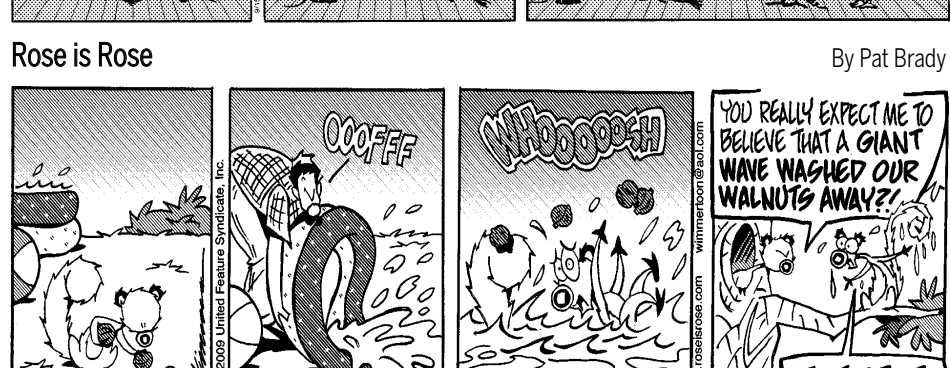
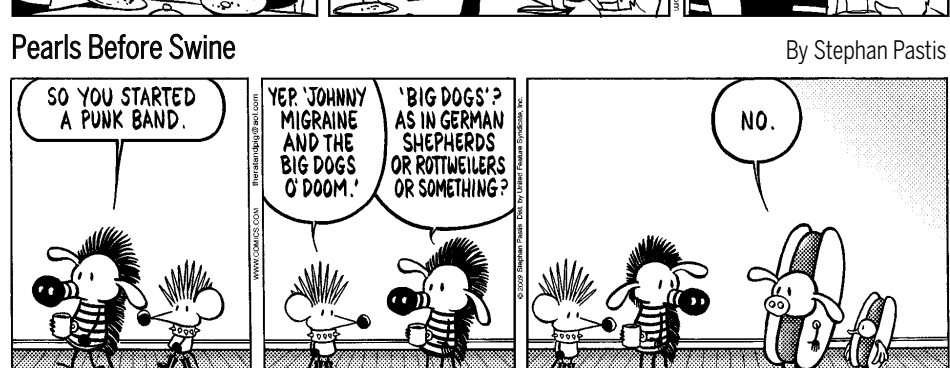
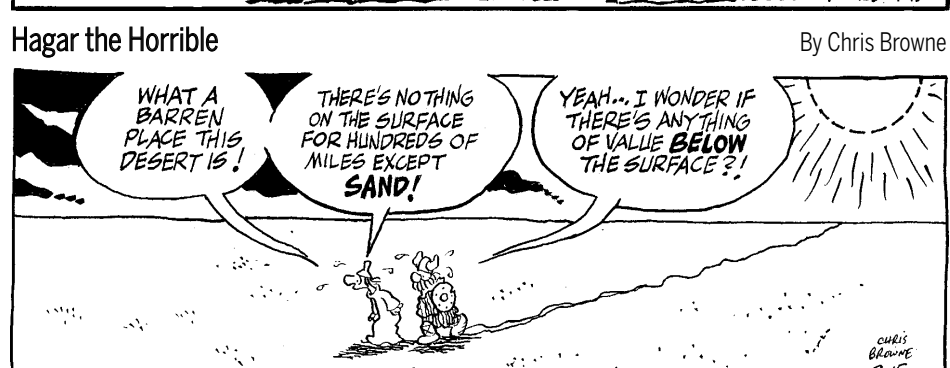
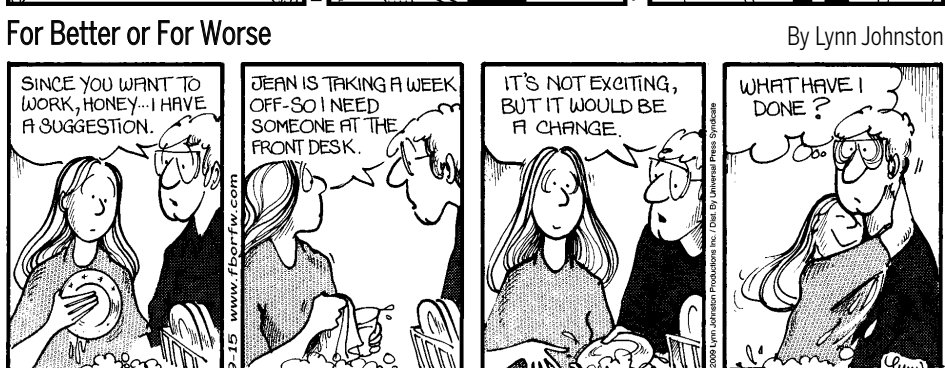
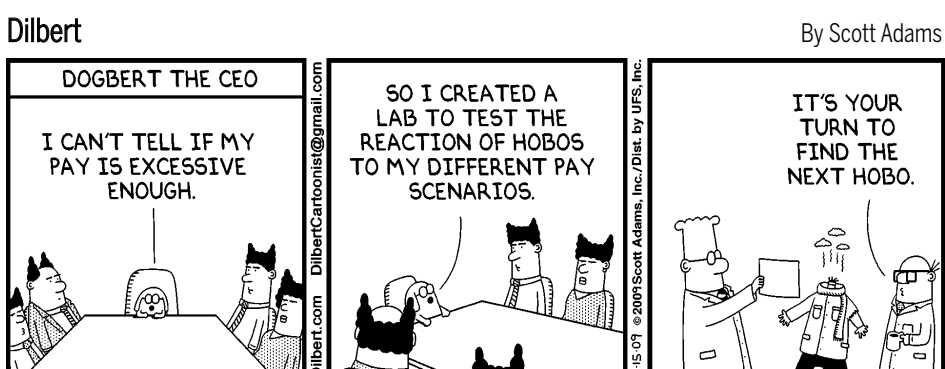
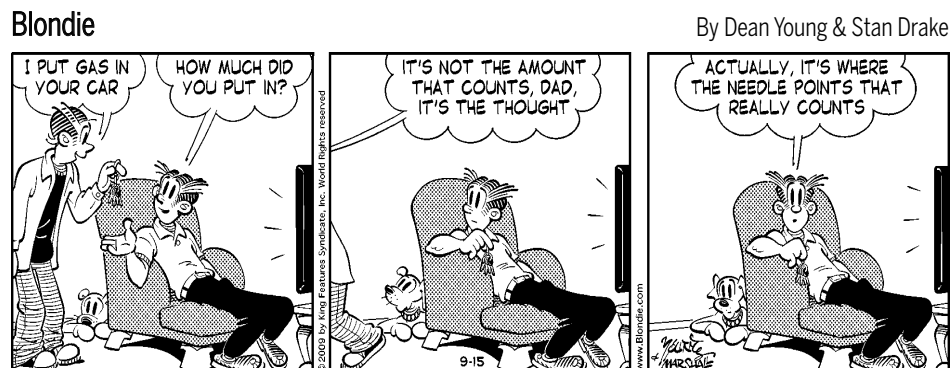
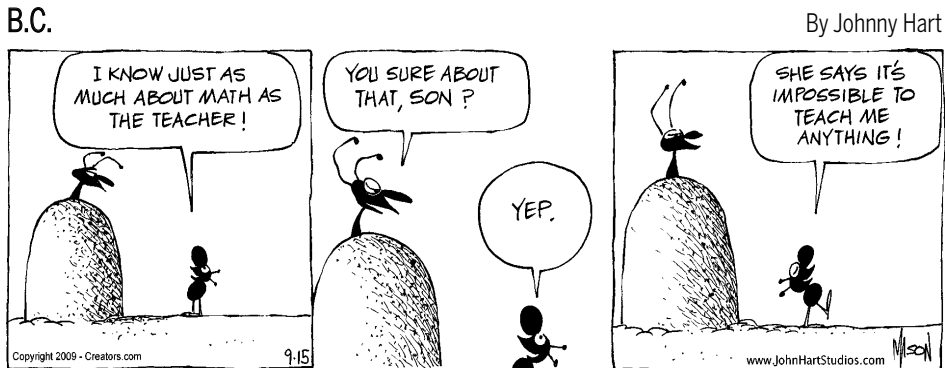
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Juan Martin del Potro, of Argentina, pumps his fist after winning a game over Roger Federer, of Switzerland, in the second set during the men's finals championship at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York, Monday. AP photo







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