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Aragon trial winds down with boy's testimony

Bear, sister didn't think weather was blizzard-like

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — Bear Aragon intended to see his mom and help his dad when he ventured off with his sister on Christmas during a fatal walk that began with snow angels.

Bear, 13, told a jury on Thursday during the trial for his dad, Robert Aragon, that he wanted "to help my

dad" get the car unstuck from snow along West Magic Road.

Aragon is accused of involuntary manslaughter and injury to a child. Closing arguments in the trial are expected today.

Aragon was driving his children to the home of their mother, JoLeta Jenks, on Christmas, when the car became stuck.

"He didn't have reception out

there," said Bear about his dad's cell phone coverage.

Aragon later gave Bear permission to walk off with Sage, his 11-year-old sister, in the snow to see their mom nine miles away, Bear testified.

Before the family left Jerome, Bear spoke with his mom on the phone about coming to see her, the child said.

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Bambi Gwin, Robert Aragon's roommate, embraces Aragon after she finished her testimony during Aragon's trial Thursday in Shoshone. Aragon faces up to 25 years in prison for charges of involuntary manslaughter and injury to a child for allowing two of his children to attempt a nine-mile walk in freezing weather to see their mother on Christmas last year.
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ROBO-LEARNING



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Taunya Sweet, with NASA's Aerospace Education Services Project, helps Vera C. O'Leary Middle School eighth-graders Elyse Matlock, left, Lane Fassett-Krull and Kendall Collins Thursday at the school in Twin Falls. The students were learning about the importance of robots in the space program and the future exploration of planets like Mars.

NASA educates O'Leary students in robotics

By Damon Hunzeker
Times-News writer

A few robots never hurt anybody.

When NASA showed up with robots at O'Leary Middle School Thursday, Isaac Asimov's theories of robotics hovered in the background — and although the robots at O'Leary were LEGO models of actual NASA contraptions, the eighth-grade attention spans didn't waver.

Pictures of Albert Einstein, Mars, the moon, and robo-nauts adorned the walls in what was clearly a science room, as made evident by the sign asking:

"WHICH IS YOUR FAVORITE FUNDAMENTAL PARTICLE?"

The amount of information students absorbed was on clear display.

"We learned a lot about the Mars Rover and the robo-naut," student Alexis Simpson said. "He's used when the space men can't go because it's not safe. We worked with a robot that moves rocks. He would find a route in a crater and make sure astronauts have a secure path."

NASA representative Taunya Sweet is touring various schools across the country for a year as part of the Aerospace Education

Services Project.

She asked the classes if they're familiar with the use of robotics in everyday life.

For the most part, the eighth-graders understood the difference between real-life robots and movie robots, but at one point, Sweet had to clarify: "Well, I don't think I'd consider an oven a robot."

After one of her presentations, Sweet explained some of the benefits of the program for students.

"You often get kids who are afraid that robots are going to hurt them," she said. "I haven't encountered that very much here, but it's good for them to know that a

robot will only do what you tell it to do. They see so many movies, but technology hasn't gotten to that place yet."

Students were surprised and fascinated when Sweet said a robot is currently on the way to Pluto — formerly a planet — but that it will take the robot nine and a half years to get there.

Science teacher Jody Hurd said she's never seen a more engaging activity for her students and that it accelerates their imaginations.

Watching a LEGO replica of the Mars Rover navigating a series of rocks, student

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Boaters split on success of invasive program

Stickers raised \$776,000 by Sept.

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Idaho's fledgling invasive species program, funded through stickers required for almost every watercraft in the state, raised more than \$776,000 this summer to pay for boat inspections, educational outreach and other efforts.

But the program state officials say was needed to save Idaho waters from the threat of a tiny mussel only found two mussel-infested boats out of thousands of inspections.

Organizers of the Idaho Invasive Species Fund are still breaking down how the money — fees that vary based on the type of boat and whether its owner lives in-state — has been spent so far this year.

The fees, approved by the 2009 Legislature, have so far mainly targeted aquatic invaders such as the quagga mussel, which has not yet invaded Idaho and can clog rivers, lakes and irrigation systems.

Jennifer Wernex, communication manager for the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, said records as of Sept. 22 show nearly 107,000 stickers had either been sold or sent out to vendors. Not having the sticker carries a \$57 penalty, according to state code.

All but a small slice of the funds — offsetting Parks and Recreation's costs — are placed in the fund and then used by the Idaho State Department of Agriculture for various activities, including boat-check stations that were set up across Idaho this summer.

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Image courtesy Idaho State Department of Agriculture

Quagga mussels, tiny aquatic pests that can clog rivers, lakes and irrigation systems, haven't made it to Idaho yet. State officials want to keep it that way, and new fees placed on almost all personal watercraft used in the state raised more than \$776,000 this summer to help keep the invasive species at bay.



CRASH INTO ME

Searching for water, NASA to crash rocket booster into moon

By Joel Achenbach
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — America is returning to the moon — violently. A rocket booster and a small spacecraft will crash into the moon this morning at 5,600 mph. The Earth's satellite will have two new craters.

Conspiracy theorists are

not happy about the "bombing" of the moon. They say it's probably a military test. Naturally there's a "Do Not Bomb the Moon" Web site.

There is no bomb, actually. But that's beside the point: The important thing is that this is a star turn for the moon. The moon has been rather boring in recent

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Grazing debate renewed after peppergrass listing

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Barring any surprise developments, a desert flower found in parts of southwest Idaho — including the Juniper Butte area of Owyhee County — will receive new federal protections in just less than 60 days. And as is often the case with troubled species

in southern Idaho's rangelands, officials are debating the role livestock grazing should play in its protection.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officially published its decision to list the slickspot peppergrass as threatened on Thursday, starting the 60-day clock — a timeframe extended to allow the U.S. Bureau of

Land Management to finish conferring with Fish and Wildlife about grazing permits set to be issued in the plant's range.

The plant was originally proposed to be listed in 2003. But Fish and Wildlife changed its mind in 2005 after a challenge from the U.S. Air Force. But the

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The silent movie star who called T.F. home

Ever hear of Wanda Hawley? Boy, were you born too late. Between 1921 and 1926, she was one of the biggest stars in silent film, a Paramount Studios contract player who did movies for Cecil B. DeMille, Sam Wood and other directors.

And for reasons that aren't entirely clear, in 1945 — at age 50 — she fetched up in Twin Falls.

Marenda Wright, technical services supervisor at the Twin Falls Public Library, is hoping to find out why — and what happened to Hawley before she moved away in 1957.

A New York author is researching a possible book about Hawley — the actress' real name was Selma Wanda Pittack — and hoping to set the record straight about her character. Several published sources, including the online All Movie Guide (www.allmovie.com), report that Hawley fetched up in San Francisco after her movie career tanked, working as a prostitute.

"She apparently wasn't that kind of person at all," Wright said.

What Wright knows about Hawley's Twin Falls' sojourn is that she was married to Julius L. "Jack" Richey, who sold insurance here. Hawley left town, apparently for California, after Richey's death.

Hawley died in 1963 at age 67 and is buried in the Hollywood Forever Cemetery. It's located — appropriately enough, in Hawley's case — next to the Paramount complex in Hollywood.

Born in Scranton, Pa., Hawley moved to Seattle as a child. There she joined a local theater troupe and toured the United States and Canada, eventually ending up in Los Angeles where — according to Paramount publicity — she was discovered by DeMille.

In fact, Hawley began her

YOU DON'T SAY

Steve Crump



Courtesy photo

screen career years before meeting DeMille, and had appeared under the screen name Wanda Petit opposite both Tom Mix and William S. Hart, and played Douglas Fairbanks Jr.'s love interest in "Mr. Fix-It" in 1918. But DeMille made her a star in "Affairs of Anatol," with Wallace Reid and Gloria ("I'm ready for my closeup, Mr. DeMille") Swanson in 1921.

A year later, she was Rudolph Valentino's sweetheart in "The Young Rajah." Twenty-seven more films — she played mostly flappers — followed before her career petered out in 1932.

Complicating the search for Hawley's past is that she was a woman of many names, so it's not certain how she was known when she lived in Twin Falls — although she probably used the Richey surname.

If you know anything about Wanda Hawley, Wright would love to hear from you. Phone her at 733-2964, ext. 105, or e-mail mwright@lib.tfid.org. Or you can contact me.

We'll keep you posted.

Steve Crump is the Times-News Opinion editor.

Airport to hire consultant for its master plan

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

In the upcoming months, Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport will develop and update its master plan, which will outline the airport needs in the years ahead.

Before that can happen, the airport will hire an airport master plan consultant to assist in the process, which will take about a year. Proposals from consultants interested in the work are due

by Oct. 16, Bill Carberry, the airport manager, said at Thursday's airport advisory board meeting.

Planning, which will include public input, will examine possibilities such as future access roads and all the airport as whole, Carberry said. Airport master plans are also used when the federal government gives grant money for airport improvement projects.

"It's a document that tries to look at the future needs of

the facility," he said, adding that the master plan is typically updated every six to eight years.

The board selected members Phil Hafer and Marv Hempleman to sit on a committee that will select the consultant.

In other business, the airport board approved:

- A request from Todd Myers to operate an aircraft maintenance service out of Reeder Hangar 2. Reeder Flying Service will no longer

offer maintenance on fixed-wing aircraft and is subletting the hangar space to Myers, a former Reeder employee, Carberry said. Reeder management couldn't be reached on Thursday.

• The conceptual plan for a hangar for a helicopter in the northwest general aviation hangar area.

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Filer sewer project readies for December bid

By John E. Swayze
Times-News correspondent

FILER — The general contract for construction of Filer's sewer treatment facility should be ready to go to bid in December.

The Filer City Council reported Tuesday that major pieces of the \$12.5 million project, approved by residents in November 2006, are starting to fall in place.

"Engineering is ahead of schedule and we're just waiting on all the federal agencies to look at the plans," Mayor Bob Templeman said. "There's probably going to be at least 60 days for all their engineers to go over it and approve everything."

The membrane bioreactor system consists of an expandable five-to-15 acre footprint that breaks down wastewater and filters out pollutants using a series of filters and ultraviolet radiation. Remaining impurities

and compacted solids are then dried for disposal. The treated, potable water is suitable for irrigation or aquifer recharge.

Approximately \$7.9 million of the bond funding will be used to construct the membrane bioreactor plant and replace 7.3 miles of deteriorated sewer line extending from U.S. Highway 30 to North Street and Fair Avenue to Stevens Street.

"All the agencies have OK'd our engineering on the collection system and we're waiting for 2009-2010 budget year funding from the federal government," Templeman said. "That should be released in the next 30 days or so."

In other business, the council is reviewing the city's area of impact agreement with Twin Falls County. The long-term goal of an updated agreement is to keep pace with future growth by allowing city ordinances and codes to be

enforceable within the impact area.

"The area of impact ordinance has to do with making sure that development outside will work with what's going on within the city, so someday, when that's annexed, it works for us," said city attorney Fritz Wonderlich. "It has nothing to do with current junk or animal problems."

Once the council completes drafting changes to the area of impact, a final copy will be sent to county commissioners for approval.

The search also continues for two volunteers interested in representing the city's

area of impact. Representatives would attend council meetings and act as a liaison between city officials and residents who live in the impact area. Information regarding this position is available by contacting the Filer city office at 326-5000.

"Brian Dey, our current representative, contacted me to say he wanted us to start looking for someone else to take his place, because he doesn't have the time," said Filer City Office Manager Shari Hart.

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Columbus Day brings closures to Magic Valley

Many offices and facilities will be closed Monday for Columbus Day.

- Some city offices are closed, including Rupert and Shoshone, but several are open, including Twin Falls, Jerome, Burley, Gooding and Hailey.
- County, state and federal offices are closed.
- Post offices are closed.
- Banks are closed.
- Twin Falls Public Li-

brary is closed.

- The College of Southern Idaho and Herrett Center for the Arts and Science are closed.
- The YMCA/Twin Falls City Pool is open regular hours (open swim from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.)
- Magic Valley Mall is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Trash collection will follow the regular schedule.

SHOW AND TELL

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DeNovo Independence project denied again by S.V.

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

Thanks, but no thanks.

That was the message on Tuesday from the Sun Valley City Council to the developers of a high-end housing project and mine clean-up, who asked the council to bring part of their property into the city's comprehensive plan.

DeNovo Independence, LLC, owns 850 acres in Independence Gulch east of Sun Valley. Much of the property is former mining claims, and the developer is nearly finished with a major clean-up of the land, including removal of mine debris and dilapidated structures, along with the isolation and capping of contaminated soils.

"A century of mining scarred the hillsides and left significant concentrations of hazardous materials," said Gary Allen, a Boise-based attorney representing the developer at Tuesday's meeting. "On completion we hope to provide an asset that's safer and cleaner for your community."

The developers have committed to completing the clean-up regardless of the results of their housing development proposals.

Council members thanked DeNovo for that commitment, but said that they felt any benefits wouldn't outweigh the potential hazards of bringing the property into the city's comprehensive plan

area. County property outlined in the comp plan can be more easily brought into city limits for development consideration.

Primary among the concerns that persuaded the council to agree with the city's planning and zoning commission, which recommended denial in April, was public safety.

The developer brought experts to describe how any future homes would be built to Firewise standards, making them less susceptible to wildfire. Other points included a planned outdoor wildfire sprinkler system, how avalanche danger would be limited, the role of an on-site caretaker trained as a first responder, and a proposed helipad for emergency evacuations. Allen also described how the road plans had been adjusted to more easily accommodate emergency vehicles.

In addition, Allen said as much as \$900,000 a year in property taxes would be collected if homes were built on all 12 home sites proposed for the 35 acres suitable for development on the property. Sixteen percent of that would go to the city of Sun Valley, calculated Mayor Wayne Willich, with the remainder to other jurisdictions.

Council members weren't persuaded.

"I can't have a comfortable feeling or assurance that we can service that area up there to the same level we serve people down here," said Willich.

Councilman Nils Ribi agreed: "It really is putting people in harm's way."

Councilwoman Joan Lamb said she was concerned about some of those issues, but argued that having city control over the development of the property would likely end in a

better result for the city than if it remains under county rules.

"My predilection is you're always better having control and mitigation than not having control," she said. "We don't know what would be developed if the city doesn't modify the comp plan, but what we can be sure of is we won't get any of the mitigation."

During the hearing, Allen said the developer would regard the council's decision as final, and would not appeal. He said that to offset the costs of the mine clean-up, the developer does need to sell residential lots; these will likely now be proposed under county regulations.

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Keys to police department presented to Hagerman

By Kimberly Williams-Brackett
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN — The Hagerman City Council presented the keys to its renovated police department at Wednesday evening's meeting.

Through its Faith in Action project, Pastor Isaac Tellez and the congregation of the Hagerman Christian Center performed a vast renovation of the Hagerman Police Department office, putting in more than 1,500 volunteer hours in its continuing community outreach efforts.

"Just to be part of this project with our church, I

think is what the founding fathers dream about: a community that was not expecting a handout, but a hand up," said Tellez.

An invitation was extended for an open house, scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Oct. 17.

In other business, City Superintendent Casey Kelley reported the city's lift station is running fine, although the flow meter had to be cleaned due to heavy grease build-up. He also reported the annual National Pollution Discharge Elimination System inspection by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality on the city's

wastewater treatment facility "went good." The inspection establishes regulations for discharges into water sources.

The Hagerman Planning and Zoning Commission did not conduct official business since a quorum was not established. Commissioners discussed assigning sections of the city's comprehensive plan to revise and update. Acting Mayor Michael Winther said the commission apparently submitted the Title 4 section of city code, which includes planning and zoning's bylaws; however, discussion was tabled to provide time for further research.

Hagerman Fire Protection District Chief Tim Peterson said the district received a grant for \$20,000 to purchase 15 Project 25-compliant radios. An additional \$30,000 to \$35,000 in funding for 10 mobile radios, five handheld radios and pagers is needed to meet district needs, Peterson said.

Winther the city has received citizen complaints of code violations, including a nonfunctioning car on North State street bordering school property. The city may remove or abate such nuisance at the expense of the owner "within 15 days" after notification, said Winther.

Jerome Middle School plants, studies own food

By Damon Hunzeker
Times-News writer

Special-needs students don't especially need a garden, but they now have one at Jerome Middle School.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently funded a \$3,000 Teaching Nutrition Through Gardens grant to the school after special-education teacher Rhoda Hanway submitted an application that, in part, said "service-learning and community-business partnerships" would be forged.

The project has turned into more than that, though — such as using tomatoes, squash and peppers grown in the tennis-court-sized garden for the school-lunch program.

"They tell them it's grown in their own garden. They don't have a tomato for every student, but it's neat to see the students eating vegetables that they've grown themselves," said Heidi Martin, a child-nutrition coordinator with the Idaho State Department of Education.

"I've been there several times ... it's one of our biggest gardens that we have," she said, adding that 48 schools applied for the grants, and Jerome was one of 11 schools awarded.

While the grant was secured through the special-education program, the garden has been used by teachers of various disciplines.

"One of the best ways to teach students about nutri-

tion and get them eating healthier is to get them growing their own food ... but they've taught other topics there beyond nutrition," Martin said. "They've used the garden for math and science classes, journaling for English courses — even art classes, with the leaves ... It's been really neat to see some of the other students working with the extended-resource students."

As freezing weather approaches, the trick is to keep the garden going as well as possible.

"One of the requirements of the grant is that it has to be sustainable and last for several years," Martin said.

AROUND THE VALLEY

Jerome Civic Club hosts candidate Q&A

Meet the candidates for mayor of Jerome during a question-and-answer session at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, at the Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E., Jerome.

There are three mayoral candidates: John Andoe, Mike Dahmer and Councilman John Shine are competing for the mayor's office. Current Mayor Charles Correll is not seeking re-election.

The Jerome Civic Club hosting the event. Refreshments will be provided.

ISP nabs Montana fugitive in Glens Ferry

On Wednesday, Idaho State Police arrested a Montana fugitive wanted on three felony warrants near Glens Ferry, according to an ISP release.

After receiving information from the U.S. Marshall's office out of Montana that fugitive Byron Kancillia was possibly passing through southern Idaho, Sgt. Kevin Haight spotted Kancillia's vehicle westbound on Interstate 84, near King Hill.

Haight stopped Kancillia in Glens Ferry and took him into custody without incident.

Kancillia was transported to the Elmore County Jail.

T.F. Co. sheriff hires deputies, receives federal reimbursement

The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office has hired four new deputies and received a federal reimbursement, according to a pair of recent news releases from the office.

Sheriff Tom Carter hired deputies Justin Kimball, Chris Hogan, Nicole Rodriguez and Matt White as a result of the COPS Hiring Recovery Program Grant. The deputies, who will be assigned to the detention center in an effort to meet state accreditation staffing levels, were sworn in by Carter on Oct. 2.

The office was also awarded \$17,400 from the fiscal year 2009 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program. The U.S. Department of Justice announced the award, meant to reimburse some

costs of incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens who have committed serious crimes in the U.S.

Forest Service closes campgrounds, gives snow warnings in Fairfield District

The U.S. Forest Service is now discontinuing services for the winter at developed campgrounds in the Minidoka Ranger District, the agency announced Thursday.

No services will be provided until around May or June at most campgrounds, with exceptions being Diamondfield Jack Snowmobile Area, Third Fork Trailhead, Birch Glen Information Area, Bostetter Warning Shelter, Howell Canyon Snowmobile Parking Area and North Heglar Snowmobile Parking Area. People with motorized vehicles are reminded to stay on designated roads and trails; motorized-use maps are available at the agency's Burley and Twin Falls offices.

Also, Baumgartner Campground, 11 miles east of Featherville in the Fairfield

Ranger District, closed for the winter on Thursday. Other area campgrounds will remain open through Dec. 1 with limited services.

Last weekend's early snow left anywhere from 5 to 20 inches in the areas around Fairfield and the South Fork of the Boise River, and roads are wet and snow-covered. The Couch Summit, Wells Summit and Ketchum-Featherville roads are currently open but are snow-packed or muddy. Trails in the area are also currently open, though seasonal road and trail closures are in effect.

Information: Minidoka District, 208-678-0430, or Fairfield District, 208-764-3202.

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U of I questions prof's attendance at bighorn meeting while on leave

BOISE (AP) — The University of Idaho is looking into whether a professor violated terms of her paid leave while it investigates her claims of how bighorn sheep get deadly diseases.

The school is trying to determine what role Marie Bulgin, head of the UI's Caine Veterinary Teaching and Research Center, played at a Sept. 29 meeting of the Idaho Bighorn/Domestic Sheep Collaborative. State officials and wildlife groups said Bulgin introduced herself as a representative of the facility in Caldwell.

"Until we know more

about those circumstances, we simply cannot speculate," Tania Thompson, a UI spokeswoman, said in an e-mail Thursday. "In the event that her attendance was in violation of her leave status with the university, it will be addressed as a personnel matter."

Since June, Bulgin has been on leave as the university investigates her testimony in federal court and the Idaho Legislature, where she insisted there was no proof bighorns can catch diseases from domestic sheep on the range. Evidence to the contrary has been collected by

the Caine center's own researchers, including Bulgin's daughter, since at least 1994.

Bulgin was traveling and didn't immediately return a call seeking comment.

Conservation groups at the state-sponsored meeting, which was aimed at remedying conflicts between ranchers and bighorn sheep, said she introduced herself as a Caine representative.

"I was surprised by that," said Ken Cole, with Western Watersheds Project, a critic of Bulgin's work. "I thought she was on administrative leave."

Mexico nabs fugitive in Elmore County slayings

MEXICO CITY (AP) — One of the FBI's most-sought fugitives, wanted for the 2002 killings of his girlfriend and her two young sons in Idaho, has been captured in Mexico.

Federal police detained Jorge Alberto Lopez Orozco on a highway in the Pacific

coast state of Guerrero, Mexico's Attorney General's Office said Thursday. He was transported to the neighboring state of Michoacan and held on a U.S. extradition request.

Lopez Orozco, 33, is charged with three counts of first-degree murder in the

deaths of Rebecca Ramirez and her sons, aged 2 and 4, in Elmore County. He was placed on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list in March 2005.

There was no immediate information on whether U.S. prosecutors had agreed not to seek the death penalty against Lopez Orozco.

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"It's appropriate for Treasury officials to keep in touch with those who work in the markets every day, particularly when the economy and the markets are so fragile."
 — Treasury spokesman Andrew Williams on Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner's routine of speaking to powerful Wall Street bankers

EDITORIAL

Additional EPA regulation of Idaho CAFOs? No thanks

Anybody who's paid attention over the past decade to the long, painful process of sorting out the relationship between confined animal feeding operations and their neighbors knows how complicated it can be.

But Idahoans, by fits and starts, are working it out, with state and local regulation as necessary.

It's by no means a perfect system, but it's preferable to having the federal government play cop.

And that's what would happen if a coalition of groups succeeds in persuading the Environmental Protection Agency to start regulating CAFOs under the federal Clean Air Act.

The Humane Society, the Association of Irrigated Residents and Friends of the Earth, among other groups, want the EPA to start governing emissions of hydrogen sulfide, ammonia, methane and nitrous oxide. CAFOs are already a national EPA priority for other issues under the Clean Water Act.

In Idaho, ammonia emissions at dairies that emit more than 100 tons a year are already monitored by the Idaho departments of Environmental Quality and Agriculture. Any new EPA rules would be in addition to the state program, which has improved after reporting and inspection problems last year.

That seems adequate to us, especially since the EPA itself admits it doesn't have enough information to determine whether CAFOs need more regulation.

The petition comes as the EPA is close to wrapping up a study of emissions at 24 U.S. CAFOs. The two-year project — launched as part of a compliance agreement with the industry — should give the agency a better idea of just what pollution the facilities produce. Results are expected next year.

What science does exist on airborne pollution from CAFOs shows that animal agriculture is responsible for just a fraction of greenhouse gases.

CAFOs and their neighbors have real problems, but they're not issues that require federal intervention. Let the parties, the counties and the state work them out.

Our view: Airborne emissions from confined-animal feeding operations shouldn't be a federal case.

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

Let members of Congress go without health insurance

Let me offer a modest proposal: If Congress fails to pass comprehensive health reform this year, its members should surrender health insurance in proportion with the American population that is uninsured.



Nicholas Kristof

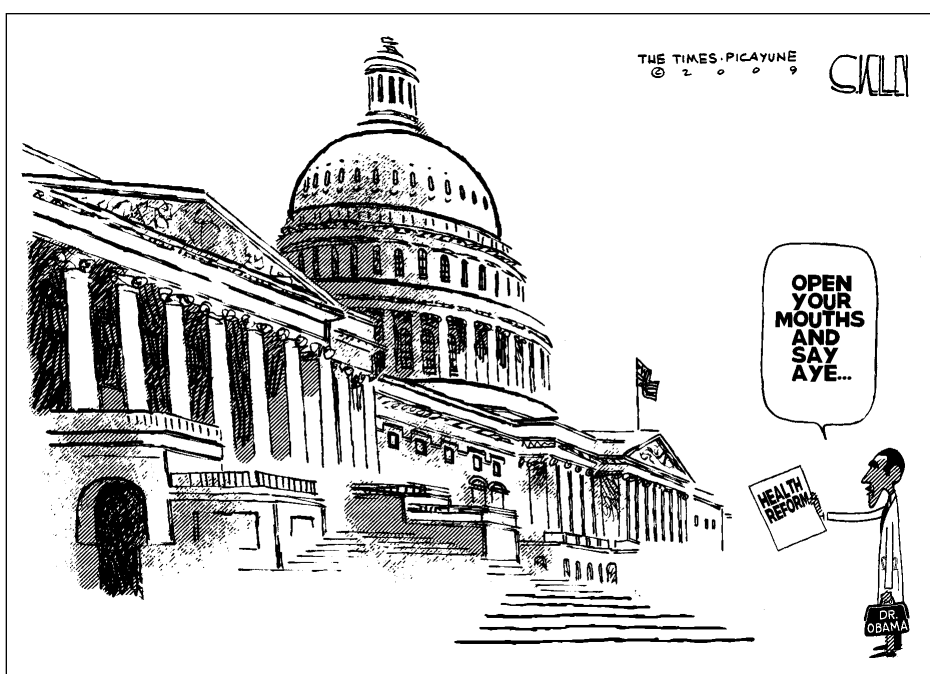
It may be that the lulling effect of having very fine health insurance leaves members of Congress insensitive to the dysfunction of our existing insurance system. So what better way to attune our leaders to the needs of their constituents than to put them in the same position?

About 15 percent of Americans have no health insurance, according to the Census Bureau. Another 8 percent are underinsured, according to the Commonwealth Fund, a health policy research group. So I propose that if health reform fails this year, 15 percent of members of Congress, along with their families, randomly lose all health insurance and another 8 percent receive inadequate coverage.

Congressional critics of President Barack Obama's efforts to achieve health reform worry that universal coverage will be expensive, while their priority is to curb social spending. So here's their chance to save government dollars in keeping with their own priorities.

Those same critics sometimes argue that universal coverage needn't be a top priority because anybody can get coverage at the emergency room. Let them try that with their kids.

Some members also worry that a public option (an effective way to bring competition to the insurance market) would compete unfairly with private companies and amount to a step toward socialism. If they object so passionately to "socialized health," why don't they block their 911 service to socialized police and fire services, disconnect themselves from



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socialized sewers and avoid socialized interstate highways?

I wouldn't wish the trauma of losing health insurance on anyone, but our politicians' failure to assure health care for all citizens is such a longstanding and grievous breach of their responsibility that they deserve it. In January 1917, Progressive Magazine wrote: "At present the United States has the undeniable distinction of being the only great industrial nation without universal health insurance." More than 90 years later, we still have that distinction.

Theodore Roosevelt campaigned for national health insurance in 1912. Richard Nixon tried for universal coverage in 1974. Yet, even now, nearly half of Congress is vigorously opposed to such a plan.

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We accept that life is unfair, that some people will live in cramped apartments and others in

sprawling mansions. But our existing insurance system is not simply inequitable but also lethal: a very recent, peer-reviewed article in the American Journal of Public Health finds that nearly 45,000 uninsured people die annually as a consequence of not having insurance. That's one needless death every 12 minutes.

When nearly 3,000 people were killed on 9/11, we began wars and were willing to devote more than \$1 trillion in additional expenses. Yet about the same number of Americans die from our failed insurance system every three weeks.

The obstacle isn't so much money as priorities. America made it a priority to provide tax breaks, largely to the wealthy, in the Bush years, at a 10-year cost including interest of \$2.4 trillion. Allocating less than half that much to assure equal access to health care isn't deemed an equal priority.

The plan emerging in the Senate is no panacea. America needs to promote exercise and discourage sugary drinks to hold down the rise in obesity, diabetes

and medical bills. We need more competition among insurance companies. And conservatives are right to call for tort reform to reduce the costs of malpractice insurance and defensive medicine.

But those steps are not a substitute for guaranteed health coverage for all Americans. And if health reform fails this year, then hopes for universal coverage will recede again. There was a lag of 19 years after the Nixon plan before another serious try, and a 16-year lag after the Clinton effort of 1993.

Another 16-year delay would be accompanied by more than 700,000 unnecessary deaths. That's more Americans than died in World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Iraq combined.

The collapse of health reform would be a political and policy failure, but it would also be a profound moral failure. Periodically, there are political questions that are fundamentally moral, including slavery in the 19th century and civil rights battles in the 1950s and '60s. In the same way, allowing tens of thousands of Americans to die each year because they are uninsured is not simply unwise and unfortunate. It is also wrong — a moral blot on a great nation.

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Why Blaine schools need \$59.8 million levy

The Blaine County School District is seeking voter approval for a facilities levy on Oct. 29. We understand that we are in a very difficult economic time but how can we afford not to invest in our public education system? Even in difficult times our children need the very best education that we can give them and as your superintendent it is my duty to ensure that our schools continue to satisfy that mission.

These are our community's schools. We have spent the last two years engaged with the community in designing the future of our schools through a very pro-

gressive strategic planning process that is intended to make our schools the very best that they can be. The strategic planning process had an unprecedented level of community involvement with over 100 citizens evaluating over 6,000 comments that led to ten goals. Our vision is to be A Model School District and our ability to implement the strategic plan will take the district to the next level and I am dedicated to helping achieve this ambitious goal.

There is no doubt that achieving the goals set out by our strategic plan come with a cost. The facilities levy is an important part of funding these goals. The



READER COMMENT
Lonnie Barber

levy will allow us to dedicate over \$10 million to new technologies in our schools over the next 10 years. It will also allow us to spend nearly \$3 million to help ensure that our schools are the very safest environments for our children. Additionally the levy will ensure that we have the resources to maintain and improve our existing facilities so they are the kind of schools that provide optimum learning condi-

tions for our students. The facilities levy also allows the school district to maximize the use of the general fund for teacher salaries, professional development and curricular needs.

The facilities levy will also help our struggling economy. First, model schools attract more families who in turn purchase more homes. This is why the Sawtooth Board of Realtors asks the district to speak to them each year about the state of our schools. Realtors know full well that a vital school system is essential to the viability of our community. Additionally, this levy will act as a local stimulus package for our valley. The

approximately \$30 million that will be spent on facility improvements and upgrades represents a potential boost to local contractors because the school district is dedicated to hiring local contractors who are qualified to do the work.

The school district is committed to responsible business practices. As such, we will not spend tax dollars if not needed. If the anticipated need for a new elementary school is not realized, that is, if student enrollment stays steady or declines over the next few years we will not collect the projected \$14 million earmarked for that school.

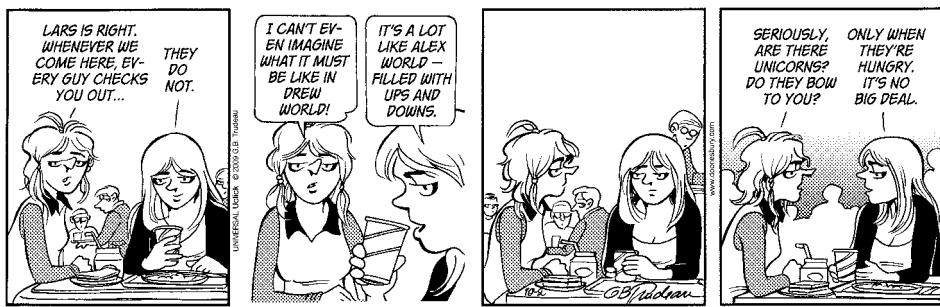
Investing in our students

is the solution to our economic challenges. We are educating the next generation of leaders right now. Blaine County is fortunate to have the lowest tax rate in Idaho, and because this levy is replacing an existing levy and expiring bond, it will not raise current taxes. The 8 percent of the yearly budget that the levy represents is vital to the maintenance and ongoing operations of the school district. Please take the time to become informed about the upcoming plant facilities levy.

Lonnie Barber of Bellevue is superintendent of the Blaine County School District.

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

Guys with power never grow up

WASHINGTON — Some things have changed since the “Mad Men” era.

The elevator operator isn't the only black face in the building. Executives no longer sip amber highballs and puff Lucky Strikes all day long.

And other things have not changed.

Some women still wriggle into girdles (now called Spanx). And some men still gravitate toward interns, nannies and secretaries (now called personal assistants).

A few years ago, I wrote that 40 years of feminism had done nothing to alter the fact that older men often see young women in staff support as sirens. For some men, it's the very inequality of the relationship that's alluring, the way these women revolve around them and make life easier, the way they treat Himself like the sunrise and sunset of their universe.

In terms of evolutionary biology, it could be rooted



Maureen Dowd

in the fear that aggressive females would be more likely to cheat and the males could end up raising offspring that were not their own.

In romantic terms, it could simply be the erotic pull of proximity. You covet what you see every day, as Hannibal Lecter said, and it can be seductive to get involved with someone who's already orbiting around you, bringing you pizza with your favorite toppings late at night.

Office romances abound in life and art (“The Office” has its interoffice wedding this week), and sometimes young staffers are attracted to the boss, and vice versa. Les Moonves, who heads CBS, and Robert Iger, who heads ABC as the chief of Disney, both married lovely young correspondents on

their networks. Barack Obama fell in love with a superior mentoring him at his law firm.

On his last late-night show, Jay Leno brought out all the kids spawned from “Tonight Show” romances.

In an ideal world, bosses would refrain from sleeping with subordinates, so as not to cause jealousy and tension in the office. But we're not in an ideal world. Otherwise, we'd already have health care for everyone and Glenn Beck wouldn't have any influence over the White House.

After David Letterman acknowledged that he'd had flings with young assistants, some commentators talked about it in the same breath as Roman Polanski, who drugged and sodomized a 13-year-old. That's outrageous.

Sexual harassment entails pressuring or penalizing a staffer or making the office atmosphere hostile. Despite the blustering of the attorney of the alleged execrable extortionist, Joe Halderman,

there's no evidence yet that Letterman was guilty of that.

Working for a boss as anti-social and self-critical as Letterman, whose world is circumscribed by his show, would not be easy. (The man is obviously not joking when he goes off on his self-loathing shticks; otherwise, he would have dated some of those gorgeous actresses flirting with him on air over the decades.)

But we haven't heard that the curmudgeonly comedian, who has never lost his streak of Midwest primness, forced any staffers to listen to tales of pubic hairs on Cokes or of Long Dong Silver.

From what we know so far, and that may not be everything, the women who got involved with Letterman were not pressured. One former intern, Holly Hester, said she had wanted to marry him but that he broke it off because of their age disparity.

Stephanie Birkitt, his assistant and former lover,

described herself as his best friend. She was not punished but rewarded with a recurring on-air starring role — despite the fact that she wasn't funny or charming.

As usual, Letterman was living out loud on the show, showing the audience his crush. His company reportedly footed the tab for Birkitt to go to law school; it says it did the same for some other staffers who wanted to pursue higher education.

On Monday night, when Letterman joked that he might be the first talk-show host to be impeached, Birkitt's name was still listed in the show credits.

Letterman's talent doesn't give him a free pass — he described his own behavior as “creepy” — and his wife (a former staffer at NBC) has a right to be deeply hurt and furious.

But it's absurd to compare a jester (unmarried at the time) to Bill Clinton and other philandering pols. Officeholders run as devot-

ed family men upholding old-fashioned values. They have ambitious public agendas and loyal acolytes whose futures depend on whether these leaders succumb to reckless dalliances.

As Craig Ferguson, whose show is produced by Letterman, joked: “If we are now holding late-night talk-show hosts to the same moral accountability as we hold politicians or clergymen, I'm out.”

The main thing Letterman and Clinton had in common was that the danger of a secret affair exploding is enhanced when the staffer is immature enough to scrawl confessions in her diary, as Birkitt did, or go prattling to a prat like Linda Tripp.

Unlike Clinton, Letterman trusted the public — and his bond with them — enough to tell the truth.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Clover Trinity school meets water standards

This letter is to direct the concerns of those who read the article in the Sept. 25 newspaper about toxins found in school drinking water.

Clover Trinity Lutheran School was very concerned when, on Monday, students started arriving at school stating that their water was unsafe to drink. Having read the article, the administration and staff were concerned that the improper conclusion might be reached from this article. Clover Trinity Lutheran School wants to confirm that it is in compliance with all federal mandates and guidelines for its drinking water.

The time in question was when the federal guidelines had changed in 2006. Clover immediately took steps to meet the new guidelines in the required time. As the administrator, I felt that the article was a bit misleading in the fact that it included us with many schools in other states that have not reached compliance with the water guidelines.

The report could have gone in a more positive direction in stating that most of the schools in our Magic Valley area are in compliance with the water guidelines. It is very important to us that our school is safe and that we maintain a safe environment. We would like to reassure everyone that we have taken the steps to keep our water within the guidelines. We have certified people checking our water and turning in their reports and we have continued to stay in compliance.

MARCUS LUTZ

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(Editor's note: Marcus

Lutz is the administrator at Clover Trinity Lutheran School in Buhl).

Get behind ISU football team

So you're suggesting that Idaho State drop down to D-2. So apparently the soccer titles, the women's basketball titles, the track titles and a resurgent basketball team don't matter to you? (Look at the teams the ISU men have played in the past three years and tell me you can do a better job navigating that gauntlet. Start looking past the record, guys).

Yeah, yeah, ISU sucks, hmmm—mmmm—come on, show some guts. There's more to life than whining about taxes and the same group of politicians you re-elect every few years, so get behind the team.

Yeah, we need some serious reorganization in the department, but do you think kicking the team while it's down is going to help any?

The football team is 6-32 in my four years of watching it play. I don't regret cheering it on one bit. I won't trade the years I've followed ISU for anything.

ROSS CUNNINGHAM
Pocatello

New Web site easy to navigate through

Congratulations on your new Web site! It looks great and is very easy to navigate through.

As a 25-year resident of Kimberly/Twin Falls, you allow us Minnesota transplants a view of what a great place we left and still miss. A big thanks to the Times-News and staff.

GEORGE PLEW
Coon Rapids, Minn.

The myth of talk-jock power

Let us take a trip back into history.

Not ancient history. Recent history. It is the winter of 2007. The presidential primaries are approaching. The talk jocks like Rush Limbaugh, Glenn Beck, Sean Hannity and the rest are over the moon about Fred Thompson. They're weak at the knees at the thought of Mitt Romney. Meanwhile, they are hurling torrents of abuse at the unreliable deviationists: John McCain and Mike Huckabee.

Yet somehow, despite the fervor of the great microphone giants, the Thompson campaign flops like a fish. Despite the schoolgirl delight from the radio studios, the Romney campaign underperforms.

Meanwhile, Huckabee surges. Limbaugh attacks him, but social conservatives flock.

Along comes New Hampshire and McCain wins! Republican voters have not heeded their masters in the media. Before long, South Carolina looms as the crucial point of the race. The contest is effectively between Romney and McCain. The talk jocks are now in spittle-flecked furor. Day after day, whole programs are dedicated to hurling abuse at McCain and everybody ever associated with him. The jocks are threatening to unleash their angry millions.

Yet the imaginary armies do not materialize. McCain wins the South Carolina primary and goes on to win the nomination. The talk jocks can't even deliver the conservative voters who show up at Republican primaries. They can't even deliver South Carolina!

So what is the theme of our history lesson? It is a story of remarkable volume and utter weakness. It is the story of media mavens who claim to rep-



David Brooks

resent a hidden majority but who in fact represent a mere niche — even in the Republican Party. It is a story as old as “The Wizard of Oz,” of grand illusions and small men behind the curtain.

But, of course, we shouldn't be surprised by this story. Over the past few years the talk jocks have demonstrated their real-world weakness time and again. Back in 2006, they threatened to build a new majority on anti-immigration fervor. House Republicans like J.D. Hayworth and Randy Graf, both of Arizona, built their re-election campaigns under that banner. But these two didn't march to glory. Both lost their seats.

In 2008, after McCain had won his nomination, Limbaugh turned his attention to the Democratic race. He commanded his followers to vote in the Democratic primaries for Hillary Clinton because “we need Barack Obama bloodied up politically.” Todd Donovan of Western Washington University has looked at data from 38 states and could find no strong evidence that significant numbers of people actually did what Limbaugh commanded. Rush blared the trumpets, but few of his Dittoheads advanced.

Over the years, I have asked dozens of politicians what happens when Limbaugh and his colleagues attack. The story is always the same. Hundreds of calls come in. The receptionists are miserable. But the numbers back home do not move. There is no effect on the favorability rating or the re-election

Just months after the election and the humiliation, everyone is again convinced that Rush Limbaugh, Glenn Beck, Sean Hannity and the rest possess real power. And the saddest thing is that even Republican politicians come to believe it.

prospects. In the media world, he is a giant. In the real world, he's not.

But this is not merely a story of weakness. It is a story of resilience. For no matter how often their hollowness is exposed, the jocks still reweave the myth of their own power. They still ride the airwaves claiming to speak for millions. They still confuse listeners with voters. And they are aided in this endeavor by their enablers. They are enabled by cynical Democrats, who love to claim that Rush Limbaugh controls the GOP.

They are enabled by lazy pundits who find it easier to argue with showmen than with people whose opinions are based on knowledge. They are enabled by the slightly educated snobs who believe that Glenn Beck really is the voice of Middle America.

So the myth returns. Just months after the election and the humiliation, everyone is again convinced that Limbaugh, Beck, Hannity and the rest possess real power. And the saddest thing is that even Republican politicians come to believe it. They

mistake media for reality. They pre-emptively surrender to armies that don't exist.

They pay more attention to Rush's imaginary millions than to the real voters down the street. The Republican Party is unpopular because it's more interested in pleasing Rush's ghosts than actual people. The party is leaderless right now because nobody has the guts to step outside the rigid parameters enforced by the radio jocks and create a new party identity. The party is losing because it has adopted a radio entertainer's niche-building strategy, while abandoning the politician's coalition-building strategy.

The rise of Beck, Hannity, Bill O'Reilly and the rest has correlated almost perfectly with the decline of the GOP. But it's not because the talk jocks have real power. It's because they have illusory power, because Republicans hear the media mythology and fall for it every time.

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Taliban cannot be eliminated, administration concludes

By Scott Wilson
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — As it reviews its Afghanistan policy for the second time this year, the Obama administration has concluded that the Taliban cannot be eliminated as a political or military movement, regardless of how many combat forces are sent into battle.

The Taliban and the question of how the administration should regard the Islamist movement have assumed a central place in the policy deliberations underway at the White House, according to administration officials participating in the meetings.

Based on a stark assess-

ment by Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the top U.S. and NATO commander in Afghanistan, and six hours of debate among the senior national security staff so far, the administration has established guidelines on its strategy to confront the group.

The goal, senior administration officials said Thursday, is to weaken the Taliban to the degree that it cannot challenge the Afghan government or reestablish the haven it provided for al-Qaida before the 2001 U.S. invasion. Those objectives appear largely consistent with McChrystal's strategy, which he says "cannot be focused on seizing terrain or destroying insurgent forces" but should center on per-

suaing the population to support the government.

"The Taliban is a deeply rooted political movement in Afghanistan, so that requires a different approach than al-Qaida," said a senior administration official who has participated in the meetings but has not advocated a particular strategy.

Some inside the White House have cited Hezbollah, the armed Lebanese political movement, as an example of what the Taliban could become. Hezbollah is considered a terrorist organization by the U.S. government, but has political support within Lebanon and participates, sometimes through intimidation, in the political process.

Bomb near Indian Embassy in Kabul kills 17

The Washington Post

KABUL, Afghanistan — A car bomb exploded outside the Indian Embassy in Afghanistan's capital Thursday, killing at least 17 people and destroying offices and cars along a heavily fortified street that is also home to the country's Interior Ministry, officials said.

The 8:30 a.m. blast — for which the Taliban quickly took responsibility — occurred when a sport-utility vehicle drove up next to a concrete barrier protecting the embassy. The explosion killed at least two Afghan police officers and 15 civilians and injured more than 60 other people, according to the Interior Ministry. It damaged several buildings and concrete walls along the quiet street of embassies, shops and government buildings.

Nobel lit prize goes to little-known European

The Associated Press

The judges, apparently, could not help themselves. Just two days after a Nobel Prize official worried the literature committee was too "Eurocentric," the winner for 2009 was Herta Mueller, a Romanian-born writer once censored in her native country.

It's no conspiracy, said permanent secretary Peter Englund. It's more geography.

"If you are European (it is) easier to relate to European literature," Englund told The Associated Press after the prize was announced Thursday. "It's the result of psychological bias that we really try to be aware of. It's not the result of any program."

Mueller, whose Nobel was seen as a nod to the 20th anniversary of communism's collapse, was persecuted in her native

Romania for her critical depiction of life behind the Iron Curtain.

She was cited by the committee for "the concentration of poetry and the frankness of prose" in such novels as "The Land of Green Plums," which describe "the landscape of the dispossessed." Beyond the judges' praise, she will receive \$1.4 million in prize money.

Mueller, 56, had to smuggle her early work to Germany to get it published and moved there in 1987. Her latest novel, "Attemschaudel," or "Swinging Breath," is up for this year's German Book Prize, to be announced Monday.

Like last year's Nobel laureate, Jean-Marie Gustave le Clezio of France, little of Mueller's work is available in English translation, although various publishers say they plan reissues.



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Filer Mennonite Church gears up for gift sale

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

FILER — A vase from Peru, an olive-wood nativity music box from Jerusalem's West Bank, a hand-crafted onyx chess board with pieces from Pakistan and a candleholder made in Vietnam are among the many items waiting to be discovered at the upcoming international gift sale, hosted by the Filer Mennonite Church.

"This is our 26th annual gift sale," said Lois Hooley, event chairwoman with the church. "It has never been a fundraiser for our church but is a volunteer service project."

All of the proceeds generated from the sale go directly back to the Dunia Marketplace in Boise. Although it is no longer known as Ten Thousand Villages, Dunia still sells items from the fair-trade retail chain — which works with 131 artisan groups from 38 countries — but changed as a way to offer a market to local refugee artisans and other marginalized groups.

"Our goal is to pay a fair wage and not have workers waiting around to get paid. Locally, however, because of competition from large stores, we often have to reduce our split with 70 percent going to artist and 30 percent for Dunia to



BLAIR KOCH/For the Times-News
Lois Hooley, Filer Mennonite Church member and chairwoman of the annual International Gift Sale, unwraps a candle holder from Vietnam. The unique item will be featured at the sale, which runs Thursday through Oct. 17 at the church.

cover selling costs and taxes," said Dunia Store Manager Becky West. "We like to say we are not only selling the crafts but telling the story as well."

West said in-store sales have been down this year, about 5 percent, and offsite events, like those in Filer, are a mixed bag.

A dismal economy aside, last year's sale in Filer saw nearly \$39,000 in sales, and organizers expect the three-day event, running

See **SALE**, Business 4

Class in the canyon

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

Instead of rifling through an assortment of tree leaves on a picnic table gathered at Dierkes Lake park, Taylor Morris, 11, decides to venture a bit in search of the perfect foliage for her small weaving project.

The art project was just one of many workshop-type lessons Kimberly Middle School sixth graders received during Wednesday's "School in the Canyon," event.

"I want to find a flower; that would be pretty to put in this," Morris said, searching for blooms or golden leaves.

While exploring the base of a tree, Morris eyes a short, narrow stick and decides it will do. She places it with other small leaves, in between lines of string pulled across green paper cardstock, and continues her search for more leaves.

In the meantime, Morris' sixth-grade counterparts were scattered across the park in small groups, rotating through lessons about haiku poetry, Frisbee golf, team building, social skills and even a special lesson with Idaho Fish and Game Regional Conservation Educator Kelton Hatch.

"I'm hoping they come out of this with a desire to learn about nature and the world," Hatch told the *Times-News*. "This is a great chance for thinking

Kimberly Middle School students take learning outside



Photos by BLAIR KOCH/For the Times-News

On Wednesday, Kimberly Middle School sixth-grade students took part in 'School in the Canyon,' with an array of outdoors lessons like poetry, Frisbee golf and art. Pictured are students Taylor Morris, left, and Brittnee Weber, searching for foliage for their weaving project.

about everything that makes our world, and maybe students will get an appreciation for the environment around the Twin Falls area."

This is the 13th year Kimberly Middle School has taken sixth-graders to the park. About 110 students made the trip Wednesday.

Sixth-grade social studies teacher Mason Roseberry said the annual event gave students an opportunity to learn and explore outside the walls of a traditional classroom.

"A lot of students don't

see their friends or classmates after the 3:05 (p.m.) bell and out here they get to see and interact with each other in a different way. I think they learn about themselves and get to know their friends and peers a little better," Roseberry said. "Plus it's a chance to enjoy being outdoors on one of the last fall days of the year."

Students also took in a Dutch oven-styled lunch and nature walk before heading back to Kimberly.

Blair Koch may be reached at blairkoch@gmail.com or 208-316-2607.



Kimberly Middle School sixth-grade student Edwin Navarrete reacts to receiving a shovelful of peat moss and mud out of Dierkes Lake.

TAKE PART

The International Gift Sale at the Filer Mennonite Church will be held from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday and Oct. 16, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Oct. 17 at the church, located at 109 Fifth St., Filer

COMMUNITY NEWS

Applications accepted for Community Health Improvement Fund

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center is accepting applications for its Community Health Improvement Fund.

Funding will go toward projects that address access to care, prevention of injury, violence and obesity, improving mental health and improving physical activity as a component of overall health. Applicants must address one or more of these priorities and demonstrate collaboration with other community organizations, including St. Luke's.

Applicants must also have a mechanism to measure health improvements. Preference will be given to projects that support multiple communities in south-central Idaho and northern Nevada. Funding commences Oct. 21.

Information: Jody Tremblay, 737-2934.

New Toastmasters Club begins in Filer

The Toastmasters International Diversity Club will hold an informational meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at J&T Green LLC, 214 Main St., Filer. Guest speaker will be Toastmasters International District Governor Dave Manning.

Toastmasters is a volunteer



Courtesy photo

Braeden Nield and Sam Bringhurst received their Eagle Scout Awards at a court of honor held in Kimberly. They are both 2009 graduates of Kimberly High School and participated in Key Club, National Honor Society, football, basketball, track and several other school activities.

group of people who wish to improve their speaking and leadership skills. Members take turns giving speeches and are evaluated by their peers.

Members must be 18, and meetings are held each Wednesday at 7 p.m. Annual dues are less than \$85.

Information: www.toastmasters.org.

Apple sale will benefit Coats for Kids project

The Twin Falls Optimist Club will sell locally grown apples from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, on the corner of Blue Lakes Boulevard and Addison Avenue in Twin Falls, to raise

funds its Coats for Kids project.

Information: Donna Bohrn, 539-1836.

Elks offer scholarship opportunity

Applications are being taken for national Elks scholarships. The program awards up to 250 four-year, \$4,000 scholarships annually.

To apply, visit www.elks.org. Applications are due by Jan. 8. Applicants must be related to or a legal ward of an Elk who has been a member in good standing for two years or more.

— Staff reports

OCTO-BURR



KIMBERLY WILLIAMS-BRACKETT/For the Times-News
Large tree branches snapped under the weight of accumulated snowfall in Three Creek on Sunday. The winter storm dumped a total of 6 to 12 inches of snow in northern Nevada and south-western Idaho above 4,000 feet, signaling that while fall is already upon us, winter is waiting around the bend.

Myofascial pain: Talk about a major pain in the backside

DEAR DR. GOTT: Not much is said about myofascial pain, but I was told there is no cure.

I've had chronic pain in my buttocks and thighs for six years when sitting. Standing is OK. I've had MRIs and X-rays of my lower back, hips and pelvis. Nothing was noted that would contribute to the pain. I've tried therapies,

ASK

DR. GOTT

Dr. Peter Gott



diets and have seen many doctors, to no avail. Is this diagnosis given when doctors cannot say what causes the pain?
DEAR READER:

Myofascial pain is a chronic condition that affects the connective tissue that covers muscles. Pain may develop from excessive strain on a single muscle or group of muscles, ligaments or tendons, through repetitive motion, intervertebral disc injuries, certain medical conditions and immobilization of a limb following a fracture.

The pain can exacerbate during periods of stress or increased activity and is often identified through pressure applied at specific trigger points. Depression and sleep difficulties are commonly reported.

Treatment for pain relief is accomplished through physical therapy, massage, trigger-point injections or medication. There is also a

technique whereby the area of pain is sprayed with a coolant and the muscle is stretched slowly.

Because the pain is in your buttocks and thighs, I recommend you speak with your primary-care physician about the possibility of sciatica or a pinched nerve being the cause.

To provide related information, I am sending you a

copy of my Health Report "Managing Chronic Pain." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed stamped No. 10 envelope and a check or money order for \$2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

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BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

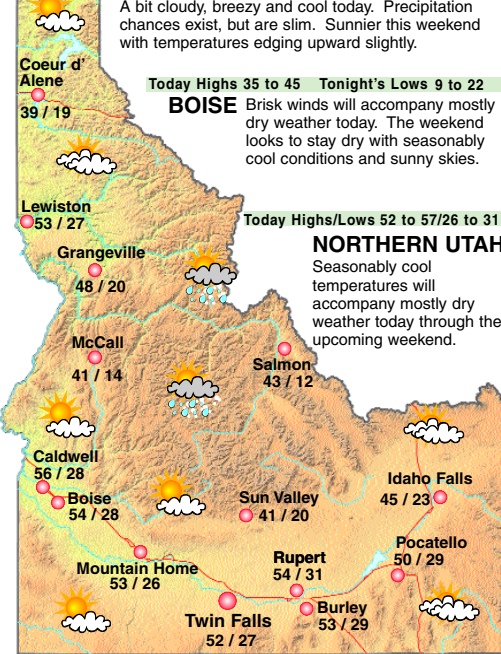
Today: Mostly sunny with a stiff breeze expected. Highs low 50s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy and breezy. Lows upper 20s to near 30.
Tomorrow: Cool sunshine. Highs low to middle 40s.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Temperature and Precipitation almanac table for Burley, showing historical high/low and monthly averages.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. A bit cloudy, breezy and cool today. Precipitation chances exist, but are slim.



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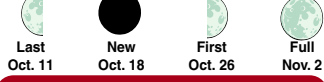
TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Five-day forecast table for Twin Falls, including Today, Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday with weather icons and temperature ranges.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature and Precipitation almanac table for Twin Falls, showing historical high/low and monthly averages.

MOON PHASES



REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table listing weather for various Idaho cities like Boise, Coeur d'Alene, and Lewiston.

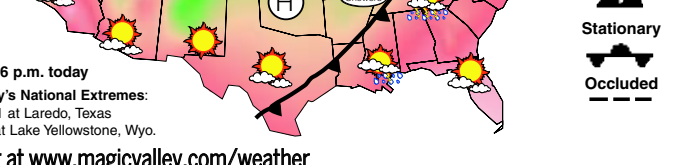
NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table listing weather for various states and cities across the US.

WORLD FORECAST

World forecast table listing weather for various international cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Gregg Middlekauff's Quote of the Day: 'Four short words sum up what has lifted most successful individuals above the crowd: a little bit more. They did all that was expected of them and a little bit more.'

Police target more than 1 million people under stop-and-frisk law

By Colleen Long Associated Press writer
NEW YORK — A teenager trying to get into his apartment after school is confronted by police. A man leaving his workplace chooses a different route back home to avoid officers who roam a particular street.

ians but is credited by authorities with helping reduce crime.
Police in major U.S. cities stop and question more than a million people each year — a sharply higher number than just a few years ago. Most are black and Hispanic men. Many are frisked, and nearly all are innocent of any crime, according to figures gathered by The Associated Press.

Brooklyn when plainclothes officers flashed their badges.
'What are you doing here?' one asked, as they rifled through his backpack and then his pockets. The black teenager stood there, quiet and nervous, and waited.
Carr said the officers told him they stopped him because he looked suspicious peeking in the windows. He explained that he had lost his keys. Twenty minutes later, the officers left. Carr was not arrested or cited with any offense.

Civil liberties groups say the practice is racist and fails to deter crime. Police departments maintain it is a necessary tool that turns up illegal weapons and drugs and prevents more serious crime.
Police records indicate that officers are drawn to suspicious behavior: furtive movements, actions that indicate someone may be serving as a lookout, anything that suggests a drug deal, or a person carrying burglary tools such as a slim jim or pry bar.
The New York Police Department is among the most vocal defenders of the practice. Commissioner Raymond Kelly said recently that officers may stop as many as 600,000 people this year. About 10 percent are arrested.

AROUND THE NATION

IDAHO State confirms two new swine flu deaths

MOSCOW — State public health officials say swine flu is a contributor in the death of two more Idaho residents.
Public health officials confirmed Thursday that a Latah County woman in her 50s died in the last week from swine flu complications. Officials later Thursday confirmed the death of a Canyon County woman, also in her 50s, from swine flu.

CALIFORNIA More women expelled under 'don't ask'

SAN FRANCISCO — Women are far more likely than men to be kicked out of the military under the "don't ask, don't tell" policy against gays in uniform, according to government figures released Thursday that critics said reflect deep-seated sexism in the armed forces.
Women accounted for 15 percent of all active-duty and reserve members of the military but more than one-third of the 619 people discharged last year because of their sexual orientation.
The disparity was particularly striking in the Air Force, where women represented 20 percent of all personnel but 61 percent of those expelled under "don't ask, don't tell," researchers said.

WASHINGTON Agriculture spending bill goes to Obama

Dairy farmers suffering from low milk prices would benefit from \$350 million in emergency funding approved by the Senate on Thursday as it cleared a \$121 billion agriculture spending bill for President Obama's signature.
The bill also delivers a record \$58.2 billion for the food stamp program, which when combined with benefit increases passed under Obama's stimulus bill earlier in the year would mean a 19 percent increase in food stamp spending above current levels.
The measure passed by 76-22 vote. Obama is expected to sign it into law soon.
Lawmakers from dairy-producing states succeeded in getting \$350 million in aid for milk farmers struggling to cope with falling market prices. That includes \$60 million to cover the federal purchase of surplus cheese and other dairy products.
The purchased products would go to food banks and other nutrition programs. The remaining \$290 million is expected to go out in

FBI eyes terrorism suspect's travel talk

WASHINGTON — An Afghan immigrant accused of plotting a terror attack in New York City contacted accomplices there while making a cross-country drive from Denver, raising concerns among investigators that he was sending instructions to purchase more bomb-making chemicals, officials familiar with the case said.
Terrorism investigators are trying to determine whether suspect Najibullah Zazi sent instructions to associates as he drove from Denver to New York last month, according to law enforcement officials.
Such instructions could explain a critical missing piece of the high-profile terrorism case: why authorities could not find actual explosives.
Two officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the case, told The Associated Press that as Zazi drove, he was in communication with associates, and one of the officials said investigators believe the communications included instructions for the associates to purchase more chemicals for homemade bombs.
The officials did not describe the nature of the communication, but court documents indicate investigators have been examining Zazi's cell phone and e-mail traffic.

MASSACHUSETTS 100-year-old woman slain in nursing home

DARTMOUTH — A 100-year-old woman found strangled in a nursing home with a plastic bag over her head loved living at the home, where she happily played bingo and doled out daily hugs to other residents, her son said Thursday.
Elizabeth Barrow was found dead in her bed last month by workers doing a routine check at Brandon Woods nursing home, Bristol District Attorney Sam Sutter said. Police initially speculated it was a suicide, but a state medical examiner later ruled it a homicide after an autopsy indicated strangulation.
Barrow's son, Scott, told The Associated Press on Thursday that a nursing home staffer called him early Sept. 24 to say his mother had been found dead "under unusual circumstances" and that a plastic bag from a local convenience store had been put over her head.

Advertisement for Brady's fitness equipment featuring various treadmills, recumbent bikes, and Teeter Hang Ups. Includes text: 'Shop now and beat the 2010 price increases. Top quality equipment made to be used, and meant to last...' and 'Achieve a better back, better body™ with Teeter Hang Ups®.'



For the young and young at heart, Fairyland Park reopens

By John Plestina
Times-News writer

JEROME — When Fairyland Park founder Gene Reichhard said, “All adults must be accompanied by children,” she wasn’t kidding. The whimsical land of make-believe near Jerome is for the young and young at heart.

The Fairyland Park Fair on Saturday marked the reopening of the enchanting and fanciful place that has been dedicated to children since the late 1940s.

Now, keeping Magic Valley’s own magical kingdom open for future generations is a passion for Reichhard, after closing Fairyland for nine years for health reasons.

“I’m trying to hang onto it for the kids’ sake,” she said.

Reichhard founded Fairyland on the 450-acre ranch that her father, Hubert Ricketts, homesteaded in 1912.

Ricketts’ ill health during the late 1940s resulted in his daughter and son-in-law, Gene and Richard “Jake” Reichhard, leaving

See **FAIRYLAND**, Entertainment 2

• **When:** Call 421-4819 to schedule visits. Fairyland Park will announce regular hours for Santa Claus’ visit, Dec. 20-24, and the park plans to be open during regular days and hours next year.

• **Where:** At 747 E. 400 S., Fairyland Park is southeast of Jerome. From Idaho Highway 25 east of U.S. Highway 93, turn right on 800 East, then right on 400 South. The entrance, with a white gate and a windmill, is on the left.

• **Cost:** All of Fairyland Park’s programs are free, but it accepts donations.

• **Information:** manager Lyndon Jackson, 421-4819.

FUN IN FAIRYLAND



Photos by DREW GODLESKI/For the Times-News
Abigail Camfield, 5, rides in the pumpkin carriage with her mother Saturday at Fairyland Park near Jerome.



Sierra Morris, 11, center left, plays a ring toss game as her sister KiLee Morris, 7, and mother Chris Morris watch at Jerome’s Fairyland Park on Saturday.



The pumpkin carriage drives past displays at Fairyland Park.



Photos by BLAIR KOCH/Times-News

Magichords baritones Steve Widmer, front, and Bob Parkinson rehearse “Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor,” a classic barbershop quartet-styled song by Irving Berlin. The Magichords’ Saturday concert will feature headline quartet McPhly from Colorado.

Four parts, by ear

Magic Valley Magichords sound great even without formal know-how

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

Fred Burkhalter raises a shining pitch pipe to pursed lips and exhales sharply, and the instrument emits a note, slightly wavering but ending strong. The 15 or so other Magichords members lean slightly towards Burkhalter as they grasp the G major key.

Then, all at once, the four lines sing: “I have an ear for music and I have an eye for a maid,” in bass, baritone, lead and tenor voices.

The verse, from “A Pretty Girl is Like a Melody” by Irving Berlin, is free and quick-spirited in a cut, four-four time. At the end of the line, with the tenors landing on G, leads on B, baritones on B and basses on F, the separate lines become something more — the ringing chord.

This is classical barbershop with its signature American sound and style: robust texture, ringing timbre and intimate overtones.

“Barbershop is one of a few true American art forms, and it’s always been popular in the Magic Valley,” said Magichords director and creator Burt Huish. “We’ve been together 43 years, stuck to (the music’s) roots, and what we produce is still easy to appreciate.”

The all-man group is gearing up for its Saturday concert, “Irving Berlin Goes Barbershop,” featuring headline quartet McPhly, from Colorado, and guest quartets Arios, Grandpa’s Boys and 4th Avenue.

With the rapid note progressions, periodic key changes and tight harmonies, one might think the group’s members were musically educated and reading music a prerequisite.

That’s not the case.

See **MAGICHORD**, Entertainment 2



Fred Burkhalter blows into his pitch pipe during a recent Magichords rehearsal. Burkhalter sings tenor in the four-part cappella group. Before each song, Burkhalter gives the pitch for the lead part.

‘IRVING BERLIN GOES BARBERSHOP’

Don’t miss the annual concert of Twin Falls’ signature four-part harmony barbershop-style singers, the Magichords, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the College of Southern Idaho’s Fine Arts Auditorium. The concert features headline quartet McPhly from Colorado and guest quartets Arios, Grandpa’s Boys and 4th Avenue. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$9 for seniors and students; available at Everybody’s Business in Twin Falls, D.L. Evans Bank in Jerome, and Sav Mor Drug in Buhl.

Sharp and sardonic

Sedaris will read from his work in Sun Valley

Times-News

Humor writer David Sedaris will read from his work Oct. 25 in the opening event of the Sun Valley Center for the Arts' 2009-10 Lecture Series, at 7 p.m. in Sun Valley Resort's Limelight Room.

With sardonic wit and sharp social commentary, Sedaris crafts side-splitting essays that often take a poignant turn to reveal the human condition today, promoters say. Populated by his colorful Greek-American family, oddball neighbors, stressed-out air travelers, nightmare jobs and people dressed as holiday elves, Sedaris' books have sold more than 7 million copies in 28 countries.

"He's the kind of writer who once you discover him, you want to give his books to everyone you know so you can laugh together about your favorite parts," the center's Britt Udesen said in a press release. "The other great thing is that he's a writer whose work is enhanced by his reading it aloud, as proved by his continuing popularity on National Public Radio."

Sedaris is the author of

best-selling essay collections "Barrel Fever," "Holidays on Ice," "Naked," "Me Talk Pretty One Day" and "Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim." His original radio pieces can often be heard on "This American Life" on public radio. He was nominated for three Grammy Awards for Best Spoken Word and Best Comedy Album, and has a new live album coming out in November called "David Sedaris: Live For Your Listening Pleasure."

Critics have noted that Sedaris, who turns 53 in December, displayed a more reflective tone in his latest book, "When You are Engulfed in Flames"; the title refers to instructions Sedaris found in a hotel room in Japan on what to do in case of a fire.

Individual tickets for the Sedaris reading are \$30 for Sun Valley Center for the Arts members and \$40 for others.

Other evening lectures in the series: author Junot Diaz on Nov. 20 in Ketchum; journalist Roxana Saberi on Jan. 7 in Ketchum; author Salman Rushdie on Feb. 11 in Sun Valley; and former Health & Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala on March 22 in Ketchum. Series tickets are \$115 for Sun Valley Center members and \$165 for others.

Tickets: sunvalleycenter.org or 726-9491, ext. 10.

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Saxes of all sizes

Rob Verdi, saxophonist for Disneyland's Side Street Strutters, shown at right, will give a lecture called "Saxophobia" at 9 a.m. Oct. 19 at College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Recital Hall. The lecture is free and open to the public.

"Saxophobia" explores the music of Rudy Weidoeft, Frankie Trumbauer, Adrian Rollini, Paul Desmond, Charlie Parker, John Coltrane and others. Verdi will also display part of his collection of more than 100 saxophones, including a tiny soprano saxophone and a 6 1/2-foot-tall contrabass sax.

Information: Brent Jensen, 732-6765 or bjensen@csi.edu.

High schoolers may join poetry contest

The Idaho Commission on the Arts is inviting Idaho high school teachers of English, speech or drama to enter their students in the statewide Poetry Out Loud competition, which will culminate in a State Final in Boise on Feb. 27.

Poetry Out Loud was created by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation and is administered by the state art agencies. By encouraging high school students to memorize and perform great poems, Poetry Out Loud brings spoken word and theater into the classroom, helping students



Courtesy photo

Rob Verdi

master public speaking and learn about their literary heritage.

Poems are selected from an anthology available online at poetryoutloud.org. The program follows a pyramid structure, with in-school, state and national finals. Each contestant must memorize two poems at the school level and a third poem for the State Final. A panel of five Idahoans will select one student and chaperone for an expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the National Finals on April 27.

Thousands of high school students across the nation participate. A total of \$50,000 in scholarships and school stipends will be awarded at the National Finals.

The Idaho Commission on the Arts will accept entries from the first 25 schools statewide that fax their commitments to 334-2488. The state champion will receive \$200, and his or her school \$500; the run-

ner-up receives \$100, plus \$200 to their school.

Tots music classes in Hailey

Blaine County Recreation District is once again facilitating Tom Nash's music classes for tots and parents this fall at the Community Campus in Hailey.

"Melody Makers" is for potty-trained kids ages 3-5, a hands-on class introducing students to instruments such as trombone, violin, saxophone, keyboard, guitar and drums. Games and singing teach melody and rhythm, and terms such as tempo, pitch and note values are introduced in fun ways. Students make instruments and musical art projects to take home. No parent participation needed. Classes will be 1-2 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 15 to Dec. 10, with no class on Thanksgiving. Cost is \$125 for the eight-class session. A 15 percent sibling discount is available.

"Mommy and Me Music" is for newborns through 2-year-olds and their parents or caregivers. It combines music, movement and group participation to help introduce rhythm and melody. Included are stories, melodic instrument play, puppets, sing-a-long songs and parachute play. Classes will be 9:15-10 a.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 13 to Dec. 1. Cost is \$100 for the eight-class session. A 15 percent sibling discount is available. Register at the BCRD

office in the Community Campus, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Information: 788-2117 or bcrd.org.

Forum addresses African health care

Much of Africa is without even the most basic of medicines and other health care technologies for many of its people, say organizers of an upcoming forum. Why do these problems persist? What can be done to improve the situation? Why should we care?

These topics will be discussed at the next free Herrett Forum at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 21, in the Rick Allen room of the Herrett Center for Arts and Science in Twin Falls.

Presenter Laura Frost has lived and worked in eastern, central and southern African nations and worked with non-government organizations on community-based health and relief programs. She has been involved in a range of health issues including HIV/AIDS, malaria and maternal/child health. Frost earned a doctorate of science from the Harvard School of Public Health and is co-founder of Global Health Insights, a consulting group specializing in qualitative and policy research for global health.

Frost will discuss topics from her recent book, "Access: How Do Good Health Technologies Get to Poor People in Poor Countries?"

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This is the biggest weekend of the football season thus far for the Great Basin Conference, as all six teams will be playing one another. After tonight, the conference championship picture and Great 8 playoff seeding will get a bit clearer. The next three weeks are sure to be a ...

DOG FIGHT



Minico's Mark Leon

MINICO SPARTANS VS. CANYON RIDGE RIVERHAWKS

The Spartans are coming off an embarrassing loss to Preston, and have been lackluster in their past three games. Tonight against winless Canyon Ridge could be Minico's turning point. Although huge games with Jerome and Twin Falls loom, the four-time conference champion Spartans can't afford to overlook the 'Hawks. RB/DB Edgar Espinoza, who injured his shoulder vs. Preston, is a game-time decision.

Coach Tim Perrigot: "Our kids realize the importance of this game. This is a must-win for us. If you want to win the conference championship, you've got to take it one game at a time from here on out."

(3-3, 2-0 GBC)
Remaining schedule:
Tonight @ Canyon Ridge
Oct. 16 @ Jerome
Oct. 23 Twin Falls

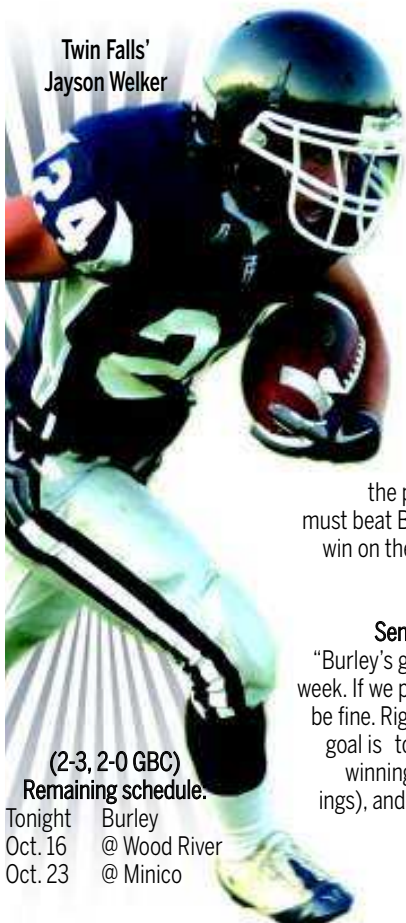
As far as the postseason picture goes, the first-year Riverhawks are on the outside looking in and have struggled to make games competitive. CRHS is still seeking that first victory as it embarks on a three-week home stand to end the regular season.

Junior WR Alex Ridgeway: "We're still working on fundamentals on defense, tackling, and finishing drives on offense. We're staying positive. We have three more weeks to go out and get some wins."



Canyon Ridge's Chase Joslin

(0-5, 0-3 GBC)
Remaining schedule:
Tonight Minico
Oct. 16 Bonneville*
Oct. 23 Wood River
(*non-conference)



Twin Falls' Jayson Welker

TWIN FALLS BRUINS VS. BURLEY BOBCATS

Tonight could mark the Bruins' final home game unless they win the remaining conference games and clinch the top seed of the Great 8. To earn home-field advantage in the playoffs, the Bruins must beat Burley tonight, then win on the road the next two weeks.

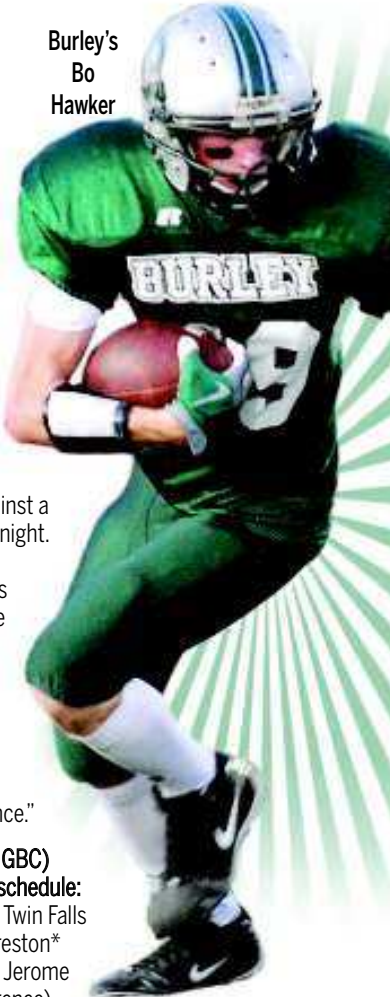
Senior LB Zak Sloten: "Burley's getting better every week. If we play our game, we'll be fine. Right now, our main goal is to finish the season, winning out (in the standings), and we'll have Week 9 and 10 at home."

(2-3, 2-0 GBC)
Remaining schedule:
Tonight Burley
Oct. 16 @ Wood River
Oct. 23 @ Minico

With two conference wins in the bag, Burley has earned a spot in the Great 8 and sits third in the standings, but would like to improve its seeding. Burley piled on 21 first-quarter points in its win over Wood River last week, and will need a similar start against a stingy Twin Falls defense tonight.

Coach Eugene Kramer: "This week is huge for us. I'd have to consider Twin Falls the favorite in our conference right now, just because they beat Jerome. Plus, watching on film, Twin Falls is the most fundamentally sound team in our conference."

(2-3, 2-1 GBC)
Remaining schedule:
Tonight @ Twin Falls
Oct. 16 Preston*
Oct. 23 @ Jerome
*(non-conference)



Burley's Bo Hawker



Wood River's Jose Martinez

WOOD RIVER WOLVERINES VS. JEROME TIGERS

Their record looks a lot like last year's, but the Wolverines' heart and effort are much improved. WR hasn't put together a full four quarters yet. The Wolverines were one bad quarter away from possibly beating both Minico and Burley. WR needs a minor miracle in the final three weeks to reach the playoffs, but an upset over Jerome tonight would shake up everything.

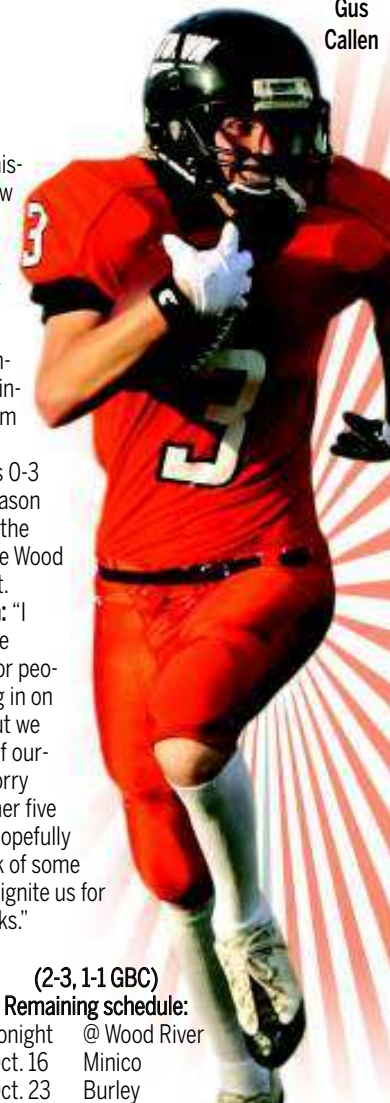
Coach Kevin Stilling: "(The team) is really positive. I think a lot of teams in our situation may not continue to work hard, but we've had an upbeat week of practice. Working hard and not giving up is something they've bought into."

(1-4, 0-2 GBC)
Remaining schedule:
Tonight Jerome
Oct. 16 Twin Falls
Oct. 23 @ Canyon Ridge

Things looked promising for Jerome a few weeks ago, but the Tigers have suffered back-to-back losses for the first time since 2006. Mistakes and inconsistent play have hindered the team from putting two halves together. Jerome is 0-3 on the road this season and must travel to the frozen tundra of the Wood River Valley tonight.

Coach Gary Krumm: "I know the next three weeks will be fun for people who are looking in on the Great Basin, but we have to take care of ourselves. We can't worry about what the other five teams are doing. Hopefully we can find a spark of some type (tonight) and ignite us for the next three weeks."

(2-3, 1-1 GBC)
Remaining schedule:
Tonight @ Wood River
Oct. 16 Minico
Oct. 23 Burley



Jerome's Gus Callen

4 A SOCCER PLAYOFFS

Quick-fire Riverhawks upend Bruins

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

The first two boys soccer matches between crosstown rivals Twin Falls and Canyon Ridge ended in a draw. In the playoffs there is no such thing, but the Riverhawks made sure there was no need.

Ricardo Lopez scored the match-winner and assisted on Canyon Ridge's other two goals as they scored a 3-1 win over Twin Falls at Sunway Soccer Complex on Thursday, advancing in the winners' bracket of the Great Basin Conference tournament.

The Riverhawks (4-9-4) scored all three of their goals in the first half, the opener coming from Nigel

Cvencek about 15 minutes in. After that they played the waiting game with ruthless effect, sitting back to keep things tight defensively, while trying to hit the Bruins (4-10-4) on the counterattack.

"For the most part we just tried to pack the midfield, stay organized in the back and take what was available to us," said Canyon Ridge coach Brian Gillenwater. "Twin played great, especially in the second half when they dominated. It was just a matter of our defense sticking with it."

Lopez orchestrated the exclamation point of a dominant first half for

See **SOCCER**, Sports 4



MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Dunia Emmanuel, left and Suren Thapa celebrate their victory over Twin Falls Thursday afternoon at Sunway Soccer Complex in Twin Falls.

Roemer lifts Minico past rival Burley

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Madison Roemer knows how to put a rival away.

Three days after the Minico freshman scored a pair of goals in the Spartans' 2-1 win over Burley, Roemer once again slammed the door on the Bobcats.

Leading 1-0 in the second half on Thursday, Minico survived a barrage of Burley shots on goal before Roemer's high boot from the left angle in the 64th minute gave the Spartans breathing room and a 2-0 victory in the first round of the Great Basin

Conference girls soccer tournament at Minico High School.

The prize for No. 4-seeded Minico is the opportunity to advance and play No. 1 Wood River in Hailey on Saturday.

"It's tough to go to Wood River," Haynes said. "They pass the ball extremely well and they have some great athletes that just go out and play the game of soccer"

Minico jumped on top in the 10th minute with a goal by senior Kaylee Legault. But the game never felt like it was in Minico's control until Roemer's score. The evenly-matched contest

See **MINICO**, Sports 4

Vandals seeking to better special teams

By Josh Wright
Times-News correspondent

MOSCOW — They seem a lock to finish with the most wins of any Idaho football team this decade, and a bowl berth appears to be a solid bet.

But if there has been one troubling trend for the Idaho Vandals this fall, it's been suspect special teams play.

Misadventures in kick coverage and the return game have cropped up throughout the first month of the season for Idaho (4-1). So far the club has been able to mask the issues with a high-octane offense and opportunistic defense.

Yet co-special teams coach Patrick Libey acknowledged that improvement has to be made in the third phase of the game.

"We're inconsistent is what we are," said the third-year assistant, who shares duties with Jeremy Thielbahr.

Entering Saturday's 6 p.m. clash at San Jose State (KTID), the Vandals are last in the Western Athletic Conference in net yards per punt (30.5), despite a healthy average of 45.8 yards from Bobby Cowan. That disparity comes from opponents unleashing

See **IDAHO**, Sports 5

Dodgers rally past Cardinals

LOS ANGELES — Matt Holliday dropped a sinking line drive for an error with two outs in the ninth inning, leading to a two-run rally by the Los Angeles Dodgers that gave them a 3-2 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Thursday.

Ronnie Belliard and pinch-hitter Mark Loretta came through with RBI singles off closer Ryan Franklin, giving the Dodgers a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five NL playoff series. Game 3 is Saturday in St. Louis.

The Cardinals got a second-inning homer from Holliday and a stellar performance from starter Adam Wainwright, who left with a 2-1 lead after eight innings. Still, St. Louis went home empty-handed after opening the series with two Cy Young Award candidates on the mound: Chris Carpenter and Wainwright.

With the bases empty in the ninth and St. Louis on the verge on tying the series, Holliday charged in on James Loney's liner to left field. But the ball hit his midsection and dropped to the grass, allowing Loney to reach second.

Franklin walked Casey Blake before Belliard singled up the middle, scoring pinch-runner Juan Pierre. A passed ball moved runners up to second and third, and Franklin walked Russell Martin on four pitches to load the bases.

Loretta, batting for reliever George Sherrill, was 0 for 15 in his career against Franklin before fisting a soft single to center that drove in Blake.

That triggered a huge celebration, with teammates jumping on Loretta in a pile between first and second base.

"Unfortunately, I did know the numbers," Loretta said. "This series is far from over. St. Louis is a very talented team. We're going to have to keep battling as hard as we can."

The late rally was nothing new for the Dodgers. They won 23 regular-sea-



Los Angeles Dodgers center fielder Matt Kemp, left, celebrates with Mark Loretta after Loretta's base hit to win the game during the ninth inning of Game 2 of the National League division series against the St. Louis Cardinals Thursday in Los Angeles.

son games in their final at-bat, most in the National League, according to STATS LLC.

"I think it's just the confidence we have in the last inning," Loretta said.

Sherrill got the win for the Dodgers, in position for a sweep in the opening round for the second consecutive year. Last year, they won the first two games at Wrigley Field before closing out the Chicago Cubs at home in Game 3.

ROCKIES 5, PHILLIES 4

PHILADELPHIA — By the time Cole Hamels rushed off to be with his pregnant wife, his streak of postseason dominance was long over.

Yorvit Torrealba hit a two-run homer, Aaron Cook pitched effectively into the sixth inning and

the Colorado Rockies beat Hamels and the Philadelphia Phillies 5-4 Thursday to even their NL playoff series at a game apiece.

Huston Street pitched out of trouble in the ninth to secure the win for Colorado. He retired Shane Victorino on a soft liner to second to leave the potential tying run — Game 1 winner Cliff Lee — at second base.

"It was definitely a huge game for us," Cook said. "It's huge to go back home with the series tied."

Hamels, the World Series and NLCS MVP last year, looked nothing like the guy who was brilliant during Philadelphia's championship run last October. The left-hander allowed four runs and seven hits in five innings. He didn't stick around

after being pulled for a pinch hitter, heading to the hospital to join his wife, Heidi, who was in labor with the couple's first child.

Was Hamels distracted on the mound?

"It could've bothered him, yes," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said. "He was concerned about his wife and his child. It's an exciting time, something you look forward to. It was probably on his mind."

The best-of-five series shifts to Denver for Game 3 on Saturday. Jason Hammel (10-8) will start for the wild-card Rockies against a yet-to-be-announced pitcher. Manuel said he'll use Joe Blanton or Pedro Martinez. J.A. Happ was a candidate before getting injured.

— The Associated Press

U.S. gets on the board first at Presidents Cup

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — One putt changed everything except the lead Thursday in the Presidents Cup.

The Americans were poised to seize control in the opening session of foursomes at Harding Park, already assured of the lead and on the verge of winning the final match for a two-point advantage.

Justin Leonard had a 3-foot birdie putt to win — a putt he first thought had been conceded — and was stunned when the putt caught the right edge of the cup and spun away.

The match was halved, and the Americans had to settle for a 3 1/2-2 1/2 advantage.

"We wanted to get out of the day with pretty close to a push, and I'm very, very happy," International captain Greg Norman said.

He was fortunate for that.

Tiger Woods and Steve Stricker were dominant from the start, playing bogey-free in the difficult alternate-shot format and teaming up for six birdies in a 6-and-4 victory over Geoff Ogilvy and 18-year-old Ryo Ishikawa.

Phil Mickelson and Anthony Kim came to life late, closing with four straight birdies to give the Americans the first point of the matches with a 3-and-2 victory over Mike Weir and Tim Clark.

The momentum

switched to American red on the scoreboard late on the cloudy, cool afternoon on this public course south of San Francisco. The final push figured to come from Leonard and Jim Furyk, who made a furious rally in the middle of the match and surged ahead of Retief Goosen and Y.E. Yang, 2 up with two holes to play.

Goosen holed a birdie putt on the 17th to send the match to the par-5 18th, and the South African missed the green to the right.

Leonard hit a splendid fairway metal to the middle of the green, setting up what appeared to be a two-putt birdie.

Furyk lagged to 3 feet, the International team got up-and-down for birdie, and Goosen looked over at Furyk as if wondering why Leonard even needed to putt. Eventually, the South African realized the putt meant something.

Did it ever.

The Americans were ready to celebrate another point. The International team was prepared for another big deficit.

"I just hit a bad putt," Leonard said. "I knew I was going to need to make that little putt. Unfortunately, I missed it."

Norman said there was no gamesmanship on Goosen's part.

Next up are six more matches today, this time fourballs.



United States players Tiger Woods, left, and Steve Stricker celebrate their 6 and 4 win over International players Geoff Ogilvy and Ryo Ishikawa in their foursomes match at golf's Presidents Cup at Harding Park Golf Course Thursday in San Francisco.

AP photo

Carr ready as Manning misses another practice

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — With 79 career starts, David Carr knows how much Eli Manning wants to be on the field calling the plays when the New York Giants meet the Oakland Raiders on Sunday.

Manning's teammates say he's a competitor who will play if he's able. Carr wants to be out there just as much, and his chances of playing this weekend seemingly improved when Manning missed his second straight practice on Thursday with an injured right heel.

After practice, coach Tom Coughlin declined to predict whether Manning would be able to start his 83rd straight game, saying only that that inflammation in Manning's heel was feeling better. A decision on whether Manning plays may not be made until Sunday.

The No. 1 overall draft pick in 2002, Carr isn't worried. He told himself that he was going to be the starter after Manning was hurt last Sunday in a win over Kansas City, and the worst that can happen is he doesn't.

"You have to prepare yourself one way or you are going to be riding a rollercoaster all week," said Carr, who last started a game in 2007 for the Carolina Panthers. He was 10 for 22 for

95 yards passing and two interceptions in a loss to New Orleans.

Lions QB Stafford misses 2nd straight practice

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — Matthew Stafford and the Detroit Lions are being coy about the quarterback's injured right knee and his status.

Is the kneecap dislocated? "Really not sure," Stafford said Thursday after missing a second straight practice.

Will you play Sunday against the Pittsburgh Steelers?

"I don't know," he said. "We'll see." Detroit coach Jim Schwartz refused to be remotely forthcoming when asked for an update on his rookie quarterback.

"The injury report will be out at 4 o'clock," Schwartz said during a terse interview session that lasted about 20 seconds.

Detroit's injury report listed Stafford as one of its players who did not practice Thursday because of a knee injury. Stafford had his right knee twisted on a sack in Sunday's loss at Chicago.

— The Associated Press

Still no word on QB Tim Tebow's status against LSU

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida coach Urban Meyer says quarterback Tim Tebow had his best practice of the week Thursday, but the top-ranked Gators still aren't sure the Heisman Trophy winner will be cleared to play against No. 4 LSU.

Meyer says team doctors want to see how Tebow reacts to the flight from Gainesville to Baton Rouge on Friday, along with other things, before clearing him to play Saturday night in the showdown between unbeaten Southeastern Conference teams.

Meyer says: "There's all kinds of things they're still looking at."

Tebow practiced Tuesday for the first time since sustaining the first concussion of his career Sept. 26 against Kentucky. H

e was hospitalized overnight, and there has been much speculation about whether he will return against the Tigers.

Bradford decision to wait until today

NORMAN, Okla. — Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops is waiting another day to make a decision on whether Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford will play against Baylor on Saturday.

Stoops had said at the start of the week that he didn't plan to announce whether Bradford would play until Thursday. But Sooners spokesman Kenny Mossman said Thursday that Stoops had put off the decision until today. Bradford has missed the past three games for No. 19 Oklahoma (2-2) with a sprained AC joint in his right, throwing shoulder.

Redshirt freshman Landry Jones has started in place of Bradford, winning back-to-back shutouts against Idaho State and Tulsa before a 21-20 loss at Miami last week.

Bradford has said he hoped to play this week to prepare for next week's game against No. 2 Texas.

USC's Carroll: Stafon Johnson healing well

LOS ANGELES — Southern California coach Pete Carroll says tailback Stafon Johnson is healing remarkably well just 10 days after a weightlifting accident crushed his throat and larynx.

Johnson had several tests Thursday that left his doctors delighted with the speed of his recovery, Carroll says. Johnson, who scored the go-ahead touchdown in No. 7 USC's win at Ohio State last month, had seven hours of reconstructive surgery after the accident.

Carroll says Johnson already is ahead of schedule in his rehabilitation. Johnson isn't expected to play again for the Trojans, but doctors believe the senior will recover fully.

Johnson tweeted his pleasure with the test results, saying he's "feeling much better."

— The Associated Press

Idaho

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lengthy returns — a glaring issue in wins over San Diego State and Northern Illinois in particular.

Most of the time, Libey said, the Vandals have been in proper position. But a few missed assignments and wrong lanes taken by coverage men have skewed the numbers.

The rocky play can be partly attributed to the Idaho coaching staff making a concerted effort to give freshmen experience on special teams. Linebackers Jared Heston and Conrad Scheidt and cornerback Aaron Grymes have been a few of the newcomers that

have seen consistent special-team minutes.

"We've got a lot of young guys, (but) we've got some starters playing on them too," head coach Robb Akey said. "My goal had been that maybe some of those young guys might be able to take over for some of (the starters)."

Akey mentioned starting linebacker JoJo Dickson, who is on the punt team despite the coaches' strong desire for someone to assume his role so Dickson can get valuable rest.

But even with the toll Dickson and others are taking, Akey said it's possible that he'll shift more veterans to special teams if problems persist.

Nevertheless, the upbeat Libey

credited his unit for making several key plays in last week's win over Colorado State. The biggest was a blocked extra point from Jeromy Jones that helped preserve the stirring victory.

Similar turnarounds

It wasn't long ago that San Jose State staged a football revival that Idaho would be happy to replicate. From 2003-2005, the Spartans failed to eclipse the three-win mark. Then in 2006, SJSU was the surprise of the WAC and finished 9-4.

Spartans coach Dick Tomey sees similarities between his 2006 team and Idaho's this fall.

"They're much like we were a

couple years ago," said the fourth-year coach, whose team is 1-3 entering the conference showdown with Idaho.

"I think we had a bunch of guys who hadn't won. And when we started winning, we liked the feeling. We didn't want to lose it, and we kept it up and won nine games."

Tomey was glowing in his comments this week about Vandals, winners of three straight and just one victory shy of equaling the 2000 decade's high mark for wins this decade.

Quarterback Nathan Enderle's progress, he said, has helped make them one of the top two teams in the WAC.

"The biggest thing is their

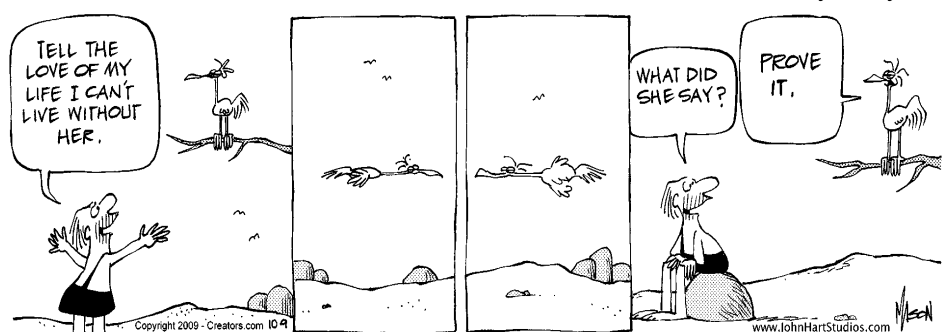
players believe they're going to win," Tomey said. "They believe they're going to overcome whatever happens to them."

Akey appreciates fans' intensity

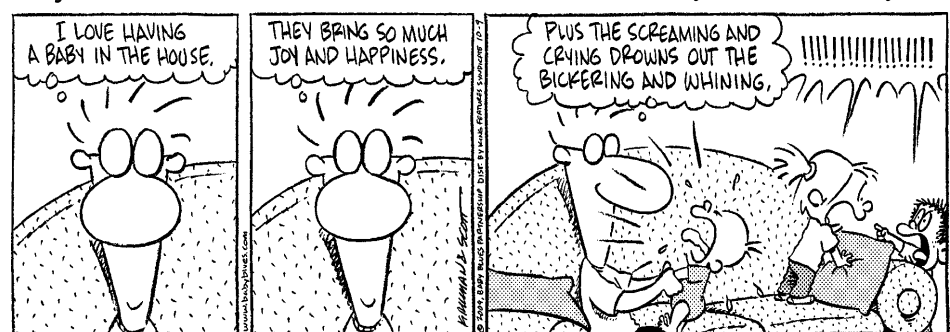
Akey was taken aback by the boisterous atmosphere at the Kibbie Dome last week against Colorado State. He credited Idaho students, who came out in droves, for getting the team jazzed up well before the game started.

"They were awesome. They were fired up," Akey said of students, "and we were just warming up. This was an hour before the game."

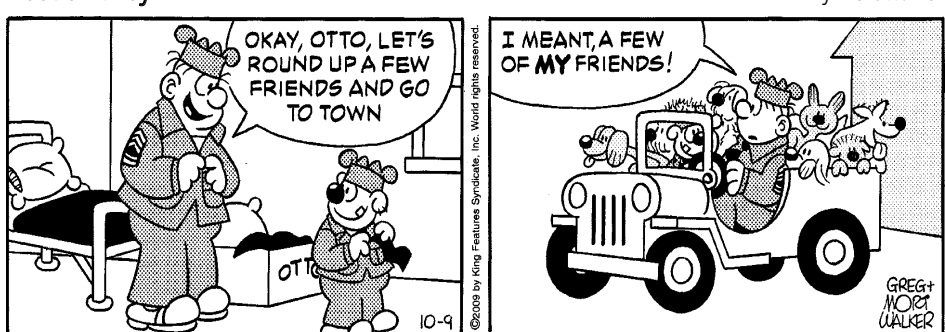
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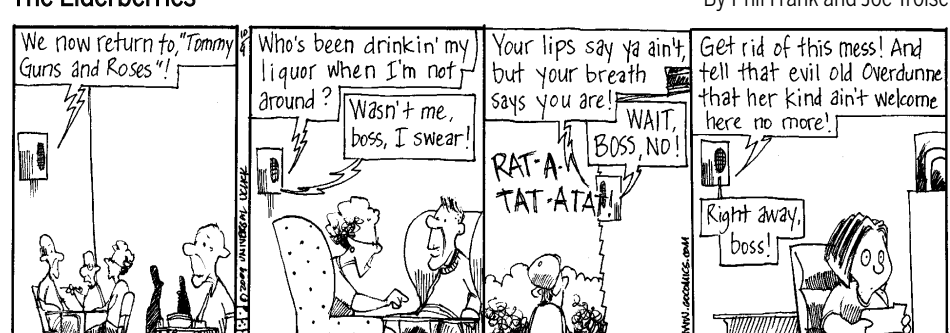
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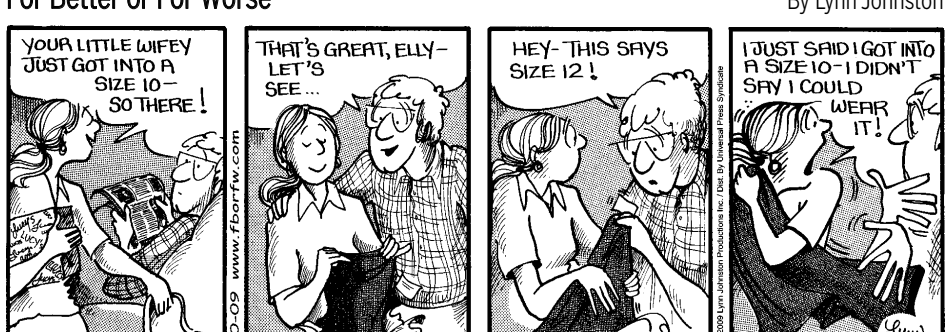
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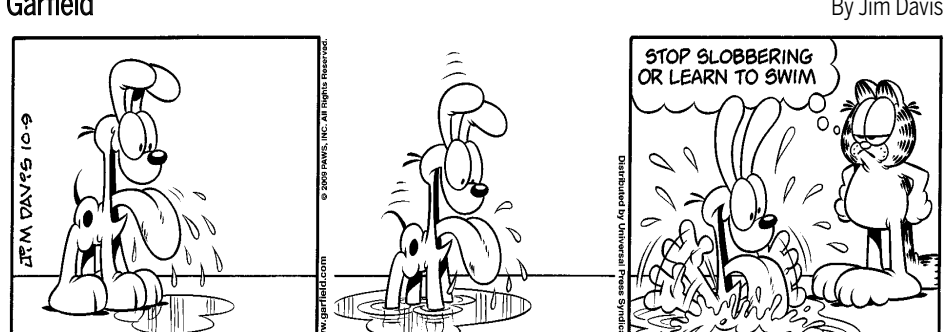
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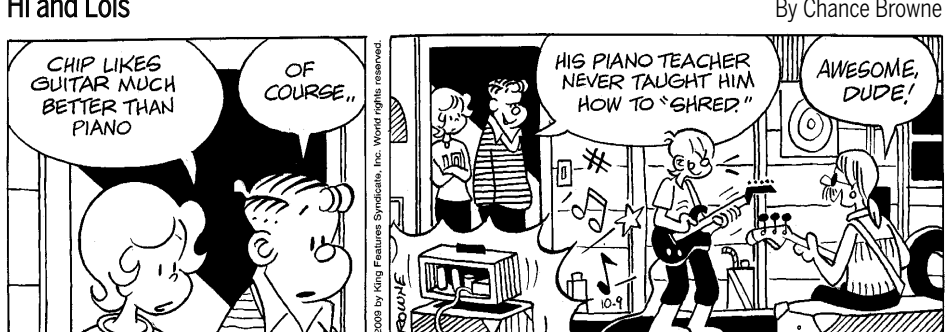
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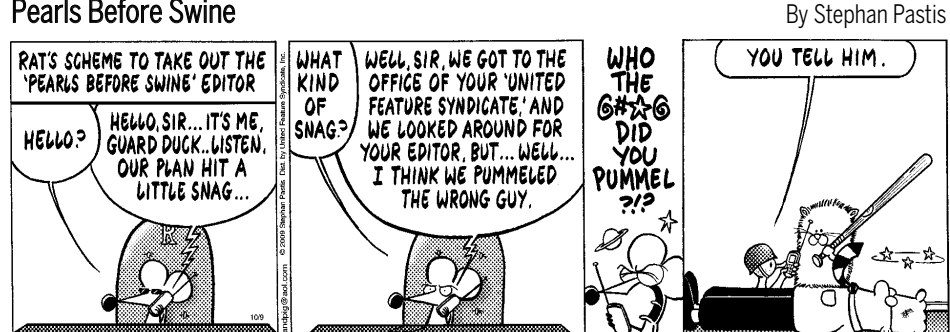
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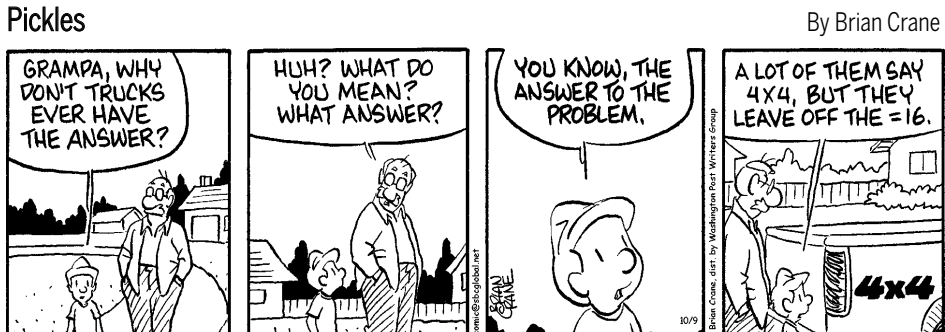
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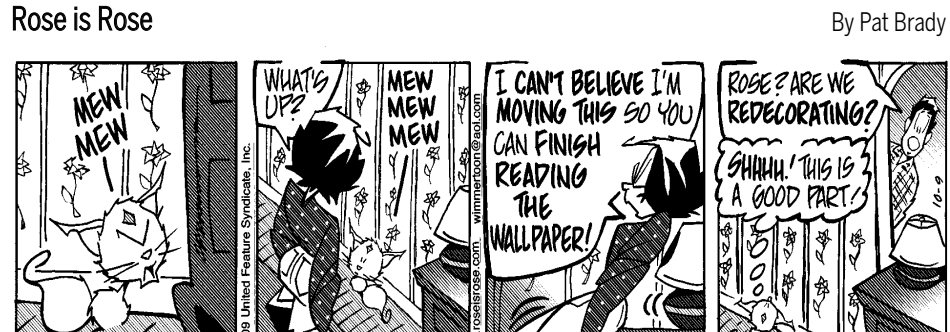
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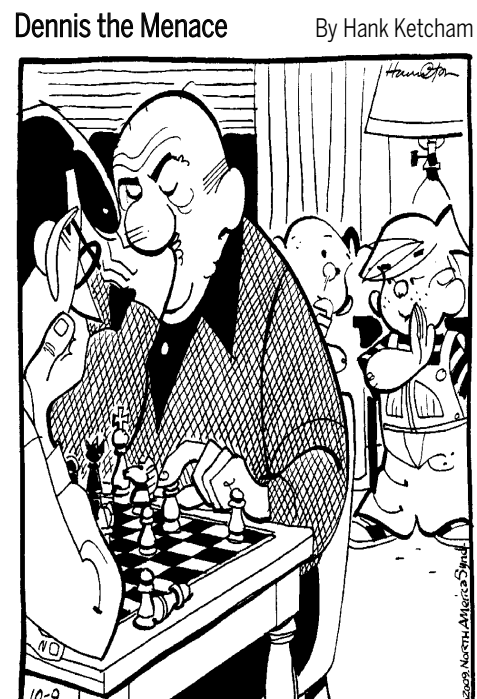
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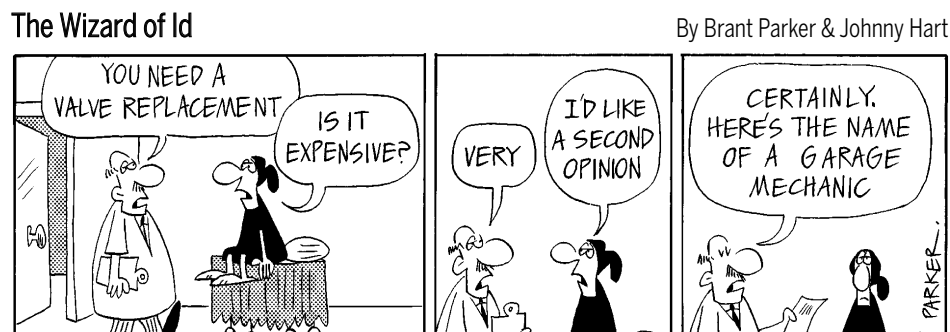
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2010 TOYOTA SIENNA MINIVAN THOUGHTFULLY VERSATILE!

RoadWorthy!
By Ken Chester, Jr.
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The second-generation Toyota Sienna minivan brings Toyota quality and safety standard to the competitive family van segment. The wide choice of model grades combined with extensive standard equipment and thoughtful features, makes Sienna an impressive value.

Last year, Sienna received the following upgrades and enhancements: two new exterior colors: Super White and Blizzard Pearl; available 17-inch wheels for LE models; and a modified LE Premium Package which includes: 360-watt JBL Synthesis AM/FM/CD with six-disc changer w/six speakers, Bluetooth connectivity and rear seat entertainment system.

Offered in CE, LE, XLE and Limited trim levels and available in front- and all-wheel drive configurations, the Toyota minivan is powered by a 3.5L V6 engine with motion communicated to the street via a silky-shifting five-speed automatic transmission with intelligence (ECT-i).

Sienna's suspension hardware consists of independent MacPherson struts that control the front suspension while the rear



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features a torsion beam setup. Front and rear stabilizer bars work to keep the minivan stable and predictable.

Inside the cabin, extensive use of sound damping materials and superior aerodynamics set an impressive standard in low NVH (noise, vibration and harshness) characteristics. Big, clear and uncluttered displays greet the driver. Controls and switches are convenient and easy to use. The driver enjoys a commanding view of the road. An universal mini-jack port is standard on all audio systems

and allows connectivity to most portable music players.

The Sienna has two regular AC outlets for appliances -- 115 watt in front and 100 watt in the cargo area at the rear. The wide openings of the dual sliding doors combine with hand grips in the "B" pillar to facilitate entry and exit. The flat interior floor increases the versatility of the available interior space. Seating is very comfortable in all rows. The power windows in the dual sliding doors go all the way down to let the air in!

In its seven passenger configuration, the minivan features second-row captain's chairs with a passenger-side chair that can be moved side-to-side, offering either a bench or a bucket seating arrangement. In its eight-passenger configuration, the Sienna features a second-row, three-way split/folding bench with a Front and Center middle seat that can be moved almost 13-inches closer to the front seat, making infants and toddlers in child-seats more accessible.

All Sienna models come standard with a 60/40 Split & Stow third row bench seat that now features a new power folding third-row seat option that folds flat into the floor. Either side of the seat can be stowed separately with a low-effort, one-hand operation. With the entire rear seat stowed and the second row seats removed, four-by-eight sheets of plywood can be loaded flat onto Sienna's floor.

2010 Toyota Sienna Minivan By The Numbers

PRICING

The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2010 Toyota Sienna minivan starts from \$24,540 for the CE up to \$37,865 for the Limited AWD. Destination charges add \$800.

DIMENSIONS & SPECIFICATIONS

Wheelbase: 119.3; overall length: 201.0; width: 77.4; height: 68.9
All vehicle measurements are in inches
Engine: 3.5L V6 - 265 hp at 6,200 rpm and 245 lbs-ft of torque at 4,700 rpm
Transmission: five-speed automatic with intelligence (ECT-i)
EPA Fuel Economy: 17 city/23 hwy. (FWD); 17 city/21 hwy. (AWD)
Cargo capacity: 148.9 cu. ft.
Payload capacity: 1,420 lbs.
Towing capacity: 3,500 lbs.

SAFETY FEATURES

Dual front airbags, front seat mounted side-impact airbags, dual head curtain side-impact airbags, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock, brake assist, electronic brake distribution, vehicle stability control, traction control, battery saver, side-impact door beams, daytime running lights, and run-flat tires (AWD). LE adds engine immobilizer and fog lights (AWD). XLE adds anti-theft system and automatic headlamps. Limited adds front/rear sonar parking system and Bluetooth hands-free phone system. Optional safety features include: high-intensity headlamps, dynamic laser cruise control, and navigation system.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Rose Creek Self Storage will sell contents of unit C:10 belonging to **Tim Covert**, last known address P O Box 596, Hagerman, Idaho. (Current address unknown) Contents will be sold after November 1, 2009 for payment due.

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**CITY OF KIMBERLY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DESIGN BUILD SERVICES**

The City of Kimberly is soliciting proposals for Design Build Services from licensed and qualified firms for the design and construction of a new City Hall building. Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 pm Thursday, October 29th 2009. Services required include but are not limited to: project site determination/selection based on multiple location possibilities, design, preparation of construction documents, preparation of ongoing estimates, budget control, scheduling, construction, construction quality control, construction layout, surveying and production of as-built and record drawings. Selection of Design Build Contractor shall be based on a comparative analysis of the professional qualifications necessary for successful performance of the service required. For information regarding the service required and the proposal format contact: Polly Hulseay at the City of Kimberly, 132 Main North, Kimberly Idaho 83341 or telephone 208-423-4151. The City of Kimberly reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any formalities and to accept the proposals deemed to be in the best interest of the City.
Polly Hulseay
City Administrator

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NOTICE OF LETTING

Sealed proposals will be received by the IDAHO TRANSPORTATION BOARD only at the office of the IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, 3311 WEST STATE STREET, BOISE, IDAHO 83703, ATTN: ROADWAY DESIGN until two o'clock p.m., on October 27, 2009, for the work of constructing a 2-lane rural roadway with turn bays at several intersections, including shoulders, irrigation work, and bridge rail on local roads, MP 10.757 to MP 13.362; Bob Barton Rd., Jerome Co., known as **Idaho Federal Aid Project No. STP-2765(100), in Jerome County, Key No. 09265.**
[FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PROPOSAL, PLEASE CONTACT RESIDENT ENGINEER ***KIMBOL ALLEN*** AT (208) 544-7901.]
The Idaho Transportation Department, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252) and the regulations of the Department of Commerce (15 C.F.R., Part 8), issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, or disability in consideration for award.
Plans, specifications, form of contract, proposal forms, and other information may be obtained at the office of the Idaho Transportation Department, Boise, Idaho, and are on file for examination at the office of the District Engineer at Shoshone Idaho.
A non-refundable charge of SIXTY DOLLARS (\$60.00) plus applicable sales tax will be made for each set of plans, payment to be made by check, payable to the Idaho Transportation Department. Plans may be ordered by phone (800) 732-2098 (in Idaho) or (208) 334-8430; or by written request to the Idaho Transportation Department, Attn: Revenue Operations, P. O. Box 34, Boise, ID 83731-0034.
The right is reserved to reject all proposals, or to accept the proposal or proposals deemed best for the State of Idaho.
No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by an acceptable proposal guaranty. This guaranty must be in the form of a Certified Check or a Cashier's Check drawn on an Idaho bank in the amount of five percent of the total amount bid, made payable to the Idaho Transportation Department, or a Bidder's Bond in the amount of five percent of the total amount bid.
Bidders shall obtain a license from the Idaho Public Works Contractors State License Board (800) 358-6895 before award will be made, as provided in Subsection 103.02 and 107.03 of the Idaho Standard Specifications.
The Contractor will be required to pay not less than the minimum wage rates of the general wage decision for the project, as set out in the bid proposal. Such rates will be made a part of the contract covering the project. The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (U.S.C.A. Title 29, Paragraphs 201-219, Chapter 8) shall apply in the employment of labor for this project.
It is the purpose of the Idaho Transportation Board to build the improvement in the shortest time consistent with good construction. Necessary equipment and an effective organization will be insisted upon.
Dated September 28, 2009
TOM COLE, P.E.
Chief Engineer

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LEGAL NOTICE

The following abandoned vehicles will be sold for payments due by Highway 30 Auto Garage, 21390 Highway 30, Twin Falls, ID 83301.
2002 Nissan Sentra, VIN #3N1CB5D72L596559
1990 Isuzu Trooper, VIN #JACCH58R8L8911817

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 8, 2010, at the hour of ten o'clock a.m. of said day, at the offices of Land Title and Escrow, Inc., 211 West 13th Street, Burley, Cassia County, Idaho, the Trustee, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United States of America, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Cassia, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:
Lots 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 in Block 122 of the Burley Townsite, Cassia County, Idaho, as the same is platted in the official plat thereof, now of record in the office of the Recorder of said County.
The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above described real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60 113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of **219 EAST MAIN STREET, BURLEY, IDAHO**, may sometimes be associated with said real property.
Said sale will be made, without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by **DENNIS CLAUNCH and LORNA CLAUNCH**, husband and wife, as Grantor, and **LAND TITLE AND ESCROW, INC.**, an Idaho Corporation, as Trustee, said Trustee having been replaced by **ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW CORP.** as Successor Trustee, and **HOWARTH RENTALS, LTD. CO.**, as Beneficiary; said Deed of Trust having been filed of record on August 31, 2001, as Instrument No. 278994, Official Records of Cassia County, Idaho. The beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was assigned to **THORNBERRY LLC**, an Idaho limited liability company, by an Assignment of Deed of Trust with an effective date of October 20, 2004, which was recorded August 10, 2009, as Instrument No. 2009-004051, Official Records of Cassia County, Idaho. The naming of the above Grantor(s) is done to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506 (4)(a); no representation is made as to the responsibility of Grantor(s) for this obligation.
The default for which the sale is to be made is that no monthly installment payments under a Deed of Trust Note dated August 21, 2001, in the amount of \$1,408.09 per month for February 2009 and each month thereafter have been made, together with accruing late charges, plus any other charges lawfully due under the note, deed of trust, and Idaho law.
The balance owing as of the date hereof on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is the amount of \$161,011.74 in principal plus accrued interest at the rate of nine percent (9%) per annum from January 1, 2009; plus default interest pursuant to the Note at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from February 6, 2009, until the default is cured, plus service charges, late charges, and any other costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure as provided by the Deed of Trust or Deed of Trust Note, or by Idaho law.
Dated this 1st day of September, 2009.
MARK D. PERISON, P.A.
By: Mark D. Perison of the Firm
Attorneys for Trustee
P.O. Box 6575
Boise, ID 83707-6575
(208) 331-1200

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH
JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEROME**

Case No. CV 2009-951
**NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR PUBLICATION**
In the Matter of
ZAHN HOLLEY,
d.o.b. 12/20/1993
A Minor Child.

TO: AARON HOLLEY, biological father of the above named minor child.
TAKE NOTICE that on the 4th day of November, 2009, at the hour of 9:00 o'clock AM, in the above-entitled Court in Jerome County, Idaho, Petitioner, Lilah Heck, will call up for hearing her Petition for Appointment of Guardian and for Immediate Appointment of Temporary Guardian of the Person of Zahn Holley, minor child.

A copy of said Petition for Appointment of Guardians and for Immediate Appointment of Temporary Guardian can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the above Court at 233 West Main Street, Jerome, Idaho 83338 (telephone number 208-644-2600) or the attorney for Petitioner at the address and telephone number set forth above.
DATED this 22nd day of September, 2009.
/s/John B. Lothspeich
Williams, Meservy & Lothspeich, LLP
Attorneys for Petitioner

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On February 9, 2010, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock AM of said day, at Land Title and Escrow, Inc., 211 West 13th Street, Burley, Idaho, JUST LAW, INC., as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Cassia, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:
Lots 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 in Block 24 of the Oakley Townsite, Cassia County, Idaho, as the same is platted in the official plat thereof, now of record in the office of the Recorder of said County.
The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of **395 W. Poplar St., Oakley, ID**, is sometimes associated with the said real property.
This Trustee's Sale is subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other conditions of which the Trustee is not aware that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale may be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Trustee and the Beneficiary shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.
Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possessions or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by **Jimmy Lee Hale and Utana A. Hale**, husband and wife, as Grantor(s) with Transamerica Mortgage Company, a California Corporation as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded June 17, 1993, as Instrument No. 152677, in the records of Cassia County, Idaho. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to Midfirst Bank, recorded November 26, 2002, as Instrument No. 285110, in the records of said County.
THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.
The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows: Monthly payments in the amount of \$431.73 for the months of February 2009 through and including to the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$14,961.29 as principal, plus service charges, attorney's fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 12.0% from January 1, 2009, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.
The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.
Dated this 5th day of October, 2009.
Sumerli Lynch
Trust Officer for
Just Law, Inc

For information concerning this sale please contact
Just Law, Inc. at www.justlawidaho.com or
Toll Free at **1-800-923-9106**, Thank you.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND A DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The USDA, Rural Development (USDA-RD) and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) have each received an application for financial assistance from the City of Bliss for construction of a central municipal wastewater system. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, USDA-RD has prepared an Environmental Assessment that evaluated the potential environmental effects and consequences of the proposed project. DEQ concurs with the USDA-RD Environmental Assessment issued September 23, 2009 and hereby adopts it to satisfy the environmental document review and publication requirements for a draft finding of no significant impact (FONSI) in accordance with DEQ Rules for Administration of Water Pollution Control Loans (IDAPA 58.01.12). This joint agency legal notice announces the availability of the USDA-RD Environmental Assessment for public review and comment.
The proposed project consists of constructing a new central sewer collection system and treatment facility for the City of Bliss. No mitigation measures have been identified for the proposed project. The alternatives considered for the proposed project include a STEP collection system, slow rate land application, recirculating filter, regionalization, total containment lagoons, and no action. The City of Bliss selected total containment lagoons as their preferred alternative. Several locations for the total containment lagoon treatment facility were explored. The selected alternative and site were determined to be the best alternative from both a financial and environmental aspect. Overall, the proposed project will have a beneficial cumulative effect by improving ground water and surface water quality with the decommissioning of the existing failing individual wastewater systems and the unlined leaking lagoons.
Copies of the USDA-RD Environmental Assessment are available for review at the Rural Development Twin Falls Area Office, 1441 Fillmore, Suite C, Twin Falls ID, 83301, and at the DEQ State Office, 1410 North Hilton, Boise, ID 83706, attention: Nancy Bowser. For further information please contact Rob Lanford at the USDA-RD, (208) 734-1324 x118. Any person interested in commenting on this proposed project should submit comments to the address above by November 9, 2009. A general location map of the proposal is shown below.
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