



Just a friendly jab



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Keisha Koch, in the arms of her mother, Diana, reacts as she gets an H1N1 vaccination from Steve Glauner of the South Central Public Health District, Friday at the Murtaugh school gym.

Health district gets Murtaugh ready for swine flu

By Damon Hunzeker
Times-News writer

MURTAUGH — Despite school closures and 43 percent absences at schools this week, nobody panicked and headed for the hills Friday morning in Murtaugh when free vaccinations began against swine flu.

Also known by the clinical term H1N1, a shipment of 2,100 vaccinations for the malady were received by the South Central Public Health District last week from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"We'll try to get to all eight counties we serve. The only thing that has held us up is the 15-week production period (CDC's planned time for nationwide vaccines)," Amy Lierman, health district spokeswoman, said.

Lierman said the health district will be receiving additional shipments on a weekly basis.

Murtaugh was targeted first because of its high rate of absenteeism, attributed to flu-like symp-

toms, and because district schools closed Wednesday through Friday this week, which also happened in Oakley.

The health district hasn't confirmed any cases of swine flu in the area.

Murtaugh School District Superintendent Michelle Capps said she expected about 350 people to be vaccinated Friday. Schools will reopen Monday.

Two forms of the vaccine were available — a nasal spray and a shot.

Most kids preferred the spray, but the injection doesn't hurt and comes with Wile E. Coyote and Bugs Bunny bandages.

"It's just like a pinch," second-grader Spencer Wilkins said, who was

home sick last week but described his current symptoms as "just a head cold."

His dad, Kip Williams, said "We weren't worried about it at all." He and his kids did get the vaccine, though.

Others in line for the vaccination said they weren't worried, either.

"We've lived here all our life. It's not a concern," Gilbert Flores said.

Most people in line were parents and their children, but Flores, 51, and his wife showed up because there were no seasonal flu shots available in Twin Falls.

"So we decided, 'We'll go for this,'" Flores said.

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"You might ask yourself, 'Do I really want to go to that packed movie theater?' It's just a matter of staying an arm's length away from people."

— Rene LeBlanc, head of the South Central Public Health District, on the benefits of 'social distancing'

Bicyclist says driver who hit him got off easy

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

Gary Flora can't tie his shoes. Socks are also a challenge, and he hasn't been cleared yet to return to work.

The 42-year-old salesman's life is different since a crash three months ago, where an off-duty Twin Falls County Jail deputy, David Hartgrave, drove a 1983 Ford truck into a bike Flora was riding along 3500 East and 4000 North.

Hartgrave is getting off easy, Flora says.

Court records show the jail deputy plans to admit to inattentive driving and pay \$156 for the crash that slowed Flora's gait.

"I hope you will consider taking a second look at (t)his case," said Flora in a



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Gary Flora, seen at his home Friday in Twin Falls, was hit by a vehicle while riding his bike in July, breaking his wrist, a couple of ribs and his nose.

letter to Judge Howard Smyser filed Tuesday.

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READ: Read Gary Flora's letter to Judge Howard Smyser

Deficit hits \$1.4 trillion, may dash Obama's plans

By Lori Montgomery and Neil Irwin
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The federal budget deficit soared to a record \$1.4 trillion in the fiscal year that ended in September, a chasm of red ink unequaled in the postwar era that threatens to complicate the most ambitious goals of the Obama administration, including plans for fresh spending to create jobs and spur economic recovery.

Still, the figure represents a significant improvement over the

darkest deficit projections, which had been as much as \$400 billion higher earlier this year, when the economy was wallowing in recession. Since then, the outlook has brightened and a government bailout has successfully stabilized the nation's troubled financial sector. In a report released Friday, Treasury officials said the government had spent \$132 billion less than expected in August, due primarily to a drop in anticipated spending on the banking bailout.

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Court date set in death, beating case

By Laurie Welch
Times-News writer

BURLEY — A preliminary hearing will be held Nov. 5 at 9 a.m., for Gerry Salgado, 22, for allegedly killing a Rupert man and beating the man's fiancée on Sept. 19.

Salgado is charged with first-degree murder, aggravated battery and grand theft with an enhancement charge for using a deadly weapon while committing a felony. District court records allege that he shot Liopoldo Amezcua, 25, of Rupert in the head, beat Estela Castro, 46, of Rupert, and stole her car during an alleged drug deal.



Salgado



Castro



Zavala

Amezcua and Castro, along with a third person, Anna Zavala, who was not present during the shooting, were all under surveillance by Idaho State Police for alleged drug dealings at the time of the homicide.

Castro was charged in Cassia County nine days before the shooting with two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, one count of delivery of a controlled substance and an enhancement charge for having a child present, but the charges were dismissed Oct. 9.

Castro and Zavala have been charged in federal court with distribution of a

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Virgin Mary icon visits Magic Valley today

By Andrew Weeks
Times-News writer

Many people over the years have claimed to have seen the Virgin Mary. But when a 714-year-old icon of the Holy Mother passes through the Magic Valley Saturday, it won't be a vision.

The Kursk-Root Icon of the Mother of God will be brought to St. Ignatius Orthodox Church in Twin Falls as it makes its way from Boise to Salt Lake City.

The icon's brief visit — it will be at the church for only about an hour and a half — is a special occasion for area Catholics and history buffs alike, said Father Mark of St. Ignatius.

"It's a big deal," said Father Mark, a hieromonk, a group that in the custom of the church often uses only their first names. "It's very significant because of its connection with the Russian Orthodox Church."

The icon, abandoned during the Tartar invasion, was



Abbot Tryphon of the All-Merciful Savior Monastery on Vashon Island, Wash., carries the Kursk-Root Icon of the Mother of God on the island Sunday. The 714-year-old sacred object is the most revered icon of the Russian Orthodox Church.

Courtesy photo

found by a hunter in 1295 in the Russian province of Kursk. The Mother of God icon later preceded Russian troops as they went into battle against their enemies.

Icons are important to the church, Father Mark said, especially this one, which is said to have worked miracles since its discovery in the 13th century.

The first "miracle" is supposed to have occurred after the hunter who found it removed it from the ground, allowing water to gush from where it had lain. Once a wooden chapel was built to house the icon, the object disappeared only to be found in the same place the hunter had originally found it. In 1383 when Tartars set fire to

SEE THE ICON

The Kursk-Root Icon of the Mother of God is expected to arrive in Twin Falls at 2 p.m. today at St. Ignatius Orthodox Church, 1830 Addison Ave. E. Visitors are welcome. For more information: 734-3664.

the chapel, it did not burn. Centuries later, during World War II, homes that the icon had visited were said to have been spared damage during air raids. And so the stories go. People have even claimed to have been healed by the religious object.

A diseased woman was healed when she visited the icon at the All-Merciful Savior Monastery in Vashon Island, Wash., where the group transporting the piece stopped Sunday, claims one of the monastery's monks, Abbot Tryphon.

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Flu

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The school district invited only healthy people to show up for the vaccinations in order to reduce contact with flu sufferers.

Rene LeBlanc, the health district director, emphasized the usual preventative measures, such as washing your hands, but also mentioned the benefit of "social distancing."

"You might ask yourself, 'Do I really want to go to that packed movie theater?' It's just a matter of staying an arm's length away from people," he said.

The illness affects younger people most often, and in a press release, the health district recommended immediate medical attention for children with any of the following symptoms: trouble breathing, blue skin, dehydration, excessive irritability, fever with a rash, and "not waking up."

LeBlanc said the health district will be distributing vaccines to private health-care providers and local hospitals to dispense in order of priority. The first priority group is pregnant women.

"If you're a healthy 35-year-old adult (and not pregnant, presumably), you're the last person in line," LeBlanc said, adding that he doesn't like being in charge of deciding who gets the vaccine and who doesn't.

"I'm just hoping we can get back to normal," Capps said.

"With five days off, I think they'll have enough time to get healthy, and we hope the vaccinations will deter any further sickness."

School officials and PHD employees praised each other for Friday's combined effort.

Jury hands down perjury conviction

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The perjury trial for Amanda Fomichev ended Friday in a conviction at the Twin Falls courthouse, according to the clerk's office.

Fomichev — a former car wash attendant who lost her leg four years ago in an accident at Mr. Wash in Twin Falls — was accused of giving police a false alibi for a friend, Patrick Morrissey.

Morrissey was accused of burning a vehicle for car insurance money and was

convicted in August 2008 of arson and conspiracy to commit arson. He told police that Fomichev, 24, knew about the crimes, which she denied, according to trial testimony.

Meanwhile, Fomichev also has a lawsuit pending against local lawyer William Hollifield, of the Hollifield Law Office in Twin Falls, which is set for court on Nov. 16. Fomichev claims Hollifield didn't protect the settlement she got from a lawsuit stemming the car wash leg injury.

T.F. Health Initiatives Trust considers new grant request

By Damon Hunzeker
Times-News writer

Organizations ranging from the South Central Public Health District to Because of Jesus Ministries want money.

The Twin Falls Health Initiatives Trust considered grant proposals Thursday afternoon from 18 organizations.

"The total requested amount is \$821,000. We have about \$435,000 to disburse for the various grant projects," said board president Curtis Eaton, adding that a decision will be made at the board's November meeting whether to approve or reject the requests.

Funded with an eventual \$20 million from the 2006 sale of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center to St. Luke's, trust money

will be apportioned to various health-care projects in Twin Falls County.

The trust board approved its initial grants earlier this year, voting in December to spend nearly \$510,000 on 13 different projects.

The 18 current applicant requests include \$26,300 from the health district for HIV testing clinics, \$72,813 from the Boys and Girls Club for the "Smart Kidz" program, which is geared toward improving the fitness and nutrition for youths in the area, and \$10,000 from Because of Jesus Ministries for proving the community with a free home for otherwise homeless drug/alcohol addicts.

The board's next meeting will be announced soon.

PUC approves wind-farm contracts

State regulators have approved sales agreements between Idaho Power Co. and three wind farms planned for the Hagerman area.

The farms, all to be built by Boise-based Exergy Development Group, should begin operation by Sept. 30, 2010, and will provide a combined 64.5 megawatts to the electric utility, according to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. The PUC announced its decision Thursday.

Under the 20-year contracts, Idaho Power will pay Exergy between \$61 and \$103 per megawatt-hour, depending on the time of year and demand on its system. The rates are levelized, meaning Exergy will be paid more in the early years than the energy is worth and less in later years. The developer also agreed to meet various security requirements and keep a maintenance reserve account of at least \$2 million.

The projects are among the first small-producer wind agreements signed since a major case involving all of Idaho's regulated electric utilities and wind developers sorted out a number of issues regarding hooking wind farms up to the grid.

Idaho Power plans Milner drawdown

Idaho Power Co. is encouraging landowners around Milner Reservoir to take advantage of a short drawdown starting the end of this month.

The drawdown planned for the last week of October is an opportunity for landowners to prepare for construction projects

planned for a longer, six-week drawdown next fall. The 2010 drawdown could be shorter if construction projects finish early, the utility stated.

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

From Sept. 22 police reports:

Animal control:
A Burley landlord, 58, reported that his former tenant — Connie Jo Ellis, 51 — abandoned her 1993 Chevy Blazer in front of the apartment complex. The man said he wanted it removed, and renters of an adjacent apartment complained about "strong offensive odors" emanating from Ellis' former apartment. When Deputy Bret Wood checked the residence, according to the report, he discovered that Ellis also abandoned two dogs and two cats. The report notes that Wood found a dog and a cat outside, another dog hiding under a bed in the apartment, and "one cat dead lying just inside her front door." Throughout the apartment, according to the report, Wood found clothing and boxes, as well as "animal uren (sic) and poop." The report further describes the conditions as hazardous: "There was mice poop all over the kitchen cupboards. The smell was so strong I could

not get past the front door ... I obtained a gas mask for health safety reasons and entered the apartment to take photos of the overall condition of the rooms." Ellis was later found living in a Burley motel and allegedly told police that she and her daughter "were caring for her animals, they were checking on them everyday." She removed her vehicle and was cited for cruelty to animals.
Information:
A 30-year-old Burley woman reported that she had recently been kicked out of her trailer and was living with a friend who doesn't have enough room for the woman's three kids. So, she said, the kids are living with her mother and stepfather. She said she tried to visit the kids but that her stepfather refused to let her see them. Her mom, 61, said the kids were on a field trip, according to the report, but didn't know where they were, who they were with, or when they would be home — maybe by midnight, she said.

She asked Deputy Bret Wood, according to the report, if her daughter "could continue to come over to her house and knock on her front door." Wood said her daughter has a "right to collect her children ... I did not think a judge would convict a mother trying to collect her own children," the report reads. No further information provided about when or if the kids came home.

— Damon Hunzeker

WANTED in Mini-Cassia

Phillip Cordova

Age: 34
Description: 5 feet, 10 inches; 195 pounds; black hair; brown eyes
Wanted for: Failure to appear on controlled substance and drug paraphernalia; \$150,000 total bond
The Cassia County Sheriff's Office asks anyone with information pertaining to Cordova to call 208-878-2251 or Crime Stoppers, at 208-878-2900, where tipsters can remain anonymous.



WANTED in the Magic Valley

Jason Ray Dilka

Age: 33
Description: 6 feet, 1 inch; 180 pounds; blond hair; hazel eyes
Wanted for: Failure to appear.
Original charge: Possession of a controlled substance; \$75,000 bond.
The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office is asking that anyone having information on Dilka, please call 735-1911 or Crime Stoppers at 732-5387 where you can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward.



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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY

THURSDAY'S ARRAIGNMENTS

Christian Mikesell, 18, Twin Falls; minor consumption of alcohol, Jan. 11 court trial, recognizance release, public defender appointed...

FRIDAY'S ARRAIGNMENTS

Ronald Rollins, 34, Twin Falls; grand theft, two counts of forgery, Oct. 23 preliminary hearing, \$5,000 bond, public defender appointed...

CASSIA COUNTY FELONY DISMISSALS

Kimber J. Marston, 33, possess controlled substance with intent to deliver or manufacture, dismissed on motion of prosecutor.

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS

Logan J. Urrizaga, 15, inattentive or careless driving, guilty, \$100 fine, \$75.50 costs. Jennifer Michelle Parrish, 32, possess controlled substance with intent to manufacture or deliver, guilty, \$300 fine, \$120.50 costs...

Dwight F. Peters, 56, fail to stop at checking station as required, guilty, \$106.50 fine, \$87.50 costs. Julian Alexander Gutierrez, 19, purchase, possess serve or consume alcoholic beverage by minor, guilty, \$215 fine, \$152.50 costs...

MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS

David Lavel Stoker, 29, provide false information to officer regarding offense or identify, dismissed on motion of prosecutor. Susan R. Godfrey, 40, leave scene or failing to stop for damage accident, dismissed on motion of prosecutor.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Joseph Levi Garrett, 26, driving under the influence, guilty, \$300 fine, \$167.50 costs, driver's license suspended 90 days, 24 months probation, 180 days jail, 176 suspended...

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE DISMISSALS

Richard Lloyd Vlahos, 53, driving under the influence, dismissed by court.

MINIDOKA COUNTY FELONY SENTENCINGS

Jose Luis Zepeda Jr., 34, burglary, \$1,000 fine, \$907.50 costs three years probation, three years prison determinate, seven indeterminate, 102 days credited, retained jurisdiction; forgery, dismissed by prosecutor...

Jose Luis Zepeda Jr., 34, forgery, \$1,000 fine, \$97.50 costs, \$2,850 restitution, three years probation, five years prison determinate, 10 indeterminate, 90 days credited, retained jurisdiction; two counts probation violation, guilty.

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS

Jesse Salazar Jr., 34, fraud - insufficient funds check, \$250 fine suspended, \$75.60 costs, \$42.58 restitution, 60 days jail, 10 suspended; contempt of court, dismissed by court. Kimberly A. Robinson, 40, fraud - insufficient funds check, \$100 fine, \$100 costs, 24 months probation, 90 days jail, 89 suspended...

Belia Labra, 26, driving without privileges (second offense) amended to driving without privileges, \$300 fine, \$100 suspended, \$137.50 costs, driver's license suspended 180 days, 12 months probation, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, two credited, 30 days community service suspended. Omar Victor Martinez-Juarez, 18, felony aggravated assault amended to assault, \$87.50 costs, 12 months probation, 90 days jail, 64 suspended, 26 credited; alcoholic beverage violation, dismissed by prosecutor.

Michael Ian Doster, 19, driving without privileges amended to driver's license violation, \$56.50 fine, \$87.50 costs. Maria D. Caldera-Castro, 53, driver's license violation, \$150 fine, \$122.50 costs. Filberto Chacon, 27, petit theft, \$200 fine, \$87.50 costs, 180 days jail suspended; resisting or obstructing officers, 12 months probation, 180 days jail, 153 suspended, 27 credited; pedestrian under the influence of alcohol or drugs, dismissed by prosecutor.

Javier Ascencion Contrera-Maceda, 18, willful concealment of items, \$100 fine, \$87.50 costs, 24 months probation, 180 days jail, 156 suspended, 24 credited. Toby J. Rego, 18, alcohol violation, \$200 fine, \$87.50 costs, driver's license suspended 90 days, four months probation, 30 days jail suspended.

Leonel B. Mendoza, 18, alcohol violation, \$100 fine, \$87.50 costs. Jose D. Santacruz-Mata, driver's license violation, \$125 fine, \$87.50 costs. Dustin Michael Gerfers, 20, alcohol violation, \$125 fine, \$87.50 costs.

Yuliana Rodriguez, 20, alcohol violation, \$125 fine, \$87.50 costs. Regina Lynn Hargis, 38, driver's license violation, \$100 fine, \$87.50 costs. Daniel Memije Avila, 41, driver's license violation, \$125 fine, \$87.50 costs. Miguel Angel Otaegui Jr., 30, petit theft, \$100 fine, \$87.50 costs, 12 months probation, 90 days jail, 80 suspended, one credited; two counts battery, \$100 fine, \$87.50 costs, 180 days jail, 170 suspended.

Sergio Anaya-Ramirez, 29, driver's license violation, \$29, \$125 fine, \$87.50 costs. Earnestine S. Wilson, 29, driving without privileges amended to driver's license violation, \$50 fine, \$87.50 costs, one day jail credited.

MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS

Lonnie Lee Shaw, 54, battery, dismissed by court. Filberto Chacon, 27, disturbing the peace, dismissed by prosecutor.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Anthony Jake Granillo, 21, driving under the influence, \$667.50 costs, \$2.50 restitution, driver's license suspended 180 days, 24 months probation, 180 days jail, 175 suspended, one credited, eight days work in lieu of jail; contempt of court, 180 days jail, 61 credited; reckless driving, dismissed by prosecutor.

Anthony Jake Granillo, 21, driving without privileges, \$300 fine, \$100 suspended, \$92.50 costs, driver's license suspended 180 days, 12 months probation, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, 1 credited, 2 days work in lieu of jail; driving under the influence (second offense), \$300 fine, \$90.50 costs, driver's license suspended 365 days; contempt of court, guilty; probation violation, 90 days jail, 78 credited.

Omar Victor Martinez-Juarez, 18, driving under the influence (under age 21), \$200 fine, \$90.50 costs, driver's license suspended 365 days, 18 months probation; alcohol violation by a minor, dismissed by prosecutor; providing false information to an officer, 180 days jail, 161 suspended, 19 credited.

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Robert William Lopez, Heyburn, vs. Linda Kay Lopez, Rupert

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Plan to reduce scholarships OK'd

BOISE — The Idaho State Board of Education has approved a plan to cut a scholarship program designed to help high school graduates attend college by \$100.

The move was in response to state budget cuts, which trimmed the nearly \$4 million state appropriation for the Promise Scholarship program by more than \$235,000.

The Idaho Legislature created the scholarship program in 2002, limiting the scholarships to \$600 a year to high school grads in their first two years of college.

About 9,200 college students were scheduled to receive a \$500 Promise Scholarship this year; those students will now get \$400.

Fate of UI research centers still undetermined

LEWISTON — The University of Idaho says

closing one or more of a 12 agriculture and extension centers is still an option, but a final decision could depend on negotiations with business and industry groups.

Provost Doug Baker says the state has made a significant investment in the centers, and the university is now trying to determine if private stakeholders are willing to invest as well.

The university is facing a \$1.5 million shortfall in funding for a dozen agriculture and extension centers, which were already facing a \$3.2 million funding cut this year.

Public universities and colleges were told in late September to reduce spending by \$15.2 million to help offset shortfalls in state revenue.

Rapist sentenced to life in prison

COEUR D'ALENE — A northern Idaho man has been sentenced to life in prison for raping a woman who testified the stress of

the attack later caused a stroke that left her impaired on her left side.

Gary Allen Srery of Plummer, 67, was sentenced Thursday in 1st District Court. He must serve eight years before becoming eligible for parole.

In court, the rape victim testified, "Mr. Srery, you've damaged my life."

She spoke Srery's name several times, demanding that he look at her.

"I have a family that loves me very much that has had to watch me go through living hell, and it is not fair," she said. "You damaged me and I can't be repaired."

Srery is a registered violent sexual offender in Benewah County. Police said he has a criminal history dating back to the 1960s that includes convictions for rape, kidnap and assault with intent to commit rape. He has served time in prisons in California and Canada.

In issuing the sentence, Judge Charles Hosack noted Srery's tendency to target vulnerable victims. The

woman in the current case was on crutches when Srery met her at a Coeur d'Alene bar in June.

Srery drove the woman home and attacked her for several hours, authorities said, then fled the next morning when her boyfriend arrived.

Mill closure to result in 93 layoffs

NAPLES — Welco Lumber Co. USA is closing its Naples mill, resulting in 93 layoffs.

The Shelton, Wash., based-company announced this week that it plans to "mothball" the plant by the end of the year.

The company says the closure isn't meant to be permanent but it has no plans to reopen the facility soon.

Sales and Marketing Director Peter Stroble says employees who remain on staff until the mill closes will receive severance pay.

Welco blames the closure on the weak demand for fencing products brought on by the poor housing market.

The company says it will be able to meet all of its customers' needs at its Shelton mill.

Idaho Department of Labor economist Kathryn Tacke says the closure could push Boundary County's unemployment rate to nearly 20 percent.

Man accused of trying to tape woman in bathroom

BOISE — Boise police say a man has been arrested for allegedly trying to videotape a woman in a cafe bathroom.

Rodrigo Gonzalez-Tinajero is being held in the Ada County Jail and is expected to make an initial court appearance on Friday. Authorities have charged him on felony counts of video voyeurism and burglary.

Police say a woman found a camera on the shelf of the cafe bathroom. Police have not disclosed the name of the cafe.

Police say the 29-year-old Gonzalez-Tinajero had tried

to hide the camera near several other items.

Police say the burglary charge stems from Gonzalez-Tinajero allegedly entering the cafe with the intent to place the camera in the bathroom.

No death penalty in boy's murder case

BOISE — Ada County prosecutors have decided not to seek the death penalty in their case against a Boise couple accused of murdering an 8-year-old boy and covering up the crime.

Daniel Ehrlick is accused of beating young Robert Manwill to death in July. Manwill's mother, Melissa Jenkins, is accused of covering up the crime and lying to police about what happened.

Ada County prosecutors announced Friday they would not seek the death penalty against Jenkins and Ehrlick, who are both charged with first-degree murder, the *Idaho Statesman* reported.

— The Associated Press



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“I’m not a racist. I just don’t believe in mixing the races that way.”
 — Louisiana justice of the peace Keith Bardwell on why he refused to issue a marriage license to an interracial couple

U of I’s Nellis is right: Higher ed’s in jeopardy

CHEERS: To new University of Idaho President Duane Nellis, for speaking truth to power.

In announcing plans this week to trim 6 percent at the university as ordered by Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter — that amounts to \$7.1 million — Nellis said “Continued disinvestment should no longer be an option.”

The governor, meeting with the *Times-News* editorial board, responded that his first priority is protecting kindergarten-through-12th grade education, even at the expense of the colleges.

Understandable, but Idaho is in danger of eating its seed corn. This state must be able to turn out college graduates who can compete in a global marketplace.

And the areas where Nellis

plans to cut potentially jeopardize agriculture programs that are important to the Magic Valley’s economy.

Two rounds of deep reductions in two years on college campuses is enough. When the Legislature sets the 2011 budget, higher ed should be the last place it trims.

JEERS: There are still 2 1/2 months left in the year, but Ada County Highway District Commissioner Sara Baker is a strong frontrunner for the stupidest statement of 2009 by a public official.

Baker, who joined the ACHD in January, is steamed that her name doesn’t appear on a plaque on the new East ParkCenter Bridge that spans the Boise River.

Baker wants ACHD to spend taxpayer money to add her name to the plaque,



although she arrived on the ACHD board too late to have anything to do with the construction of the bridge.

At a recent meeting, Baker demanded to know why her name was omitted. “This is exactly what Stalin did during his reign. He purged history. He changed history. And this is not something that is appropriate in the United States.”

Neither is Baker’s conduct. **CHEERS:** To Canyon County Prosecutor John Bujak and Sheriff Chris Smith, who

are not waiting for the Legislature to do something about folks who text-message while they drive.

Bujak recently told cops in his county to target texting drivers and said he’ll prosecute anyone cited by police under the state’s inattentive driving laws.

“... if they are swerving down the road, we don’t care what caused it,” Smith told the *Idaho Statesman*. “We can’t ignore the fact that people are choosing to play with their cell phones instead of paying attention to driving.”

Smith said the county will pursue aggressive enforcement and see how the cases play out in court.

Washington already bans all cell phone use and texting except for hands-free devices. Oregon’s anti-text-

ting law goes into effect Jan. 1. Utah’s tough texting law, which took effect in May, penalizes a texting driver who causes a fatality as severely as a drunken driver who kills someone.

There is no specific anti-texting law in Idaho, although Sen. Les Bock, D-Boise, introduced an unsuccessful bill during the last legislative session. Bock likely will have bipartisan help from House Transportation Chairwoman JoAn Wood, R-Rigby, in the next session.

In the meantime, Bujak said he’ll ask for fines, community service and driver education classes for anyone caught texting while driving in Canyon County.

Prosecutors and sheriffs in south-central Idaho should do the same.

LETTERS OF THANKS

Kimberly Class of 2009 says thank you

The Kimberly High School Class of 2009 and parents extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to Mel Quale’s Electronics for its more-than-generous donations and assistance for the drug- and alcohol-free celebration after graduation. Mel Quale’s donated time and equipment to help make the celebration a fun and memorable event for the graduates.

Thanks again to Mel Quale’s and its employees. We sincerely appreciate your kind donations!

SHAILA MOLYNEUX
Class of 2009
Kimberly High School
Kimberly

Many businesses helped garden grow

On behalf of Gooding County Juvenile Probation, I would like to extend a special thank you to the following businesses and individuals for their donations as we began our first juvenile garden project:

Gooding Garden Shop, Wendell Valley Country Store, Simerly’s, King’s and Gooding Ace Hardware.

A special thanks to Leslie Dunn for the administration efforts and extensive time she endured ensuring that this project was accomplished. Also, thanks to Dave Dunn, Gina Mulder, Jan Shephard and Jill Ipsen for their time and efforts working on this project as well.

Their donations helped our youth not only in learning the value of cultivating and nurturing a garden but also discovering the importance of giving back to their community. All produce was either donated to families in need and local food banks or sold at the local farmer’s market wherein the monies will be donated to charity.

CAROL JOHNSON
Chief Juvenile Probation
Officer
Gooding

Lamb Weston thanked for its generosity

Special thanks to Lamb Weston for its generosity to Believer’s Church at Joe Mama’s Car Show in August.

We appreciate your outreach support for our community!

Thanks again.
KRISTAL ADAMS
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Jerome

Reform without drug price limits? That’s sick

In the debate on health care reform, one remedy for skyrocketing medical costs rarely gets mentioned: allowing the government to use its substantial buying power to negotiate lower prices for medicines.



Melody Petersen

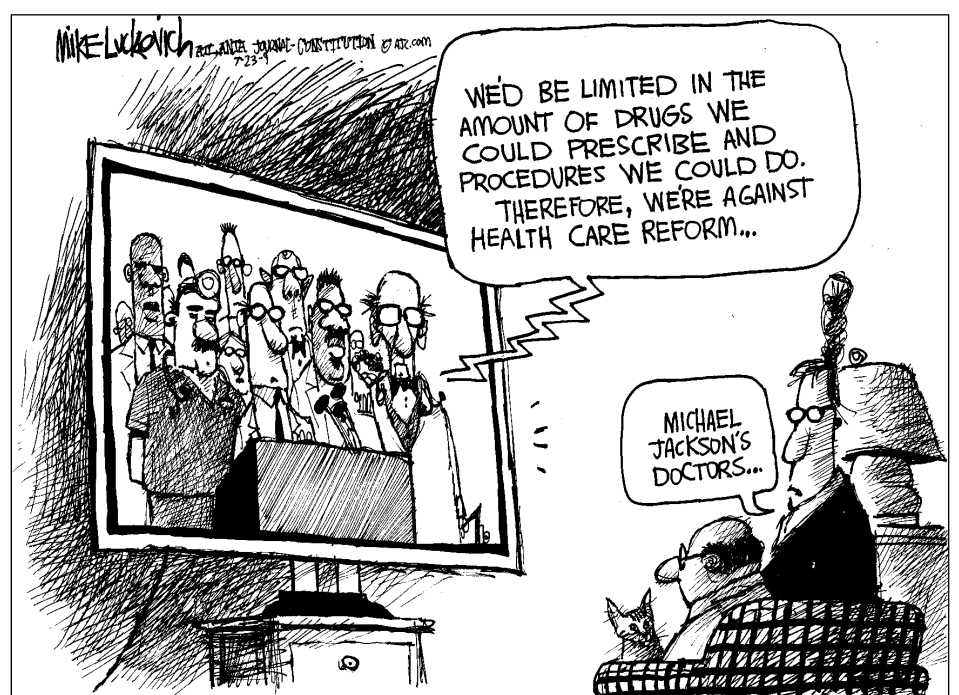
The drug companies, with the help of hundreds of hired lobbyists, have succeeded in keeping this proposal off the table, even though studies have shown it would save billions of dollars a year.

If health care legislation is signed into law with no controls on drug prices, the pharmaceutical industry will have won a financial bonanza. Drug companies will get millions of new customers while continuing a system that leaves the United States as the only country in the developed world that lets the industry charge more or less what it wishes. All other countries either limit medicine prices or the industry’s profits.

The United States spends twice as much on prescription drugs as it spends on higher education. We spend more on medicines than do all the people of Japan, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand combined.

Drug executives have long believed that Americans should eagerly fork over this money. They say we shouldn’t think twice about paying an average of \$120 for each brand-name drug we pick up at the pharmacy — up from an average price of \$65 in 2000.

If prices were limited, the executives warn, companies would be forced to cut back on scientific research and Americans would get far fewer new medicines.



Discovering a drug can take more than a decade, they say, and run up a research bill approaching \$1 billion.

But do their theories hold up? No. It’s painfully clear that we’re not getting our money’s worth from what we pay for medicines.

It’s true that discovering a new lifesaving drug is expensive. Whether the cost is as high as the industry claims continues to be a matter of fierce debate. The drug companies have refused to allow outside scrutiny of what they spend in their labs. In fact, the companies’ actual research costs are one of the industry’s most closely guarded secrets. Pharmaceutical companies waged a decade-long legal battle to keep even government auditors from reviewing those costs, leaving it unclear whether they include nonscientific costs such as promotion.

But there’s a bigger issue that has largely escaped public scrutiny. Over the last 30 years, the industry hasn’t focused its efforts on discovering those truly amazing innovations that can change the practice of medicine. Those are the projects that are risky and expensive. Instead, the companies have taken the easy path, ordering their

scientists to turn out mostly rehashes of medicines already being sold. It’s far less expensive to copy a medicine than it is to do the years of work needed to find new and better cures.

This focus on copycat medicines is apparent in the list of drugs approved by the Food and Drug Administration. Of the medicines approved between 1990 and 2004, only 16 percent were what government reviewers deemed to be actually new and significant.

With no price controls, the industry gets away with charging exorbitant amounts. An 18-week course of Erbitux can cost the price of two BMWs, yet it has been shown to extend the lives of lung cancer patients by little more than a month.

Medicine prices elsewhere are 35 percent to 55 percent lower, according to the Congressional Budget Office. Americans are paying for pharmaceutical research that people all over the world benefit from.

Congress must pass legislation to ensure that every American has access to medical care. And study after study has shown we can do that without breaking the bank — if only we reform the system to hold

down costs. But the drug companies are determined to make sure that doesn’t happen.

When Congress expanded Medicare in 2003 to cover the cost of prescriptions, the industry’s lobbyists got language into the bill that made it illegal for the government to negotiate prices. That bill was written behind closed doors, passed in the dead of night and shepherded through Congress by Rep. Billy Tauzin of Louisiana. Tauzin then quickly retired from Congress to take a \$2 million-a-year job with the drug industry’s trade group.

Overall, we spend more on health care than we do on food, housing, transportation or anything else. Nearly one of every five dollars that we spend each year goes to the drug companies, doctors, hospitals and the rest of the medical system.

We can’t stand by while the majority in Congress gives the drug industry everything it asks for. We simply can’t afford to.

Melody Petersen covered the pharmaceutical industry for *The New York Times* from 1999 to 2003. She wrote this commentary for the *Los Angeles Times*.

Good people helped reunite dog and owners

On July 15 at about 5:45 p.m., my family and I had just pulled out to Addison in front of Smith’s with our camp trailer when one of our dogs fell out of the back of our truck. We had no idea and two wonderful people got in their car and chased us down. It took us a minute to get the trailer turned around and these wonderful people offered to drive on ahead of us to go back to Smith’s to look for our dog. After a tearful drive down Addison, we arrived at Smith’s to find another good samaritan and his two daughters holding our dog, keeping him safe.

I cannot thank these people enough for their help and what they did for us that day.

TINA IRISH
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Oct. 27 deadline for election letters

Tuesday, Oct. 27, will be your last chance to submit letters supporting or opposing candidates and issues on the Nov. 3 local elections ballot.

No letters will be accepted after 5 p.m. Letters must be 300 words or less. Mail them to Letters to the Editor, *Times-News*, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303, email ethomason@magicvalley.com or fax (208) 734-5538.

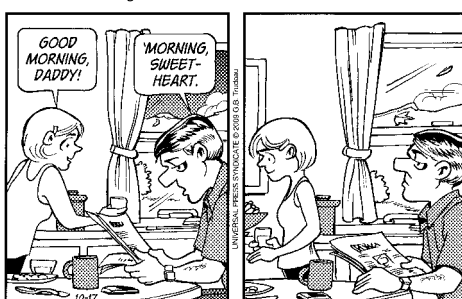
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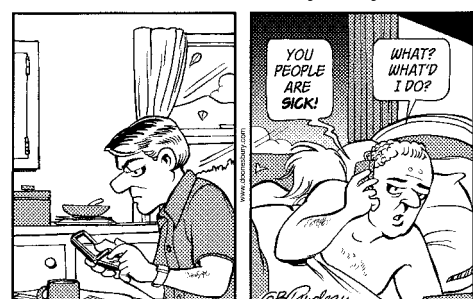
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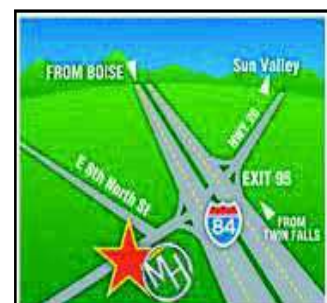
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Idaho personal income edges higher in second quarter

Times-News

Personal income in Idaho rose fractionally this spring, ending three straight quarters of decline.

The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis on Friday estimated Idaho's personal income — the total of all wages, business owner profits, investment earnings

and transfer payments like Social Security and jobless benefits — for the April-June quarter at just over \$48.9 billion, on an annualized basis. That was up 0.4 percent from the first three months of the year — twice the growth rate for the nation — but still more than 3 percent below a peak of \$50.7 billion in the spring

quarter of 2008.

Idaho's quarter-to-quarter growth rate ranked 23rd nationally, but the 3.4 percent decline from a year earlier was deeper than all but six other states.

The bureau also significantly increased the estimates for personal income in 2006, 2007 and 2008, revising the 2008 total to \$50.4

billion to mark the first time Idaho has crossed the \$50 billion mark.

More than \$182 million in state and federal unemployment insurance benefits was injected into Idaho's economy during the second quarter of this year. The government annualized that amount to \$272 million. That was on top of Social

Security and other government payments totaling \$522 million, and the combination was enough to offset a decline from of the first quarter of over \$600 million, annualized, in wages, business profits and investment earnings.

Since January, Idaho has paid out over \$500 million in state and federal unemploy-

ment insurance benefits.

Health care and agriculture were the only private sectors in the economy that saw growth in wages and profits. Construction and manufacturing, which have been the hardest hit sectors of the Idaho economy during the recession, recorded the biggest slides in payroll and profits.

Tough times call for tough minded tax planning

Minimizing tax burden is necessary in today's economy to keep cash flowing and profits from drying up. Regardless of whether you gain or lose in 2009 — business owners in south-central Idaho should re-evaluate their financial operations.

BUSINESS INSIGHT

Scott Plew



A few questions you might ask are:

• How can you make tax planning work in your favor this year?

• Are tax choices made in the past going to work this year?

• Can you save money on taxes if you lost money in 2009?

To help you choose the best path, here are some of the strategies you may want to utilize this tax season.

Deferring income

Deferring income can work to your advantage if you are experiencing a high or low year. On a cash basis, you may want to defer income if you had a good year and want to reduce taxable income, delay billings until end of year or purchase supplies and equipment this year instead of next year.

If you are experiencing a low income year and will be in a higher tax bracket next year, accelerating your billings and collections to this year and delaying your expenses to next year might save you more in taxes.

On an accrual-basis, you can delay the actual shipping or delivering of services. Similar to the cash-basis business, if you are currently experiencing a low income year and expect next year to be more profitable, the opposite strategy might provide you more tax savings.

Accelerating income into the current year

If you're a cash basis taxpayer, consider making an estimated state tax payment before Dec. 31, so you can deduct it this year instead of next year, but consider AMT consequences. Both cash- and accrual-basis taxpayers can charge expenses on a credit

See **INSIGHT**, Business 2

BILLIONAIRE BUSTED



Raj Rajaratnam, billionaire founder of the Galleon Group, a major hedge fund, is led in handcuffs from FBI headquarters in New York. Rajaratnam was charged with insider trading in the stock of several companies including Hilton, Clearwire, and Google.

Galleon founder among six nabbed in insider trading case

By Candice Choi and Larry Neumeister
Associated Press writers

NEW YORK — One of America's wealthiest men was among six hedge fund managers and corporate executives arrested Friday in a hedge fund insider trading case that prosecutors say generated more than \$25 million in illegal profits and should be a wake-up call for Wall Street.

Raj Rajaratnam, a partner in Galleon Management and a portfolio manager for Galleon Group, a hedge fund with up to \$7 billion in assets under management, was accused of conspiring with others

to trade based on insider information about several publicly traded companies, including Google Inc.

U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara told a news conference it was the largest hedge fund case ever prosecuted and marked the first use of court-authorized wiretaps to capture conversations by suspects in an insider trading case.

He said the case should cause financial professionals considering insider trades in the future to wonder whether law enforcement is listening.

"Green is not good," Bharara said. "This case should be a wake-up call for Wall Street."

Joseph Demarest Jr., the head of

the New York FBI office, said it was clear that "the 20 million dollars in illicit profits come at the expense of the average public investor."

The Securities and Exchange Commission, which brought separate civil charges, said the scheme generated more than \$25 million in illegal profits.

Robert Khuzami, director of enforcement at the SEC, said the charges show Rajaratnam's "secret of success was not genius trading strategies."

"He is not the master of the universe. He is a master of the Rolodex," Khuzami said.

See **BUSTED**, Business 2

Hailey Chamber of Commerce seeks new director

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — The Hailey Chamber of Commerce is looking for a new executive director following the abrupt resignation of Director Jim Spinelli earlier this week.

Spinelli offered no reason for his resignation and his assistant executive director Anna Svidgal declined to comment, as well.

Spinelli headed the Chamber for the past two years, during which the Chamber moved into a highly visible location on Hailey's Main Street. He had served with the Chamber previously before working as city administrator for the city of Hailey for one year.

Spinelli had a mantra, "It's a great day in Hailey, Idaho," which he always stated when introducing himself at meetings.

The chamber went from three events to 18 during his tenure, adding such things as the autocross held a couple weeks ago at Friedman Memorial Airport to well-established events like Springfest, said Svidgal.

Spinelli created a public sculpture garden outside the new chamber office and he also assisted the city as it began collecting a local option tax on car rentals, hotel rooms, liquor by the drink and restaurant food to help pay for such things as snow removal equipment and blinking streetlights to enhance pedestrian safety.

"He was a hard worker and a great public servant," said Svidgal.

Bank of America loses \$2.24B as loan losses rise

By Ieva M. Augstums
Associated Press writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Bank of America Corp. said Friday it lost more than \$2.2 billion in the third quarter as loan losses kept rising, providing more evidence that consumers are still struggling to pay their bills.

The nation's second-largest bank said it wrote down loans on its books by almost \$10 billion during the July-September period,

"Obviously, credit costs remain high, and that is our major financial challenge going forward ... we are heartened by early positive signs, such as the leveling of delinquencies among our credit card numbers."

— Bank of America's CEO Ken Lewis

up almost \$1 billion from the second quarter. The bank also added \$2.1 billion to its reserves to cover bad loans, bringing its provision for credit losses to \$11.7 billion. The bank's total allowance for loan and lease losses now totals \$35.83 billion.

Bank of America's results were aided by profit from its wealth management business, which includes the bank's Merrill Lynch division. While the Jan. 1 acquisition of Merrill Lynch has brought widespread criticism and legal

problems for Bank of America, the deal was paying off during the third quarter, when Merrill Lynch's revenue and profit more than doubled from a year ago.

The bank's earnings follow the pattern set earlier

this week by Citigroup Inc. and JPMorgan Chase & Co., which also reported more loan losses during the third quarter as consumers struggled to keep up with their credit card and mortgage payments. And on Friday, General Electric Co. reported that its GE Capital business, which includes credit cards, saw an 87 percent drop in profits, although it was also

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Monday in business

WASHINGTON — National Association of Home Builders releases housing market index for October.

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Tonight: Patchy clouds and a light breeze. Lows low 40s.

Tomorrow: Slight cooling and increasing clouds. Highs upper 60s.

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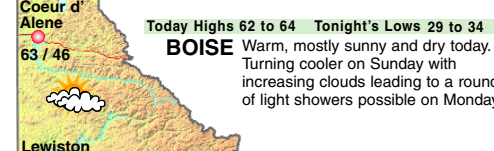


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ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

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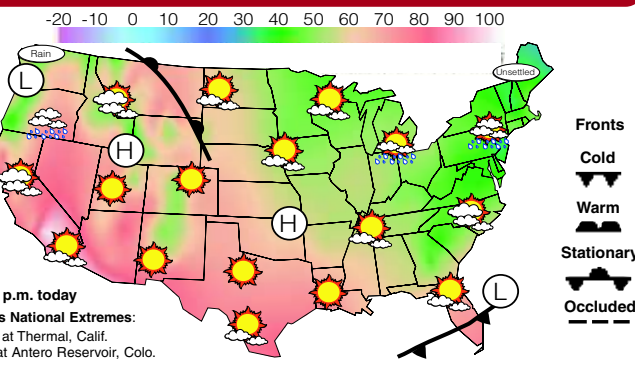
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Gregg Middlekauff's Quote of the Day: "People of character do the right thing, not because they think it will change the world but because they refuse to be changed by the world."

Oprah hosts former boxing rivals

No biting this time

CHICAGO (AP) - No punches were thrown. And neither bit off the other's ear.

Mutual praise and admiration dominated during a face-to-face meeting Friday between former world champion boxers Mike Tyson and Evander Holyfield on a live episode of "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

On June 28, 1997, at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, Tyson was disqualified after biting off part of Holyfield's right ear during their WBA heavyweight title fight.

A respectful Tyson shook hands with his former rival several times during their encounter Friday - which he said was his first chance to speak at length with Holyfield since the ear chomp that made world-wide headlines. Tyson later met with Chicago Mayor



In this photo provided by Harpo, Inc., talk-show host Oprah Winfrey poses with former world champion boxers Mike Tyson, right, and Evander Holyfield on a live episode of 'The Oprah Winfrey Show,' Friday in Chicago.

Richard Daley. Tyson told Winfrey earlier that an initial apology after the incident was insincere. But when she asked what he wanted to say to Holyfield, Tyson stopped short of apologizing again. He instead poured on the praise. "This is a beautiful guy," he said, holding Holyfield's arm affectionately for several seconds. "I just want you to know it's just been a pleasure ... being acquainted with you."

fession of sorts to make: He himself has bitten others, during childhood rough-housing with his siblings as a way to get out of headlocks.

"You talk about biting," he said. "I'm the person that bit every brother in my family."

Holyfield said one reason he wanted to appear with Tyson on television was to demonstrate to youth caught up in violence that reconciliation is always possible.

"We can come together," he said. "We know you can come together."

After sitting down with Winfrey, Tyson spent about 25 minutes meeting with Daley at his City Hall office.

Tyson had asked for the meet-and-greet with Daley and a spokeswoman said the mayor was interested in the chance to talk to the boxer about the problem of youth violence.

Hospital: Woman in Smart case competent for trial

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A state court judge said Friday the Utah State Hospital has determined that the woman charged in the 2002 kidnapping of Elizabeth Smart is competent for trial.

The hospital's finding - provided in a report three days ago to Judge Judith Atherton - was announced in Salt Lake City's 3rd District Court. It could mean the case of Wanda Eileen Barzee is headed toward trial, although Atherton first must rule Barzee competent.

Atherton set a Nov. 19 hearing to give Barzee's attorneys time to have their own experts review the hospital's findings. Defense attorney Scott Williams said he will seek opinions from experts involved in the case over the past six years.

"Those will be the opinions that matter most,"

Williams said after the hearing. "If the general consensus is agreement, then a restoration (of competency) finding is not something that would be challenged."

But if defense experts dispute the state hospital's report, the court could hold another competency hearing, or Atherton could issue a ruling based on the report, which is considered case evidence.

Elizabeth Smart's father, Ed Smart, said the hospital's finding is something his family thought they might never hear.

"Judge Atherton has the last say, but it certainly is encouraging that (the case) may come to an end," Smart said, adding he had not yet spoken to his daughter. "Elizabeth wants to put everything behind her."

Barzee has been receiving court-ordered psychiatric treatment since May 2008.

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Declo defensive back Logan Knopp (18) knocks the ball away from Glenns Ferry wide receiver Ross Arellano Friday night at Declo High School.

RYAN HOWE/
Times-News



Declo survives against Glenns Ferry

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

DECLO – The mighty Hornets are not invincible after all.

Injury-plagued Glenns Ferry exposed a chink in Declo's armor Friday night, but the top-ranked Hornets still managed an ugly 29-7 win to earn the Canyon Conference championship.

"We had some team difficulties for a while, but we pulled it together and got out of there with a win. Well, it's not really a win in

my book, but it's a win on the board," said Declo junior Mark Knobbe.

If the Pilots could have taken advantage of Declo's five turnovers, it may have been a different outcome.

"We weren't as sound with our offense like we usually are," said Glenns Ferry senior Ross Arellano. "It was a dogfight and we couldn't capitalize on the turnovers."

Some of Declo's turnovers were a result of players freelancing, others came from Declo runners

fighting for extra yardage and getting stripped by Pilot defenders.

Declo (7-0, 2-0 Canyon Conference) had only four touchdowns to show for its 408 yards of total offense. Hornets quarterback Jeremy Jenkins completed 12 of 20 passes for 136 yards, but was intercepted twice and lost two fumbles.

"We had a lot of errors, but (Glenns Ferry) is a good team with great athletes," said Declo senior Drew Matsen. "We knew we had to step it up, but some of

our own errors kept them in the game."

Declo drove 70 yards on its first possession and Jenkins appeared to break the plane of the end zone before losing the ball, but the officials awarded Glenns Ferry a touchback.

After Sage Warner put Declo on the board in the second quarter with a 3-yard touchdown, another close call benefitted the Hornets, as Pilots QB Philip Owsley was hit while throwing, and the play was

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Vandals seek bowl eligibility

Idaho hosts Hawaii today

By Nicholas K. Geranios
Associated Press writer

Idaho football coach Robb Akey won't lie: Today's game against Hawaii is huge as the Vandals seek to become bowl eligible for the first time in a decade.

That's after years of being considered a doormat in major college football.

"This is big for us," Akey said. "We're hoping this will be the one that gets us to bowl eligibility, yes."



Hawaii at Idaho

3 p.m. (MDT)

TV: Altitude 2 (DirecTV Channel 382, Dish Network Channel 447)
Radio: 1310 AM

Idaho (5-1, 2-0 WAC) has already surpassed most expectations. The Vandals haven't won five games in a season since 2000, when Tom Cable was their coach. They haven't had a winning season since 1999. Picked by many pundits to finish last in the Western Athletic Conference, the Vandals are first, ahead of archrival No. 5 Boise State.

People are starting to notice. The Vandals received their first-ever regular season vote in the AP Top 25 last week, after their come-from-behind victory at San Jose State.

A full house is expected in the 16,000-seat Kibbie Dome in Moscow where Vandal fever is on the upswing.

Hawaii (2-3, 0-2) is slumping since losing starting quarterback Greg Alexander to a season-ending injury. The Warriors were pummeled 42-17 last weekend at Fresno State for their third straight loss.

But they are still dangerous. Backup quarterback Bryant Moniz threw for 283 yards and two touchdowns, and receiver Greg Salas continues to lead the nation with 136 yards per game.

"Our new quarterback came into a tough situation and did a good job," Hawaii coach Greg McMackin said. "I like his poise. I like his accuracy."

McMackin is worried about his defense. Idaho is one of the best rushing teams in the West, with a trio of running backs capable of going for 100 yards in a game. The Warriors rank near the bottom in rushing defense, allowing 201 yards per game.

"We're pretty beat up on

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J-TOWN SMASH

Jerome slugs out win over Spartans

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

JEROME – Jerome can win football games a number of ways, but smash-mouth football has to be among the lowest on the list.

Yet that's exactly what the Tigers did Friday, rushing 43 times for 244 yards and five scores on the ground to beat Great Basin Conference foe Minico 43-27. Ross Hillier carried for three touchdowns, Cameron Stauffer ran for two others and the Zach Leavitt-led defense recovered three fumbles.

"When we got down in the second quarter, we just decided that we didn't want to be down anymore," said Hillier, who carried 18 times for 101 yards. "The defense played great, and what we did on offense was all on our offensive line."

Leavitt also blocked a punt and returned it for a touchdown in the second quarter, which sparked the Tiger defense to a big stretch in which it forced the first of Minico's three



MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Jerome QB Cameron Stauffer looks to the end zone as he decides to run the ball in for Jerome's first touchdown in Friday's game against Minico.

turnovers and converted it into points.

Leavitt recovered two of the three fumbles as well.

"Coach (Gary Krumm) just says to play every play like it's our last, so that's what I try to do every play," said Leavitt. "I just think of all the hard work our team has done all year and keep

going 100 percent."

The Tigers (4-3, 3-1 GBC) softened up the Minico defense by using bruising fullback Dylan Downton early and often on the opening drive, before using the speed of Hillier and Stauffer to beat the team on the edges.

Minico (3-5, 2-2) scored

on pass plays from Kade Miller to Coltin Johnson and Moises Iturra, as well as touchdown runs from Brady May and Colby May. But the Spartans were made to rue a blocked punt and three fumbles, which led to 29 of Jerome's points.

See **JEROME**, Sports 2

Bruins secure GBC's top seed

T.F. crushes Wood River

By John Derr
Times-News writer

HAILEY – The Bruins are enjoying their first season in Class 4A.

Twin Falls guaranteed itself the top seed from the Great Basin Conference in the state playoffs while spoiling Wood River's

homecoming with a 45-0 victory Friday night in Hailey.

Junior Ricky Akridge tallied 107 yards on the ground and added a touchdown reception in the first half to lead the Bruins.

"I usually don't get that much, it is a really good night for me," said Akridge,

who found most of his success on the option play with quarterback T.J. Ellis. "We work on it a lot. T.J. sets it up and the line does a good job."

It didn't take long for the Bruins to strike. Akridge took an option pitch for a 54-yard gain. Two plays later Brett Hardman scored from 5 yards out just 30 seconds into the game.

The Bruins (4-3, 4-0

GBC) threatened to score on their second drive, but fumbled with Wood River's Kevin Jensen recovering. Although Wood River earned a first down on a run by Tyler Peters, there was no stopping the Twin Falls express.

Jon Pulsifer caught a pair of touchdown passes – 13 and 57 yards – from Ellis as the Bruin lead grew to 20-0 after the first quarter.

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Wood River found success patiently running the ball up the middle against Twin Falls' three-man line. The Wolverines, behind the running of Peters, took

See **BRUINS**, Sports 2

Buhl passes test at Kimberly

Tribe earns share of SCIC title with win

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY – It was the closest of Buhl's seven wins this season, but it's safe to say it was the sweetest.

The Indians ended a two-game skid against Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference rival Kimberly with a hard-fought 29-14 win Friday.

"They beat us two years in a row," said Buhl running back

Evan Wray. "It feels so good to finally beat them and have the (championship) back at our place where it belongs."

With their usually dominant ground game finding some tough sledding, the Indians turned to senior quarterback Cader Owen. He responded by completing 9 of 14 passes for 127 yards and two touchdowns.

"Kimberly actually played pretty good defense," said

Owen. "They stuck it to us and knew our game plan, which was to run. We decided we'd have to change it every little bit and air it out every once in a while and keep them off balance."

Owen completed passes of 28 and 22 yards to J.D. Leckenby on the first drive of the game, setting up Wray's 2-yard run.

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Buhl quarterback Cader Owen (12) is tackled by Kimberly defender Tyler Wadsworth Friday in Kimberly.

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AP photo

Eastern Washington running back Taiwan Jones (22) runs past Idaho State safety Chris Holmesly (21) at Holt Arena in Pocatello Oct. 3. The 0-6 Bengals seek their first win of 2009 against Northern Colorado today.

ISU seeks first win against Northern Colo.

By Mark Liptak
Times-News correspondent

POCATELLO — Both Idaho State and Northern Colorado desperately need a win today, but only one will go away with that boon after today's 3:30 p.m. contest at Holt Arena.

The Bears (1-5, 0-4 Big Sky Conference) have lost 20 consecutive road games and have never won a Big Sky road game in their history. The Bengals (0-6, 0-3) have lost 17 of 18 overall and six of their last seven at home.

While UNC had its issue, ISU quarterback Russel Hill said it's not all bad news for the Bears.

"I think like us, their defense has played pretty well," Hill said. "Offensively they struggled to get some consistency, but defensively they've got a good front four and their safeties are really good."

UNC's starting safeties Max Hewitt and Korie

No. Colorado at Idaho State
3:30 p.m.
Radio: 930 AM

Askwew each have two interceptions and lead a defensive unit that's allowed the fewest passing yards in the traditionally pass happy Big Sky Conference. The Bears give up only 196 yards a game in the air.

The Bears' problem is they are getting shredded on the ground, allowing 180 yards a game, which may play into Idaho State's hands since the Bengals have started to find their running game.

In the second half of the loss at Sacramento State last week, ISU dominated time of possession and ran for more than 100 yards, with 77 coming from running back Clint Knickrehm. The ISU offensive line is returning to health and played better as well. A solid performance today

will help the Bengals, who rank last in the conference in points scored.

With Thursday's announcement of a two-year contract extension for Idaho State head coach John Zamberlin, the Bengals may be a more relaxed bunch as well.

"I know when it was announced that there was going to be a press conference a lot of the kids came to me and asked what was going on," said Zamberlin. "I know this will make things easier for them. They can just go out and play and not have an uncertain future on their minds."

Northern Colorado is probably the easiest of the remaining opponents on the schedule maybe the contract extension will give them the boost they need to pick up the first win of the year and perhaps begin to salvage what has been a long tough campaign to date. Kickoff is set for 3:30 Saturday afternoon.

Aztecs brace for BYU's big offensive line

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Coach Brady Hoke isn't kidding when he says his San Diego State Aztecs face a big challenge against No. 18 BYU on Saturday.

The Aztecs need only to look at BYU's massive offensive line, which averages 321 pounds and does quite nicely in opening holes for running back Harvey Unga and protecting quarterback Max Hall.

Hoke likens BYU's offensive linemen to heavy machinery.

"You always want to try and limit an opponent's offense, in one phase of the game, and we want to make sure we stop the run," Hoke said. "That is a goal every week. If you can get a team one-dimensional, then you play into your hands a little bit, but it's going to be a real challenge for us up front to handle some of those big road graders they have."

The Aztecs' defensive line — coached by Hoke — averages 250 pounds. With such a size discrepancy, Hoke said the Aztecs will have to survive on fundamentals, technique and intangibles.

"We all would like big guys who are athletic and fast," he said. "Well, there's only so many of those in this country and so with what we do defensively, it enables us to do some things with guys who aren't quite as stout or as big as you'd like them but they're guys who I think have a lot of heart to them, a lot of toughness, and a lot of effort to them."

While the Aztecs (2-3, 0-1 Mountain West Conference) are coming off a bye, BYU (5-1, 2-0) displayed its offensive balance by gaining 611 yards in a 59-21 win at UNLV last week. Unga ran for three touchdowns and 149 yards, and Hall completed 21 of 27 passes for 320 yards and two more scores.

"We're going to try to work edges, try to use our speed to get around them, and hopefully get them on their toes, try and work that

BYU at San Diego St.
4 p.m.
TV: The Mtn. Radio: 1160 AM

game," SDSU linebacker Luke Laolagi said. "They're big, but hopefully we can use our speed against them."

The Aztecs have already won as many games as they did last year, when they finished 2-10 and got Chuck Long fired as coach.

"I think San Diego State is an improved football team," BYU coach Bronco Mendenhall said. "They are certainly playing with a lot more effort than what I have seen in the past. I think they are being coached very well and I think there is a resiliency that they have

added that possibly has been missing in years past, at least since I have been in the league. So I think it will be a difficult test on the road and we're anxious to play."

A win would be the 500th in BYU's history. To get it, Mendenhall will have to triumph over some old friends.

Hoke, Mendenhall and SDSU defensive coordinator Rocky Long all crossed paths at Oregon State in the 1990s.

Mendenhall said he considers Hoke and Long mentors, "and I've learned a lot of football from them. So that has put a unique take on this particular game."

The Cougars have won seven of the last eight games against the Aztecs, averaging 46 points in those wins.

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NO. 3 TEXAS (5-0) VS. NO. 20 OKLAHOMA (3-2)
10 a.m. (ABC)

Line: Texas by 3½.
Series Record: Texas leads, 58-40-5.
Last meeting: 2008, Texas 45-35.

What's at Stake

Besides border bragging rights, Texas needs a win to hang on to its national title hopes. The Sooners, even with two losses, can seize control of the Big 12 South Division with a win and with Sam Bradford back at quarterback, could run the table. Texas QB Colt McCoy needs a big game to restart a Heisman Trophy campaign.

Key Matchup

Oklahoma kick coverage vs. Texas WR Jordan Shipley. Shipley changed momentum in Texas' win last season with a first-quarter kickoff return for a touchdown. He has two punt returns for touchdowns this season and last week was back on kickoff returns. The Sooners can't just kick away from him: Texas freshman D.J. Monroe has two kickoff returns for touchdowns.

NO. 6 USC (4-1) AT NO. 25 NOTRE DAME (4-1)
1:30 p.m. (NBC)

Line: USC by 10.
Series Record: Notre Dame leads 42-33-5.
Last Meeting: 2009, USC 38-3

What's at Stake

A Notre Dame victory would be the biggest of Charlie Weis's career. Another big loss to USC would put Weis back on the hot seat. A USC loss would end the Trojans' hope for a national championship and give them two losses this early in a season for the first time since starting 3-2 in 2002.

Key Matchup

Notre Dame offensive line vs. USC's front four. Last season the Irish offensive line was beaten badly by the Trojans — "man-handled" is how Weis describes it. Three of those USC players are in the NFL now, but the Trojans still have a prolific front four. USC leads the nation in sacks, averaging 4.2 a game, led by six sacks from end Nick Perry. The Irish offensive line has been giving Jimmy Clausen time to throw and Notre Dame is averaging a respectable 148 yards rushing. But they haven't gone up against a defense as good as the Trojans.

NO. 24 UTAH (4-1) AT UNLV (2-4)
8 p.m. (The Mtn.)

Line: Utah by 16.
Series Record: Utah leads 12-2.
Last Meeting: 2008, Utah 42-21.

What's at Stake

The Utes have a nine-game winning streak in the Mountain West and are trying for a second straight league title and fourth in seven seasons. UNLV has lost three straight and is desperate for a victory — in conference or out.

Key Matchup

Utah offense vs. UNLV defense. The Utes are averaging 438 yards of offense and are taking on the lowest-ranked defense in the conference. The Rebels have allowed 122 points and 1,384 yards of offense in their last two games.

Notes: UNLV coach Mike Sanford, Utah's former offensive coordinator, is 13-40 with the Rebels. ... Utah is 25-2 since a 27-0 shutout loss at UNLV two years ago. ... Utah's next win will be the 600th in school history.

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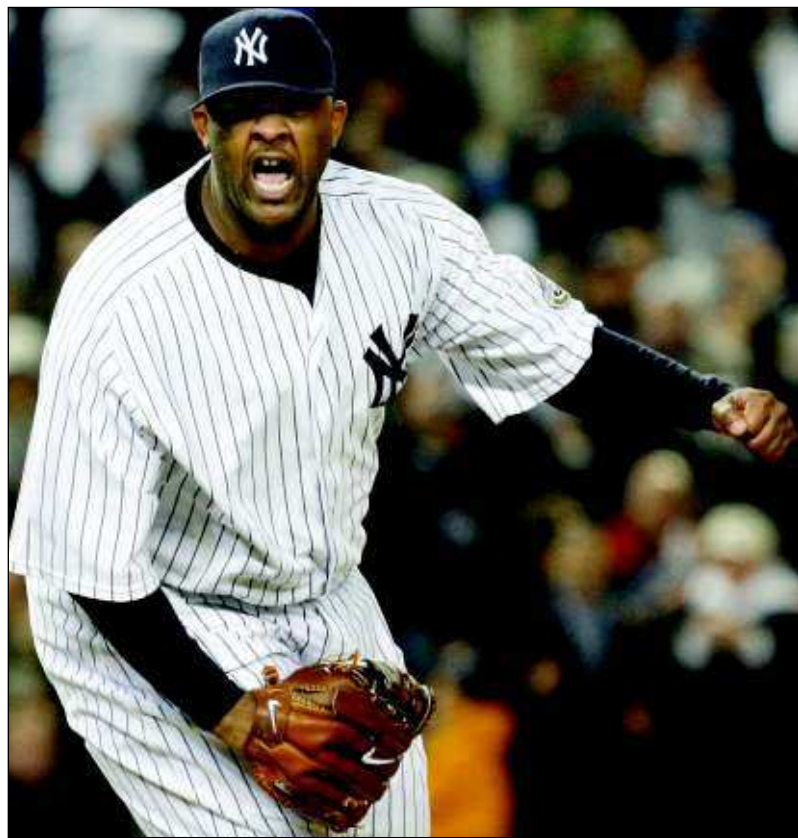
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New York Yankees pitcher CC Sabathia reacts after striking out Los Angeles batter Mike Napoli Friday to end the top of the seventh inning of Game 1 of the American League Championship Series in New York.

AP photo

CC Sabathia and Yanks stop Angels cold

NEW YORK (AP) — CC Sabathia and the New York Yankees stopped the Los Angeles Angels cold in the AL championship series opener.

On a blustery night more suited to bobsleds than baseballs, Sabathia pitched eight superb innings of four-hit ball to win his second straight postseason start and New York took advantage of a rare sloppy night by Los Angeles in a 4-1 victory Friday.

The Angels looked like chilled Californians withering in the unseasonable wintry weather, making three errors that led to two unearned runs and allowing an infield popup to drop untouched for an RBI single. Even Torii Hunter, an eight-time Gold Glove center fielder, allowed a single to roll past him.

It was 45 degrees at gametime, and a 17 mph wind made it feel worse. Because of the cold conditions, the traditional foul line introductions before the first game were scrapped.

Back in the ALCS for the first time in five years, New York built a 2-0 lead in the first by taking advantage of a throwing error by left fielder Juan Rivera and a popup by Hideki Matsui that fell between third baseman Chone Figgins and shortstop Erick Aybar, who each thought the other would snag it.

Angels starter John Lackey crouched and screamed in anger. The night didn't get much better for Los Angeles.

After Kendry Morales' fourth-inning single cut the deficit in half, Matsui doubled in a run in the fifth to make it 3-1. Lackey's throwing error on a pickoff attempt allowed Melky Cabrera to take second in the sixth, and Derek Jeter followed with a run-scoring single that got by Hunter.

Sabathia, 2-0 with a 1.13 ERA in his first postseason with the Yankees, gave up a double and three singles, struck out seven and walked one, going to three-balls count just twice. The crowd repeated chanted the initials

of Sabathia, who may start three times in the best-of-seven series goes the full length. The big lefty showed his heightened emotion with a couple of fist pumps.

Mariano Rivera pitched a hitless ninth for his record 36th postseason save, his second this year.

A.J. Burnett is slated to start Game 2 for the Yankees against Joe Saunders, who hasn't pitched since Oct. 4. Rain is in the forecast for Saturday, and a postponement is possible.

There was another disputed call, with first base umpire Laz Diaz ruling Hunter out on his sixth-inning bunt. Angels manager Mike Scioscia argued that first baseman Mark Teixeira's foot came off the bag when he stretched for Sabathia's throw — replays were inconclusive.

While players took batting practice in ski caps, sweat shirts and gloves, the giant video board in center showed the NLCS game in Los Angeles, where the temperature was in the 90s and fans wore short sleeves.

Dodgers rally, beat Philadelphia to tie National League series at 1-all

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A grounder off a fielder's glove. A bunt that slipped by two players. The Los Angeles Dodgers' latest postseason rally began in the weirdest, wackiest way.

Another throwing error by Chase Utley, a pinch-hit single and two walks also were part of the Dodgers' crazy eighth inning that produced a 2-1 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Friday, tying the NL championship series at one game each.

The Dodgers took the lead after Phillies pulled Pedro Martinez, who allowed just two hits over seven shutout innings. Andre Ethier drew a bases-loaded, two-out walk from rookie J.A. Happ, capping the Dodgers' third comeback win of this postseason.

"We've been doing it all year, it seems like. We're relentless. We never give up," catcher Russell Martin said. "We go out there and compete, play through 27 outs, and whatever happens, happens. But we never keep our heads down."

Game 3 in the best-of-seven series is Sunday in Philadelphia.

"We only need three more games to do something special," said Dodgers slugger Manny Ramirez, who went 0 for 4 with a strikeout.



AP photo

Dodgers outfielder Manny Ramirez takes a swing Friday during Game 2 of the National League Championship Series in Los Angeles.

Vicente Padilla pitched brilliantly for 7 1-3 innings and the Los Angeles bullpen did the rest. Hong-Chih Kuo threw three pitches, getting two outs and the win. Jonathan Broxton worked a perfect ninth for the save.

Philadelphia wound up using five relievers in the eighth, but not Brad Lidge, who didn't get into the game.

"I don't think it will have any lasting effect on us," Martinez said. "We didn't execute. We made errors. If we hit like we normally do, I don't think the game's going to end up 2-1."

For the second time in this year's playoffs, a visiting team let a late lead slip away at Dodger Stadium. Last week, St. Louis left fielder Matt Holliday's two-out

error on an easy fly ball in the ninth doomed the Cardinals, who got swept by the Dodgers.

They perfected their late-inning magic during the regular season by winning 12 games in walk-offs, third best in the majors.

Martinez and Padilla duelled through seven innings in a matchup of castoffs.

Padilla allowed one run and four hits, struck out six and walked one. He exited to a standing ovation from the sellout crowd of 56,000, tipping his cap as he walked off.

"It's my first time playing in front of a big crowd like this in a game that's more important than I've ever pitched in my life, and I was very emotional," Padilla said through a translator.

Earnhardt has 'had enough' with frustrating season

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — Dale Earnhardt Jr. hit rock bottom during his last trip to Lowe's Motor Speedway. He struggled with his car, feuded with his crew chief and finished a season-low 40th in one of the most embarrassing weekends of his career.



Earnhardt

Team owner Rick Hendrick fired crew chief Tony Eury Jr. three days after that May debacle, and things were supposed to turn around with some fresh leadership at Earnhardt's No. 88 team.

It hasn't happened. Little has changed, at least in terms of results, in the four-plus months since. Back at LMS for Saturday night's race, Earnhardt is slogging through a 51-race winless streak dating back to 2008, his first season with Hendrick Motorsports.

He's 22nd in the standings, has five top-10s and five DNFs this season, and hasn't finished higher than 17th in the last six races.

"It's like really encouraging one day and the next day it's equally discouraging, and that gets really old," Earnhardt said Friday. "I'm about to the end of my rope on it."

Earnhardt seemed deflated as he spoke candidly about a season he has repeatedly characterized as the worst of his career. He said earlier this season that his struggles and the emotional split with Eury, his cousin, weighed heavily on his large family, and Earnhardt doesn't think he's mentally strong enough to weather another year this bad.

He could stomach it if there were light at the end of the tunnel, but Earnhardt didn't seem very encouraged about the progress of his team — particularly when teammates Jimmie Johnson, Mark Martin and Jeff Gordon hold three of the top five spots in the standings and are all in contention for the Sprint Cup title.

The three Hendrick cars were predictably stout in Friday's qualifying — Johnson and Martin swept the front row — but Earnhardt was 39th and said his team looked "ridiculous."

Even worse, he doesn't have any solutions.

"I've been riding it out,

BUSCH ROLLS TO 7TH NATIONWIDE WIN OF SEASON

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — Kyle Busch is feeling better, thanks. The NASCAR star shrugged off walking pneumonia to dominate the Nationwide Series race at Lowe's Motor Speedway on Friday night, picking up his seventh victory of the year to extend his points lead over Carl Edwards with four races remaining. Mike Bliss was second, followed by Dave Blaney and Brian Vickers. Edwards finished fifth to drop 195 points behind Busch.

Busch led 137 laps at the 1.5-mile oval, and celebrated his first Nationwide win in nearly three months by doing a couple of burnouts after grabbing the checkered flag. The win was his 28th career Nationwide victory, but his first since Gateway in mid-July, an eternity for one of NASCAR's top drivers.

but there comes a point where you don't want to ride it out no more. You've just had enough," he said. "It's been so low. The highs have not been very high, and the lows have been terribly low. That's hard to want get back up and try again the next week when you take such a beating. I don't know what else to do."

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Children may display early signs of abuse

This week's column is going to be the most telling sign of why domestic violence is such a tough thing to fix. It is because when it comes to children dealing with domestic violence we miss the mark.

The children we don't help today become the next generation of batterers and victims. Children dealing with domestic violence give us plenty of clues.

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Dan Bristol



Whether or not we choose to pay attention to those clues could mean the difference between crime reduction and crime enhancement.

What we know is that children living with domestic violence not only witness domestic violence but can also get hurt when they get in the way, even if it's to protect a parent. What is also known is that at least 50 percent of the time when domestic violence is happening so is child abuse.

Children dealing with violence will exhibit clues that could reveal something at home isn't what it should be. The sad fact is that some children will not exhibit any clues at all. These children will sometimes become the perfect child, never acting out or showing signs of anger even when he or she had a valid reason to be angry. These are the children primed to become the victims of tomorrow.

Some children become aggressive towards others even attacking others (bullying). These children will destroy property and even commit cruelty to animals, as well. Many of the renowned serial killers tortured and killed small animals when they were younger. They also dealt with domestic violence issues.

Then there are the children that sulk, play sick or get extremely jealous of others. These are the children I classify as future batterers. This issue often presents itself during teen dating times, when a teenager gets unusually jealous of what the other teenager does or where they go.

Children will also exhibit stealing, challenging authority, take drugs or drinking alcohol, skipping school or running away from home. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children figures that at least 70 percent of children who run away, are running from a violent home.

Some health issues children might have may tell you something could be wrong at home. Children who have frequent headaches, stomachaches, bathroom issues, earaches, cold sores or skin rashes constantly could be a clue. These issues deal with stress concerns.

The final and most pressing signs that need attention are suicidal ideations or behaviors, depression, self-mutilating, phobias, eating disorders, sleeping disorders and with that, nightmares.

As with all exceptions to the rule, children displaying any or all of these signs don't mean they are living with domestic violence. These are just signs to look for and not ignore because if help is needed and not given, then the next generation of domestic violence will continue.

Next week we will let you know what you can do to get involved to reduce domestic violence and all its causes.

Oct. 17 to 25 is School Zone Safety emphasis patrol. School zone violations will be in strict enforcement (tickets) throughout the state.

Officer down

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

- Sgt. Timothy Olsovsky, Victoria County Sheriff, Texas
- Officer Milburn (Millie) Beitel III, Las Vegas Police, Nevada

- Sgt. Mickey Hutchens, Winston-Salem Police, North Carolina

Be safe, I'll be back next week. E-mail questions to policemandan@yahoo.com.

Dan Bristol is the Heyburn Chief of Police.

Air time



Jake Gallegos, 14, takes advantage of the fall afternoon Thursday by catching a little air off a skateboard ramp in southwest Burley.

LAURIE WELCH/Times-News

Shelton to have 90th birthday celebration

Clara Shelton will be honored for her 90th birthday at an open house from 2 to 5 p.m., Oct. 24, at the Rupert Elks Club, 85 S. 200 W., Rupert.

No gifts please, but written stories about Shelton will be accepted for inclusion in her memories book.

The event will be hosted by her children: Kathy Holst, Indiana; Pat Shelton, Salt Lake City; Lois and Mike Bishop, Sandpoint; and Joe and Stacy Shelton, Twin Falls.



Shelton

DeMary library book notes

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

FICTION

"Hothouse Orchid" by Stuart Woods

After letting terrorist Teddy Fay slip through her fingers for a second time, the CIA advised Special Agent Holly Barker to take some vacation time. Holly agrees and heads for her hometown where she had once been police chief.

"Smash Cut" by Sandra Brown

When a prominent Atlanta businessman is shot and killed during an armed robbery, it at first appears to be just a case of being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

"Blindman's Bluff" by Faye Kellerman

Peter Decker and Rina Lazarus are back again. Both were hopeful of being able to take it easy for a while following the last case, but no such luck.

Youth fiction: "A House of Night" series, books 1-4, by P.C. Cast and Kristin Cast.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Parke View plans customer appreciation events

The staff of Parke View Care and Rehabilitation will host their customer appreciation activities Monday through Friday at the facility, 2303 Parke Ave., Burley.

There will be educational workshops each day as follows: living wills, 5:30 p.m. Monday; caregiver stress, noon Tuesday; health insurance choices, 5:30 p.m. Wednesday; long-term care insurance, noon Thursday; preplanned arrangements 5:30 p.m. Friday.

Workshops are open to the public. There will be refreshments each day in the front lobby.

Information: 677-3073.

BJ bridge announces results

The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club in Rupert announced the results of Oct. 13 play.

North-South: 1. Warren and Faun McEnitre, 2. Wilma Schocky and Billie Park, 3. Vera Mai and Nanette Woodland, 4. Joe Blackford and

Edna Pierson

East-West: 1. Bill Goodman and Chuck Hunter, 2. Marlene Temple and Shirley Harris, 3. Clarence and Sylvia Neiwert, 4. Dot Creason and Jackie Brown

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

Burley library has new items

The Burley Public Library has the following new items:

DVDs: "Bring it on," "Ghosts of Girlfriends Past," "Signing Time" Volumes 1-10, "Wolverine"

Fiction: "Home Safe" by Elizabeth Berg, "House of Reckoning" by John Saul, "Intervention" by Terri Blackstock

Nonfiction: "Arguing with Idiots" by Glenn Beck, "The Time of My Life" Patrick Swayze

Young-adult fiction: "All That Glitters" by Nicole O'Dell, "Blood Promise" by Richelle Mead, "Lost in Las Vegas" by Melody Carlson

Juvenile fiction: "Rising Storm," "Cats of the Clans" and "Forest of Secrets" by Erin Hunter

Minidoka County Fair awards night nears

Minidoka County 4-H awards night will be at 6:30 p.m., Nov. 7, at the McGregor Center, 80 E. Baseline Road., Rupert.

4-H families are invited to come and enjoy dinner compliments of the 4-H Leaders Association. Information: 436-7184.

Minidoka Co. Fair Board to hold volunteer dinner

The Minidoka County Fair Board will host a volunteer appreciation dinner at 7 p.m., Nov. 21, at the McGregor Center, 80 E. Baseline Road, Rupert.

The Fair Board will furnish the meat, drinks and table service. Those attending are asked to bring a salad or dessert.

— Staff reports

Daily headaches rule reader's life: Relief not available

DEAR DR. GOTT: For the past five years, my daily headaches have ruled my life. As my neighbor and I have visited and discussed them over the years, he has repeatedly suggested I present my case to you for consideration. I have hesitated because my medical history is so long (see attached), but I have finally decided to write in hopes you might shed some new light on my search for headache relief.

DEAR READER: I cannot begin to print your medical history attachment, because it is 10 pages of single-spaced typed information. However, I will do what I can to summarize your overwhelmingly articulate compilation.

You began experiencing odd sensations in your head in 1991. You also document driving-induced sleepiness and the development of a significant sleep disorder during that

ASK DR. GOTT

Dr. Peter Gott



period that has continued. CT and MRI scans were normal. You underwent physical therapy and took prescription medication with less than optimal results. There was an exacerbation of symptoms by 2004, some 13 long years later, and the problem has yet to be resolved. The EEG was negative, despite the intervention of OTCs and countless prescription medications, therapies, bifocals with prisms, ear exams, renal ultrasound, Botox injections, allergy testing, periodic resting of your neck, Myobloc injections, home traction, chiropractic manipulation, acupuncture, hypnosis, biofeedback, facet blocks,

cold laser therapy, cervical decompression and more. Good grief!

You have consulted numerous specialists in a variety of fields and have been diagnosed with myofascial syndrome, herniated disc at L5, bulging disc at C5-6, sleep disorder, muscle-contraction headaches, soft-tissue neck injury, dental-bite problems, scoliosis, mixed headache, gravity-dependent headaches, intractable chronic daily headaches, rapid heartbeat and neck curvature. Where do I begin?

As I said in a column just last week, the head weighs between eight and 14 pounds and must remain in perfect alignment. When it becomes misaligned, the result is pain and poor health. After what you have been through for the past 18 years, I am not implying this is your complete problem, but you give a history

of a cervical disc bulge, herniated disc and scoliosis. You have not been free of pain for a very long time: One consideration might be to see yet one more specialist for cervical chiropractic intervention. This relaxing maneuver soothes muscles and allows blood to circulate more freely, reducing or eliminating pain.

It may be time to look beyond sophisticated testing and consider some simple alternative causes. Could you be allergic to specific foods or environmental factors at your workplace or home? Do you work or live in a temperature-controlled building? A change in humidity and/or barometric pressure could be the cause. Are you on birth-control pills or a hormone-replacement regimen? Or are you postmenopausal? Low levels of estrogen have been linked to headaches. Were this the

case, perhaps an estrogen patch would provide relief. Could you have a brain tumor? Are you under stress from your own dilemma or from caring for a family member? Do you wear your hair in a ponytail or piled up on your head? Are you on any herbal supplements or prescription medications with the potential side effect of headache? Over-the-counter analgesics taken for more than two days each week can cause headaches, as can tension. Are your teeth in good repair? Do you consume liquids made with artificial sweeteners? Do you live in a home that may have been constructed with materials that affect you adversely? Something is obviously being overlooked in your case, despite the years you have spent seeing specialists and the countless tests you have undergone.

It's too simple to think I

have hit on the one cause that would provide you some relief. However, at this stage, anything is worth a try. Perhaps the way to begin is to jot down possible causes on a notepad. Speak with your primary-care physician or favorite specialist, and add items to the list. Then cross each item off as you are able to eliminate it as a non-offending cause. Does any one thing or things remain?

There is a new procedure known as occipital-nerve stimulation used in trial cases. More than 70 percent of those who have undergone the procedure have met with success. However, there are risks, such as infection, and more research and studies are vital before a determination can be made regarding long-term success.

Peter Gott is a retired physician and author.

Swine flu hits hard, early



A dose of the H1N1 vaccine is seen at the Wayne County Department of Public Health, Friday.

Eleven more children die

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Swine flu is causing unprecedented illness for so early in the fall — including a worrisome count of child deaths — and the government warned Friday that vaccine supplies will be even more scarce than expected through this month.

Federal health officials said 11 more children have died in the past week because of the virus.

Manufacturer delays mean 28 million to 30 million doses, at most, will be divided around the country by the end of the month, not the 40 million-plus that states had been expecting. The new count from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention means anxiously awaited flu-shot clinics in some parts of the country may have to be postponed.

It also delays efforts to blunt increasing infections. Overall, what CDC calls the 2009 H1N1 flu is causing widespread disease in 41 states, and about 6 percent of all doctor visits are for flu-like illness — levels not normally seen until much later in the fall.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says about half of the child deaths since September have been among teenagers.

And overall for the country, deaths from pneumonia and flu-like illnesses have passed what CDC considers an epidemic level. About 6 percent of all doctor visits are for flu-like illnesses, levels not normally seen until later in the fall.

The CDC's Dr. Anne Schuchat (SHU'-kit) says, "These are very sobering statistics."

This new strain is different from regular winter flu because it strikes the young



Employee health nurse Colleen Goetzke gives Jennifer Rose, a women's health nurse at Memorial Hospital, an H1N1 vaccination Thursday at the hospital in Burlington, Wis.

PIGS MAY HAVE TESTED POSITIVE

Pigs in Minnesota may have tested positive for the H1N1 virus in a preliminary test, the first potential U.S. cases in swine, Agriculture Department officials said Friday.

The officials cautioned that further tests were needed to confirm that the pigs had been infected with H1N1, also known as swine flu virus. The pigs did not exhibit signs of sickness and may have been infected by a group of children with the virus, they said. Samples from the pigs that may have tested positive were collected at the Minnesota State Fair between Aug. 26 and Sept. 1. USDA officials did not say how many pigs may have tested positive.

far more than the old, and child deaths are drawing particular attention. Eighty-six children have died of swine flu in the U.S. since it burst on the scene last spring — 43 of those deaths reported in September and early October alone, said CDC's Dr. Anne Schuchat.

Vaccine production running behind schedule

Los Angeles Times

About 25 percent fewer doses than expected of vaccine against the pandemic H1N1 influenza virus will be available in October because of delays in production, health authorities said Friday.

Officials at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention had expected about 40 million doses of the swine flu vaccine to be distributed by the end of October, but it now looks like a maximum of 28 million to 30 million will actually be shipped, said Dr. Anne Schuchat, director of the CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases in a

news conference.

"Vaccine production is pretty complex, and it is taking a bit longer than we would hope," she said.

In particular, growing the virus in eggs has not yielded as much antigen — the crucial component of the vaccine — as is normally obtained with the seasonal flu.

Despite the current low production, however, there are no plans to use adjuvants to extend the supply of the vaccine, said Dr. Jesse Goodman of the Food and Drug Administration. Many people who are reluctant to get the vaccine fear it because of the mistaken belief that the adjuvants are toxic.

That's a startling number because in some past winters, the CDC has counted 40 or 50 child deaths for the entire flu season, she said, and no one knows how long

this swine flu outbreak will last. Half of those early fall child deaths are among teenagers, also surprising as preschoolers are thought to be most vulnerable.



AP photo

A Pakistani police officer watches over a checkpoint in Lahore, Pakistan, Friday. Authorities have beefed up nationwide security after a recent wave of terrorism, and troops are preparing for a risky offensive against the Taliban.

Pakistan officials set sights on Taliban sanctuary

ISLAMABAD (AP) — The Pakistani military is setting its sights on the Taliban's remote sanctuary after nearly two weeks of big bombings across the country, as hundreds flee the Afghan border region each day before what promises to be the army's riskiest offensive yet.

With the first snows of winter less than two months away, the army has limited time to mount a major ground attack. The U.S. is racing to send in night vision goggles and other equipment. The Pakistani military insists it's sealing off supply and escape routes, forcing the militants to rely on goat paths.

The army has tried three times since 2001 to dislodge Taliban fighters from their stronghold in South Waziristan, part of the lawless tribal area along the border. All three previous attempts ended in negotiated truces that left the Taliban in control.

This time, however, military spokesman Gen. Athar Abbas said there will be no negotiations for fear any deals would be seen as a failure and could jeopardize gains won last spring when Pakistani soldiers wrested control of the Swat Valley, elsewhere in the northwest.

"If we fail, everything is rolled back," Abbas said.

Failure would also deal a humiliating blow to

government security forces. A series of assaults against government installations, including the army's general headquarters, has shown the Taliban along the mountainous border and their allies in the heart of the country are bolstering an alliance capable of challenging the Pakistani state.

The U.S. says the results of the South Waziristan campaign will also help determine the success of the faltering American war effort in Afghanistan. Militants use the Waziristan region as a base from which to launch attacks across the border — and beyond.

"This region is at the heart of the struggle against al-Qaida, the Taliban, and other global jihadi movements. It is a lawless sanctuary for extremists and would-be militants of every shape, size, and color," said Evan Kohlmann, whose U.S.-based NEFA Foundation follows terrorist groups.

"It is perhaps the only place on earth where a mujahedeen commander from Uzbekistan can plausibly establish a hardened base of operations, staffed primarily by like-minded fighters of Turkish, Chinese, Danish, and German extraction," Kohlmann said. "Most of the jihad training camps frequented by foreign nationals and featured in al-Qaida and Taliban terror propaganda videos are located in either North or South Waziristan."

UK court order: Release torture allegation details

LONDON (AP) — Seven secret paragraphs detailing the alleged torture of a former Guantanamo detainee should be disclosed, a British High Court has ruled — a decision that could ignite fresh criticism of U.S. interrogation practices and raise prickly questions for the British government.

Binyam Mohamed, an Ethiopian who moved to Britain as a teenager, was arrested in 2002 in Pakistan for using a false passport. After his arrest, he was sent to Morocco, Afghanistan and then Guantanamo in 2004. He claims the United States and Britain were complicit in his torture in Pakistan and Morocco.

In their 2008 ruling on whether to release material relating to Mohamed's treatment while in captivity, the judges ordered the disclosure of some intelligence documents but said they were forced to keep seven paragraphs of UK-U.S. exchanges secret out of a British claim that national secu-

rity could be harmed. Lord Justice John Thomas and Justice David Lloyd Jones reversed their original ruling on Friday by saying that the public interest in disclosing the seven paragraphs was "overwhelming" and the risk to national security was not "a serious one."

Questions remain after Obama visit

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A day after an enthusiastic, almost-gushing crowd met President Obama on his first visit to New Orleans since taking office, some in this still-suffering, hurricane-struck city wondered when platitudes and political speech would give way to greater progress.

Among them was recent law school graduate Gabe Bordenave, 29, who criticized what he called nickel-and-diming by the Federal Emergency Management Agency over critical rebuilding projects, like a downtown hospital shuttered since Hurricane Katrina hit in 2005.

"I don't want to hear how problems are being solved," Bordenave said Friday. "I want to know why the problems are not solved?"

Obama vowed that Gulf Coast rebuilding would be a priority of his administration. After taking office in January, he dispatched top officials — including Cabinet secretaries — to figure out how to get federal recovery money to state and local governments more quickly.

By the time Obama was elected, progress was already being made in rebuilding structures.

Florida teenager set ablaze screams in agony on 911 tape

MIAMI (AP) — A teen who police say was set ablaze by five other boys screamed in agony as a breathless 911 caller pleaded for help because "a little boy just caught on fire," according to a recording released Friday.



Brewer

In the most dramatic of four emergency calls released by the Broward County Sheriff's Office, the relentless, guttural cries of 15-year-old Michael Brewer often drown out the woman who is dialing dispatchers.

"A little boy just caught on fire!" the unidentified woman says, barely able to catch her breath to give her address.

Prompted by the dis-

patcher during the eight-minute call, the woman asks the boy, "How did this happen?" He cries: "I don't know! I don't know!" Paramedics later ask him who is responsible for his burns, but he again says he doesn't know.

In a second call made by another woman, the dispatcher asks: "They put gas on him and they lit him on fire?" She replies: "Uh-huh."

In all, authorities recorded calls totaling 28 minutes — some rather calm, detached reporting of the facts, while the boy's anguish is evident in others.

Five teens are charged with aggravated battery in

Brewer's burning Monday at a Deerfield Beach apartment complex, which authorities said was prompted by a dispute over a video game that escalated when someone tried to steal a bicycle that belonged to the boy's father.

The teen accused of flicking the lighter after Brewer was doused with rubbing alcohol also faces an attempted second-degree murder charge. All of the teens face the possibility of having their cases moved to adult court.

Brewer's doctor said he is doing as well as can be expected, but faces years of skin grafts, therapy and surgery, and that potentially fatal organ failure and infections are common in cases so severe.

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Father Cliff Moore blesses a dog Sunday at Ascension Episcopal Church in Twin Falls.

Story and photos by Andrew Weeks
Times-News writer

For some people it might have seemed a bit quirky, but for those who love their pets it was a godsend.

More than 30 animals, their owners in tow, visited Ascension Episcopal Church on Sunday to receive a blessing from Father Cliff Moore.

Among the throng were a turtle, a rooster, a frog, two hermit crabs, miniature horses, a cat and a number of dogs.

"This is the best variety of animals the church has had in a while," Moore said of the annual event, which honors St. Francis of Assisi. In the past, snakes and a wild turkey have come to the Twin Falls church for their blessings.

The event also helped raise funds for the Humane Society. For a \$5 donation, Moore would kiss the owner's pet.

He didn't kiss the hermit crabs — named USA and Sumo by owner Sarah Burgett — but most of the other animals received a peck.

"Pets are part of our culture. They're part of our families," Moore said. "We Episcopalians try to identify with all of God's creations."

Church member Linda Schuss, of Twin Falls, brought her two dogs.

"The dogs are important to me and to our family," she said. "I believe that as God's creatures they

Children enjoyed seeing the variety of animals that, with owners in tow, came for a blessing Sunday at Ascension Episcopal Church in Twin Falls. A turtle, a frog, a rooster, two hermit crabs, miniature horses, cats and a number of dogs were among the animals.



A rooster, a turtle and crabs among those that visited Ascension Episcopal Church for the BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Father Cliff Moore of Ascension Episcopal Church in Twin Falls blesses animals Sunday. The event, which raised \$137 for the Humane Society, was to honor family pets as well as to remember the patron saint of animals, St. Francis of Assisi.

deserve a blessing as much as you or I?"

Before the blessing the group prayed, recited scripture and other readings, and sang "All Things Bright and Beautiful."

"This is just wonderful," added Lee McWilliams, who brought her cat Snowball, one of a few felines who attended the animal blessing. He stayed in his carrier to avoid becoming an afternoon dog snack.

McWilliams said she brought her cat to be blessed, because Snowball is such a good companion to her.

"I wanted to do this last year, but didn't make it," McWilliams said. "I'm so happy they have something like this. He's my kid; he really is. I just love him."

It wasn't the first animal blessing for Gwen Ruggles. She brought farm animals — two miniature horses and a rooster named Hooster — because they're always fun for children to see, she said.

"It's a fun way to support the Humane Society and to remember animals," Ruggles, of Twin Falls, said.

The event brought in \$137 for the Humane Society, according to Patty O'Dell, who helped organize the event. She said there's been an increase in people helping animals since Hurricane Katrina, when more pets were displaced and needed homes.



Donna Stalley, of Twin Falls, shows affection to one of her dogs Sunday.

See BLESSING, Religion 2

'Onward Christian Soldiers' Filer pastor and wife retire; couple finds another way to serve

By John E. Swayze
Times-News correspondent

FILER — The Rev. John Forster and his wife, Marsha, have followed God's leading for more than three decades. This weekend will mark the Reverend's last sermon as pastor of Filer Church of the Nazarene. The husband and wife team are retiring to devote their time to a speaking ministry.

"It's been an interesting ride in pastoral ministry and God has taught us a lot along the way," John Forster said. "It's hard to turn off the mind, heart and emotions

that goes with this work, but now we're just shifting gears."

Born in San Diego, Calif., Forster was introduced to the Christian faith at a young age. Sitting on the church balcony steps watching the congregation and interaction of daily family life, he learned the meaning of compassion, forgiveness, giving and being a witness for God.

Forster witnessed how God miraculously provide his father, a lineman for the phone company, with a \$60 faith pledge he made to a church revival campaign. He



JOHN E. SWAYZE/For the Times-News

The Rev. John Forster and his wife, Marsha, are retiring from the Filer Church of the Nazarene to devote their time to a speaking ministry.

also saw others extend the hand of Christian kindness and the gospel message to

people living on the street.

"I loved that church and loved the pastor but, at the

time, I had no way of knowing the Lord was shaping my heart and mind for the ministry," Forster said. "It wasn't until I was 19 and attending Pasadena College that God started telling me I could and should do this."

Concerned these feelings might be nothing more than admiration for an older brother who was already in seminary, he dropped out of college for three years and seriously considered accepting a machinist apprenticeship. About the same time, an acceptance letter from Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs convinced

him the Lord was opening doors toward pastoral ministry and went on to finish Bible College in 1970.

"I argued that if I were to become a minister I'd need a wife who would be like-minded and loved God," Forster said. "I went to a church pastored by a friend of my oldest brother and they kept saying I had to meet this cute, little bubbly girl named Marsha. And six months later, on Dec. 17, 1965, we were married."

God eased this young couple into their new vocation

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Hero on the bus

They're calling her a hero. They are correct — she is. But maybe not for the reason they're giving.

At least, not entirely. Her name was Heather, and she was a teacher. Bright, articulate, hard-working, creative and fun, she probably would have been successful at anything she put her mind to. Certainly, she could have made more money than she was making as a secondary school teacher. But she was passionate about teaching. Most especially, she was passionate about teaching music.

And she was good at it. Young people responded to her, as they usually do to adults who sincerely like them and who clearly want them to be happy and successful. They liked her because she liked them, and they listened to her because they knew she cared.

Heather was part of a team of dedicated teachers who helped to create a championship-caliber high school marching band. This band was — and still is — the toast of its region, and if it isn't the best high school band in the United States, it is certainly in the discussion. Most who know and respect the band attribute their success to visionary leadership, talented kids and an extraordinary work ethic. Heather was deeply involved in all of that, and she savored every moment she spent with her kids.

Last weekend, for example, was spent at a marching band competition in a neighboring state. They won the competition — as usual — with Heather alternately stressing, encouraging and cheering from the sidelines. After celebrating their victory, they loaded up the four buses required to carry the entire band and started for home at about 8:30 in the evening, with Heather sitting right up front of the bus carrying "her" kids: the woodwind section.

About an hour into the three-hour trip home something happened. Exactly WHAT happened is still a little unclear. According to those who were on the bus there was a medical problem with the bus driver. Heather called out to the driver as the bus began to careen off the side of the road. When it was clear there was a problem, Heather leapt to the driver's side and tried to take control of the steering wheel as the bus bounced wildly over treacherous terrain. She wasn't able to get the bus back onto the road, but at least she was able to keep it from going further out into the darkness away from the road. Still, the terrain, the speed and the steering struggles proved to be too much for the heavily loaded vehicle, and it eventually tipped over on its side before sliding to a stop.

As you might expect, the students on the bus were

VALUE SPEAK

Joseph Walker



terrified. It was chaotic and traumatic, and a number of them were injured in the accident — thankfully, none critically.

None, that is, except for Heather. As she battled to control the bus she placed herself in a precarious and vulnerable position. As the vehicle lurched and reeled and began to roll, she was thrown through the windshield. Adults from the other buses and emergency personnel did everything they could, but eventually the students had to be informed that Heather had died.

The loss of their teacher and friend was overwhelming to the students, especially after it became clear that Heather's efforts to steer the bus back to safety had prevented the vehicle from crashing into a deep, rocky ravine a few yards from where the bus finally settled.

"There's no telling how many lives she saved," one highway patrol officer said at the scene. "If that bus had gone into the ravine . . ." The thought was too horrible to complete.

So, yes — Heather's actions last Saturday evening were heroic. I gratefully acknowledge that. But in my mind, that isn't what makes her a hero. As impressive as what she did on the bus is, I'm even more impressed by the simple fact that she was on the bus. She was there for her students. She responded when she was needed. And she made a difference in their lives — a difference they will remember as long as they live.

I think it's that way with most teachers. Sure, there are bad apples in the teaching profession, just as there are bad lawyers, bad doctors, bad engineers and — heaven forbid — bad newspaper columnists. But my experience suggests that teachers teach because they care. They want to be there for their students. They are anxious and willing to respond whenever they are needed. And their greatest desire is to make a positive difference in the lives of their students.

When you choose to be a teacher you're not choosing a path that will lead to fame or fortune. In fact, you are likely choosing to live a simple, quiet life. But you are choosing a path that matters in the lives of students and their families — past, present and future.

And that choice, to me, is heroic.

In the classroom, the practice field, the auditorium, the laboratory, the gymnasium.

Or on the bus.

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Churches prepare for flu season

By Kurt Allemeier
Quad-City Times

The faithful are being educated in the fight against the flu.

Many pastors are making sure their flocks are aware of ways to avoid the virus that has made significant inroads as the flu season starts. Education ranges from the basics to extensive preparation.

The Catholic Diocese of Davenport went so far as creating a pamphlet outlining steps that will be taken in the event of a flu outbreak.

"This was just to get information out there to parishes so if the need arises," Deacon David Montgomery said. "It is a good idea to be aware of these things in flu season."

The diocesan pamphlet lists steps from as simple as cough and sneeze etiquette to not passing collection baskets and as extreme as canceling Mass and not

allowing large groups for baptisms, weddings or funerals.

St. Alphonus Church in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, recently took some of the early precautions after the virus swept through the high school there, with about one-quarter of the students staying home. Parishioners were encouraged not to hold hands during the Lord's Prayer or shake hands during the passing of the peace. During communion, intinction — dipping the host — was used instead of a common cup. The steps were in place for two weeks, then reviewed.

"We decided to take action because we didn't know what was going to happen to the community," said the Rev. Joseph Phung, rector of St. Alphonus. "We put the announcement in the church bulletin and placed sanitizer around the church."

Reaction to the precau-

tions was positive, Phung said. "Most of the parishioners I'm talking with appreciated it."

Most churches are taking an approach that knowledge is best, instructing on sneezing and coughing into one's elbow, and proper and frequent handwashing.

"In a kind of regular way, we are just promoting hygiene for one's own health and other people's health," said the Rev. Peter Marty of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport. "We aren't fearful, but we aren't casual. I think the approach is wise and prudent."

Hand sanitizer, a constant during recent flu seasons, has returned in several locations around the facilities for the 3,200-member St. Paul congregation, Marty said. Hand-sanitizer bottles are becoming as common as stained glass at many churches, stationed in church offices and at the entrance to the sanctuary

for use as people come and go.

"When you are running 2,500 to 2,700 people around, you are coming into contact with a lot of people," said John Biermann, spokesman for Heritage Church, with campuses in Rock Island and Bettendorf.

At Third Missionary Baptist Church in Davenport, information on flu symptoms and precautions is posted. If church members are sick, they are encouraged to stay home, the Rev. Rogers Kirk said.

"We haven't seen an increase in folks being out because of the flu," he said of his flock of 500.

Julie Blew, a parish nurse at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moline, said she has given instruction about hygiene in social situations at church because some members have compromised immune systems. Church officials have discussed precautions during communion.



BLESSING OF THE WAVES

Rev. Christian Mondor, left, of Saints Simon and Jude Catholic church in Huntington Beach, left, and Rev. Matthew Munoz, associate pastor at St. Irenaeus Parish of Cypress, extends their hands to the ocean during the second annual Diocese of Orange's Blessing of the Waves, Oct. 4, at the Huntington Beach, Calif., pier. The prayer service and blessing is to bring together surfers and ocean-minded people, regardless of their faith, to show spiritual appreciation for the ocean and all that it gives the planet and its population.

AP photo

Retire

Continued from Religion 1 by placing them north of Jamestown in the community of New Rockford, N.D. The Nazarene congregation of 12 or 13 welcomed them with open arms and had grown to around 40 parishioners by the time they left in 1972.

"The people were very gracious and loving," Forster said. "I was ordained our last year there and I'll bet if we'd wanted to stay there the rest of our lives they would have said fine, pastor, you betcha. That's the way the Swedes and Norwegians were."

For the next 19 years, until finding their way to Filer in 1992, the Forster family expanded to include three children. The family moved around the western United States to other congregations in North Dakota, California and Montana.

As a Christian and pastor's wife, Marsha Forster has always felt a strong pull toward the frontlines of ministry. At age 6 she

CELEBRATION

A retirement celebration for John and Marsha Forster is scheduled with a 10:30 a.m. worship service Oct. 25 at the Filer Church of the Nazarene, 315 Yakima St. The Rev. Ron Kratzer, former district supervisor for the Church of the Nazarene, will deliver the sermon and a program of special music is planned. Activities will continue with a 1 p.m. potluck in the church fellowship hall.

answered a worship service alter call at the Missionary Alliance Church in Gadston, Ala., and gave her heart to Christ. Two years later, this burning desire to serve also carried her to the formation of a Bible club where she led friends to the faith.

This is the standard to which she held the young man who would become her husband. Over their short courtship, she watched closely to see if he practiced what he professed.

"God led me and it's as if

he was saying, you're mine now, and don't you forget it," she said. "I wanted to see if John was a real person who followed through with the Lord, and I had not seen anyone as committed."

Not long after arriving in Filer, this woman of faith found herself facing a liver ailment — brought on by a case of rumadic fever experienced years earlier — that would test her convictions and eight years ago required transplant surgery. When asked if she ever question God's reasoning for allowing something like this to happen, Marsha points to the biblical example of Job.

"God told me in the hospital that my mind must be in him and he'll never pass away," she said. "Who am I to ask why, when the Lord has shown he can bring me back up?"

These are the experiences and examples of faith the Forsters hope to begin sharing with audiences at area churches. Marsha, who has already had the opportunity to speak a few times, says her story has been well

received. Her next speaking engagement is set for Nov. 22, at Lake View Church of the Nazarene in Nampa.

"I spoke at one church and a man came up to me afterwards to say we had helped him understand and resolve things that were going on in his heart," she said. "To be able to touch lives and wait on what the Lord has in store is a wonderful thing!"

John Forster regards this new venture in much the same light as his father's revival campaign pledge when he was a child.

"You always have some difficulties and challenges but what we are doing is a pledge in faith, because the Lord faithfully showed us the way through them," he said. "We've come to the end of this (church) ministry but now we have an opportunity to go out and talk to people about Marsha's transplant and spiritual issues like healing of the human soul."

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Blessing

Continued from Religion 1

She brought her English cocker spaniel, Lioness, whom she received from the animal shelter. Lioness came to the blessing with an eye infection, and O'Dell hoped the blessing would help clear it up.

Other churches in south-central Idaho and elsewhere have or will host the blessing of animals this month in honor of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals who was born circa 1182 in Italy. He was known for showing compassion towards all living things and wrote Canticle of the Creatures: "All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures."

Most of the animals who visited Ascension were blessed by Moore to live long lives, bring joy to their human companions, and to behave in their homes.

"You like to think that having your animals blessed will maybe help them to behave better, but they never do," Ruggles laughed.

Not that Hooster the Rooster really needs the extra blessing to be a good pet.

"He's a good, really easy-going rooster," Ruggles said.

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Lee McWilliams holds a pet carrier with her cat Snowball at the Blessing of the Animals Sunday in Twin Falls.

ANDREW WEEKS/
Times-News

HEAVENLY TREATS

Red Rover might appreciate a priestly blessing, but the nature of the beast is he'd likely enjoy treats more.

There were plenty of treats to go around during the blessing of the animals Sunday at Ascension Episcopal Church in Twin Falls.

The K9 treats, produced from the home business 4 Paws & A Tale run by Debby Compton and Jayme Andersen, were sold at the church Sunday.

Made to taste like chicken, liver and other delicacies scrumptious to a dog, the treats came in all shapes and sizes, such as the Cheese Tale Chasers, Nutty Squirrel, Bark of Peanut, Ginger Bones, and Zuke Dog Bread.

For more information: Compton at 543-2566 or Andersen at 410-0000.

MISSIONARIES

Kameron King returned



Kameron King returned from serving in the Uruguayan Montevideo Mission.

He graduated from Twin Falls High School in 2007, and will be attending College of Southern Idaho next semester.

His parents are Dan and Tammy King of Twin Falls.

He will be reporting his mission Sunday, October 18 at 9:00 AM at the Caswell LDS Church.

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Kyle Stucki called



Kyle Wesley Stucki has been called to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the South Dakota Rapid City Mission.

He is the son of Wesley and Shelly Stucki of Kimberly.

Kyle is an Eagle Scout and a 2009 graduate of Kimberly High School.

Kyle will be speaking on Sunday, October 18, 2009, at 12:30 p.m. in the Kimberly 2nd Ward. He will enter the Missionary Training Center on October 21, 2009.

CHURCH NEWS



A Christmas Plum Pudding ready to be wrapped. Ascension Episcopal Church is taking orders for plum puddings and carrot puddings for the holidays.

Episcopalians offer Christmas puddings

Ascension Episcopal Church is continuing its tradition of making and selling steamed puddings as an annual fundraiser.

Each pudding will serve about six to eight people. They are decorated and wrapped ready to give as gifts. Recipes for sauces to accompany the puddings are included. Cost is \$7.50 each.

Orders are being taken now for Christmas Plum Pudding or Carrot Pudding. To place an order, call the church at 733-1248 between 9 a.m. and noon Mondays

through Fridays before Nov. 10. The puddings will be available at the Artisans Holiday Show on Nov. 20 and 21.

The women's group at St. David's Episcopal Church in Caldwell gave the recipe to Ascension Episcopal only after it was assured the recipe would be kept secret. The Caldwell church has been making the puddings since 1951, and Ascension Episcopal has done its fundraiser since 1994.

Hagerman church to hold harvest dinner

Hagerman Community of Christ Church will host its annual Harvest Festival Dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the church, 211 Orchard St.

The menu features a home-cooked turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Cost is \$7.50 for adults and \$3 for children ages 6 to 12.

A variety of hand-crafted items will be on sale throughout the evening.

Proceeds will support community and youth programs.

Information: Linda Lemmon, 539-1730.

LDS Singles to host dinner, dance

The Regional LDS Singles (31 and over) will host a Harvest Dinner and Dance beginning at 6 p.m. today at the Twin Falls South Stake Center on Maurice Street.

Dress is casual; LDS standards apply. Child care will not be available.

LDS Singles events are updated on the hotline at 326-8837.

Ascension Church conclude series

The four-week mission focus series at Ascension Episcopal Church will conclude this week. Bruce McComas will lead the discussion, "Why Do Missions Call Us?" in the adult Christian education class that starts at 9 a.m. Sunday.

Sunday services begin at 8 and 10 a.m. Youth Christian education starts at 9:45 a.m. Child care is available for ages 5 and under at 9:30 a.m.

Other services during the week are available. All are welcome. Information: 733-1248 or www.ascension.episcopalidaho.org. The church is located at 371

Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls.

Finn to speak at New Life Assembly

New Life Saturday Night this week will feature the Rev. James Finn, senior pastor at the Twin Falls First Assembly of God Church. Music will be provided by Eugene Moreno and the Solid Rock Praise Band.

Worship with an Edge starts at 7 p.m. today at New Life Assembly of God Church, 254 Highway 24 in Rupert.

Pastor Randy Gardner will speak at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Meetings are open to the public. Information: 431-6615 or 650-0247.

Lutherans to hold communion service

Holy Communion will be celebrated a 9:30 a.m. Sunday at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 464 Carriage Lane N. in Twin Falls.

Interim Pastor Stan Hoobing will preach on "Looking at Life Backward," based on Mark 10:35-45. Fellowship time follows worship. Sunday school starts at 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday evening service at 7 p.m. resumes this week. Hoobing will lead the service, with Yvonne Carpenter at the piano and David Nelson as assisting minister.

Buster to speak at Jerome church

Karl Buster of Wendell will be the guest speaker for worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the Jerome First Presbyterian Church, 262 E. Ave. A. His sermon is "Chosen by God by Salvation" from 1 Peter 1:1-5. Information: 324-2972.

Liberty Quartet to perform in Twin Falls

The First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N. in Twin Falls, will host the Liberty Quartet in concert at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Liberty, a traditional southern gospel quartet, is a full-time concert ministry based on the West Coast. The group travels across the country each year to perform for churches, conventions, nursing homes, prisons and other ministries. The quartet has performed with groups such as Legacy Five, Greater Vision, Gaither Vocal Band, Dixie Melody

Boys and others.

Admission is free, and the public is invited. Freewill offerings will be accepted.

Information: 733-6120 or 733-2209.

Journey through the ancient church at St. Ignatius

St. Ignatius Orthodox Christian Church, 1830 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, will hold an informational series on the ancient church beginning at 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday. The journey will continue at the same time on Nov. 4 and 18.

The series will take visitors on a journey through the practices and doctrines of the early church, many which are still being practiced today. Among other things, the event will include video presentations and question-and-answer sessions.

For more information: 734-3664.

The Times-News welcomes news of church events. Send information to Ellen Thomason at ellen@magicvalley.com. Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday for publication on the Saturday religion page.

Hailey church celebrates 125 years

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — In 1881 a bespectacled priest from Genoa, Italy, made his way across the sagebrush-covered plains from the mining camps in the Boise Basin, arriving in Hailey in September of 1881.

Father Emanuel Nattini unloaded a small organ that he'd brought from Silver City from the back of his mule and immediately went to work securing land — five lots in Hailey, six in Bellevue, one in Ketchum and three in Shoshone.

By 1883 he had built the first church of any denomination in Hailey, naming it after St. Charles Borromeo, a 16th-century cardinal who established the Catholic Church's first seminary and tended to the poor during the bubonic plague.

A humble, small frame building next to a livery stable where Atkinsons' Market is today, the church bore little resemblance to the grand cathedrals Father Nattini had known in his native Italy.

But, as the first Catholic church to be built in Idaho east of Boise, it became the mother church of southeastern Idaho — an area that covered mammoth Alturas County, as well as Cassia, Bear Lake, Oneida, Bingham, Custer and Lemhi counties.

Today additional churches have been established in places like Twin Falls. But St. Charles' influence is still very much felt in Hailey where it serves a growing population of English- and Spanish-speaking parishioners who are celebrating the church's 125th anniversary this year.

"The church has grown to include a rectory and a religious education hall — all of which are used to provide service outreach to the community," said Joan Davies, who has attended St. Charles for 48 years. "We provide a place for AA meetings, Souper Suppers to feed the poor, English as a Second Language classes and more."

In 1880 when Father Louis Verhaag, a Dutch priest, arrived in the Wood River Valley, there was no town of Hailey to speak of. Instead, he held the valley's first Mass in Bullion, a mining town of 700 residences tucked away in the sagebrush-covered hills west of Hailey.

But a year later when Nattini arrived, Hailey was on the map and an Oregon



KAREN BOSSICK/For the Times-News
Joan Davies, who has been attending Hailey's St. Charles Church since 1961, used to play the pedal organ that was brought on mule from Silver City in the late 1800s.

Short Line crew was laying railroad tracks.

Given the mining boom in 1882, Nattini had little trouble securing donations to build the church, even as he shepherded the faithful in other communities. He would walk from Hailey to Shoshone and back, his belongings on his back, sleeping amidst the sagebrush and lava rocks.

During his tenure here, he established St. Francis Xavier Parish in Bellevue. He built St. Mary's Church in Ketchum and he built a church in Shoshone. He also established a school in Hailey where the Sisters of Mercy conducted classes through 1890 for both Catholics and non-Catholics.

By the time he left Idaho in 1887, he had conducted 30 marriages and 172 baptisms in boarding houses as far away as Custer City and Atlanta and in more obscure places like Trout Creek and Sink Creek.

In 1888 St. Charles moved to its present location, 313 1st Ave. S., a block east of the highway that bisects Hailey.

Twenty-five years later, in 1913, parishioners built a new brick building on that site, raising the \$7,200 they needed from suppers, dances and

lawn socials. A railroad car-chapel named St. Peter served as temporary church, providing a place to say Mass and take Communion during that time.

In 1949 the Basque women of the church started the annual Basque dinner, which has become the church's signature fundraising event.

Among the founders was Maria Epifania Lamiquiz Inchausti, who came from Spain with her infant daughter in tow to join her sheep ranch foreman husband David Inchausti.

"She had a heavy purse full of change when my grandfather met her at the end of the train ride in Pocatello because every time she bought coffee — a word she was familiar with — she gave them a dollar bill and they kept giving her change. She didn't realize she could use her change to buy coffee," said grandson Dennis McGonigal, of Hailey.

"Epi," as McGonigal's grandmother became known, served family-style Basque meals in her boarding house to celebrities like Ernest Hemingway, Gary Cooper and even Kentucky Fried Chicken's Col. Harland Sanders. And so, when the church searched for a way to

raise funds, the Basque dinners seemed a natural.

"We started out serving a few hundred people in the old Rialto Hotel on Main Street. Now we serve about 3,000 at the park during the Trailing of the Sheep Festival," said Rose Mallory, the little girl who accompanied Maria Inchausti to America.

In the past dozen years, it is Spanish-speaking people from places like Mexico, Peru and Colombia who have crowded into the tiny church, bringing with them their quinceaneras and festivals like Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Father Jorge Garcia, the latest of 50 priests to serve the church, is a Colombian priest hired to minister to a congregation that is now about 60 percent Spanish-speaking and 40 percent English speaking.

He conducts Spanish Mass on Saturday evenings and English Mass on Sunday mornings. He also offers Spanish catechism classes and more.

"The church is a big part of the Hispanic community and we are so happy as our community grows," said Maria Salamanca.

As the makeup of the congregation has changed, the yearly picnic has changed from cooking a beef on a spit along Trail Creek to community potlucks featuring tamales and enchiladas.

"But we're still community," said Davies. "And all these different nationalities, from the Irish and Italian and Scottish miners who made up the first congregation to the Hispanics today, have provided such a richness."

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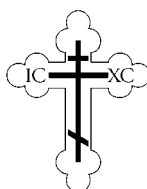
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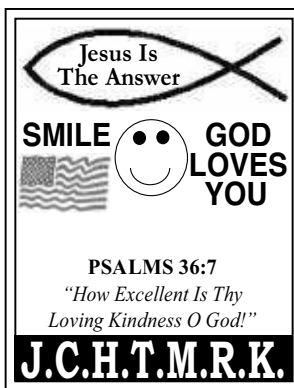
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Richard (Dick) Shawver

BUHL — Richard Shawver, 69, passed into the arms of our Savior peacefully at his home in Buhl on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce (Federico).

He was raised on a farm in Jerome, graduating in 1958 from Jerome High School. After graduation, he went to Rick's College on a football scholarship for two years. While attending college, he met and married Edith Chase. Of this marriage, he had three children, Doug (Tammy) Shawver, Sonja (Jerry) Swanson and Ty Shawver, all of Nevada.

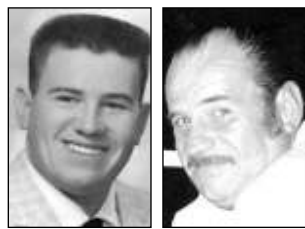
Richard joined the police academy in Idaho Falls and, after two years of service on the Idaho Falls Police Department, he moved his family to Las Vegas, where he joined the academy there and served on the Las Vegas Police Department for seven years. After his divorce from Edith, he moved back to Twin Falls and was on the police department there under the supervision of Frank Barnett for two years. He was always proud to be an officer and enjoyed his work immensely.

On Oct. 23, 1976, he married Joyce, and they moved to Boise, where he was a long-haul truck driver. He was very helpful and a big part in helping Joyce raise her children, Maria (Peterson) Ragains (Duane), Lisa (Peterson) Krear (Bryan) and Shane Peterson (Tonya). He loved her children as if they were his own.

He is also survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Linda (Carl) Montgomery; his children in Las Vegas; several aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren in Las Vegas; and one great-grandson in Rupert. He was preceded in death by his parents, Walt and Thelma Shawver of Jerome.

Richard had a full life and a great love for the outdoors. He loved to fish, hunt and camp. He loved building things and was always there to help someone in need. Joyce and Dick always welcomed friends and family into their home for coffee, food or just to "chat." They lived in central Idaho at the time of the recession of the '80s and went to Arizona to work since there was no work available here. Times were tough, but Dick worked odd jobs just to keep things going.

Dick and Joyce went to Mississippi, where he helped open a wholesale lumber yard and was yard foreman. Mississippi was not a real good choice to live and, when a branch opened in Charlotte, N.C., he put in for transfer there, where he was foreman. Dick loved his job and was a real "company" man. In January 1991, Dick was involved in a trag-



ic industrial accident involving a 27-ton forklift and a dumpster, crushing him. He was in the trauma unit for three months, suffering from massive injuries and strokes. After all of the therapies, counseling and releases from the doctors, Joyce and Dick moved to Tucson, Ariz., so they could enjoy the wonderful winters and tolerate the extreme heat in the summers.

They had a great love for Arizona, but as time passed, he began to get weaker and they decided to move back "home" where they could be around the family and settled in Buhl. He gradually worsened and got where he wasn't able to do anything. This was a very difficult time for him and Joyce. Joyce took care of his needs 24/7, making sure he was comfortable.

"Please don't cry for me. I'm in a better place now. I have lived my life and it is time to go home to our heavenly father; no more pain, no more sorrow. After my accident, my life was not full anymore. I couldn't do what I wanted to do. Now I know that I will be free of the stress and pain that I have suffered for so long. Please don't cry for me; remember, I am in a better place."

"You said before you passed that I was the key to your heart, but the truth is you were the key to mine. I asked the Lord to answer my prayers — that you would come back, but that would be selfish and unfair to you. I know that you are happy where you are and free of pain, in the arms of Jesus, without any cares. You do know I love you so much. I'll go on living for Him, knowing that His light will never dim. Someday, we'll be together again in Heaven. Keep on watching for me with your arms outstretched and we will be in a better place together out of worldly harm."

A special thanks to all of the staff at Visions Hospice and to Sue for the many years she helped take care of him and for Georgia for being there with us in the time of need and to all of the nurses and aids for their care and compassion.

A special thanks to the Buhl EMTs for the many, many times you came to "pick him up" and help in other ways. You will always be remembered. I couldn't have done it without you.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, with a viewing at 11 a.m.

Madeline Harvey

On Friday, Oct. 9, 2009, God called Madeline Harvey home. Madeline was 73 and a longtime resident of Hagerman, Idaho.

Madeline was born June 17, 1936, in San Francisco, Calif., to Fredrick and Loretta Bauer as an only child. Madeline moved to Santa Maria, Calif., in 1965, where she worked for the City Redevelopment Agency until she retired. She married Bill Harvey of Bulldog Trucking in Santa Maria, Calif., in 1984 in Las Vegas, Nev. Bill's favorite saying was, "She married me in 1972 when we began dating." They later moved to Hagerman, Idaho, in 1995.

Madeline is survived by her longtime, loving husband, Bill; daughters, Cathy (Dennis) McIntosh of Paso Robles, Calif., and Susie (Danny) Tuttle of Savannah, Ga., sons, Randy (Marcia) Quint of Everett, Wash., and Clay Quint of Everett, Wash.; a nephew, Frank (Marilyn) Harvey of Santa Maria, Calif., along with many other nephews and nieces from the Boise area; grandchildren, Jason (Bethany) Tuttle of

Savannah, Ga., Bill Clemons of Phoenix, Ariz., Melissa (Stan) Whiting of Nipomo, Calif., Jacob (Jessie) Tuttle of Savannah, Ga., Will (Irina) McIntosh of Atascadero, Calif., RL Quint of Everett, Wash., and Marc Quint of Everett, Wash.; great-grandchildren, Blake and Brodi Tuttle of Savannah, Ga.

Throughout her illness (lukemia), she was cheerful and full of hope. Madeline enjoyed her rose garden, playing pinocle with the girls and exercise class.

Thank you to the Alliance Homecare staff (Jeannie, Sue and Amy) for their excellent care, laughter and friendship. Madeline was an active member of First United Methodist Church in Hagerman.

We wish to thank Pastor Mike and the ladies of the church for their prayers, visits which brightened her days and endless amounts of good food.

Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church in Hagerman or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, P.O. Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202.

Norman Ray Cochrane

BOISE — Norman Ray "Stormin' Norman" Cochrane, 53, of Boise, Idaho, went home to be with his wonderful Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009. He passed away at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center due to complications of epilepsy.

Norman was born to Norm and Isabelle Cochrane on Feb. 14, 1956, along with his twin brother, Tom, in Twin Falls, Idaho. Norman grew up on a 40-acre farm in Jerome, Idaho. He was diagnosed with epilepsy when he was 10 years old but never let it affect his love of sports. Norman was a natural born athlete (thus the name "Stormin' Norman") and excelled in every sport he tried, including baseball, track, football, wrestling and rodeo. He won the state heavy weight wrestling competition in 1975 and held the world record in shotput for eighth-graders. Norman received a full-ride scholarship for football at Boise State, where he played inside linebacker from 1975 through 1980.

Norman met Ann Rice in 1986 playing volleyball at church. They soon began dating and fell deeply in love. Apart from Jesus, Ann was the absolute love of his life. They married on June 25, 1988. They never had any children of their own but, over the years, they worked with many youth in the churches they attended and were "adopted" parents to many of those youth.

Norman was a giant of a man who had a big heart, loved to give bear hugs and just loved people. He always loved a challenge and never



backed down from those things he was passionate about. He was most passionate about his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He loved the Lord more than anything and anyone. Norman wrote before he died, "The only thing that makes you beautiful and gives your life meaning is the Holy Spirit maturing you day after day until you are ready to be with him at home in Heaven." We rejoice that Norman is at home now in Heaven, but he leaves a huge void for those of us he left behind. Norman was a faithful, nurturing, outstanding husband, brother and friend who will be so deeply missed.

He leaves behind his soul mate and dearest friend, Ann Cochrane; his adored twin brother, Tom (Debbie) Cochrane; stepbrother, Robert Greene; niece, Kimberly Cochrane; nephew, Cody Cochrane; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Norm Cochrane; and mother, Isabelle Cochrane.

A viewing will be held from 6 until 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, at the Cloverdale Funeral Home, 1200 N. Cloverdale Road in Boise. A celebration of life will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 19, at Cloverdale Funeral Home, with burial following at Terrace Lawn Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions on Ann's behalf will be accepted at Cloverdale Funeral Home. Condolences for the family may be submitted online at www.CloverdaleFuneralHome.com.

Dorothy L. Warren

Dorothy L. Warren, 82, of Twin Falls, Idaho, died Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

Dorothy was born June 7, 1927, at Colby, Kan., the daughter of George Calvin and Margaret A. Fitzgerald Kepner. She was raised in Colby until age 15, when her family moved to Twin Falls, where she continued her education. She met and married William Frederick "Fritz" Warren on June 18, 1946, at Elko, Nev. They resided in Twin Falls, where she had three children, Jim, John and Sharon. They moved to Boise, where Fritz worked at the Idaho State Penitentiary. While in Boise, she had her son, Andy. They later returned to Twin Falls, where she worked for Parisian Laundry and Mike's Laundry. She later worked for Green Giant in Buhl before going to work at Ore-Ida Foods in Burley. She later worked at the Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center as a cook and as a Meals on Wheels deliver person.

Dorothy and Fritz took in foster children and helped raise 38 foster children. The last foster child, Radford "Scooter" they took in, they adopted into their own family. Dorothy was commander for the Stradley Chapter, Ladies Auxiliary, DAV (Disabled American Veterans). She also coached Special Olympics for many years. Dorothy enjoyed collecting Avon bottles and oil lamps and building miniature doll houses.

She is survived by her five children, James F. Warren of Yelm, Wash., Sharon L. (Gary) Mulalley of Jerome, John C. Warren of Twin Falls, Franklin A. "Andy" (Sammy) Warren of Twin Falls and Radford "Scooter" Warren of Twin Falls; one sister; Patty Schweitzer of Filer; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and eight brothers and sisters.

Memorial contributions in Dorothy's name may be made to the DAV.

A viewing for family and friends will be held from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," and from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Saturday prior to the service in the Relief Society room at the church. The funeral will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at the LDS 13th Ward, 2085 South Temple Drive in Twin Falls, with Bishop Rustin Hatch conducting. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

George Gracia

MCALLEN, Texas — On Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009, George Gracia, of McAllen, Texas, was called home or, as he would put it, "kicked the bucket."

He had friends and family in Idaho and the family wishes to notify them of his passing. A formal service was held in his home town of McAllen, Texas. A small memorial dinner will be held at his sister, Francis, home in Rupert, Idaho, for the local family.

He married Stella Thurber, whom he referred to the "old battle axe," and they were married for 16 years. He leaves behind his five children, Shane (wife, Tammy), Benjamin, Georgean Montieth (husband, Willie), Sarah Mendoza and William; his brothers, Silvestre, Cirido and Juquin; and sister,



Francis White; several nieces, nephews and cousins; and 14 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his mother, Maria; and brothers, Ramon and Abundio.

He was a jokester from Idaho to Texas and never failed to put a smile on someone's face. There were no sweets safe within two miles radius of him. He lived life with a carefree attitude and the belief that a bad day fishing was better than a good day's work. He was always happy to surround himself with family and friends and available to attend any gathering that had food.

He is very loved and will be greatly missed. And if he were to see us crying he would say, "Why are you crying? Everyone's dying to get up here." LOL.

SERVICES

Jean Yarrington of Idaho Falls and formerly of Twin Falls, funeral at 10 a.m. today at the Woodruff LDS 1st Ward Church, 1660 12th St. in Idaho Falls; visitation from 9 to 9:45 a.m. today at the church; burial at the Marion Cemetery in Oakley (Wood Funeral Home in Idaho Falls).

August R. "Gus" Blasé of Rupert, funeral Mass at 10 a.m. today at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St. in Rupert; visitation one hour before the Mass today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Steven L. Kent of Acequia and Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Acequia LDS 1st Ward Church; visitation one hour before the service today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Clarence Akira Tanaka of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls and Shoshone, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls; interment follows at 2:30 p.m. in Shoshone (Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel).

Clarissa "Dutch" Stanford of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. today at the Carey LDS church, with dinner provided afterward; visitation one hour before the funeral today at the church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Robert Noel Campeau Sr. of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Jack W. Miller of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls,

funeral at 1 p.m. today at Summers Funeral Homes, Ustick Chapel in Meridian.

Catherine Mary LaBrecque of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; memorial service also at a later date in Alamogordo, N.M.

Myles Douglas Cole of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Teresa Jewell Allen of Buhl, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth Ave. in Buhl.

David Grant Turner of Twin Falls, funeral at 10 a.m. Monday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

John Oneida of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the mortuary.

Vernon Lee Blair of Burley, graveside service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Gem Memorial Gardens, 2435 Overland Avenue in Burley.

Delores Ann Konicek of Twin Falls, funeral at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the Park LDS Church, 229 Park Ave. in Twin Falls; visitation from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Monday at the church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

John Andrew Lang of Palm Desert, Calif.; interment at 12:45 p.m. Tuesday at the Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va. (Forest Lawn Mortuary in Cathedral City, Calif.)

DEATH NOTICES

Buck H. Rietkerk

WENDELL — Staff. Sgt. Buck Henry Rietkerk, 30, of Sanford, N.C., and formerly of Wendell, died Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009, due to a boating accident in North Carolina.

A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the New Life Community Church, 800 W. Main in Wendell.

Helen J. Bertus

WENDELL — Helen Joan

Bertus, 96, of Wendell, died Thursday, Oct. 15, 2009, at St. Benedict's Long Term Care Unit in Jerome.

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

Connie Bjornn

WENDELL — Connie Bjornn, 75, of Wendell, died Friday, Oct. 16, 2009, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Church Universal and Triumphant leader dies

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — Elizabeth Clare Prophet, the spiritual leader of the Church Universal and Triumphant, which gained notoriety in the late 1980s for its followers' elaborate preparations for nuclear Armageddon, has died. She was 70.

Prophet suffered from advanced Alzheimer's disease or dementia for years, and was at her apartment when she died Thursday night, said legal guardian Murray Steinman.

Steinman said he was not aware of any other complicating health issues.

"She just kind of wound down," Steinman said.

Prophet led the Park County church that once boasted 50,000 members. In the late 1980s, church members amassed assault rifles and armored vehicles in preparation for a nuclear missile strike that Prophet predicted was on the way. The plan brought national

notoriety and a federal investigation.

The church's beliefs combined icons from the world's major religions, mixing western philosophy and mysticism. Despite her disease, videos and writings of Prophet continued to dominate church teaching, transformed into a New Age publishing enterprise and spiritual university.

The church was still prepared for Armageddon in recent years, and kept a bomb shelter stocked for 750 people deep in a forest near Yellowstone National Park. Gone are the weapons amassed in the late 1980s that got church leaders into trouble with federal authorities.

The church declined in the 1990s, after a doomsday prediction never materialized and Prophet's charismatic presence faded, but lived on with a smaller group of adherents and workers.

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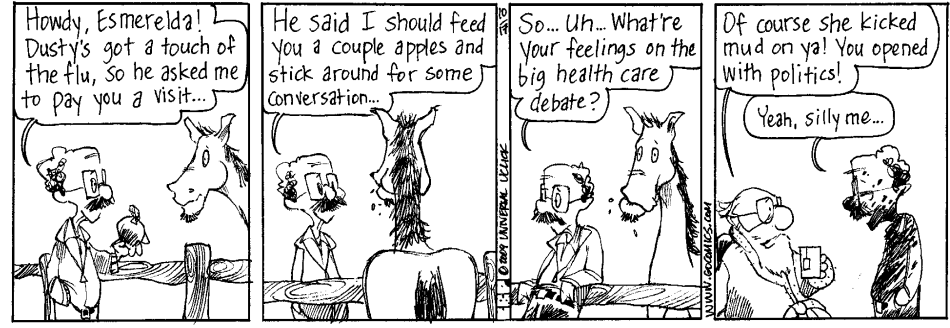
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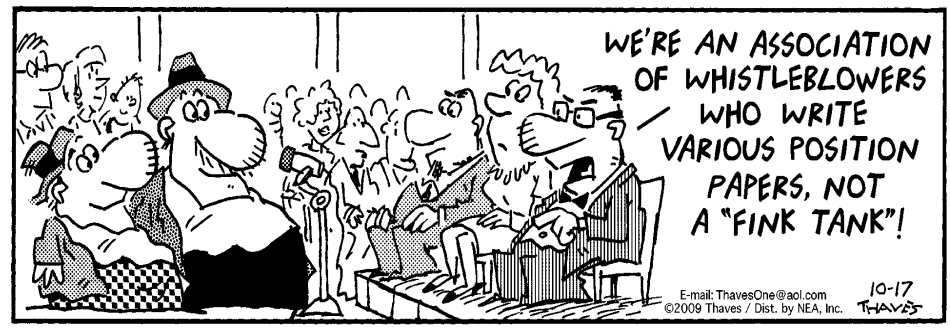
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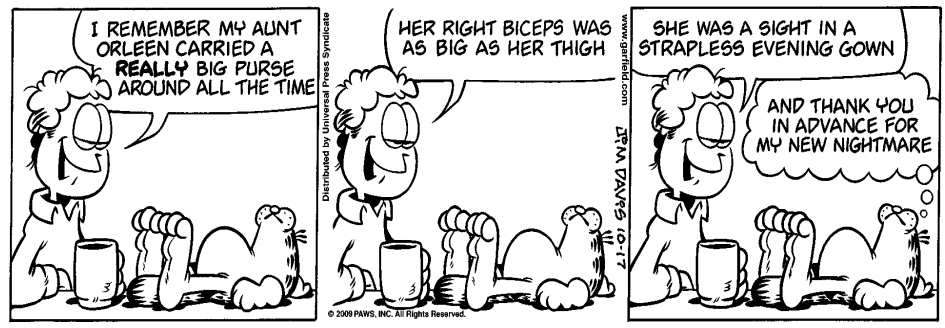
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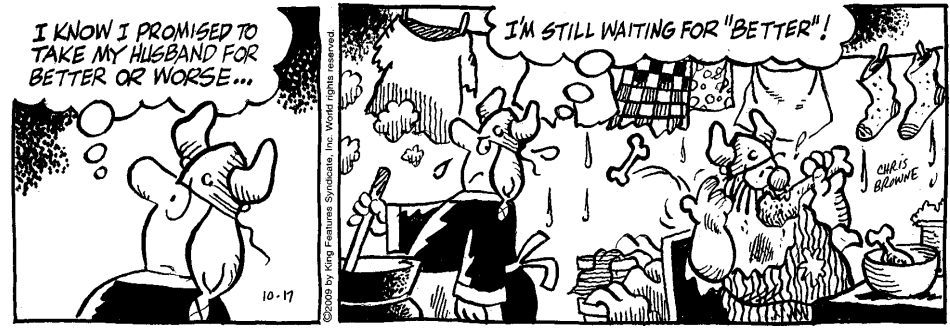
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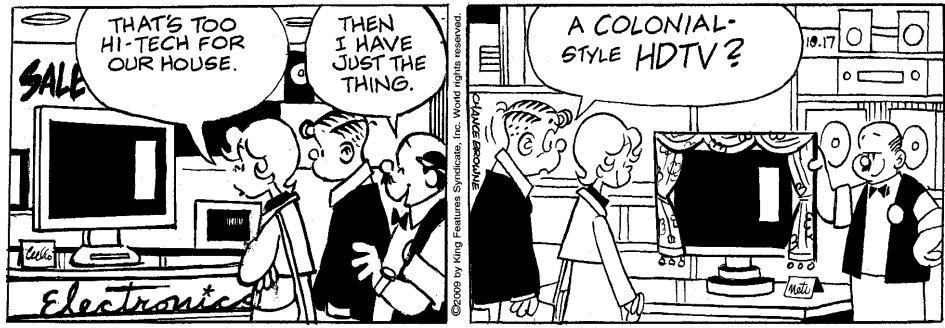
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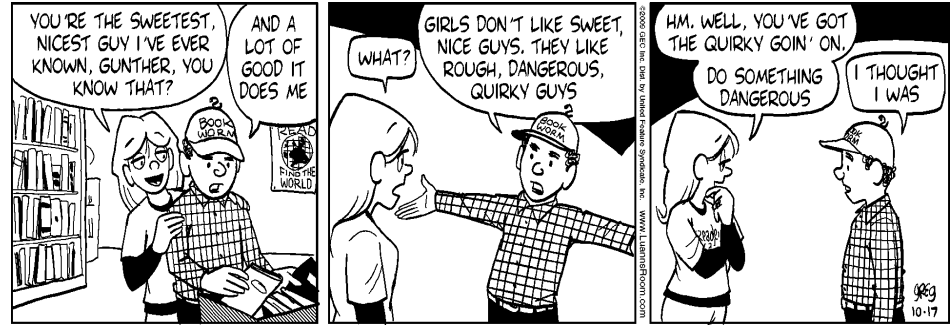
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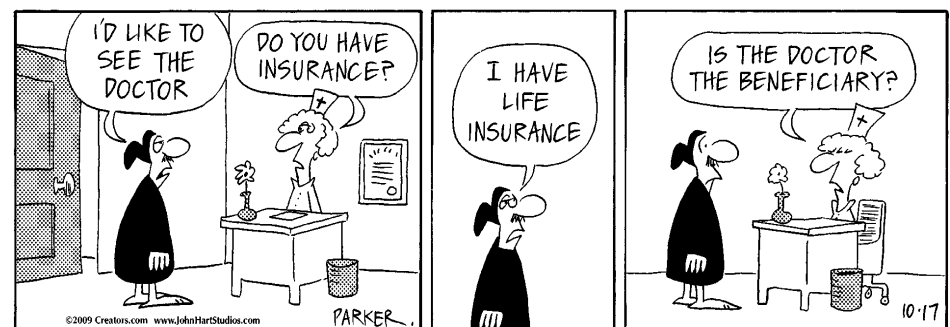
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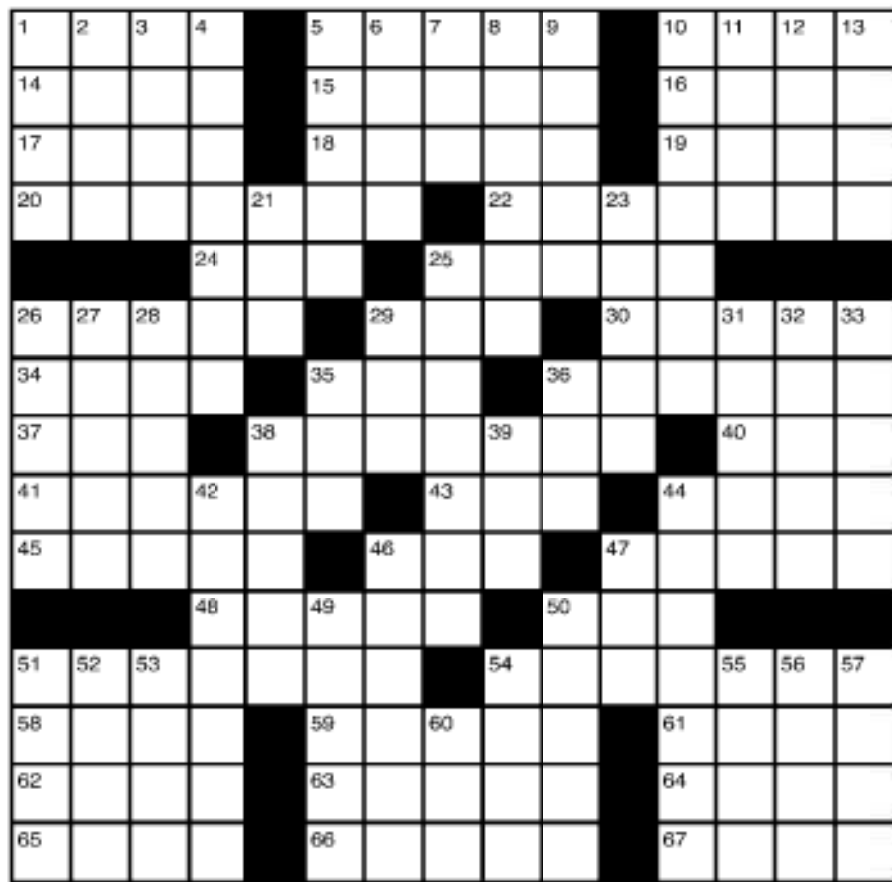
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