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North Valley Academy first-grader Natalia Licano pauses for a moment while reading with sixth-grader Sieyara Gaston, right, during class Tuesday in Gooding. According to the Idaho Public Charter School Commission, the school fell short of state standards for writing, math and Idaho Standards Achievement Test scores.

Gooding charter school told it didn't meet standards

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

A Gooding charter school is not meeting all of its educational goals, according to the state.

Charter schools are public schools, but have the added flexibility to try innovative approaches to education. Along with that flexibility, a charter school must set goals that extend beyond the basic requirements traditional public schools shoulder.

North Valley Academy has not met three of its standards, the

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Idaho Public Charter School Commission said Monday in a written notice of defect. The commission routinely sends notices of defect to charter schools when they fall short of their standards.

The goals that weren't met are:

- A goal for 70 percent of students to score proficient or better

on the Idaho Standards Achievement Test. Every grade in the school met this goal, with the exception of the fifth grade.

- A goal for 70 percent of students in fifth, seventh and ninth grade to score proficient or better on the Idaho Direct Writing Assessment. That goal was met for students in fifth and ninth grade, but not those in seventh grade.

- A goal for 70 percent of students to score proficient or better on the Idaho Direct Mathematics Assessment — given in fourth,

sixth and eighth grades — wasn't met, either.

For the charter school, it means this: While NVA met the state's adequate yearly progress standards, mandated by the federal No Child Left Behind Act and determined through ISAT tests, it fell behind on its own standards mandated in its charter.

"We are working to meet those standards that we set for ourselves," said NVA Principal Gayle DeSmet.

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Three Dems vie for Stennett's Senate seat

Stennett's wife, two newcomers seek nod in primary

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

Three will vie this month for the Democratic nod for the District 25 Senate seat, where the incumbent, longtime Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, has retired from the Legislature.

The seat's not exactly open, though. Sen. Michelle Stennett is running for the Democratic nod after filling in for her husband in the 2010 legislative session. Clint Stennett left the Legislature to focus on his recovery from brain cancer.



Stennett

Besides Michelle Stennett, David Maestas and Robert Blakeley seek the Democratic nomination in the May 25 primaries. The winner will face Republican Jim Donoval, unopposed in his primary, and Constitution Party candidate Randall Patterson in November.



Maestas



Blakeley

Stennett, 49, of Ketchum, said she brings experience from the last session. She wants to continue focusing on efforts to help the state's economy and promote an educated workforce.

For example, the Democrats' Idaho Jobs and Opportunity Blueprint proposed in this year's session included measures aimed at helping small businesses and attracting green jobs through renewable energy projects, she said.

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Victim takes stand at Knutsen patient abuse trial

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

Pictures from inside St. Luke's Canyon View Behavioral Health Services flashed across a large white screen in a Twin Falls courtroom Wednesday during the trial for a Filer man accused of sexually abusing a vulnerable adult patient there in 2009.

David Knutsen, 29, is accused of four counts of sexual abuse of a vulnerable adult. He allegedly touched a now 23-year-old female patient inappropriately on Jan. 30,

2009, at the facility, and she took the stand Wednesday during the first day of his trial that continues today.

The woman spoke with a slight speech impediment, walked with an uneven gate and tearfully told the court she was fearful during the incident when she said Knutsen sat near her in a social room of the facility and later touched her in a sexually inappropriate way.

Knutsen, who is a registered sex offender in Idaho, and the



Knutsen

developmentally delayed woman were allegedly left together at the facility without staff supervision when the sexual abuse occurred, according to court records in the case.

The woman testified that the incident began with conversation she had with Knutsen that he took "too far" in a sexual nature.

At the time of the alleged crime, she had a broken leg from a fall and walked with the assistance of a walker.

"I was suicidal," the woman said in court when questioned about why she was at Canyon View. She said she had dropped out of community college because she "couldn't do it" after obtaining special education at Minico High School in 2005.

The woman explained in court that Knutsen made her uncomfortable at Canyon View. She said she had even left her seat at a table in a cafeteria after he sat near her.

"He was kinda staring at me

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This little playhouse is big on hope

Area teams gear up for Relay for Life

By Michael Cole
Times-News writer

Hundreds of Magic Valley residents are preparing to relay a message of hope for those who hear the words, "You have cancer."

More than 800 participants across 74 teams have signed up for the overnight event held May 14 to 15 at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer.

Many teams have organized pre-relay fundraisers, raising nearly \$8,000 by Wednesday,

RELAY FOR LIFE

When: May 14 to 15, events start at 4 p.m.

Where: Twin Falls Fairgrounds, Filer
Raffle: The playhouse will be raffled at 10 a.m. May 15 during the relay. The playhouse is on display today in the Magic Valley Mall.

Tickets: A \$10 donation will gain you entry in the raffle. Tickets are available at the relay, at Hallmark or Jensen's Jewelers in the Mall, at Everybody's Business in Twin Falls, or by calling Anna Vines, 736-2954.

according to the American Cancer Society's website for this year's event.

Among the teams are the 15 women representing the imaging center at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

"We have a profession that requires expertise in what we do, but it also requires a great sense of compassion and concern for a patient," said team captain Anna Vines, a mammography technologist at St. Luke's Women's Imaging Center. "The Relay for Life is a natural extension for the work that we do."

Looking for a unique way to raise funds for the event, the team contacted Fran and Betsy Florence of Milestone Builders to see if they

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MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Cancer survivor Trayci Ozuna sits with the playhouse her employer Milestone Builders built in her honor as a fundraiser for the upcoming Relay for Life event held May 15 at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer. Ozuna said the playhouse is built from the same materials used for real homes, and even includes a chandelier.



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Robert Latham Jr.'s bond reduced

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

Former Twin Falls car dealer Robert Latham Jr. got a small break in his hefty bond Wednesday in a Twin Falls courtroom.

He is accused of illegally receiving unemployment benefits while incarcerated.

Jailed since Feb. 14, Latham is charged with three counts of unemployment insurance fraud and a charge of conspiracy to obtain unemployment insurance benefits in the case, which was bound over to district court after a Wednesday preliminary hearing.

Magistrate Judge Jason Walker reduced Latham's \$50,000 bond in the case to \$10,000, calling the bond "excessive," as the benefits in question amount to less than \$1,000.

Latham, 51, still has a total bond of \$520,000, according to the Twin Falls County Jail, for insurance-related and other criminal charges.

He is also accused of two counts of violating a no-contact order, felony domestic battery and three counts of destruction of a telecommunication line.

Latham's nephew Steven



Latham Jr.

W. Fisher was also in court Wednesday, for a preliminary hearing.

Fisher, 27, is charged in connection to the alleged benefits fraud with two counts of unemployment insurance fraud and a charge of conspiracy to obtain unemployment insurance benefits.

The prosecution played audio recordings Wednesday in court of telephone calls from the Twin Falls County Jail between an incarcerated Latham and Fisher. In the recordings, Latham allegedly asked his

nephew to call the state's automated telephone line for unemployment claims and obtain the benefits, though Latham was jailed and ineligible for them.

Walker told Latham and Fisher Wednesday they may have defenses to the charges against them, but the prosecution showed enough evidence for the case to proceed into district court.

A multimillion-dollar civil complaint from Key Bank names Latham as a defendant and remains pending in court.

Latham Motors in Twin Falls closed in 2008 before any of the criminal and civil complaints were filed.

Obama: Begin work this year on immigration reform

By Erica Werner
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Obama said Wednesday he wants to begin work this year on legislation overhauling the nation's immigration system, firming up his commitment on a key priority for Latino voters and lawmakers.

Obama's comments at a Cinco de Mayo celebration at the White House reaffirmed his long-held support for immigration reform. He went a step further than he has in the past by calling for the work to begin this year.

Latino groups have been calling for Obama to deliver on his campaign promise of making immigration reform a top priority, with some activists and lawmakers in the Congressional Hispanic Caucus complaining he wasn't doing enough.

Obama clouded the issue last week by saying "there may not be an appetite" in Congress to deal with another hot-button issue immediately after grueling fights over health care and financial regulation.

There also may not be enough time left on the legislative calendar to take up a contentious issue with midterm elections looming in November, but by making the commitment Obama may at least be able to tell Hispanic groups he tried.

Obama acknowledged immigration reform would be difficult to achieve and would require bipartisan support — something that's lacking in the Senate right now. And he made no commitment to finishing the process this year.

But he said it was the only way to deal with the nation's immigration problems.



AP photo

People listen to a taped message from President Obama at a naturalization ceremony during the Portland-Guadalajara sister city association Cinco de Mayo celebration, Wednesday in Portland, Ore. Forty-nine people from 26 countries became American citizens.

"I want to begin work this year, and I want Democrats and Republicans to work with me."

— President Obama

"The way to fix our broken immigration system is through common-sense comprehensive immigration reform," the president said.

"I want to begin work this year, and I want Democrats and Republicans to work with me."

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., who's up for re-election in a state with a growing Latino population, also recently said he wants to tackle immigration overhaul this year, although pending energy legislation — another divisive issue — would likely come first.

Reid last week released draft immigration legislation with Sens. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., and Robert Menendez, D-N.J., that calls for more federal enforcement agents and other border security-tightening benchmarks before illegal immigrants could become legal U.S. residents.

Obama praised that proposal Wednesday. But the one Republican who's been willing to work with Democrats on the issue recently, Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, has balked at moving ahead this year.

The focus is on the Senate because House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., has made clear that the Senate must act first on the immigration issue before she would force her Democrats into another tough vote.

Again Wednesday,

Obama denounced the law passed in Arizona that requires police to question people about their immigration status if there is reason to suspect they're in the country illegally. Some fear the law could lead to racial profiling, and Obama said federal officials were monitoring it for possible civil rights violations.

The president cited the Arizona law as a reason for action on immigration legislation.

"Make no mistake, our immigration system is broken, and after so many years in which Washington has failed to meet its responsibilities, Americans are right to be frustrated. ... But the answer isn't to undermine fundamental principles that define us as a nation," Obama said.

"Comprehensive reform — that's how we're going to solve this problem," he said.

Castleford schools to pursue levy continuance

Times-News

The Castleford School District will ask voters to approve a two-year continuance of its \$300,000 supplemental levy on May 18.

Superintendent Andy Wiseman said the district had planned to seek the continuance before its school board on April 20 unanimously voted to opt into the statewide declaration of financial emergency for public schools.

The levy would help keep existing programs intact, maintain staff positions and help provide programs that aid in student achievement.

Wiseman said a supplemental levy for the district has been in place since a

\$58,000 levy was passed in 2004. It was extended at \$116,000 yearly in 2006, before voters in 2008 approved the current \$300,000 levy, which expires at the end of June.

The levy would assess \$297 per \$100,000 of assessed property value — the owner of a \$100,000 home would pay \$148.10 per year after taking the homeowners' exemption.

Wiseman said the proposed levy extension won't increase taxes. According to information provided by Wiseman, the district expects to lose \$175,000 in state funding in fiscal year 2011, which begins in July.

Polls will be open from noon to 8 p.m. May 18 at the school library.

Area nonprofits can compete for grants

Times-News

Nonprofit groups throughout south-central and southwest Idaho have until July 1 to apply for grants from the Idaho Community Foundation.

The grant cycle opened on Saturday, according to a press release from the foundation. Locally, eligible groups include those in Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka and Twin Falls counties.

Organizations may apply for up to \$5,000 for projects in a range of areas, including education, emergency services, libraries and social

services. The foundation favors projects that reach a broad segment of the community and stimulate additional funding, and it awarded \$219,000 to 118 organizations in the region last year.

Grant awards will be decided by a panel of community volunteers from around the region. Grants should start to be distributed in December.

For information and to apply online, visit www.idcomfdn.org and click on "Grants & Distributions." Or, e-mail grants@idcomfdn.org or call 342-3535 or 800-657-5357.

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Fear dampens Cinco de Mayo in Arizona

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Rumors circulate of an immigration raid at Cinco de Mayo festivities. Markets normally bustling with customers preparing for the celebration are quiet. Family picnics are scaled back.

Many Hispanics in Arizona — both legal and illegal — are increasingly anxious about being targeted under the state's tough new anti-illegal immigration law. Some are afraid to leave their homes, even on the day when the nation celebrates

Hispanic heritage. Some have left the state, and some of those who remain wonder if they should follow.

"They don't want to go to the park or clubs to celebrate because they're scared," said George Cortez, a 24-year-old U.S. citizen from Mesa, as he took a break from sweeping hair clippings at Eagle's barbershop in a predominantly Hispanic neighborhood in this Phoenix suburb.

The law's passage

unleashed a torrent of criticism against the state. Some fear the law, which requires police to question people about their immigration status if there is reason to suspect they're in the country illegally, could lead to racial profiling and have called for boycotts.

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Cade Lemmon, 5, sits with his service dog, Baxter, in their Idaho Falls home on April 17. Baxter is able to detect when Cade is about to have a seizure.

Idaho boy's best friend also best bet for survival

By Clark Corbin
The Post-Register

IDAHO FALLS — Cade Lemmon, 5, sits with his service dog, Baxter, in their Idaho Falls home. Baxter is able to detect when Cade is about to have a seizure.

Five-year-old Cade Lemmon doesn't yet understand the urgency behind the bond developing between him and a slobbering 125-pound Newfoundland named Baxter.

From the day the dog was born 11 months ago in Draper, Utah, Cade's parents insisted Baxter fall asleep each night swaddled in the boy's pajamas. Jeff and Melinda Lemmon of Idaho Falls hoped to artificially accelerate the bond between the puppy and the boy who was waiting for a best friend.

They then enrolled Baxter in a \$6,000 training program with the financial support of several local businesses and organizations. They went to all this effort and expense to make sure the dog would be as well-behaved and attentive to Cade as possible.

The attention given to the relationship between Cade and Baxter may seem extreme until the stakes are considered.

Baxter's job is to someday save Cade's life.

Cade Jeffords Lemmon wasn't breathing when he was born more than 90 days premature in a Salt Lake City hospital Oct. 30, 2004.

He weighed just more than 2 pounds, the largest of a set of quadruplets, all of whom have survived.

Cade underwent brain surgery days after he was born

because of a condition known as hydrocephalus, or water on the brain.

Cade's brain is wired with a series of shunts and tubes that divert fluid from his brain down into his tummy.

As often as twice a day, Cade has nonviolent seizures. Often, they pass relatively harmlessly and Cade only appears groggy, like he is starting off into space.

But the seizures can signal a malfunction of the shunts attached to Cade's ventricles. If that happens, it would require another emergency brain surgery, 10 of which Cade endured last year.

Cade's mother warns that his next surgery could be his last, that the boy's body may eventually be unable to withstand the operations. Even under the best circumstances, the Lemmons said, the odds of Cade living to become an adult are long.

But the Lemmons take comfort in small victories, like a potential milestone at the end of this month. If Cade makes it through April without a hospital visit, it will be the longest he has gone without a scare in nearly two years.

The danger with Cade's seizures is that other people don't often notice them because they are rarely marked by convulsions.

That's where Baxter comes in.

When Cade has a seizure, Baxter barks repeatedly or refuses to leave the boy's side when called, meaning the Lemmons have to pay as much attention to the dog as they do their children.

Baxter, the Lemmons said, is able to sense a seizure up to two hours before its onset

because Cade's body emits the faintest of citrus scents, which are undetectable to humans.

"It's important because Cade doesn't do little (emergencies)," his mother said. "If he's going to the hospital, it's on LifeFlight, and we have an hour to make it."

Baxter has already noticed something that doctors hadn't. In January, the dog alerted the Lemmons to seizures suffered by Cade's sister, Blakey, a condition that was previously undiagnosed.

"I'm still trying to figure out how a dog could sense that much or know when a seizure is happening," Jeff Lemmon said. "It amazes me."

The remaining quadruplets require attention as well. Jayce has been diagnosed with cerebral palsy, and the family hopes therapy will minimize the long-term effects of her condition. The final quadruplet, Britt, also receives therapy to help her overcome struggles with her

motor skills.

If you ever meet Cade, you will probably meet Baxter, too.

When the Lemmons go out to eat, Baxter scrunches under the table at Cade's feet.

When they go shopping, Baxter is there, wearing a green harness that says, "Don't pet me, I am working."

Next fall, Baxter will go to kindergarten with Cade.

Baxter's presence, Jeff Lemmon said, eases their concerns about Cade trying to lead as normal a childhood as possible in the world outside their home.

"It's more like a reassurance to us," he said.

Although Cade and Baxter are both so young, the bond is undeniable.

Cade rarely passes Baxter in a room without wrapping the dog in a bear hug, scratching his back or rubbing his belly and laughing.

When Baxter stretches out in the living room to sleep, Cade rests his head on the dog's body.

Jury convicts Nampa man in elderly abuse case

CALDWELL (AP) — An Idaho jury on Wednesday convicted a man of neglecting his elderly, bedridden mother, who was found by police in a urine-soaked bed, with flies blanketing her forehead and maggots in the sheets.

Jurors deliberated for less than two hours before finding David Nicks of Nampa guilty of felony criminal abuse or neglect, the Idaho Statesman reported. Nicks' twin brother, Danny, faces trial later this month on the same crime.

During a Nov. 17 welfare check, police reported finding 92-year-old Verda Nicks immobile in her bed, with feces in her bedsores, one of which was so deep her bone was visible. She died about six weeks later.

The brothers are not charged with causing the death of the woman. But during the two-day trial, the 56-year-old David Nicks was accused with neglecting or abusing his mother, who was described by prosecutors as a vulnerable adult.

"She could not care for herself," deputy Canyon County Attorney Ty Ketlinski told the jury during opening statements Tuesday. "She relied on the defendant for that."

Defense attorney Bill Schwartz urged jurors to avoid letting those details color their impression of the case against David Nicks. He said Verda Nicks did not meet the legal definition of

vulnerable and had a telephone beside her bed and could have called for help at any time.

Schwartz told the jury that Verda Nicks resented doctors and hospitals, pointing out how she even refused to get hospital care after breaking a hip for the second time two years ago.

"She was living the life she wanted to live. She was going to die the way she wanted to die," Schwartz said.

David and Danny Nicks lived in a trailer behind their mother's Nampa home. David Nicks said he and his brother moved from Oregon to look after her.

Prosecutors questioned how much help they were providing.

Trial witness Dave Alford, a Nampa firefighter and paramedic who responded to the Nicks home Nov. 17, testified Tuesday that the mother's room was full of flies, with some even floating in a warm cup of coffee beside her bed. He said a nearby toilet was overflowing with feces.

The defense argued to have the home condition barred from testimony, claiming the details would impair the jury's focus on the important facts of the case. Third District Judge James Morfitt denied the motion, siding with Ketlinski, who said the filthy conditions are a centerpiece of a neglect case.

"It's not a smoke screen. That house was deplorable," the prosecutor said.

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Conference discusses protecting wild salmon

By Abby Haight
Associated Press writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — Biologist Rich Lincoln worries that the fragile balance of endangered salmon runs are threatened by an outdated hatchery system.

Fishery managers have known for years that hatchery-raised salmon aren't as robust as wild fish, and that their lack of genetic diversity means whole fisheries may collapse under unfavorable ocean conditions.

But an international conference of scientists and fisheries managers meeting in Portland this week is looking at less-studied impacts — disease, predation and competition for food — and how to overhaul a hatchery system that may hurt wild salmon more than it helps.

“There is alarm,” said Lincoln, director of the Portland-based nonprofit, State of the Salmon, which organized the conference. “The question is, do you need to see the results of the inevitable to see the collaboration that nations need to take?”

Five billion hatchery fish are pumped into the northern Pacific yearly and account for as much as 90 percent of the young fish entering the ocean. Almost the entire Japanese fishery comes from hatcheries, and the percentage is rising

from Alaska to California. The Columbia River basin relies heavily on hatchery fish, especially chinook.

And regions that still have fairly healthy wild runs — the Gulf of Alaska and Russia's Sea of Okhotsk — are being overfished, said Peter Rand, a conservation biologist with State of the Salmon.

“Salmon are going to need every chance they can get to make it in these environments,” Rand said.

A report by Oregon State University last year showed that hatchery fish can cause genetic problems in their wild-born cousins, so that even fish that survive to reproduce in the wild have fewer offspring.

Utah communities honor fallen sheriff's sergeant

RICHFIELD, Utah (AP) — A Sevier County sheriff's sergeant who was knocked off a central Utah bridge and fell more than 100 feet to his death was being laid to rest Wednesday.

Funeral services for Sgt. Franco Aguilar were being held in Richfield. The service was to be followed by a 125-mile procession of police officers, family and friends to an American Fork cemetery.

Aguilar was killed April 29 as he investigated a crash on Interstate 70's Fish Creek Bridge, about 160 miles south of Salt Lake City. Authorities say an SUV collided with a crashed car, which then hit Aguilar and pushed him off the bridge.

He fell 103 feet.

Aguilar turned 36 the day before his death.

On Tuesday, hundreds of police officers and Sevier County residents paid their respects to the Aguilar family at a viewing in the county events center.

On Wednesday, officers from across Utah wore their formal uniforms to pay tribute to Aguilar. Some also donned black cowboy hats.

“I'm just totally amazed at how the law enforcement community comes together on such an occasion,” said Sevier County Commissioner Gary Mason.

Sevier County Sheriff Phil Barney and Chief Deputy John Hunt were among the

scheduled speakers at the services.

The Rev. James Blaine, who was conducting the funeral Mass, said Aguilar's family is struggling.

“It's really hard on them — really hard,” he said.

Married with five children, Aguilar grew up in American Fork and served 10 years in law enforcement. Blaine said he baptized one of Aguilar's daughters a few weeks ago and planned to offer words of encouragement to the family Wednesday.

“It's going to be a difficult time, but there is something beyond,” he said. “He'll be watching over them, protecting them.”

AROUND THE WEST

Otter says Idaho to opt out of new insurance pool

BOISE — Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter says Idaho will not set up a temporary high risk insurance pool program recommended in the new federal health care overhaul.

Otter says the state simply can't afford another insurance pool program at a time of shrinking state budgets and revenue streams. Otter's announcement Tuesday means Idaho is one of 17 states opting out of the program.

The federal high risk pool is designed to help uninsured with pre-existing health conditions obtain coverage through 2014.

State analysts say the \$24 million allocated in the federal bill for Idaho would only provide a month or two of coverage for the more than 33,000 people eligible to enroll.

Crews contain oil leaking into Boise River

BOISE — Boise fire and hazardous materials officials say crews have contained what appears to be an oily substance that was leaking into the Boise River.

Officials also say they have managed to block most of the substance from flowing downstream using booms.

Boise police spokeswoman Lynn Hightower says the oil was coming from a storm drain under the Americana bridge and the sheen on the water goes downstream for about a mile. But officials still don't know the source of the leak.

The sheen on the river was reported by a citizen Wednesday afternoon.

left the state facing an \$82 million deficit. Alex LaBeau, the business group's director, hired a Florida firm to conduct automated phone calls directing Idaho residents to the website to let people know Allred's position on the budget.

The Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry has given Republican Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter \$10,000 in campaign contributions during the current election cycle.

Police: Remains identified as Idaho Falls mother

IDAHO FALLS — Idaho Falls police say remains found in the Ammon foothills in April belong to Stephanie Ann Eldredge, a mother of three missing since Aug. 20, 2007.

Nearly three years exposed to elements left her body badly decomposed when it was discovered April 23 by a wind turbine repairman.

Still, agents say evidence found at the scene — near a popular eastern Idaho hiking trail — points to homicide.

Eldredge, just 21 when she went missing, was identified using dental records.

Sergeant Phil Grimes of the Idaho Falls Police Department says his agency has a person of interest in its investigation, and is looking into several other people, too. Police say the person of interest was an acquaintance of Eldredge.

When she disappeared, Eldredge's car was found at her home, as was her four-month-old daughter.

Moscow driver accused of hitting 2 at WSU acquitted

PULLMAN — A Whitman County judge has acquitted a Moscow, Idaho, man accused of injuring two Washington State University students in a December hit-and-run.

Superior Court Judge David Frazier on Wednesday ruled that Daniel Noble, 31, was temporarily insane during the Dec. 9 incident and acquitted him of two felony counts of vehicular assault, two felony counts of hit-and-run and misdemeanor resisting arrest.

— The Associated Press

Allred targeted by business group in Web attack

BOISE — An Idaho business and industry group is targeting Democratic gubernatorial candidate Keith Allred with a critical website.

A political action committee funded by the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry has posted www.allredink.com.

The website says that if the 2010 Idaho Legislature had listened to Allred, it would have set a budget for the current fiscal year that would have

Osmonds dedicate matriarch's log cabin

SAMARIA, Idaho (AP) — Members of the Osmond family gathered Monday in the small southeastern Idaho town of Samaria to honor their mother with the dedication of the Olive May Davis Osmond Cabin and Museum.

Olive Davis Osmond was born 85 years ago in a two-room cabin in Samaria. She died in 2004.

Seven of her nine children joined fans from as far away as Japan to honor the singing family's matriarch and dedicate the log cabin as a museum. Items on display there include a sewing table that each of the Osmond brothers carved his initials into.

The cabin sits on property donated by local high school teacher Luke Waldron. Waldron says he restored the structure with “a lot of community involvement,” including help from several Eagle Scouts.

Among the dedication attendees was Donny Osmond, who called the experience “surreal” and said, “You can feel her presence here.”

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"It is clear that this was a terrorist plot aimed at murdering Americans in one of the busiest places in our country."
 — Attorney General Eric Holder after a Pakistan-born man admitted he rigged an SUV with a homemade device to explode in Times Square

EDITORIAL

Slimmed-down CIEDRA has a fighting chance in Congress

If the Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act is ever going to pass Congress, this might be the year.

Idaho's congressional delegation has introduced a revised version of the legislation that eliminates thousands of acres of federal land transfers in the Sawtooth Valley — most notably two parcels in Stanley. That was an effort to gain the support of environmentalists who opposed previous versions of the bill.

"We now have a piece of legislation that really has taken care of the most significant grievances opponents of the bill have had," Idaho Conservation League Executive Director Rick Johnson told the *Idaho Mountain Express* of Ketchum.

"This CIEDRA bill releases over 130,000 acres of central Idaho wilderness study land that has been managed as de facto wilderness," Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, said in a press release. "Returning it to multiple use will provide recreational and economic opportunities. It is also important to note that we will continue to work with all stakeholders to make improvements as this legislation moves forward."

CIEDRA still designates three separate wilderness areas in Custer and Blaine counties: Hemingway-Boulders (110,217 acres), Jerry Peak (131,670 acres) and White Clouds (90,888 acres).

In total, the new bill sets aside 332,828 acres of wilderness — about 14,000 acres more than in the previous version of the legislation.

None of the new areas added contain lands that are currently open to motorized uses, the *Express* said.

Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, who brokered the delicate compromises among stakeholders nearly a decade ago that are embodied in CIEDRA, made significant changes in the bill to gain the support of congressional Democrats. But the core of the legislation — which seeks to protect the Boulders and the White Clouds while ensuring recreational access — is intact.

The sponsors hope to attach CIEDRA to an omnibus lands bill in the Senate. That was the approach Crapo used last year to get the Owyhee canyonlands wilderness bill through Congress. Let's hope the tactic works again.

Our view: It's not the bill that Congressman Mike Simpson had hoped for, but the revised Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act still deserves to become law.

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

The jihadists' deadly path to U.S. citizenship

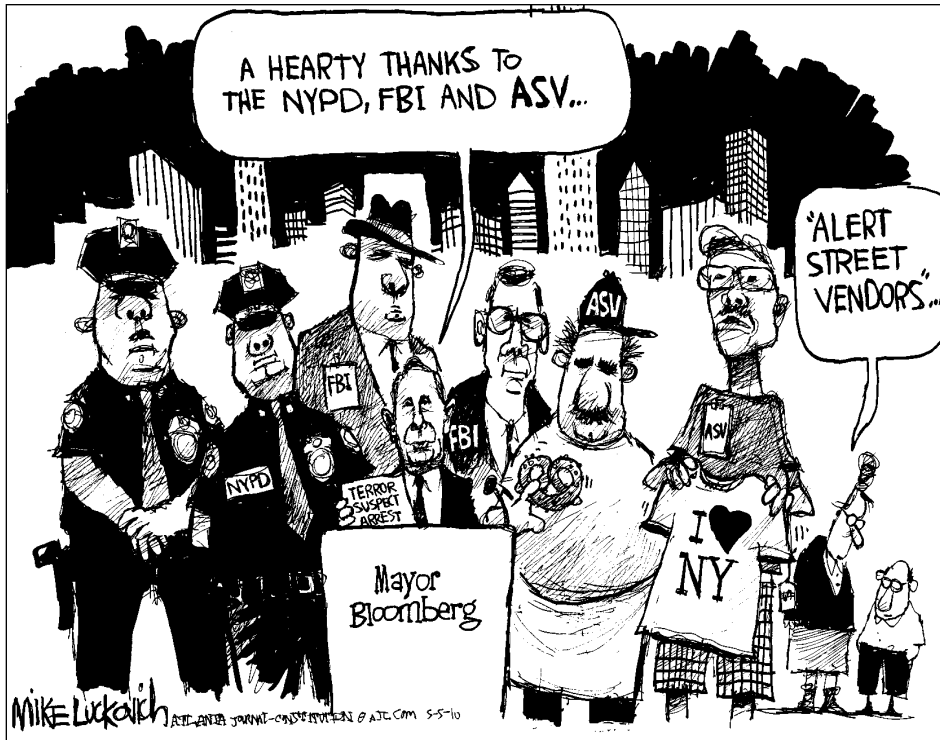
America's homeland security amnesia never ceases to amaze. In the aftermath of the botched Times Square terror attack over the week-end, Pakistani-born bombing suspect Faisal Shahzad's U.S. citizenship status caused a bit of shock and awe. *The Atlantic* magazine writer Jeffrey Goldberg's response was typical: "I am struck by the fact that he is a naturalized American citizen, not a recent or temporary visitor." Well, wake up and smell the deadly deception.



Michelle Malkin

Shahzad's path to American citizenship — he reportedly married an American woman, Huma Mian, in 2008 after spending a decade in the country on foreign student and employment visas — is a tried-and-true terror formula. Jihadists have been gaming the sham marriage racket with impunity for years. And immigration benefit fraud has provided invaluable cover and aid for U.S.-based Islamic plotters, including many other operatives planning attacks on New York City. As I've reported previously:

- El Sayyid A. Nosair wed Karen Ann Mills Sweeney to avoid deportation for overstaying his visa. He acquired U.S. citizenship, allowing him to remain in the country, and was later convicted for conspiracy in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing that claimed six lives.
- Ali Mohamed became an American citizen after marrying a woman he met on a plane trip from Egypt to New York. Recently divorced, Linda Lee Sanchez wed Mohamed in Reno, Nev., after a six-week "courtship." Mohamed became a top aide to Osama bin Laden and was later convicted for his role in the



1998 United States embassy bombings in Africa that killed 12 Americans and more than 200 others.

- Embassy bombing plotter Khalid Abu al Dahab obtained citizenship after marrying three different American women.

- Embassy bombing plotter Wadiah el Hage, Osama bin Laden's personal secretary, married April Ray in 1985 and became a naturalized citizen in 1989. Ray knew of her husband's employment with bin Laden, but like many of these women in bogus marriages, she pleaded ignorance about the nature of her husband's work. El Hage, she says, was a sweet man, and bin Laden "was a great boss."

- Lebanon-born Chawki Youssef Hammoud, convicted in a Hezbollah cigarette-smuggling operation based out of Charlotte, N.C., married American citizen Jessica Fortune for a green card to remain in the country.

- Hammoud's brother, Mohammed Hammoud, married three different American women. After arriving in the United States on a counterfeit visa, being ordered deported and filing an appeal, he wed Sabina Edwards to gain a green

card. Federal immigration officials refused to award him legal status after this first marriage was deemed bogus in 1994. Undaunted, he married Jessica Wedel in May 1997 and, while still wed to her, paid Angela Tsioumas (already married to someone else, too) to marry him in Detroit. The Tsioumas union netted Mohammed Hammoud temporary legal residence to operate the terror cash scam. He was later convicted on 16 counts that included providing material support to Hezbollah.

- A total of eight Middle Eastern men who plotted to bomb New York landmarks in 1993 — Fadil Abdelgani, Amir Abdelgani, Siddig Ibrahim Siddig Ali, Tarig Elhassan, Abdo Mohammed Haggag, Fares Khallafalla, Mohammed Saleh, and Matarawy Mohammed Said Saleh — all obtained legal permanent residence by marrying American citizens.

A year after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, homeland security officials cracked a massive illegal alien Middle Eastern marriage fraud ring in a sting dubbed "Operation Broken Vows." Authorities were stunned by the scope of the operations, which stretched from

Boston to South Carolina to California. But marriage fraud remains a treacherous path of least resistance. The waiting period for U.S. citizenship is cut by more than half for marriage visa beneficiaries. Sham marriage monitoring by backlogged homeland security investigators is practically nonexistent.

As former federal immigration official Michael Cutler warned years ago: "Immigration benefit fraud is certainly one of the major 'dots' that was not connected prior to the attacks of September 11, 2001, and remains a 'dot' that is not really being addressed the way it needs to be in order to secure our nation against criminals and terrorists who understand how important it is for them to 'game' the system as a part of the embedding process."

Jihadists have knowingly and deliberately exploited our lax immigration and entrance policies to secure the rights and benefits of American citizenship while they plot mass murder — and we haven't done a thing to stop them.

Syndicated columnist Michelle Malkin can be reached at writemalkin@gmail.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Coiner endorsed for Idaho Senate

Sen. Charles H. "Chuck" Coiner has served District 24 constituents very well. He has a working knowledge of the people, land and water resources of Magic Valley.

Chuck actively seeks input from others. He uses that information in a very constructive way in forming legislation in the Idaho Senate. Let's keep a good arrangement going.

Vote Chuck Coiner for Idaho Senate.

HANK MAYLAND
Twin Falls

What will happen to new refugees?

Several Eritrean refugees began attending our parish last July. Our parish welcomed them with open arms, provided transporta-

tion, furniture, clothing, food, household items and assistance with English. The single men readily adapted and were first to find jobs, due to familiarity with English and greater mobility.

Among Eritrean families, however, progress has been blunted by deficits in their own native language, rural culture and personal shortcomings. They remain virtually non-conversant in English and, therefore, next to unemployable, pitting them against English-speaking competitors.

We believe all refugees entrusted to College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center are deserving of the full resources of the center until the job of assimilation is achieved. The center's policy of terminating rental assistance when grant funding ends in eight months unfairly passes the burden

of unfinished business on to an unsuspecting community.

We are troubled by the approximate 300 refugees slated for arrival in the Magic Valley for fiscal year 2011 at a time of high unemployment, a protracted recession and diminished public services. In times of such scarcity, we wonder how the center expects additional refugees will improve their lives and our community. Rather, we fear greater numbers will place unprepared refugees at risk for exploitation, oppression and criminal activity — outcomes that stand in direct violation of the center's principles and mission. Therefore, we are calling for the CSI Refugee Center to finish the job, by providing rental assistance until gainful employment is achieved, by providing personal language classes for those still

non-conversant in English, by ensuring the numbers of refugees coming here are based on economic realities of Idaho, not unfunded dictates of unaccountable bureaucrats in Washington, D.C.

We believe the CSI Refugee Center can and should do better for its clients and our community.

HILBER NELSON
Twin Falls

(Editor's note: Hilber Nelson submitted this letter on behalf of the Parish Council of the St. Ignatius Orthodox Church. Nelson is the council president; other council members who signed the letter are treasurer Mary Lou Panatopoulos, and members Steve Beck and Greg Panatopoulos; along with church pastor, Hieromonk Mark Kerr, and Alexandra McKeever, president of the Women of St. Ignatius.)

TIMES-NEWS

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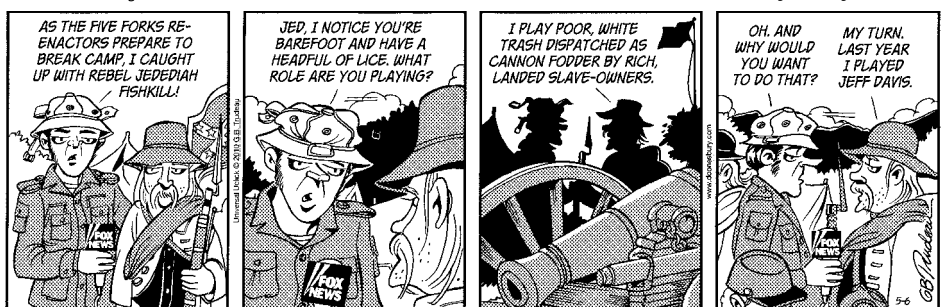
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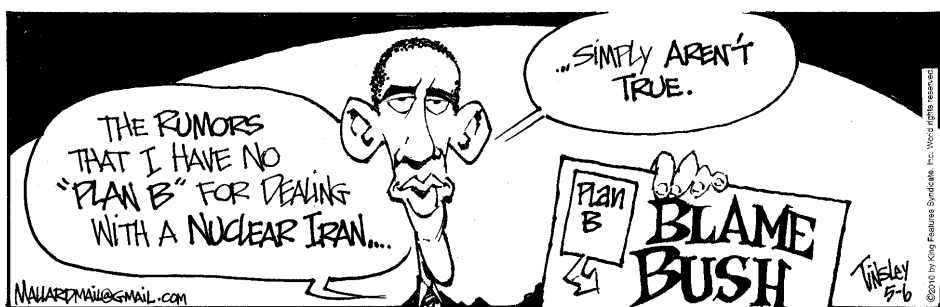
THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

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By Garry Trudeau

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By Bruce Tinsley

Candidates tread a fine line in judicial elections

Over the next month, the voters in Idaho will have the opportunity to consider and vote on two judicial positions on the Idaho Supreme Court, one Court of Appeals position and also on most of the district judge positions in the judicial district where the voter resides.

One of the Supreme Court positions and a district judge position in both the 2nd and 5th judicial districts will involve an election contest, while in the remainder of the positions, the incumbent judge or candidate is running unopposed.

Judicial elections are not like the typical statewide elected official or legislative elections voters are accustomed to because judicial elections are nonpartisan and are governed by a set of judicial ethics which regulate what can take place. As a matter of general background information, it's important to explain some of the ethical rules and standards which govern judicial elections.

Justices on the Idaho Supreme Court are elected in statewide elections, on a nonpartisan ballot, for a

term of six years. A Supreme Court Justice or candidate for office must be a qualified elector, at least 30 years of age, who has resided in Idaho for at least two years preceding the election and been admitted to the practice of law for at least 10 years.

District judges are elected by the voters within the judicial district in which they will serve and are elected to a four year term. District judges must meet the same qualifications for election as Supreme Court justices and must reside in the county where their principal office is located. For the 2nd district position, that will be in Idaho County and for the 5th district position, that will be in Blaine County. These locations are established by the state Legislature. Because there are only two candidates for each of the contested elections this year, those elections will be decided in the May primary election.

Judicial elections are nonpartisan, they appear at the very end of the ballot, and should be voted on regardless of the voter's political affiliation.

READER COMMENT



Robert Bakes, Gerald Schroeder and Linda Copple Trout

The Canons of Judicial Ethics guide judges and judicial candidates during elections and, if violated, could result in disciplinary action being taken against the judge or judicial candidate.

Canon 5 of the Idaho Code of Judicial Conduct requires that candidates for judicial office refrain from inappropriate political activity, maintain the dignity appropriate to judicial office and act in a manner consistent with the integrity and independence of the judiciary. The Idaho Code of Judicial Conduct maybe found online at: www.judicial-council.idaho.gov/code.pdf.

Candidates for judicial office should not make pledges or promises of conduct in office that commit

the candidate to a position on cases that may come before the court, including making statements or answering questions in a written questionnaire that commit or appear to commit the candidate to a particular position on cases or issues that are likely to come before them. A party in a lawsuit has a right to expect the judge to remain impartial and not commit to the outcome of the lawsuit before hearing all the facts and studying the law.

Application of constitutional and legal standards may require a judge to determine a case differently from a personal philosophy or viewpoint. Campaign statements by a candidate that suggest otherwise should be avoided.

So what should voters consider in determining for whom to vote in a judicial election?

Qualifications such as demeanor, wisdom, writing ability, ability to be fair and impartial, knowledge of the law and compatibility of activities outside working hours with the requirements of being a judge, are important for a well qualified judge.

The Idaho State Bar Association has adopted a procedure for conducting a survey of judicial candidates' qualifications which is useful in informing the public about judicial candidates in contested elections. The Bar survey is sent to attorneys throughout Idaho asking for input based on each member's personal knowledge or professional experience with the candidates. The survey results are then made available to the public to help in making an informed decision.

These are important positions and can affect the livelihood, freedom and safety of our citizens.

In the coming month, we hope the people of Idaho will keep these considerations in mind and will exercise the constitutionally protected right to vote.

Robert Bakes, Gerald Schroeder and Linda Copple Trout served a combined 16 years as chief justice of the Idaho Supreme Court. Bakes served on the court from 1971 to 1993, Schroeder from 1995 to 2007 and Copple Trout from 1992 to 2007.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Darrington will meet challenges head-on

I've had the good fortune of knowing Fred Darrington for more than 35 years and find him to be someone I admire and respect.

Fred and Emy are the parents of six beautiful children. Although their lives have been filled with much joy, they have endured much heartache. They have a personal story of challenge, sorrow and loss, but that does not define who they are. What defines them is the optimism, enthusiasm and positive attitude they exhibit each and every day. They have shared their beautiful family with our community, and we've learned many lessons from their example.

Fred is running for Cassia County clerk and has the qualifications, intellect and energy required to successfully meet the challenge.

When looking to the success of high achievers, whether it's in business, politics, education or sports and, most importantly, the family — there is a common thread. Those who have found true success live by certain rules and sound principles.

In a book written by industrial billionaire Jon Huntsman, he wrote of achieving the American dream. "Achieving one's dream requires sweat, courage, commitment, talent, integrity, vision, faith and a few good breaks."

Most people who achieve great success in any area of life have these qualities. Fred is no exception. He has the courage to meet the challenge of the job head-on. He has a vision for this office. He will work tirelessly and use his talents to effectively meet the needs of the public. He will be respectful and courteous to the county employees and patrons who daily conduct business in the courthouse. He will honor your faith and trust, bringing commitment and integrity to the office.

You, the electorate, provide the "few good breaks" to finish the formula. He needs your vote. Elect Fred Darrington for Cassia County clerk!
JANA DARRINGTON
Declo

Column displayed hypocrisy and bigotry

Regarding the comments,

"That's the trouble with Laura Silsby," Mr. Egan, in your editorial, you share with tens of thousands of readers your strongly held convictions in an effort to persuade them to accept your point of view, which is that nobody with strongly held Christian convictions should share them with anybody. This is hypocrisy.

You do violence to Laura Silsby's reputation without having ever met her or having heard her side of the story, based on generalizations and preconceived ideas about her and "her kind." This is bigotry. You cite damage done by some missionaries in some places in an effort to discredit all Christian work in all places. This is disingenuous. Throughout most of the history of most of the world, the vast majority of hospitals, schools, universities, relief agencies, soup kitchens and yes, orphanages, were started by Christians. Did you know that before Hurricane Katrina even hit the shoreline, Christians had already rented warehouse space just outside the impact zone and were filling it with food, fresh water and supplies for the victims?

You tell us we would be outraged if members of other religions attempted to convert Christians, implying we should not share our

faith. Do you realize that your appeal is based on the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"? Do you realize the same Jesus who spoke this rule is also the one who declared unequivocally that all people have sinned and that forgiveness is found exclusively through him? He is the one who started what you call the "personality disorder of the missionary impulse" by commanding us to go into all the world telling about the good news of eternal life offered by grace alone through faith alone in him alone.

DAN STEINEKE
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: The commentary about Laura Silsby was written by New York Times columnist Timothy Egan and published in the Times-News on April 24.)

There are ways each of us can expand recycling

I was sorry to see that the Times-News decided not to have an article on "Earth Day and Recycling."

In answer to the article in April 30, "How can we expand recycling program?" We all can! In previous years, I have always written a letter on Earth Day about recycling and missed this year!

Do you want to save

money and not have your garbage bill increased?

How do we encourage Twin Falls residents to use the blue box recycling newspaper, paper from all your junk mail and cardboard, tin cans? I see so few out by the curb!

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Study says older, unmarried, educated moms are on rise

By Leanne Italie
Associated Press writer

New mothers in the U.S. are increasingly older and better educated than they were two decades ago, according to a study on the state of American motherhood released Thursday by the Pew Research Center.

But that doesn't mean women are waiting for just the right moment: The study also found that half of mothers surveyed said that parenthood "just happened."

While most women giving birth are doing it within the context of marriage, the study found a record 41 percent of births were to unmarried women in 2008. That's up from 28 percent in 1990, according to the study, "The New Demography of American Motherhood." The trend crossed major racial and ethnic groups.



AP file photo

More than a dozen babies attend a birthday party for children born between September and December at Memorial Medical Center of West Michigan in Ludington, Mich., in February 2002.

Nearly 14 percent of mothers of newborns were 35 or older two years ago — and only about 10 percent were in their teens. The age trend was reversed in 1990, when teens had a 13 percent share of births.

"I think everyone will welcome a decline in births

to teens," said D'Vera Cohn, a senior writer on the study. "It's notable that the population of teens is larger than it used to be, so there were more who could have become teen mothers."

Today, one in seven babies is born to a mother at least 35 years old. In 1990, one in 11

had a mother in that age group.

Most mothers of newborns (54 percent) had at least some college education in 2006, an increase from 41 percent in 1990. Among mothers 35 or older, 71 percent had at least some college education.

Improvements in medical care and fertility treatment, along with marriage and childbearing postponed to seek additional education, all factor into the shifts.

"The rise in women's education levels has changed the profile of the typical mother of a newborn baby," the report said. Cohn added that a lower share of mothers ended their education after high school, "so some of those mothers who would have been high school graduates in 1990 have some college education today."

The report is based on data from the National Center for Health Statistics and the U.S. Census Bureau, along with a telephone survey in April 2009 of about 1,000 parents, likely parents and other adults of both genders.

Overall, there were 4.3 million births in the U.S.

in 2008, compared with 4.2 million in 1990. The number had risen each year from 2003 to 2007, then dipped in an apparent link to the economic downturn, the researchers said.

When American parents are asked why they decided to have a child, most cite "The joy of having children," the researchers found. For nearly half of parents, though, an important explanation is: "It wasn't a decision; it just happened."

Women surveyed were more likely than men to cite "it just happened" as somewhat or very important to their decision to give birth the first time.

Multiple births associated with the trend toward older motherhood were up sharply, including a 70 percent increase in the twin birth rate from 1980 to 2004.



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New pharmacy regulations require new certification

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Idaho has started enforcing a new law requiring all pharmacy technicians to be state certified — a response to national pharmacy chains relying on more technicians and fewer licensed pharmacists.

The new regulations were created to ensure the safety of consumers and the integrity of the industry, according to a statement by the Department of Consumer

Affairs' Board of Pharmacy.

The board says consumers rarely recognize the difference between a licensed pharmacist and pharmacy technicians — largely due to rapid growth in national pharmacy chains that employ several people behind a pharmacy counter. According to the board's website, licensed pharmacists must complete six years of pharmacy school to graduate with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree, while a pharmacy technician is not required to

hold a degree.

Federal regulators previously banned pharmacies from having more than three technicians working under the supervision of one certified pharmacist. But in 2009, the cap was lifted to allow up to six technicians to work under one pharmacist.

Smaller mom-and-pop pharmacies fought against the change, saying it would increase sales volume by using a larger number of lower paid, less experienced pharmacy technicians.

States responded individually by requiring pharmacy technicians to be certified.

"Idaho is one of the last to require certification," said Kurt Hefner, an instructor at the College of Southern Idaho's Health Sciences and Human Services Department and the owner of Kurt's Pharmacy in Twin Falls.

Federal regulations that went into effect in late 2009 will require all employees who work behind a pharmacy counter to have phar-

macy technician training. Current pharmacy employees may continue their present jobs without the training but will be required to obtain the certification if they move to another pharmacy.

CSI will offer a new course starting this fall to certify pharmacy technicians. Allied Health Professor Jill Chestnut said CSI's Pharmacy Technician class will begin Aug. 23.

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Railroads report strongest industry growth since 2004

By Andrew Frye and Betty Liu
Bloomberg News writes

NEW YORK — A top official of Burlington Northern Santa Fe, the railroad Warren Buffett bought this year for \$27 billion, says the economy is growing as the industry posted its first across-the-board increase in freight volumes since 2004.

"It's striking," Matthew Rose, chief executive officer of the Fort Worth, Texas-based railroad, said in a Bloomberg Television interview on the sidelines of the Berkshire Hathaway annual meeting in Omaha last weekend. "We're seeing the economy grow."

The Association of American Railroads reported increases in U.S.-originated hauling of trailers, containers and each one of 19 car-load commodity groups in the week ended April 24. It was the first time in more than five years that all categories rose, said Holly Arthur, a trade group spokeswoman. Berkshire swung to profit in the first quarter and Buffett, the firm's CEO, told shareholders the economy "picked up steam."

"We are seeing an uptick" in businesses that serve broad industries, like railroads, said Buffett, who paid \$27 billion for Burlington in February in his biggest takeover.

Rose, who's led Burlington since 2000, oversees the nation's second-biggest railroad with about 35,000 employees and 6,700 loco-



A Union Pacific engineer, above, operates a locomotive like the ones parked, below, in Fremont, Neb.



AP photos

earnings out of this rail group."

Union Pacific, the country's No. 1 railroad, has advanced 17 percent this year on the New York Stock Exchange. CSX, the third-biggest rail hauler, and No. 4 Norfolk Southern are both up 14 percent in 2010.

Hauling of metallic ores more than doubled, while metals and products loads jumped 80 percent. Waste and scrap material transport rose 60 percent, and rail shipments of farm products, excluding grain, gained 49 percent. The increases were calculated against freight volumes in the same period of 2009.

"The question is what sustainability it has," said Rose, 51, of the economic recovery.

motives that haul coal, grain and consumer goods. Buffett, 79, negotiated the acquisition to give Berkshire access to shipping routes in the country's West.

"Railroads are the one area we are most excited about,"

said Walter Spracklin, an analyst at RBC Capital Markets, who also covers trucking firms and airlines. Industry data since the end of March suggest "that the recovery is well under way and that's all we need to get

Small business owners consider vacations again

Karena Nigale used to take time away from her hair salon in New York's financial district several times a year. Then the recession came, and some of her clients who worked in nearby banks were laid off.

Nigale had to let about half her staff go, and she had to take on more work. There was no way she could take a vacation.

Now, clients are getting jobs again. They're coming back, business is up at KK Salon and Nigale is going to Europe next month.

"I finally have a feeling of, 'I can go away,'" Nigale said.

Vacations were among the sacrifices many small business owners made during the recession. But now that the economy is picking up, some are finally taking long-overdue trips. Others, though, are still uneasy about being away, or believe they can't afford a

SMALL TALK
Joyce M. Rosenberg

big trip.

Nigale, who didn't take a vacation for a year and a half, said she can go away for two weeks because she's been able to bring back two employees.

Darren Horwitz is going to San Diego in mid-May after forgoing vacations for two years. At first, he put off trips because he had a startup public relations business to tend to, a decision that is common among entrepreneurs in any economy.

Then the recession became the primary reason why he wasn't traveling.

"With the economy in bad shape the last two years, we felt that if our clients are strugg-

ling, then we need to be on the phone working every day," said Horwitz, owner of Dallas-based Imprint PR.

Horwitz found that clients needed more marketing help during the recession. He also stayed home because he needed to be prudent about spending when clients' marketing budgets were shrinking.

Still, he's a believer that vacations are important when you're running a small business.

"They give you a breather. They let you rejuvenate," he said.

But, like many owners, he'll be checking in with the office and clients during his upcoming trip. There are few owners who don't carry cell phones and/or laptops with them so they can keep up with e-mail and talk to clients and employees.

Suzan French recently

returned from eight days in Spain. She also hadn't taken a vacation in about two years. "I just realized at one point that I was reaching the burnout stage," she said.

French, owner of FlackShack, a PR firm in Lehigh Valley, Pa., had just incorporated her business two years ago. She had high hopes for her company.

"Then, of course, the recession hit, and all of those plans went to the wayside," French said.

So she worked for the next two years nonstop, and then sensed that her motivation was "slowing down" and her work was suffering.

French said she knew she had to take a vacation "for the sake of my business."

Joyce Rosenberg covers small business issues for the Associated Press.

Ag lender reports higher earnings despite dairy losses

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Northwest Farm Credit Services, one of the largest agricultural lenders in the northwest with offices in Twin Falls, reported an increase in first quarter earnings compared to the previous year despite mounting losses in dairy loans.

Northwest said in its quarterly statement that it achieved 2010 first quarter earnings of \$41.1 million, compared to \$17.1 million during the first quarter of 2009. Total capital increased 9.8 percent compared to the previous year to \$1.25 billion.

However, it was offset by an increase in allowances for loan losses, which Northwest increased 71 percent to \$105 million.

"The combination of our earnings and allowance positions the association to continue working with customers experiencing downturns in their respective agricultural industries," said Northwest President and CEO Jay Penick.

He said most Pacific Northwest dairy producers' financial positions remain significantly stressed, as milk prices lag behind the cost of production.

"We expect many dairies will take several years to recover equity lost in the past 18 months," Penick said. "Dairy continues to be our most troubled industry impacting our credit quality and overall portfolio risk."

Total accrual loan volume owned by the association increased by 1.8 percent to \$7.70 billion when compared to the end of first quarter 2009. Nonaccrual loans increased to 3.33 percent of the portfolio as of March 31, 2010.

Northwest Farm Credit Services provides financing and related services to farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses, commercial fishermen, timber producers, rural homeowners, and crop insurance customers in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Alaska.

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Northern Idaho manufacturer Biketronics has a 'Fab' idea

The Associated Press

Opening the door to general fabrication and manufacturing, owner Mike Meehan sees a whole new future for his plant in Moscow.

The future of manufacturing in Idaho may depend on the kind of peculiar moves like the one Mike Meehan is contemplating this summer, opening up his company's doors to anyone who wants to tinker on the firm's CNC, CAD and laser machines.

Meehan, owner of Moscow-based Biketronics Inc., plans to create a nonprofit, known as the Idaho Fab Lab, which he hopes will spark a do-it-yourself wave of activity in northcentral Idaho and contribute to the creation of a new generation of small, dynamic manufacturing companies in the state.

The lab would offer safety training; classes from

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STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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Lithia Mo.	8.06	▼ .30	McDonalds	70.66	▲ .02	Micron	9.26	▼ .26	Supervalu	15.00	▲ .23

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Live cattle	96.50	▲ .48	June Oil	79.97	▼ 2.77
May Gold	1,174.60	▲ 6.00	May Silver	17.51	▼ .31

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with columns for NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Diary. Includes stock names, volume, and price changes.

YESTERDAY ON WALL STREET

Three charts showing Dow Jones Industrials (-58.65), Nasdaq composite (-21.96), and Standard & Poor's 500 (-7.73) with their respective daily price changes and ranges.

The Dow Jones Industrial fell 58.65, or 0.5 percent, to 10,868.12. It had been up as much as 20 points and down nearly 112 points. The Dow is down 2.5 percent in two days, its steepest back-to-back drop in three months.

INDEXES table listing various indices like Dow Jones Industrials, Dow Jones Transportation, NYSE Composite, etc., with their values and changes.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST table listing local stocks such as AlliantEgy, AlliantTch, AmCasino, Aon Corp, etc., with their prices and changes.

HOW TO READ THE REPORT

Stock Footnotes: cc — PE greater than 99, dd — Loss in last 12 mos. d — New 52-wk low during trading day, g — Dividend in Canadian \$, Stock price in U.S.\$, n — New issue in past 52 wks, q — Closed-end mutual fund, no PE calculated, s — Split or stock dividend of 25 pct or more in last 52 wks, Div begins with date of split or stock dividend, u — New 52-wk high during trading day, v — Trading halted on primary market. Unless noted, dividend rates are annual disbursements based on last declaration, pf — Preferred, pu — Holder owes installment(s) of purchase price, rt — Rights, un — Units, wd — When distributed, wi — When issued, wt — Warrants, wx — With warrants, ww — Without warrants. Dividend Footnotes: a — Also extra or extras, b — Annual rate plus stock dividend, c — Liquidating dividend, e — Declared or paid in preceding 12 mos, f — Annual rate, increased on last declaration, i — Declared or paid after stock dividend or split, j — Paid this year, dividend omitted, deferred or no action taken at last meeting, k — Declared or paid this year, accumulative issue with dividends in arrears, m — Annual rate, reduced on last declaration, p — Init div, annual rate unknown, r — Declared or paid in preceding 12 mos plus stock dividend, t — Paid in stock in last 12 mos, estimated cash value on ex-dividend or distribution date, x — Ex-dividend or ex-rights, y — Ex-dividend and sales in full, z — Sales in full, vv — In bankruptcy or receivership or being reorganized under the Bankruptcy Act, or securities assumed by such companies. * Most active stocks above must be worth \$1 and gainers/losers \$2. Mutual Fund Footnotes: e — Ex-capital gains distribution, f — Previous day's quote, n — No-load fund, p — Fund assets used to pay distribution costs, r — Redemption fee or contingent deferred sales load may apply, s — Stock dividend or split, t — Both p and r, x — Ex-cash dividend. Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

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Commodities report section including closing futures for grains, beans, and livestock, with detailed price listings and market commentary.

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local entrepreneurs, inventors and professors; and lots of space and time for testing and experimentation. Nothing would cost more than a small fee.

Meehan envisions the kind of fiddling and meddling that gave birth to his company nine years ago, when he and his wife bought a pair of Harley-Davidsons and concocted a series of devices to alter the lighting and electronics on their bikes. The company now offers a full range of electronic components for Harley Davidson motorcycles via dealers, warehouse distributors and its Web site.

"I want to see if we can really make a little business generator, which will allow us to start absorbing and hiring some of these people that are unemployed right now," he said. "Is this a moneymaker? Not a chance. It's a business maker, a jobs maker. I think that if we don't put emphasis on that and inspire creativity, we're going to be in the dumper here before too long."

Steve Hatten, new product development manager for TechHelp in Boise, said the Idaho Fab Lab could help startups with what is often one of the greatest challenges: product execution.

"If you can just go make and have a 3D product in your hand, it can demonstrate what you're talking about," he said. "If you can build something in short order, it's that much more powerful."

U.S. aims to set some new regulations on broadband

By Joelle Tessler Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators plan to change how they govern broadband services to ensure they can pursue their plan to bring high-speed connections to all Americans — and can require phone and cable companies to treat all Internet traffic equally.

Federal Communications Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski on Thursday plans to lay out a roadmap for regulating broadband. This step has been eagerly anticipated since a federal court ruling last month cast doubt on the agency's authority over high-speed Internet access.

The FCC now regulates broadband lightly as an "information service." It had maintained that this gave it the authority to implement a sweeping national broadband plan it released in March. Among other things, the plan includes a proposal



Daniel Bentley, of Rome, N.Y., runs fiber-optic cables along Goodale Road in Cheshire, N.Y.

to use federal subsidies for telephone service to help pay for Internet connections.

The FCC also said its existing regulatory framework gave it ample authority to impose so-called "network neutrality" rules pro-

hibiting broadband providers from favoring or discriminating against any traffic flowing over their networks.

But the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia rejected this argument. It ruled last month

that the FCC had overstepped when it imposed net neutrality obligations on cable giant Comcast Corp.

Since then, the FCC has been trying to decide whether to reclassify broadband as a telecommunica-

tions service, which would be subject to heavier regulation and "common carrier" obligations to share networks and treat all traffic equally.

Late Wednesday, the agency said it will seek a "third way" — a balance between the "weak" rules for information services and "needlessly burdensome" rules for telecommunications services. This approach, the FCC said, would apply a "small hand" of telecommunications regulations to broadband providers and set "meaningful boundaries to guard against regulatory overreach."

The commission is trying to satisfy both big phone and cable companies that oppose additional rules and public interest groups that have been calling on it to regulate broadband as a telecommunications service.

The FCC said the new approach also will "restore the status quo as it existed prior to the court decision.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Officials recommend use of rail car storage fees

BOISE — Boise city staffers are recommending using \$915,000 Union Pacific paid for storing rail cars on the city's idle tracks to spark economic development.

Economic development assistants John Brunelle and Cece Gassner suggest the city use \$500,000 to repair the 18 miles of track, making it valuable as a short line, The Idaho Statesman reported.

They also suggest spending \$350,000 for other economic development projects, including remodeling an empty city building to create office space for the Green House small business incubator.

The city also will explore creating a "foreign trade zone" around the Boise airport.

Union Pacific says it will scale back the lease from \$40,600 to \$28,000 a month, starting next month, and may cancel the lease by the end of the year.

Lewiston man found guilty of mortgage fraud

LEWISTON — A jury has found a 38-year-old Lewiston man guilty of mortgage fraud for filing documents with the Nez Perce County recorder's office stating he had paid off his loan and should have clear title to his house.

John G. Wright was convicted Tuesday of two felony counts of offering a false or forced instrument for record, the Lewiston Tribune

reported. Sentencing was set for June 17.

Prosecutors argue that Wright's filings in May 2009 were an attempt to get out of paying his \$161,000 mortgage with GMAC.

Wright actively resisted participation in the trial. When the judge asked him to go to the probation office and make a presentence appointment, Wright replied "I do not accept your benefit privileges." The judge ordered Wright into custody.

— Wire reports



N.Y. car bomb suspect believed to act alone

By Colleen Long
and Michael Rubinkam
Associated Press writers

NEW YORK — The Pakistani-American accused of the failed Times Square car bombing is believed to have been working alone when he began preparing the attack almost immediately after returning from his native land, authorities said Wednesday.

They said they have yet to find a wider link to extremist groups.

Two new surveillance videos emerged of the bomb suspect, Faisal Shahzad. Police told The Associated Press that one video shows him in a white baseball cap

and a dark jacket walking away from the smoking, bomb-laden Nissan Pathfinder parked in the bustling heart of New York City.

The second video shows him buying a weak batch of fireworks in a store in Pennsylvania, according to the shop's owner.

One law enforcement official told the AP that authorities don't believe there are any other suspects in the plot and that several arrests in Pakistan in the past two days were not related.

Shahzad faces terrorism and weapons charges after authorities

said he admitted rigging the Pathfinder with a crude bomb of firecrackers, propane and alarm clocks based on explosives training he received in Pakistan. Authorities said he was cooperating with investigators and did not appear in Manhattan federal court for a second day.

Authorities indicated that Shahzad, the 30-year-old son of a retired air force official in Pakistan, had launched the bomb plot alone almost immediately after returning to his Connecticut home in February from the visit to his native land.

He did a dry run three days before trying to detonate the car bomb, said a law enforcement official who spoke to the AP on Wednesday on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the investigation.

Shahzad drove the SUV to Times Square from Connecticut on April 28 apparently to figure out where would be the best place to leave it later, then returned to the area April 30 to drop off a different vehicle, a black Isuzu, the official said. He then went back Saturday to leave the SUV with the car bomb but forgot the keys for both vehicles in the SUV and had to take public transit back home, the official said.

He returned to Times Square on Sunday with a second set of keys to pick up the Isuzu, which he had parked about eight blocks from the bombing site, the official said.

New York police Commissioner Raymond Kelly told a Senate panel that Shahzad bought the gun found in his Isuzu at Kennedy Airport in March, when he appeared to move ahead on the bombing plot.

"It appears from some of his other activities that March is when he decided to put this plan in motion," Kelly said. "He came back from Pakistan Feb. 3, 2010. It may well have been an indicator of putting something catastrophic in motion."



Shahzad

Experts: Deep beneath Gulf, oil may be wreaking havoc on ocean food chain

By Cain Burdeau
and Harry R. Weber
Associated Press writers

NEW ORLEANS — The oil you can't see could be as bad as the oil you can.

While people anxiously wait for the slick in the Gulf of Mexico to wash up along the coast, globules of oil are already falling to the bottom of the sea, where they threaten virtually every link in the ocean food chain, from plankton to fish that are on dinner tables everywhere.

"The threat to the deep-sea habitat is already a done deal — it is happening now," said Paul Montagna, a marine scientist at the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

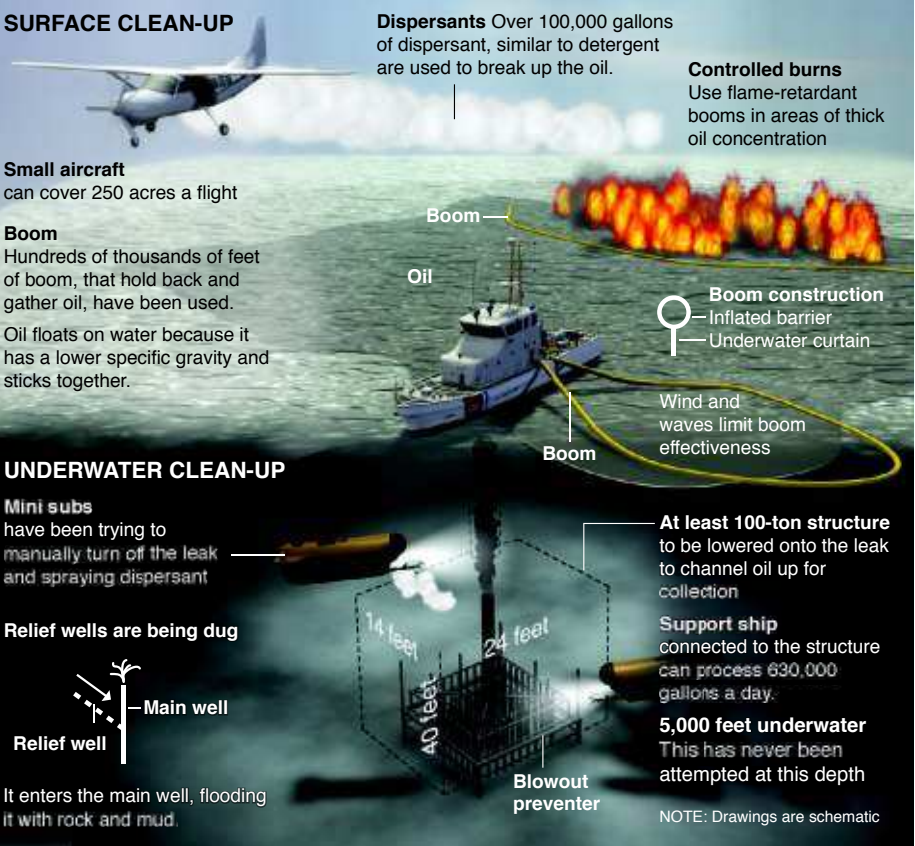
Hail-size gobs of oil the consistency of tar or asphalt will roll around the bottom, while other bits will get trapped hundreds of feet below the surface and move with the current, said Robert S. Carney, a Louisiana State University oceanographer.

Oil has been gushing into the Gulf of Mexico at a rate of at least 200,000 gallons a day since an offshore drilling rig exploded last month and killed 11 people. On Wednesday, workers loaded a 100-ton, concrete-and-steel box the size of a four-story building onto a boat and hope to lower it to the bottom of the sea by week's end to capture some of the oil. Crews also set fires at the worst spots on the surface Wednesday to burn off oil.

Scientists say bacteria,

The race to clean up the Gulf oil spill

The Deepwater Horizon oil well that exploded April 22 is spilling millions of gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico. In response, thousands of personnel have laid 367,000 feet of boom and recovered over a million gallons of oil-water mix.



SOURCE: Coast Guard; Transocean

Rule change helped BP on Gulf project

By Michael Kunzelman
and Richard T. Pieniaci
Associated Press writers

NEW ORLEANS — A rule change two years ago by the federal agency that regulates offshore oil rigs allowed BP to avoid filing a plan specifically for handling a major spill from an uncontrolled blowout at its Deepwater Horizon project — exactly the kind of disaster now unfolding in the Gulf of Mexico.

Oil rig operators generally are required to submit a detailed "blowout scenario." But the federal Minerals Management Service issued a notice in 2008 that exempted some drilling projects in the Gulf under certain conditions.

BP met those conditions, according to MMS, and as a result, the oil company had no plan written specifically for the Deepwater Horizon project, an Associated Press review of government and industry documents found.

In a series of interviews, BP spokesman William Salvin insisted the company was nevertheless prepared to handle a blowout at that project because it had a detailed, 582-page regional plan for dealing

with a catastrophic spill anywhere in the central Gulf.

"We have a plan that has sufficient detail in it to deal with a blowout," Salvin said.

Still, the lack of a specific plan for the Deepwater Horizon project raises questions about whether the company could have been better prepared to deal with the oil leak, which is still spewing out of control at a rate estimated at more than 200,000 gallons a day.

MMS, which is part of the Interior Department, has long been criticized as too cozy with the industry it regulates.

Robert Wiygul, an Ocean Springs, Miss., environmental lawyer, said the lack of a blowout scenario "is kind of an outrageous omission, because you're drilling in extremely deep waters, where by definition you're looking for very large reservoirs to justify the cost."

"If the MMS was allowing companies to drill in this ultra-deep situation without a blowout scenario, then it seems clear they weren't doing the job they were tasked with," he said.

13 NATIONS, U.N. OFFERING HELP

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department says officials are considering offers of assistance from 13 countries and the United Nations to help with the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. U.S. neighbors Canada and Mexico are among those offering equipment and experts. Also offering aid are Britain, Croatia, France, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, Romania, South Korea, Spain, Sweden and the U.N. Environmental Program.

Joe the Plumber elected to party office in Ohio

By John Seewar
Associated Press writer



AP file photo

TOLEDO, Ohio — Joe the Plumber is plunging into party politics.

Samuel "Joe" Wurzelbacher, who was hailed by Republican John McCain's presidential campaign in 2008, won one of nearly 400 seats on the local Republican Party committee in Ohio's Lucas County.

But don't call him Joe the Politician just yet.

The group he'll serve on meets only a few times a year to elect the county chairman and sets the party agenda. Wurzelbacher won the seat by a 38-24 vote Tuesday in his suburban Toledo precinct. A message seeking comment was left with him Wednesday.

He became an overnight sensation almost two years ago after questioning then-Sen. Barack Obama on the campaign trail about his economic policies and then when McCain repeatedly cited "Joe the Plumber" in a debate.

He was held up by the GOP as an example of the middle-class worker who would be hurt economically by an Obama presidency.

Wurzelbacher has since written a book, spoken at conservative gatherings and spent a few weeks as a war correspondent in the Gaza Strip.

He's resisted calls to run

for Congress and has criticized Democrats and Republicans alike. He's also taken shots at McCain, confessing in his book that he did not want him as the GOP presidential nominee.

Wurzelbacher remains an icon for many antiestablishment conservatives. He drew cheers at a tea party rally last month in Cincinnati when he told the crowd not to let "a bunch of liberal pansies" take away their rights.

"Illegal immigration?" he said. "Put a fence up and start shooting."

Wurzelbacher has never been shy about sharing his views even if they open him up to critics.

He told Christianity Today in an interview last year that he believes gays are "queer" and said he won't allow them near his children.

Judge allows release of Mich. militia members

By Ed White
Associated Press writer

DETROIT — A judge lifted a stay Wednesday night and cleared the way for nine members of a Michigan militia to be released from jail while awaiting trial on charges of conspiring to overthrow the government and weapons violations.

U.S. District Judge Victoria Roberts rejected a

request to keep them detained while prosecutors pursue an appeal of her order that releases the defendants with strict conditions, including electronic monitoring.

Roberts ruled about six hours after the government claimed the public could be at risk if she does not further suspend her Monday order and the militia members go home.

They won't actually be

free until they're returned to federal court to be processed, which could happen today.

Meanwhile, prosecutors could ask the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for an emergency stay blocking Roberts' order.

"Defendants are presumed innocent of all

charges against them. ... This presumption of innocence is part and parcel of why, 'In our society liberty is the norm, and detention prior to trial or without trial is the carefully limited exception,'" Roberts wrote in her ruling, quoting a 1987 U.S. Supreme Court decision.

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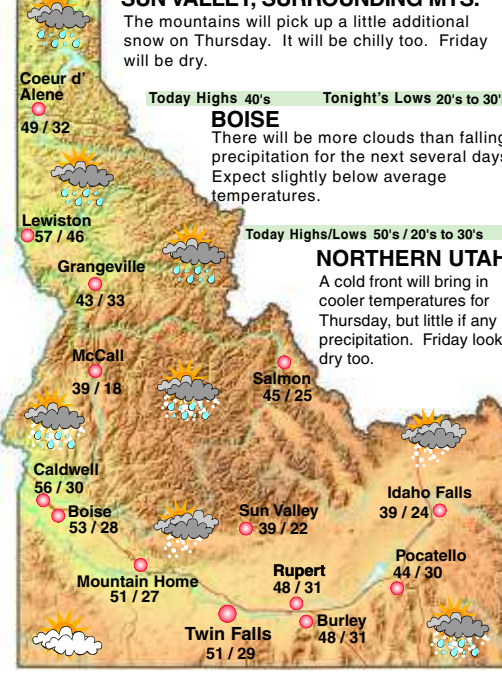
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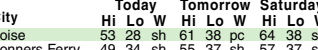
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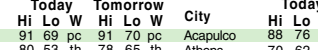
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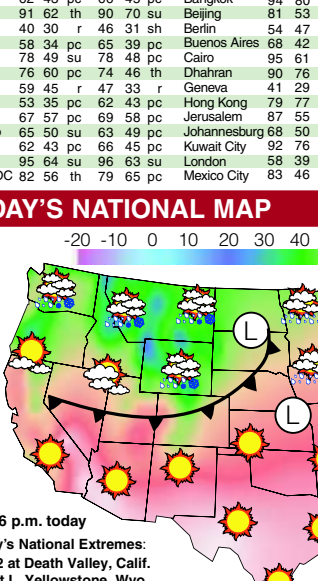
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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Louisiana Klan leader pleads guilty to killing recruit

By Kevin McGill Associated Press writer

COVINGTON, Louisiana — The leader of a Ku Klux Klan group pleaded guilty Wednesday to killing a woman — an erratic recruit who a witness said yelled "I want out" the day after her initiation into the white supremacist group.



Foster Lynch

recruit from Tulsa, Oklahoma, was shot and killed in November 2008, the day after initiation rites in rural St. Tammany Parish, about 50 miles north of New Orleans.

member of the Klan group, testified Monday that Lynch cried tears of joy the night of her initiation but the next day angrily cursed Foster and yelled "I want out" before Foster shot her to death.

After entering his plea Wednesday, Foster's voice was shaky as he apologized to Lynch's mother, Virginia Lynch, who was in the courtroom's front row. She had been present throughout jury selection and Stafford's testimony and wept at times as prosecutors

outlined the crime. "I hope you can find it in your heart to forgive me," he said.

The plea came on the second day of what was often gruesome testimony. Defense lawyer Kevin Linder said he believes Foster decided to plead guilty so he could spare his friends, family and Virginia Lynch the ordeal of sitting through a full trial.

In his opening statement, Assistant District Attorney Joseph Oubre said there was some question whether

Lynch knew what the Klan stood for. He noted that she had been diagnosed with bipolar disorder, characterized by severe mood swings.

Stafford testified Tuesday that he had planned to rejoin Foster's group, and gave a chilling account of Lynch's death. He said he helped cut down and burn bloodstained bushes at the scene but balked at helping dig a bullet out of her body.

Stafford is serving a four-year obstruction of justice sentence after pleading guilty to helping try to cover

up the crime. The killing happened just south of Washington Parish, a hotbed of Klan activity decades ago.

St. Tammany Parish District Attorney Walter Reed said Foster's Klan group was small and secretive and its existence was both an embarrassment to both parishes.

Holding an evidence photo showing Foster, Lynch and others in Klan robes, he said, "I hope the result here will tell the world that this will not be tolerated in our community."

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Opportunistic Bulldogs rout Wendell

Top seed Buhl breezes past Filer

As Kimberly players head for the dugout, Wendell's Gary Koopman (19) reaches out for second base after he was tagged out by Kimberly's James Higginbotham (8) on a steal attempt.

MEAGAN THOMPSON/
Times-News



By David Bashore
Times-News writer

WENDELL — Wendell imploded. Kimberly exploded. Wendell's four baserunning mistakes and five errors allowed Kimberly to hang around, then the Bulldog bats sprung to life in the seventh inning as Kimberly routed the second-seeded

Trojans 9-2 Wednesday in the opening round of the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference baseball tournament. The Bulldogs (12-10) plated two unearned runs on their way to a 3-2 lead heading into the seventh against Nolan Stouder before erupting for half a dozen more in their last at-bat against the tiring Wendell ace, who went

well beyond the 100-pitch mark. "Everyone came out and got right after it from the first inning on. It's really important to score early and we were able to do that," said Kimberly catcher Nick Dame, who went 3-for-3 with a double and two RBIs. "We played the way we know we can,

See **BASEBALL**, Sports 2

Weimer's win a tribute to Idaho

Growing up in Idaho, Jake Weimer used to escape the volatile weather and travel to California in the wintry months to race his motorcycle. It was a sacrifice that Weimer and his family had to make in order to give him a shot at competing with the sport's elite.

Ryan Howe



That's why it seems only fitting that when Weimer, 22, won his first professional championship last Saturday in Salt Lake City, the final race was held in Idaho-like weather.

Wind, rain and snow. Sound familiar?

It was as if Mother Nature was nodding her approval at the Rupert native's victory.

The foul weather made for some of the worst conditions in AMA Supercross history, according to riders and event officials. While all the other racers must have felt miserable, Weimer must have felt at home. Like a hog in the muck, our hometown boy reveled in it.

Needing to finish 17th or

See **WEIMER**, Sports 4

Run-rules mark first round of softball tourney

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — Two more games stand between Kimberly and its drive for five.

The Bulldogs softball team run-ruled Wendell 18-0 at home Wednesday in the first round of the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference tournament, setting them up with a semifinal game against Buhl on Friday.

Kimberly has won four straight tournament titles and can claim a fifth with two more victories.

"These games give us confidence and tell us that we're strong," said Kimberly catcher Averie Schroeder,

See **SCIC**, Sports 2

Fantastic frosh



DREW GODLESKI/For the Times-News

College of Southern Idaho pitcher Mike Renner goes through his wind up during practice Tuesday at Skip Walker Field in Twin Falls.

Ace CSI pitcher most comfortable in his private world

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

Don't take offense if College of Southern Idaho freshman Michael Renner comes across as aloof.

It's just the pitcher in him.

Whether on the mound or off the field, the Golden Eagles' ace is most comfortable in his private world, where he controls things.

"I just like to keep to myself," Renner says.

On the mound he occasionally looks disinterested, but he insists it's just his way of keeping cool under pressure. When his teammates are off doing whatever it is college students do, Renner is content to relax and hang out in his dorm room, whether that entails homework, playing video games, or just sitting on the couch and watching TV.

"He doesn't get caught up with what a lot of freshmen do, which is trying to be something you aren't," says CSI head baseball coach Boomer Walker.

Renner being Renner has paid

"He doesn't get caught up with what a lot of freshmen do, which is trying to be something you aren't"

— CSI head baseball coach Boomer Walker

huge dividends for CSI this season.

The lefty from Chatsworth, Calif., has just a 6-5 record heading into this weekend's series at Eastern Utah, but he's stifled opposing hitters to the tune of a 1.59 ERA in seven complete games — both tops among full-time starters in the Scenic West Athletic Conference. By Renner's own lofty standards it's no surprise. But to do what he's done in his freshman season — namely, mow right through one of the toughest JUCO conferences in the nation — is no small feat.

"We thought he'd be a kid who could come in and help us. When the fall comes around, though ... it never really comes as easily as it did for him. There wasn't really an adjustment he needed to make," says Walker. "The thing about Michael is he never gets outside of what makes him good."

Short in stature and crafty rather than overpowering, Renner draws more comparisons to Jamie Moyer than Randy Johnson. But he just hits his spots, changes speeds and relies on guile rather than brute force to get outs.

It worked to virtual perfection in a no-hitter against Colorado Northwestern last weekend. But even his first no-no grows dim in the light of achieving a childhood dream. That came when Renner took to the mound at venerable Dodger Stadium as a high-school senior, starting for Chatsworth in the City Section championship game against Cleveland High of Reseda.

"It was unbelievable. As a kid growing up in L.A., I always wanted to pitch there," says Renner, a lifelong Dodger fan. "I didn't know I'd be doing it in high school. In my career, nothing compares to that."

Renner's Chatsworth team played in three playoff games at Dodger Stadium, but the third rates so highly for him because he started, dominated the game, and Chatsworth won the sectional championship.

"He hates losing. Even at video games," says CSI second baseman Ryan Cooperstone, a teammate of Renner's since the eighth-grade travel team in Chatsworth.

"I hate losing period," Renner replies.

Walker says the CSI pitching staff has followed Renner's lead, an unusual thing to be said of a freshman. But the others have seen Renner stay within himself and ride it to a successful rookie year.

Not that it's finished by any stretch.

"In his career, it's seemed like he throws the best when there's the most riding on the game," says Walker. "Hopefully he's got a few more big games in him this season."

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Players applaud Taser use for fan on field

By Jon Krawczynski
Associated Press writer

The video of a 17-year-old fan being chased around the field and finally Tasered at a Philadelphia Phillies game drew laughs as it became an Internet sensation.

Around the major leagues, though, many players and managers aren't joining in.

While some question the use of force on a teen who ran on to the

field as a lark, plenty of players, baseball officials and security officers say it's difficult to make that determination in the moment. Recalling the stabbing of tennis star Monica Seles in 1993, and the beating of Royals first base coach Tom Gamboa in 2002, they stressed the need to feel safe on the field.

"You've got to do whatever you think is necessary to stop some of



A law enforcement officer chases down Steve Consalvi after he ran onto the field before the eighth inning of a baseball game between the Philadelphia Phillies and the St. Louis Cardinals Monday in Philadelphia. The police officer used a Taser gun to apprehend Consalvi.

AP photo

See **TASER**, Sports 4

Exciting course needs dramatic finish at The Players Championship

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Padraig Harrington would be among the thousands of fans surrounding the island green on the TPC Sawgrass if he came to The Players Championship as a spectator instead of a three-time major champion.

Is there any other place to watch?

Perhaps no other golf course is more defined by a single hole than the par-3 17th at the Players Stadium Course, which is not to suggest it's one of the great holes in golf or among the most beloved.

Exciting? Usually. Pivotal? Sometimes.

It is part of one of the more dynamic closing stretches on the PGA Tour, coming after the reachable par-5 16th with water framing the right side of the final 200 yards, and before the tough 18th hole, where the wind typically comes in from the left off a lake that runs down the entire side of the hole.

"But 17 is the one because there is glory and some horror shows there," Harrington said. "And we all, as spectators, that's what we want to see. We want to see the highs and lows and the emotions. You'll see a lot of them on 17!"

There should be plenty of action, for sure, when The Players Championship gets under way on Thursday.

The PGA Tour's version of a major championship has all the ingredients for a big show this year. Phil Mickelson has a chance to go to No. 1 in the world for the first time in his career, provided Tiger Woods finishes out of the top five. Woods has made that possibility seem even more real by missing the cut last week at Quail Hollow with the highest 36-hole score of his career.

Henrik Stenson is the defending champion, and Europeans are trying to win this event for the third straight year. Those hopes lie with



AP photo

Phil Mickelson blasts from the sand trap on the No. 9 hole during a practice round for The Players Championship golf tournament Tuesday in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

players like Rory McIlroy, who celebrated his 21st birthday on Tuesday just two days after winning at Quail Hollow with a round of 62 that will be talked about the rest of the year.

But despite having the course for a spectacular finish, the tournament hasn't delivered too many of those lately.

"Be the right club today" — the famous line Hal Sutton uttered in 2000 when he beat Woods with a one-shot lead and a 6-iron into the 18th green — has been replaced by casual stroll by Stenson on his way to a four-shot victory.

Craig Perks finishing with an eagle, birdie and a chip-in for par has given way to

Stephen Ames playing such brilliant golf that he won by six shots. Even the time two years ago when Sean O'Hair hit two balls in the water on the 17th hole (which cost him nine spots on the leaderboard and \$747,000), Mickelson had a two-shot lead.

In the last four years, the only time the tournament had suspense over the closing holes was when Sergio Garcia made a clutch par on the 18th to get into a playoff, then won on the 17th when Goydos hit into the water.

Such things are cyclical.

"Yeah, OK, if you played the first 66 holes and you're so far ahead of the field, maybe you do deserve to win in comfort," Harrington said. "But the golf

course isn't boring. That is the last thing you could ever accuse it of being."

The opportunity is always there for the unexpected, especially with the strongest and deepest field in golf.

Mickelson doesn't blink when comes to daring plays, yet he says it was only until he stopped trying to make a birdie on the 17th hole and settled for a par — rare for him with a wedge in hand — that he won his first Players Championship in 2007.

"It's an exciting finish because 16 poses eagle possibilities as well as birdie," Mickelson said. "Seventeen can go from 2 to 5 fairly easily, and then 18 you can make up ground with a par."

Lacrosse killing suspect seemed to have it all

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — Four years ago, George Huguely's prep school lacrosse coaches looked at him and found an easygoing prankster with a lighthearted attitude and the skills to earn him a spot on one of the country's top college programs.

On Wednesday, police said they had looked in the University of Virginia senior's apartment and found a crimson-stained Cavaliers lacrosse jersey and a letter to the woman Huguely is accused of beating to death, a senior on UVA's women's team.

The arrest of Huguely and the death this week of Yeardey Love, both 22, have struck the highly ranked teams as they prepare for the NCAA tournament and shaken some on the picturesque campus where students are studying for finals.

A memorial for Love was set for Wednesday night, and her funeral was set for Saturday in Maryland. Huguely remained jailed on a charge of first-degree murder. The teams will compete in the tournament, and the university's athletic director said Love's family supported that decision.

Love's roommate and the roommate's boyfriend found Yeardey's battered body early Monday. Police have said Huguely and Love were once involved in a relationship, but that it had ended. According to a search warrant affidavit, Huguely kicked in her bedroom door and told them her head hit a wall several times as he shook her.

His attorney, Francis Lawrence, called Love's death an accident.

In court documents filed Wednesday, Charlottesville police said they took the stained jersey, the letter to Love and other items from Huguely's apartment hours after Love's body was discovered, according to the Charlottesville Daily Progress. The court records were later sealed.

The 6-foot-2, 209-pound Huguely was charged just days before he and Love were to graduate and play in the NCAA tournament for the Cavaliers, with both teams considered contenders for the national title. Such an opportunity seemed like a done deal for Huguely as far back as 2006, when he was the star player at the \$28,826-a-year, all-boys Landon School in Bethesda, Md., which churns out players for top college programs like Virginia and Duke.

"Very frankly, this kind of killing is so rare that there are few protocols in higher education to deal with it," University President John Casteen said.

Peter Preston and his family were neighbors of the Huguelys for more than a decade, and their children grew up playing together. He said the allegations against Huguely, whom he knew as "Georgie," were baffling since he always seemed like "just a wonderful, charming, polite young man."

Preston said his son, Michael, who is one year older than George, had grown up playing lacrosse with him, but Michael and Huguely saw less of each as they grew older and went to different high schools.

"George is not a monster," Preston said.

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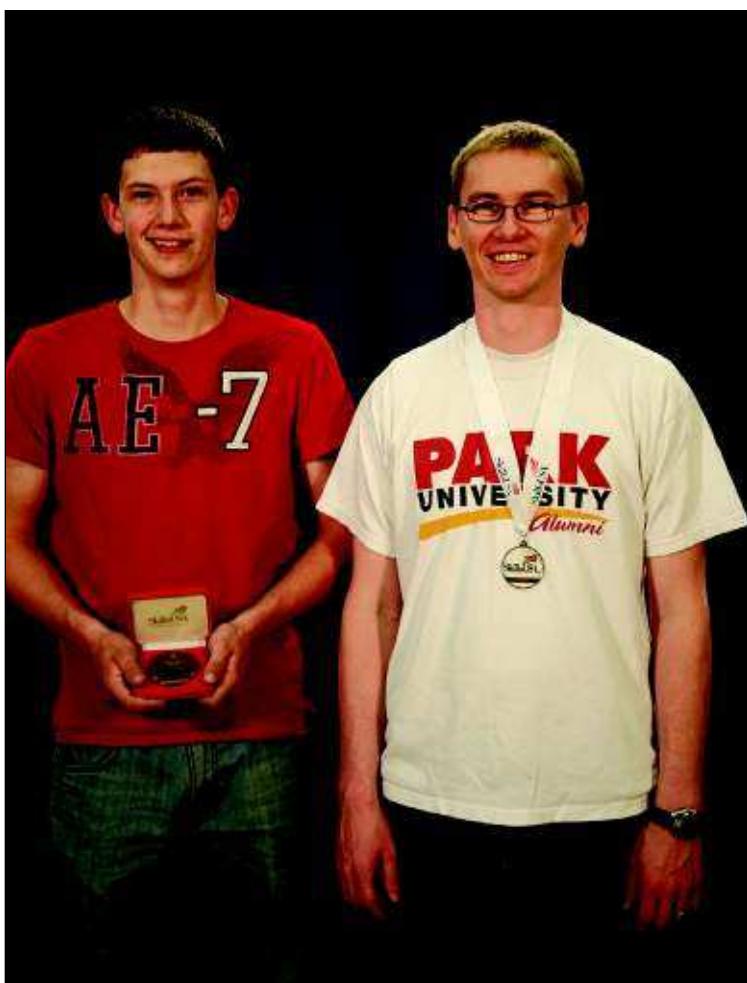
Courtesy photos

Several College of Southern Idaho manufacturing technology students, above, won awards recently in the Idaho SkillsUSA competition. Pictured from left are Nathan Hyer, Aaron Hair, Zack Murphy, Chuck Baca, Jim VanSickle and Ben Hamlett (advisor).

Hyer won bronze in Precision Machining. Hair won bronze in Computer Numeric Controlled Turning. The team of Hair, Hyer and Murphy won gold in the Automated Manufacturing team event and will compete at the national SkillsUSA competition in Kansas City, Mo., June 21 to 26.

Left, cabinetmaking students at the College of Southern Idaho also won top awards in their SkillsUSA category. Pictured are Mason Sandow, left, who won the gold medal and Jason Foote who earned the silver. Not pictured is Nathan Hofer, who won the bronze medal. Sandow will represent Idaho in the national SkillsUSA competition.

College of Southern Idaho pastry arts students, below, won the three top prizes in the Idaho SkillsUSA Commercial Baking competition. Pictured from left are Brittany Phillips (silver), Lisha Whitehead (gold) and Sladjana Mandura (bronze). Whitehead will represent Idaho at the national competition. Information: Susan Ettesvold, 732-6382 or e-mail settesvold@csi.edu.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Ward to celebrate 90th birthday

Della Ward of Albion will be honored at a 90th birthday celebration from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Albion Senior Center.

Friends and family are invited to attend. Ward was born on May 11, 1920.



Ward

Elk's Lodge plans highway clean-up in Jerome

The Snake River Elk's Lodge No. 2807 will hold its Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up on Saturday.

All volunteers will meet at the Lodge for coffee and donuts at 9 a.m. prior to clean-up. All volunteers are welcome. The Lodge is at 412 E. 200 S., U.S. Highway 93 at the 93 Golf Course in Jerome. Information: Lodge, 324-0200.

Jerome Public Library used book sale nears

The Friends of the Jerome Public Library semi-annual used book sale will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the library, 100 First Ave. E.

It will feature books and other materials pulled from the library and donated by the community. Most hardcovers are \$1, paperbacks are 25 cents and children's books are half-price. There will also be a bake sale. There are surprise closing specials at noon on Saturday. Information: 324-7544.

Yard sale benefits Relay for Life

A community yard sale to raise money for Relay for Life is planned for 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center's Fifth Avenue parking lot in Jerome.

Please bring your donations for this yard sale and price your items to sell. All proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

All donated items will be accepted; suggestions include books, clothing, household items, old appliances and furniture. Anything that is left over will be taken to a local charity that afternoon if you do not pick it up after the yard sale.

Information: Cindy Lohmann, 308-6542. Items for donation may be brought to her office any time.

Car wash to benefit Jerome Centennial Skate Park

The Jerome Valley Country Store Co-Op is sponsoring a free car wash from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Sheppard's Park, 221 Buchanan St. in Jerome.

All donations will go to building the Jerome Centennial Skate Park. Information: Sheryl, 324-6533.

Free child safety event at Walgreens

Walgreens of Twin Falls is sponsoring a free child safety event for Twin Falls citizens and the surrounding communities from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the store's newest location at the corner of Pole Line Road and Washington Street.

The event will provide a child identification kit — which includes your child's fingerprints — two photo identifications and important identifying information needed in the event of an emergency.

The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department and the Twin Falls Fire Department will also offer K-9 demonstrations, a police car, a fire truck and many other activities. Information: Troy Barnum, event coordinator, 733-1166.

Kindergarten and preschool to hold open house

Little Lambs Child Development Center and Clover School for Preschool and Kindergarten will hold an open house for parents and students from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, southeast of Buhl at 3552 N. 1825 E.

Tour the preschool facility, spend time in the classroom, visit with teachers and check out the school's programs. Information: 326-2767 for preschool and 326-5109 for kindergarten or www.clovertlcs.org.

Jubilee House fundraiser nears

Jubilee House's "A Night on the Town" will be held at 7 p.m. May 14, at the Turf Club in Twin Falls.

The night of entertainment, food and auctions for chocolate will benefit Jubilee House, a center that helps area women recover from incarceration and addiction issues.

Information: Kathryn, 736-2566.

Volunteers needed again for JHS mock interviews

The Jerome High School will hold Individual Occupation Training sessions with mock interviews from 8:15 a.m. to 2:58 p.m. on May 17 at the high school library. Residents are needed to conduct the student interviews.

The five-session event has openings for the following session periods:

First period: 8:15 to 9:22 a.m.

Third period: 10:39 to 11:54 a.m.

Announcements and lunch break: 11:54 a.m. to 12:34 p.m.

Fourth period: 12:39 to 1:46 p.m.

Fifth period: 1:51 to 2:58 p.m.

Anyone interested in volunteering at any or all sessions can e-mail Rhonda Bartholomew at rhondab@premierinsur.com, or call her at 737-6413 (feel free to leave a message). Please respond by no later than Monday.

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Compounding pharmacies aid Armour Thyroid users

DEAR DR. GOTT: Recently, your column addressed the difficulty of obtaining Armour Thyroid.

I would like to tell your readers that they can still get porcine thyroid capsules. Have them made up by a compounding pharmacy. Unfortunately, the cost is about three times higher (about \$1 a day), but for those of us who choose

ASK DR. GOTT
Dr. Peter Gott



a more natural way, it is worth it.

DEAR READER: You bring up a point I neglected to mention in my original article. Becoming more and

more popular, compounding is a method by which physicians can prescribe and pharmacists can produce tried-and-true medications. I congratulate you for thinking outside the box on this matter.

As a point of information, Armour Thyroid in 1 grain (60 mg) and 1/2 grain (30 mg) doses has been manufactured and shipped

since February 2010, according to the manufacturer. They apparently selected these two doses because up to 70 percent of all people take the medication in one dose or the other, or through a combination of both.

As previously indicated, Armour Thyroid underwent reformulation. There was a decrease in the

amount of dextrose and an increase in the amount of cellulose, and cornstarch was added. As you might imagine, some users have reported problems with the new formula. Because the tablets are taken by many people sublingually, they don't appear to dissolve as easily (perhaps because of the cornstarch), and they aren't as sweet as before,

making them unpleasant to taste. Other users report palpitations, fatigue, weight gain, hair loss and more.

Readers experiencing any unusual side effects not present prior to the reformulation should speak with their physicians to determine whether com-

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A stranger in the fields

Hooded crane makes appearance near Carey

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

CAREY — A foreign stranger is creating a ruckus in the fields east of Carey.

A hooded crane — a bird species native to southeast Russian and northern China — has taken its place among the more common sandhill crane.

The sighting is believed to be the first of a wild hooded crane in North America. But it's raising questions about whether the bird is an escapee from a zoo or some exotic aviary, even though the bird does not have a identification band on its leg that would indicate it's been in captivity.

"It was quite exciting for me to see it," said Bellevue bird photographer Kathleen Cameron, one of dozens of birders who have flocked to the area since three Wood River Valley birders spotted the crane a week ago.

"Because it's black and white, it's very elegant. There's no comparison between it and the sandhill crane."

Jane Seymour, Poo Wright-Pulliam and Judy Foster were conducting sage grouse lek surveys for Idaho Fish and Game near Little Wood Reservoir when they decided to drive down to American Falls to do some more bird watching on the morning of April 25.

They stopped near the northern end of the Carey Lake Wildlife Management Area to watch some sandhill cranes when they spotted a crane with a bright white neck and head and dark charcoal grey and black feathers. The crane was about three-quarters of the size of the sandhill cranes.

"We all said in unison, 'What is that?!'" recalled Seymour, of Hailey. "We knew it was not anything we'd ever seen before."

With their bird books unable to provide any clues about the bird, they began calling fellow birders.

"It has distinct markings so it was easy to describe," Seymour said. "Finally, two of our friends called back, saying 'That sounds like a hooded crane.' And we said, 'Yeah, that's exactly what it is.'"

Hooded cranes, which have a tiny patch of red skin above their eyes, are an endangered species that occupy bogs and high-elevation forest wetlands, according to Wright-Pulliam, of Hailey. Eighty percent of the world's 9,500 hooded cranes are artificially fed at Izumi on the island of Kyushu, Japan, during the winter.

Standing 3.3 feet tall and weighing in at 8.2 pounds, hooded cranes have been known to live 40 years. It wasn't until 1974 that biologists discovered their first



Photo courtesy of KATHLEEN CAMERON

A hooded crane — a bird species native to southeast Russian and northern China — has taken its place among the more common sandhill crane near Carey. The sighting is believed to be the first of a wild hooded crane in North America. But it's raising questions about whether the bird is an escapee from a zoo or some exotic aviary. Here the hooded crane, left, is shown with a sandhill crane.

nest. They mate with a series of complex calls in unison, throwing their heads back and their beaks skyward.

They also dance by bowing, jumping, running and flapping their wings while tossing sticks and grass into the air.

This is the second sighting of a rare Siberian bird that

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A king's subject

City of Rocks looks at new parking lot

By Judy Albertson
Times-News writer

City of Rocks National Reserve has conducted an environmental assessment to properly locate a parking lot at the Circle Creek Overlook.

The purposes of the project are to remove the existing parking area from private property, shield it from view of the California National Historic Trail, and to properly locate a well-designed facility on public property as called for in the 1996 Comprehensive Management Plan.

"The present lot was never intended for a parking area," said Wallace Keck, park superintendent. It is the road to Overlook Ranch access and an emergency access. It was turned into a parking area by rock climbers. The last survey taken showed that most of it is still on private property."

In the proposed action, minor disturbance of vegetation is expected; however, vegetation from the old parking area will be restored. No other impacts to natural or cultural resources, scenic views or visitor experiences would occur. Federal law requires, and National Park Service policies encourage, public comment on developments that effect natural and cultural resources. Written comments will be accepted through May 19.

"Once the period is over we will analyze the comments and determine if we need to make any changes," Keck said. "If we determine the finding of no significant impact, we will proceed with the project."

He said the design work would begin immediately, with the actual construction starting in August. Some of the work will probably be contracted, he added.

"Our plan is to have it finished in three weeks. The new parking lot will accommodate 18 vehicles," Keck said. "Another reason for the new area is to improve the view. Where it is located now you can look down and see a bunch of parked vehicles. The relocation will solve that problem."

Funding for the project will come from the National Park Service Fund.

"Probably from monies generated from national parks for entrance fees. Twenty percent of that revenue is set aside for parks that don't charge entrance fees," Keck said.

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To receive a free copy of the environmental assessment, or for more information about the proposed action: The Reserve headquarters at 824-5519. The document is also available at <http://www.nps.gov/ciro/parkmgmt/planning.htm>. Address comments to Superintendent, City of Rocks National Reserve, P.O. Box 169, Almo, ID 83312. You may also comment directly at this link: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/commentForm.cfm?parkID293&projectID31330&documentID33484>.



Photos by MIKE COTHERN/For the Times-News

Hikers need not wait any longer for the snow to recede from their favorite hills and mountains. Try hiking Kings Crown, a small butte located behind the town of King Hill northeast of Glenns Ferry.

Writer explores the royal wonder of Kings Crown

By Mike Cothorn
Times-News correspondent

Hikers are often impatient during spring as they wait for snow to recede from their favorite hills and mountains.

Plenty of unique opportunities currently exist, however, in the zone where civilization blends into wildness. One such destination is Kings Crown, a small butte located only a few miles behind the town of King Hill northeast of Glenns Ferry.

Standing just west of the rim-rocked point where the canyon that holds King Hill Creek meets the Snake River's north rim, the small promontory possesses a certain appeal even from a distance. The pull becomes stronger as one nears its table-flat summit, while the final ascent rewards the hiker with a surprising encounter.

No formal path leads to Kings Crown — the scramble can be made from any number of directions. The simplest approach requires a wade across King Hill Creek at the canyon's mouth, followed by a northeasterly climb across several hillsides. At the base of the summit's 40-foot basalt cliffs, hikers are confront-



Kings Crown is seen in the distance, backdropped by the snow-covered Bennett Hills.

ed with a dilemma: Having come all this way, one might ask, is there anywhere that allows passage to the top of this fortress?

Sheldon Bluestein's book, "Exploring Idaho's High Desert," directs hikers to the north side of the crown's seemingly impenetrable circuitous wall. Although at least one other route supposedly exists, I could not find any chinks in the basalt that might facilitate a safe climb. Bluestein's option consists of a crumbled crevice that offers just enough hand holds and steps to make the

final ascent.

Once on top, the experience is unparalleled. The flat top of Kings Crown, measuring only 200 yards long by 50 yards at its widest spot, gives the impression of an island in the sky. The landmark presents a fine view of the canyon to the north as it drains from an area in the Bennett Hills classified as a wilderness study area.

A southward gaze at the valley below holding the Snake River provides a more civilized scene marked by farm fields, Highway

IF YOU GO

The simplest route to Kings Crown requires a one-mile hike from King Hill Creek. To reach this starting point, drive one mile west from the town of King Hill to Montgomery Road. Drive 3.4 miles, following the road as it heads north, then west across the creek, and finally north again while paralleling the creek until public land under Bureau of Land Management control is reached. The BLM's 1:100,000 Mountain Home topographic map is helpful, as the public land along the road is only present for 1/4 mile and is not signed.

To find the Oregon Trail and reach the high desert west of King Hill Creek, turn onto the Sugar Loaf Road at 2.2 miles and follow the winding road up the hillside. Emigrant Crossing is about four miles from the Sugar Loaf junction.

30, the railroad, the town of King Hill and the interstate beyond.

An inspection of the viewpoint itself reveals another uncommon trait. Due to the difficult access, no cattle or wintering deer ever stroll across the plateau. The reward, besides

See CROWN, Outdoors 3

The .22 handgun: ideal hiking hardware

We may still be facing several weeks of unsettled weather, but to my way of thinking, spring has arrived and its time to head for the hills. My weekend walkabouts began in earnest on Saturday.

What I love about these forays is that they require very little in terms of time or equipment, but work wonders for clearing one's head of the daily clamor and help pre-condition winter-softened muscles for summer activities.

Since packing light is the order of the day, I subscribe to the minimalist philosophy. Within my day pack are water bottle, high energy snack foods, extra socks and overnight emergency supplies. A collapsible walking stick, GPS compass, belt holster and a .22 pistol

SHOOTING THE BULL

Rich Simpson



round out my kit.

Although many outdoorsmen favor a large-caliber, concealable handgun, I consider a .22 pistol ideal for these brief jaunts. Generally light weight and fairly compact, .22 handguns offer ample accuracy and power for plinking, small game hunting, close range varminting as well as personal protection from two- and four-legged predators. Three of my perennial favorites are Ruger's series of Mark I, II, III pistols, their classic Single Six convertible revolvers, and Browning's stylish Buckmark.

Let's have a look at



RICH SIMPSON/For the Times-News

Some of Rich Simpson's favorite .22 handguns.

Ruger's first. With well more than 3 million units sold since the model's introduction in 1949, this is America's No. 1 selling rimfire handgun. Here is a nail-tough 10-shot semiauto that points naturally, is utterly reliable, and priced within reach of the average

working man.

So resilient is the basic design of this autoloader that with continued upgrades in safety and functional features, the pistol has kept pace with the ever-evolving demands of hunters, trappers, plinkers, informal and competitive

target shooters as well as individuals interested in a rimfire handgun for self-defense. The model is now in its third incarnation — the Mark III, which hit the market in 2004.

With the Mark III, a sportsman can have his cake and eat it too. You can choose between blued- or stainless-steel actions with a tapered, heavyweight or full-blown bull barrel of varied lengths. Sighting options include fixed, adjustable steel and Hi-Viz fiber optic sights. Weaver-style bases allow mounting of optical or red dot sights. Check'em out at www.rugerfirearms.com.

The Browning Buckmark family of pistols is a slightly more refined handgun. I believe that it sports a crisper trigger and more ergonomic grip, making it

easier for me to shoot accurately. Styled to imitate the classic Colt Woodsman, the 10-shot Buckmark also offers a number of specialty options that you can see at www.browning.com.

For versatility, few handguns match Ruger's six-shot revolvers — the Single Sixes. By switching cylinders, you can choose between a multitude of .22 LR loadings or step up to the potent .22 Magnum cartridge. In snake country, .22 Mag, birdshot loads right under the hammer.

So the next time you hear the call of the wild, why not holster a .22 pistol, shoulder your day pack and head for the hills. You'll thank me for it.

Good hiking!

Rich Simpson may be reached at rsimpson29@hotmail.com.

Outdoor Idaho

Upcoming outdoor events in south-central Idaho

Learn about wildflowers

Enjoy the color of wildflowers on May 15 at City of Rocks and Castle Rocks.

Join the park superintendent and other naturalists for a day of wildflower walks, photography and plant identification in the pristine sage-brush steppe, aspen forests, and high mountain meadows of City of Rocks and Castle Rocks. All activities are free.

Free Fishing Day set for June 12

Veteran and novice anglers will have the chance to fish for free come June 12.

On that day alone — Free Fishing Day — people across Idaho, residents and non-residents, may fish without a license. All other rules, such as limits or tackle restrictions, remain in effect.

Free Fishing Day allows people who've never fished before to give it a try, in the hopes of developing a lifelong love for the recreation sport. Parents are especially encouraged to bring their children.

At special locations around the southwest region, equipment will be available for use and fishing experts will be on hand to help novice anglers learn the ins and outs of fishing. In addition, all these locations will be stocked with hatchery rainbow trout prior to the day.

For more information: 324-4350.

— Staff reports

My trek to Mount Everest



Photos by STEPHEN REGENOLD

Scott Simper, left, and Wally Berg trek toward Mount Everest Base Camp. Mountain in background is Ama Dablam.

State paying anglers to keep rainbow trout

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Anglers fishing the South Fork of the Snake River may soon be getting cash rewards for keeping rainbow trout caught from the popular blue-ribbon trout stream.

The cash-for-rainbow program is the latest management tool designed to help preserve native Yellowstone cutthroat trout, a species struggling to maintain historic spawning grounds and keep pace with more competitive rainbows.

The payment program is sponsored by Trout Unlimited and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Earlier this year, state biologists implanted tiny tags in the noses of 571 rainbows. Each tagged rainbow carries a monetary award ranging from \$5 to \$1,000. State biologists will scan fish

on the final Friday of each month, starting later this month.

Trout conservationists acknowledge the challenge of rewarding anglers for keeping trout because it conflicts with the catch-and-release ethic practiced by so many.

But Trout Unlimited project manager Matt Woodward says keeping South Fork rainbows is the best policy for now.

"I have a strong catch-and-release ethic, but in this particular case on this particular river, you're doing the right thing by catching these nonnative and giving these native cutthroat trout a chance," Woodward said. "If we don't do this, the next step is a federal Endangered Species Act listing. We're kind of on the cusp of that."

For three weeks in April, I put my life on hold to trek in the Khumbu Region of Nepal.

As a part of Expedition Hanesbrands, a major mountaineering initiative led by Canadian climber Jamie Clarke, I trekked for more than a week to reach Mount Everest Base Camp.

The 17,500-foot tent city, which sits in a glacial field at the base of the world's tallest peak, would serve as the launch pad for the climbers' lofty 29,035-foot goal in the sky.

Though I was officially working — I was hired as the communications director for the first leg of Expedition Hanesbrands' climb — the trip followed a similar trajectory that trekkers traditionally take to reach Base Camp, including a flight from Kathmandu to Lukla, and then eight days of hiking uphill village to village to acclimate to the increasingly thinner air en route to Base Camp.

Between my duties of blogging, posting videos and shooting photos for the expedition's web site, Climbwithus.com, I had time to do day hikes, climb an 18,600-foot peak near Base Camp, and hang out with local Sherpas in lodges and tents along the route. In mid-April, I stumbled into Mount Everest's Base Camp, a slight altitude headache accompanying

THE GEAR JUNKIE

Stephen Regenold



me to my tent in the middle of a sea of ice and jumbled stone.

Climbing Mount Everest is an obvious achievement. But just trekking to Base Camp is a feat that requires strong lungs, leg muscles that can go for hours uphill, and a physiology that will adapt to air that suffers a significant deficit in the oxygen department.

Altitude, not distance or terrain, was the main hurdle on my journey.

The trek began at about 9,000 feet in the village of Lukla. It topped out at Base Camp with stops to sleep at 11,000 feet, 13,000 feet, 16,000 feet, and higher along the way.

Trekkers sweat and breathe hard on the trail, the thin air resulting in headaches and fatigue. You move slow. You stop often. In some villages, a planned rest day keeps you at the same lodge for two nights in a row.

The right equipment keeps you going. For gear, I used mainly common backpacking items, including a mid-size pack and trail-running shoes, not boots, most of the way. One thing I did not bring, a dust mask,



Mount Everest Base Camp as seen in mid-April.

is highly recommended. Trekkers, porters and yaks kick up clouds of dust on the dry trail. Inhaling the particulate results in something known locally as the Khumbu cough.

Instead of a mask, I wore a Buff scarf pulled up over my face. The thin Buff fabric did a good job filtering dust, though it was often too warm and would fog my sunglasses if I breathed too much out of my nose.

It may seem uncouth, but on the trek I wore the same clothes for several days straight. Look for wool and other antimicrobial fabrics that can accommodate multiple days between a wash. This kind of clothing is a good way to cut the bulk from the gear you bring.

It's not really gear, but medications can be essential along the Mount Everest trail. To be sure, ask a doctor

for anything health related.

But for me, ibuprofen aided with headaches. A stomach illness early in the trip prompted me to do a course of azithromycin antibiotic. I was better in one day on this drug. For altitude, Diamox (generically, acetazolamide) seemed to help my body adapt to the thin air.

Other small essentials I brought included sunscreen, lip balm and hand-wash sanitizer. I kept a pack of tissues and some baby wipes handy.

Sunglasses are mandatory, too. Get a good pair. At Base Camp, at 17,500 feet, you are higher in the sky. In Nepal, near Mount Everest, you are truly closer to the sun.

Stephen Regenold is founder of www.gear-junkie.com.



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Hailey golf course recognized by Audubon Society

Times-News

HAILEY — The Valley Club golf course has achieved designation as a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" through the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, an Audubon International program.

Cameron Lloyd, assistant golf course superintendent, has led the effort to obtain sanctuary status on

this course and is being recognized for Environmental Stewardship by Audubon International.

The Valley Club is the fourth golf course in Idaho and the 781st in the world to receive the honor.

To reach certification, a course must maintain a high degree of environmental quality in a number of areas, including environmental planning, wildlife and habitat management, outreach and education, chem-

ical use reduction and safety, water conservation and water quality management.

The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, endorsed by the United States Golf Association, provides information and guidance to help golf courses preserve and enhance wildlife habitat, and protect natural resources.

Information: www.golfandenvironment.org.

'A black day for democracy'

3 die in Athens riot over debt crisis, cutbacks

By Elena Becatoros
Associated Press Writer

ATHENS, Greece — Rioting over harsh austerity measures left three people dead in a torched Athens bank and clouds of tear gas drifting past parliament, in an outburst of anger that underlined the long and difficult struggle Greece faces to stick with painful cutbacks that come with an international bailout.

The deaths were the first during a protest in Greece in nearly 20 years.

Fear that the bailout won't stop the debt crisis from spreading to other financially troubled EU countries like Portugal and Spain intensified amid the violence Wednesday, as credit ratings agency Moody's put Portugal on watch for a possible downgrade.

The euro sank, dipping below \$1.29 for the first time in over a year, on fears of crisis contagion and concerns that political upheaval might keep Greece from keeping its end of the bailout bargain.

Greece faces a May 19 due date on debt it says it can't repay without the help. The

new government cutbacks, which slash salaries and pensions for civil servants and hike consumer taxes, are being imposed as condition of getting a euro110 billion (\$142.16 billion) package of rescue loans from the International Monetary Fund and the other 15 European Union countries that use the euro as their currency.

Many Greeks realize some cutbacks are necessary to pull their country, which has a massive debt of euro300 billion (\$387.72 billion), back from the brink of default, and reaction until now had been relatively muted by Greece's volatile standards. But with people beginning to feel the pain of austerity measures, anger boiled over.

Although violent demonstrations are commonplace in Greece, they usually takes the form of set-piece clashes between anarchist youths and police and rarely lead to serious injuries. The deaths shocked public opinion and could affect future demonstrations.

Economists say Greeks face years of living with less to even have a chance to avoid national bankruptcy.



A riot police officer is engulfed in flames from a fire bomb thrown by protesters in central Athens, Wednesday. Protesters tried to storm Greece's parliament and hurled paving stones at police, who responded with tear gas Wednesday as tens of thousands of outraged Greeks took to the streets to protest harsh new spending cuts aimed at saving their country from bankruptcy.

An estimated 100,000 people took to the streets during a nationwide general strike that grounded flights, shut all services and pulled news broadcasts off the air.

Hundreds of demonstrators — including far right wing supporters — broke away from the marches and tried to storm parliament, shouting "thieves, traitors?"

after demonstrators torched their bank, trapping them. As their colleagues sobbed in the street, four others were rescued from a balcony.

A senior fire department official said demonstrators prevented firefighters from reaching the burning building.

"Several crucial minutes were lost," the official said on condition of anonymity pending an official announcement. "If we had intervened earlier, the loss of life could have been prevented."

Fifteen civilians and 29 police were injured in what Civil Protection Minister Michalis Chrisohoides called "a black day for democracy." Twelve people were arrested in Athens and another two in the northern city of Thessaloniki, which also saw clashes between police and demonstrators.

"I have difficulty in finding the words to express my distress and outrage," President Karolos Papoulias said. "The big challenge we face is to maintain social cohesion and peace. Our country came to the brink of the abyss. It is our collective responsibility to ensure that we don't step over the edge."

Prime Minister George Papandreou insisted that his Socialist government had no choice but to implement harsh austerity measures.

At the opposite end of the political spectrum, groups of anarchists hurled Molotov cocktails and ripped-up paving stones at buildings and police, who responded with barrages of tear gas.

Three bank workers — a man and two women all aged between 32 and 36 — died of smoke inhalation

IAEA chief focuses on Israel's arsenal

VIENNA (AP) — The head of the U.N. atomic watchdog is asking for international input on how to persuade Israel to join the Nonproliferation Treaty, in a move that is sure to add to pressure on the Jewish state to disclose its unacknowledged nuclear arsenal.

In a letter made available Wednesday, Yukiya Amano asked foreign ministers of the International Atomic Energy Agency's 151 member states to share views on how to implement a resolution demanding that Israel "accede to the" Nonproliferation Treaty and throw its nuclear facilities open to IAEA oversight.

The letter was shared with The Associated Press amid renewed Arab criticism of Israel during an international conference at U.N. headquarters in New York. Islamic nations used the second day of the non-proliferation meeting Tuesday to call for a nuclear-free Middle East, while criticizing Israel for not divulging its nuclear capabilities and refusing to sign the nonproliferation treaty.



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I.C. §15-3-801
In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN V. DEJESUS, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Helen J. Dejesus has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: April 13, 2010 File No.: 7023.72878 Sale date and time (local time): August 13, 2010 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301 Property address: 1816 Galena Drive Twin Falls, ID 83301

PUBLISH: April 29, May 6, 13 and 20, 2010

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV 2010-1726
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of GARTH J. KIRKMAN, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Karen Kirkeide has been appointed personal representative of the estate of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or his estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

PUBLISH: May 6, 13 and 20, 2010

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: March 30, 2010 File No.: 7023.72235 Sale date and time (local time): August 02, 2010 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301 Property address: 2208 East 4000 North Filer, ID 83328

PUBLISH: April 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 2010

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On August 24, 2010, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock AM of said day, at First American Title, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, JUST LAW, INC., as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:

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

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV 2009-3512
ORDER, NOTICE, AND SUMMONS FOR HEARING
In the Interest of ANTHONY GARCIA d.o.b. 7/23/09
A Child Under Eighteen Years of Age.

A Petition under the Termination of Parent-Child Act has been filed by the Department of Health and Welfare. The merits of the petition will be examined in an evidentiary hearing on June 24, 2010 at 9:30 AM in the Magistrate's Court, Twin Falls County Courthouse, Twin Falls, Idaho.

PUBLISH: April 29, May 6 and 13, 2010

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. 09-0002728 Title Order No. 090034300IDGNO Parcel No. RP10S18E051241 The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, in the lobby of Land Title & Escrow, 1411 Fillmore Street., Suite 600 Twin Falls, ID 83301, on 09/07/2010 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 06/10/2005 as Instrument Number 2005-012411, and executed by WADE VAWDREY, MARRIED MAN AS TO SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Grantor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC, as Beneficiary, to RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Twin Falls County, state of Idaho: Township 10 South, Range 18 East of the Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho Section 5: A parcel of land being parcel Number 33 of the 2nd Amended Plat of Prescott Acres, as recorded in Miscellaneous plats of Twin Falls County, Idaho and more particularly described as follows: The East 214 feet of the following described property: Commencing at the East Quarter corner of said Section 5; Thence North 89°18'20" West along the South boundary of the N1/2 of Section 5 for a distance of 2610.00 feet to the True Point of Beginning;

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TitleOne Corporation
1101 W. River Street, Ste 201
Boise, Idaho 83702
(208) 424-8511
Order No.: TS1001523
MHL No. 0058502048/Sanchez/327480-TF

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On the 17th day of August, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. of this day (recognized local time), in the office of First American Title Company, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303, in the County of Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, TitleOne Corporation, an Idaho corporation, as successor trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash or cashier's check (cash equivalent), in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale in compliance with Section 45-1506 (9) Idaho Code, the following described real property, situated in Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit: Lot 25 in Block 2 of Pheasant Meadows Subdivision, Phase 1, Twin Falls County, Idaho Recorded in Book 20 of Plats, Page 5. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that according to the County Assessors office, the address of 411 Silver Pheasant, Twin Falls, ID, 83301, is sometimes associated with said real property.

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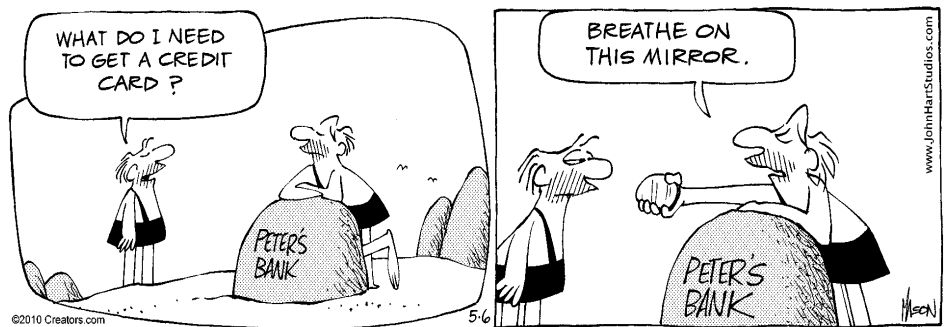
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On August 27, 2010, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock AM of said day, at First American Title, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, JUST LAW, INC., as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit: The East one-half of Lot D in Block 1 of Murtaugh Addition, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in Book 2 of Plats, Page 19. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of 1245 8th Ave. East, Twin Falls, ID, is sometimes associated with the said real property.

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

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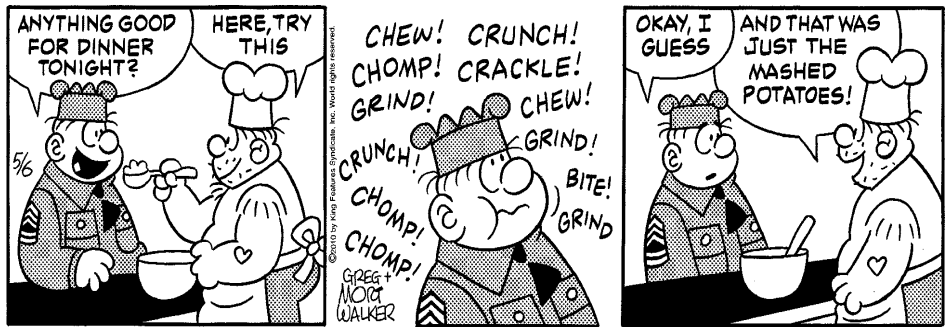
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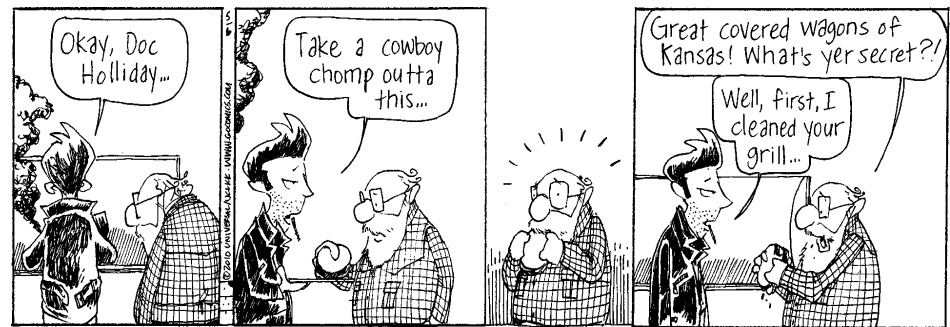
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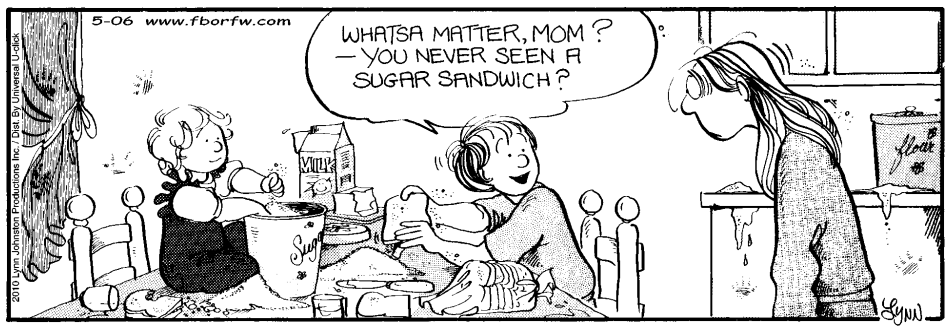
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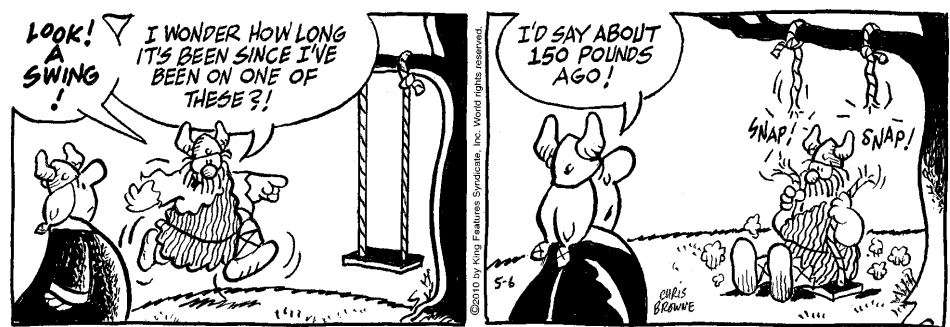
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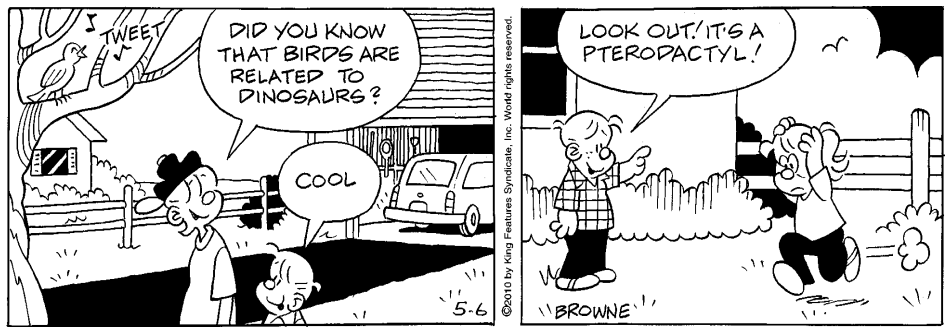
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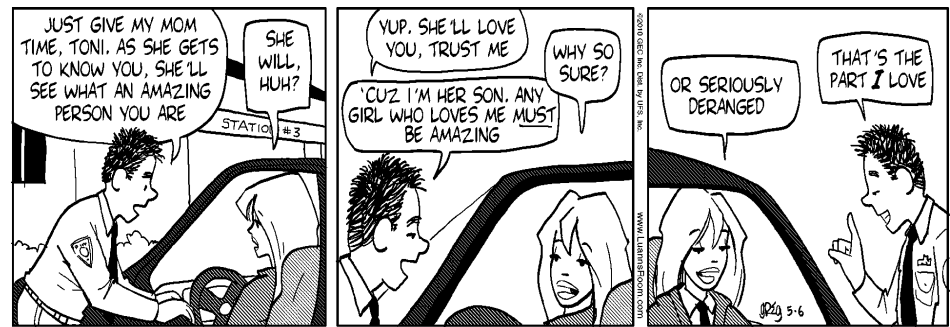
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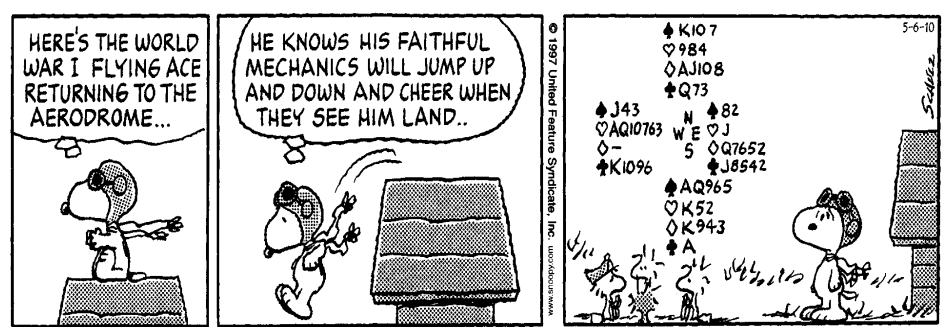
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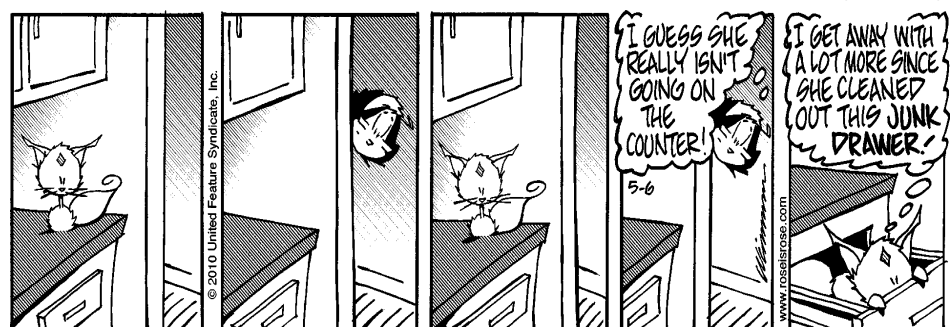
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