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## GAP BETWEEN OTTER, ALLRED DECEPTIVE



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Keith Allred, left, and Gov. C.L. 'Butch' Otter talk at the end of their Sept. 15 debate that was hosted by the City Club of Boise at the Grove Hotel in Boise. While a statewide poll shows Otter leading Allred heading into the Nov. 2 election, political experts say the outcome of this year's gubernatorial race is far from certain.

## T.F. Council bans smoking near park equipment

### Five parks remain smoker-friendly

By Nick Coltrain  
Times-News writer

A split Twin Falls City Council narrowly banned smoking within 50 feet of park equipment but left five parks smoker-friendly.

Talk of individual freedom and the limits placed on smokers versus the freedom of nonsmokers to enjoy a smoke-free park led much of Monday's discussion. The move to ban smoking at the five parks failed 3-3, and the ban on smoking with 50 feet of playground equipment, picnic tables, shelters and bleachers in all 33 city parks passed 4-2.

Councilmen David E. Johnson and Lance Clow voted against both bans, Councilmen Lee Heider, Will Kezele and Greg Lanting voted for both, with Trip Craig absent. Mayor Don Hall, the swing vote, called 50 feet too far, but said he voted for it "in the spirit of cooperation."

The discussion leading up to the vote on banning smoking in Cascade, Clyde R. Thomsen, Drury, Harry Barry and Sunrise parks was far more contentious. Four other city parks already forbid tobacco use.

"You have statements that this is going to be a nanny state, where the government tells you what to do from the day you're born until the day you die, and that concerns me," Hall said, adding that he doesn't want to infringe upon people's freedoms.

He said he worried that the people to suffer from smoking bans in those parks would be the children of smokers, who then wouldn't take their kids to the park because they can't smoke there.

Councilman Will Kezele said the rhetoric shouldn't be on limiting the freedom of smokers, about 18 percent of the population, but should be about offering people the freedom to go to smoke-free parks.

"We're not banning smoking," he said. "We're not banning smoking in parks. We're not limiting freedoms."

Clow shot back: "How could that not be limiting freedoms if you're taking away something people can do now?"

The final vote did leave a slight discrepancy: the council's agenda packet called for banning all tobacco products near park equipment. The verbal motion approved by the council referred only to smoking. City Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Bowyer said he would take it literally to mean only smoking.

Like the proposal to ban smoking from the five parks, the policy

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# Poll: Incumbent leads by 16 points, but numbers point to a close race

By Joel Mills  
The Lewiston Tribune

LEWISTON — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's 16-point lead over Democrat Keith Allred masks weaknesses that show the race is far from over.

Otter leads Allred 45 percent to 29 percent in a statewide poll commissioned by the *Times-News* and six other Idaho newspapers. But only 44 percent of those polled said they had a favorable opinion of Otter, and 20 percent remain undecided.

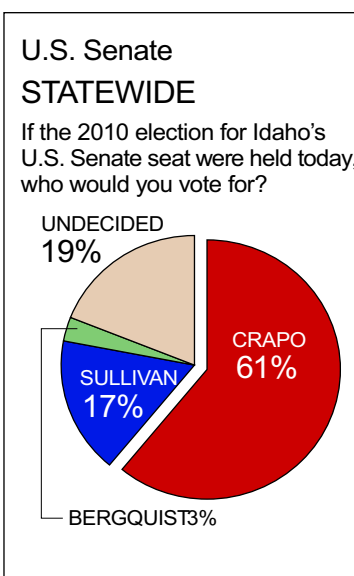
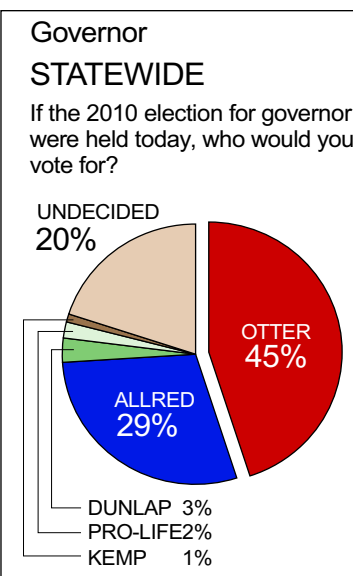
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When a relatively unknown challenger faces a well-known incumbent and undecided voter numbers are high, it is because they already have decided they don't like the incumbent, said J. Brad Coker, of Mason Dixon Polling and Research Inc.

"Typically undecided voters break more for challengers than incumbents," he said.

The poll also indicated some dissatisfaction with Otter within his own party, with just 68 per-



cent of Republicans saying they plan to vote for him. By comparison, 86 percent of Republicans said they support Sen. Mike Crapo and 73 percent say they support Rep. Mike Simpson, while 81 percent of Democrats said they support Rep. Walt Minnick.

"It's easier for Republicans to support a Republican senator, given their traditional, unified position on most national issues," said political scientist David Adler, director of the University of Idaho's James A. and Louise

McClure Center for Public Policy. "But when you deal with state issues, the kind of bread-and-butter issues that the governor deals with, then there's greater room for argument and disagreement and discontent."

The poll shows incumbents leading in two other competitive contests: Minnick has a 46-36 percent lead over Republican challenger Raul Labrador in western Idaho's 1st Congressional

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## Eastern Idaho could shape governor's race

By Clark Corbin  
The Post Register

Top GOP and Democrat officials believe the race to become Idaho's next governor will be dependent on their candidate's performances in eastern Idaho.

Idaho Democratic Party Chairman and Hailey-based lawyer Keith Roark, who represents Idaho on the Democratic National Committee, said results of the 2002 and 2006 gubernatorial races reveal an opportunity for Democrat challenger Keith Allred to upset Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter.

Four years ago, Democrat Jerry Brady beat Otter by more than 7,000 votes in Ada County, home to the state's largest population base. But Brady, who is president of the Post Co., lost the eastern Idaho population bases of Bonneville, Bingham, Madison and Jefferson counties in 2006.

Roark's confidence is buoyed because Allred is polling well in eastern Idaho this year.

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VIEW what Idaho voters think of the candidates with in-depth poll results. [MAGICVALLEY.COM](http://MAGICVALLEY.COM)

# The recession is over! So where's the party?

By Jeannine Aversa  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — It turns out the recession ended more than a year ago.

Feeling better now? The panel that determines the timing of recessions concluded Monday that this one ended — technically, anyway — in June 2009, and lasted 18 months. The

duration makes it the longest since World War II.

It may be over, but you won't be hearing any cheers from the millions of Americans who are struggling to find a job. Or are worried about the ones they have. Or have lost their homes. Or are behind on the mortgage.

"Every single one of the individuals who wrote the report needs a serious reality check," said Bob

Johnson of the Queens borough of New York, who is 46, had worked in communications and has been looking for a job for more than three years.

Not that it's the fault of the academics — in this case the National Bureau of Economic Research, a group of economists based in Cambridge, Mass. It's their job to declare when recessions officially begin and end.

Their finding is one that economic historians spend a lot of time pondering. Politicians care, too. They don't want to be blamed for downturns that happen on their watch.

One of those politicians is President Barack Obama, who inherited the recession — it began in December 2007, according to the bureau. Obama found little reason Monday to celebrate that it had

officially ended.

"The hole was so deep that a lot of people out there are still hurting," the president, whose Democratic Party faces a likely setback in the midterm elections, said at a town-hall meeting sponsored by CNBC.

Obama has made a point of noting small signs of progress in the

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# Political economist: GOP likes Minnick

By Mike Butts  
The Idaho Press-Tribune



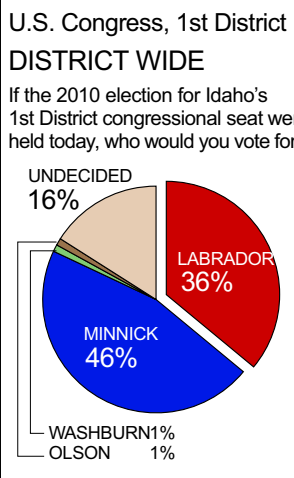
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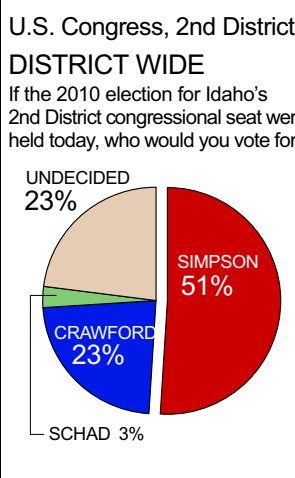
NAMPA — Republicans like Democratic U.S. Rep. Walt Minnick. And that's one of the reasons he leads challenger Raul Labrador in a recent statewide poll of 625 likely voters, College of Idaho Political Economy Department Chairman Jasper LiCalzi said Monday.

"The only people I have heard who are upset at Minnick are liberal Democrats," LiCalzi said in response to a poll commissioned by the *Times-News* and six other state newspa-

pers showing Minnick with a 46 to 36 percent lead. "They're the ones that don't like him. Republicans don't have any problem with him at all. He votes the right way and he does a very good job with constituent services. Minnick can get things done (for con-



stituents) because he's a Democrat. He's in the



majority party." The anti-incumbent

mood which is sweeping parts of the country doesn't apply to Idaho, LiCalzi said. "You have to look at it race by race," LiCalzi said about the 1st Congressional District in Idaho. "Plus Labrador is not very well respected by the Republican establishment or by Republican business because he's not a team player."

Sixteen percent of likely voters are undecided in the Minnick-Labrador race. "I would feel better about Idaho if we got a 10 percent win as the poll shows,"

Canyon County Democratic Party chair Judy Ferro said about the Minnick-Labrador race. But she said she thinks the race could be closer.

The county's Republican Party chairman, Sen. John McGee of Caldwell, credited Minnick's lead in the poll to his name recognition. "We've known for a while that the incumbent Congressman has a higher name ID than Raul Labrador," McGee said. "As the Election Day gets closer and closer more people will get to know Raul."

## CSI trustees approve land purchase

By Ben Botkin  
Times-News writer

The College of Southern Idaho Board of Trustees on Monday approved buying a parcel of land adjacent to the college's facility on Madrona Street.

The land, which also has a house, is a 1.84 acre parcel and was purchased for \$99,190. Its use remains to be determined.

It could be used for a new Trans IV bus maintenance facility or it could become used as land for the college's residential construction program, said Mike Mason, vice president of administration.

In other business, trustees:

- Heard a report from Mason about a corrective

action plan resulting from an outside audit of Head Start, a program for which CSI is the fiscal agent.

Part of the plan includes ensuring that the federal Davis-Bacon Act is followed. The federal law requires that all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors or subcontractors in the construction and/or renovation of Head Start facilities are paid prevailing wages for all projects exceeding \$2,000, according to college documents.

The corrective action plan includes training, developing a policy to ensure that each contractor abides by the law's requirements and that the proper payroll documentation for each project is available.

Other steps in the plan

are: developing a program-wide system for documentation, tracking and monitoring all items exceeding \$5,000 in value, and developing a system for documenting in-kind sources that match federal financial assistance.

Mason said he was required to inform trustees of the plan, but that the board's vote on it was not needed.

The result of the audit "doesn't seem like anything that's going to result in punishment," board Vice Chairman Dr. Charles Lehrman said after hearing Mason's presentation.

- Heard a report about the college's tech prep program, which awards college credits to high school students enrolled in technical pro-

grams in their schools. The number of students involved has grown, said Eric Studebaker, a field coordinator for the program.

In the 2006-2007 school year, 43 high school students used the program; in the 2009-2010 school year, 249 students were involved.

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## One injured in motorcycle crash

By Bradley Guire  
Times-News writer

A male motorcyclist was rushed to the hospital Monday afternoon after crashing his bike on Second Avenue in downtown Twin Falls.

The rider, a white male in his 20s or 30s, lost control of his white Suzuki street bike at the intersection of Shoshone Street, in the southernmost lane of Second Avenue West. Twin Falls police did not release the rider's name Monday evening.

"We don't think he struck another vehicle," said Officer Lou Coronado. "He just laid it down."

Coronado said the man was unconscious when police and other emergency responders arrived at around 3 p.m. He regained consciousness before being loaded into an ambulance at around 3:20 p.m. One TFPD officer held a motorcycle helmet in his hand, indicating the rider had possibly worn a helmet while riding.

The wreck blocked two lanes of Second Avenue West for approximately 30 minutes while emergency workers aided the man and police cleared what little debris littered the roadway.

### Buhl man could face lesser charges in shooting

A Buhl man accused of firing a 12-gauge shotgun at

teenagers may have his charges reduced.

Scott O. Cole, 43, faced five counts of felony aggravated battery, each with an enhancement for use of a deadly weapon, but Twin Falls County prosecutors made an offer for reduced charges last week at a status hearing. According to Prosecutor Grant Loebs, the offer is for one count of misdemeanor battery and one count of misdemeanor assault with jail time of 21 days.

Cole allegedly shot at five boys who were removing fence posts from a plot of land adjacent to Cole's in early February, a police report shows. Cole was issued a summons and later pleaded not guilty at his arraignment in April.

A jury trial in Twin Falls 5th District Court was set for Oct. 19, but court records show that trial is now vacated. If the prosecutor's offer is accepted, Cole's case will return to magistrate court.

### Osterhoudt trial moves to 2011

The third trial for accused rapist Franklin Ward Osterhoudt was pushed back to the new year.

The 44-year-old Buhl man will face a jury once again on Feb. 1, 2011, in Twin Falls 5th District Court. Osterhoudt is charged with one count of rape, one count of incest and five counts of lewd conduct with a minor under 16. His previous trials

both ended in a mistrial: the 2009 trial resulted in a hung jury, and this year's trial resulted in an overturned conviction.

The latest trial was originally slated for October, but it was pushed back during a hearing held last week.

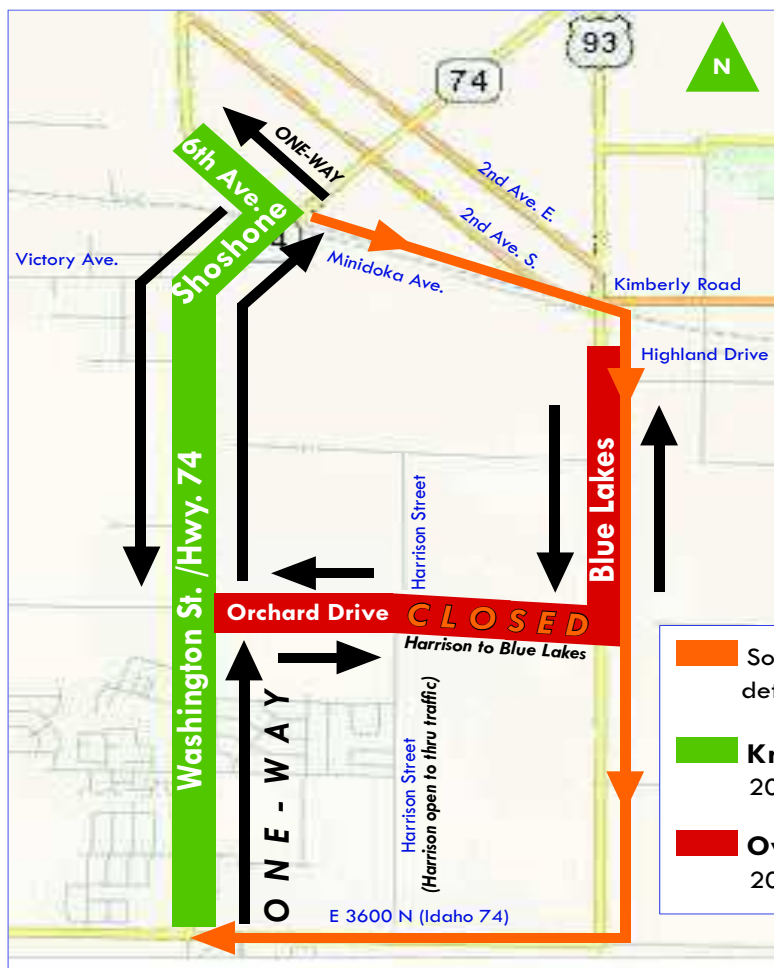
Osterhoudt remains in custody at the Twin Falls County Jail, although he has a bond reduction hearing scheduled for Oct. 12.

The third trial is expected to last 10 days, with selection to begin on Jan. 27. Twin Falls County Senior Deputy Prosecutor Julie Sturgill will represent the state, while public defender George Essma will represent Osterhoudt.

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## MAJOR TRAFFIC CHANGES IN SOUTHERN TWIN FALLS

Due to the ongoing arsenic project, on Wednesday, Sept. 22, traffic patterns are changing again for several weeks.



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# Finishing Strong: Rim 2 Rim sees record participation

By Amy Huddleston  
Times-News writer

As I started the run up Blue Lakes Grade Road during Saturday's Rim 2 Rim race, I thought of all of the advice I'd accumulated over the summer.

"Chin up. Relax muscles. Visualize the hill as flat ground. Breathe — remember to breathe."

I imagined the voices of Team Weenie members, running coaches, physical therapists and well-wishers when I made it to the top and began the desert run to the Perrine Bridge, across the cool, still water and back into the belly of the Snake River Canyon where the run ended at Bass Lake.

The last mile of the 7.5-mile run was insanely brutal and at the end when I collapsed in the grass with a wildly beating heart, legs that felt like spaghetti noodles and lungs that demanded air, I never wanted to run again.

That is until I realized what we had done. More than 400 racers, *Times-News* City Editor Eric Larsen, myself and you — dearest Magic Valley community — did something amazing. Habitat for Humanity of the Magic Valley raised an estimated \$16,500 with this year's race — \$3,000 more than last year.

That money was used to help purchase a home for an area family and Linda Fleming, area Habitat director, said the home will be ready to move into before winter. It's the sixth family



DREW NASH/Times-News

Twin brothers Branden Teeter, left, and Landen Teeter lead the pack toward the second water station during the 33rd annual Rim 2 Rim race in Twin Falls on Saturday. More than 400 runners participated in the race, which raised \$16,500 for Habitat for Humanity of the Magic Valley.

Habitat for Humanity of the Magic Valley has helped this year — another record for the organization.

"It was an absolutely amazing event," Fleming said. "We had great cooperation from everyone."

Of the \$16,500 raised this year, racers brought in \$2,350, a stark contrast to the \$150 raised last year. Team *Times-News* raised around \$1,200 and we are grateful for the support and donations that made our effort and sore muscles worth it.

Larsen and I have lived a great story this summer. We've run a lot of miles in the process of preparing for the race and we've experienced a lot of beautiful things during our training — sunrises, long

runs in new places, Team Weenie friendships and overwhelming generosity from the Magic Valley.

In all honesty the end of the race wasn't the best part, even though I thought so at the time. The best part was the community that was created through events like this one. I met so many people along the way to the race through Team Weenie, interviews, or other circumstances that have made the journey as enjoyable as the view of the finish line. The people who showed up to participate or volunteer at the event represented a larger community of people who give of themselves so others can live better stories and the *Times-News* is proud to be a

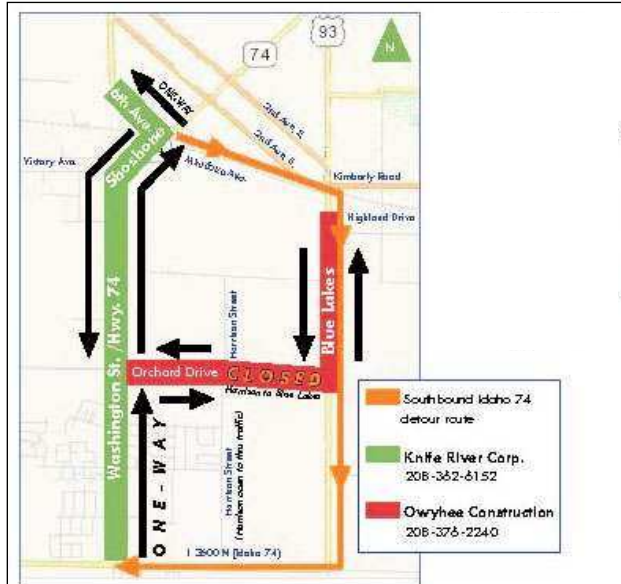
part of that.

As Bill Greene, head of Team Weenie, told me when I first met him, "In sports there is a winner and a loser. In running, there is no such thing as a loser."

"Long after the winners are in, people are waiting for the others to cross over the finish line. As long as you finish, that is all that matters."

And it's true. Everyone was waiting at the finish line, cheering, because a good race had been run, dollars were raised and friendships were formed — a winning situation for all.

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Map courtesy city of Twin Falls

## Southern T.F. traffic to reroute on Wednesday

Times-News

The traffic restrictions will change Wednesday but getting around south Twin Falls is still going to be a bear.

As the city continues work on its \$18 million, federally mandated arsenic reduction project, motorists on various southern streets will see a variety of traffic restrictions. According to a Monday city press release, the changes include:

- Washington Street South will be open to two-way traffic from the Old Towne Bridge to Orchard Drive. Washington from

Orchard Drive to 3600 North Road will be open in one lane to northbound traffic only. The restriction should last at least two months.

- Orchard will be open from Harrison to Washington streets, but will close for about three weeks from Harrison to Blue Lakes Boulevard South.

- Traffic headed south to Idaho Highway 74 should use the Minidoka Avenue/Blue Lakes detour.

- Sixth Avenue West between Dierkes and Shoshone streets will be open to only one lane of northbound traffic.

### 5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

#### TWIN FALLS COUNTY MONDAY ARRAIGNMENTS

Stephanie M. Tompkins, 30, Twin Falls; possession of controlled substance, \$25,000 bond, public defender appointed, preliminary

Oct. 1  
Jose Acensio, 26, Filer; driving under influence, possession of mutilated, altered or revoked license, open container, \$5,000 bond, public defender appointed, pleaded

guilty, sentencing Sept. 22  
Jorge Mora-Sedano, 47, Parker, Ariz.; possession of stolen vehicle, \$15,000 bond, public defender appointed, preliminary Oct. 1

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# Government: Distracted driving deaths fall in 2009

## Transportation secretary says problem is still epidemic

By Ken Thomas  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The number of people killed in crashes connected to driver distraction declined last year but the government said the problem remains an epidemic for motorists in the U.S.

The Transportation Department said Monday that 5,474 people were killed in 2009 in crashes reported to have involved distracted driving, a 6 percent decline from the 5,838 people killed in 2008.

Distraction-related deaths accounted for 16 percent of all traffic fatalities in

2009, the same percentage as in 2008. The latest data came as the overall number of highway deaths dropped last year to its lowest level since 1950.

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said the problem of drivers failing to keep their eyes on the road — often because of mobile devices, cell phones or other forms of distraction — remained an epidemic.

LaHood said the data could be the “tip of the iceberg” because many police reports don’t document whether distraction was a factor in vehicle crashes, making it difficult

to know the full scope of the problem.

LaHood, a former Illinois congressman, is kicking off a second national summit on distracted driving on Tuesday. He has pushed states to adopt tougher laws against sending text messages from behind the wheel and other forms of distractions.

The Transportation Department report issued Monday said 448,000 people were injured in crashes reported to have involved driver distractions in 2009. An estimated 466,000 people were injured under those circumstances in 2008.

Sixteen percent of all

drivers under age 20 involved in fatal crashes were reported to have been distracted while driving. Drivers in that age group were the highest proportion of distracted drivers involved in fatal crashes compared to people of other ages.

The Obama administration has prohibited federal employees from texting while driving on government business and banned commercial truck and bus drivers from texting behind the wheel.

Thirty states and the District of Columbia prohibit drivers from texting behind the wheel; at least eight states have passed laws barring drivers from using hand-held cell phones.

# Togo woman gets 27 years in N.J. forced labor case

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A woman from the impoverished West African nation Togo has been sentenced to 27 years in prison after being convicted of running a human smuggling operation and forcing women to work at New Jersey hair braiding salons.

Prosecutors say Akouavi Afolabi ran a scheme to bring at least 20 girls and women ages 10 to 19 from West Africa to the United States on fraudulent visas. They say the victims were made to work at the salons for no pay.

Afolabi was convicted on 22 counts last October. At Monday’s sentencing she also was ordered to pay restitution totaling \$3.9 million.

Afolabi’s ex-husband and son already pleaded guilty. Her son received a 55-month prison term.

Her ex-husband was sentenced to 24 years.

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Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi speaks at the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute's 33rd Annual Awards Gala at the Washington Convention Center in Washington, Wednesday. In this tough election year, some Democratic congressmen are distancing themselves from Pelosi.

# Some Dems see Pelosi as liability

By Paul Kane and Karen Tumulty  
The Washington Post

MCGREGOR, Texas — Little more than two years after she touted him for the vice presidential nomination, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi cannot count on the support of Rep. Chet Edwards.

Edwards, a conservative Democrat trying to win an 11th term representing this area southwest of Dallas, said he has not made up his mind whether he would support Pelosi, D-Calif., for another term as speaker, as he comes under fire back home for his close ties to the Democratic leader.

“No, I’ve made no commitments for speaker. Until we see the outcome of this election, I don’t even know who will be running for speaker,” Edwards said in an interview while campaigning Saturday in this small town of 5,000 southwest of Waco.

Democrats from a number of states, including Texas, Ohio and North Carolina, are running away from Pelosi in a harsh political climate. Distancing one’s self from the speaker is nothing new for many Democrats, including Edwards, but the number of incumbents and the volume of their criticism of the party House leader is larger than it has been in past election cycles — and the volume of their criticism is louder.

More than a few Democrats have said they are wavering on supporting

Pelosi as their leader next year. At least four House Democrats are running ads stating their opposition to the speaker’s agenda, and one Democrat running in Tennessee called for her resignation.

Edwards, rated by independent political analysts as one of the 10 Democrats whose seat is most endangered, goes further than most of his colleagues. He openly criticizes his party’s entire agenda, saying its leaders “overreached” after the 2008 elections.

Now that the Democratic majority hangs in the balance, so, too, does Pelosi’s hold on power. No Democrat is challenging Pelosi for speaker — or minority leader, should the party lose power — and there is no plan under way for a leadership succession if she were to resign after an electoral rout.

Pelosi rejects any talk of losing the majority. Instead, she is focusing on a furious fundraising effort this fall to ensure that the very lawmakers openly running away from her have enough campaign cash to win reelection.

“We are going to win in November, so I don’t even accept your first question or premise and all the rest of that,” she said at her weekly news conference, when asked about potentially giving up power. She added that criticism comes with the territory, and that she does not fear the attacks from either end of the political spectrum.

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# Builders' confidence doesn't improve

WASHINGTON (AP) — Homebuilders' confidence in the housing market stayed this month at the lowest level in 18 months, and more worry that the traffic of potential buyers is falling.

The National Association of Home Builders said Monday that its monthly index of builders' sentiment was unchanged in September at 13. The index has now been at the lowest level since March 2009 for two straight months.

Readings below 50 indicate negative sentiment about the market. The last time the index was above 50 was in April 2006.

The index is broken into three separate readings. Foot traffic from prospective buyers, an indication of future sales, fell slightly. The index measuring expectations for the next six months was unchanged. Current sales conditions were also unchanged.

"Americans by and large just aren't that excited about the prospect of buying a house," wrote Mike Larson, real estate and interest rate analyst with Weiss Research.

Sales of new and previously occupied homes fell this summer to the lowest level in more than a decade, despite the lowest mortgage rates in decades. And builders have had to cope with the worst foreclosure market since the 1930s, which is hardly close to ending.

Lenders took back more homes in August than in any month since the start of the mortgage crisis, according to foreclosure listing service RealtyTrac Inc. That's held down prices in much of the country. And it's bad news for builders, who must compete against homes that can sell for less than what it costs to build a new home.

High unemployment, slow job growth, and tight credit have kept people from buying homes. Government tax credits gave the industry a boost this spring, but since they have expired the industry has struggled.

"In general, builders haven't seen any reason for improved optimism in market conditions over the past month," said Bob Jones, a home builder from Bloomfield Hills, Mich. and the trade group's chairman.

# A different animal?



AP photo

Vendor Taho Kakutania playfully encourages tourist Anne Moral, of Tucson, Ariz., to kiss a coho salmon at the Pike Place Fish Market on Monday in Seattle. U.S. government food regulators pondered Monday whether to say, for the first time, that it's OK to market a genetically engineered animal as safe for American people to eat.

## FDA to consider approval of modified salmon

By Mary Clare Jalonick  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Federal food regulators pondered Monday whether to say, for the first time, that it's OK to market a genetically engineered animal as safe for people to eat.

The Food and Drug Administration is holding two days of hearings on a request to market genetically modified salmon. Ron Stotish, CEO of AquaBounty, the Massachusetts company that made the marketing request, said at the meeting Monday that his company's fish product is safe and environmentally sustainable.

Critics, however, call the modified salmon "frankenfish" that could cause allergies in humans and the eventual decimation of the wild salmon population. An FDA advisory committee is reviewing the science of the genetically engineered fish this week and hearing such criticisms as the agency ponders approval.

The FDA has already said that the salmon, which grows twice as fast as its conventional "sisters," is as safe to eat as the traditional variety.

Whether the public will have an appetite for it is another matter. Genetic engineering is already widely used for crops, but the government until now has not considered allowing the consumption of modified animals. Although the potential benefits — and profits — are huge, many individuals have qualms

about manipulating the genetic code of other living creatures.

Part of the two-day hearing will focus on labeling of the fish. It is possible that if the modified salmon is approved, consumers would not even know they were eating it. Current FDA regulations only require modified foods to be labeled as such if the food is substantially different than the conventional version, and the agency has said that the modified salmon is essentially the same as the Atlantic salmon.

Approval of the salmon would open the door for a variety of other genetically engineered animals, including an environmentally friendly pig that is being developed in Canada or cattle that are resistant to mad cow disease.

"For future applications out there the sky's the limit," said David Edwards of the Biotechnology Industry Association. "If you can imagine it, scientists can try to do it."

AquaBounty says it would be the first in the world to market genetically engineered fish. The company submitted its first application for FDA approval in 1995, but the agency did not decide until two years ago to consider applications for genetically engineered animals — a move seen as a breakthrough by the biotechnology industry.

Genetically engineered — or GE — animals are not clones, which the FDA has already said are safe to eat. Clones are copies of an animal. With GE animals, their DNA has been altered to produce a desirable characteristic.

In the case of the salmon, AquaBounty has added a growth hormone from a Chinook salmon that allows the fish to produce their growth hormone all year long. The engineers were able to keep the hormone active by using another gene from an eel-like fish called an ocean pout that acts like an on switch for the hormone, according to the company. Conventional salmon only produce the growth hormone some of the time.

In documents released ahead of the hearing, the FDA said there were no biologically relevant differences between the engineered salmon and conventional salmon.

# Department: FBI gave inaccurate statements on surveillance

WASHINGTON — The FBI gave inaccurate information to Congress and the public when it claimed a possible terrorism link to justify surveilling an anti-war rally in Pittsburgh, the Justice Department's inspector general said Monday in a report on the bureau's scrutiny of domestic activist groups.

Inspector General Glenn Fine said the FBI had no reason to expect that anyone of interest in a terrorism investigation would be present at the 2002 event sponsored by the Thomas Merton Center, a nonviolent anti-war and anti-discrimination group.

The surveillance was "an ill-conceived project on a slow work day," the IG stated in a study of several FBI domestic terrorism probes of people affiliated with organizations such as Greenpeace and the Catholic Worker.

Earlier, in statements to

Congress and in a press release, the FBI had described the Pittsburgh rally surveillance by one agent as related to a terrorism investigation.

In a letter to the IG, FBI Deputy Director Timothy Murphy said the FBI regrets that inaccurate information was provided to the FBI director and Congress regarding the basis for the agent's presence at the rally.

Speaking generally of the FBI probes it studied, the IG said a domestic terrorism classification has far-reaching impact because people who are subjects of such investigations are normally placed on watchlists and their travels and interactions with law enforcement may be tracked.

The FBI has broad definitions that enable it to classify matters as domestic terrorism that actually are trespassing or vandalism, the inspector general said.

# Chicago man arrested in alleged bomb plot

CHICAGO (AP) — Federal authorities say they've arrested a 22-year-old man who allegedly placed a backpack on a crowded Chicago street corner over the weekend thinking it contained an explosive.

The FBI's Chicago office says Sami Samir Hassoun is charged with one count each of attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction and attempted use of an explosive device.

Hassoun was arrested

after midnight Saturday. He had an initial appearance in a Chicago federal courtroom Monday afternoon.

The statement says the arrest was part of an investigation going back at least several months. It says the supposed explosive device was fake and given to Hassoun by an undercover agent.

A message was left at a home telephone number for Hassoun wasn't returned.

# Muslim groups back Islamic center near ground zero

NEW YORK (AP) — Leaders of prominent U.S. Muslim groups called Monday for a national week of interfaith dialogue to combat religious intolerance and said they support the right to build a controversial Islamic center near ground zero.

"We stand for the constitutional right of Muslims, and Americans of all faiths, to build houses of worship anywhere in our nation as allowed by local laws and regulations," the Muslim leaders said in a statement delivered at the site of the proposed Islamic center and mosque, to be called Park 51.

They called for a "week of dialogue" on the weekend of Oct. 22-24, during which Muslims would conduct open houses at their places of worship to help ease tensions.

"We ask Muslims to open mosques nationwide to wel-

come people, to let them understand the Islamic faith and what American Muslim community is," said Nihad Awad, national executive director of the Council on Islamic-American Relations. "We also urge Muslims to visit places of worship in other faith communities."

The Muslim leaders spoke after a daylong summit meeting Sunday at a hotel near Kennedy Airport.

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### EDITORIAL

## Put a sunset provision on Idaho's sales tax exemptions

The numbers are eye-opening: Idaho will spend \$2.2 billion in general fund money during the current fiscal year to support all activities of state government.

But because of the more than 70 exemptions and exceptions to Idaho's 6 percent sales tax, there's \$1.8 billion in revenue it can't touch.

In normal times, that might be just a fiscal curiosity. But in a year when the state slashed 7.5 percent from the public school budget, furloughed or laid off thousands of employees and left its prison guards working double shifts, leaving all that money on the table is wrong.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter insists it's necessary, for a couple of reasons.

First, he says, Idaho agriculture and businesses depend on those exemptions and rolling them back would harm the state's economy.

Besides, it would be politically difficult to eliminate the big-ticket tax breaks such as exemptions on health and medical services (\$388 million in this fiscal year), professional services (\$180 million), motor fuel sales (\$162 million), business services (\$147 million) and construction services (\$125 million), as well as the production exemption for equipment used in agriculture, manufacturing, logging and mining (\$98 million) and the production exemption for supplies used making a product for resale (\$74 million).

His Democratic opponent, Keith Allred, thinks otherwise. A state's first priority should be funding public education and other core functions of government, he says; tax breaks for various sectors of the economy should come after that.

We agree, and suggest that if every one of Idaho's sales tax exemptions is so important, let's require its beneficiaries to substantiate it on a periodic basis. All sales tax exceptions should be eliminated every five years unless a majority or both houses of the Legislature votes otherwise and the governor agrees.

Lots of aspects of U.S. public policy contain sunset provisions: surveillance provisions of the Patriot Act and the Bush tax cuts, for example. Texas even requires most state government agencies to be abolished every 12 years unless its Legislature decides to keep them.

Each department must perform a self-analysis of its role and responsibilities, including areas in which its duties may overlap those of other agencies and the effect of the entity's abolition on loss of federal funding. Twenty to 30 departments go through the sunset review each legislative session.

Since the Texas Sunset Law was passed in 1977, few state agencies have actually been zeroed out. But the point is that each must justify what it does and how it does it.

The little word for that is accountability.

Why shouldn't proponents of each of Idaho's sales tax exemptions have to do the same?

The process could be conducted with a two-year grace period, meaning that if the Legislature permitted an exception to expire, say, in 2013 it wouldn't actually disappear until 2015. That would eliminate uncertainties which might affect lending to agriculture and businesses.

If all of Idaho's sales tax exemptions are so vital, prove it.

Every five years.

## TIMES-NEWS

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## Tax raisers ignore wasteful spending

Because of over-staffing, the U.S. Postal Service selects 1,125 employees daily to sit in empty "standby rooms." They are not allowed to work, read, play cards, watch television, or do anything. This \$50 million annual cost may be dumped in the taxpayers' laps if the debt-ridden Postal Service receives a federal bailout.



Brian Riedl

Stimulus dollars are being spent on mascot costumes, electric golf carts, and a university study examining how much alcohol college freshmen women require before agreeing to casual sex.

Washington is spending \$2.6 million training Chinese prostitutes to drink more responsibly on the job. This is the kind of wasteful spending that President Obama and Congress stubbornly refuse to cut. Instead, they plan to raise taxes on families and entrepreneurs by trillions of dollars.

President Obama had promised not to raise taxes "one single dime" on Americans earning less than \$250,000. Then he raised taxes for Obamacare, hiked tobacco taxes, and endorsed an \$800 billion cap-and-trade energy tax. And he isn't done yet. His budget would raise annual taxes by an average of \$30,000 each on small businesses and families earning more than \$250,000. Small businesses — who create the majority of new jobs — would be taxed at a top rate even higher than that of corporations. So if the president has his way, the neighborhood dry cleaner may be assessed a higher tax rate than Exxon.

Additional higher taxes may also be in store for middle- and working-class families. All indications are



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that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., won't even allow a vote on extending the tax cuts for anyone.

This means that on New Year's Day, the \$1,000 child tax credit would fall to \$500, and the marriage penalty re-imposed. Low-income families would see their income tax rate jump by half, while everyone else's tax rates would rise between 3 and 4.6 percent-age points. Capital gains and dividends tax rates — currently 15 percent for most investors — would leap to 20 percent and 39.6 percent, respectively. The death tax would be re-imposed at a 55 percent rate.

The president and Congress claim these painful tax increases are vital to reining in the staggering \$1.4 trillion budget deficit. Nonsense.

First, soaring spending — not low taxes — is driving the budget deficit. Those who blame the past decade's deficits on \$1.7 trillion in tax cuts have been oddly silent about the \$5 trillion in new spending

over that period. And with the government set to spend an unfathomable \$46 trillion over the next decade, blaming future budget deficits on extending \$0.7 trillion worth of "tax cuts for the rich" is quite selective. Second, these historic tax increases would be imposed during a recession — a policy rejected by every economic school of thought. Higher tax rates penalize work, saving and investment, and make it more difficult for businesses to create jobs. And if tax increases create a double-dip recession (as many predict), there would be fewer jobs and less income to tax, negating the entire revenue purpose of the tax increase. This is root canal economics.

Finally, does anyone believe Washington would save any new revenues for deficit reduction? Even the most casual observer of Congress knows they would just spend it. Virtually all the tax increases proposed or enacted over the past two years — the Obamacare taxes, tobacco taxes, cap-

and-trade taxes — have been earmarked for new spending. And now Washington spenders demand more taxes under the guise of deficit reduction? Here's a better idea for politicians: Don't raise taxes by even \$1 until you've fixed the \$98 billion lost annually to payment errors. Don't raise taxes by \$1 while spending \$600 million on a Grateful Dead archive, or while running 342 different economic development programs, or while spending more on corporate welfare than on homeland security.

Most important, don't raise taxes by \$1 until you've seriously confronted the Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid spending trends that risk bankrupting our children and grandchildren.

The president and congressional spenders want to raise taxes on families and entrepreneurs. But taxpayers are already tightening their belts.

It's time for Washington to do the same.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Questioning the validity of the school bond vote in Wendell

Well, Wendell's bond passed. Is it any wonder?

The superintendent even admitted publicly that the public didn't want one but he did. So what did he do — incorporate pre-registration with the voting for the bond issue together.

It was in the same building at the same time and in the same room as those who were registering their children for school. Any citizen who tried to vote had to wade through the confusion in order to go to the back of the room to vote.

The sign on the front door said, "ID needed to vote." So, no ID, no vote. Many stopped, went up to the door, read the sign, turned around and left to either get their ID or to just forget about voting. In the town of 2,000, most of the people voting were known to the ladies at the tables anyway. But it was interesting — you could register your child

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without a proper ID, but you couldn't vote without one.

A lot of those voting for the bond issue were a group of older citizens who have a tax breaker, so they and their taxes aren't even a factor in paying for the bond — only those of us who pay full property taxes. We won't even mention the city bond issues here with water and sewer.

So was this a valid vote? Or another staged event to appear to be a valid vote? This spring, the supplemental levy wasn't even advertised and many won-

dered what the vote sign was for when they didn't have a clue just a few months ago.

I see this as another vote to enslave another generation. Most of the children who "need" a new school building won't even be around when the thing is actually finally paid for when they have children of their own. Between charter schools and home education, online schools and alternative school, Christian schools and preschools, they are all cutting into the enrollment anyway. So why build another building and

not just put on a coat of paint and care for what you already have?

The building was in need of repair, but the bricks looked the way they did because of watering the building instead of the lawn, causing decay. It probably only took about five years to do so. So here we, by "legal robbery," gave the same group more resources to mismanage or neglect.

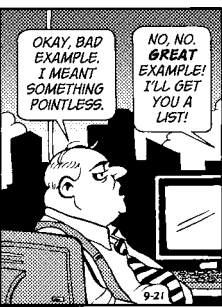
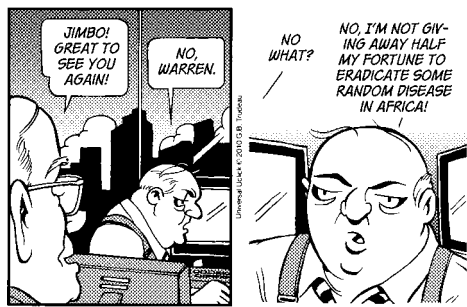
I am not against education — the memorial flag pole at the grade school is dedicated to my father, but I think we have lost our freedom and have become enslaved to another group of tyrants and have to run through the hoops they want us to jump through to get their ways or to pass their agendas at the taxpayers' expense.

Will Rogers once said, "People spend money they don't have, to buy things they don't need, to impress people that they don't like." I guess it happened again in Wendell.

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# Harry Reid's illegal alien student bailout

The so-called DREAM Act would create an official path to Democratic voter registration for an estimated two million college-age illegal aliens. Look past the public relations-savvy stories of “undocumented” valedictorians left out in the cold. This is not about protecting “children.” It’s about preserving electoral power through cap-and-gown amnesty.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid announced last week that he’s attaching the DREAM Act to the defense authorization bill. With ethnic activists breathing down his neck and President Obama pushing to fulfill his campaign promise to Hispanics, Reid wants his queasy colleagues to vote on the legislation this week.

Open-borders lawmakers have tried and failed to pass the DREAM Act through regular channels for the past decade. That’s because informed voters know giving green cards to illegal alien students undermines the rule of law, creates more illegal immigration incentives



Michelle Malkin

and grants preferential treatment to illegal alien students over law-abiding native and naturalized American students struggling to get an education in tough economic times. This bad idea is compounded by a companion proposal to recruit more illegal aliens into the military with the lure of citizenship.

DREAM Act lobbyists are spotlighting heart-wrenching stories of high-achieving teens brought to this country when they were toddlers. But instead of arguing for case-by-case dispensations, the protesters want blanket pardons. The broadly drafted Senate bill would confer benefits on applicants up to age 35, and the House bill contains no age ceiling at all. The academic achievement requirements are minimal. Moreover, illegal aliens who didn’t arrive in the country until

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they turned 15 — after they laid down significant roots in their home country — would be eligible for DREAM Act benefits and eventual U.S. citizenship. And like past amnesty packages, the Democratic plan is devoid of any concrete eligibility and enforcement mechanisms to deter already-rampant immigration benefit fraud.

The DREAM Act sponsors have long fought to sabotage a clearly worded provision in the 1996 Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act that states: “Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an alien who is not lawfully present in the United States shall not be eligible on the basis of residence within a state (or a political subdivision) for any post-secondary education benefit unless a citizen or national of the United States is eligible for such a

benefit (in no less an amount, duration, and scope) without regard to whether the citizen or national is such a resident.”

Ten states defied that federal law and offered DREAM Act-style tuition preference to illegal aliens: California, Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah and Washington. The last time DREAM Act champions tried to tack their scheme onto a larger immigration proposal, they snuck in language that would absolve those 10 states of their law-breaking by repealing the 1996 law retroactively — and also offering the special path to green cards and citizenship for illegal alien students.

Despite the obvious electoral advantage this plan would give Democrats, several pro-illegal alien amnesty

Republicans crossed the aisle to support the DREAM Act, including double-talking Sens. John McCain, Richard Lugar, Bob Bennett, Sam Brownback, Norm Coleman, Susan Collins, Larry Craig, Chuck Hagel, Kay Bailey Hutchison, Mel Martinez and Olympia Snowe, as well as presidential candidate Mike Huckabee (who champions even greater illegal alien student benefits than those proposed by Democrats). After paying lip service to securing the borders, McCain promised DREAM Act demonstrators last week that he supported the bill and would work to “resolve their issues.”

Out-of-touch polls might want to pay attention to the world outside their bubble. A recent Quinnipiac University poll shows that Americans across the political spectrum favor tougher enforcement of existing immigration laws over rolling out the amnesty welcome wagon. When asked, “Do you think immigration reform should primarily move in the direction of integrating

illegal immigrants into American society or in the direction of stricter enforcement of laws against illegal immigration?” solid majorities of registered Republicans, Democrats and independents chose stricter enforcement over greater integration of the illegal alien population.

Democrats outside the Beltway have grown increasingly averse to signing on to illegal alien incentives — especially as the Obama jobs death toll mounts and economic confidence plummets. In Colorado, a handful of Democrats joined Republican lawyers to kill a state-level DREAM Act amid massive higher education budget cuts and a bipartisan voter backlash.

Asked why she opposed the illegal alien student bailout, one Democratic lawmaker said quite simply: “I listened to my constituents.” An alien concept in Washington, to be sure.

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## Will Obamacare pass muster with the courts?

The Obama health care law requires Americans to buy health insurance starting in 2014 or pay a penalty. The penalty is the higher of a fine of \$695 or 2.5 percent of your income. If your income is \$50,000 and you don’t buy the required “minimum essential coverage,” your 2014 income tax bill will increase by \$1,250. This is not small potatoes. The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that the new law will take \$4 billion from American taxpayer’s pockets in 2017.

You are exempt from the penalty if your income is below the IRS filing limit or if the cost of health insurance would be more than 8 percent of your annual income.

Despite the fact that the penalty will be paid to the government and reported to the IRS on your income tax return, President Obama has said that he “absolutely rejects” the notion that the penalty is a tax.

Perhaps this is because the president has also said that under his health-care plan “no family making less than \$250,000 a year will see any form of tax increase. Not your income tax, not



Burke A. Christensen

your payroll tax, not your capital gains taxes, not any of your taxes.”

That was then, this is now.

Is it constitutional to mandate that Americans must purchase health-care insurance from private companies or pay up to the IRS? The Constitution gives the administration two sources of power to defend this law. The first is the power to regulate interstate commerce and the second is the power to lay and collect taxes.

The Interstate Commerce Clause regulates interstate economic activity that crosses state lines. But the failure to buy health insurance is intrastate economic inactivity.

The Constitution was drafted to limit the power of government. Why should the Interstate Commerce Clause regulate a person’s decision not to engage in interstate commerce? To support the Obama admin-

istration’s argument that inactivity can still actively affect interstate commerce, it may not surprise you to learn that the administration cites a nearly 70-year-old case, *Wickard v. Filburn*.

In that case, Ohio farmer Roscoe Filburn was penalized because the Supreme Court decided he had engaged in interstate commerce when he grew a small amount of wheat purely for his own use but in excess of his federally imposed production quota. The government argued that even though Roscoe’s entirely intrastate production was trivial, lots of Roscoe Filburns, each one locally growing a little bit of wheat for his own use, was bad for the government.

What about the taxing power? Forget the president’s claim that the mandate is not a tax. He is now defending the mandate in court as a valid exercise of the power to impose taxes and President Obama will probably win because the taxing power is even broader than the commerce clause. But should he?

The president may be taking both sides of the “Is it a tax?” debate because his mandate has no teeth. The

law does not permit the IRS to bring a criminal prosecution against anyone who violates the law but does not pay the penalty. Perhaps that is what the president meant when he said that under his plan your taxes will not increase.

Under the president’s plan, we have the best of all possible worlds: Everyone has health insurance, the poor get it for free, you don’t have to pay the penalty, the government pays for it, and your taxes don’t go up. If you buy that last part, you probably sent money to that guy in Nigeria.

Politicians who continue expanding the size of government should at least be honest about who is going to pay for it. You are! Wasn’t it former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher who said: “The trouble with socialism is that eventually you run out of other people’s money?”

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### A lesson about the national debt

My dad and I had a very interesting conversation the other night. He asked me what I thought about the growing national debt being run up by the federal government. I did not see how this concerned me, but being my dad, he explained it to me.

He said that the debt run up by the federal government was so large that many people did not understand how much money was owed by the government. Currently, the debt is around \$13 trillion and expanding at a trillion a year. He explained that \$13 trillion is \$13 thousand billion and that a billion was like a thousand million. I had no idea what this meant, but he said we have 300 million people in the United States and if the 300 million was divided into \$13 trillion, it would mean everyone would need to come up with more than \$30,000 to clear this debt.

Dad explained that only higher taxes and major government reductions in spending would alleviate the problem. He told me people were getting concerned because many people have gotten so far in personal debt that they saw no way out as they would rather max out credit card after credit card and end up not being able to pay the bills. Millions of people have lost their homes due to foreclosure.

People are wondering if our government is borrowing itself into disaster and perhaps the federal government might, someday, have to go bankrupt and how would that affect the individual citizens? I said I probably would not have too much in the future as far as financial wealth is concerned, so why should I care? He explained that this, too, is a problem in that many people see only their own concerns. For our nation to work properly, we need to have our own personal concerns but to be aware of the fact we are part of the whole. If our government crumbles, there could be repercussions for everyone. I still do not know what \$13 trillion is, but I think my dad could be onto something.

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BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Sunny to mostly sunny. High 77.

Tonight: Clear and dry. Low 43.

Tomorrow: Increasing clouds, a little cooler. High 72.

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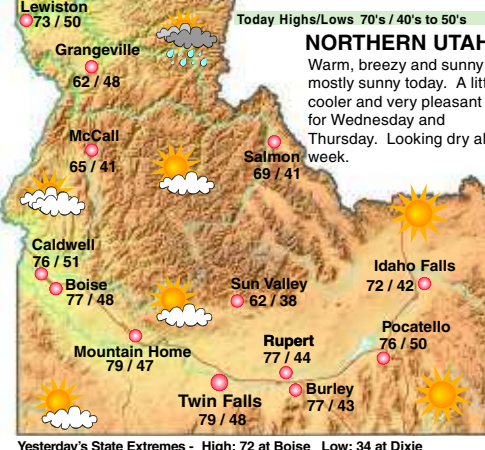
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IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Cool for today and Wednesday. A few light showers are also possible.

BOISE Sunny to mostly sunny and very nice for Boise today and Wednesday. Temperatures will warm up again late in the week.

NORTHERN UTAH Warm, breezy and sunny to mostly sunny today. A little cooler and very pleasant for Wednesday and Thursday. Looking dry all week.



Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 72 at Boise Low: 34 at Dixie weather key: su-sunny, p-partly cloudy, mc-mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, th-thunderstorms, sh-showers, r-rain, sn-snow, fl-furries, w-wind, m-missing

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset. Rows include Yesterday's High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, and Today's Forecast.

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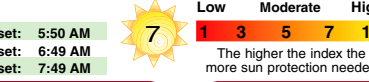
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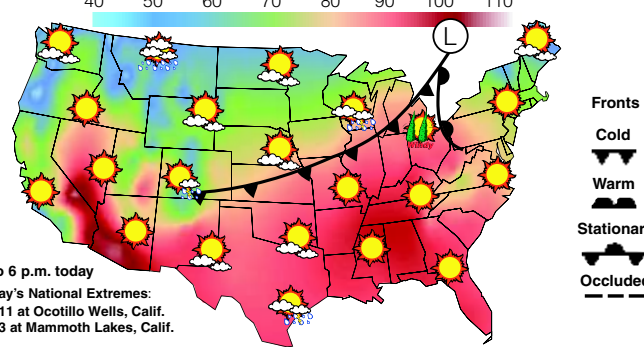
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Valid to 6 p.m. today. Yesterday's National Extremes: High: 111 at Ocotillo Wells, Calif. Low: 23 at Mammoth Lakes, Calif.

Gregg Middlekauff's Quote of the Day: 'Getting ahead in a difficult profession requires avid faith in yourself. You must be able to sustain yourself against staggering blows. There is no code of conduct to help beginners. That is why some people with mediocre talent, but with great inner drive, go much further than people with vastly superior talent.'

South Central Idaho Interagency Dispatch 886-2373. Includes a 'TODAY'S FIRE DANGER HIGH' sign and a firefighter image.

Relics of ill-fated Antarctic expedition up for auction

By Jill Lawless Associated Press writer

LONDON — They are testament to the most heroic of British failures.

Skis, photos, scientific instruments and other relics from Capt. Robert Falcon Scott's ill-fated expedition to the South Pole are going under the hammer this week at Christie's auction house.

The items, which belonged to a Canadian member of the team, help fill out the picture of a doomed journey that has become an iconic British tale.

'It has all the elements that define Britishness — Brits in homemade, stuck-together materials and supplies trying to do something and failing heroically,'

The items up for sale on Wednesday belonged to expedition member Charles Seymour Wright, who found the tent containing Scott's frozen body in November 1912, eight months after Scott is presumed to have died.

The collection, valued at between \$235,000 and \$390,000, includes manuscripts, photographs, Wright's sledding equip-



Adrian Raeside holds a photograph of his grandfather, Sir Charles Seymour Wright, and great-uncle Thomas Griffith Taylor in front of a silk union flag that belonged to captain Robert Falcon Scott and was used on the two expeditions he led to the Antarctic at the Christie's auction house in London, Monday.

ment and the skis he was wearing when he found Scott's body.

'He looked over to the right and a quarter of a mile away he spotted this little mound of snow, and saw a tiny patch of green, the top of the tent,' said Wright's grandson, Adrian Raeside, who is selling the collection.

Scott is an icon of the heroic age of polar exploration. He set out from England in 1910 and reached the South Pole in January 1912 — beaten by Norway's Roald Amundsen, who had got there a month earlier.

Scott died on the trek back to base camp. He was found in his tent along with Lt. Henry Bowers and Dr. Edward Wilson, just 11 miles (18 kilometers) from a depot stocked with food and fuel.

Petty Officer Edgar Evans had died earlier, and Capt. Lawrence Oates, suffering from severe frostbite, had set off into a blinding storm with the words: 'I am just going outside and may be some time.' His body was never found.

Scott's stoic courage in the face of death helped make him a national hero. 'We took risks, we knew we took them; things have come out

against us, and therefore we have no cause for complaint,' he wrote in a note found with his body.

Some historians have taken a more negative view, pointing out that the expedition was poorly equipped, and criticizing Scott's decision-making.

Raeside — who traced his grandfather's steps for a book, 'Return to Antarctica' — said Wright had many qualms about his leader, but didn't criticize Scott openly for fear of jeopardizing his chances of being selected for the party that would make the final push to the pole.

Report: Obesity hurts your wallet and your health

By Lauran Neergaard Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Obesity puts a drag on the wallet as well as health, especially for women.

Doctors have long known that medical bills are higher for the obese, but that's only a portion of the real-life costs.

George Washington University researchers added in things like employee sick days, lost productivity, even the need for extra gasoline — and found the annual cost of being obese is \$4,879 for a woman and \$2,646 for a man.

That's far more than the cost of being merely overweight — \$524 for women and \$432 for men, concluded the report being released Tuesday, which analyzed previously published studies to come up with a total.

Why the difference between the sexes? Studies suggest larger women earn less than skinnier women, while wages don't differ when men pack on the pounds. That was a big surprise, said study co-author and health policy professor Christine Ferguson.

Researchers had expected everybody's wages to suffer with obesity, but 'this indicates you're not that disadvan-

taged as a guy, from a wage perspective,' said Ferguson, who plans to study why.

Then consider that obesity is linked to earlier death. While that's not something people usually consider a pocketbook issue, the report did average in the economic value of lost life. That brought women's annual obesity costs up to \$8,365, and men's to \$6,518.

The report was financed by one of the manufacturers of gastric banding, a type of obesity surgery.

The numbers are in line with other research and aren't surprising, said Dr. Kevin Schulman, a professor of medicine and health economist at Duke University who wasn't involved in the new report.

Two-thirds of Americans are either overweight or obese, and childhood obesity has tripled in the past three decades. Nearly 18 percent of adolescents now are obese, facing a future of diabetes, heart disease and other ailments.

Looking at the price tag may help policymakers weigh the value of spending to prevent and fight obesity, said Schulman, pointing to factors like dietary changes over the past 30 years and physical environments that discourage physical activity.

Serial stabbings suspect faces 1st murder charge

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — A man suspected in a series of stabbings in Michigan and two other states was charged with murder and attempted murder Monday as a prosecutor promised to convict the man he said has 'terrorized our citizens.'

It's the first murder charge in a stabbing spree that killed five men and injured nine in the Flint area. Elias Abuelazam also is a suspect in two stabbings and a hammer attack in Virginia and a stabbing in Ohio.

He was charged Monday in the death of Arnold Minor, who died after being stabbed in the chest and stomach on Aug. 2. He was also charged with four new counts of attempted murder.

Abuelazam 'terrorized our citizens,' Prosecutor

David Leyton said. 'We've got the guy responsible for these crimes. ... We will convict him. We will lock him up for the rest of his life. His victims deserve nothing less.'

Defense attorney Brian Morley said the new charges were expected and he's already received some evidence from authorities.

Abuelazam, 33, has been in custody since Aug. 11 when he was arrested at the Atlanta airport while trying to fly to Israel, his native country. Before the five new cases were filed Monday he had been charged in one stabbing that was not fatal.

'We suspect that he was preying on vulnerable,

African-American men, cruising the areas of the city of Flint and the surrounding suburbs where he might find such individuals and try to take their lives and destroy them,' Leyton said.

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# September heralds cooler weather – and more mosquitoes

By Kathy Van Mullekom  
Daily Press (Newport News, Va.)

September may signal the arrival of fall but it doesn't necessarily herald the disappearance of mosquitoes.

In fact, this month can be the worst mosquito time of the year, with population explosions. It doesn't take much water – only a puddle in an abandoned tire or a depression in the soil – for mosquitoes to thrive.

Worldwide, there are about 3,500 species of mosquitoes. In the United States, there are about 200 species of mosquitoes, with 77 known species in Florida alone, according to experts. There are even mosquitoes in the desert. Specific species are known for transmitting certain diseases.

## Why mosquitoes bite

All mosquitoes feed on nectar and other sources of sugar, but only the female bites because she requires a blood meal for egg development.

Then, she lays her eggs in standing water – usually only yards from where the bite occurred. Upon hatching, the mosquito larvae begin their life cycle in the water.

## Fewer mosquitoes mean fewer bites

If mosquitoes are a problem at your home, there are simple steps you can take to eliminate their breeding ground:

- **Dump** water from bird baths and swimming pools weekly and replace with fresh water. Empty and turn



MCT photo

Mosquito Dunks are small tablets placed in standing water that guard against larval development for up to 30 days.

over kiddie wading pools when they aren't being used.

- **Get** rid of old tires, unused buckets and trash cans that can hold even min-

imal rainwater. Turn over wheelbarrows stored outdoors

- **Clean** clogged roof gutters to prevent water from collecting in them.

- **Empty** water in the saucers beneath plants at least once a week.

- **Drill** holes in the bottom of recycling containers left outdoors.

- **Don't** overwater flower beds and lawn to the point that standing water begins to collect, giving mosquito larvae a comfy place to erupt.

For added protection in birdbaths, fountains and ponds, you can use a natural biological control called B.t.i. (*Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis*) contained in products such as Mosquito Dunk.

Place a dunk wherever there is standing water – even in dry areas that occasionally flood and drainage ditches that harbor standing water. The biological control in the dunk kills mosquito

larvae for up to 30 days without harming other living things.

A six-pack of Mosquito Dunks sells for \$10-\$13 at garden/home centers and hardware stores.

## To protect yourself even more

In addition, you can also protect yourself from bites by wearing long sleeves and pants when you mow the lawn or garden. Wear light-colored clothing, because mosquitoes are attracted to dark colors. Avoid using sweet-smelling perfumes and personal care products like scented hairspray. (Mosquitoes are attracted to sweet fragrances.) And limit outdoor activities at dusk and dawn, when mosquitoes are most active.



Courtesy JAMES DULLEY

Completed metal roofing with new flashing and decorative hip trim over the seam.

## Metal roof means efficiency and a tax credit

**DEAR JIM:** My old asphalt shingle roof is leaking and has ugly dark streaks. I am thinking about installing a metal roof this time. Will a metal roof be hotter, and are there tax credits for it? — **Carol G.**

**DEAR CAROL:** Installing most, but not all, metal roofing will actually keep your house much cooler, not hotter. By keeping your house cooler, less electricity is needed for air-conditioning and your summertime utility bills should be lower. This is why a new metal roof qualifies for a 30 percent (of just the material cost, not labor) federal energy tax credit for 2010.

To qualify for this energy credit on your income tax, the metal roof must meet Energy Star standards. This means the TSR (total solar reflectivity) must be greater than 25 percent when new and 15 percent after three years' aging. Painted aluminum roofing is particularly energy efficient because of the heat-blocking low-emissivity natural aluminum underside surface.

This spring, I installed a tan Classic Metal Roofing Systems aluminum roof on my house. It is made from 98 percent recycled aluminum, and the 1-by-2-foot panels are formed to simulate a cedar shake roof. The temperature in my second-floor bedrooms is at least 10 degrees cooler than before.

Each aluminum panel interlocks with the adjacent ones on all four sides.

The top of each panel is held down by two stainless steel nails, one through a hole in the upper corner and one in an aluminum clip attached midway across the top. It is designed to withstand up to a 120-mph wind.

Although it is more expensive to install than an

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asphalt shingle roof, my new metal roof will never have to be replaced again. From a lifetime cost comparison, it is cheaper than installing an asphalt roof every 20 to 30 years. I also get a 3 percent reduction on my homeowner's insurance because of reduced fire hazard.

Most metal roofs reflect more of the sun's heat than do asphalt shingles, particularly black shingles. My tan Classic metal roof has a TSR of 43 percent, whereas my old dark asphalt shingle roof had a TSR of only 5 percent. This keeps the roofing materials cooler so less heat radiates down through the bedroom ceilings.

Since the aluminum material is thin with the cedar shake contour formed into it, an air gap is created beneath the panels. This gap allows cooling outdoor air to naturally circulate between the panels and the underlayment. I sealed off my gable vents so outdoor air is now drawn in the soffit vents and exhausted out a new ridge vent.

One minor drawback to the aluminum shake panels is they can dent if you indiscriminately walk on the high points of the contour. If you step on the lower nailed area of the panels, it is fine. Contoured insulating foam pieces were placed under areas of panels to provide walkways on the roof to clean my skylight and service the ridge vents.

Send inquiries to James Dulley, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244 or visit [www.dulley.com](http://www.dulley.com).

Couple shares how their home was tailored to take advantage of the view and climate in the Bellevue Triangle. **Next Tuesday in Home & Garden**

**Built for Bellevue**

## White roofs promoted to save energy

By Sean O'Driscoll  
For The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Herb Van Gent points his infrared gun at a square of still unpainted gray shingle and clicks the trigger. He gets an immediate temperature reading: 143 degrees and rising. Then he aims it 5 feet away to a square of roof I have just painted: 98 degrees and decreasing.

He smiles. "A 45-degree difference and we're only on the first coat," he says. That means it also will be cooler inside the building, he says, saving energy.

It's 11 a.m. and we are on the roof of a New York retirement home, rolling out a thick, shiny white paint. Van Gent is one of a volunteer group that has come up here to paint the roof as part of a city-sponsored "cool roof" program.

The idea of painting roofs white is catching on across the country; Energy Secretary Steven Chu has said it could contribute to the fight against global warming.

"Cool roofs are one of the quickest and lowest-cost ways we can reduce our global carbon emissions and begin the hard work of slowing climate change," said Chu in July, while announcing that Department of Energy buildings would be painted white wherever possible.

While white roofs keep homes cool in summer by letting less heat in, they have little impact on winter heating bills, according to the Cool Roof Rating Council, a non-profit group created in 1998 to research and implement the technology. That's generally because the sun is less intense in winter, the group said, and less important as a heat source. The roofs do not let any more heat escape than other roofs, it said.

In Arizona, cool roofs are mandatory for state and state-funded buildings, while Philadelphia has an ambitious green energy plan that put cool roofs at its center.

In New York, with Mayor Michael Bloomberg's blessing, the Department of Buildings and other public and private groups have vowed to paint 1 million square feet of roof on city-sponsored community buildings. Organizers have advertised on Craigslist for volunteers, promising that the painting is rewarding and fun.

I decided to give it a try. There were half a dozen volunteers on the roof that day from Wayne, N.J.-based GAF Materials, which supplied the reflect-



AP photo

James Peterson, left, and Rory Stout with Bio Neighbors apply a coating of Acrymax to the roof of a row home in Philadelphia. The idea of painting roofs white has become something of a social movement, one that some believe could be a huge help in stopping global warming.

## MORE ONLINE

The Cool Roof Rating Council: [www.coolroofs.org](http://www.coolroofs.org).

tive white paint. Among them was technical specialist Steve Hecht, who showed me how to spread the paint.

"This should bring the temperature down 50 or 60 degrees," Hecht said as I rolled a coat onto one small part of the roof.

Proponents say the idea is as sound for private homes as it is for big, residential apartment buildings. The Cool Roof Council provides information on materials and resources at its website, [Coolroofs.org](http://Coolroofs.org).

Philadelphia recently held a "cool roofs for free" competition, and a block of row houses won.

"The biggest difference is definitely when we wake up in the morning," said Terry Jack, who organized her block's winning entry. "I noticed the difference the very next morning after they painted the roof. It was a good 15 degrees cooler inside; it was much more livable."

Workers are painting the roofs on both sides of her street with reflective white paint, and also insulating the houses. City officials hope to show that a white roof will reduce the amount of air conditioning used, saving energy and reducing electricity bills.

According to former California energy commissioner Arthur Rosenfeld, an average, 1,000-square-foot roof painted white can save 10 tons of carbon dioxide, the equivalent of emissions from one car for about 2 1/2 years. On a national scale, turning roofs cool could eliminate 2 billion tons of carbon dioxide, roughly the same as taking 20 million cars off the road for 20 years, according to

Rosenfeld, who carried out his experiments with Hashem Akbari at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, in California.

So far, many cities have been limited in their response. New York's 1 million square feet of white roofs is a "very, very, very, conservative target," said Akbari, who advised the city on its NYC Cool Roofs project.

"When you consider that a large box store or mall can have a roof of 200,000 square feet, the entire New York program is the equivalent of painting five of those stores," he said.

But Akbari stressed it's not just about white paint.

"Certainly, the white color helps, especially if it's special reflective paint, but ultimately we want to see people using cool roof material when they have to change their roofs," he said. "There are a whole range of materials that can reflect the heat."

Sophisticated white roofing material can lie underneath a roof's visible surface, he said, reflecting the sun's heat while allowing a wider choice of colors on

the surface.

"Definitely, aesthetics has held back the cool roof movement until now, but that is changing. You have a longer lasting roof without having to look bad," said Akbari.

According to the Department of Energy, there are no federal tax credits for roof coatings, but there is a tax credit for using cool materials when replacing a roof.

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# Ask a designer: Kids' rooms that aren't 'kiddie'

By Melissa Rayworth  
For The Associated Press

Betsy Burnham loves designing bedrooms for young children. But before she can begin, she sometimes has to steer clients away from painfully cute design ideas.

"I don't like cutesy things — the murals, the Disney things," says Burnham, an interior designer based in Los Angeles.

"Why give them a really babyish room, when it's so expensive to change everything" as the kids grow older?

A child's room can be wonderfully whimsical, she says, "but it can also fit in with the rest of your decor."

Many parents feel obligated to stick with colors and imagery commonly associated with little kids. "But when you do that," says designer Brian Patrick Flynn, founder of decor-demon.com, "you create a powder keg, because then you have to redecorate when they get bigger."

How do you create a space that is kid-friendly, but will also grow with your child and mesh with the rest of your home?

Flynn, Burnham and HGTV's latest "Design Star" winner, Emily Henderson, share their advice:

## Break the rules

Forget the typical pastels and primary colors. Flynn loves vibrant oranges and greens for kids' bedrooms: "They're high energy, but totally gender-neutral."

White and brown are also a great combination, he says, because you can accessorize them with a range of other colors as the child's taste changes.

If you're set on pink, Burnham suggests using a shade like salmon or watermelon instead of a more predictable bubblegum pink. And rather than a basic royal blue, consider a deep navy for a look that's crisp and a bit more grown-up.

"There are so many ways of doing color and pattern in sophisticated way," Henderson says. "So many fabrics and wallpapers that are amazing animal prints, figures of animals that are modern and fresh and fun."

Consider painting stripes on kids' ceilings, or wallpapering the ceiling to bring in a pop of texture and color. "Especially for a baby," says Henderson, decorating the ceiling "is kind of going to wake up their imagination."

Flynn likes using geometric print wallpaper that evokes '60s or '70s style, perhaps in black and white or olive and taupe. He also likes using indoor/outdoor fabric in children's rooms, because of the impressive durability.

## Skip the kiddie furniture

Burnham says a dresser with a changing pad on top can be a functional and stylish alternative to a traditional changing table. And rather than buying a prefab kids' table and chairs set, Henderson recommends hunting at flea markets for vintage school chairs and desks.

No need to buy a toddler bed: Your child doesn't need one.

"If you invest in a couple of really nice twin beds, or just one twin bed," Burnham says, you can probably turn that bed into a daybed once the child moves on to a full- or queen-size bed."

And leave that Spiderman lamp on the shelf at the big box store. Flynn says vintage lighting can give a child's room much more style. Chrome or brass works well, he says, "or use the plastic ones from the '60s. They have nice fluid biomorphic lines. It's playful and fun and doesn't take itself seriously."

Of course, one person's "vintage" is another person's "hand-me-down." Older children may balk at being given cast-off furniture from other rooms. So it may be wise to pass along



AP photos/Decor Demon, SARAH DORIO

Betsy Burnham loves designing bedrooms for young children, like these three. But before she can begin, she sometimes has to steer clients away from painfully cute design ideas.



furniture while the child is still quite young.

Note: If you're bringing in sophisticated colors and patterns, Burnham says, you may want to balance them with plenty of kid-friendly soft things. Kids love comfort, so Flokati rugs and velvety fabrics are likely to be a hit.

## Keep the characters in the toybox

"Buy them a Buzz Lightyear toy," says Burnham, "but don't put Buzz Lightyear all over the walls."

Many kids' rooms these days look like advertisements for popular licensed characters. Nothing dates a room more than focusing it on one character — within a few years, your child will be into something new and you'll be stuck with the redecorating bill.

Burnham had a client whose son loved maps, so she bought a batch of vintage maps on eBay. The maps, originally used by sailors, were colored with soft yellows and pale blues. She had them pasted up as wallpaper, each one overlapping the next.

## Creative space

Let the room be a canvas for self-expression. Frame some of the child's favorite artwork and make it a

changing gallery. Or affix a row of cork tiles floor-to-ceiling for tacking up their latest creations. For babies, decorate one wall of the nursery with framed artwork done by older siblings.

Henderson suggests creating a simple stage for impromptu performances or stringing up some vibrant fabric to create a secret fort.

Chalkboard paint and dry-erase wall paint can be used to delineate an ample area for scribbling and drawing. (One concern: Henderson wonders whether kids will know where to stop.)

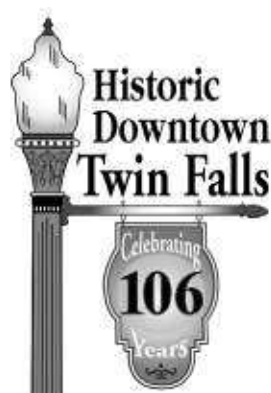
It's possible that having a more sophisticated room will motivate children to clean up more frequently.

"Say you happen to have a kid who loves to read and has books everywhere," Flynn says. "Do a built-in bookshelf" and let the child know you're investing in something special.



Brian Patrick Flynn designed this girl's room using graphic metallic wallpaper and black furniture with an unconventional color scheme of mauve, violet, silver and black.

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## Valerian

**Williamson:** Used as a sleep aid, as well as a muscle relaxant for conditions like sciatica and back spasms. Make a tincture of the fresh root — dried root has an acid that can become habit-forming and make you groggy.

**Robbins:** "Valerian has some toxic properties. ... Be really careful with that," she said. "There are several different kinds of plants that are called valerian, but the one I know is recommended medicinally has white flowers, not pink."



## Redosier dogwood



**Williamson:** Strip the bark off this tree when it smells strongly skunky, and dry it to take as a tea. "It is narcotic, so you don't want to take it all the time, but it doesn't have salicides like willow, so those that are allergic to aspirin can use the dogwood bark" as a pain medication.

**Robbins:** "It's extremely common, easy easy to grow, will take almost any kind of conditions," she said, noting that it is also called red twig dogwood. The plants can get quite large, and gardeners recommend that a third of the plant's branches (not a third of each branch) be trimmed to the ground each year.

# Medicine from your garden

Continued from H&G 1



Students at the medicinals class held Sept. 14 at the Sawtooth Botanical Garden nibble the bark of a chokecherry tree, to see whether they taste a strong flavor of bitter almond. When the sap is rising, medicinal practitioners harvest the bark to make a cough suppressant syrup.

Photos by ARIEL HANSEN/  
Times-News

## Chokecherry

**Williamson:** The bark is harvested when it tastes strongly of bitter almonds, usually in late winter. Used to ease dry, unproductive coughs, it is dried and made into a tea, to which honey can be added.

**Robbins:** "They grow fairly fast, they're open and lacy-looking, and there's a red foliage variety and then there's a green one," she said, noting that the fruit is often made into jelly. "They take hardly any water at all, so they would be good for a xeroscape."



## Scarlet gilia

**Williamson:** Harvest this plant when it is flowering, and use the entire plant, from flower to root. Best used in a tincture, scarlet gilia helps get rid of heavy phlegm and treats pneumonia, whooping cough and chronic lung problems.

**Robbins:** In nature, it grows on rocks in full sun, so it would best be used in a xeroscaped garden. Hummingbirds love it.

## Hawthorn

**Williamson:** "You can use the flowers, the berries, the leaves, the bark; they all have the same heart-strengthening constituents," she said, advocating daily use of a tonic for weak heart muscles, taken either as a tea or a tincture.

**Robbins:** The local species is *Crataegus douglasii*, or black hawthorn. Very common as a landscaping plant, and all species have fruit that birds love.



## Feverfew

**Williamson:** Used as a daily tonic, either by eating a fresh leaf or, for those who get mouth ulcers, made into a double tincture (make a tincture, let it sit, and then pour it over more plant material to double the concentration). Leaves and flowers are used for preventing migraines.

**Robbins:** Although this plant is also weedy, it is more easily removed from a garden than fireweed. It grows in shady locations with lots of water. "It's quite attractive, a very pretty little plant, and low maintenance."

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Connect with Darcy Williamson on Facebook (search "From the Forest" to find her), where she posts frequently about herbs and medicinals, including photos, instructions, recipes and literature reviews. Williamson also conducts day-long apprentice sessions every Wednesday in McCall; call her at 634-8701 for information. The Sawtooth Botanical Garden in Ketchum may bring Williamson back to conduct another class if there is demand. There are specific ways to make tinctures, teas, salves and oils, and it is important to learn the method of making each, as well as how to and how long to store each application once made. For Idaho residents, she recommends the book "Medicinal Plants of the Mountain West" by Michael Moore; it is available on Amazon.com for \$16.47. JoAnn Robbins, University of Idaho extension educator in the Jerome office, recommends "Physician's Desk Reference for Nonprescription Drugs, Dietary Supplements and Herbs"; several editions are available.

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SUGAR PRICES UP, BUTTER PRICES UP

# Tight supplies will send holiday baking costs up

By Cindy Snyder  
Times-News correspondent

Making holiday cookies and other treats will likely cost more this season thanks to strong butter and sugar prices.

Tight supplies of both commodities are pushing prices higher going into the fourth quarter, but the higher prices aren't necessarily good news for either dairy producers or sugar beet growers.

The nearby U.S. domestic

sugar futures contract closed Monday at 39 cents per pound, a record high. That's nearly double what the November 2010 contract started trading at nearly two years ago. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the U.S. average retail sugar price in August was 60.4 cents per lb. up from 55.6 cents a year ago.

Butter prices are soaring even faster. U.S. consumers paid an average of \$3.242 per lb. for butter in August, up from \$3.115 in July and \$2.774 a year ago. Butter

futures prices had risen by nearly a penny every trading session since late May before finally falling back slightly at the end of last week. The October cash settled butter price closed at \$2.15 per lb. on Monday.

Although butter orders are "holding up quite well for near term needs" according to the USDA's "Dairy Market News," filling holiday orders is becoming a concern.

Demand for both butter and sugar peaks in the fourth quarter, just in time for the Thanksgiving and Christ-

mas holidays.

## Lawsuit weighs on sugar market

While sugar beet growers in Idaho have just begun digging beets — the Amalgamated plant in Twin Falls began operations on Sept. 15 and the MiniCassia plant begins Sept. 22 — growers in the Midwest have been digging for nearly a month.

So it's somewhat counter-intuitive to think that supplies are tight given the

mountain of beets already harvested. Yet dry conditions in Brazil, which has most of the world's available sugar for export, is pushing world and U.S. prices higher.

Hurricane season has also got the market jittery. The Rio Grande Valley of Texas, the fourth leading sugar cane producing region in the U.S., has been hit three times by hurricanes or tropical storms already this year.

But the greatest amount of uncertainty facing the sugar market is regarding the 2011 sugar beet crop. Environ-

mental groups have sued the U.S. Department of Agriculture to block the development of rules that would allow limited planting of genetically modified sugar beet seed until a full environmental impact study can be completed in the spring of 2012.

While the amount of conventional seed available for planting in 2011 is unknown, the supply is widely believed to be far short of what is needed to plant the 1.2 million

See **PRICES**, Agribusiness 2

# Watching the DUST



AP photo

A farmer works through a field in Westfield, Ind. Farmers and lawmakers in the nation's breadbasket are urging the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to shelve or delay a proposal to tighten standards on the amount of dust kicked up by the nation's farms.

## Farmers fear rules won't reflect rural life

By Rick Callahan  
Associated Press writer

As they begin the fall harvest, wary farmers are watching a federal debate over whether to clamp down on one of rural life's constant companions — the dust clouds that farm machinery kick up in fields and along unpaved roads.

Farming groups have urged the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to retain its current standards for dust, soot and other microscopic particles, arguing that tighter restrictions would be unworkable and that dust isn't a real pollutant.

The EPA is reviewing its airborne pollutant standards, as required every five years under the Clean Air Act. It's looking both at its standards for tiny particles of industrial pollution, and slightly larger particles called "coarse particulate matter" that include dust.

Supporters of tougher restrictions said they're needed to help clear the air of tiny grains that can lodge deep in the lungs, worsening heart and respiratory problems.

But farming and livestock groups and some lawmakers call those risks overstated. They argue that tighter rules could hurt rural areas, which they fear might exceed new limits and be required to implement plans to reduce dust.

In July, nearly two dozen senators from farm states urged EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson in a joint letter to keep in place the current particulate standards, approved in 2006.

Tougher standards, their letter warned, would result in "extremely burdensome" dust control measures to bring regions into compliance and "could slow economic development and impose significant cost to

farmers and businesses."

The American Lung Association has urged the EPA to adopt stricter limits. The group maintains that officials could reduce dust, from paving gravel roads to encouraging farmers to grow more of their crops using no-till approaches that reduce the need for tractor work.

Janice Nolen, the group's assistant vice president for national policy and advocacy, said the agricultural industry's claims mirror those other industries raised when they faced EPA restrictions.

"Every industry that sees that they're going to have to clean up have had the same concerns and we've seen time and again where they were able to figure out a solution," she said.

Nolen said it's not just loose soil that blows around and off farms — the particles also include diesel exhaust from farm machinery, animal waste and herbicides

and insecticides.

The EPA's scientific advisers told the agency this summer that the agency could better protect public health by replacing the existing standard of 150 micrograms of coarse particles per cubic meter with a standard between 65 and 85 micrograms per cubic meter.

The agency is expected to release a final document next month spelling out its options for revising the standards. The EPA plans to announce any proposed changes in February, and will likely approve a final updated rule by October 2011. The agency would then determine which areas of the nation don't meet those new standards.

The American Farm Bureau Federation contends there's no scientific evidence supporting a need for tighter regulations on dust and that

See **DUST**, Agribusiness 2

# Variety trials give growers answers

By Cindy Snyder  
Times-News correspondent

When it comes to raising sugar beets, choosing a variety is one of the most important decisions a grower makes each year.

Finding a variety that works for a grower or a field often comes down to experience, but seed companies are urging growers to fine tune those decisions by participating in variety trials across the state.

Dennis Searle, ag services manager at Amalgamated Sugar Co., hopes the growers will use the trial results as a tool or a gauge. "Just because a variety is number one in the trial, it may not be the best variety for you to raise," he said. "Agronomics come into play?"

Most of the trials are planted in farmer fields to approximate actual growing conditions Jerome, Declo, American Falls and Ontario, Ore. Trials planted at the USDA-Agricultural Research Service Station at Kimberly tested for resistance to curly top and rhizomania, two economically devastating diseases.

Over the last 15 years, sugar beet breeders have dramatically increased rhi-

zomania resistance by introducing resistance from both parents. As a result, rhizomania has not been a widespread problem in recent years. But plant breeders are quick to point out that the fungus is present in soil and can mutate so they are constantly evaluating resistance in the plant lines they are working with to ensure new varieties have good resistance.

Yield and recoverable sugar are just as important as disease resistance. Amalgamated Sugar Co. would like to see recoverable sugar increase to 18 percent, up 1 to 2 points, in the next few years. Changes in agronomic practices can help increase recoverable sugar but most of the gain will come from varieties bred for higher sugar content.

"We need both varieties and agronomics to reach that goal," Searle said. "It's cheaper to haul more sugar in the beet than to haul more beets."

Growers and seed company representatives who toured all the variety trial sites in late August could easily evaluate disease resistance, but yield and sugar are still unknown.

See **BEETS**, Agribusiness 2



AP file photo

A field of sugar beets is shown in this file photo. Seed companies are urging growers to fine tune sugar beet planting decisions by participating in variety trials in Idaho.

## AGRIBUSINESS ROUNDUP

### USDA to release review of dairy industry

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service will release an overview of the United States Dairy Industry on Wednesday.

The report will discuss trends in the number of milk

cow operations, percent of inventory, and percent of production by size group, focusing on the changes since 2001.

Changes in milk cow inventory, milk production, and milk per cow will also be discussed, as well as milk prices and the milk-feed ratio.

Read the *Times-News* on Wednesday for more about this report.

### FSA launches new conservation loan program

U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency is launching a new loan program for conservation, which provides farm owners and farm-related business operators, access to credit for certain conservation practices.

Practices include the reduction of soil erosion, improving water quality and promoting sustainable and organic agricultural practices. Loans can be up to \$300,000 and Guaranteed CLs from lenders working with FSA can be up to \$1,112,000.

For more information on the loan program, contact a local FSA office or visit the FSA website at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

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### National Alpaca Farm Days to be held this weekend

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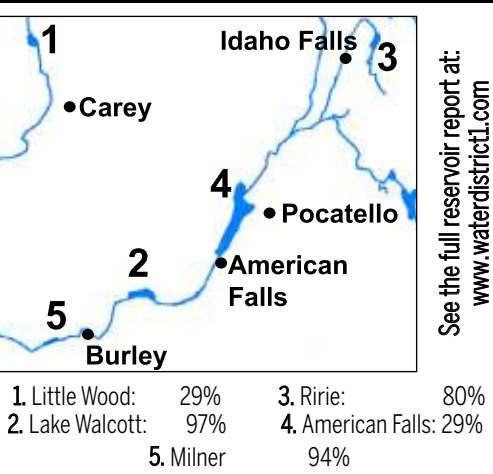
Continued from Agribusiness 1. "We're all looking at the fields today as if we were cows," said one seed company representative who asked to remain anonymous because of the ongoing legal issues surrounding Roundup Ready sugar beets.

Because of the cold, windy spring, much of the crop is two to three weeks behind in maturity. To give the beets more time to bulk up and store sugar, harvest won't begin this fall until mid-September.

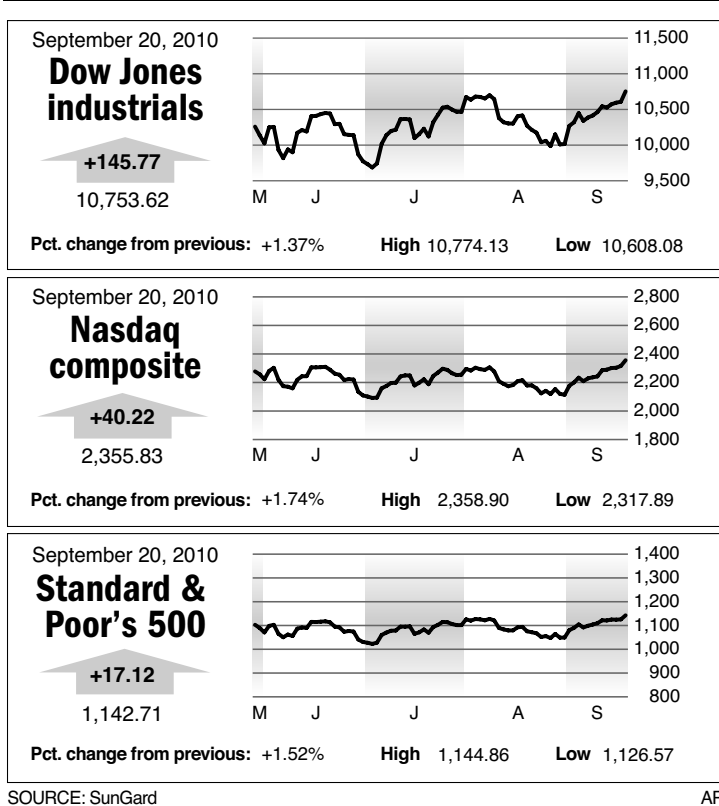
Dust

Continued from Agribusiness 1. farm dust is different from the particles released by industry. Rick Krause, the group's senior director of congressional relations, said there's no effective and economical way for farmers to reduce dust levels.

RESERVOIR LEVELS



YESTERDAY ON WALL STREET



NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks extended their September rally into a fourth week Monday as investors hoped for more moves by the Federal Reserve to prop up the economy.

COMMODITIES REPORT

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Table of commodity futures prices including live cattle, hogs, wheat, corn, soybeans, and various oils.

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Table of livestock prices including round reds Wisconsin 50-lb sacks, round reds Minnesota 50-lb sacks, and various beef and pig prices.

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Nurseries begin to regain their feet

Times-News staff and wire reports. The sea of change sweeping through the nursery business continues to make waves. Target is phasing out its garden centers while adding more space for groceries.

landscaping plants compared to a year ago, but customers are still coming in and asking us for creative ideas for their yards." It's a niche that more big-box stores are willing to relinquish to smaller operations.

according to a recent industry study by Nursery Retailer magazine. Chain stores — which had 40 percent of the market in the mid-1990s — have plunged to 7 percent. "The pendulum is starting to swing back to independent nurseries," said John Adams, owner of Sierra Nursery in Roseville, Calif.

Like Moss Greenhouses, other independent nurseries often offer what big box stores can't: Highly personalized service and expertise, Adams added. "It's definitely a fight every day, one customer at a time," said Ashley Gill, marketing director for Green Acres, a family-owned nursery with locations in Sacramento and Roseville.

Prices

Continued from Agribusiness 1. acres of sugar beets grown in 10 states. That uncertainty continues to push prices higher despite a bumper beet harvest. Amalgamated Sugar Co. has non-conventional seed in its variety development program.

to remain high for as long as sugar prices. That's because dairy producers are already increasing production in response to market signals. At the end of July, U.S. butter supplies totaled 199.6 million lbs., down 24 percent from a year ago, according to the USDA's latest cold storage report.

4,000 head from July. California production was also up 4.9 percent, the largest increase since November 2007. The USDA projects milk production will rise 1.8 percent next year to 196.2 billion lbs. "Producers continue to add cows to the herd and inventories are forecast to increase into mid-2011," USDA forecasters said in the August World Agriculture Supply and Demand Estimate. However, "strong demand for cheese and tight supplies of butter support higher forecast prices for 2010 and 2011."

Butter production increasing

Butter prices aren't expected to remain high for as long as sugar prices.

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People gather around the plaster model of the Statue of Freedom, which was used to cast the bronze Statue of Freedom which tops the Capitol Dome, following the opening ceremony for the United States Capitol Visitor Center on Capitol Hill in Washington, Dec. 2, 2008.

# THE CAPITOL EXPERIENCE

## Swelling crowds cause changes to how public sees building

By Laurie Kellman  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A hush falls over a group of tourists in Statuary Hall as House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, surrounded by a knot of Capitol denizens, moves through the gilded chamber on the way to her office.

Such by-chance encounters with the powerful used to be the norm in the U.S. Capitol as ordinary people strolled the hallways, day and night, witnessing the workaday world that goes on under that famous dome. No longer. Now, the public sees the Capitol in something of a gilded cage.

Security concerns, swelling crowds and the wish to keep the public at some remove mean average people aren't allowed to hang out the Capitol for long. For any single citizen, the chance of seeing something unscripted like Pelosi's appearance is rarer than ever.

Instead, a standard tour now means spending a half hour or so under the same roof as the lawmaking House and Senate and the rest of the time in the \$600 million Capitol Visitors Center, a massive secure structure built underground and next to the real thing.

That sits fine with many lawmakers and their aides. Back when visitors could roam with a guide — and before that, on their own — it was not unusual for the public to share hallways, elevators and even bathrooms with members of Congress rushing about their business.

"In the summertime, because of the high humidity and how hot it gets here, you could literally smell the tourists coming into the Capitol," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said during a ceremony celebrating the opening of the 580,000 square-foot visitor center in 2008.

That remark was meant to express sympathy with the masses who used to have to line up outside in sweltering weather. But it sounded elitist, and Reid's Republican opponent in the Nevada Senate race this fall has seized on it.

Nowadays, the standard tour of the Capitol itself lasts about 35 minutes and can consist mainly of guided visits to the Rotunda and Statuary Hall, which was the original House chamber before the two outside wings were added to the building in the 1850s. At low attendance periods, visitors also may be shown the Old Senate Chamber just off the Rotunda and the original Supreme Court chamber on

the ground floor.

The House and Senate chambers are off-limits to the main tour. Visitors can get tickets to the chamber galleries separately — through the offices of their congressmen or senators. The public can also sign up for a tour of historic hallways, which include the ornate Brumidi corridor on the ground floor of the Senate.

Hours, however, can easily be spent in the cool vastness of the three-story visitor center beneath the Capitol's heavily guarded East Front. Designed with 26 bathrooms, movie theaters, a pricey cafeteria, two gift shops and a massive Exhibition Hall museum, the center is big enough to handle comfortably the 4 million visitors since its December 2008 opening.

"It was really informative and I am glad I came," said Matt DeBerge, 26, of Hanover, N.H. Still, he had expected to be able to see the chambers where laws are made. Not knowing about the bifurcated system in advance "is probably our fault."

So vast is the CVC that visitors can spend hours there without knowing that they are sharing the underground building with policy makers using studios and secure rooms beyond doors with forbidding warnings. On the summer day the House ethics committee met in one room on the fate of embattled Rep. Charlie Rangel, an Associated Press reporter heading there found herself sharing an elevator with CIA Director Leon Panetta — who in turn was on his way to a classified briefing elsewhere in the underground complex.

All the while, thousands of unknowing visitors milled around under the same roof.

Pelosi marveled this week at the size of the new television studio during her first news conference there on Thursday. "It certainly is less claustrophobic" than the intimate Capitol parlor in



Matthew Wodatch, 5, looks at an exhibit about the U.S. Capitol dome after the opening ceremony of the United States Capitol Visitors Center in Washington, D.C., in 2008.

which she typically holds such sessions. She joked too, about leaving breadcrumbs to help find her way back to the Capitol.

Security was the driving force behind the setup and much of the reason its cost more than doubled from original estimates.

The 1998 murders of two Capitol police officers by a gunman who simply ran inside a doorway prompted Congress to devote \$100 million of the \$265 million estimated cost at that time. Private donations, sales and other fundraising steps were expected to pay for the rest, said Tom Fontana, speaking for the visitors center.

Then the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks demonstrated a need for a whole different level of security and the cost ballooned.

Before the visitors center, the public had to line up outside, sometimes in bad weather for hours, with few or no bathrooms handy.

Now, a visit begins with more modest lines along a slope from street level to the below-ground doors and the standard security sweep inside. Then it's a stop at the ticket counter for a lapel sticker with a bar code, and a usually brief wait in line for a 13-minute orientation film.

"Out of Many, One" is a solemn but optimistic look at the nation and its founders, with an acknowledgment that the United States took shape "not easily and not quietly."

"It was rah-rah, but that's what you'd expect," said Setareh Gable, 44, of Dallas, who took the tour this month with her family. "It's appropriate."

Throughout the tour, there are ample reminders of the nation's founding irony: The Capitol was built by slaves as a temple to liberty.

Attendance has soared. One million visitors toured the facility in its first five months compared with 467,800 who toured the Capitol during the same period a year earlier.

Gable's group was guided out of the theater and up a flight of stairs to meet a red-coated tour guide who handed out earphones with receivers linked to his microphone. With these, visitors can hear their guides without anyone shouting. Before, the cacophony in the soaring historic spaces could be deafening.

The tour consisted mostly of briefings on two rooms — the Rotunda and Statuary Hall — with little or no commentary on the other spaces through which the group walked.

Moving between the two halls, one person glanced to her left, noticed the plaque above Pelosi's door and tapped the shoulder of a man nearby. He peered into the vestibule outside the suite and tried to see down the scarlet-carpeted hallway beyond.

The House wasn't in session, so there was no Pelosi or anyone else famous to be seen.

The guides' training is also more standardized now, so there's no more stating as fact the fictional tale of John Quincy Adams feigning sleep in Statuary Hall to eavesdrop on his opponents via the room's strange acoustics. A guide on one recent tour told the tall tale, but made clear that's all it was.

Despite all of the control, chances to catch a glimpse of lawmakers, visiting heads of state, Cabinet members and other VIPs still exist, primarily in the central, oldest section of the Capitol.

The Rotunda still is the most direct route between Pelosi's office and Reid's on the far side of the building. The two have been known to pause behind a statue to chat privately before crossing the Rotunda and attracting attention.

## AROUND THE WORLD

### UNITED STATES

#### Governor seeks to remove DA from office

MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin's governor says he'll start the process to remove a prosecutor caught sending sexually-harassing text messages to a domestic abuse victim as soon as he gets a proper complaint.

At a news conference Monday in Madison, Wis., Gov. Jim Doyle said he was appalled by Calumet County District Attorney Ken Kratz's behavior. He says he first needs to get a "verified complaint" from a taxpayer in Calumet County. The abuse victim does not live in that county.

Kratz has acknowledged sending 30 text messages in three days last year to a woman while he was prosecuting her ex-boyfriend in an abuse case. He apologized and went on medical leave but has refused to resign.

Wisconsin governors have the power to remove county officials like Kratz for cause.

#### Arrest warrant issued for Lohan; jail possible

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — A judge issued an arrest warrant Monday for Lindsay Lohan after the actress acknowledged failing a drug test less than a month after she was released from inpatient rehab.

Superior Court Judge Elden Fox also revoked Lohan's probation in her three-year-old drug case while issuing the bench warrant in Beverly Hills.

However, the warrant was stayed, and Lohan was allowed to remain free pending a hearing Friday to determine if she violated her probation.

Fox previously threatened the actress with 30 days in jail for each violation. He must now decide whether to send her back to jail or into treatment.

Lohan must attend the hearing. A message left with her attorney Shawn Chapman Holley was not immediately returned.

The warrant was issued after Fox took over the case last month and laid out a path paved with therapy sessions and 12-step meetings that could have finally brought Lohan's drug case to an end.

#### Security cameras link NYC subway hubs

NEW YORK — About 500 cameras installed in New York City's busiest transit hubs are now feeding real-time images to the police department's security network.

The transit cameras installed in Pennsylvania Station, Times Square and Grand Central station will be used to combat subway crime, search for suspicious activity and guard against terrorist attacks.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg said Monday the cameras provide the police department with better tools to keep transit riders safe.

The latest feeds are part of the NYPD's lower and midtown Manhattan security initiatives. The surveillance "ring of steel" is modeled after security measures in London's financial district.

New York's network of public and private cameras will eventually grow to about 3,000. Police officers monitor the feeds.

#### Dad who stormed bus apologizes

ORLANDO, Fla. — A Florida father who stormed onto a school bus and threatened children because his 13-year-old disabled daughter had been bullied is apologizing for the way he handled the situation.

James Willie Jones said in a statement to The Associated Press on Monday that he is sorry for his "inappropriate use of language and for the way I handled the situation." But he says his daughter suffers from cerebral palsy and he "could not stand by and helplessly watch her suffer."

### AFGHANISTAN

#### Warlords hedge bets, contest elections

JALALABAD, Afghanistan — Dozens of candidates in Afghanistan's parliamentary elections represent a party linked to Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, a former prime minister with ties to al-Qaida who is believed to be a mastermind of attacks on U.S. troops.

Hekmatyar, thought to be in Pakistan, is the most feared and notorious of various warlords who supported candidates in last Saturday's balloting. Observers allege they engaged in widespread intimidation and vote-buying.

While analysts say it's important to give such groups a way into the mainstream, they suspect warlords like Hekmatyar will use parliament seats to consolidate control over certain regions — setting the stage for more violence and possibly even civil war when international forces eventually depart.

A successful showing by warlord-backed candidates could also stymie attempts to root out corruption and find a consensus for talks with the armed opposition, both of which are necessary to pave the way for a U.S. withdrawal.

### YEMEN

#### Thousands flee battle with al-Qaida

SAN'A — Yemeni police say thousands of people have fled a southern village where security forces are laying siege to al-Qaida militants who took over houses there.

The police chief for the surrounding district, Abdullah Baouda, says government forces have moved into the village of Hawta with tanks and armored vehicles and 90 percent of its residents have fled. One fleeing family said Monday that forces have shelled the village indiscriminately for the past two days.

The village is in Yemen's mountainous Shabwa province, one the areas where al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula has taken root over the past year and a half.

### MEXICO

#### Death toll rises to 16 from flooding

VERACRUZ — Mexican authorities say at least 16 people have been killed in several days of flooding and mudslides across southern Mexico.

President Felipe Calderon says the death toll in the Gulf coast state of Veracruz rose to 12 over the weekend as the remnants of Hurricane Karl caused flash floods and mudslides.

— The Associated Press

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# Saints use late field goal to top Niners

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Last season, the New Orleans Saints won their games with a high-flying offense. So far this year it's been all about defense.

Garrett Hartley kicked a 37-yard field goal that barely fluttered through as time expired after Drew Brees set it up with a 30-yard completion to Marques Colston and the Saints spoiled the San Francisco 49ers' home opener with a 25-22 victory Monday night.

San Francisco's Frank Gore ran for a 7-yard touch-

down with 1:19 to play and Vernon Davis made a close-call catch at the goal line for the tying 2-point conversion. The play was initially called no good, but the 49ers (0-2) challenged the ruling and won.

The defending Super Bowl champion Saints (2-0), who relied on their defense most of the game, got the ball back at the 30 with 1:14 left. Brees hit Colston with a pass that put the Saints on the 18 with 18 seconds left. The 49ers watched anxiously as Hartley's kick just made it.

"We've stayed with the mindset we are the hunter,

not the hunted," Brees said moments after the game.

Reggie Bush caught a 6-yard TD pass in his first game since giving back his 2005 Heisman Trophy won while with Southern California. The NCAA punished USC after concluding that Bush and his family took money and gifts from sports agents while Bush played for the Trojans. Bush was helped off the field with a leg injury with 6:58 left and then was taken to the locker room on a cart.

Brees hit David Thomas

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AP photo

New Orleans Saints running back Reggie Bush (25) outruns San Francisco 49ers defensive tackle Ray McDonald (91) in the second half in San Francisco Monday.

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## BSU readies for prime-time matchup with Oregon State

By Jason Chatraw  
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — From Oregon State painting its practice field blue to end zone shenanigans against Wyoming to a nation-wide prime-time audience to the anticipated appearance of ESPN's GameDay crew, there are plenty of distractions surrounding Boise State's home opener Saturday night (6 p.m., ABC).

But listening to BSU head coach Chris Petersen at his weekly press conference, you would hardly believe it's anything out of the ordinary for the Broncos. As always, he expects a tough challenge from the Beavers.

"I think (Oregon State's) defense has always been one of the best defenses we've seen," Petersen said. "They're very sound and very solid in what they do — and they've done it for a long time. By the end of the year, they usually end up as one of the best defenses in the country."

Despite routing Oregon State the past two times the schools have met (2004 and 2006), Petersen had nothing but praise and admiration for the Beavers' program.

"Every year it seems like they take it to that next



AP photo

Boise State coach Chris Petersen high-fives fans following Boise State's 51-6 win over Wyoming in Laramie, Wyo. The third-ranked Broncos host No. 24 Oregon State on Saturday.

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## Going to GameDay?

The ESPN GameDay program hosted by Chris Fowler, Kirk Herbstreit, Lee Corso, Desmond Howard and Erin Andrews will be broadcast live from Bronco Stadium on the blue turf, beginning at 7 a.m. Saturday and run for three hours. Admission is free and the gates open at 5:30 a.m.

notch," Petersen said. "Coach Riley has done such

a great job. I don't know if flying under the radar is the

right term to describe Oregon State because I think

everybody knows about them. People may talk about other teams in the Pac-10 more than Oregon State, but everybody has as much or more respect for Oregon State than anybody in that league."

Petersen also expressed his admiration — and fear — for what Oregon State's highly-touted Rodgers' brothers — Jacquizz and James — can do.

"The Rodgers brothers are tremendous players," Petersen said. "You start to

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## Tigers rally around freshman quarterback Thibault

On Friday night, the Jerome Tigers rallied around their fallen quarterback.

On Saturday morning, they gathered at his home.

And in their weight room this week, they're honoring his contribution to their first win of the season.

Mike Christensen



Early in the fourth quarter of Jerome's game at Canyon Ridge, freshman Zach Thibault took a massive hit that left him with a spinal concussion after passing for 125 yards and two touchdowns in his first varsity start and rushing for another score in a 24-22 win over the Riverhawks on Friday.

In Jerome's weight room, the jersey medical personnel cut off of Thibault on Friday night is displayed along with his wrist band and the game ball. The gear is accompanied by these words: "Zach Thibault, thanks for the battle. We won the war."

"The way our kids treated the situation couldn't have been any better," said Jerome coach Gary Krumm.

Thibault was back in school on Monday, but weights and workouts are out of the question this week. Thibault won't be allowed to participate in contact drills for at least two weeks after Friday's hit left him motionless on the field for several minutes. His injury is the same one Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger suffered against the Cleveland Browns in the regular-season finale of the 2008 NFL season. While Thibault was taken to the hospital by ambulance, he was released late Friday night.

"For how it looked, he came out of it pretty well," said Krumm.

So did the Tigers. After a 0-3 start, they mustered a big conference win over Canyon Ridge. Trailing at the time of Thibault's

See **TIGERS**, Sports 2

# Burley, Jerome soccer teams play to 2-2 draw



RYAN HOWE/Times-News

Burley's Logan Searle, left, and Jerome's Mike Mercado battle for possession of the ball during their Great Basin Conference soccer match Monday at Burley High School.

By Ryan Howe  
Times-News writer

The boys soccer teams from Burley and Jerome have gone head-to-head for more than 160 minutes this season and still can't decide who is superior on the pitch.

After playing to a 0-0 draw in their first match on Sept. 2, the Bobcats and Tigers clawed out a 2-2 tie Monday at Burley High School.

Jerome felt fortunate to escape with a draw and the referee must have felt fortunate to escape Skaggs Events Center unharmed by passionate soccer fans after a controversial finish.

Burley led 2-1 in extra time when the referee awarded Jerome with a direct kick from close range, which

Burley successfully cleared. However, upon doing so, Burley was called for a penalty in the box, and Jerome's Carlos Martinez buried the equalizing penalty kick in the fifth minute of stoppage time.

"(Burley) had a few things on their side that the ref wasn't calling, that's just how it goes. I guess we're even," said Jerome coach Robert Garcia.

Besides seeing the win — and a precious three points — slip away, Burley also lost its sensational striker Gustavo Castaneda for the Bobcats' game at Wood River on Thursday after the senior received a red card for arguing the referee's call.

"Two teams evenly matched, it was a good game," said Burley coach

Wes Nyblade. "It's just a shame it comes down to an official making the call at the end."

Jerome moved to 4-1-2 with 14 points in Great Basin Conference play (7-1-3 overall). Burley picked up its fourth draw in league play (2-0-4, 10 points) and is 6-1-4 overall.

"It was a tough game, both teams played hard. I always like playing Burley," said Garcia. "The team that plays harder is usually going to win and both teams play hard, so I guess that makes us even."

The teams played even through most the first half until Jerome broke through with a goal by Salvador Mercado in the 38th minute. Cesar Mendoza equalized

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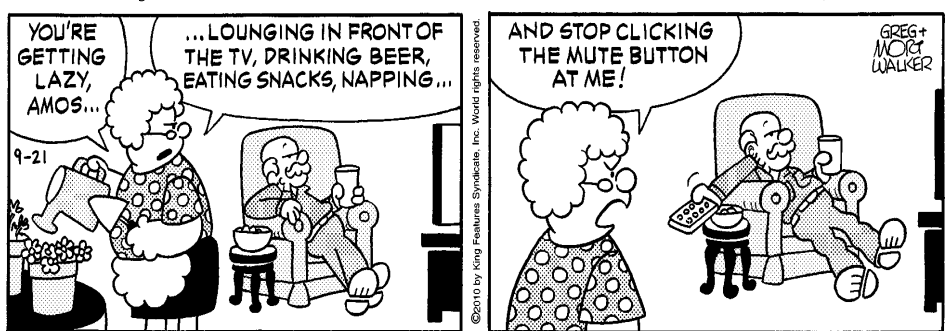
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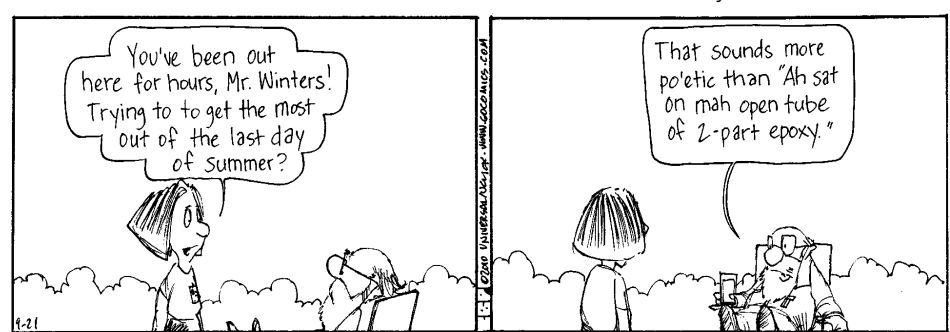
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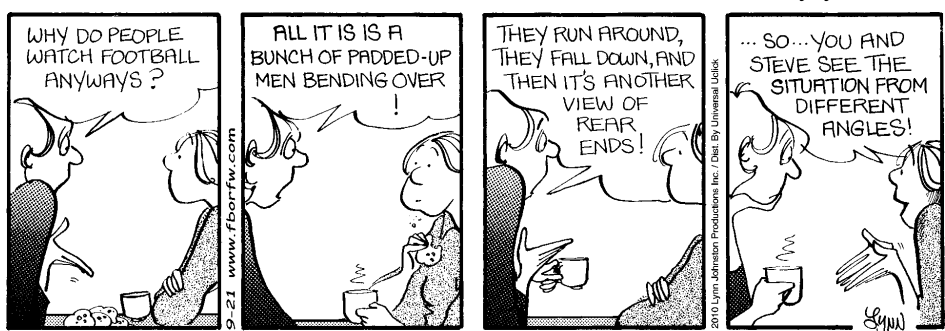
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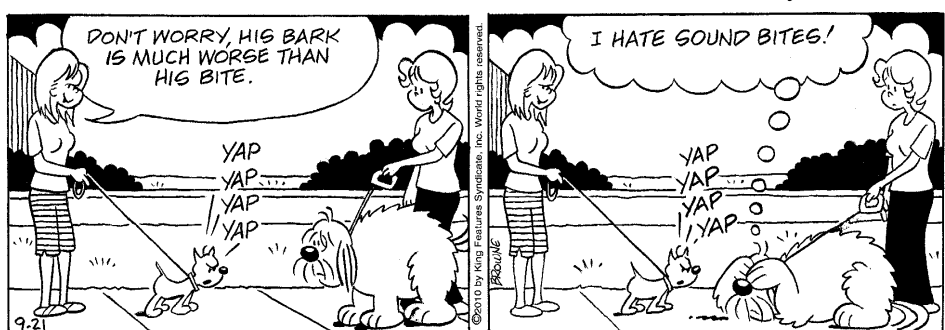
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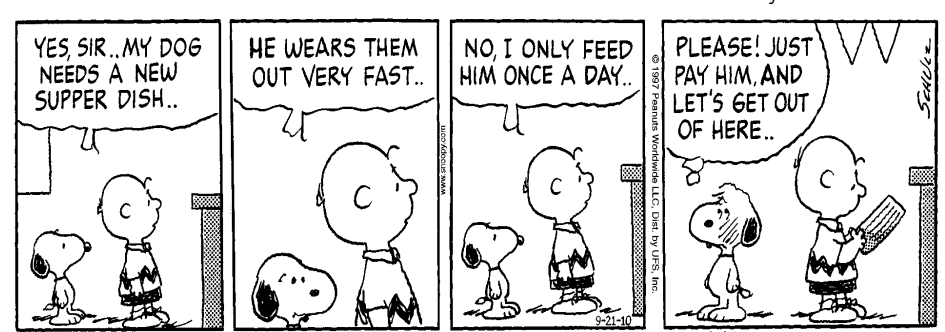
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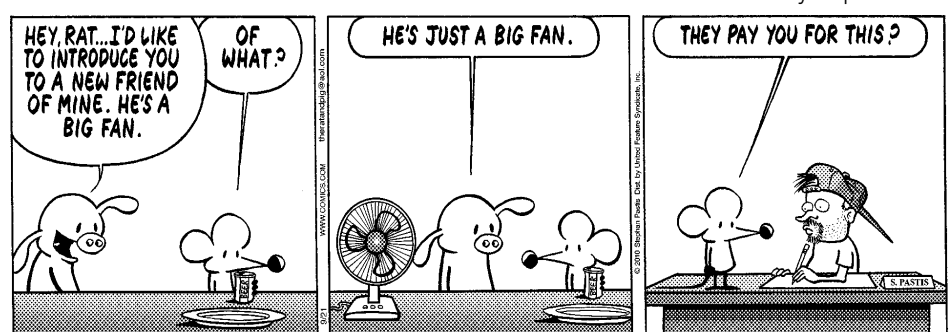
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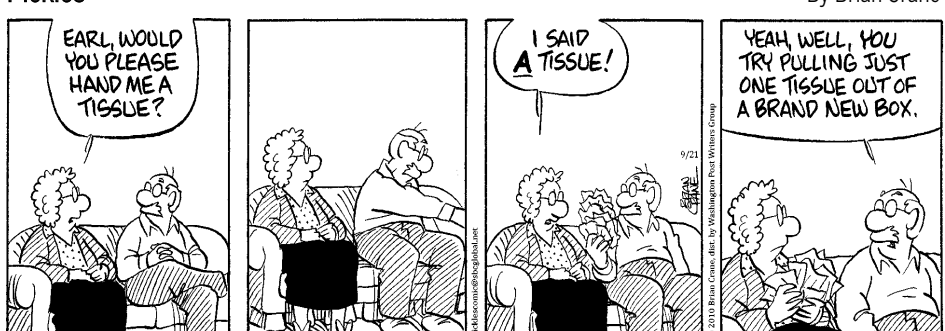
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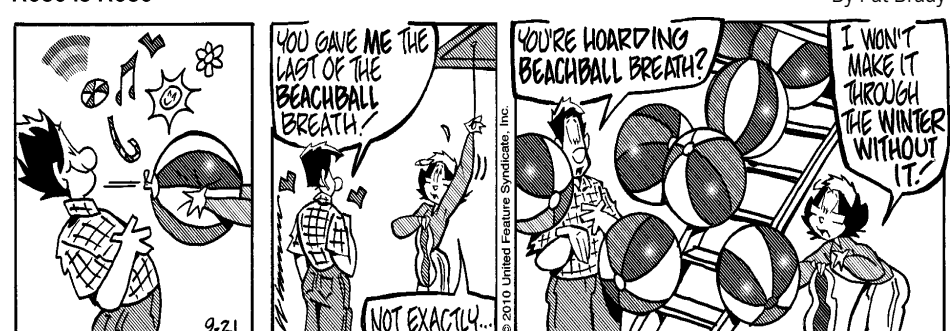
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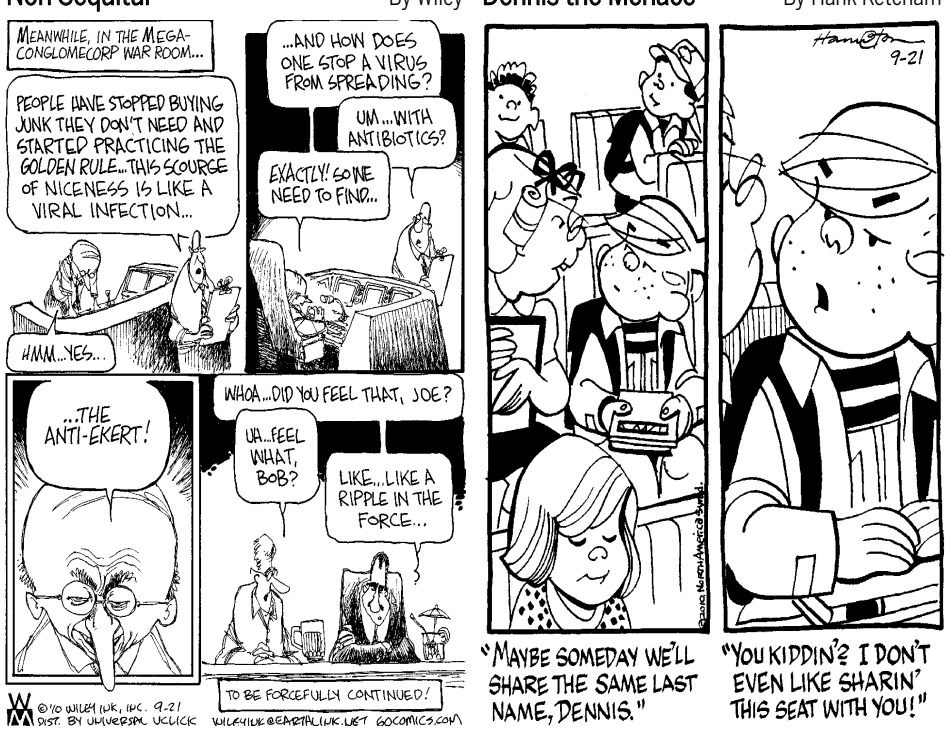
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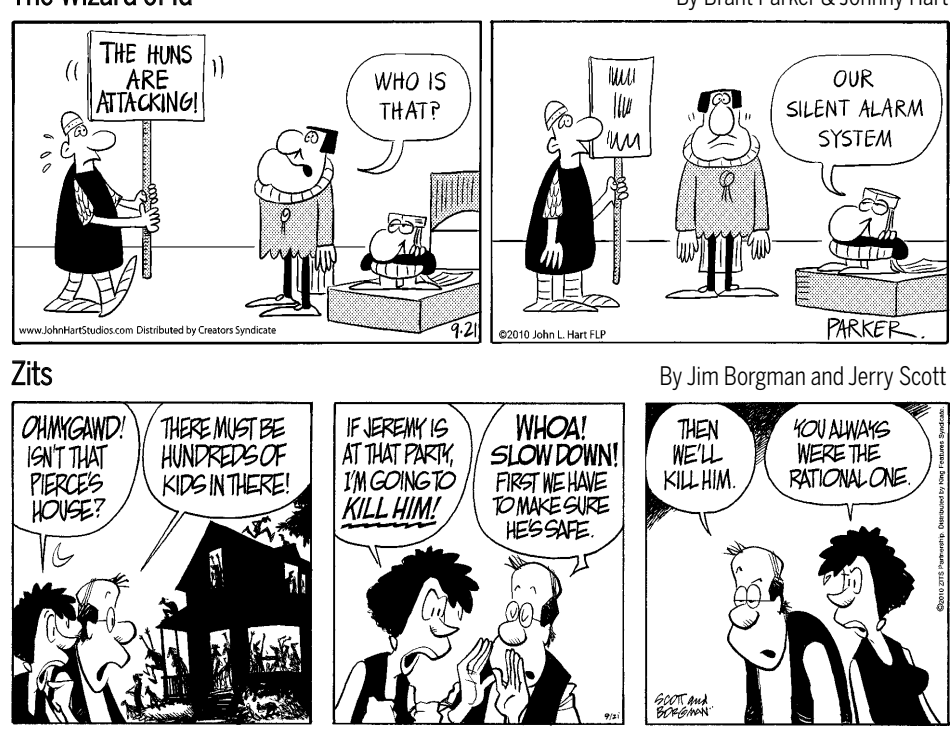
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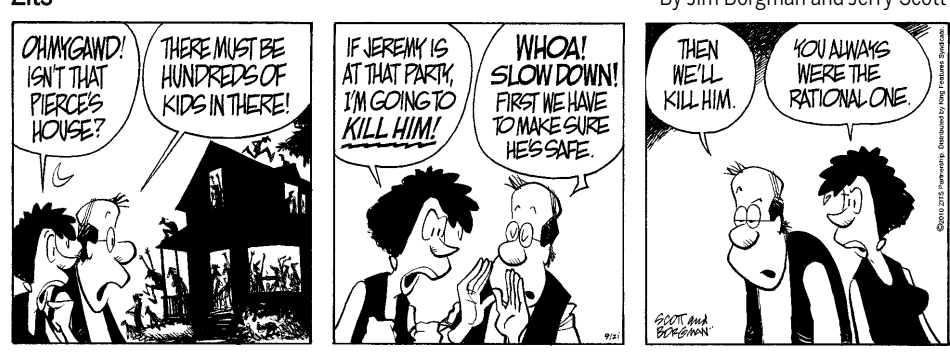
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