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RESIDENTS: RECYCLING
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Chad Hall, of Twin Falls-based PSI Waste Systems, drops off a load of recycling he collected in Twin Falls on Monday. The Twin Falls City Council is looking at changing residential recycling services to a single-stream system. The current system requires sorting recyclables.

Opposition to fee increase drives T.F. council's public hearing

By Nick Coltrain
Times-News writer

It was the self-proclaimed recyclers who on Monday denounced possible rate increases associated with a no-sorting, incentive-based recycling system in Twin Falls.

Janet Russelle walked up and proclaimed to the City Council that she loves this community, and loves this planet, enough to recycle. She even volunteered to sit on the recycling committee in the future. But, she added, "please don't raise my rates."

At question was a proposal from the city's citizen recycling committee to look at RecycleBank, an international program that ties pounds of recycling to rewards like coupons and gift cards. Its program would include a single-stream system, which requires no sorting and

RECYCLING OPTIONS

Both options for recycling are voluntary participation, involuntary payment and only apply to single-family homes.

Through RecycleBank

- \$1.48/month increase.
- Includes one 95-gallon recycle bin for papers, light metals like aluminum and sheet metal, and plastics; no sorting required.
- Estimates of \$7.50 to \$10 in coupons for participants.

With the current system

- \$1.81/month decrease.
- Uses 18-gallon tote bin for papers and light metals; requires sorting.



would expand recycling options in Twin Falls to include plastics. The City Council will host a second public hearing on the proposal Monday.

"I don't need to be bribed with coupons and such and I don't think (RecycleBank is) offering anything that we can't do for ourselves," Russelle said, adding

she is sick of reward-card tactics. Others, like Suzan Salazar, brought the economy into play. She said she is one of only three people on her street who uses the current city recycling system.

"I still think some more research still needs to be done and raising rates right now maybe isn't the best idea," she said.

They also came with ideas. Salazar's husband, Ruben, proposed making the recycling program optional so those who can afford the fee and want to earn the rewards can do it. Jolinda Tatum, another recycler, suggested putting the rewards toward credits on people's water bills, which include fees for waste handling.

Bill Wolfram, senior vice president for RecycleBank, said the coupons come from partner companies' advertising dollars, not from RecycleBank itself, making the water bill credit unlikely. He also said the program leads to about 90 percent participation in its communities in a given month; Twin Falls sees about 20 percent participation in a given year with its program, city staff said.

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Longtime
CSI trustee
in 4-way
contest

Craig has been chairman
for most of his tenure

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

There's a crowded race for the seat of College of Southern Idaho Trustee LeRoy Craig.

A trustee since 1974, Craig is being challenged by Bob Keegan, Catherine Holston and Joshua Jackson. Because Craig has been chairman for most of his tenure, if he is unseated the board will also need to pick a

different chairman for the first time in more than 30 years.

Craig, 76, of Jerome, is co-owner of

an insurance agency. He said there's still work he'd like to see through as trustee, including getting a wind energy building to the campus and tackling budget challenges.

"Probably the most important thing is we have got to come up with a way to finance our school, recognizing that we're going to

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Craig



Keegan



Holston



Jackson

'BRING BOWE HOME'
Schoolkids plead for help for Bergdahl

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — Tears rimmed Jani Bergdahl's eyes as she joined 90 Woodside Elementary School fourth-graders in their chant.

"Bring Bowe home! Bring Bowe home!"

It was a bittersweet moment for the Hailey woman, whose son Spc. Bowe Bergdahl is believed to still be held by the Taliban in Afghanistan since being captured in June 2009.

"Sorry, I didn't know this was going to be so emotional," she said, wiping tears away as she stood to address the Hailey schoolchildren.

Bergdahl made a rare public appearance Monday afternoon to thank the students for letters they wrote to President Barack Obama, urging him to bring Bowe back home safely. The students presented Bergdahl with two scrapbooks holding copies of those letters, as well as cards and pictures they'd made for the family.



KAREN BOSSICK/For the Times-News

Jani Bergdahl, left, shows Tracie Carlson the motorcycle jacket she got on eBay to hold pins and patches she's received from motorcyclists from across Idaho and Nevada. Bergdahl's son, Army Spc. Bowe Bergdahl, was captured by the Taliban in Afghanistan in June 2009.

"Could you try your hardest to bring Bowe home from Afghanistan?" wrote Gracie Doyle. "I think that maybe you

could talk to the president of Afghanistan."

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School board takes next
step with federal funds

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls School Board voted Monday to enter into negotiations with its teachers regarding an infusion of federal funding.

The 3-1 vote regarding the Twin Falls Education Association was needed for the district to determine how to use \$1.3 million of one-time federal jobs bill funding, aimed at helping cash-strapped school districts restore cuts to salaries and classroom time for this school year and the next.

Trustee Kenney Young cast the lone vote of dissent, which was made without any discussion. Young said after the meeting that the budget and calendar for this school year have already been set and that the district doesn't know what shape the budget will be in next year.

Twin Falls School District balanced its budget with less money by trimming 14 days from teachers'

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contracts, along with an optional 192nd day from their schedules. The result left teachers with 177 days in their contracts instead of 191. Students currently face eight fewer days in class, with four of them being half-days. The remaining lost days include a paid holiday and five days for professional development needs.

In a survey of 269 district employees, 58.9 percent believed that the some of the federal funding should be spent this year following negotiations. Another 31.6 percent thought that the district should wait to decide until early 2011, when there will be more information about the state's economic outlook and legislative plans.

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Colleges use car-sharing to cut down congestion

By Jessie L. Bonner
Associated Press writer

BOISE — On a campus where students outnumber parking spaces nearly three to one, Boise State University has finally convinced 23-year-old Wayer Alwayel he no longer needs the car he brought to campus with him as a freshman.

The new hybrid car parked near the student union building this fall, available for \$8 an hour, sealed the deal. Behind the wheel of the rental, Alwayel realized just how tired he was of paying for his own gas, paying for his own insurance.

"Everybody was like, 'How did you get this car?'" said Alwayel, a senior who plans to sell his nine-year-old Mitsubishi sedan and rent one of the four Zipcars on campus if he needs to go to the mall or run an errand.

"It's cheaper," he said. "You don't have to pay the gas, you don't have to have insurance, which is really cool!"

Colleges hoping to steer students and faculty away from bringing their vehicles to campus to help relieve parking congestion and promote environmentally friendly transportation are increasingly turning to the concept of car sharing.

Boise State is among more than 30 universities and colleges that have introduced Zipcars to students this fall.

The University of Colorado at Boulder works with a local nonprofit, eGO CarShare, to offer a car sharing service to students and faculty, according to its Web site. West Virginia University launched an hourly car rental program last year and has since teamed up with Zipcar



Boise State University student Wayer Alwayel poses with a Zipcar in Boise. On a campus where students outnumber parking spaces nearly three to one, Boise State University has convinced 23-year-old Alwayel he no longer needs the car he brought to campus with him as a freshman.

AP photo

Inc. to expand the service.

For a generation of college students who grew up downloading music song by song instead of buying entire CDs, the whole borrowing-instead-of-buying concept hasn't exactly been a hard sell.

Throw in the recession, and parents are on board too.

"I think one of the key drivers is Zipcar really helps to save people money, and that's really important to college students, as well as their parents," said Greg Winter, a spokesman for the Cambridge, Massachusetts-based company.

There's also the bling factor, if only for a few hours.

When Alwayel, the Boise State student, and his wife, 20-year-old Fatemah, needed a ride to the Boise Islamic Center for a Ramadan gathering, they left their old car at home and went online to reserve the dark blue Prius parked on campus.

"It's a brand new car, and mine is old," Alwayel said.

While major metropolitan cities have long offered car sharing services, the idea is relatively new to more rural states like Idaho, said Casey

Jones, director of transportation and parking at Boise State. The school's new car sharing service is Idaho's first, said Jones, who also sits on the International Parking Institute's board of directors.

"That creates some challenges for us, students have much less exposure to the concept," Jones said.

The idea of car sharing was spawned in Switzerland in 1987, when Mobility Car Sharing put its first car on the road in the traffic-congested city of Lucerne. The company now has 2,200 cars at 1,000 locations, according to its Web site.

The Swiss company's success was duplicated in big cities in Austria, France, Sweden and Germany, and the idea spread overseas to Canada in 1995. The first American car-sharing company opened in 1998 in Portland, Ore., where Jones was overseeing the city's off-street parking system at the time.

He was hired at Boise State earlier this year.

From his office on the first floor of a parking garage on the south end of campus,

Jones is within earshot of the clamoring of heavy machinery as construction crews work on new buildings, which further reduce available space for surface parking lots.

The campus has nearly 20,000 students, about 2,000 faculty and staff, and just 7,000 parking spaces.

"It's pretty easy, using quick math, to know that we don't have a parking space for everyone," Jones said. "We're really moving forward on alternatives to driving alone, more sustainable choices."

UI study highlights impact of native tribes on economy

FORT HALL — A southern Idaho American Indian tribe adds 4,097 jobs and about \$331 million in revenue to the state economy.

The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes' annual contribution is scrutinized in a University of Idaho study that focuses on the state's five Indian tribes.

The *State Journal* reports the final study isn't due out until next spring, but the tribe is already talking up preliminary findings.

Steven Peterson, a

research economist and instructor for the Department of Business at the University of Idaho, says the contribution of tribes on the state economy isn't well understood.

Peterson says he wants to inform the general public of just how important Idaho tribes are in bolstering the state's output.

One finding so far, the tribes appear to have weathered the recession better than other sectors of the economy.

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ITD, Ada County at odds over intersection signal

BOISE — The Idaho Transportation Department and a southwestern Idaho roads district are at odds over who should help pay for a traffic signal on a busy highway.

The Ada County Highway District wants the state to chip in for a signal at the intersection of State Highway 55 and county-maintained Hill Road.

The *Idaho Statesman* reports there have been 23 accidents there in the last five years.

But the state says a new traffic light there would hinder the traffic flow, so it's not going to contribute money to the project.

It's position: Such an expenditure isn't merited.

But the highway district, whose territory covers Idaho's capital city, is going ahead with the project anyway.

It says its sole motivation is boosting safety — and it hopes that the state will eventually pay for a portion of the work.

Bodies of man, woman found in steep terrain in likely accident

INKOM — Hunters in southeastern Idaho this weekend found the bodies of a man and woman who likely died when their truck rolled multiple times on a rugged off-road vehicle trail.

The bodies were found in a remote, steep area about a mile-and-a-half from the town of Inkom.

The woman had been ejected from the vehicle, while the man's body was found inside.

The terrain was so rugged, the pair had to be transported out of the area by four-wheeler.

The *State Journal* reports they have been identified, but Bannock County Sheriff Lorin Nielson says his agency is waiting until next-of-kin have been informed before releasing their names publicly.

From the condition of the bodies, it appears as

though the accident may have occurred a week ago. Idaho State Police officials have been called in, to reconstruct the accident scene.

WYOMING

Yellowstone National Park closing after record season

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK — Yellowstone National Park is gradually closing down after the busiest summer season on record.

All facilities at Lake, Fishing Bridge, Tower/Roosevelt and Grant Village have closed for the season except for pay-at-the-pump gas stations.

The hotel at Mammoth Hot Springs closed Monday. The Old Faithful Inn closes Oct. 17, followed by the Old Faithful Snow Lodge on Oct. 24.

Remaining facilities close for the season on Nov. 7. Yellowstone National Park has had 3.4 million visitors so far this year, already making it a record year for park visitation.

MONTANA

Resort founder claims bankruptcy judge is biased

BILLINGS — Real estate mogul Tim Blixseth is alleging that a judge who issued a \$40 million fraud judgment against him is biased and should be removed from the case.

Blixseth is a founder of Montana's ultra-exclusive Yellowstone Club. He made the claim against U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Ralph Kirscher in a proposed motion introduced in an appeal of one of the judge's rulings.

It includes assertions that Kirscher may have hampered a criminal investigation into Blixseth's ex-wife, and that Blixseth was denied his rights of due process.

Bankruptcy Clerk Bernard McCarthy said Monday it would be inappropriate for the judge to respond.

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Poll: Weak economic growth expected through next year

By Daniel Wagner
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Top forecasters say the economy will grow this year and next at a slower pace than previously thought, weakened by governments and consumers spending less so they can pay down debt.

That's the findings of a new survey released Monday by the National Association of Business Economics.

The 46 economists polled tempered their expectations after seeing weak economic data in recent months. The panel reduced its forecast for annual economic growth to 2.6 percent in 2010 and 2011. That's down from its forecast of 3.2 percent in May.

The economists expect the economy will add jobs through the end of 2011, but not enough to bring down the unemployment rate

below 9.2 percent. They don't see home prices rising much or the nation's soaring deficit falling much.

The mainly downbeat report comes as persistently high unemployment, weak consumer spending and stagnant wages drag on the U.S. economy. The nation emerged last summer from the deepest recession since the 1930s. But the economic recovery has not yet led to widespread job gains or growth.

"This summer's slowdown has exposed the economy's sensitivity to wealth losses, the unwinding of debt, and the reductions in economic stimulus," NABE President-elect Richard Wobbekind said in a statement.

The NABE's Outlook survey is conducted four times per year. It compiles economists' big-picture expectations for factors such as

growth, hiring, home prices and spending. The economists work for industry groups, government agencies, banks and economic analysis firms.

The economy grew at a 1.7 percent annual rate in the second quarter, according to the government's latest estimate. That's a sharp slowdown from a 3.7 percent growth rate logged in the January-March quarter. Most economists expect growth to be similarly weak in the July-September quarter, with estimates ranging between 1.5 percent and 2 percent.

Consumer spending accounts for about 70 percent of economic activity. Economists told the NABE that consumer spending is likely to remain low over the next year, with families spurning retailers during the holiday shopping season.

The housing market also will struggle, the economists said. Home prices will not rise enough in 2011 to keep up with inflation, and housing starts will remain near record lows, they said.

Still, they expressed few concerns about inflation, deflation or so-called stagflation — a dangerous mix of rising prices and slow economic growth.

The economists expected hiring to increase at a painfully slow rate. They predicted the economy will add 150,000 or fewer jobs each month until the middle of 2011, after which the numbers will improve to about 175,000. Only then will the jobless rate begin dropping, from 9.6 percent to 9.2 percent, the economists said.

The economy needs to add 125,000 net new jobs each month just to keep up with population growth.

Norma M. Singer Jenkins

GOODING — Norma M. Singer Jenkins, 91, a resident of Gooding, went to be with her Heavenly Father on Friday, Oct. 8, 2010.



She was born Aug. 1, 1919, in Manard, Idaho, to James and Edna McClure. She grew up in Wendell. After graduating from Wendell High in 1938, she went to California to beauty school. After graduating, she returned to Wendell and started her own business in Wendell.

She met the Singer boys in Gooding during that time. She and Orville fell in love and later married. Orville and Norma traveled together a bit due to the fact that Orville worked for the railroad. Having lived in New Meadows for a short time, they returned to Gooding to make it their home that she lived in for well over 50 years. After Orville's passing, she continued to run her beauty shop out of her home. She made many new and lasting friends. She was the secretary for the LDS Sunday school in Gooding for many, many years. After a few years, she met and married William R. Jenkins. They enjoyed many years together. She also loved to travel, going to places like Germany, visiting relatives in Ireland and traveling on many cruises.

She was preceded in death by Orville Singer and Bill Jenkins; a sister, Nola Wheeler; and both her parents. Norma is survived by

Singer, James D. Singer and Leanne (Mike) Stevens; honorary daughter, Penny Wiese; her grandchildren, Mathew (Yvonne) Stevens, Shane Stevens, Misty (Eric) Steiner and Julia (James) Zebley; her great-grandchildren, Katelyn, Samuel, Schiler, Callie Ann, Cissla, Katja and Josh; her brothers, Robert McClure of Washington and Edmund McClure of Arizona; and many nieces and nephews.

Her love, friendship, humor and devotion will always be remembered by everyone she met. We will miss you Mom, but we know that you are with your Heavenly Father and your family.

We would like to thank those who helped with mom's care; we couldn't have done it without you.

A viewing for family and friends will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel, 737 Main St. in Gooding; and also from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, Oct. 15, at the Gooding LDS Church.

The funeral will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 15, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Gooding, with Bishop Ian Kunz conducting. Burial will follow at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding.

Condolences, memories and photos may be shared with the family by visiting the obituary link at www.demarafuneralservice.com.

Seniors brace for Social Security freeze

By Matt Sedensky
Associated Press writer

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Seniors prepared to cut back on everything from food to charitable donations to whiskey as word spread Monday that they will have to wait until at least 2012 to see their Social Security checks increase.

The government is expected to announce this week that more than 58 million Social Security recipients will go through a second straight year without an increase in monthly benefits. This year was the first without an increase since automatic adjustments for inflation started in 1975.

"I think it's disgusting," said Paul McNeil, 69, a retired state worker from Warwick, R.I., who said his food and utility costs have gone up, but his income has not. He lamented decisions by lawmakers that he said do not favor seniors.

"They've got this idea that they've got to save money and basically they want to take it out of the people that will give them the least resistance," he said.

Cost-of-living adjustments are automatically set by a measure adopted by Congress in the 1970s that orders raises based on the Consumer Price Index, which measures inflation. Social Security benefits will remain unchanged as long as consumer prices remain below the level they were at in 2008, the last time a COLA was awarded.

Still, seniors like McNeil said they'll be thinking about the issue when they go to vote, and experts said the



Hank Wehrly, right, smiles as his wife Stella Wehrly speaks during an interview at the St. Andrews Estates North retirement community in Boca Raton, Fla. Seniors prepared to cut back on everything from food to charitable donations to whiskey as the news spread Monday that they will have to wait until at least 2012 to see their Social Security checks increase.

news comes at a bad time for Democrats already facing potentially big losses in November. Seniors are the most loyal of voters, and their support is especially important during midterm elections, when turnout is generally lower.

"If you're the ruling party, this is not the sort of thing you want to have happening two weeks before an election," said Andrew Biggs, a former deputy commissioner at the Social Security Administration and now a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute.

At St. Andrews Estates North, a Boca Raton retirement community, seniors largely took the news in stride, saying they don't blame Washington for the

lack of an increase. Most are also collecting pensions or other income, but even so, they prepared to tighten their belts.

Bette Baldwin won't be able to travel or help her children as much. Dorcas Eppright will give less to charity. Jack Dawson will buy cheap whiskey instead of his beloved Canadian Club.

"For people who have worked their whole life and tried to scrimp and save and try to provide for themselves," said Baldwin, a 63-year-old retired teacher, "it's difficult to see that support system might not sustain you."

Many at St. Andrews said the cost-of-living decision won't affect who they vote for next month. But seniors tied the Social Security issue to

what they see as a larger societal problem with debt, entitlements and hopefulness for the future.

"I'm kind of glad in a way," Stella Wehrly, an 86-year-old retired secretary, said of the freeze. "One thing depends on the other and when people aren't working there's not enough people feeding into the Social Security system."

Wehrly and her husband, Hank, said curtailing government spending is necessary to maintain the Social Security system.

"We have a generation now that we're not going to leave a very good legacy for," she said.

Jack Dawson, 77, said the freeze is the right move considering the state of the government and the U.S. economy.

Human stem cell tests get under way

By Amina Khan
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Researchers announced Monday that they injected stem cells into a patient with a spinal cord injury on Friday, kicking off the world's first clinical trial of a therapy derived from human embryonic stem cells.

The patient was treated at Shepherd Center, a spinal cord and brain injury center in Atlanta.

Though the trial, run by Geron Corp. of Menlo Park, Calif., is in its earliest stages — aimed primarily at testing the treatment for safety — the event stands as a landmark one for embryonic stem cell researchers, who for years have studied the cells' potential to treat spinal cord injuries, diabetes and a variety of neurodegenerative diseases.

"All of that work, all of that money sent to the ivory towers is manifesting something. It's a real shot in the arm for the field," said Hans Keirstead, a neurobiologist at the Reeve-Irvine Research Center at the University of California, Irvine, who led a team that pioneered the treatment in rats and licensed the technology to Geron.

Keirstead's team first managed to turn human embryonic stem cells into oligodendrocytes, the cells that insulate nerve fibers with coatings of fatty myelin. Growing the "tubing" that

protects nerve cells could in many cases be enough to allow signals to travel up and down the spine again, Keirstead said. That's because, in the vast majority of spinal cord injuries, the cord is not completely severed — rather, the myelin sheath that protects the nerve cells is damaged or destroyed.

In the animal trials, rats with spinal cord damage that had lost control of their hind limbs regained the ability, at least partially, to walk and run after treatments with the stem cells.

The human trial is a so-called Phase 1 trial, meant to

test the safety of the treatment for human beings. It will enroll up to 10 patients who have suffered spinal cord injuries between the third and 10th thoracic vertebrae on their backs, injecting the cells within 14 days of the injury. If the treatment is shown to be safe and well tolerated, researchers will then test the treatment's effectiveness.

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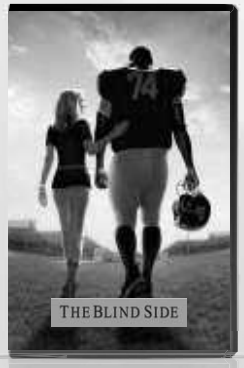
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Facebook campaign supports Mormon leader's speech

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Facebook campaign launched in support of a Mormon church leader's sermon on same-sex relationships has drawn more than 4,500 responses.

The "I support Boyd K. Packer" page was started Oct. 5, two days after the senior leader of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints called homosexual attraction unnatural and said gays can and should change.

By Monday afternoon, more than 4,500 people had joined the page as fans.

Packer, 86, is the second-ranking leader in the church and next in line

to be president of the 13.5 million-member faith. He was speaking at the faith's semiannual general conference.

When the text of the speech was posted on a church Web page days later, Packer's remarks had been altered.

In the speech, he said: "Some suppose that they were born pre-set and cannot overcome what they feel are inborn tendencies toward the impure and unnatural. Not so! Why would our Heavenly Father do that to anyone? Remember he is our father."

On the website, the word "temptations" has replaced "tendencies" and the question about God's

motives has been removed entirely.

Church public relations officials said the changed wording was part of a routine practice that allows conference speakers to edit their speeches to clarify their meaning.

National gay rights activists, including the Human Rights Campaign, have denounced the speech as factually inaccurate and dangerous, and have called on Packer to recant his remarks. The HRC is expected to deliver more than 150,000 letters addresses to Packer to church's downtown Salt Lake City office building on Tuesday.

A Thursday protest of the speech in Salt Lake City drew thousands.

The Facebook page has sparked some opposing viewpoints, but most responses have praised Packer and thanked him for defending the values of traditional marriage and family and "speaking the truth." One poster called Packer a "Christian hero."

Latter-day Saints consider their senior leaders prophets who lead the church through direct communication with God.

A poster from the United Kingdom said those who speak at conferences "say the things we, as a Church, and the world as well, need to hear. They speak the words that Jesus Christ Himself would say, if He

were here?"

Some posters said Packer's sermon simply restated long-held church doctrine and that people didn't understand why it had caused such an uproar.

The HRC has said it will deliver more than 150,000 letters to the Mormon church's downtown Salt Lake City office building today.

A second Facebook site started by a group described as LDS Young Men and Women seeks to counter the HRC effort with its own "We Love You President Boyd K. Packer" campaign. The page calls for Mormon youth to send 100,000 letters of support to Packer by Friday.

AROUND THE NATION

CALIFORNIA

Number of wild condors reaches 100

LOS ANGELES — The number of wild, free-flying condors in California has reached 100, the most in half a century.

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service recently announced the landmark, crediting a captive breeding program started in Southern California in 1982, when there were only 22 wild condors in the state.

Young condors born in captivity are released into the wild every fall at Pinnacles National Monument in central California and Bitter Creek National Wildlife Refuge on the southwest side of the San Joaquin Valley. The flock will get another bump over the next few months with the release of 11 juveniles.

The big birds are also reproducing on their own in the wild, adding 16 young to the California population since 2004.

The carrion-eating birds, known for their huge wingspan (9.5 feet) and memorable visage, soared from Mexico to Canada at the time of settlement. Their numbers plummeted with loss of habitat and the decline of the large mammal populations they fed on. More recently, lead poisoning from ammunition and the ingestion of bits of trash have taken a toll.

Arizona, Utah and Baja California, Mexico also have wild populations. But even when captive birds are counted, there are fewer than 400 California condors in the world.

ALASKA

Palin raises concerns about Iran

JUNEAU — Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin says a nuclear weapon in the hands of Iran could "lead to an Armageddon" and a world war that could "decimate so much of this planet."

Palin made her comments to the conservative website Newsmax.com, which posted excerpts of its interview online Monday.

Palin said the U.S. should keep the military option on the table, along with sanctions and negotiations, in support of its allies, including Israel.

Regarding a potential 2012 presidential run, Palin said that would be a matter of whether the country is ready for someone who is "out of the box" or if it wants someone "a little bit more conventional, maybe more electable."

She reiterated that her focus, for now, is on the midterm elections.

PENNSYLVANIA

Man arrested after streaking at Obama rally

PHILADELPHIA — Billionaire Alki David says a man arrested after streaking at an Obama rally in Philadelphia over the weekend was trying to win a \$1 million Internet challenge.

Police said 24-year-old Juan J. Rodriguez of New York City was charged with indecent exposure, public lewdness and disorderly conduct on Sunday. A number listed in Rodriguez's name was out of service Monday night and it was unclear whether he had an attorney.

David recently offered \$1 million to anyone who could streak in front of the U.S. president with the name of David's competition Web site on his chest. David told *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Philadelphia Daily News* that he is an Obama fan but streaking is a time-honored way of getting attention.

NEW YORK

Police say New York bike bandits wore gorilla and chicken suits

ROCKY POINT, N.Y. — Police say the thieves who stole a New York teenager's bicycle were, well, animals.

Suffolk County police say two people in gorilla costumes and a third in a chicken suit took the boy's bike Monday in Rocky Point, on the north shore of Long Island.

Police say the three confronted him while he was riding along Route 25A around 1:15 p.m. Police say one of the gorilla-suit suspects punched the teen in the head and knocked him off his bike, and the person in a chicken costume rode off on it. The ape-suit duo ran away.

The teen was treated at a hospital for minor injuries. He's been released.

Detectives are searching for the suspects.

WASHINGTON

Kenya frustrated with talks on U.S. aid

WASHINGTON — Kenya is expressing frustration with negotiations over U.S. development aid.

In an interview in Washington on Monday, Kenya's deputy prime minister, Uhuru Kenyatta, said he also would like to see more cooperation from the United States on stabilizing Somalia and fighting piracy off the Horn of Africa.

Kenyatta said U.S. officials, including Vice President Joe Biden, had said that Kenya could expect more aid through an agreement with the Millennium Challenge Corp. after it pushed through a new constitution.

The constitution was signed in August, but Kenyatta says U.S. development agencies are insisting on evidence of progress in taming corruption.

Kenyatta asked, in his words, "Why do they keep changing the goal posts?"

NEVADA

Golden eagles study set for wind farm

RENO — Concerns over soaring eagles are prompting new studies about a proposal to build a wind farm on a ridge overlooking Palomino Valley in northern Nevada.

But Nevada Wind chief Tim Carlson says he's confident an agreement will be worked out with U.S. Fish and Wildlife to protect golden eagles in the proposed \$200 million project in the Pah Rah range.

Nevada Wind wants to build 44 turbines north of Sparks. It's one of several wind projects proposed in Nevada in places including Searchlight, China Mountain, Spring Valley and on the Comstock.

The *Reno Gazette-Journal* reports the Washoe County Planning Commission approved 20 changes to the project last week.

They include having Nevada Wind abide by a federal review of how the wind farm, golden eagles and other wildlife can coexist.

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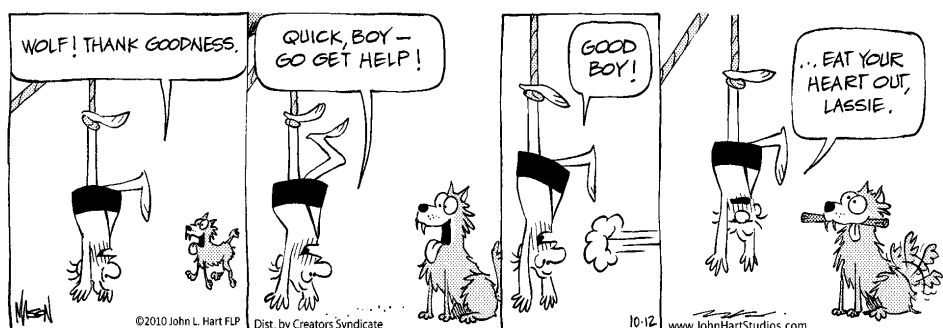
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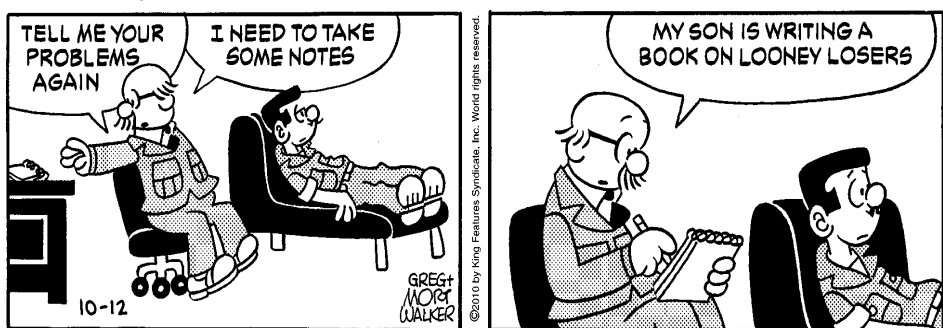
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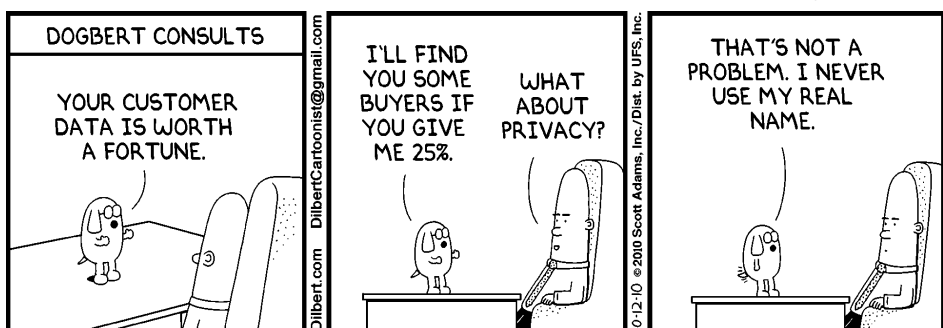
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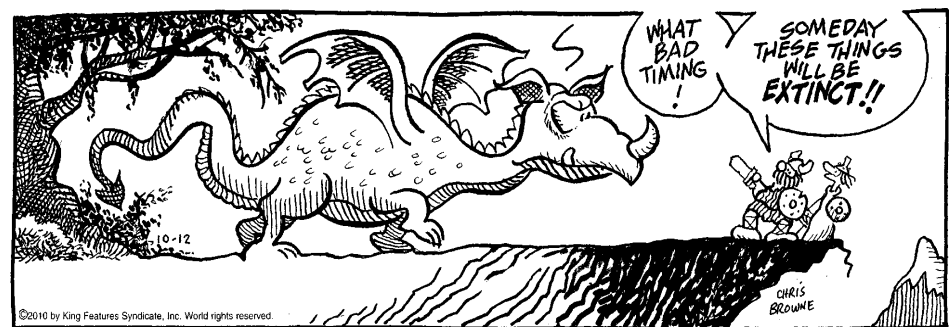
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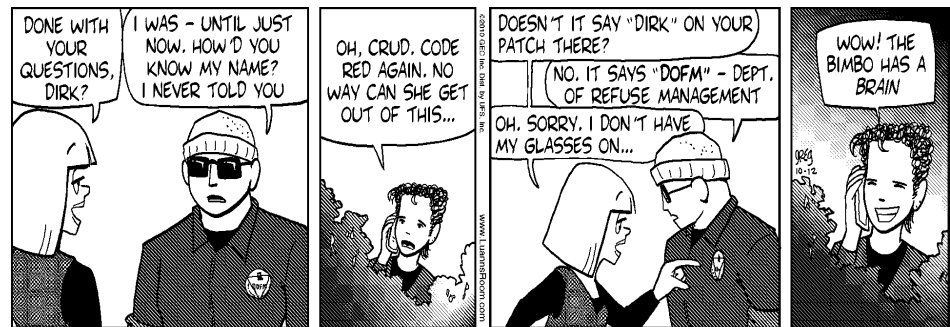
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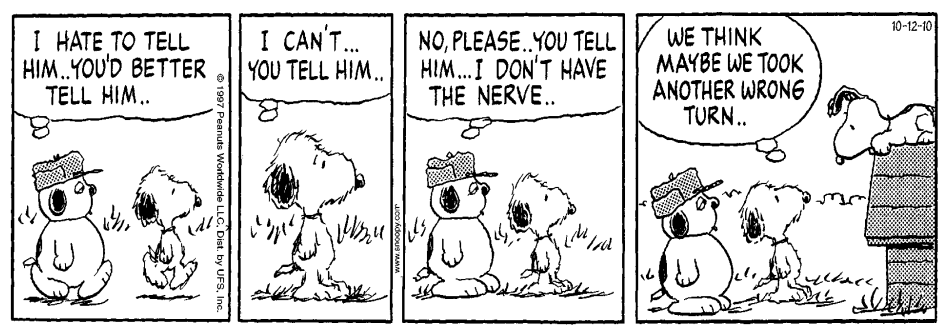
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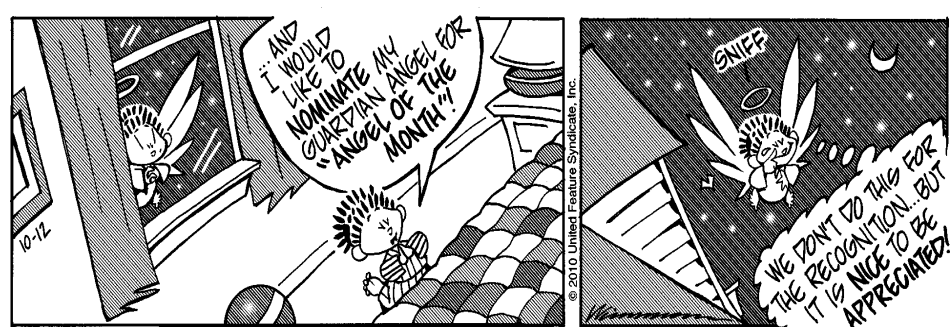
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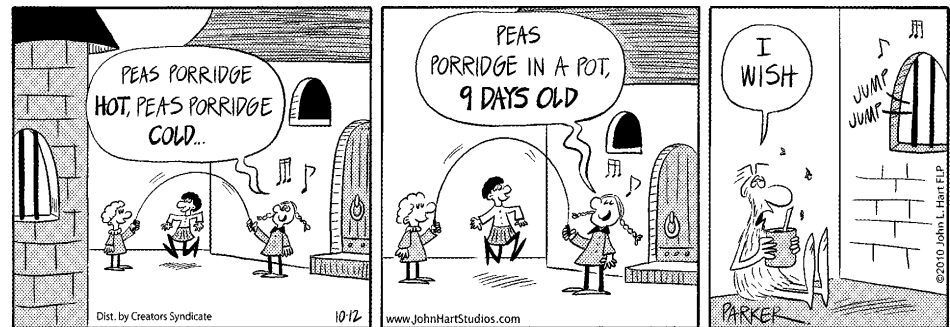
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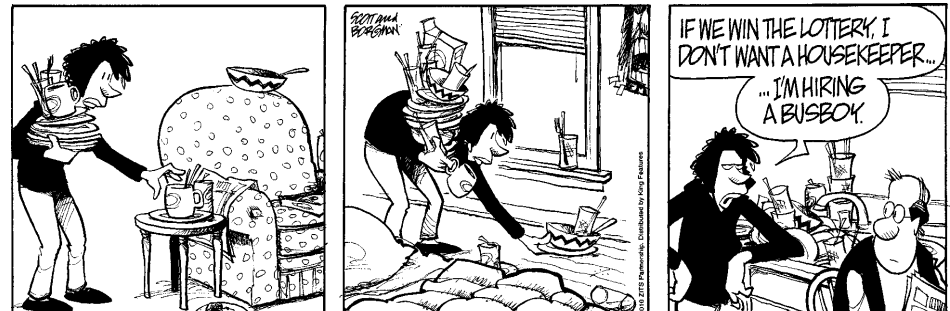
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 — Driver Khan Rehman after trucks bearing NATO supplies began flowing again across a critical border crossing into Afghanistan

EDITORIAL

Idaho job news wasn't all bad the past 3 years

The Great Recession was painful in south-central Idaho, but it didn't hit most people's pocketbooks as hard as it might have.

An analysis of the the number of jobs in the 52 leading occupations in the region and their average pay shows that while the Magic and Wood River valleys hemorrhaged jobs between 2007 and 2010, average compensation actually went up.

According to the Idaho Department of Labor, in 2007 the 74,420 people who were employed in south-central Idaho earned an average of \$15.44 an hour. In 2010, there were 73,090 jobs but the average wage had risen to \$16.67. Which means that workers who kept their jobs or found new ones during that three-year period enjoyed a 7.3 percent pay increase, on average.

With inflation tame — 6.2 percent in the three years that followed 2007 — folks who hung on to their jobs here held their own. Nationally, paychecks haven't kept pace with inflation.

Of the 52 top occupations in terms of the number of jobs, 44 of them paid more in 2010 than in 2007. Only eight lost ground.

That's despite the fact that 20 of the 52 leading occupations in south-central Idaho shed jobs during the same stretch.

So what did the Magic and Wood River valleys do right? The numbers say that while employers laid off workers, there weren't widespread pay cuts for the employees who remained.

That suggests a high-qualify workforce.

It also likely means that the recovery, when it finally takes hold, will be a solid one.

To be sure, that's a ways off. Joblessness was 8.7 percent in the Magic and Wood River valleys in August.

But it could have been worse.

Mandates often backfire

November's congressional elections will almost certainly create a wave of Republican victories and a long list of Democratic congressmen thrown out of office. But will the election produce a clear mandate for a new conservative agenda?

That will depend on who's doing the analysis.

If Republicans follow the usual pattern, the morning after Election Day, they will claim that the voters have delivered a clear message in favor of their agenda of lower taxes, smaller government and the repeal of President Obama's health-care law. But the evidence for such a mandate is thin.



Doyle McManus

The Republicans are right on one basic truth: Most voters are unhappy with the state of the nation and they don't think the Democrats' attempts to fix it are working.

But beyond that, there's no consensus in favor of the prescriptions offered by either party.

In a *Wall Street Journal*/NBC News poll released last month, voters divided cleanly down the middle on which party they wanted to see in control, 44 percent to 44 percent. But when those who favored the Republicans were asked why, most said it was because of their dissatisfaction with the Democrats, not their support for GOP proposals.

In the same poll, on the most fundamental question dividing the two parties, the voters split down the middle again: Half said they believe the federal government is "doing too many things"; half said they believe the government should be doing more.

Digging a little deeper, another survey found a three-way split among voters on whether the federal government should play a central role in solving the



"(A) poll sponsored by National Journal ... and Allstate insurance ... found that reducing the federal deficit ranks relatively low on most voters' priority lists."

nation's economic problems. A little over a third, 35 percent, agreed with the conservative principle that "government is not the solution to our economic problems; government is the problem." A smaller group, 28 percent, agreed with the liberal argument that "the government must play an active role in regulating the marketplace." And in the center, a pragmatic 33 percent said they'd like to see the government fix the economy but weren't sure they could trust it to do the job well.

That doesn't sound so much like a mandate for minimal government; it's an invitation for each party to try to make government work.

The poll, sponsored by *National Journal* magazine and Allstate insurance, also found that reducing the federal deficit ranks relatively low on most voters' priority lists. Asked to choose among three broad policy prescriptions, the largest group, almost 40 percent, chose "reducing taxes and regulation." The next largest, 33 percent, opted for increased government spending on infrastructure, education and

other programs, even if that means higher taxes. Only 20 percent said reducing the deficit should be the central goal.

What a GOP majority would do if it takes control of the House next year?

When House Republican leader John Boehner unveiled his party's Pledge to America last month, some conservative activists were disappointed. The pledge promised to repeal the health care law, block new tax hikes and cap discretionary federal spending, but it didn't set a clear target for reducing the deficit or spell out any of the deeper spending cuts.

You don't have to look far back in history to find American leaders who thought the public had given them solid mandates, only to learn that their support was built on sand.

In 2008, President Obama won the White House with 53 percent of the popular vote amid an economic crisis that had voters clamoring for federal action. So he passed a \$787 billion stimulus bill and kept a promise to his Democratic Party by muscling through an ambitious health-care reform

law. The result: Independent voters deserted him in droves.

In 2004, then-President George W. Bush won 51 percent of the vote and interpreted his majority as a mandate to remake the Social Security system to include individual accounts. That mandate wasn't there, and Bush's defeat on the issue helped send his second term downhill.

Or, for an example Boehner may find closer to home, in 1994 one of his predecessors, Newt Gingrich, led Republicans to a majority in the House with a promise of lower taxes and smaller government, the Contract with America.

But when Gingrich pushed his luck in budget negotiations with President Clinton and forced the federal government to shut down, the public turned against him, and he soon ranked as the nation's most unpopular politician.

Boehner and his party hope they are about to repeat the experience of 1994, when the GOP seized control of the House. If they do, their next test will be whether they can avoid repeating the experience of 1995 — the error of overestimating their mandate.

Doyle McManus is a columnist for *The Los Angeles Times*.

JOBS AND PAY

Occupations with the most jobs in south-central Idaho in 2007, and how employment and pay in each category changed by 2010:

| Occupation | 2007 employment | 2007 average wage | 2010 employment | 2010 avg. wage |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. Construction laborers | 3,940 | \$13.27 | 540 | \$12.85 |
| 2. Office clerks | 2,510 | \$11.42 | 2,230 | \$12.04 |
| 3. Heavy truck drivers | 2,480 | \$15.75 | 2,750 | \$16.42 |
| 4. Retail sales workers | 2,450 | \$10.51 | 2,950 | \$12.62 |
| 5. Cashiers | 1,810 | \$7.43 | 1,700 | \$9.33 |
| 6. Materials movers | 1,490 | \$12.86 | 1,310 | \$12.79 |
| 7. Janitors | 1,315 | \$11.27 | 990 | \$12.21 |
| 8. Grade school teachers | 1,310 | \$52,725/yr | 1,400 | \$52,632/yr |
| 9. Waiters/waitresses | 1,300 | \$6.96 | 1,030 | \$8.78 |
| 10. Financial services clerks | 1,113 | \$12.85 | 1,190 | \$15.04 |
| 11. Teachers' assistants | 1,210 | \$25,938/yr | 920 | \$29,198/yr |
| 12. Landscapers/groundskeepers | 1,060 | \$10.79 | 580 | \$12.75 |
| 13. Industrial truckers | 980 | \$12.09 | 400 | \$12.89 |
| 14. Food prep/servers | 960 | \$7.05 | 1,770 | \$8.10 |
| 15. Nursing aides | 920 | \$9.13 | 1,000 | \$10.84 |
| 16. Registered nurses | 900 | \$24.22 | 1,200 | \$26.90 |
| 17. Agriculture workers | 880 | \$9.49 | 580 | \$11.02 |
| 18. Retail managers | 760 | \$15.96 | 830 | \$18.03 |
| 19. Customer service representatives | 750 | \$11.51 | 640 | \$14.27 |
| 20. Secretaries | 640 | \$11.74 | 510 | \$11.68 |
| 21. Delivery truck drivers | 730 | \$13.31 | 370 | \$15.15 |
| 22. Packers/packagers | 690 | \$7.43 | 310 | \$10.82 |
| 23. Carpenters | 680 | \$18.97 | 790 | \$13.31 |
| 24. Administrative assistants | 670 | \$15.86 | 420 | \$18.47 |
| 25. Construction laborers | 660 | \$12.13 | 540 | \$12.85 |
| All occupations | 74,420 | \$15.54 | 73,090 | \$16.67 |

— Source: Idaho Department of Labor

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Allred, Olson can boost education atmosphere

As a concerned Idahoan, I read and watch the debates, editorials, ad campaigns and letters to the editor closely as Nov. 2 approaches. Choosing the best leaders is very important for our great state of Idaho.

I have spent 34 years teaching the children of Idaho, and education is my greatest concern. After listening to Otter's comments on Idaho students' increasing test scores and a recent letter to the editor supporting Tom Luna stating, "student achievement results are rising through the roof in comparison to the previous administration," I feel the need to speak up. Both of these indicate that the increase in Idaho student achievement is due to the leadership of our governor and state superintendent of schools. Both fail to mention anything about the dedicated teachers that are in the classroom working

with less money, fewer supplies, less time and more paperwork as the real reason test scores are increasing.

Otter's \$128.5 million cut and Luna's lack of educational background and support have now made Idaho rank 49th in the nation in the amount spent per pupil. Our students' instructional time has decreased to the minimum. Class sizes have increased. Our children are going without supplies and textbooks. Programs providing additional student support have been cut. Field trip funding has been eliminated. Our new teachers are leaving to teach in other states. Our veteran teachers are taking early retirement and finding other jobs.

I wonder what Idaho's test scores will look like in a few years. Do we want to continue with our current leadership and find out? I believe the answer is evident. Please help change Idaho's educational future

by voting for Keith Allred and Stan Olson. Idaho's children deserve the best education possible and by choosing these candidates, we can make that happen.

MARGIT OLMSTEAD
Twin Falls

BASE jumpers a positive when on canyon trail

I was just taking a routine walk last Thursday on the Canyon Rim Trail. I watched seven BASE jumpers leap off the Perrine Bridge. Later I saw them packing near the chamber of commerce office. They happened to be Abbie Mashaal, who runs the Snake River skydive operation, four from Skydive Chicago, and two young women from Australia and Belgium. Most BASE jumpers are experienced skydivers.

The Perrine Bridge offers legal yearlong opportunity for BASE jumpers from all over this country and the world. Foreign accents show

up routinely. That was evident during my walk the next day when I watched four jump. They were from Columbia, South America. I also met a jumper from Singapore, along with those from Canada, Arizona and California.

I've watched regularly for several years. Any accident is highlighted by the media but few people are aware of the thousands of routine jumps that take place over the course of a year.

BASE is an acronym for Buildings, Antennae, Spans and Earth, the fixed objects that are jumped. The Perrine Bridge falls in the span category. After jumping here, many jumpers go to jump the earth part of BASE which are the cliffs near Moab, Utah.

I watch because it's a cutting edge activity that can be an added experience while taking a rim trail walk. It's also a free spectator sport.

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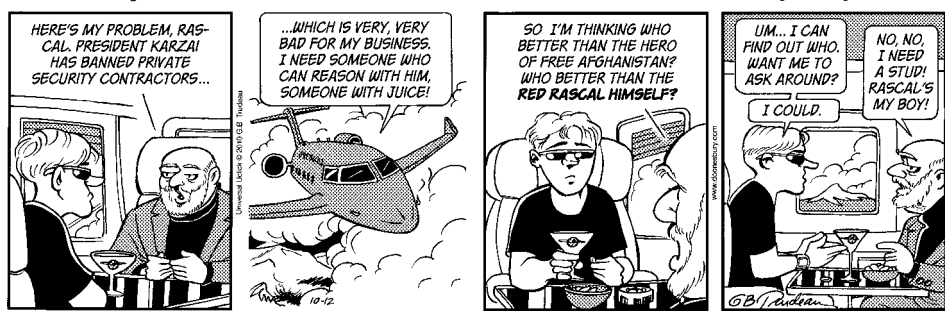
THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

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Tom Luna saved public schools from deeper cuts

Recently, the Idaho Education Association published a statement that if a Democrat educator was state superintendent, Idaho schools would have been spared cuts the last two years. Nothing could be further from the truth. Here are the facts: Public schools endured less cuts because Tom Luna is state superintendent. Because of his leadership, more teacher jobs were saved, children were protected and public schools received less of a cut.

There's no doubt Idaho is facing tough economic times. The Legislature was forced to make tough choices. Public schools are and always have been our No. 1 priority. Every state agency was cut before public schools, in an effort to keep schools whole. The state drained \$115 million from the public schools' reserve account over the last three years to avoid cutting schools mid-year, unlike other state agencies. We also used the remainder of the state's reserve accounts to minimize the reduction to public schools.

During the legislative session, budget writers met with stakeholders and Superintendent Luna to



READER COMMENT
Dean Cameron

come up with solutions to our dilemma. All were helpful in protecting teachers and students, especially Superintendent Luna. The Legislature did everything it could to spare public schools.

The truth is that if the Legislature had listened to the Democrat plans, the reductions would have been much larger. Idaho Democrats have fought against putting money away in the public education stabilization fund and the general stabilization accounts, because they wanted to spend it. Then Democrats wanted to spend every dime of the reserves and the stimulus money in the very first year. Without the wise use of those reserves, public schools would have received reductions in fiscal years 2009, 2010 and 2011. In total, I believe the reductions would have exceeded 25 percent, with some of the reductions coming in the middle of a school year!

Even before the 2010 Legislature started,

Chairman Maxine Bell and I asked educational stakeholders for creative solutions to the upcoming budget situation. While several ideas were advanced, none were more productive in protecting schools than the ideas brought by Superintendent Tom Luna. Because of his creative business mind and his ability to think outside the box, Superintendent Luna identified and provided another \$27 million to the public schools budget. He went to the Idaho Land Board and secured \$22 million from the Earnings Reserve Fund. He also offered another \$5 million in dedicated funds from his department budget.

Because of his efforts, Idaho schools and students benefited. Without that \$27 million Superintendent Luna secured, public schools would have been reduced further. Instead of being critical of Luna, in my opinion, Idahoans and Idaho educators should be thanking him.

Dean Cameron, a Rupert Republican, has represented Minidoka and Jerome counties in the Idaho Senate since 1991. He is chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

More than a few technicalities in the foreclosure process

Jason Grodensky paid cash for a South Florida home last December. With no mortgage and full ownership, he had no fear of foreclosure.

And yet, Bank of America foreclosed on the house seven months later, according to the *South Florida Sun Sentinel*. The court-ordered foreclosure took place July 15.

Grodensky tried for months to get answers from the lawyers and lenders involved. He got nowhere until he contacted the newspaper which started poking around. Now, Bank of America says it will straighten out the mess at its own cost, the *Sun Sentinel* reports.

Banks that are suspending foreclosures in much of the country call mistakes in paperwork mere technical errors. This implies that the foreclosures, or most of them, were otherwise on solid legal ground and that any mistakes were the unintended result of trying to handle too many cases in too little time.

No harm. No foul, right? Not true. A great deal of harm has been inflicted, and not just on the rare homeowner wrongly judged to be delinquent.

What's happened over the past few years is that the very system of keeping track of who owns what property has been undermined by banks too busy to bother with doing it correctly.

This bad record-keeping became an enormous problem for banks when the housing market collapsed and borrowers defaulted. Missing the proper paperwork, foreclosure mills turned out documents misidentifying mortgage holders and containing multiple errors and omissions.

Signing hundreds of documents a day, bank personnel never checked for accuracy, sometimes



Ann Woolner

forging other people's signatures. Notary publics lied about witnessing those signatures and judges with civil dockets bulging with foreclosure cases didn't inspect the papers before granting the foreclosures in a matter of seconds.

Why worry? Typically, the borrower was a no-show, anyway.

If judges had taken a closer look, they probably would have seen what Judge Arthur M. Schack in Brooklyn found when he actually read the foreclosure papers filed with his court.

In one case, for example, Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. filed to foreclose even though it had no legal right to do so, having already sold the mortgage to Goldman Sachs, the judge pointed out in an order.

Besides, one of the people signing the documents did so as vice president at two different firms. If he had somehow managed to change jobs on that day, Schack said, it would have been a conflict of interest for him to sign in both capacities.

In 46 out of 104 foreclosure motions Schack decided over a two-year span ending last year, the documents were so full of errors that he refused to approve the foreclosures, *The New York Times* reported.

It's come to this because banks took a giant record-keeping shortcut to feed the insatiable hunger for securities backed by mortgages. They were too busy to do what had been done throughout U.S. history: record in a public deed room at the county courthouse each time a piece of property changed hands

and each time a lien was filed.

How archaic that whole county courthouse thing seems, when you can digitize the information and never leave your chair.

That's what banks did in 1997. They created the Mortgage Electronic Registration System, which computerized, centralized and privatized deed records on some 60 million mortgages. The industry saved an estimated \$1 billion in fees over the next decade.

"They simply dispensed with the recording system and have transferred what appears to look like trillions of dollars of real property without recording them," says Rep. Alan Grayson, D-Fla.

He points out that this deprived local governments of tax revenue from the transfers.

It also deprives the public of accurate, accessible records of property ownership.

While deed records were handed off to the electronic registration system, the borrower's note promising to pay was sent on a circuitous route from loan originator to other mortgage firms and banks until it was pooled with other mortgages into trusts underwritten by banks and sold to investors.

For Jason Grodensky, the problem was that foreclosure proceedings that began before he bought the house in a short sale continued after he got ownership.

His case is probably rare. But the mortgage industry's cavalier attitude toward rules and record-keeping is too common, too systemic, too long-running and too damaging to be sure of that. And in any case, it can't be called mere technical error.

Ann Woolner is a Bloomberg News columnist.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote Jones for Lincoln Co. assessor

To the voters of Lincoln County, Idaho:

I support Linda Jones for re-election to the office of Lincoln County assessor because:

In discussions, she has proven to be well-versed and highly knowledgeable in generally accepted appraisal and assessment techniques.

She has provided fair and equitable assessments of our property in Lincoln County based upon generally accepted appraisal standards and Idaho State law.

When questioned regarding the appraised values, she has carefully explained the methods and calculations used to determine the values.

She has spent many hours studying appraisal and assessment techniques, both independently and in workshops, to ensure that she is current on all aspects of her office and to provide the best possible assessments for the property owners in Lincoln County.

I urge the voters in Lincoln County to re-elect Linda Jones to the office of Lincoln County assessor.

EVERETT L. APLET Shoshone

Bell gets respect of fellow legislators

I have had the privilege of knowing and working with Rep. Maxine Bell for the past 10 years. I have had the honor of serving JFAC — the Joint Finance and Appropriation Committee — of which Rep. Bell is co-chairman (chairman of House Appropriations) for the past eight years.

Maxine commands the respect of all legislators, constitutional officials, agency administrators and constituents based on her knowledge and decision making.

It is not often that one finds an individual with the dedication that Maxine possesses. Her ability to make decisions based on facts coupled with common sense is commendable. Maxine's background in education and agriculture as well as her tenure in the Legislature give her a broad but comprehensive knowledge important to serving her constituents.

I have found Maxine to be one that makes time to listen and respond to her constituents. These are difficult times for Idaho. It is times like this that demand the best in our public servants. It is now that we need individuals with moral and ethical accountability, such as Maxine. Times of adversity are times that demand true leadership. It is a time when we are put to the test of our values and apply our intelligence towards solutions to our problems.

The citizens of District 26 are fortunate to have Maxine represent and work for them in the Idaho Legislature. Maxine has a proven record of leadership and can be counted on to make those decisions that will help guide Idaho to a brighter and productive future. Now is not the

time to pass the responsibility to one without the knowledge and skills of Rep. Maxine Bell.

I urge you to cast your vote Nov. 2 for Maxine Bell.
DARRELL BOLZ Caldwell
(Editor's note: Rep. Darrell Bolz, R-Caldwell and vice chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, has represented Canyon County in the Legislature since 2001)

Two films show what's going on in our country

Before going to the polls this election season, I would like to quote Herbert Spencer regarding the American public and its attitudes. He stated, "There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all arguments and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance — that principle is contempt prior to investigation."

Having said that, for those of you that are interested in what has been going on in our country over almost the last century, I'd like to suggest that you find a copy of these two films. The first one is a documentary titled *Why We Fight*; the other is a film by the name of *Zeitgeist*. They will probably be hard to find but in my humble opinion, they will probably broaden your horizons and give food for thought about what is happening in our country today. If you are a little right of the religious center, you might want to fast forward through the first part of *Zeitgeist*.

I'll close with this: When most of us were growing up, the American government had a word for what the Russian government printed and or broadcast; that word was propaganda. Today in our government circles, we have cleaned that word up and call it spin. Think about these two things, Gulf of Tonkin and weapons of mass destruction; need I say more?

My hope is that I have not offended anyone by making these two suggestions, but my hope is also that you will take the time to view this material and make up your own minds rather than have contempt for something that you may not fully understand prior to investigation.

WILLIAM SELELYO Twin Falls

Pence works hard, is available to public

I am writing in support of Donna Pence, current District 25 state representative. I have found Donna to be a tireless worker, very approachable, and always available to the people she serves.

Donna currently serves on the Agriculture, Education and Natural Resources committees. As a fourth-term legislator, her experience and expertise on these key

committees can only be an asset to District 25.

Donna grew up in a small Idaho town and raised her family in Gooding. She and her husband own and operate a small agriculture business in Gooding. She knows firsthand the problems and challenges facing small businesses and small towns. The same is true of education. As a retired educator, she is well aware of the importance of a quality education for all of our students and the impact that the investment in a quality education has for the future of our state. Donna has said the cuts to education during the last legislative session were devastating to our schools. She has pledged to make education her No. 1 priority in the next legislative session.

Donna has a common sense approach to her job as legislator. She is willing to listen to all sides of an issue to solve problems and resolve differences. District 25 cannot afford to lose this voice of experience in these difficult times. Vote and keep Donna Pence in the Idaho Legislature.

CAROLYN MASON Wendell

DVD won't play? It may be due to copy guard

Only in the USA and Canada (Region 1) copy guard is used on our DVD movies. The rest of the world, copy guard is not used. While you are visiting in England, pick up some movies. They are not rated for Region 1. Having any problems playing some of the new-release movies? You need to upgrade your DVD player. Then again, an older player may still be on the shelf when you are trying to upgrade.

My letter to the White House: Do something with the copy guard on these DVD movies. My friends are reporting some movies will play on their players and some will not. It appears these copy guards are being changed or improved. It also appears that the mass public is required to upgrade their players as these new improved copy guards are released. These companies producing copy guard should be made responsible to upgrade the mass public's players as they upgrade their copy guard.

By placing copy guard on these DVD movies, they have deemed the mass public guilty of violating copyrights. Have they really proved that in a court of law? Better yet, order these copy guard producers to cease the use of copy guards.

This would restore the mass public's right to copy these DVDs for personal use. It would also restore the copyright holder's responsibility to identify and prosecute the violators of their copyrights.

FRED MAYER Glenns Ferry

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Table with 2 columns: Temperature and Precipitation. Includes data for Yesterday's High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, and Precipitation (Yesterday's, Month to Date, Avg. Month to Date, Water Year to Date, Avg. Water Year to Date).

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Map of Idaho showing weather forecasts for various regions: Sun Valley, Surrounding Mts., Boise, Northern Utah, and other locations. Includes temperature ranges and weather icons.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Five-day forecast for Twin Falls. Columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Includes weather icons, high/low temperatures, and a barometric pressure trend.

Yesterday's Weather

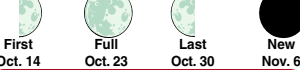
Table of weather data for various Idaho cities (Boise, Challis, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls, Jerome, Lewiston, Lowell, Malad City, Malta, Pocatello, Rexburg, Salmon, Stanley, Sun Valley) including High, Low, and Precipitation.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with 3 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity. Includes data for Yesterday's High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, and Precipitation (Yesterday's, Month to Date, Avg. Month to Date, Water Year to Date, Avg. Water Year to Date).

Table with 2 columns: Barometric Pressure and Sunrise and Sunset. Includes data for Yesterday's High/Low, Today's pressure, and sunrise/sunset times for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Moon Phases



Moonrise and Moonset

Table of moonrise and moonset times for Today, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Today's U. V. Index



REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table for various Idaho cities including Boise, Grangeville, McCall, Salmon, Caldwell, Boise, Mountain Home, Twin Falls, Burley, Pocatello, and Yellowstone.

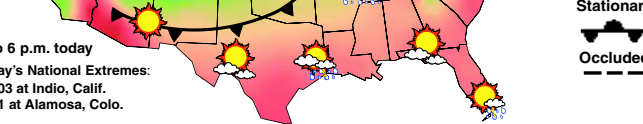
NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table for various cities across the United States including Atlanta, Baltimore, Billings, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, El Paso, Fairbanks, Fargo, Honolulu, Houston, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee, Nashville, New Orleans, New York, Oklahoma City, and Omaha.

WORLD FORECAST

World forecast table for various international cities including Acapulco, Athens, Auckland, Bangkok, Beijing, Berlin, Buenos Aires, Cairo, Chennai, Dhahran, Geneva, Hong Kong, Jerusalem, Johannesburg, Kuwait City, London, Mexico City, Moscow, Nairobi, Oslo, Paris, Rio de Janeiro, Rome, Santiago, Seoul, Sydney, Taipei, Tokyo, Vienna, Warsaw, Winnipeg, and Zurich.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Quote of the Day by Gregg Middlekauff: "Just as the body and emotions need regular exercise and good food, the mind also craves the kind of nourishment it can get from fulfilling work, challenging ideas, books, conversation, and many other sources." - Sue Patton Thole

South Central Idaho Interagency Dispatch 886-2373. Includes a "Today's Fire Danger" gauge showing Moderate risk.

Get up-to-date highway information at the Idaho Transportation Department's Web site at 511.idaho.gov or call 888-432-7623.

Obama touts \$50 billion transportation plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama on Monday lobbied for Republican support from Capitol Hill for a burst of spending on transportation projects, calling his proposal a jobs creator for the middle class and an overdue investment in the country's foundation.

amounted to another chance to promote it. The president met privately with governors, mayors, transportation officials and Cabinet secretaries and then stood with some of them before the cameras as he made his case. The timing also comes as Obama is eager to show action on the sluggish economy just ahead of the Nov. 2 congressional elections, with his party in jeopardy of losing a sizable number of seats in the House and Senate. Obama asked for

Republican support, saying infrastructure work typically draws bipartisan support. But such cooperation seems unlikely in the current partisan atmosphere. The economy continues to dominate public concern. The public sector slashed 159,000 jobs in September, including the largest cuts by local governments in 28 years. Obama said his program would boost employment right away and help make up for what he called years of costly inattention to

the country's infrastructure. "Everywhere else, they're thinking big. They're creating jobs today, but they're also playing to win tomorrow," Obama said of some of the top economic competitors to the United States. "So the bottom line is our shortsightedness has come due. We can no longer afford to sit still!" The administration released a new analysis of Obama's plan that said it would particularly help with middle-class jobs in construction, manufacturing and retail.

Dramatic endgame nears for trapped Chile miners

By Frank Bajak and Vivian Sequera Associated Press writers

SAN JOSE MINE, Chile — They'll come up one by one in green overalls bearing their names on their chests — first the fittest, then the weakest, twisting in a steel cage that proved itself with four flawless test runs deep into the earth. The dramatic endgame hastened Monday for the 33 Chilean miners who have braved two months underground, with rescuers reinforcing the escape shaft and the 13-foot-tall rescue chamber sliding, as planned, nearly all the way to the trapped men.



This image, released by the government of Chile, shows rescue workers helping a colleague out of a capsule after performing a dry run test for the eventual rescue of the 33 miners trapped at the San Jose mine, near Copiapo, Chile.

"It didn't even raise any dust," Mining Minister Laurence Golborne said. If all goes well, everything will be in place late Tuesday to begin pulling the men out, officials said. The lead psychologist for the rescue team recommended the extractions begin at dawn Wednesday. No official decision was announced, but Andre Sougarret, the rescue team coordinator, tweeted Monday evening that "today the miners sleep their last night together!" On Monday, the Phoenix I capsule — the biggest of three built by Chilean navy engineers, named for the mythic bird that rose from ashes — made its first test run after the top 180 feet of the shaft was encased in tubing, the rescue leader said. Then the empty capsule was winched 2,000 feet, just 40 feet short of the shaft system that has been the miners' refuge since an Aug. 5 collapse. "We didn't send it (all the way) down because we could risk that someone will jump in," a grinning Golborne told reporters.

Engineers had planned to extend the piping nearly twice as far, but they decided to stop after the sleeve — the hole is angled 11 degrees off vertical at its top before plumbing down, like a waterfall — became jammed during a probe. Rescue team psychologist Alberto Iturra said he recommended the first man be pulled out at dawn because the miners are to be taken by Chilean air force helicopters to the nearby city of Copiapo and fog tends to enshroud the mine at night. It is a roughly 10-minute flight, said Lt. Col. Aldo Carbone, the choppers' squadron commander. He said the pilots have night-vision goggles but will not fly unless it is clear. Ambulances will be ready for backup. The drive would take about an hour. Officials have drawn up a secret list of which miners should come out first, but the

order could change after paramedics and a mining expert first descend in the capsule to evaluate the men and oversee the journey upward. First out will be the four fittest of frame and mind, said health minister Jaime Manalich. Should glitches occur, these men will be best prepared to ride them out and tell their comrades what to expect. Next will be 10 who are weakest or ill. One miner suffers from hypertension. Another is a diabetic, and others have dental and respiratory infections or skin lesions from the mine's oppressive humidity. The last out is expected to be Luiz Urzua, who was shift chief when the men became entombed, several family members of miners told the AP, speaking on condition of anonymity because they did not want to upset government officials. The men will take a twist-

ing, 20-minute ride for 2,041 feet up to the surface. It should take about an hour for the rescue capsule to make a round trip, Aguilar told The Associated Press. Golborne said all would be ready by 12:01 a.m. Wednesday. Officials wanted to make sure the concrete around the steel tubing at the top of the shaft set, he said. Plans called for the media to be blocked by a screen from viewing the miners when they reach the surface. A media platform has been set up more than 300 feet away from mouth of the hole. After being extracted, the miners will be ushered through inflatable tunnels, like the ones used in sports stadiums, to ambulances that will take them to a triage station. Once cleared by doctors there, they are to be taken to another area where they'll be reunited with one to three family members chosen by each miner.

Pentagon efforts to keep memoir out of circulation backfire

By Brian Bennett Tribune Washington Bureau (MCT)

WASHINGTON — The author of an Afghanistan war memoir bought and shredded under the supervision of the Pentagon says his free speech rights have been violated. Former military intelligence officer Anthony Shaffer said that all of the information the military claimed was classified — and therefore barred from being published in his book — also is available in unclassified and open-source documents. Pentagon officials oversaw the destruction of the first edition of the book on Sept. 20 after telling Shaffer and his publisher, St. Martin's Press, that the version contained more than 250 examples of classified information. A revised edition of "Operation Dark Heart: Spycraft and Special Ops on the Frontlines of Afghanistan" — and the Path to Victory" was published Sept. 27 with large sections blacked out by Department of Defense censors. Shaffer contends the redactions were unnecessary and were ordered only to silence him. "My First Amendment rights were sat on," Shaffer said. The government concluded days before the first edition was to go on bookstore shelves that the information was sensitive and stepped in to buy the entire first run from the publisher at cost. "We have an obligation to prevent the unauthorized disclosure of classified information," said Air Force Lt. Col. Rene White, a Pentagon spokeswoman.

News of the pulping of more than 8,000 of the first edition copies briefly shot sales of the book to No. 1 on Amazon.com. The book will be ranked No. 7 on the Oct. 17 New York Times hardcover nonfiction list, according to the publisher. Now in its fourth printing, "Operation Dark Heart" has more than 50,000 copies in circulation. "Not only has the government turned the book into a bestseller, it has focused attention specifically on the information it wanted to conceal," said Steven Aftergood, director of the Project on Government Secrecy at the Federation of American Scientists. Among other material, the Pentagon wanted details blacked out about a U.S. intelligence program that penetrated a North Korean black market arms network in the 1990s, the discovery of an Iranian intelligence plot against U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan, and a claim that a retired Afghan general became a "ticket into the heart of al-Qaida" for the United States. Defense Department officials also asked Shaffer to remove descriptions of his involvement in a data-mining operation launched before Sept. 11 that Shaffer says turned up the name of Mohamed Atta, the ring-leader of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. But Shaffer said his claim about Atta is in the congressional record; he refused to remove it. The destruction of the books has brought attention to how the U.S. government protects its most closely guarded secrets and what obligation intelligence agents have to protect the information after they have left their posts.



THE DIY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Competition to be south-central Idaho's champion do-it-yourselfer was tough, but six winners emerged. Today, read about the three

honorable mentions. Next week in the Home & Garden section, watch for third- and second-place winners. And on Oct. 26, the 2010 champion.



Photos by MELISSA DAVLIN/Times-News

Abby McFarlane leans against the baby gate at the top of the stairs in her parents' home. Michele and Chris McFarlane repurposed the gate from Michele's deceased grandmother's home.

Honorable mention: recycled baby gate

The motivation: Michele McFarlane wanted to incorporate a piece of her deceased grandmother's home into her Twin Falls house, so when the family prepared to sell the home, Michele snagged the gate at the top of its back stairwell. "I was sentimental over it," Michele said. She had her husband, Chris McFarlane, and his father installed the keepsake at the top of their stairs to act as a baby gate for their now 8-month-old daughter, Abby.

The bill: Less than \$30. The McFarlanes had to buy

Michele and Chris McFarlane

new screws, paint and a baluster.

The timeline: About two weeks, spread out over five months. Once they took the gate from Michele's grandmother's home, it sat for a while before Chris reinforced loose boards, repainted the gate and installed it.

"We didn't need it until (Abby) started crawling," Michele said.

Bang for the buck: The gate sits at the top of the stairs, preventing Abby from a mean tumble if she

crawls away from her parents.

While the job could have been done by a store-bought gate, this route was cheaper and more sentimental, Michele said. Abby is the third generation of babies to be protected by the gate.

Skills learned: DIY work is relatively new to Chris. When Michele and Chris first started dating, Chris attempted to build a fence to keep his dog secure.

"I didn't even know how to use a level," he said.

Teasing motivated him to learn, though, and now his handiwork appears throughout the house.

Biggest challenge: Michele's grandmother's stairwell was narrower than the McFarlanes'; so Chris had to come up with a solution to make it fit. He ended up securing a baluster to the wall, then attaching the gate to that. The baluster added the right amount of width, ensuring Abby couldn't slip through the spaces.

What's next: A spice rack for the kitchen cabinet. — Melissa Davlin



Chris McFarlane keeps an eye on his 8-month-old daughter, Abby, who is peeking through the gate. The recycled gate was originally too narrow for these stairs, so Chris installed the baluster on the right.

One more honorable mention on H&G 4

Honorable mention: overhauled exterior

Debbie and Harlan Wensink



With the help of family members, Harlan and Debbie Wensink redid the exterior of their Gooding home with faux rock tiles, new paint, light fixtures and a tiled front porch.

The motivation: Debbie and Harlan Wensink wanted to redo their Gooding home's exterior, which was bland and had no personality. They opted for a fresh coat of paint, a rock accent, new light fixtures and a tiled front porch. After researching their options, they decided to give faux rock a try.

The bill: Less than \$3,000.

Timeline: Seven days, with lots of help from family.

Those seven days came out of their vacation time, Debbie said — home improvement may not be as fun as camping or relaxing on a beach, but the result made the effort worthwhile.

Bang for the buck: The rural home has a lot more personality now. Friends and family weren't so sure

about how the faux rock would look, but Debbie's son, who works with real rock, approved of the product, saying it looks like stone with a shiny varnish.

The Wensinks found the faux rock online in the form of panels that fit together. The panels come together with a textured grout, and each is slightly different, lending to the real stone look. The product is much lighter than real rock, Debbie said, so "we don't have to worry about it falling off."

The fresh coat of paint complements the faux rock finish, and sturdy tiles make the porch more durable.

"I think we're happy with the way it turned out," Debbie said.

Biggest challenge: Cutting the tiles at the right

angles. The home's corners aren't all 90 degrees, Debbie said.

The couple also had a hard time deciding which colors to use.

"I'm the more subdued, he's the more bright," Debbie said. They had to call in an interior design friend to help them choose the colors.

Skills learned: Geometry. Figuring out those angles wasn't easy, Debbie said. They also used an airless paint sprayer for the first time.

And the two learned how to work with family members. Their two sons helped; one came from Lewiston for the week, and another brought his family. Debbie's parents also pitched in.

"It was a whole family affair," Harlan said.

What's next: Land-



The faux rock panels come together with a textured grout, and each is slightly different.

scaping. Hopefully, they can tackle that project without dipping into their vacation time.

— Melissa Davlin

Share your creative ways for dealing with pets at home



Times-News

Ever since man first tamed dog, humans have been battling foul odors, shedding fur and yucky messes in their dwellings.

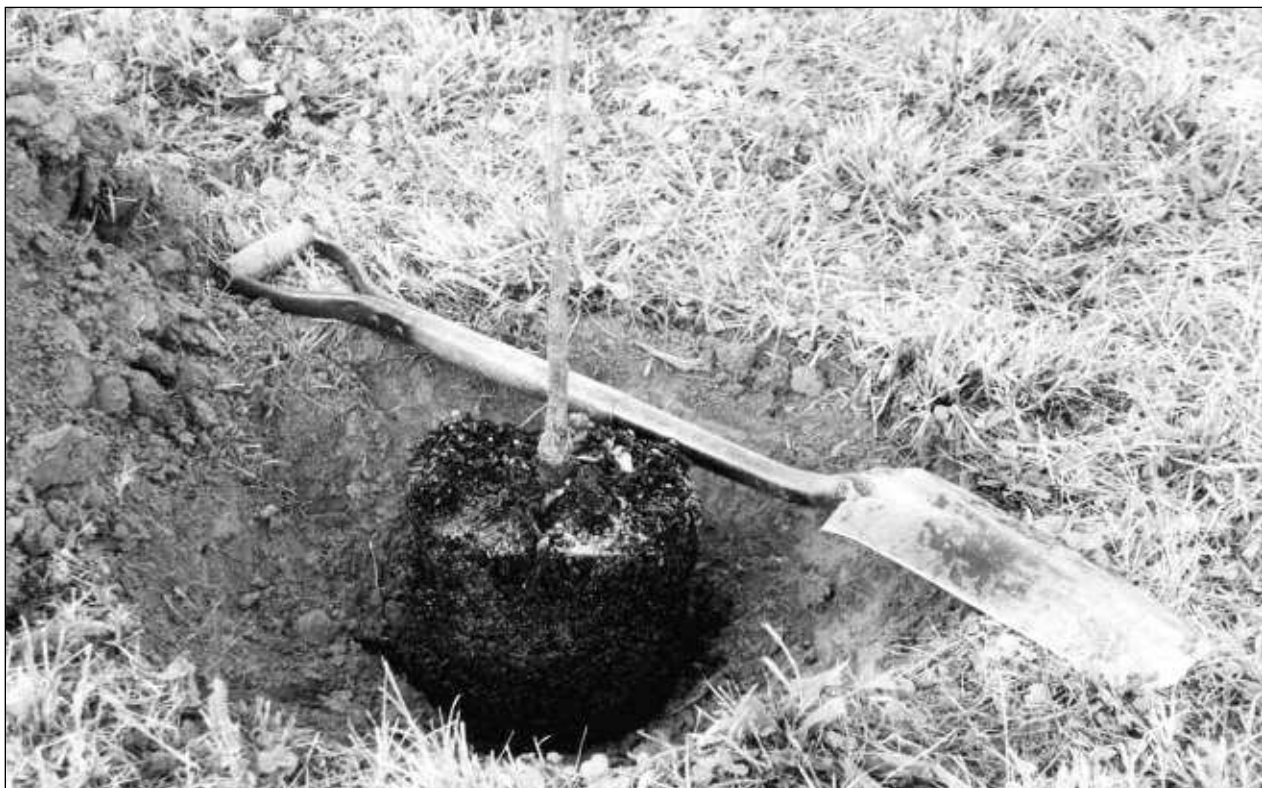
And now that we're closing up our

houses for winter and spending more time indoors, those issues take center stage for even the most adamant animal lovers.

So we're looking for south-central Idahoans who have creative solutions to household pet problems. How do

you hide your puppy's abundant trove of toys? How do you mask litter box smells, deal with slobbering beasts, or counter shedding?

Contact features writer Melissa Davlin at mdavlin@magicvalley.com or 735-3234 by Friday with your ideas.



AP photo

Fall is a prime time for planting from the point of view of a tree or shrub.

Get your planting shovel ready now

By Lee Reich

For The Associated Press

Fall planting of trees and shrubs might go against your grain.

Fall is when you probably feel like closing down the garden, gathering the final harvests and snuggling plants in for the cold months ahead. Spring is when the urge to plant becomes irresistible, when most of us want to contribute to the symphony of colors and scents of the season.

In fact, though, fall is in many ways a better time for planting from the point of view of a tree or shrub.

Many nurseries dig bare root plants in the fall, then sell some and store the remainder through winter. Such plants are, obviously, fresher in the fall.

Perhaps most important, fall planting allows trees and shrubs time to establish themselves before winter cold settles into the soil. Roots begin growing as soon as they touch moist earth, and continue to do so as long as the soil temperature stays above

about 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

Not so for stems. Short days and nippy temperatures at the end of the growing season bring stem growth to a halt, and growth can't begin again until lengthening days or a sufficient duration of cold signals to dormant buds that winter is truly over. Growth is then ready to begin as soon as temperatures warm.

Any fall-planted tree or shrub is already in place, its roots growing in the soil, when the first warm breaths of spring coax stems to begin growing. If you plant in spring, though, root growth is only just beginning when stems begin growing. Or worse. Stems sometimes begin growing before the plant is even in the ground — a real problem with bare root nursery stock.

Even the ground is usually in better condition for digging in fall than in spring. Summer's warmth still lingers in the soil, long enough to keep it moist — not sodden — and crumbly for much of the time, just right for digging planting holes.

Contrast this with the slur-

py, cold condition of the soil in spring. Digging a soil that is sodden ruins its structure, driving out the air, so one frustration of spring planting is waiting for the soil to dry out somewhat, all the while watching plant buds beginning to expand and grow.

Frustration doubles when, after waiting for the soil to dry enough to plant, you have to immediately begin a regimen of weekly watering. One thorough soaking is sometimes all that fall-planted trees and shrubs need; winter rain and snow might care of the rest until later in spring.

A few precautions are needed with fall planting. Roots begin growth in fall, but not enough to anchor a plant against shifting, even being lifted, where the soil will be alternately freezing and thawing in the months to come. Prevent plant heaving by insulating the soil with a thick blanket of some organic mulch, such as leaves or straw, which will stop those wide swings in temperature. Avoid rot by piling the material up to but not right against the

stems.

That mulch does make a cozy winter home for bark-feeding rodents. So protect the trunks with a cylinder of quarter-inch mesh hardware cloth, or wrap them with paper or plastic wraps sold for this purpose. Trunk wraps make great homes for insects in summer — homes where bugs can hide from hungry birds — so remove the wraps in spring.

Despite the benefits of fall planting, it is not for every kind of bare root tree or shrub. Among the few plants that do not take kindly to fall planting are red maple, birch, hawthorn, tuliptree, poplar, oak, willow, plum and cherry. However, potted plants of any of these species will benefit from fall planting just as other species do.

With these cautions and constraints, go ahead and plan for fall planting. In contrast to planting in spring, when stem growth threatens and you're distracted by colorful flowers after winter's browns and grays, fall planting can proceed with a leisurely pace and a rational mind.

Make your home a greener place

Times-News

College of Southern Idaho biology professors Jan Simpkin and Randy Smith will teach a class on ways to reduce your impact on the planet while saving money and making your home a healthier place to live.

Students will look at such things as how to use less water and electricity, how to shop more sustainably and how to identify toxic substances that may lurk in homes. Students will also make some safe cleaners.

"A Greener Home" will be held 6-8 p.m. Oct. 18 and 25 in CSP's Shields 214, offered by the college's Community Education Center. Cost is \$30, plus a \$10 supply fee.

Register: 732-6442 or communityed.csi.edu.

Opt for 12-month furnace filters?

By Bill Ward

Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

Q: Are so-called 12-month furnace filters worth the cost? Do they really last that long, or is it more efficient and better to change the filter more frequently, using less-expensive filters?

A: If the touted 12-month filter fits into a standard 1-inch slot, it might not work effectively over time, said Bruce Boerner, an energy efficiency engineer at Xcel Energy.

"It will most likely get too dirty and the airflow will be reduced significantly over the 12 months," he said.

To be viable for 12 months, a filter would need to be 3 to 4 inches deep, he said.

"With the higher surface area, the filter would still be able to effectively remove the dirt and not have excessive reductions in airflow when the filter gets as dirty as it should when the filter is left in place for 12 months," Boerner said.

Using such a filter also would require duct modifications, he added.

Xcel also endorses following manufacturers' recommendations for a furnace, which generally call for checking the filter every month and changing it every three months.

Dress up your home with concrete DIY projects

Times-News

Here's a two-day, hands-on class for home do-it-yourselfers who want a high-end look for a fraction of the cost, organizers say.

Students will learn to create natural-looking stone surfaces from concrete including countertops, showers and Roman tubs. Participants will receive two hours' access to instructor Rob O'Donnell after class to answer questions while they work on their projects.

"DIY: Cement Renovation" will be 7-9 p.m. Oct. 22 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 23 in College of Southern Idaho's Shields 106, offered by the college's Community Education Center. Cost is \$90, plus a \$10 supply fee.

Register: 732-6442 or register.communityed.csi.edu.

Mirrors never lie, but the truth doesn't have to be unadorned

The Washington Post

Washington, D.C., designer Darryl Carter was the guest on a recent online chat. Below is an edited excerpt.

Q: I'm trying to find a new mirror to hang above the vanity in our powder room. All I seem to find are plain pieces of glass with no interesting edges.

A: This sounds like a perfect opportunity to go on an antique hunt. ... Look for art in frames (ignore the art), remove it and paint. You will most likely find an inter-

esting form in this venue, and it will be unique.

Q: We just moved into a new construction townhouse, and it's a contemporary, open design. My husband wants to paint at least the great room and the master bedroom. Would it look odd to have color in just those places and leave the rest of the walls white?

A: The addition of color will abruptly boundary the space. It will probably seem disjointed. In open floor plans, I always suggest continuity of color.

Q: I'm renovating my main bathroom, which has pink and black tile from the 1950s. I want to replace it with glass subway tile but am concerned that it might be too trendy and look dated in a few years. Any thoughts? Also, are wall sconces better than overhead lights for a bathroom?

A: Your instinct is correct. Stick to the classics: Carrara and white subway tile. If you would like to try for a twist on this, look for a narrower variation on the subway tile. This will be both modern and classic — and smart for resale. Sconces are always more attractive. I would suggest recessed as well, given the need for utility in this setting.

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Lori Chandler
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Don Aslett's CLEANING CENTER

Readers have the floor, but what to do with it?

The Washington Post

New York designer Sheila Bridges joined Post staff writers Jura Koncius and Terri Sapienza on our online chat. Below is an edited excerpt.

Q: I'm planning to get a Dash & Albert blue-and-white striped rug for my bedroom. Am wondering if I should go with a 9-by-12 or two rugs, a 4-by-6 and a 6-by-9. A 9-by-12 might look more pulled together, but much of the rug would sit under the bed. Your advice?

Bridges: I definitely prefer one rug for a more pulled-together look. ... It's okay for part of the rug to be under the bed.

Q: What do you think about old parquet floors? I live in a rowhouse, and there are parquet floors underneath the carpet on the second floor. I'm thinking about having the floors refinished, but I'm not sure if parquet floors would appeal to potential buyers.

Bridges: Absolutely keep the parquet floors! They would definitely appeal to potential buyers who are looking for original details.

Reader: Parquet floors are not done anymore because of the labor costs. Keep them, please, and treat them as a work of art.

Q: What type of flowers do you use in your decorating?

Bridges: My favorite flowers are peonies and

hydrangeas, and I have different colors and varieties (everything from blue to pink to white) in my own garden. I also planted a wild-flower field a few years ago that looked amazing. I always had an assortment of fresh flowers (poppies, daisies, etc.) to choose from!

Q: We just started our bathroom renovation. What color fixtures should I go with? I like the bronze fixtures, but my concern is will they be dated in five years.

Bridges: Go with nickel. I promise that they will never look dated.

Q: My grandmother left me some gorgeous hand-embroidered tablecloths and matching napkins she got in Eastern Europe in the middle of the 20th cen-

tury. I love them and don't want to risk spoiling them by using them for their original purpose. Is there a way that I can display them and still keep their beauty?

Koncius: The important thing is to enjoy them, especially since they remind you of your grandmother. You might use the tablecloth occasionally as a bedcover so you can enjoy all its handwork. You could use the napkins on your dresser or in a bread basket. You could also frame one or six napkins and do an arrangement on the wall using ultraviolet-proof glass.

Q: We are remodeling a bathroom, and it seems I get a different answer every time I ask this question: Is it best to put the lights above the mirror or to the sides? Also, is

fluorescent a big no-no?

Bridges: The fluorescent light is a huge no-no! I usually prefer wall sconces on each side of the medicine cabinet, but if you have high ceilings feel free to go above the cabinet instead. The selection really has a lot to do with how much wall space you have around your cabinet.

Q: My front foyer floor is a dark slate. It flows straight back into the kitchen, which I am about to retile. The rooms on either side of the foyer have hardwood floors. We have no mudroom, so the foyer takes a fair amount of wear and tear. Should we go with hardwood to match the adjoining rooms? Or tile because it flows into the kitchen and may hold up better?

Bridges: I would go with wood flooring, which is extremely durable when properly polyurethaned. Slate and tile together seems a bit cold. You could also put down an area rug in the entry since there are a lot of stylish indoor-outdoor carpets available now for heavy-traffic areas.

Q: How do you know when to stop accessorizing? I don't want clutter or more to dust (as if I dusted much anyway), so what's the secret to a good layered look?

Bridges: It's not easy editing your accessories once you start buying stuff, but I tend to believe that less is more when it comes to your mantels and table surfaces. I usually stick with three to five things — no more and no less!



AP photos

Artist Val Britton adds vintage paper to her piece called 'Index to Selected Starts' at the Recology recycling center in San Francisco.

Dumpster divas practice art of recycling

By Michelle Locke
For The Associated Press

Val Britton has taken recycling to a fine art.

For some recent works — layered, intricate collages that explore the concept of maps and journeys — everything she used, from paper to brushes, came from the San Francisco dump.

Britton's work, created as part of Recology San Francisco's artist-in-residence program, belongs to a tradition that goes back as far as Marcel Duchamp, who shocked the art world of the early 20th century when he took a urinal, titled it "Fountain" and declared it art.

With the modern emphasis on diverting as much as possible from landfills, the concept has taken on a green hue. But it's also a purely artistic quest to create new from old.

"There's always been artists using recyclable stuff," said Sally Heller, an artist in the New Orleans area who often finds her materials in thrift stores. "Right now I think it's relevant because there's a trend to make art out of things we know and give them a different context."

One of Heller's works is a sculpture called "Scrap House," a battered structure caught in the branches of a tree that symbolizes the unpredictable powers of nature. The sculpture, made in the wake of the Katrina disaster, consists entirely of common materials and recycled elements.

Most of her work is smaller in scope, like "Hanging by a Thread," which consists of pipe cleaners and wire twisted together to create a web, into which are woven all sorts of things from shoes to underwear, with the items often being deconstructed first.

Something secondhand "can just have a visual appeal because it's used and it can be rough-hewn in some way that a new material wouldn't have that look to it," Heller said.

In New York City, artist/curator Vernita Nemec has been putting together shows of detritus art for more than a decade.



Artist Zachary Scholz looks over a theatrical wig he recovered at the Recology center.



Deborah Munk, manager of the artist-in-residence program, looks over a piece of art called 'Two Face' by Nemo Gould, at the Recology center.

"What we're doing as detritus artists, working with trash, is we're making something valueless priceless. It's a way of transforming," she said. One of her pieces is the "Endless Junk Mail Scroll," about 200 feet long and made from envelopes.

Nemec might find her artistic materials tossed on the streets.

But Britton and fellow artist Zachary Royer Scholz recently had the chance to work at Cast-off Central — the San Francisco dump. They were there as part of Recology San Francisco's 20-year-old artist program aimed at inspiring people to conserve natural resources and recycle more.

Britton and Scholz didn't work with household trash

businesses.

Scholz was struck by the amount of wood coming in, and used some of it for a structure of L-shaped blocks cut from discarded timber.

Both artists were struck by the volume of items trucked to the dump. Some dated from the 19th century; some were brand new and still in the box. Even something as simple as wood spanned the ages, ranging from old-growth timber ripped out in demolition jobs on old buildings to planks so new they oozed sap.

"I was struck by wood as a material within the context of disposal of stuff," Scholz said. "I also really like that wood is something we already have an understanding of as being a reusable thing."

but with relatively clean items brought down to the dump, such as loads of wood from remodeling jobs or discarded fixtures from closed

Are CFLs a bright idea?

By Al Heavens
The Philadelphia Inquirer

More than a few of us are seeking ways to reduce energy costs. For the last few years, one of the most touted ways has been to change all of our incandescent bulbs to compact fluorescents, or CFLs.

I receive endless pitches heralding the advantages of CFLs. Among them:

- **They use** two-thirds less energy than incandescent bulbs and last 10 times longer.

- **They are available** in different sizes and shapes, including mini-spiral, spiral and A-line, that fit almost any fixture.

- **On average**, each bulb can save more than \$30 in electricity costs over its lifetime and prevent more than 450 pounds of greenhouse-gas emissions.

- **CFLs and fixtures** using them that have earned the EPA's Energy Star rating produce about 70 percent less heat, so they're safer to use and can help cut energy costs associated with home cooling.

I have never had the time or inclination to prove or disprove any of this, but reader Steve Cioeta piqued my interest in the subject. Here are his experiences:

"I renovated a bathroom in the winter of 2009, and installed a typical overhead light fixture with a globe that's rated for two bulbs with a maximum of 60 watts each," he said.

When he first started using the fixture in May 2009, he installed two new 13-watt CFLs instead of the 60-watt incandescents. Over that short period, he's already had to replace both of the CFLs.

"So instead of the seven years estimated, I got less than 18 months for each bulb," Cioeta said. "There are five people in my house, and maybe each day the light is on for two hours max. So it's not constant use, and I can't believe the on-off cycles are excessive!"

The fixture is on the top floor of the house, so there's no vibration from above, and there are no moisture problems. The fixture appears to be in fine shape, he said.

In his finished basement, there are 11 high hat fixtures in a dropped ceiling that each have R30 floodlights of 65 watts each.

In 2009, he saw that the CFL manufacturers were making these types of bulbs, and the packages all say "same as a 65-watt bulb!"

"They have the squiggly

CFL bulb inside of a cover to look about the same as the floodlights," he said. "The CFLs produce a lot less heat, but again durability is an issue."

He started replacing them one by one when the old bulbs burned out, and already has had to replace a couple of burned-out CFLs with new ones.

So while Cioeta doesn't recall specific dates, these have also lasted less than 18 months. These bulbs are probably on four to five hours each day, but still the life has been much shorter than claimed.

"I don't know if the vibration from walking on the first floor above is causing a problem here, but I don't notice any excessive bounce in the floor in my 1973 suburban tract house."

There's no insulation between the floors, so he doubts that heat buildup is a concern.

Another complaint: The complexity in choosing the CFLs for the color that they give off.

His family has complained about the bulbs' slowness in getting up to the maximum brightness. He can live with that, but then it seems that you can never get two bulbs that give off the same light unless you replace them all at once.

"It's really tough to keep track — I did," Cioeta said.

While the "greenness" of using CFLs is appealing, and the cost of the bulbs is coming down, "it's a little annoying to not get the promised performance and have to deal with some of the inconsistencies in using these bulbs," he said.

"It gets kind of hard to do your environmental share," he said.

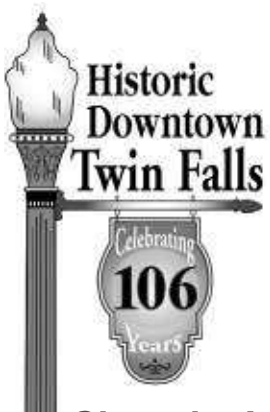
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Honorable mention: painted house

The motivation: Esta and Don Barlogi wanted their Twin Falls house painted, but all of the pros they consulted offered to spray. Because Esta, 71, wanted her home's color applied by brush, she decided to tackle the project herself.

The bill: About \$770. The cost included paintbrushes, paint and a \$540 heavy-duty ladder. Based on quotes from painting professionals, Esta said, she saved more than \$13,000.

Esta Barlogi

Timeline: From fall 2009 to July 2010. Esta started painting the back of the house last fall, only to be interrupted by autumn weather. And because of the cold, wet spring, she couldn't pick up her brushes until June.

Bang for the buck: Esta painted her 40-year-old home exactly the way she wanted.

"And I still have my wonderful ladder and paintbrushes," she wrote.

Skills learned: Patching up the rotten wood where snow builds up in winter and rainwater splashes.

Biggest challenge: Scraping off the old paint and patching rotten wood.

Maneuvering the massive ladder wasn't easy, either. The back of the home has

large peaks, which required the tall ladder to reach. Esta had to do it herself, too — Don has balance issues, so his feet stay planted on the ground.

He could, however, help move the heavy ladder.

"She hasn't told you how heavy the cotton-picking thing is," Don said.

What's next: Nothing major. Shampooing the carpets is all Esta has on her plate.

— Melissa Davlin



MELISSA DAVLIN/Times-News

Esta Barlogi shows off the paint job at her Twin Falls home. Barlogi, 71, painted the house by herself over the course of several months.

Downsizing? How to live large in a small space

By Jaclyn Banash
McClatchy Newspapers

It's a constant battle: Small versus big. Less or more? There are arguments to support both sides.

Having just downsized to the smallest apartment I have ever lived in, I was intrigued by the idea of small being the new big. The challenge of storage and saving space is usually the No. 1 problem for most small-home dwellers. Organization is key, as is making the space work for your lifestyle.

I have been racking my brain for months over how to make my new 656-square-foot apartment work best for me. I have found some great new ideas to integrate with some of my old tricks of the trade.

Creative use of furniture is essential in small spaces or even in larger spaces that might need to be multifunctional. Take, for instance, a guest bedroom that doubles as an office. Instead of crowding the room on a daily basis with a bed that only gets used a few times a year, why not use a sleeper sofa or a chair and a half with a twin sleeper sofa? This will free so much space for day-to-day activities in the office.

A daybed is another good-looking piece of furniture that multitasks. A daybed is a great way to divide a large space, but in a small space, if positioned against the wall, it doubles as a sofa with pillows across the back and an extra sleeping spot when the pillows are removed.

Lots of furniture pieces are known for their great multipurpose and space-saving qualities. The ever-popular pouf, for example, can double as an ottoman, become a small table for books, computers and drinks to rest upon or even turn into extra seating.

Nesting tables also provide options for tiny spaces because they are small and easily moved. Storage ottomans are an obvious choice for doubling as a bench or coffee table that can house toys, blankets and extra bedding.

In dining room/eating areas, a custom-built bench/banquette with storage underneath is a great option for tight spaces. If your budget does not allow for custom, then good-looking storage boxes fit nicely under most pre-made banquettes. If you are not looking for more storage but are just short on space, a breakfast nook can be created with a small table and stools that can tuck underneath when not in use.

Simply by pushing a dining table against a wall or window you can save at least three feet. All you have to do is pull the table out for dinner parties. And don't forget, an old or unattractive table can always be put to use and instantly jazzed up with a custom table skirt in a fabulous fabric. Voila, another spot for hidden storage!

One of my recent favorite small-space solutions is installing built-in top-to-bottom mirrors on the inset of closet doors. How brilliant! No longer are you taking up precious wall space in the room with a floor-length mirror.

As for the actual layout and decoration of a small space, conflicting theories abound. Some say not to fill a small room with over-

scaled furniture, as it eats up the space and feels cramped. Others say big furniture makes a small room seem grander.

I gravitate toward the middle. In general, I stay away from large, overstuffed furniture and do find that too many small pieces can feel cluttered. But I need enough seating for entertaining and recently purchased a set of Lucite folding chairs (clear furniture is another small-space trick) that can be stowed when not in use.

I have never subscribed to pure minimalism, although I admire those who can. I find it almost impossible to not surround myself with lovely items that I find along my travels, antiquing or shopping. The key is rigorous editing. I have seen many small, successful spaces that have a plethora of mementos or objets d'art.

But once you get to a certain point, it becomes necessary to do the practice of one thing in, one thing out. After all, no matter what size your space is, you need the room to enjoy it.



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A closet was converted into a media and book case with custom shelves. Clear acrylic nesting tables and small, movable storage ottomans are some of the small-space solutions used in this room.

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An easy way to dispose of leaves is to use your lawn mower to mulch them into the grass. This process can add valuable nutrients for your lawn. If there is simply way too much leaf litter, pick up the leaves and add them to your mulch pile or garden. Decomposing leaves are great for loosening clay soils. They add moisture and nutrient-holding capacity to sandy soils.

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USDA to re-survey small grains farmers

By Blake Nicholson
Associated Press writer

BISMARCK, N.D. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture says it plans to review its estimates of this year's spring wheat, durum wheat, barley and oats crops this month, though any adjustments are not likely to influence prices for farmers or consumers.

USDA estimates released in a Sept. 30 report were based on farmer surveys conducted early in the month, when there was significant unharvested acreage in North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Oregon and Washington

"... I would venture a guess that the resurvey could bring those numbers back up to what was anticipated."

— **Darin Newsom, a senior analyst at the market information company DTN**

because of bad weather.

The Sept. 30 estimates included what amounts to farmers' guesses about those unharvested areas. This month the USDA plans to resurvey farmers who still had crop in the field, and make adjustments to the official estimates if justified.

The late-September small grains summary usually is the USDA's final word on production. This year will be the second in a row that the agency has contacted some farmers

a second time.

"We have done it before for small grains but it doesn't happen a lot," said Darin Jantzi, director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service field office in North Dakota, which leads the nation in the production of spring wheat, durum wheat and barley. "On average I would say once very four, five years it can happen. Last year was the first year since 2004. Two years in a

row is pretty uncommon."

Darin Newsom, senior analyst at the Omaha, Neb.-based market information company DTN, said he does not expect big changes in the government estimates that would sway market prices.

"Since the numbers in the (September) report came in below pre-report estimates, except for durum, I would venture a guess that the resurvey could bring those numbers back up to what was anticipated," he said.

Last year's resurvey of small grains crops did not result in big changes to the government figures. "Historically, (large adjustments)

have not been the case," Jantzi said. "We're just making sure we're getting the right numbers. The one time we decide not to do it there would be a big change."

Jantzi also said the amount of unharvested crop during this year's survey was less than last year's amount, making the prospect of significant changes even more remote. He declined to give numbers, saying USDA only releases published data.

Jantzi is recommending that the telephone surveys be done late in October to give farmers as much time as possible to get the rest of their crops in the bins.

FLAVORFUL FRUIT

Western vintners hope late harvest makes fine wine

By Olivia Munoz
Associated Press writer

FRESNO, Calif. — A cool summer along the West Coast has made for a hurried harvest in the nation's top winemaking regions as growers rush to beat the first frost. Vintners, however, are hopeful the late grapes will make great wine.

It's a matter of simple science: Grapes become sweeter as they develop but they need sun and heat to do so. When the grapes are crushed and loaded into barrels, the sugar turns into alcohol during fermentation.

With less exposure to sun and heat, the grapes will have less sugar and produce wines with less alcohol. But, vintners say, the wines should be beautifully balanced and full-flavored.

"We expect more understated wines from this vintage," said Rob Sinskey, 51, who owns Robert Sinskey Vineyards in the Carneros region of Napa.

"High-alcohol wines are power wines. They're showy in a wine tasting," he continued. "We think these will be more elegant, floral, with beautiful aromatics and exotic overtones."

Wines from France, Italy and Spain — the leading wine-producing countries — have average alcohol levels of 12 to 13 percent. Most New World wines — those coming out of the U.S., Chile and Australia — tend to have slightly higher alcohol levels, about 14 to 15 percent.

But this year, the wines coming from California, Oregon and Washington will be different because the grapes took longer to ripen and won't contain as much sugar as usual, said Doug Adams, a viticulture professor at University of California, Davis.

"A lot of winemakers were waiting for a year like this," Adams said.

White wines from this year's crop are expected to be ready in nine months to a year, while reds will take about two to four years, depending on type.

Oregon produces about 2 million cases of wine each year, mostly Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris and Chardonnay. It had highly rated vintages in 1999 and 2008, and this season's temperatures are similar, said Sam Tannahill, 41, a winemaker and interim director of the Oregon Wine Board.



Bins of Pinot Noir grapes for Robert Sinskey Vineyards are transported after being picked in Sonoma, Calif. The recent triple-digit heat that rolled over parts of California answered the prayers of many winemakers, allowing them to start harvesting grapes, albeit a little later than usual.

But while the grapes hold the promise of fine wine, they still must be brought in. Some Oregon growers were just beginning to pick grapes last week, increasing the risk they'll run into a frost.

"Every year I'm reminded that I'm just a farmer. I might produce a fancy product, but I'm still just a farmer dealing with soil and weather and vines," Tannahill said.

He added: "There's a lot that can happen in three weeks."

The harvest in California's Napa Valley also is running about three weeks behind after workers waited for the grapes to ripen. Some growers said they were bringing in extra help to move the harvest along.

"It's been a year of extremes," said

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Corn crunch means costliest beef in quarter of a century

By Whitney McFerron
and Elizabeth Campbell
Bloomberg News writer

CHICAGO — After rock-bottom meat prices across the United States, beef prices are poised to extend a 14 percent rally this year that drove U.S. retail costs to the highest levels since the 1980s as surging corn futures prevent livestock producers from expanding their herds.

The U.S. cattle herd in July was the smallest since 1973 and the number of breeding hogs last month was near the lowest ever, government data show. Corn futures jumped to a two-year high Monday and the price of the main feed ingredient is more than 70 percent above the 10-year average.

U.S. per-capita beef supplies next year will be the lowest since 1952 and pork the smallest since 1976, industry researcher CattleFax said. Hog futures will rise 14 percent by July and cattle may gain 3.6 percent by April, according to a Bloomberg survey of analysts. Wendy's/Arby's Group Inc., the maker of the 1,360-calorie Baconator Triple burger, and CKE Restaurants Inc., owner of the Hardee's chain, have warned investors they are contending with higher commodity costs.

"If grain prices go up, then meat prices are going to have to move up," said Mark Greenwood, a vice president at AgStar Financial Services Inc. in Mankato, Minn., who oversees \$1 billion in loans and leases to the hog



Courtesy photo

Surging corn futures are preventing livestock producers from expanding their herd, which could mean higher prices for consumers.

industry. Corn costs "tempered any enthusiasm there was on expansion," he said.

Livestock prices failed to keep pace with third-quarter rallies of as much as 40 percent for corn and wheat, as too much rain and heat eroded U.S. yields and drought hurt crops in Russia and Europe. Cattle futures rose 11 percent in the period and hogs dropped 8.3 percent.

Cattle feedlots that didn't lock in corn costs faced losses in the third quarter, said Ron Plain, an economist at the University of Missouri in Columbia. Feedlots made money in the first half after two years of unprofitable markets from surging feed costs and the global recession, he said.

"Normally, six months of profit will get you to the early stage of herd expansion," Plain said. Costlier corn "slows expansion plans," he said.

AGRIBUSINESS ROUNDUP

Grains futures mixed, livestock prices mostly drop

CHICAGO — Grain futures traded mixed Monday on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Wheat for December delivery dropped 10 cents to \$7.0925 a bushel; December corn jumped 27.5 cents to \$5.5575 a bushel; December oats dipped 0.5 cent to \$3.69 a bushel; and soybeans for November delivery gained 17.5 cents to \$11.525 a bushel.

Beef and pork futures mostly fell on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

December live cattle dipped 0.12 cent to 98.75 cents a pound; November feeder cattle slid 0.53 cent to \$1.0712 a pound; December lean hogs tumbled 1.23 cents to 72.62 cents a pound; while February pork bellies were unchanged at \$1.03 a pound.

— Wire report

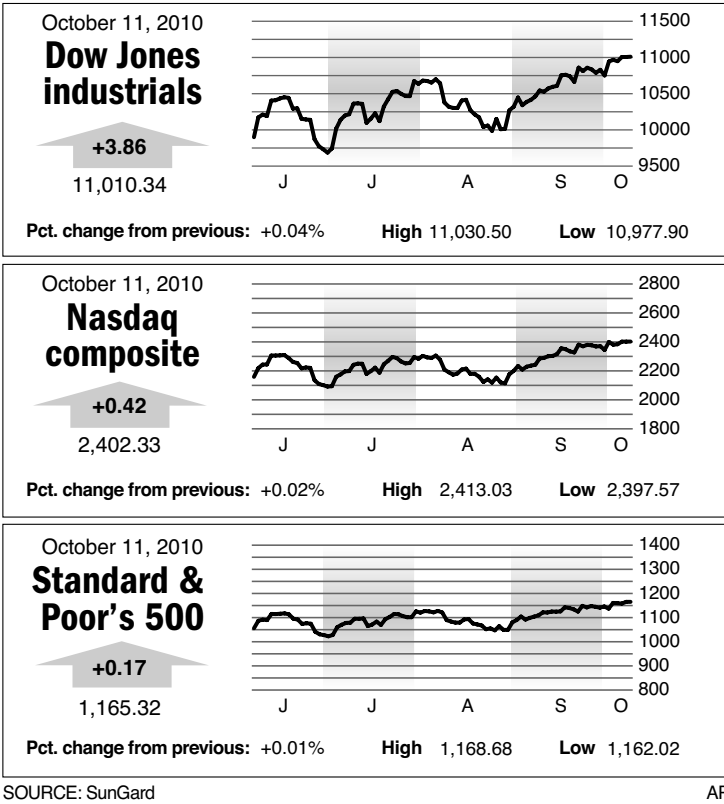


Pinot Noir grapes for Robert Sinskey Vineyards are picked in Sonoma, Calif.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with columns for NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ. Sub-sections include MOST ACTIVE, GAINERS, LOSERS, and DIARY for each exchange.

YESTERDAY ON WALL STREET



The Dow Jones industrial average gained 3.86, or 0.04 percent, to close at 11,010.34. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 0.17 to 1,165.32, while the Nasdaq composite index rose 0.42, or 0.02 percent, to 2,402.33.

INDEXES table with columns for index name, value, change, and percentage change. Includes Dow Jones Industrials, S&P 500, etc.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST table listing various stocks like AlliantEgy, AmCasino, and others with their prices and changes.

HOW TO READ THE REPORT. Stock Footnotes: cc - PE greater than 99. dd - Loss in last 12 mos. d - New 52-wk low during trading day. g - Dividend in Canadian \$.

COMMODITIES REPORT

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of commodity futures prices including Live cattle, Feeder cattle, Wheat, Corn, Soybeans, etc.

BEANS

Table of bean prices including various types of pinto, red, and black beans.

GRAINS

Table of grain prices including wheat, corn, and soybeans.

CHEESE

Table of cheese prices including Cheddar, Brie, and other varieties.

LIVESTOCK

Table of livestock prices including cattle, hogs, and sheep.

Table showing steeper prices for various livestock categories.

METALS/MONEY table listing prices for Gold, Silver, and various currencies.

Table of nonferrous metal prices including Aluminum, Copper, and Zinc.

Table of potato prices from various regions.

Table showing other commodity prices like Wheat and Corn.

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Organic chicken rules have animal advocates clucking

By Melissa Allison The Seattle Times

YELM, Wash. — The choir of clucking from thousands of Rhode Island red chickens inside a Stiebers Farms hen house creates such a din that it's hard to hear anything else.

A few dozen of them amble down ramps onto a grassy lawn, where they peck at the ground and roll in the dirt, an instinctive activity farmers call "dusting."

These are the lucky chickens, the ones certified organic that do not spend their lives in cages.

In fact, these hens are extra lucky because Stiebers Farms decided that when national organic rules called for "access to the outdoors," that meant big doors and grassy lawns.

Some organic chicken farms do not see it that way, and a fight is brewing over what exactly "access to the outdoors" means when it comes to chickens used for organic eggs and meat.

"There's huge lobbying going on from industrial agriculture trying to force the NOSB (National Organic Standards Board) to get rid of the concept of any outdoor access," said Goldie Caughlan, nutrition-education manager at PCC Natural Markets in Seattle and a former member of that board.



CLIFF DESPEAUX/Seattle Times/MCT

Cage-free, organic chickens roam the grounds at Stiebers Farms in Yelm, Wash. The chickens are outside from late morning until dusk.

Herding even a few dozen chickens takes time. "You don't just say, 'OK, ladies, we're going inside.'"

- Kaisa Kuykendall, head of sales, marketing and customer relations at Stiebers Farms

U.S. Department of Agriculture that issues final rules on everything from organic corn to honey to milk.

Rule-making takes years, and the battle over chickens and the outdoors has been particularly protracted. It will reach fever pitch later this month, when the National Organic Standards Board considers the matter at an Oct. 25 meeting in

Madison, Wis. There are as many opinions about chickens and the outdoors as there are farmers.

Stiebers — which has 450,000 hens, about 125,000 of them organic — recently added extra doors to a couple organic houses to coax more hens outside.

It's important to consumers and customers like PCC, said Kaisa Kuykendall,

granddaughter of Stiebers Farms' founders and head of sales, marketing and customer relations.

It also creates work for the farm, because workers have to round up the chickens before dark so they are safe from predators. Herding even a few dozen chickens takes time, Kuykendall said.

"You don't just say, 'OK, ladies, we're going inside.' It also takes space. If all 4,700 hens that live in one of Stiebers' houses congregated outdoors, they would have more space — 1.7 square feet per bird, to be precise — than the 1.2 square feet they have indoors.

Wine

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Jon Emmerich, 47, a winemaker with Silverado Vineyards in Napa. "It was a cool season and then hot and then we'd get a ridiculous cold snap — it was just crazy. We've been kind of dancing around the weather."

The same was true along the California coast. "We've all got our fingers crossed. We're hoping it'll turn out to be a good year and not just a scary year," said Jason Haas, 37, general manager of Tablas Creek Vineyard in Paso Robles, which is about halfway between Los Angeles and San Francisco.

"We know that the longer the grapes spend on the vine, the better they show the signature of the place," Haas said. "But November and rains are coming up soon."

Typically warm areas, such as the San Joaquin Valley, are also dealing with a late harvest but most of their fruit will reach normal levels, Adams said.

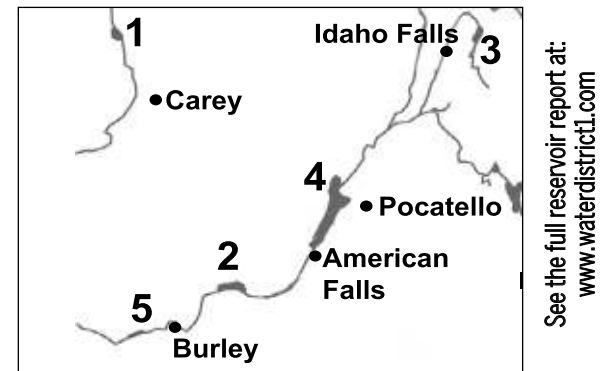
About 90 percent of the wine made in the U.S. comes from California, which grows about 3 million tons of grapes each year and produces more than 2.3 billion bottles of wine, according to its Department of Food and Agriculture.

Washington state is the country's No. 2 winemaker, with some 37,000 acres of vines spread across the desert-like eastern part of the state.

Washington growers were halfway through harvest Thursday, running about two weeks late, said Ryan Pennington, spokesman for the Washington State Wine Commission.

"Most years, the concern is to make sure the grapes don't get overripe," he said. "But Mother Nature has really thrown us a curveball."

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NATO: U.S. rescuers may have killed Afghanistan aid worker

By Heidi Vogt and Robert Kennedy
Associated Press writers

KABUL, Afghanistan — At first, NATO blamed a Taliban bomb for the death of a captive British aid worker during an American rescue attempt in eastern Afghanistan.

Two days later, the coalition changed its account, saying Monday that U.S. forces may have detonated a grenade that killed Linda Norgrove during the operation to free her.

British Prime Minister David Cameron defended Friday's rescue mission, saying his government authorized it only after learning that Norgrove's life was in

grave danger. The U.S. military, which carried out the raid because the aid worker was being held in a region under American command, said it would investigate the incident with British cooperation.

In Brussels, NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen emphasized that "whatever happened, I would like to stress that those who are responsible of course are the captors."

The U.S.-led NATO force has historically been slow to acknowledge friendly fire deaths in Afghanistan. Drawn-out investigations mean findings can come weeks or months after an

incident. But an increased focus on preventing civilian deaths has led NATO over the past year to push for quicker reporting on mistakes.

Norgrove, 36, from Scotland's Isle of Lewis, worked on a U.S.-funded aid project for Development Alternatives Inc., a Bethesda, Maryland-based organization. She was abducted in an ambush on Sept. 26 while driving toward Asadabad, the capital of Kunar province, according to Afghan officials. She was to oversee projects in the area.

Three Afghan colleagues were also captured in the ambush but all were later

released.

Norgrove died Friday night — nearly two weeks after being captured — when U.S. special forces stormed the Taliban compound where she was being held in Kunar province.

In its initial statement Saturday, NATO said Norgrove was killed when captors detonated a bomb during the attack.

But then the rescue mission leader saw surveillance footage of the incident, had discussions with other team members and decided "it was not conclusive what the cause of her death was," said Lt. Col. John Dorrian, a spokesman at NATO headquarters in Kabul.

3 win economics Nobel for job market analysis

By Louise Nordstrom and Karl Ritter
Associated Press writers

STOCKHOLM — Two Americans and a British-Cypriot economist won the 2010 Nobel economics prize Monday for developing a theory that helps explain why many people can remain unemployed despite a large number of job vacancies.

Federal Reserve board nominee Peter Diamond was honored along with Dale Mortensen and Christopher Pissarides with the 10 million Swedish kronor (\$1.5 million) prize for their analysis of the obstacles that prevent buyers and sellers from efficiently pairing up in markets.

Diamond — a former mentor to current Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke — analyzed the foundations of so-called search markets, while Mortensen and Pissarides expanded the theory and applied it to the labor market.

Their work, dating back to the 1970s and '80s, sheds light on why the classical view of markets, in which prices are set so that buyers and sellers always find each other and all resources are fully utilized, doesn't always apply to the real world.

One example is the housing market, where buyers can struggle to find new homes even though there are a number of unsold properties available.

Another is the labor market. Because searching for jobs takes time and resources, it creates friction in the job market, helping explain why there are both job vacancies and unemployment simultaneously, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said.

"The laureates' models help us understand the ways in which unemployment, job vacancies and wages are affected by regulation and economic policy," the citation said.

Their work resulted in the so-called Diamond-Mortensen-Pissarides model, a frequently used tool to estimate how unemployment benefits, interest rates, the efficiency of employment agencies and other factors can affect the labor market.

"One conclusion is that more generous unemployment benefits give rise to higher unemployment and a longer search times," the academy said.

Diamond, 70, is an economist at the Massachusetts



AP photo
Massachusetts Institute of Technology economics professor Peter A. Diamond during a news conference in Cambridge, Mass., after learning he is one of three economists to win the 2010 Nobel Prize in economics Monday morning.

Institute of Technology, and an authority on Social Security, pensions and taxation.

President Barack Obama has nominated Diamond to become a member of the Federal Reserve. However, the Senate failed to approve his nomination before lawmakers left to campaign for the midterm congressional elections.

Senate Republicans have objected to what they see as Diamond's limited experience in dissecting the inner workings of the national economy.

Bernanke was one of Diamond's students at MIT. When Bernanke turned in his doctoral dissertation in 1979, one of the people he thanked was Diamond for being generous with his time and reading and discussing Bernanke's work.

Diamond said he was returning to his suburban Boston home from New Zealand when he found out about the prize. His wife and son picked him up from Logan Airport and he got a phone call from a friend.

"Fortunately I was sitting down and wasn't behind the steering wheel," Diamond said.

Pissarides, a 62-year-old professor at the London School of Economics, was the first Nobel winner with Cypriot citizenship, academy spokesman Erik Huss said.

Pissarides told The Associated Press the announcement came as "a complete surprise" though his work had already helped shape thinking on both sides of the Atlantic.

Israeli PM offers conditional settlements freeze in West Bank

By Aron Heller
Associated Press writer

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday said for the first time that he would extend the settlement restrictions in the West Bank — if the Palestinians recognize Israel as the Jewish national homeland.

The idea, while innocuous to Israel's supporters, is widely seen as undermining the rights of Arab Israelis, and was immediately rejected by the Palestinians. But it could signal that Netanyahu is willing to bend and save a U.S.-led peace effort in exchange for a different concession.

The expiration of Israel's 10-month moratorium on new settlement building two weeks ago thrust the month-old U.S.-led peace negotiations with the Palestinians into crisis. The Palestinians are refusing to continue negotiating with Israel as long as settlement building continues, but Netanyahu has insisted the curb on construction was a one-time gesture.

The U.S. administration has been scrambling for weeks to find a creative way out of the quagmire and satisfy both sides and has put heavy pressure on Netanyahu to extend the slowdown, while offering a slew of incentives.

In a policy speech marking a new session of parliament, Netanyahu offered his own formula to move forward.

"If the Palestinian leadership would say unequivocally to its people that it recognizes Israel as the national homeland of the Jewish people, I will be willing to convene my government and ask for an additional suspension," he said, in a speech that was heckled by some lawmakers.

"As the Palestinian expect



AP photo
Israel's President Shimon Peres, right, listens, as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks at the opening of the winter session in the Knesset, Israel's parliament, in Jerusalem, Monday. Netanyahu offered to renew a moratorium on Jewish settlement construction in the West Bank on Monday, but only if the Palestinians meet his demand to recognize Israel as a Jewish state.

that we will recognize a Palestinian state as their national homeland, we are entitled to expect that they will recognize Israel as our national homeland," he said.

Netanyahu has made similar demands in the past, though he has never explicitly linked it to the settlement issue. On Sunday, Netanyahu's Cabinet passed a bill that would require non-Jewish immigrants to pledge allegiance to the "Jewish and democratic" state of Israel in order to receive citizenship.

The move is widely seen as undermining the rights of Israel's Arabs who make up a fifth of Israel's 7.5 million people.

The Palestinians also refuse to accept Israel as a Jewish state, saying it violates the rights of millions of Palestinian refugees scattered around the world.

Instead, they say it is sufficient that they recognize Israel's right to exist.

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said the idea was "unacceptable" and accused Netanyahu of "playing games" in his address and said he saw no connection between Jewish settlements and Israel's national character.

"I don't see a relevance between his obligations under international law and him trying to define the nature of Israel," he said. "I hope he will stop playing these games and will start the peace process by stopping settlements."

Some 300,000 Jewish settlers live in the West Bank, in addition to nearly 200,000 Israelis living in Jewish neighborhoods in east Jerusalem.

The Palestinians claim

both areas, captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war, as parts of a future independent state and say that continued Israeli settlement construction sends a message that Israel is not serious about reaching peace.

Netanyahu counters that the Palestinians — by demanding a complete settlement freeze — are imposing preconditions that should be sorted out in the course of direct negotiations.

He said his demand was no such condition.

"But there is no doubt that such a step by the Palestinians would be a confidence-building measure that will open a new horizon of trust and faith among large portions of Israeli society who in light of events of the past decade have lost their faith in the Palestinians to end the conflict," he said.

8 police killed in ambush in northern Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Eight police officers have been killed in an ambush in northern Mexico.

An official at the Sinaloa state attorney general's office says gunmen attacked four police cars on a highway in the town of Navolato on Monday. A ninth officer was wounded.

The official says the gunmen fled, although police found a vehicle several miles (kilometers) from the site that may have belonged to the attackers. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of security reasons.

Sinaloa is the cradle of a powerful cartel by the

same name.

Meanwhile, in the border city of Tijuana, police found the decapitated bodies of

two men hung by their feet off a bridge. Their heads were found in a car abandoned on the bridge.

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Award. Award or rejection of bids will be made at the Tuesday, October 19, 2010 meeting of the District referred to above. The Bonds will be awarded to the responsible bidder offering to pay the lowest effective interest cost to the District, computed from the date of the Bonds to maturity and taking into consideration the premium, if any, in the purchase price of the Bonds and the Direct Payments (defined under "Taxable Bonds" below) expected to be received by the District with respect to any Taxable Bonds included in such bid. The effective interest rate to the District shall be the interest rate per annum determined on a per annum true interest cost ("TIC") basis by discounting the scheduled semiannual debt service payments of the District on the Bonds (based on such rate or rates of interest so bid) less any such Direct Payments for Taxable Bonds to the dated date of the Bonds, compounded semiannually, and to the bid price, excluding accrued interest to the date of delivery. Interest cost shall be computed on a 360day year consisting of 12, 30day months.

Good Faith Deposit. A good faith deposit (the "Deposit") is required only from the successful bidder in the amount of \$100,000 payable to the order of the District in the form of a wire transfer in federal funds as instructed by the Financial Advisor no later than 12:00 noon, MDT, on Tuesday, October 19, 2010. As an alternative to wiring funds, a bidder may deliver a cashier's or certified check, payable to the order of the District, with its bid. If a check is used, it must precede each bid. Such check shall be promptly returned to its respective bidder whose bid is not accepted.

The District shall, as security for the faithful performance by the successful bidder of its obligation to take up and pay for the Bonds when tendered, cash the Deposit check, if applicable, of the successful bidder and hold the proceeds of the Deposit of the successful bidder or invest the same (at the District's risk) in obligations that mature at or before the delivery of the Bonds as described under the caption "Manner and Time of Delivery" below, until disposed of as follows: (a) at such delivery of the Bonds and upon compliance with the successful bidder's obligation to take up and pay for the Bonds, the full amount of the Deposit held by the District, without adjustment of interest, shall be applied toward the purchase price of the Bonds at that time, and the full amount of any interest earnings thereon shall be retained by the District; and (b) if the successful bidder fails to take up and pay for the Bonds when tendered, the full amount of the Deposit plus any interest earnings thereon will be forfeited to the District as liquidated damages.

Save Reservations. The District reserves the right: (1) to waive any irregularity or informality in any bid or in the electronic bidding process; (2) to reject any and all bids for the Bonds; and (3) to resell the Bonds as provided by law.

Manner and Time of Delivery. The successful bidder will be given at least seven business days' advance notice of the proposed date of the delivery of the Bonds when that date has been tentatively determined. It is now estimated that the Bonds will be delivered in bookentry form on or about Wednesday, November 3, 2010. The Bonds will be delivered as a single Bond certificate for each maturity of the Bonds, registered in the name of DTC or its nominee. Delivery of the Bonds will be made in Boise, Idaho, pursuant to DTC's FAST system. The successful bidder must also agree to pay for the Bonds in federal funds that will be immediately available to the District on the day of delivery.

CUSIP Numbers. It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the Bonds, at the expense of the District, but neither the failure to print such numbers on any Bond nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the successful bidder to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds in accordance with terms of this Official Notice of Bond Sale.

TaxExempt Bonds. In the opinion of Hawley Troxell Ennis & Hawley LLP, Boise, Idaho ("Bond Counsel"), subject to the condition that the District comply with certain covenants made to satisfy pertinent requirements of the Code, under present law, interest on the TaxExempt Bonds is not included in gross income under the present federal income tax laws pursuant to Section 103 of the Code. The Bonds are not private activity bonds. Interest on the TaxExempt Bonds will not be treated as an item of tax preference for purposes of determining the alternative minimum taxable income for individuals or corporations, but will be taken into account in the computation of the adjusted current earnings adjustment applicable to corporations for purposes of computing the alternative minimum taxable income of corporations under Section 55 of the Code. Failure to comply with certain of such District covenants could cause interest on the TaxExempt Bonds to be included in gross income retroactive to the date of issuance of the TaxExempt Bonds. Ownership of the TaxExempt Bonds may result in other federal tax consequences to certain taxpayers, and Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any such collateral consequences with respect to the TaxExempt Bonds. Interest on the TaxExempt Bonds is not included in Idaho taxable income under present Idaho income tax laws. Reference is hereby made to the discussion of the Code set forth in the Official Statement under the caption "Tax Exemption."

The District intends to designate the TaxExempt Bonds as "Qualified taxexempt obligations" for the purpose and within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

Taxable Bonds. In the opinion of Bond Counsel interest on the Taxable Bonds is included in gross income for federal and state income tax purposes pursuant to the Code. The District intends to elect to issue, deliver and sell the Taxable Bonds pursuant to Section 54AA of the Code. The Board shall further irrevocably elect that the provisions of Section 54AA(g) of the Code shall apply to the Taxable Bonds, so that the District will receive the credit provided in Section 6431 of the Code in lieu of any credit otherwise available to bondholders under Section 54AA(a) of the Code, which credit payments shall be received by the District directly from the United States Treasury pursuant to Section 54AA(g) of the Code (the "Direct Payments"). The District covenants that it will not take or permit to be taken on its behalf any action that would adversely affect the entitlement of the District to receive from the United States Treasury the payments of the credit. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the District will comply with the provisions of the Code, compliance with which would result in the interest on the Taxable Bonds being excluded from gross income for federal tax purposes but for the District's irrevocable election to have Section 54AA of the Code apply to the Taxable Bonds. Reference is hereby made to the discussion of the Taxable Bonds and applicable Code sections set forth in the Official Statement under the captions "THE 2010 BONDS Designation of Taxable BAB Bonds as "Build America Bonds" and "Legal Matters - Build America Bonds."

Issue Price. In order to enable the District to comply with certain conditions of the Code, the successful bidder will be required to provide a certificate as to the "issue price" of the Bonds. Each bidder, by submitting its bid, agrees to complete, execute and deliver such certificate, in form and substance satisfactory to Bond Counsel, by the date of delivery of the Bonds, if its bid is accepted by the District. It will be the responsibility of the successful bidder to institute such syndicate reporting requirements, to make such investigation or otherwise to ascertain the facts necessary to make such certification.

Legal Opinions and Closing Certificates. The unqualified approving opinion of Hawley Troxell Ennis & Hawley LLP, as Bond Counsel, covering the legality of the Bonds will be furnished to the successful bidder. A supplemental opinion shall be furnished to the successful bidder by Bond Counsel with respect to the disclosure of certain information in the Official Statement. Closing certificates will also be furnished, dated as of the date of delivery of and payment for the Bonds, including a statement that there is no litigation pending or, to the knowledge of the signer thereof, threatened affecting the validity of the Bonds.

Disclosure Certificate. The closing papers will include a certificate executed by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees or other officer of the District confirming to the successful bidder that, to the best of the knowledge of the signers thereof, and after reasonable investigation: (a) the descriptions and statements contained in the Preliminary Official Statement circulated with respect to the Bonds were at the time of the acceptance of the bid true and correct in all material respects and did not at the time of the acceptance of the bid contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and (b) the descriptions and statements contained in the final Official Statement are at the time of the delivery of the Bonds true and correct in all material respects and do not at the time of the delivery of the Bonds contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided, should the final Official Statement be supplemented or amended subsequent to the date thereof, the foregoing confirmation as to the final Official Statement shall relate to the final Official Statement as so supplemented or amended.

Continuing Disclosure. The District intends to enter into a written agreement or contract, constituting an undertaking (the "Undertaking") to provide ongoing disclosure about the District for the benefit of the beneficial owners of the Bonds on or before the date of delivery of the Bonds as required under paragraph (b)(5) of Rule 15c212 (the "Rule") adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Undertaking shall be as described in the Preliminary Official Statement, with such changes as may be agreed upon in writing by the successful bidder. The District is in compliance with each and every Undertaking previously entered into by it pursuant to the Rule. The successful bidder's obligation to purchase the Bonds shall be conditioned upon the District delivering the Undertaking on or before the date of delivery of the Bonds.

Delivery of Copies of Final Official Statement. The District shall deliver to the successful bidder on such business day as directed by the successful bidder, which is not earlier than the second business day or later than the seventh business day after the award of the Bonds as described under the caption "Award" above, copies of the final Official Statement, as directed by the successful bidder, to comply with paragraph (b)(4) of the Rule and the Rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

Financial Advisor. The District has entered into an agreement with the Financial Advisor whereunder the Financial Advisor provides financial recommendations and guidance to the District with respect to preparation for sale of the Bonds, timing of sale, bond market conditions, costs of issuance and other factors related to the sale of the Bonds. The Financial Advisor has obtained permission from the District to submit a bid in its behalf, or to participate in a syndicate account, at the public sale for the purchase of the Bonds.

Additional Information. For copies of this Official Notice of Bond Sale and the Preliminary Official Statement and information regarding the electronic bidding procedures and other related information with respect to the Bonds, contact the Financial Advisor to the District, Zions Bank Public Finance, One South Main Street, 18th Floor, Salt Lake City, Utah 841331109, 801.844.7373, fax 801.844.4484; alan.westenskow@zionsbank.com; eric.pehrson@zionsbank.com; cara.bertot@zionsbank.com.

Dated this 7th day of October, 2010.
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 232 (WENDELL),
GOODING COUNTY, STATE OF IDAHO
By: Greg Lowe, Superintendent

Form of Purchaser's Certificate **TAXABLE BONDS**
\$
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 232 (WENDELL)
GOODING COUNTY, STATE OF IDAHO
General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010
(Idaho State Bond Guaranty and Credit Enhancement Program)

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED by the undersigned on behalf of _____, as representative of the underwriters (the "Underwriters") for the above captioned bonds (the "Bonds"):

1. We acknowledge receipt of the Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$ _____, bearing interest and maturing as provided in the Bond Resolution adopted by the governing body of the School District No. 232 (Wendell), Gooding County, State of Idaho (the "Issuer") on _____, and the instruments described therein, and such Bonds being in the denominations and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, as requested by us.

2. A bona fide public offering was made for all of the Bonds on the sale date at the initial public offering prices shown on the cover page of the Official Statement for the Bonds. (If a yield is shown on the cover page for any maturity, "price" herein means the dollar price that produces that yield.) For each maturity of the Bonds, those prices do not exceed the prices shown on Table A below for each respective maturity. Not more than \$ _____ [price received from the sale of the Bonds to the Public minus the price paid to the Issuer] will be paid to the Underwriters from the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds.

3. Except as provided in the third sentence of this paragraph 3, the first price at which a substantial amount of each maturity of the Bonds was sold to the public ("public" in this certificate excludes bond houses, brokers or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters or wholesalers) is the price shown on the cover page of the Official Statement for that maturity of the Bonds. For this purpose, "substantial amount" is 10% or more of each maturity. If less than 10% of any maturity of the Bonds was sold on the sale date, it was our reasonable expectation on the sale date that the first price at which at least 10% of that maturity of the Bonds would be sold to the public on the sale date would be the price shown for that maturity on the cover page of the Official Statement. It was our reasonable expectation as of the sale date that (i) none of the Bonds would be sold by us on the sale date to the public at prices higher than the prices on the cover page of the Official Statement, and (ii) the prices on the cover page of the Official Statement represent a fair market value for each maturity of the Bonds.

4. [Add 8038B information representation if needed]

5. The above certifications are provided for informational purposes only. The Issuer and its counsel may rely on these certifications in concluding that the Bonds meet certain requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended (the "Code"), relating to Build America Bonds; however, nothing herein represents our interpretation of any law, including the Code, or any regulations and we are not providing any interpretations of law or regulations in executing and delivering this certificate."

DATED as of _____, 2010.

By: _____
Title: _____

Table A
MAXIMUM OFFERING PRICES FOR TAXABLE BONDS

| Maturity September 1 | Maximum Offering Price | Maturity September 1 | Maximum Offering Price |
|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 2012 | 100.00% | 2022 | 102.25% |
| 2013 | 100.25 | 2023 | 102.25 |
| 2014 | 100.50 | 2024 | 102.25 |
| 2015 | 100.75 | 2025 | 102.25 |
| 2016 | 101.00 | 2026 | 102.25 |
| 2017 | 101.25 | 2027 | 102.25 |
| 2018 | 101.50 | 2028 | 102.25 |
| 2019 | 101.75 | 2029 | 102.25 |
| 2020 | 102.00 | 2030 | 102.25 |
| 2021 | 102.25 | 2031 | 102.25 |

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JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Krueck

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

HASAW
CANTE
THORCC
RUBENK

Hard act to follow

WHAT THE QUICK-CHANGE ARTIST CALLED THE ELEPHANT ACT.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: A "TRUNK SHOW" (Answers Monday)

Friday's Jumbles: BRAVE RUMMY STOOGE ARCTIC
Answer: When the young TV star pretended he was a baby, Mom said - "ACT" YOUR AGE

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

COLIG
SLUPH
LOWALT
GRAHAN

They are all on sale. I don't need one to tell me it's hot!

WHY THE SWEATY SHOPPER DIDN'T BUY THE THERMOMETER.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: A "TRUNK SHOW" (Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: AWASH ENACT CROTCH BUNKER
Answer: What the quick change artist called the elephant act - A "TRUNK" SHOW

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Krueck

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

CUPAN
GUCOH
UNPIRT
DORCEF

I'll take one. Me, too.

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN THE BAIT SHOP DISPLAYED THE NEW LORE.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: IT "WAS TOO HIGH" (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: LOGIC PLUSH TALLOW HANGAR
Answer: Why the sweaty shopper didn't buy the thermometer - IT WAS TOO "HIGH"



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San Francisco advances, sends
Braves' Cox into retirement

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AP photo

Boise State's Chuck Hayes (55) celebrates with the fans after defeating Toledo Saturday in Boise. BSU won 57-14. The Broncos, ranked No. 3 in the national polls, are projected to be the No. 1 team when the first BCS rankings come out Sunday.

Broncos projected No. 1 in BCS standings

By Jason Chatraw
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — Not one for opening statements, Boise State head coach Chris Petersen made one Monday at his weekly press conference to clear the lingering question in the air: Did he vote his own team No. 1 in the coaches poll this week?

"I did not vote us No. 1 and I appreciate your interest in all of that stuff," Petersen said. "But that's the last time I'm talking about that stuff

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until December?"

December can't get here soon enough for a Boise State team that saw its chances of earning a berth into the BCS National Championship Game improve immensely when South Carolina stunned top-

ranked Alabama 35-21 in Columbia.

In a season that appeared headed for painful disappointment after the Broncos fell from No. 3 to No. 4 last week, this week Boise State's hopes were buoyed as was its status in national percep-

tion. The Broncos returned to the No. 3 slot in both the coaches and media polls, earning one first-place vote in the coaches poll and eight in the media poll.

While Boise State must overcome the stigma attached to playing in a non-automatic qualifying BCS conference as well as a weaker schedule, ESPN college football analyst Brad Edwards projected Boise State would be the No. 1

See **BSU**, Sports 4

EAGLES SPUTTER

CSI falls to Western Wyoming in five sets

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

The College of Southern Idaho tried to play from behind one too many times. This time the Golden Eagles didn't bring the level of play a rally required.

Ruthless at times and abject at others, the 11th-ranked team in the nation rallied, then sputtered, then rallied, then ultimately sputtered in a five-set loss Monday to visiting Western Wyoming. The No. 4 team in the country won 20-25, 25-15, 25-18, 24-26, 15-12.

The Golden Eagles (19-6) had their four-match win streak snapped with a performance that featured 47 total errors, including a defensive effort that was simply inadequate.

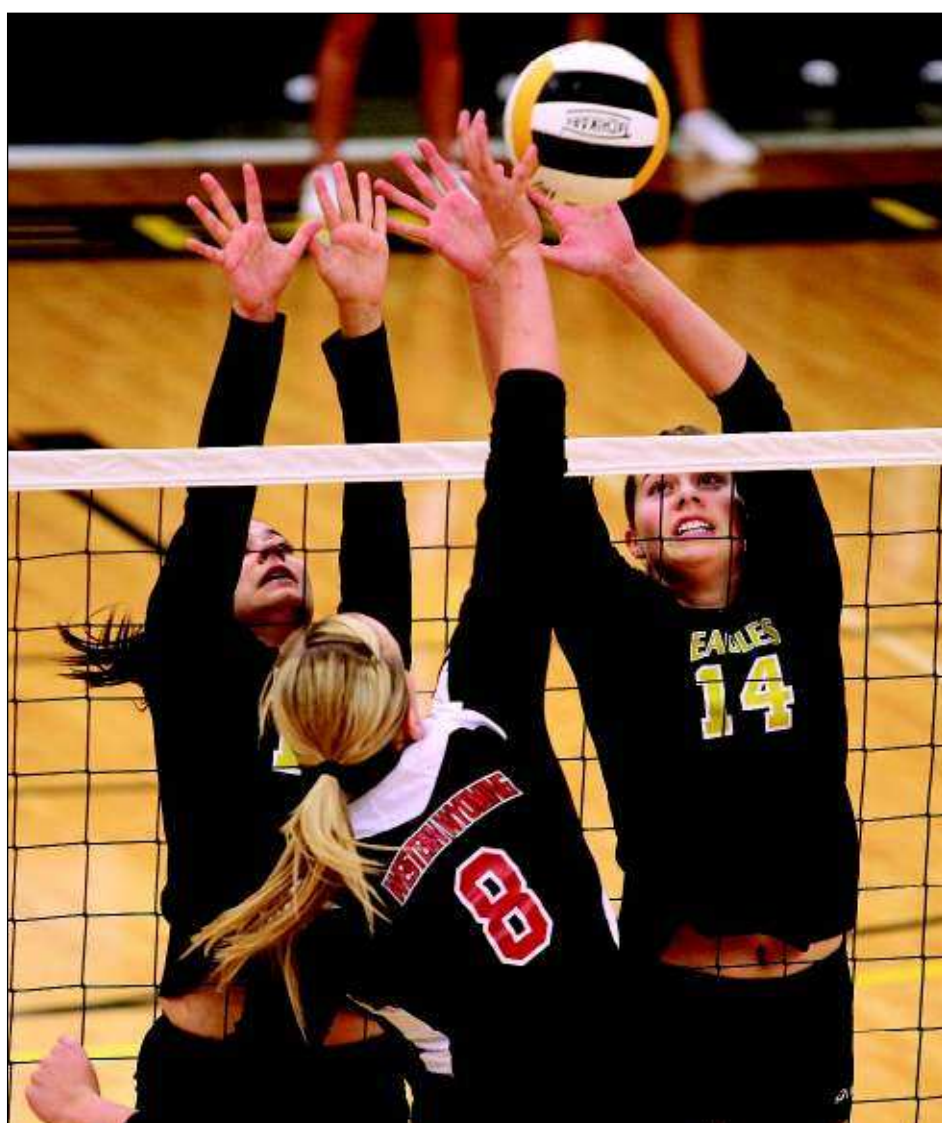
"We couldn't pass to save ourselves. We couldn't get in system with our middles. We were predictable," said CSI coach Heidi Cartisser. "(Western Wyoming) played well, they played their game. I just wish at some point we'd play ours."

Led by Rosie Becerra's 29 kills and Barbara Alcantara's triple-double, the Golden Eagles came out strong in the first set, but went to pieces in the next two. That was when the Mustangs went to work, and Olivera Medic carried the visitors through those two sets with the majority of her 19 kills.

CSI rallied in the fourth set but fell behind 7-1 in the fifth and couldn't recover. The Golden Eagles also battled from 14-8 to 14-12, but Kianna Niu served wide — one of 12 service errors — to end the match.

Beth Carey had 13 kills for CSI while Elisa Brochado had 12 and 14 digs. Niu had a match-high 27 digs.

"Sometimes we just seem lost, like we're waiting for someone else to do our job," said Alcantara, who had 10 kills, 38 assists and 14 digs. "We need to find a way to get everyone



ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Alyssa Everett (14) and Barbara Alcantara (10) block a hit by Western Wyoming's Chelsea Sorensen during the first set Monday at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

going at the same time. ... We lost to ourselves tonight."

With right-sided combo Dama Cox (front row) and Ashleigh Pollard (back row) struggling to perform, Cartisser threw Sierra Hansen on at setter and moved Alcantara to the right side. That tactical shift changed the dynamic of the fourth set but couldn't get CSI over the finish line.

Becerra had all of her kills in the first four sets. She couldn't get it going in the fifth set as the passing and setting became more predictable and the Western Wyoming block was ready for it.

"Rosie had an amazing game. I thought

our third-string right-side (Alcantara) did an amazing job, and Sierra came in and did a great job. She brings a lot of emotion to the floor," Cartisser said. "We were getting no offense from the right side. ... (Alcantara) wants to win so she'll go wherever. She and Sierra aren't afraid to make mistakes."

CSI has a short time to bounce back, as the Golden Eagles host Blue Mountain (Ore.) Thursday at 6 p.m. for Dig Pink night, a fundraiser to benefit breast cancer research. CSI returns to Scenic West Athletic Conference play Saturday at No. 10

See **CSI**, Sports 2

Mini-Cassia wins with new RMFL squad

Mini-Cassia produces some pretty good football.

Minico High has gone 40-16 since 2005 with four conference titles.

Declo has only one losing season in 15 years and has played for the state Class 2A title the past two seasons.

Despite the current rebuilding season at Raft River, the Trojans have a .725 winning percentage over the past 14 years, reaching at least the state semifinals seven times in that span, with two state championships.

Oakley's recent dominance — although disrupted by Shoshone and Hagerman this season — has been well documented

in these sports pages, including its two state titles and 30-plus game winning streak.

And Burley — well, it has one of the nicest high school stadiums in Idaho.

What would happen if the Mini-Cassia football world united as one?

We got a glimpse of it in 1999 when the Mini-Cassia Bulldawgs formed a semi-pro Rocky Mountain Football League team. But a few years later, it became the Magic Valley Bulldawgs and moved to Twin Falls and then Jerome.

But now, behind with the leadership of Kit Carney, Todd Christiansen and Ryan Verwey, Mini-Cassia once again has a fledgling RMFL team.

What do you get when you cross a Spartan, Trojan, Bobcat and two Hornets? A Digger.

Since they publicly announced the creation of their team in July, the Mini-Cassia Diggers have commitments from

See **RMFL**, Sports 2

Ryan Howe



Wendell, Gooding advance to boys district title game

Community School, Buhl reach girls championship

Times-News

Johnny Macias scored a goal and assisted on another as top-seeded Wendell topped the Community School 2-0 in Wendell on Monday to reach the championship game of the High Desert Soccer Conference boys soccer tournament.

Lupe Ruelas also scored for the Trojans (14-1-0), who got a stiff test from the fifth-seeded Cutthroats (6-8-1).

"The Community School came out well-prepared today," said Wendell coach Matt Valadao. "Unfortunately, we had a few missed opportunities that we hope to have corrected for Wednesday."

Wednesday is when the

Trojans host Gooding at 4:30 p.m. for the district title. The winner advances to the Class 3A state tournament Oct. 21-23 in Twin Falls, while the loser falls into Friday's second-place match.

The Community School will try to stay alive when it travels to Buhl in a 4:30 p.m. elimination game Wednesday.

GOODING 8, BUHL 4

Gooding overcame blustery conditions to take an 8-4 win over visiting Buhl and reach the district title match. Luis Patino, Jose Rodriguez and Fredrico Mendez scored two goals apiece for Gooding, while Angel Garcia and Chad Koyle each netted once.

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District IV soccer tournament schedules.

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"It wasn't a pretty game," said Gooding coach Roger Johnson, who praised Kevin Ramirez for his defensive play as the defending state champion Senators moved to 12-2.

Buhl (6-8-2) got goals from Juan Hernandez, Gustavo Magana, Juan Perez and Daniel Peralta. The Indians can keep their state tournament hopes alive with a home win over the Community School on Wednesday. The teams had

See **SOCCER**, Sports 2



New York Jets cornerback Kyle Wilson (20) celebrates with teammate David Harris (52) during the third quarter against the Minnesota Vikings Monday in East Rutherford, N.J.

AP photo

Jets overcome Favre's milestone night

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Brett Favre brushed off a miserable start with a milestone night that almost led Minnesota back, but Dwight Lowery returned an interception 26 yards for a touchdown with 1:30 left as the New York Jets (4-1) beat the Vikings 29-20 on Monday night.

Favre became the first NFL

player to throw 500 touchdown passes and for 70,000 yards, but two early fumbles against his former team led to two field goals that helped put the Vikings (1-3) in a 12-0 hole.

Favre's big night came hours after he apologized to teammates for the distraction caused by an NFL investigation into allegations that he sent racy messages and lewd

photos to a Jets game hostess in 2008.

He connected with Randy Moss from 37 yards out late in the third to cut the Jets' lead to 12-7. Less than 5 minutes later, Favre hit Percy Hornvli for a 34-yard touchdown. Favre's 2-point conversion try was intercepted.

Kickoff was delayed twice due to heavy rain and lightning in the area.

