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Report: Area counties saw crime drop in '10

Reported crimes dropped in Gem State, though drug, weapons charges increased

Times-News

The crime rate dropped in six of the eight south-central Idaho counties last year.

Idaho State Police released its annual Crime in Idaho report on Friday, which noted the rate for crimes against persons and property dropped while crimes against society increased in the Gem State. ISP compiles annual crime data from across the state, based on what is reported to it by various municipal and county law-en-

STATEWIDE NUMBERS	
Crimes against persons (murder, rape, assault, battery)	Reported offenses
• Down 5.5 percent	• Robbery 213 (down 14.1 percent)
Reported offenses	• Burglary 6,243 (down 3.1 percent)
• Murder 23 (down 25.8 percent)	• Vehicle theft 1,290 (down 11.5 percent)
• Forcible rape 502 (down 11.6 percent)	• Vandalism 11,452 (down 7.3 percent)
• Aggravated assault 2,510 (down 10.5 percent)	Crimes against society (drug possession, weapons)
Crimes against property (robbery, burglary, vehicle theft, vandalism)	• Up 7.3 percent
• Down 2.6 percent	Reported offenses
	• Drugs 7,381 (up 8 percent)
	• Weapons 1,063 (up 0.6 percent)

forcement agencies.

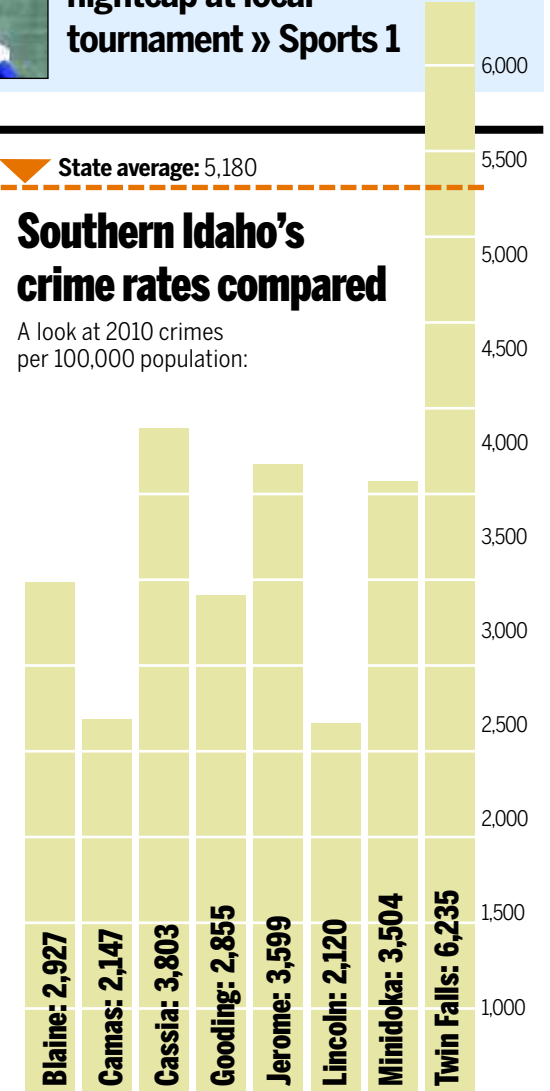
OVERALL TRENDS: Among the report's findings, crimes against persons, which include murder, rape and assault, dropped 5.5 percent from 2009 to 2010.

The agency reported a 2.6 percent drop in crimes such as robbery, burglary and vandalism. However, drug possession

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Southern Idaho's crime rates compared

A look at 2010 crimes per 100,000 population:



Quiet woman, generous giver

Hansen widow leaves big money for local charities in will

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

Nora Andersen's obituary describes an ordinary woman.

The Hansen widow, 87, loved knitting, gardening and working on the farm. She had no children, and her surviving siblings lived in Pennsylvania.

But nine months after her death, her quiet generosity has made a big impact.

In her will, Andersen left \$237,500 each to 10 Magic Valley charities and organizations. The gifts came as a surprise to the recipients, many of whom didn't know their benefactor.

After Andersen's September 30 death, her lawyer sent letters to the 10 organizations, telling them Andersen had left them money in her will. The letter didn't indicate how large the gift was, said Lindsey Westburg, director of operations at Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley.

A follow-up letter sent last week let the organizations know that each would receive nearly a quarter of a million dollars.

"I'm breathless, actually,

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WHERE SHE DONATED HER SAVINGS

Nora Andersen left nearly a quarter of a million dollars each to the following organizations: Ageless Senior Center, Safe House, Valley House, Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley, Crossroads United Methodist Church, Hansen Community Library, Idaho Youth Ranch, Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services, Salvation Army and Safe Harbor.

Emily Dean, right, serves food at the Twin Falls Salvation Army while volunteering Friday at the nonprofit. The Salvation Army has been given a nearly \$240,000 donation from Hansen's Nora Andersen, who left 10 area charities nearly \$2.4 million in her will.

McGee pleads guilty to DUI

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Idaho Republican Sen. John McGee choked back tears after pleading guilty Friday to driving under the influence of alcohol, part of a plea agreement reached with a special prosecutor less than two weeks after his arrest in a Boise neighborhood.

In return, prosecutors agreed to dismiss a felony count of taking a vehicle without the owner's permission and causing more than \$1,000 in damage.

McGee, 38, who represents Caldwell and is the Republican Senate Caucus Chairman, was contrite Friday and apologized for his actions.

"It's something I'll remember and something that I'll learn from the rest of my life. I'm truly sorry. I take full responsibility for my actions that evening," said McGee. "Those actions are inconsistent with what I believe in and who I am."

The judge approved the terms of the plea agreement, announced during a 4th District Court appearance originally planned as the preliminary hearing.

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ALSO MAKING NEWS

Twin Falls URA eyes downtown arts center

Michelangelo spent four years painting the Sistine Chapel, but for Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency officials, the deadline is much tighter.

The city's urban renewal agency is ramping up efforts in the next 30 days to see if there's enough interest to convert the former Banner Furniture building at 201 Main Ave. S. into a community arts center. **Religion 3**

USDA awards millions to environmental projects

By Kimberlee Kruesi
Times-News writer

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is spending up to \$14.4 million on environmental projects in 24 states.

Earlier this month, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that the first \$7 million will fund 31 projects in 11 states through the Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative. CCPI-funded projects are only to be used for conservation on agriculture lands.

"We want to help farmers and

ranchers make important and innovative contributions to reducing greenhouse gas emissions," Vilsack said in a press release.

"These grants are designed to test and verify exciting new approaches to greenhouse gas reduction that other conservation-minded producers will want to put to work on their operations."

The day after announcing the winners of the CCPI grants, Vilsack designated \$7.4 million from the USDA's Conservation Innovation Grant to go toward more research-based projects. Unlike CCPI grants, CIG grant recipients

are required to match the funds in cash or in-kind services.

CIG approved nine large-scale greenhouse gas mitigation projects in 24 states.

The Applied Ecological Services Inc. was awarded \$550,000 for a project that will expand across Washington, Oregon and Idaho. The project will develop low-carbon farming practices for landowners in the Palouse region. By lowering carbon emissions, the ecological services firm hopes to show that soil fertility

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IDAHO PROJECTS

The Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative approved five projects in Idaho whose costs totaled to just more than \$821,000. Among them:

- The Idaho Soil Conservation Commission received a little more than \$35,000 to go toward the Twin Falls Nitrate Priority Area.
- In Burley, the West Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District received more than \$100,000 to go toward managing nutrient and irrigation water.



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Twin Falls police seek info on missing man

Times-News

The Twin Falls Police Department is seeking the public's assistance in locating a Twin Falls man who has been reported missing for more than five months.

Authorities are looking for information pertaining to the whereabouts of 33-year-old Kevin Jay Bowman, who is believed to have been missing since November 2010, and was reported missing on Jan. 21.

Bowman is 6 feet tall, weights 155 pounds and has brown hair and brown eyes. His car was previously located in Elko, Nev., where law enforcement is working with the TFPD to locate Bowman.

According to on-line court records, Bowman has prior criminal convictions in Twin Falls County for possession of a controlled substance, battery and obstructing an officer.

Anyone with information about Bowman is encouraged to call TFPD at 735-4357.



Bowman



ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Chantelle Hanson, left, and Crystal Boyer serve food Friday at the Twin Falls Salvation Army while volunteering at the nonprofit. The Salvation Army has been given a nearly \$240,000 donation from Hansen's Nora Andersen, who left 10 area charities nearly \$2.4 million in her will.

Local summer fire season begins with Bliss blaze

Times-News

Bureau of Land Management fire crews helped assist local firefighters quell a 164-acre field fire earlier this week.

The field fire marks the beginning of the fire season, said local BLM spokeswoman Kyli Astle.

"Every fire should be taken seriously, but this is our cue that fire season has begun with a fire this size," she said.

The Tuesday fire started in Bliss but eventually moved to the district line where more fire crews were called in for help. Along

with a BLM fire crew, Bliss, Gooding and Hagerman rural fire districts responded to the blaze. Fire crews first responded to the fire on Tuesday but had to return the next day after it sparked up again. The cause of the fire was unknown, Astle said.

The blaze began on private land but eventually burned 17 acres of public land.

The BLM has changed its fire danger rating sign to dangerous in the Twin Falls area. The fire danger rating sign near the Salmon Dam has changed to moderate from low.

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said Patty Bloxham, site manager of Ageless Senior Center in Kimberly. Bloxham met Andersen decades ago when they worked together at a frozen foods company. Later in her life, Andersen spent some of her free time at Ageless Senior Center. Andersen was kind and well-liked, but private, Bloxham said.

"She was kind of a quiet person, and nobody would have guessed that she had this kind of money," Blox-

ham said, adding she plans to use the money for building repairs and renovations.

Westburg said she and her coworkers had never met Andersen, and were grateful she included them in her will.

"We just feel lucky that she has blessed us — and all of these other organizations, too — in such a powerful way," Westburg said.

Nicki Kroese, business manager at the Salvation Army in Twin Falls, said she first learned about Ander-

sen's gift last week. She wasn't sure if Andersen knew anyone at Salvation Army and said they didn't yet know how they would spend the money.

"We're very very careful about the stewardship of the money we get," Kroese said.

Sharon Breshears, executive director of Valley House in Twin Falls, said she was blown away by Andersen's generosity. The economy hit Valley House hard, she said, and while the money

will help them, the organization still needs additional donations.

"We don't want to lose the supporters we have because it's hard enough keeping our doors open," Breshears said.

Kroese said the gift couldn't have come at a better time.

"It definitely answered a prayer for us here," she said.

Reporter Melissa Davlin may be reached at 735-3234 or mdavlin@magicvalley.com

Investigation: Trooper was justified in shooting

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Ada County prosecutors say they will not file charges against an Idaho State Police trooper for the February shooting death of a 40-year-old Montana woman during a chase in northern Idaho.

Dan Howard was justified in using deadly force to stop a Jeep that was backing up toward him after earlier hitting his car.

Christie A. Little of Butte, Mont., a passenger in the Jeep, was shot in the head. The driver, Mark Maykopet, was injured.

USDA

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will be restored.

The Dairy Research Institute was awarded \$1.1 million. The Institute will develop a sustainability toolkit by

researching how to reduce dairy producer greenhouse emissions.

By the end of the project, the toolkit will list indicators that best describe an eco-

nomically, socially and environmentally valuable farm. The project will study large- and small-scale dairies that carry out both conventional and organic production methods.

The toolkit will be national in scope, but the project plans on using an Idaho dairy producer in the pilot tests. The Institute is still deciding which dairy they will use.

Crime

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and weapons violations are on the rise, up 7.3 percent.

Where crime was down: In south-central Idaho, Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Jerome, Lincoln and Twin Falls counties reported decreases in the crime rate, some in the double digits.

Regional murders: Of the 23 murders in Idaho in 2010, two were reported in south-central Idaho: 24-year-old Jill Gelever died days after she was allegedly shot by Thomas Trevino Jr. nearly one year ago in Twin Falls. And 32-year-old Ramona

"Monica" Arellano was fatally shot by her estranged husband, Juan Manuel Arellano, in May 2010 in Burley. Arellano took a plea deal and will serve 22 years to life in state prison.

Where crime was up: Gooding and Lincoln counties both reported approximate 20 percent increases in their crime rates. Gooding County was impacted by a higher number of larceny and narcotics violations, while a rise in reported assault and drug crimes pushed up Lincoln County's rate.

CRIME RATE BY COUNTY

Percent change from 2009 to 2010 for "Group A" offenses, which include murder, assault, rape, theft and drug crimes.

Blaine	down 3.9 percent
Camas	down 31.4 percent
Cassia	down 32.2 percent
Gooding	up 18.8 percent
Jerome	down 18.6 percent
Lincoln	up 22.6 percent
Minidoka	down 18.5 percent
Twin Falls	down 2.1 percent

MORE ONLINE

READ the full report at bit.ly/crimeinidaho2010

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'A VIRTUAL JAIL'



Alcohol-monitoring anklets are helping Twin Falls County offenders transition to life without the bottle. **MAIN**

THE BEST PLACES TO PLAY

Our panel of eight children evaluate five Twin Falls parks. **PEOPLE**



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June report shows U.S. farmers planted more corn than they intended. **BUSINESS**

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McGee

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McGee received a withheld judgment, was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to 180 days in jail, with 175 days suspended. He was given credit for two days already spent in jail and will be allowed to serve 24 hours of community service to account for the remaining three days of jail time. He'll also have to undergo alcohol counseling, will have his driver's license suspended for at least 30 days and must participate in a DUI victims panel.

The withheld judgment will allow McGee to have the conviction removed from his record if he completes terms of his sentence and avoids the similar legal problems for a period set by the courts.

The four-term senator from Canyon County, a father of two young children, was arrested June 19 after police say he took an SUV attached to a cargo trailer from the southwest Boise home of a stranger and got it stuck in a yard just down the street, causing several thousand dollars in damage.

The homeowners found McGee sleeping in the back seat of the SUV and called

police, and a breath test found his blood-alcohol content was 0.15 percent, nearly twice the legal limit in Idaho.

Defense attorney Scott McKay told the judge that McGee has already paid restitution to the owners of the vehicle and sent letters of apology.

McKay also told the judge that McGee drank too much alcohol at a golf tournament with his brother the night of his arrest, then later fell and banged his head and suffered a concussion.

"When a person sustains an injury like that, it impairs his decision-making," McKay said, adding he was making the disclosure to the court to help provide context for McGee's behavior that evening "because it was so far out of character."

The neighbors who found him said he appeared to have been hallucinating.

Ada County Magistrate Judge James Cawthon agreed to the plea deal, then spoke directly to McGee, telling him that while he had "a long road back," his acceptance of responsibility for his behavior was a first step.

McGee was accompanied into the courtroom by his wife, Hanna, and a fellow Republican senator from Canyon County, Patti Anne Lodge, of Huston. McGee shook hands with reporters when he arrived but didn't say anything as he departed the courthouse. During the hearing, he told the judge he would eventually try to explain to his young daughter, Madalyn and son, Maxwell, what happened June 19 and where he erred as well as what he's learned in the two weeks

since the incident.

McGee said in addition to lessons about taking responsibility, he's also learned about kindness — from those who have stepped forward to support his family during a difficult period.

He didn't immediately address his political future, though other Idaho lawmakers have continued their careers in public office after drunken driving convictions, most notably Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter and Democratic Senate Minority Leader Edgar Malepaei.

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Kevin Newbry, 4, pours water over his head as he plays in the yard with his sisters, (not shown) Violet Newbry, 1, and Jamie Newbry, 3, Friday afternoon in Twin Falls. A cup of cool water — however you like to take it — will likely be inviting this weekend, with daytime highs in the Magic Valley expected to be in the upper 80s and low 90s.

ISP still looking into fatal Jerome County crash

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

Idaho State Police continue to investigate Tuesday's fatal vehicle crash in Jerome County.

ISP Cpl. Andrew Hitt described the investigation as "methodical" as the agency works to determine if charges should be filed in the death of 62-year-old Hailey woman Dayle Fowler.

"We're continuing interviews and all aspects will be covered," Hitt said on Friday.

Fowler died at the scene of the crash, which occurred around 12:30 p.m. approximately two miles north of the U.S. Highway 93 and Idaho Highway 25 intersection in Jerome County. Information initially released by ISP said that Fowler left her 2003 Lexus sport utility vehicle for unknown reasons while traffic had stopped on northbound U.S. 93. Parts of the highway have been reduced to one lane as the Idaho Transportation Department

works on parts of the road. Fowler and her vehicle were hit by a Volvo semitrailer driven by Byrus Gatewood, 47, of West Valley, Utah. The semitrailer hit two other vehicles, but no one else was injured by the crash. Gatewood was reportedly not paying attention to the fact that traffic had stopped to allow southbound cars to pass.

WANTED in Cassia County

Willis Johnson



aka Willie Johnson IV
Age: 22
Description: 6 feet, 3 inches; 270 pounds; black hair;

brown eyes
Wanted for: Failure to appear in court; original charge possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver; \$75,000 bond

The Cassia County Sheriff's Office asks anyone with information about Johnson to call 878-2511, or Crime Stoppers at 878-2900. Tipsters can remain anonymous.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY FRIDAY ARRAIGNMENTS

Marcus Edward Olson, 35, Twin Falls; domestic battery, \$5,000 bond, public defender appointed, pretrial July 19.

Thomas T. Tucker, 55, Nampa; fugitive from Nevada, \$2,500 bond, public defender appointed, identification hearing July 8.

Thomas T. Tucker, 55, Nampa; theft of services, \$100 bond, public defender appointed, pretrial July 19.

Jeremy William Brown, 24, Buhl; aggravated battery, \$25,000 bond, public defender appointed, preliminary July 8.

Brittney Dawn Exeter, 29, Pocatello; attempted possession of a controlled substance,

possession of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver where a child is present, summons, private counsel, preliminary July 8.

Cynthia M. Hernandez, 38, Jerome; petit theft, recognizance release, public defender appointed, pretrial July 19.

Cynthia M. Hernandez, 38, Jerome; driving without privileges, recognizance release, public defender appointed, pretrial July 19.

Lucinda Ilean Crowley-Hodges, 18, Twin Falls; minor consumption, recognizance release, public defender appointed, pretrial July 19.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

MINIDOKA COUNTY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCING

Randy Dean Ennis; driving under the influence, \$270.50 costs, three years driver's license suspended, seven years probation, two years prison determinate, eight years indeterminate, three days credited, penitentiary suspended.

CASSIA COUNTY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Blake Jacob Bushman; driving under the influence, 180 days jail determinate, 19 days credited.
Jesus Cruz-Tolentino; driving under the influence, 180 days driver's license suspended, 24 months probation, 180 days

jail, 171 days suspended, nine days credited; resisting or obstructing officers, dismissed on motion of prosecutor; consume or possess alcoholic beverage open container by driver, 24 months probation, 180 days jail, 180 days suspended; fail to purchase or invalid driver's license, 24 months probation.

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Panetta takes over at Pentagon, cites priorities

WASHINGTON (AP) — On his first day as Pentagon chief, Leon Panetta said his top priorities are preserving U.S. military power despite budget cuts, defeating al-Qaida, stabilizing Afghanistan and forging a "real and lasting partnership" with Iraq.

Panetta huddled Friday with the Joint Chiefs of Staff shortly after taking the oath as the nation's 23rd secretary

of defense, signaling that he intends to follow the example of his predecessor, Robert Gates, in building ties with the military brass. He said he would, like Gates, put a premium on advocating for the needs of troops and their families.

"Rest assured that ... I will fight for you," he said in a



Panetta

Fourth of July video message to U.S. troops worldwide.

He sounded the same theme at his swearing-in, which was closed to reporters. According to a Pentagon spokesman, Marine

Col. David Lapan, Panetta said during the brief oath-taking ceremony in his new office, "There is no higher

responsibility for a secretary of defense than to protect those who are protecting America."

The former eight-term congressman and one-time White House budget chief is likely to begin visiting troops in the field this summer. Gates flew to Iraq the day after he was sworn in, to show his support for the troops.

Panetta came to the Pentagon after 2½ years as

CIA chief, a tenure highlighted by the May 2 raid that killed Osama bin Laden. At age 73, Panetta is the oldest incoming defense secretary in history and the first Democrat to run the far-flung Defense Department since William J. Perry completed his tenure in January 1997.

With Panetta replacing Gates, the pieces of President Barack Obama's rejig-

gered national security team began falling into place. Panetta's replacement at the CIA, Army Gen. David Petraeus, was confirmed by the Senate on Thursday, as was Ryan Crocker, the veteran diplomat who takes over as U.S. ambassador in Kabul later this month.

Petraeus' designated successor, Marine Lt. Gen. John R. Allen, is on track for Senate confirmation shortly.

FAA: Tired air traffic controllers can skip work

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration announced new steps Friday to help prevent air traffic controllers from falling asleep on the job, including allowing controllers to use sick or annual leave time if they are too tired to work.

Controllers will also now be allowed to listen to the radio and read during overnight shifts when traffic is light under an agreement between the FAA and the National Air Traffic Controllers Association.

However, the policy changes don't include allowing controllers to take naps while on break or to schedule naps during overnight shifts even though sleep scientists say that's the most effective way to refresh tired workers.

Currently, controllers caught napping, even when on break, can be fired.

"While on break, air traffic controllers are expected to conduct themselves professionally and be available for recall at all times," the agency said in a statement.

Since April, the FAA has disclosed seven instances of controllers sleeping on the job this year. In one case, two airliners landed at Reagan National airport in northern Virginia near Washington without assistance from a controller who has acknowledged dozing off.

In another case, FAA has said a medical flight with a seriously ill patient had to circle an airport in Reno, Nev., before landing because the lone controller on duty had fallen asleep.

Studies show most night shift workers, not just controllers, face difficulties staying awake no matter how much sleep they've had. That's especially true if they aren't active or don't have work that keeps them mentally engaged. Controllers on night shifts often work overnight in darkened rooms with frequent periods of little or no air traffic to occupy their attention — conditions scientists say are conducive to falling asleep.

"Air traffic controllers have the responsibility to report rested and ready to work so they can safely perform their operational duties," FAA Administrator Randy Babbitt said in a statement. "But we also need to make sure we have the right policies in place to reduce the possibility of fatigue in the workplace."

John Goglia, a former National Transportation Safety Board member and a member of an FAA fatigue advisory committee, said that even with the policy changes, the agency's approach to fatigue lags far behind contemporary scientific understanding of how to prevent workers from falling sleep or becoming so tired their ability to function is eroded.

"Ironically, the information on what is an enlightened policy on fatigue resides within the FAA in all the (research) they've done over the years on fatigue," Goglia said.

After disclosure of the first few sleeping incidents, FAA officials adjusted controllers' work schedules to provide a minimum of nine hours off between shifts, an increase of an hour.



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Major debt deal out of reach?

Aug. 2 deadline
may be hard to meet

WASHINGTON (AP) — It may be even more difficult than it appears for Congress to reach a broad deal to raise America's borrowing limit and slash spending by Aug. 2. Maybe all but impossible.

Even if quarrelsome lawmakers can somehow agree this month, it is doubtful that Congress can write it up in binding fashion and pass it by one month from Saturday. That's when, the Treasury Department declared anew on Friday, the government will start running short of money to pay the nation's bills.

Congress could end up having to vote at least twice on the political poisonous issue of raising the debt ceiling, now \$14.3 trillion, to

avoid a first-ever government default. The first vote would be on an interim raise, possibly in the tens or even hundreds of billions of dollars, to give Congress time to wrap up a grand bargain allowing the government to go trillions of dollars deeper in debt in exchange for spending cuts and possibly higher taxes totaling an equal amount.

"It will take time, and that is a bit troublesome," says Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., who represented Senate Republicans in budget talks led by Vice President Joe Biden. "Nobody wants this to be just parachuted in three days before they vote on it."

Veterans of previous budget deals say there's no way President Barack Obama and Congress can meet the Aug. 2 deadline even if a broad overall agreement is

reached in the next two weeks. First, it could take weeks more for lawmakers and staff aides to implement that deal negotiated by the president and the two parties' leaders.

Then, lawmakers would need time to examine and digest the legislation. And that's hardly all.

"There's the need to write it, the need to read it, the need to understand it, the need to score it, the need for it to be 'real,' the need for it to be processed and supported by each side's base, the need to assemble the necessary votes," said GOP lobbyist Eric Ueland, a former long-time Senate aide.

And that's assuming everything goes according to plan — that the debt-budget pact doesn't get blown up by a revolt from the tea party on the right or frustrated De-

mocrats on the left. That's a huge "if."

It took many months to move a 2005 budget-cutting bill — which ended up cutting about \$100 billion over 10 years — through the system, and that was when Republicans controlled both the White House and all the congressional committees that drew the legislation up.

Now, GOP-controlled House panels and Democratic-led Senate committees with little experience working together will have to write up an agreement hatched by Obama and the top leaders in both parties. Battles are unavoidable. The House and Senate Agriculture committees, for example, will be asked to implement farm subsidy cuts they either disagree with or would prefer to do in a more deliberate fashion later.

Vulnerable feel the pinch of Minn. gov't shutdown

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — The blind are losing reading services. A help line for the elderly has gone silent. And poor families are scrambling after the state stopped child care subsidies.

Hours after a political impasse forced a widespread government shutdown, Minnesota's most vulnerable residents and about 22,000 laid-off state employees began feeling the effects on Friday. With no immediate end in sight to a dispute over taxes and spending, political leaders spent the day blaming each other for their failure to pass a budget that solves the state's \$5 billion deficit.

Democratic Gov. Mark

Dayton and GOP legislative leaders said they had no plans to talk over the holiday weekend, guaranteeing the shutdown will linger at least well into next week. Dayton said he thought lawmakers

should spend time in their districts talking to constituents.

Minnesota is the only state to have its government shut down this year, even though nearly all states have severe budget problems and some have divided governments. Dayton was determined to raise taxes on the top earners to help erase a \$5 billion deficit, while the Republican Legislature refused to go along with that — or any new spending above the amount the state is projected to collect.



Dayton

Testimony ends in Anthony trial

Closing arguments
set for Sunday

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Prosecutors in the Casey Anthony murder trial called witnesses Friday to bolster their contention that the woman's mother couldn't have been home to perform Internet searches for a harmful chemical.

Testimony by two of Cindy Anthony's co-workers — among the last of the trial — was intended to disprove her surprising assertion this week that she was the one who keyed in searches for the term "chloroform." Prosecutors have argued that Casey Anthony made the searches as she plotted to kill her 2-year-old daughter in 2008.

Prosecutors used parts of Friday and the previous day to give their rebuttal to the defense's case. Closing arguments are expected to take place Sunday, after which jury deliberations will begin.

Gentiva Health Services Chief Compliance Officer John Camperlengo answered questions about Cindy Anthony's work history on two days in March 2008 when the "chloroform" searches were done on a computer at the Anthony household. The company's electronic records show that she was logged into her



AP photo

Casey Anthony talks with her attorney, Will Slabaugh, towards the end of testimony in her murder trial at the Orange County Courthouse in Orlando, Fla., Friday.

company's system for most of the day on both March 17 and March 21.

Using the latter date as an example, Camperlengo said the system would not have recorded Anthony's presence if a person hadn't been actively using the work computer.

"Someone human was pushing the enter button to enter data," he said Friday.

Cindy Anthony's supervisor at Gentiva, Deborah Polisano, also testified that electronic work records show that Cindy Anthony was on the clock for 10 hours on March 17 and nine hours on March 21.

Earlier this week, Cindy Anthony testified that she had performed the Internet searches for "chloroform" while looking up informa-

tion on chlorophyll, a green pigment found in plants. Chloroform, on the other hand, is a chemical that can be used as a sedative and is fatal to children in small doses.

She testified that she was home on the days when the computer searches were run. She said she could leave work when she wanted, and that the work records might not have reflected her absence.

Casey Anthony is charged with first-degree murder in the 2008 death of her 2-year-old daughter, Caylee. If convicted of that charge, she could face the death penalty. The prosecution contends she used duct tape to suffocate the toddler, while the defense says the girl accidentally drowned in

her grandparents' above-ground swimming pool.

Also Friday, forensic anthropologist Michael Warren was called back to dispute a defense expert's claim that the medical examiner made a mistake by failing to saw open Caylee's skull to examine it. The defense has tried to cast doubt on the forensic evidence in the trial.

"No sir, there is no protocol that I'm aware of to do that," Warren said.

Both sides have Saturday off to settle on final instructions for the jury, and prepare their closing arguments.

Earlier Friday, lead defense attorney Jose Baez said prosecutors had failed to disclose all the information a computer expert and forensic anthropologist planned to testify about. Baez wanted the evidence and witnesses to be excluded, but Perry only gave him the option of taking their depositions.

He did, causing an unscheduled recess that lasted throughout the morning. "Your honor, I will stay here and do the work, and stay here as long as it takes," Baez said.

While the defense rested Thursday, experts said defense attorneys may have left lingering questions and failed to deliver on promises they made at the outset to explain how the toddler died.

Gadhafi threatens attacks in Europe

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — A defiant Moammar Gadhafi threatened Friday to carry out attacks in Europe against "homes, offices, families," unless NATO halts its campaign of airstrikes against his regime in Libya.

The Libyan leader, sought by the International Criminal Court for a brutal crackdown on anti-government protesters, delivered the warning in a telephone message played to thousands of supporters gathered in the main square of the capital Tripoli.

It was one of the largest pro-government rallies in recent months, signaling that Gadhafi can still muster significant support. A green cloth, several hundred meters long and held aloft by supporters, snaked above the crowd filling Tripoli's Green Square. Green is Libya's national color.

A series of powerful explosions later rattled the heart of the capital, apparently new NATO airstrikes, as Gadhafi supporters cheered, honked horns and fired into the air in the street. Black smoke could be seen rising from the area near Gadhafi's Bab al-Aziziya compound.

Gadhafi spoke from an unknown location in a likely sign of concern over his safety. Addressing the West, Gadhafi warned that Libyans might take revenge for NATO bombings.

"These people (the Libyans) are able to one day

take this battle ... to Europe, to target your homes, offices, families, which would become legitimate military targets, like you have targeted our homes," he said.

"We can decide to treat you in a similar way," he said of the Europeans. "If we decide to, we are able to move to Europe like locusts, like bees."

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Florence I. 'Flo' Smith

May 25, 1914–June 29, 2011

Florence I. "Flo" Smith, 97, passed away peacefully with family at her side on Wednesday, June 29, 2011, at Heritage Assisted Living in Twin Falls, Idaho.



to her daughters, always making new friends wherever she went.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one sister, one brother, and daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Bill Pierce. Florence is survived by her brother, Bob (Judy) Patterson; daughters, Geraldine (Dallas) Cross, Marjorie (Ronald) Claar, and Carolyn St. Pierre; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was born May 25, 1914, in Tacoma, Wash., the daughter of William and Mabel Patterson. She and her three siblings grew up on naval bases along the West Coast from Tacoma to San Diego, Calif. She met and married Robert Smith in San Diego, and together, they raised four daughters. They lived in San Diego, Jerome and Southfield, Mich.

Florence was an incredible woman whose energy, determination, vitality, and positive attitude inspired all who knew her. She loved to travel, visit family and friends, draw, paint, sew, knit, and dance. Later in her life, she worked in a variety of jobs while she lived close

The family would like to thank Heritage Assisted Living, Visions Home Health, and their staff members for the special love and care you gave to our Mother and Grandmother.

A private family memorial will be held Saturday, July 2. Final arrangements are under the direction of Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome.

DEATH NOTICES

Marco Bates

Marco Bates, 35, of Boise, died June 29, 2011 at home.

Arrangements will be announced by Bowman Funeral Parlor, Garden City.

Loren Baldry

Loren C. Baldry, 82, of Wendell, died Friday, July 1, 2011 at home.

Arrangements will be announced by Serenity Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Sally Tipton

Sally Diane Tipton, 53, of Richfield, died June 30, 2011 at home.

Funeral will be held Fri-

day, July 8, at 10 a.m. the First Christian Church in Buhl, Idaho.

George Anderson

WENDELL — George Robert Anderson, 73, of Wendell, died Friday, July 1, 2011 at his daughter's residence in Jerome.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding.

Dale Newbry

Dale Albert Newbry Jr., 74, of Twin Falls, died Friday July 1, 2011 at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary.

SERVICES

Dallas Dewaine Dempsay of Boise and formerly of Rupert, celebration of life at 11 a.m. today at the Grace Community Church, 100 N. Meridian St. in Rupert.

Phillip J. Nielsen of Salt Lake City, Utah, and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls.

Virginia Rose Kast of King Hill, celebration of life at 1 p.m. today at the Fir Grove Ranch south of Fairfield (Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

Aletha Mae Wallace of Boise, and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. Sunday at Salmon Creek Retirement Center, 4890 N. Cloverdale Road, Boise.

Laura Haynes of Filer, celebration of life at noon today at the American Legion Hall on Main Street in Filer.

Randy Smallwood of Carson Nev., memorial service at noon, July 10 at Anderson Ranch Dam.

RaNaë James of Nampa, funeral at 2 p.m. today at

Cloverdale Funeral Home, 1200 North Cloverdale Rd. Boise; visitation before the service.

Bonita Mae Crivits of Jerome, celebration of life at 10 a.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome.

William Robert Brinkman of Filer, graveside ceremony at 10 a.m. today at the Filer Cemetery, 2350 E. 4000 N. Filer (Serenity Funeral Chapel).

Timothy Ray Harris of Gooding, memorial service at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 6, at the Basque Cultural Center, 280 Euskadi Lane in Gooding.

Ann Anderson of Oakley, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 6, at the Oakley Stake Center, 355 North Center in Oakley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Morrison Payne Funeral Home, 321 East Main in Burley and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Sally Diane Tipton of Richfield, funeral at 10 a.m. Friday, July 8, at the First Christian Church, 1005 Poplar St. Buhl.

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Maria Shriver files for divorce

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Six weeks after Arnold Schwarzenegger revealed he had fathered a child out of wedlock, wife Maria Shriver filed divorce papers Friday to end their marriage of 25 years.

The former television journalist and Kennedy family heiress cited irreconcilable differences but offered no additional details about the breakup.

She also did not list a date when the couple separated, although they announced they had done so on May 9.

A week later, the former California governor and one-time action star admit-

ted he fathered a child with a member of his household staff years ago.

The filing, which Shriver signed nearly two weeks ago, signals an end to a union that began with a storybook wedding on a spring day in 1986 in Cape Cod and brought together a body-builder and rising action star and a princess of the Kennedy clan, herself an up-and-coming network newscaster.

They apparently entered marriage with no plans that it would end. Shriver's filing does not indicate the couple had a premarital agreement.

Judge rejects gov't attempt to delay sage grouse suit

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A federal judge has rejected the government's attempt to delay a lawsuit seeking protections for imperiled sage grouse across the West in a case with sweeping implications for grazing, oil and gas drilling, and residential construction.

With the order from Judge B. Lynn Winmill in Idaho, the 11-state sage grouse case is shaping up as an early test of an Obama administration proposal to settle endangered species claims on hundreds of plants and animals.

Among the most pivotal of those species is the greater sage grouse, a ground-dwelling game bird that has lost half of its once-vast range and also suffered from the deadly West Nile virus.

The Interior Department wants to prolong until 2015 its decision on whether the birds should receive Endangered Species Act protections. That's under a pending settlement with two wildlife advocacy groups in a separate federal court case in Washington, D.C.

However, Winmill said in his late Thursday ruling that a third group, Western Watersheds Project, can proceed with its lawsuit calling for more immediate measures to stop the bird's de-



AP file photo
A male sage grouse fights for the attention of a female sage grouse southwest of Rawlins, Wyo., in May 2008. A federal judge has rejected the government's attempt to delay a lawsuit seeking protections for the birds.

cline. Winmill turned down the government's request to suspend the case.

Federal officials decided in 2010 that sage grouse deserved protections. But the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said other species took priority, relegating the birds to a long list of "candidates" for protection.

"We think we can do better than 2015," said Tom Woodbury, Western Watersheds' Montana director. "The scientists all agree that it's in danger of extinction and that things are only getting worse?"

By putting off the decision on whether to give more protections, administration officials are buying time to avoid a threatened or endangered listing that could lead to prohibitions on grazing, limits to future drilling and possibly curbs on residential and commercial construction.

The government would use the next several years to boost struggling populations of the bird. During the last year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has committed more than \$70 million to conserve sagebrush landscapes and

Prosecutors won't pursue ex-tax committee chairman

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Ada County Prosecutor Greg Bower's office announced Friday it won't prosecute the former chairman of the Idaho State Tax Commission, saying a statute of limitations expired on one complaint despite evidence of wrongdoing and that admissible evidence of illegal activity in other complaints was insufficient.

Former Chairman Royce Chigbrow was investigated over several months by an Ada County Sheriff's Office detective on suspicion of failing to appropriately deposit checks from a taxpayer in 2010, providing confidential information to a friend and allegedly receiving stolen checks totaling more than \$30,000.

Chigbrow resigned in January as agency employees' complaints about these issues became public.

While Bower's office concluded there was evidence Tax Commission employees including Chigbrow had failed to appropriately deposit taxpayer checks, it found the statute of limitations had expired.

It also found there was insufficient evidence that Chigbrow provided his friend with information about confidential tax collection actions to prove a case beyond reasonable doubt.

"There is no direct evidence of such a release, and while such an inference could possibly be drawn from other evidence, that inference is insufficiently compelling to support prosecution beyond a reasonable doubt," wrote Jonathan Medema, the deputy prosecuting attorney who reviewed the sheriff's investigation.

Chigbrow, a political appointee of Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, said the result was good news.

"I didn't expect them to reach any other conclusion," Chigbrow said Friday, before referring additional questions to his attorney.

Charles McDevitt, Chigbrow's attorney, didn't immediately return a phone call seeking comment.

Medema said Chigbrow declined to be interviewed during the detective's investigation.

Starting last year, Chigbrow was the target of unrest within the Idaho Tax Commission office, with employees accusing him of intervening on behalf of his son's accounting firm, as well as attempting to use his position to help a friend embroiled in a dispute with a former business partner.

After a public records request, The Associated Press obtained documents gathered by Tax Commission employees that underscored their concerns

about Chigbrow's behavior.

Among other things, Chigbrow was accused of helping his friend, Benton "Skip" Hofferber, by summoning Tax Commission employees to his office to provide them with confidential information about the tax problems of Hofferber's former employer. Hofferber was at the time suing the company, Boise Food Service, after being fired in October 2009.

Tax Commission employees said Chigbrow met with Hofferber about the case at a private Boise dining club; inappropriately handled the company's cashiers checks; and tried to block a refund after Boise Food Service had brought its taxes current.

In a statement outlining its conclusions, Bower's office said there was evidence that more than one state Tax Commission employee improperly handled Boise Food Service's checks, but that the one-year statute of limitations had expired before it could sufficiently review the matter. It also concluded that nobody was financially harmed.

"That check was ultimately applied to the appropriate account," Medema wrote.

Medema did conclude that Hofferber appeared to be attempting to gain information about tax collection actions against Boise Food Service, but said concluding that Chigbrow actually gave it to him wasn't possible.

take other steps to protect grouse.

A lawyer for several farming groups attempting to intervene in the Idaho case said hitting industries with new restrictions to help the birds even more would be "the last thing we need with this economy."

"It really seems the intent of the environmental groups is to bring on a full listing of the species, which would result in grazing restrictions throughout the region," said Brandon Middleton with the Pacific Legal Foundation in Sacramento, Calif.

A chicken-sized bird known for its elaborate mating display, the greater sage grouse is found in Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, South Dakota, North Dakota, Nevada, Utah, Washington, Oregon, eastern California, Nevada, Utah, western Colorado.

The Obama administration's proposed settlement with the two wildlife advocacy groups — the Center for Biological Diversity and WildEarth Guardians — would set timetables for the Fish and Wildlife Service to consider whether more protections are needed for sage grouse and 250 other plant and animal species. It still needs court approval.

Western governors discuss fires, tourism

COEUR d'ALENE (AP) — Washington Gov. Chris Gregoire, the new chair of the Western Governors' Association, said she would push a program called "Get Out West!" that is designed to boost tourism in the region.

Gregoire was well aware of the irony, after Washington recently became the first state to eliminate its tourism office because of budget woes.

"Somehow I knew this would come up," a smiling Gregoire said at a news conference on Thursday.

The program, also designed to get kids playing outside, will be funded in Washington by private donations, she said.

"The state can no longer afford to fund the things we have done historically," said Gregoire, who succeeded Idaho Republican Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter as chair of the group.

Budget woes were something all the governors at attending the two-day annual meeting had in common this year.

Utah Gov. Gary Herbert said his state learned not to spend more money than it takes in.

"Don't build programs with one time money," the Republican said.

Montana Democratic Gov. Brian Schweitzer said there are unlimited numbers of good ideas, but limited amounts of money.

"Somebody has got to say no," Schweitzer said, and added he did so with more than 70 vetoes this past session.

Also Thursday, governors discussed ways to improve forest health and reduce the threat of wildfires.

Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer said one of her biggest fears when she became chief executive of the state two years ago was a devastating wildfire.

That concern came to life this year as nearly 1 million acres of Arizona burned in wildfires that included the largest such blaze in the state's history.

"One percent of the total land mass of Arizona has already burned in this fire season alone, and the season is not over yet," Brewer said.

Life sentence in border agent's death

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A Mexican man was sentenced to life in prison Friday for striking and killing a U.S. Border Patrol agent with a drug-laden Hummer as the officer laid spike strips in an attempt to puncture the vehicle's tires.

Jesus Navarro testified during his two-week trial that he didn't drive the vehicle that hit the agent at California's Imperial Sand Dunes in January 2008 and that he confessed in Mexico days later only because authorities there beat and threatened him.

"What is being done is an injustice and I will be

here on appeal," he said Friday in brief remarks to U.S. District Judge Michael Anello.

The judge rejected Navarro's claims of innocence, just as a jury did when it convicted him in April of second-degree murder and drug charges after only two hours of deliberations.

"This was a particularly brutal, violent and heinous crime," said Anello, who sentenced Navarro, 25, to an additional 80 years in prison on the drug charges.

Agent Luis Aguilar's wife, Erica, fondly recalled her husband's infectious smile and pan-

cake breakfasts. She now hears her son crying in the shower, "Why did he have to die? Why did you have to kill him?"

"You are selfish person with no sense of humanity or integrity," she told Navarro.

Border Patrol Agent German Burgoin emotionally described Aguilar's final moments as the Hummer sped toward them. Burgoin climbed a construction fence and yelled at his 32-year-old partner to run.

"Luis and I locked eyes for a split second and then the unthinkable happened," Burgoin said.

OPINION

QUOTE

“Republicans and Democrats alike have always found Panetta very user-friendly. He gets along with people.”

— Gordon Adams, a former colleague of Leon Panetta, as Panetta took over as secretary of defense on Friday

On the Salmon Tract, perseverance triumphs

CHEERS: To the Snake River Canal Co., for a century of beating the odds

Very long odds. Last week, the canal company marked 100 years of water delivery from Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir in southern Twin Falls County.

In one of the most arid regions of Idaho, developers of Salmon Dam once hoped to irrigate 120,000 acres. It turned out to be closer to 25,000 acres.

Because the dam has not released any water since the floods of 1984, the lower creek depends almost entirely on irrigation runoff drainage to sustain its flow.

The reservoir maxes out at 182,650 acre-feet of water, and held 148,000 acre-feet last week. It doesn't happen every year, but canal company stakeholders will receive a full allotment this summer.

Those who have stuck it out



through lean times — and they include families who've lived for generations on the Salmon Tract — have reason to celebrate.

JEERS: To a handful of right-wing commentators, who see a vast conspiracy lurking in Republican Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter Project 60 economic development initiative.

In the John Birch Society's *New American* publication, writer Joe Wolverson recently blasted Otter's plan to increase the state's gross domestic product as “an extraordinary display of misdirection all designed to lull the citizens of the

sovereign state of Idaho into a stupor while their state is sold to the Chinese.” The governor was even asked about the issue at his Capitol for a Day event in Castleford last month.

This is crazy. Otter made a trade visit to China last year, and as he has done during his 18 years as governor and lieutenant governor, pushed hard for foreign investment in Idaho. Dollars from overseas, after all, are directly responsible for 14,000 jobs in the Gem State.

“The Chinese are looking for a beachhead in the United States,” Idaho Department of Commerce Director Don Dietrich said at the time.

Late last year, the *Idaho Statesman* reported a proposal by the China National Machinery Industry Corp. to develop a technology zone south of the Boise airport. A host of bloggers have reported that the zone has already been sold and that Idaho was looking at

turning over a 55-square mile area to the Chinese government.

Neither is true. Good for the governor for pitching investment in Idaho to the Chinese. He wouldn't be doing his job if he hadn't.

For the rest of us, there's a lesson in this bizarre episode: Don't believe everything you read on the Internet.

CHEERS: With animal shelters in Paul and Caldwell on the brink of having to shut their doors, Twin Falls' facility is financially healthy.

It wasn't always so. A quarter century ago, the city-owned animal shelter was overwhelmed. It didn't accept cats or dogs from outside the Twin Falls city limits, and it had only 20 separate kennels. Ninety percent of animals were euthanized.

In 1988, a group of residents formed a non-profit organization to help the shelter care for

animals. It provided the facility with resting boards and stainless steel bowls in place of coffee cans, and paid for barriers between kennels to help control disease. And it bought television and newspaper ads to help find homeless animals new homes.

In 2002, People for Pets-Magic Valley Humane Society organized a fundraising drive, eventually collecting \$225,000 to help the city build a new shelter.

It opened two years later, and People for Pets operates it under contract, with the city and county chipping in for the services it provides.

On Tuesday, the Twin Falls City Council voted to extend its contract with the shelter for five years.

People for Pets, with the help the wider community, has made the local shelter a model of compassion and efficiency. We're lucky to have it.

Shy? There's nothing really wrong with that

A beautiful woman lowers her eyes demurely beneath a hat. In an earlier era, her gaze might have signaled a mysterious allure. But this is a 2003 advertisement for Zoloft, a selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor approved by the FDA to treat social anxiety disorder. “Is she just shy? Or is it Social Anxiety Disorder?” reads the caption, suggesting that the young woman is not alluring at all. She is sick.



Susan Cain

But is she? It is possible that the lovely young woman has a life-wrecking form of social anxiety. There are people too afraid of disapproval to venture out for a job interview, a date or even a meal in public. Despite the risk of serious side effects — nausea, loss of sex drive, seizures — drugs like Zoloft can be a godsend for this group.

But the ad's insinuation aside, it's also possible the young woman is “just shy,” or introverted — traits our society disfavors. One way we manifest this bias is by encouraging perfectly healthy shy people to see themselves as ill.

This does us all a grave disservice, because shyness and introversion — or more precisely, the careful, sensitive temperament from which both often spring — are not just normal. They are valuable. And they may be essential to the survival of our species.

Theoretically, shyness and social anxiety disorder are easily distinguishable. But a blurry line divides the two. Imagine that the woman in the ad enjoys a steady paycheck, a strong marriage and a small circle of close friends — a good life by most measures — except that she avoids a needed promotion because she's nervous about leading meetings. She often criticizes herself for feeling too shy to speak up.

What do you think now? Is she ill, or does she simply need public-speaking training?

Before 1980, this would have seemed a strange

question. Social anxiety disorder did not officially exist until it appeared in that year's *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual*, the DSM-III, the psychiatrist's bible of mental disorders, under the name “social phobia.” It was not widely known until the 1990s, when pharmaceutical companies received FDA approval to treat social anxiety with SSRI's and poured tens of millions of dollars into advertising its existence. The current version of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual*, the DSM-IV, acknowledges that stage fright (and shyness in social situations) is common and not necessarily a sign of illness. But it also says that diagnosis is warranted when anxiety “interferes significantly” with work performance or if the sufferer shows “marked distress” about it. According to this definition, the answer to our question is clear: the young woman in the ad is indeed sick.

Shyness and introversion share an undervalued status in a world that prizes extroversion. Many adults work for organizations that now assign work in teams, in offices without walls, for supervisors who value “people skills” above all. As a society, we prefer action to contemplation, risk-taking to heed-taking, certainty to doubt. Studies show that we rank fast and frequent talkers as more competent, likable and even smarter than slow ones. As the psychologists William Hart and Dolores Albarracín point out, phrases like “get active,” “get moving,” “do something” and similar calls to action surface repeatedly in recent books.

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Myths about the U.S. space program

Today, many Americans have no memory of the moon landing, and NASA isn't a source of pride but a budget line that needs to be cut. Why spend billions exploring an uninhabitable environment when many Americans don't have health care? To understand the importance of our space program, it's first necessary to debunk some misconceptions about what NASA is and how it operates.



Eric Sterner

1. NASA's purpose is to colonize space.

Founded in 1958, a year after the Soviet Union put Sputnik in orbit, NASA was never intended to open space to settlement in the same way the Transcontinental Railroad had helped open the American West to pioneers. U.S. foreign policy, not science fiction dreams of cities on the moon, drove the agency.

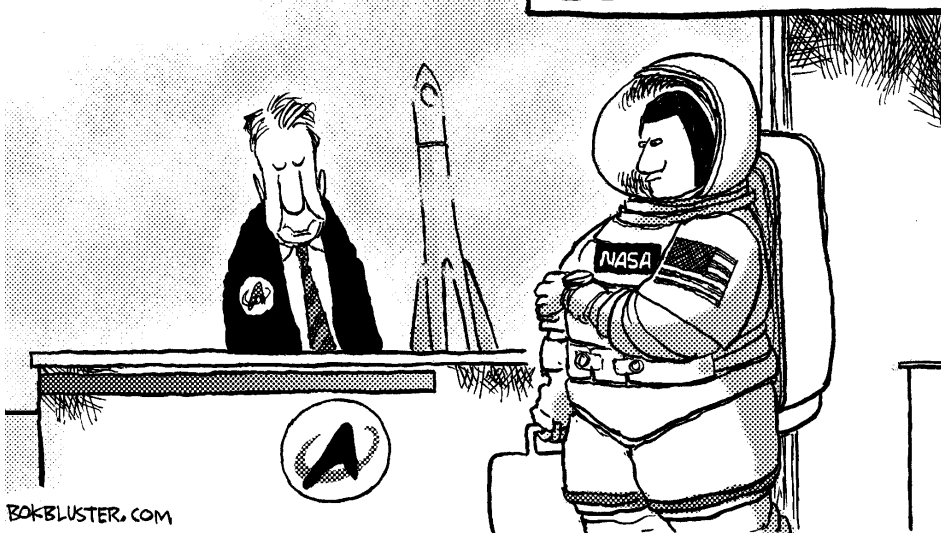
In contrast to the Soviets' militarized efforts, President Dwight Eisenhower wanted a peaceful space program that would demonstrate American moral superiority. This civilian agency would be a key part of America's Cold War strategy. When Kennedy set his eyes on the moon 50 years ago, he asked his science advisers for an initiative “in which we could win.” When Ronald Reagan kicked off the space station program in 1984, his motivations weren't much different. “We are first; we are the best; and we are so because we're free,” he said.

Even after the Cold War, the Clinton administration recast human spaceflight as a means of turning Russia's aerospace industry toward peaceful purposes and validating Russia's entry into the community of Western democracies. The idea that the U.S. government would spend billions colonizing the solar system reflects the cultural impact of *Star Trek*, not reality.

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2. NASA is extraordinarily expensive.

At the height of the Apollo program, NASA consumed more than 4 percent of the federal budget. In the 1960s, that was a lot of money. Today, it's a rounding error. NASA's budget for fiscal year 2011 is roughly \$18.5 billion — 0.5 percent of a \$3.7 trillion federal budget. In 2010, Americans spent about as much on pet food.

And those who complain that it is a waste to spend money in space forget that NASA creates jobs. According to the agency, it employs roughly 19,000 civil servants and 40,000 contractors in and around its 10 centers.

3. NASA's research is useful only in space.

Had a breast exam lately? Algorithms developed for the Hubble Space Telescope improved image processing in mammography. Been caught in a natural disaster? NASA advances in deployable radio antennae helped secure emergency communications after Hurricane Katrina and the 2010 Haiti earthquake. Fighting the war on terror? Miniaturized sensors that sniff the air for traces of life on other planets led to the development of easy-to-use, hand-held devices to detect explosives and chemical agents on this one. NASA technology of-

ten finds a way back to Earth.

4. NASA is an obstacle to private enterprise in space.

In a recent debate, GOP presidential candidate Newt Gingrich said that “NASA ought to be getting out of the way and encouraging the private sector.” In truth, NASA is not an obstacle to the free market. The agency does not prohibit space entrepreneurs from starting businesses. Where a demand for goods and services exists in the space industry — principally in telecommunications, but perhaps soon in suborbital human spaceflight — firms such as the space-transport company Virgin Galactic are trying to provide them.

The bulk of NASA's missions are not commercially viable and are unlikely ever to be. There is not enough demand for robotic missions to Mars, Hubble Space Telescopes and Alpha Magnetic Spectrometers to justify private investment. If NASA worked the way policymakers such as Gingrich want it to — paradoxically “getting out of the way” while providing venture capitalists government money to start space businesses — the agency could actually hurt private enterprise in space. NASA would not be better at picking commercial winners and losers than the rest of the government. By making

poor or even politically motivated choices, it could spoil a free market.

5. The American space program still leads the world.

For most of the Cold War, NASA sought and secured partnerships with foreign space powers. Still, the United States was first among equals because of its size and experience. NASA set the pace for humanity's exploration of space.

Those days are over. Nine countries, including India, Israel and Iran, have placed payloads in orbit. More than 50 nations design, deploy, own or operate satellites without U.S. involvement.

NASA is in the midst of considerable turmoil. Congress and the agency do not agree on the feasibility of its flagship human spaceflight program, and the president's direction is vague and under-resourced. Will we go to Mars? Return to the moon? Visit an asteroid? Policymakers haven't definitively answered any of these questions. To get ahead of the pack, mission control in Washington will need a clearer sense of its mission.

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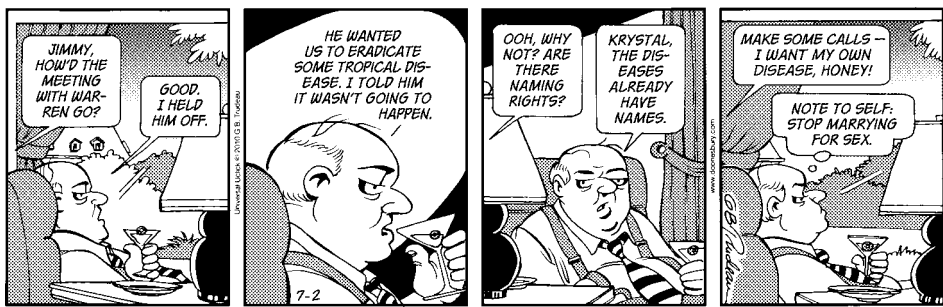
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The authoritarian culture at Wal-Mart

Monday's Supreme Court decision to block a class-action sex-discrimination lawsuit against Wal-Mart was a huge setback for as many as 1.6 million current and former female employees of the world's largest retailer. But the decision has consequences that range far beyond sex discrimination or the viability of class-action suits.

The underlying issue, which the Supreme Court has now ratified, is Wal-Mart's authoritarian style, by which executives pressure store-level management to squeeze more and more from millions of clerks, stockers and lower-tier managers.

Indeed, the sex discrimination at Wal-Mart that drove the recent suit is the product not merely of managerial bias and prejudice, but also of a corporate culture and business model that sustains it, rooted in the company's very beginnings.

In the 1950s and '60s, northwest Arkansas, where Wal-Mart got its start, was poor, white and rural, in the midst of a wave of agricultural mechanization that generated a huge surplus of unskilled workers. To these men and women, the burgeoning chain of discount stores founded by Sam Walton was a godsend. The men might find dignity managing a store instead of a hard-scrabble farm, while their wives and daughters could earn pin money clerking for Mr. Sam, as he was known. "The enthusiasm of Wal-Mart associates toward their jobs is one of the company's greatest assets," declared the firm's 1973 annual report.

A patriarchal ethos was written into the Wal-Mart DNA. "Welcome Assistant Managers and Wives" read a banner at a 1975 meeting for executive trainees. And that corporate culture — "the single most important element in the continued, remarkable success of Wal-Mart," asserted Don Soderquist, the company's chief operating officer in the 1990s — was sustained not only by the hypercentralized managerial control that flowed from the Bentonville, Ark., home office but by the evangelical Protestantism that Soderquist and other executives encouraged.

Wal-Mart attorneys have argued, and the Supreme Court agreed this week, that even if sex discrimination was once part of the company's culture, it is now ancient history: If any store managers are guilty of bias when it comes to promoting women, they are at odds with corporate policy. Wal-Mart is no longer an Ozark company; it is a cosmopolitan, multinational operation.

Wal-Mart views low labor costs and a high degree of workplace flexibility as a signal competitive advantage. It is a militantly anti-union company that has been forced to pay hundreds of millions of dollars to current and former employees for violations of state wage and hour laws.

In other words, the patriarchy of old has been reconfigured into a more systematically authoritarian structure, one that deploys a communitarian ethos to sustain a



Nelson Lichtenstein

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high degree of corporate loyalty even as wages and working conditions are put under continual downward pressure — especially in recent years, as Wal-Mart's same-store sales have declined. Workers of both sexes pay the price, but women, who constitute more than 70 percent of hourly employees, pay more.

There are tens of thousands of experienced Wal-Mart women who would like to be promoted to the first managerial rung, salaried assistant store manager. But Wal-Mart makes it impossible for many of them to take that post, because its ruthless management style structures the job itself as one that most women, and especially those with young children or a relative to care for, would find difficult to accept.

At the store level there is still a fair amount of the old communal sociability. Recognizing that workers steeped in that culture make poor candidates for assistant managers, who are the front lines in enforcing labor discipline, Wal-Mart insists that almost all workers promoted to the managerial ranks move to a new store, often hundreds of miles away.

For young men in a hurry, that's an inconvenience; for middle-aged women caring for families, this corporate reassignment policy amounts to sex discrimination. Few companies make relocation such a fixed policy.

There used to be a remedy for this sort of managerial authoritarianism: It was called a union, which bargained over the kind of qualitative issues that have proved so vexing for non-unionized employees at Wal-Mart and other big retailers.

For a time it seemed as if the class-action lawsuit might be a partial substitute. By drastically limiting how a class-action suit can be brought, the Supreme Court leaves millions of service-sector workers with few avenues to escape the grinding work life and limited opportunities that so many now face.

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How AARP can get its groove back

The emerging debate over the future of entitlements is forcing an overdue identity crisis at AARP. Last week, leaders of the 37-million-member group issued a vague half-denial after news accounts reported that they were prepared to accept cutbacks in Social Security benefits. It was a wavering, confusing response that reflected mission drift and a loss of organizational focus and identity.

AARP, founded in 1958, needs to get its groove back and narrow a policy agenda that has become too broad, too busy and too ambitious, with multiple and competing identities, interests and constituencies. Over the past decade, under the leadership of the former advertising executive Bill Novelli, it developed a big-tent ideology in response to critics' charges that it had been a lobby for "greedy geezers."

But that trend has gone too far. Critics within the organization rightly say that what was once known as the American Association of Retired Persons might as well be renamed the "Association of Persons" — a tendency apparent in advertising messages like "AARP is an organization for people who have birthdays."

Who AARP is it?

Too many members would say that AARP has become greedy and self-serving, ready to sacrifice older Americans' political



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interests to its own economic bottom line, which is no longer dependent just on members' dues, but has broadened to include a range of profit-making activities. The suspicion is partly grounded in AARP's unusual status: It is a giant nonprofit organization that uses dues, as well as sales of consumer services by its profit-making subsidiaries, to finance its policy advocacy and charitable activities and free or low-cost services like tax preparation and driver education.

The image of AARP as a money-making machine was sharpened during Novelli's tenure, from 2001 to 2009, when the organization greatly enhanced revenues and made a commensurate increase in advertising to sell an ever expanding range of products and services: AARP-branded health, home and auto insurance, credit cards, and cellphone and travel service discounts.

AARP must get back to the basics: It stands for Americans 50 and older and the policies and programs that protect them. Period.

In an era of retrenchment, AARP must be prepared to defend those programs with the most aggressive voter education,

member mobilization and lobbying campaigns it has ever organized.

Aging boomers need AARP; there is no one with clout left to defend them. They will be as dependent as their parents were on Medicare and Social Security, but in many cases they are far less prepared for retirement. It is worrisome that younger generations fear that they will never collect benefits. But they are not AARP's primary constituency.

If AARP's leaders have already agreed to accept limited reductions in Social Security benefits as part of a strategic play to preserve a dominant role in the coming debate over entitlement reform, as has been reported, it is a grave error that will only encourage further concessions and demoralize activist members.

Legendary allies, like Sens. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts and Claude Pepper of Florida, are gone. A formidable phalanx of key policy players have mobilized to advance proposals for deep cuts or radical restructuring of entitlements. AARP's ambivalence will only embolden politicians who already have challenged the alleged unity of the "senior vote," realizing that it has long been fragmented by differences in income, ideology, education, race, religion, gender and marital status.

But a strong AARP stand on Social Security and

Medicare has the potential support of not only 78 million aging boomers but also the general public; polls have found broad majorities opposed to slashing Social Security and converting Medicare into a voucher system.

It might also heal the ideological rifts and minutiae wrought by AARP's support of Obama's health care plan. That episode cost AARP at least 400,000 members, many of whom wrote angry letters and e-mails accusing it of selling out older Americans and redistributing Medicare funds to other groups. Finally, leading a popular political crusade might dispel the stereotype that AARP puts profits over principles.

This could be AARP's finest hour. In surveys, the organization has usually ranked among the most trusted institutions in the nation, along with groups like the American Red Cross and the Consumers Union. AARP knows there is political power in numbers. In the past, however, it had only to activate a small portion of its huge membership base to register political impact. "All they have to do is whisper," one consultant told me.

This time they will have to roar.

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Sad-sack GOP governors could help Obama in 2012

The sluggish economy and stubborn joblessness are being heralded — or lamented, depending on your perspective — as the chief reasons that President Obama will face a tough reelection campaign. The latest *Washington Post*-ABC News poll had Obama getting low marks on his handling of the economy, while Democratic pollster Stan Greenberg has observed that "no incumbent President since (Franklin) Roosevelt has won reelection with greater than 8 percent unemployment."

Economic malaise is certainly disastrous for an incumbent, particularly when the best policy to rectify the problems (more stimulus) is off the table and a potentially destructive alternative (sharp budget cuts) is coming alive at precisely the wrong time.

But there is another indicator of Obama's prospects, one that may boost his chances in the key swing states that will determine the 2012 electoral majority: the deep and growing unpopularity of the Republican governors and state legislatures.

Last November, the GOP was rejoicing in its sweeping electoral victories. Republicans picked up their most seats in decades in legislatures and won key gubernatorial races.

Seven months later, however, things look



Norman J. Ornstein

rather different for the Republicans in governors' mansions. In Michigan, Rick Snyder has only a 33 percent approval rating, with a hefty disapproval rating of 60 percent. Down in Florida, Rick Scott is at 29 percent approval and 57 percent disapproval. Ohio's John Kasich has 33 percent and 56 percent, respectively. Wisconsin firebrand Scott Walker is right there at 43 percent approval and 54 percent disapproval.

In two other swing states, Iowa's Terry Branstad (39 percent approval, 47 percent disapproval) and New Jersey's Chris Christie (an even 44-44 percent split) are faring only slightly better.

The problems facing America's governors are in some respects universal, thanks to the combination of a poor economy and state requirements to balance their budgets. Those challenges — with demand for unemployment benefits and Medicaid coverage skyrocketing — doomed Democratic governors in 2010. But things are much worse now. Governors no longer have stimulus money to cushion the blow, and the easy cuts have already been made.

Yet, these challenges are not affecting all governors equally. Certainly, there are Democratic governors in swing states who have their

own problems; for example, Bev Perdue in North Carolina is at 35 percent approval and 49 percent disapproval. But in general, swing-state Democratic governors are faring dramatically better than Republican ones. In Minnesota, where Republican former governor Tim Pawlenty left a \$5 billion budget deficit, Democratic Gov. Mark Dayton nonetheless enjoys a 51 percent approval rating and only 38 percent disapproval. In Missouri, Democrat Jay Nixon is at 48 percent/29 percent. And Montana Democrat Brian Schweitzer tops all governors with 60 percent approval.

Why the partisan disparity? Republican governors such as Kasich, Scott and Walker have deployed combative policies and politics, promoting confrontation and eschewing compromise, cutting benefits for the poor and middle class while adding tax breaks for the rich, and in many cases trying to eliminate or at least cripple collective bargaining by public employees. Those tactics have turned off independent voters.

Things are likely to get worse for Republican governors. Raising taxes is not an option, and the only areas left for meaningful budget reductions are education, Medicaid and prisons. At the national level, the Republican House is intent on

further reducing states' margin for error with dramatic cuts on the table for Medicaid, including its largest components: long-term care for the elderly and aid for the most seriously disabled. Even before the Medicaid stimulus money ran out, states including Arizona and Indiana were eliminating Medicaid-paid organ transplants and denying some lifesaving treatments; those awful options will become more widespread. And many Republican governors who try to change their messages and policies will face the wrath of their Tea Party bases.


In swing states, any GOP presidential candidate will have to convince voters that he or she has the best plan to improve the economy. The only problem is that every Republican contender supports the same types of economic policies that have driven GOP governors into a ditch.

The huge Republican victories in the states in 2010, along with the immense hubris they brought to the winning governors, has had a serious downside, there to be exploited to the hilt by Obama's reelection campaign.

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Magic Valley churches unite to help area needy

By Andrew Weeks
Times-News writer

A grandfather calls a help line and says he needs coats for his grandchildren, who are living with him. Their mother is in jail.

"Oh, we can help with that," the person on the other end of the line says. "We know of a church that has a coat ministry."

Not leaving it at that, the person asks the grandfather, "Tell me more about the kids. Do they have beds? Do they need sheets or pillow cases to go with those beds?"

We might know of a church or organization that can help you with those things as well.

"How about food? Are you doing OK with that?"

"Well," the grandfather says, "Not really. I'm on a fixed income. I could use some help."

"Not a problem."

Ray Strolberg gave the above example as one way a coalition of southern Idaho churches, called Love INC Magic Valley, will be able to help those in need.

The non-profit Love INC — Love in the Name of



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Visit www.LoveInc.org to find out more about its mission or to donate time or resources.

Christ — is not new to the country or even to Idaho. First established in 1977 in Holland, Mich., an affiliate opened in 1999 in the Treasure Valley. And, perhaps by fall, an affiliate will be new to the Magic Valley.

A handful of people last July began looking into the

idea of starting a Love INC here. Its goal is not only to meet people's short-term needs but to help them achieve long-term results.

"We focus on the person and not just their need," said Strolberg, chairman of the group's steering committee. Love INC Magic Valley

will serve as a type of liaison between people in need and area churches and other outreach groups. It acts as a clearinghouse to see what cases are legitimate and which are not.

Depending on the needs, people who contact Love INC will be directed to the church or agency that can best help them, whether it's providing items, short-term transportation, financial counseling or a myriad of other things.

Another example: "If a person needs money, he needs a source of income, he

needs a job," said Mark Browne, an area pastor. "In order to get a job, he might need a phone number or a reference. He might need transportation to and from his job until he can get on his feet."

Volunteers from the different churches would help meet these needs, Browne said.

"We have so many needy people in the community, and so many of them don't know where to turn and therefore don't get reached,"

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BLAIR KOCH/For the Times-News

Youth throughout the state have or will spend time at church this summer through Vacation Bible School programs. Colorful decorations, props and crafts were used during the Gooding Christian Church's Bible school last year.

Teaching children

Bible schools help youth grow in their faith

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

For many youth, the rituals of summer aren't limited to lazy days trying to beat Wii bowling scores or watching Sponge Bob SquarePants on cable.

Thousands of southern Idaho youngsters have or will spend time at church through Vacation Bible School programs.

Some churches aim programs directly at member youth, while others opt for curricula to reach a broader number of kids.

"We're having our VBS later in the summer because we'd like to use it as a stepping stone for a new children's program rolling out in the fall," said Jessie Gunderson, student minister for Buhl First Christian Church. "We want to be able to tell parents that if their children enjoyed the structured activities, the music, crafts and learning, that they'll enjoy the ongoing program as well."

Gunderson hopes the event will draw younger congregants to the church. Typical Bible school programs are geared for elementary age children.

The church's theme this year is "Inside Out and Upside Down on Main Street." Like academic curricula, the theme is central to lessons learned throughout the week. Whether it's through engaging in theater, acting out one of Christ's parables, or painting, Gunderson said the theme helps students remember key principles.

"Every day they have a core area," she said. "They'll be learning about gratitude, compassion, forgiveness, grace and faithfulness."

In much the same manner, Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls used a similar curricula structure for its Bible school that wrapped up Friday. Its theme centered on fishing — an easy symbol for children to grasp when discussing that Jesus' disciples were fishermen, whom he called to be "fishers of men."

The lesson wasn't lost on Ella Merrigan, 7, who said that by learning about Jesus' life and crucifixion she now understands that he wants her to treat others better.

"When you think that Jesus died for you, it makes you think that you can do a lot for other people," Merrigan said.



Youth gather outside of Immanuel Lutheran Church for morning Bible study Friday in Twin Falls. The event was part of the church's annual Vacation Bible School program.

UPCOMING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Here is a listing of some of the area's upcoming Vacation Bible Schools.

- **Crossroads United Methodist Church**, Kimberly, 5:30-8 p.m., July 11-14. Info: 423-4311.
- **First Christian Church**, Twin Falls, 8:30 a.m.-noon, July 11-14. Info: 733-5248 or mvbible.org/vbs2011
- **Trinity Lutheran Church**, Eden, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. July 18-21. Info: 825-5277 or trinityeden@gmail.com
- **Twin Falls Reformed Church**, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Aug. 1-4. Info: 733-6128 ext. 115 or tffc.org

If there's one we missed, send information about the Bible school to ellen@magicvalley.com.

Who is in control of the world?

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GOD IS IN CONTROL, BUT WE HAVE FREE WILL

Muslims have no doubt that God the Creator is in control of everything and that nothing happens without his permission. But God's plans are bigger than ours.

When life goes smoothly and we experience health, prosperity and good families, how often do we think we are in control and forget God's blessings and bounties? We think proudly, "We achieved this," not gratefully, "God gave us this."

But when our plans and efforts fail, when we experience loss or disease, or when crime or war touches us, we ask, how could God allow this to happen? When natural disasters occur we question how a just and merciful God could destroy whole communities.

God controls the universe but has given us minds and free will. He wants us to worship and obey him, be thankful for the blessings that he has given us, and work for good in this world, not to choose to create mischief, evil and chaos in this world. God tests all of us in this world, both through the bounties he gives and through troubles that arise to let us discover how we respond. Tests can lead to learning and growth but also to failure and ruin.

"And certainly, we shall test you with something of fear, hunger, loss of wealth, lives and fruits, but give glad tidings to the patient" (Qur'an 2: 155).

— *Rushdy El-Ghusein, former president of the Islamic Society of Greater Kansas City*

Voices of



faith

WE CONTROL OUR DESTINY

In Hinduism, the nature of the phenomenal world is both mental and material. As it undergoes constant change, it has no absolute existence.

The apparent world that exists in relation to one's mind is influenced by three attributes (gunas), which are righteousness (sattva), intense activity (rajas) and ignorance (tamas). Thus, the whole world, where all beings are governed by the law of karma, is viewed as the dynamic play of these three fundamental forces, also known as maya.

Behind this visible universe, however, there is an absolute, unchanging Reality called Brahman. Its highest manifestation is called Isvara (God), the Inner Controller of the universe, who is omniscient, omnipresent and omnipotent.

The Upanishads describe Isvara as, "An Immortal Self within, he is the Supreme Ruler of the universe. Under his control the sun, the moon and the planets perform their functions. Because of his power, a moral order (dharma) controls the universe as well as human life."

As the state of our inner world shapes the external world, it is crucial to control our inner world by cultivating positive (sattvic) qualities and eliminating negative (tamasic) qualities of the mind. This requires spiritual wisdom to recognize the underlying truth of Reality that governs the entire universe.

Thus, while the cosmic universe is governed by the Supreme Power, we control our own destiny by controlling our inner world.

— *Arvind Khetia, engineer and a Hindu*

BUSINESS

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T.F. URA eyes downtown arts center

Center one option for former Banner building

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

Michelangelo spent four years painting the Sistine Chapel, but for Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency officials, the deadline is much tighter.

The city's urban renewal agency is ramping up efforts in the next 30 days to see if there's enough interest to

convert the former Banner Furniture building at 201 Main Ave. S. into a community arts center. Urban renewal planners believe the center could potentially become an anchor that defines the city's downtown.

In May, the URA paid \$6,000 for a 90-day option with exclusive rights buy the building, a deal brokered by its downtown consultant,

Mark Rivers.

Rivers said the agency has been talking to a number of different artists throughout the valley, surveying their interest in the project.

"So far, the interest seems to be pretty good," he said.

The advantage of the Banner building is that it's in good condition, with assets like a functional sprinkler system and sturdy roof, he said,

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED

Those interested in renting space or participating in the potential arts center project can contact Mark Rivers at 208-368-0000 or mrivers@brixusa.com.

adding that it would keep the facility's startup costs down.

"It's not rebuilding a building from scratch," Rivers said.

An arts center wouldn't cater to only one type of artist, either. Rivers said it could become a home for theatrical performances, vi-

sual arts, photography, dance studios, and children's activities.

Rivers also believes the center could fill a niche by providing spaces tailored for artists in a building that's managed and filled with other kindred spirits.

"If we can pull this all to-

gether we would end up, my guess is, the single largest working arts center in the state of Idaho," he said.

Under the agreement, the URA could buy the building or identify a third party to purchase the property.

Banner Furniture shuttered late last year, with declining sales playing a role in its end.

Ben Botkin may be reached at bbotkin@magicvalley.com or 735-3238.

THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY TURNS 2



AP photo

Job seekers wait in a line June 15 at a job fair in Southfield, Mich. Two years after economists declared the end of the Great Recession, the rebound is the weakest since the 1930s.

Ex-IMF chief freed without bail; charges stand

By Jennifer Peltz and Tom Hays
Associated Press writers

NEW YORK — Smiling faintly as he walked out of court, former IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn was released from house arrest Friday after prosecutors acknowledged serious questions about the credibility of the hotel maid who accused him of sexual assault.

The charges against him stand — for now, at least. But weeks after saying it had a strong case that was only getting stronger, the district attorney's office was on the defensive. So was the housekeeper's lawyer, who continued to insist that Strauss-Kahn had violently abused the woman.

An attorney for Strauss-Kahn, meanwhile, called the turn of events "a great relief." The case underscores "how easy it is for people to be charged with serious crimes and for there to be a rush to judgment," William W. Taylor said.

Strauss-Kahn, 62, had been confined for weeks to a luxury New York City townhouse on \$6 million bail after his arrest on attempted rape charges that forced his resignation as head of the International Monetary Fund and appeared to destroy any hope he had of running for president of France next year.

But then, on Friday, defense lawyers went into court to ask that his bail conditions be eased, with prosecutors' assent.

"The strength of the case has been affected by the substantial credibility issues regarding" the accuser, Assistant District Attorney Joan Illuzzi-Orbon told the judge, who then canceled Strauss-Kahn's bail and most of the other restrictions.

FEEL BETTER YET?

By Paul Wiseman
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — This is one anniversary few feel like celebrating.

Two years after economists say the Great Recession ended, the recovery has been the weakest and most lopsided of any since the 1930s.

After previous recessions, people in all income groups tended to benefit. This time, ordinary Americans are struggling with job insecurity, too much debt and pay raises that

haven't kept up with prices at the grocery store and gas station. The economy's meager gains are going mostly to the wealthiest.

Workers' wages and benefits make up 57.5 percent of the economy, an all-time low. Until the mid-2000s, that figure had been remarkably stable — about 64 percent through boom and bust alike.

Executive pay is included in this figure, but rank-and-file workers are far more dependent on regular wages and benefits. A big chunk of the economy's gains has gone to investors in the form of higher corpo-

rate profits.

"The spoils have really gone to capital, to the shareholders," says David Rosenberg, chief economist at Gluskin Sheff + Associates in Toronto.

Corporate profits are up by almost half since the recession ended in June 2009. In the first two years after the recessions of 1991 and 2001, profits rose 11 percent and 28 percent, respectively.

And an Associated Press analysis found that the typical CEO of a major company earned \$9 million last year, up a fourth from 2009.

Driven by higher profits, the Dow Jones industrial average has staged a breathtaking 90 percent rally since bottoming at 6,547 on March 9, 2009. Those stock market gains go disproportionately to the wealthiest 10 percent of Americans, who own more than 80 percent of outstanding stock, according to an analysis by Edward Wolff, an economist at Bard College.

But if the Great Recession is long gone from Wall Street and corporate boardrooms, it lingers on Main Street:

- Unemployment has never been so high — 9.1 percent — this long after any recession since World War II. At the same point after the previous three recessions, unemployment averaged just 6.8 percent.

See **RECOVERY**, Religion 4

U.S. auto sales up, Japan still hurting

By Dee-Ann Durbin and Tom Krisher
Associated Press writers

DETROIT — Gas prices hit a sweet spot for automakers last month. They fell far enough to spur pickup truck sales, yet remained so high that small cars sold well, sometimes just hours after reaching dealers' lots.

That made June a good month for General Motors and Ford, which have traditionally relied on truck sales and now have strong lineups of smaller, fuel-efficient models as well.

Toyota and Honda couldn't take advantage, however. Their sales plummeted more than 20 percent each as they ran short of cars because of the ongoing problems from the March earthquake in Japan.

Those declines — and the continuing weakness in the U.S. economy — meant sales grew more slowly in June than they might have. U.S. sales rose



Workers give the final check on Yaris compact sedans on a newly opened assembly line at a plant of Toyota Motor Co. in Ohira, Japan, Feb. 16. AP file photo

7 percent to 1.05 million. Analysts had expected a double-digit gain.

Sales aren't expected to pick back up until fall, when Japanese production is at full capacity.

"Some consumers have decided to sit on their hands and delay their purchases," said Don Johnson, GM's vice

president of U.S. sales.

General Motors Co. and Ford Motor Co. both said their sales rose 10 percent. And the Chevrolet Cruze small car vaulted past perennial best-sellers like the Toyota Camry and the Honda

See **AUTO**, Religion 4

T.F. Youth Ranch store to get new look

Times-News

The Idaho Youth Ranch's downtown Twin Falls thrift store is being revamped to add space for more merchandise and improve its layout.

Proceeds from the store help the Youth Ranch provide programs to children in crisis due to abuse, neglect or homelessness.

"A bigger selection also means more revenue for Youth Ranch programs," area thrift manager Robert Speer said.

The store at 162 Main Ave. S. will remain open while

workers rearrange it to add shelving and expand the book section. Speer said the new layout will allow the store to offer a larger selection of furniture, clothing, electronics and sports and recreational equipment.

A grand re-opening ceremony will be announced after work is completed.

According to a Youth Ranch release, the store employs six people full-time and is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. It is one of 26 Youth Ranch thrift stores.

Information: 734-3075.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	25.90	▲ .09	Dell	16.98	▲ .31	Idacorp	40.09	▲ .59	Int. Bancorp	1.12	▼ .08
Lithia Mo.	19.66	▲ .03	McDonald's	85.65	▲ 1.33	Micron	7.83	▲ .35	Supervalu	9.57	▲ .16

COMMODITIES

Live cattle	112.85	▲ 1.98	August oil	94.94	▼ .48
July gold	1502.20	▼ 20.00	July silver	33.69	▼ 1.12

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with 3 columns: NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ. Each column contains 'Most Active', 'Gainers', and 'Losers' sections with stock names, volume, and price changes.

INDEXES

Table of market indexes including Dow Jones Industrials, Nasdaq Composite, and Standard & Poor's 500, with values and percentage changes.

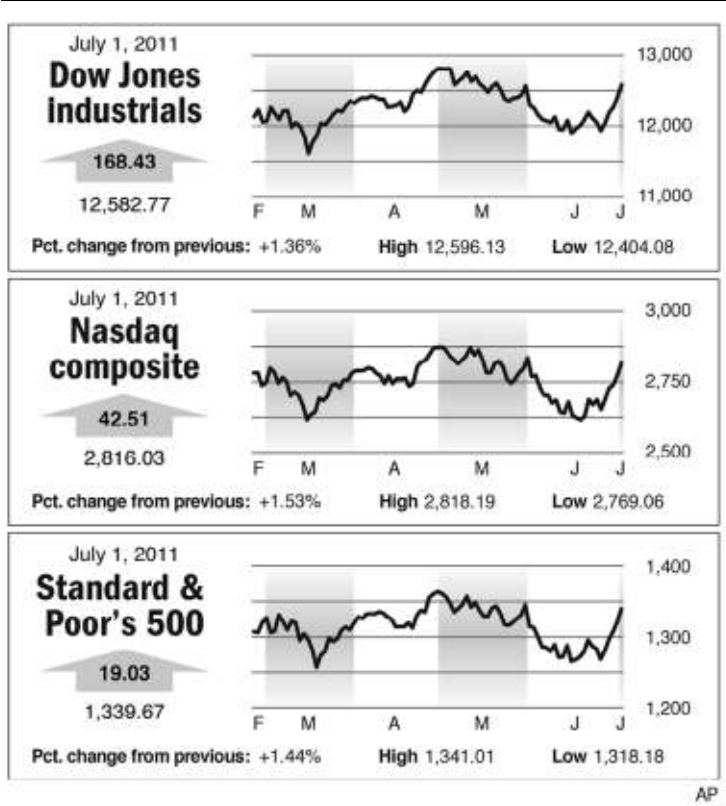
STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing local stocks such as AlliantEgy, AmTech, AmCasino, and others, with their current prices and daily changes.

HOW TO READ THE REPORT

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

YESTERDAY ON WALL STREET



A rebound in U.S. manufacturing surprised investors Friday, sending the Dow Jones industrial average up nearly 170 points. The Dow ended up 648 points, or 5.4 percent, for the week. It was the index's best week in two years. The Dow rose 168.43 points, or 1.4 percent, to 12,582.77, on Friday. The Standard and Poor's 500 index gained 18.94, or 1.4 percent, to 1,339.67. The Nasdaq composite added 42.51, or 1.5 percent, to 2,816.03. All 30 stocks in the index rose Friday. Companies that do well during times of economic expansion led the index. Alcoa Inc. and Caterpillar Inc. each gained more than 2 percent. It was the fourth time this week that the Dow gained more than 100 points. The Dow's 648 point gain for the week is its largest since the bull market began in March 2009. It is up 8.7 percent for the year, about 2 percent below its April high. The S&P is up 6.5 percent for the year. It had been up as high as 8.4 percent. A rebound in automobile sales also helped send stock indexes higher on Friday. General Motors and Ford Inc. both said that their sales rose 10 percent over this time last year.

COMMODITIES REPORT

Table of commodity prices including CLOSING FUTURES, BEANS, GRAINS, CHEESE, POTATOES, LIVESTOCK, and METALS/MONEY. Includes prices for various metals like gold, silver, and copper.

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Google among firms looking to buy Hulu

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Search giant Google Inc. is one of about a dozen companies involved in talks to potentially buy online video site Hulu, a person familiar with the matter said Friday. As the owner of YouTube, it would be a strategic buy for the Silicon Valley technology company, which has had a rocky relationship with Hulu's Hollywood owners. Hulu has begun presenting its financial information to many prospective bidders, but it's too early to declare a front-runner, said the person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the discussions are confidential. The online video service began seeking bidders early last week after an unsolicited offer prompted Hulu's board to look for other interest-

ed parties. Hulu streams movies and TV shows from broadcasters ABC, Fox and NBC to personal computers and, for a monthly fee, to a range of Web-connected devices. The company is owned by the broadcasters' parents, The Walt Disney Co., News Corp., and Comcast Corp., along with Providence Equity Partners. In February, Hulu CEO Jason Kilar said Hulu will have 1 million paying customers by the end of the year and generate nearly \$500 million in revenue, up from \$263 million in 2010. He has said the company is profitable. Google's own attempt last year at launching a service that streamed Web content onto television sets, Google TV, was met with a blockade by broadcasters that continues to

this day. People using personal computers can see recent shows on Hulu for free with ads, but those trying to access them through Google TV aren't able to. Hulu does not allow viewers to watch its shows on mobile devices or through television sets unless users subscribe to Hulu Plus, an \$8-a-month plan that offers access to a broader catalog of material. Even if Google were to buy Hulu, the right to continue to stream content from its current owners isn't guaranteed. The broadcasters insist Mountain View, Calif.-based Google must reach a new agreement to license the content to be used in that way. Google's interest in Hulu was earlier reported by the Los Angeles Times.

U.S. regulators approve new blood thinner

WASHINGTON (AP) - Johnson & Johnson said Friday that U.S. regulators have approved its new type of blood thinner shown to reduce deadly blood clots in patients who have undergone knee and hip replacements. The Food and Drug Administration decision makes rivaroxaban the first U.S.-approved drug that works by blocking a clotting protein called factor Xa. That's in contrast to older blood thinners that work by preventing platelets from sticking together. The once-a-day pill will serve as an alternative to the popular injection Lovenox, which is the standard treatment for patients who have undergone orthopedic surgery. Rivaroxaban had greater efficacy than Lovenox in head-to-head trials, and similar rates of side effects such as major internal bleeding. J&J said its new drug would be priced similarly to Lovenox, which is marketed by French drugmaker Sanofi-Aventis SA. More than 800,000 knee and hip

replacement surgeries are performed in the U.S. each year, causing inflammation in the leg tissue and preventing patients from walking for extended periods of time. "The combination of tissue damage and immobility can lead to large blood clots in the legs, which can break off and travel to the lungs," said Dr. Paul Chang, vice president of J&J's Jansen Pharmaceuticals unit. J&J first filed its application for rivaroxaban in July 2008, but in May 2009 the FDA delayed making a decision on the drug after raising concerns about internal bleeding risk. The drug's label will carry a warning about that side effect as well as itching, muscle pain, blisters and fainting. Rivaroxaban was discovered by German drugmaker Bayer Healthcare, which already markets the drug in 110 countries around the world. New Brunswick, N.J.-based J&J will market the drug in the U.S. under the brand name Xarelto.

While Friday's decision is an important step for J&J, the larger market opportunity for the drug is in treating patients with irregular heartbeats caused by a condition called atrial fibrillation. The FDA is due to rule on that use in November. For more than half a century, atrial fibrillation patients have relied on the tough-to-use blood thinner warfarin, sold as Coumadin and other brands. Doctors have trouble gauging the right dose of the drug for each patient, and too much of the medicine can lead to dangerous bleeding. Patients must get frequent blood tests to make sure they're getting the proper dose, and even eating foods like leafy green vegetables can throw readings off. In October, the FDA approved the first alternative to warfarin for atrial fibrillation - Pradaxa, made by the German firm Boehringer Ingelheim. But it costs about \$7 a day wholesale compared with less than 50 cents for warfarin.

Auto

Continued from Religion 3 Civic to become the best-selling car in America. Chrysler Group's sales increased 30 percent thanks to popular new products like the Jeep Grand Cherokee and Chrysler 200 sedan. Gas prices averaged \$3.68 per gallon in June, cheaper than in May but hardly inexpensive. It was enough to change some buyers' behaviors. "There is a certain portion of consumers that react to gas prices almost on a daily basis, and they decide what to buy based on those prices," said Jesse Toprak, vice president of industry trends and insights for car pricing site TrueCar.com. The drop in gas prices lured more pickup truck buyers. Chrysler reported a 35-percent increase in Ram truck sales, while Chevrolet Silverado sales rose 5 percent. Any jump in pickup sales helps the Detroit automakers, which sell more than five times as many pickups as foreign-based brands. But even Nissan Motor Co. benefited. Sales of its Frontier small pickup rose 51 percent. Ford said even pickup buyers had their eye on gas prices. More than half of F-150 buyers chose smaller V-6 engines over V-8s. It was the first time smaller engines outsold larger ones since the 1980s. Small cars also remained hot sellers. Sales of the Cruze more than doubled those of the car it replaced, the Chevrolet Cobalt, while sales of the Ford Fiesta subcompact were up 438 percent from last June. But automakers could have sold more small cars without the supply disruptions in Japan. Sales of the Toyota Prius hybrid fell 61 percent to 4,340, their lowest level in seven years, according to TrueCar.com, while Honda Civic sales were down 35 percent. U.S. automakers sold as many small cars as they could make, but they couldn't meet

the demand for small cars alone. The industry began June with a 30-day supply of compact and subcompact cars, and inventory has only gotten tighter, Ford's top U.S. sales analyst George Pipas said. Chevrolet has only 18 days' worth of the subcompact Aveo to sell. Some new Ford Focus small cars sold within hours of arriving at dealerships. A 60-day supply is more typical. Toyota said it expects to deliver 36,000 Prius hybrids to U.S. dealers this summer and eventually top last year's sales. Don Esmond, Toyota's senior vice president for automotive operations, said the company expects production in Japan to be back to normal levels by the end of this month, while North American production will be back to 100 percent in September. But concerns about the weak economy are hanging over the industry. Unemployment remains high, incomes are flat and consumer confidence - an important measure of whether or not cars will sell - slipped to a seven-month low in June. Some analysts are already lowering their expectations for the year. Don Johnson, GM's vice president of U.S. sales, said he now expects total industry sales to be at the low end of a range of 13 million to 13.5 million vehicles. J.D. Power and Associates lowered its full-year sales forecast slightly to 12.9 million. The rate of auto sales has slowed considerably since before the Japan earthquake. Automakers began 2011 on track to sell more than 13 million cars and trucks this year. But if sales remain at the pace seen in June, annual sales would instead be 11.5 million. As recently as 2005 sales were approaching 17 million. Ford said the average age of a car on the road has risen to a record 11 years, and many of those cars will need to be replaced soon.

Recovery

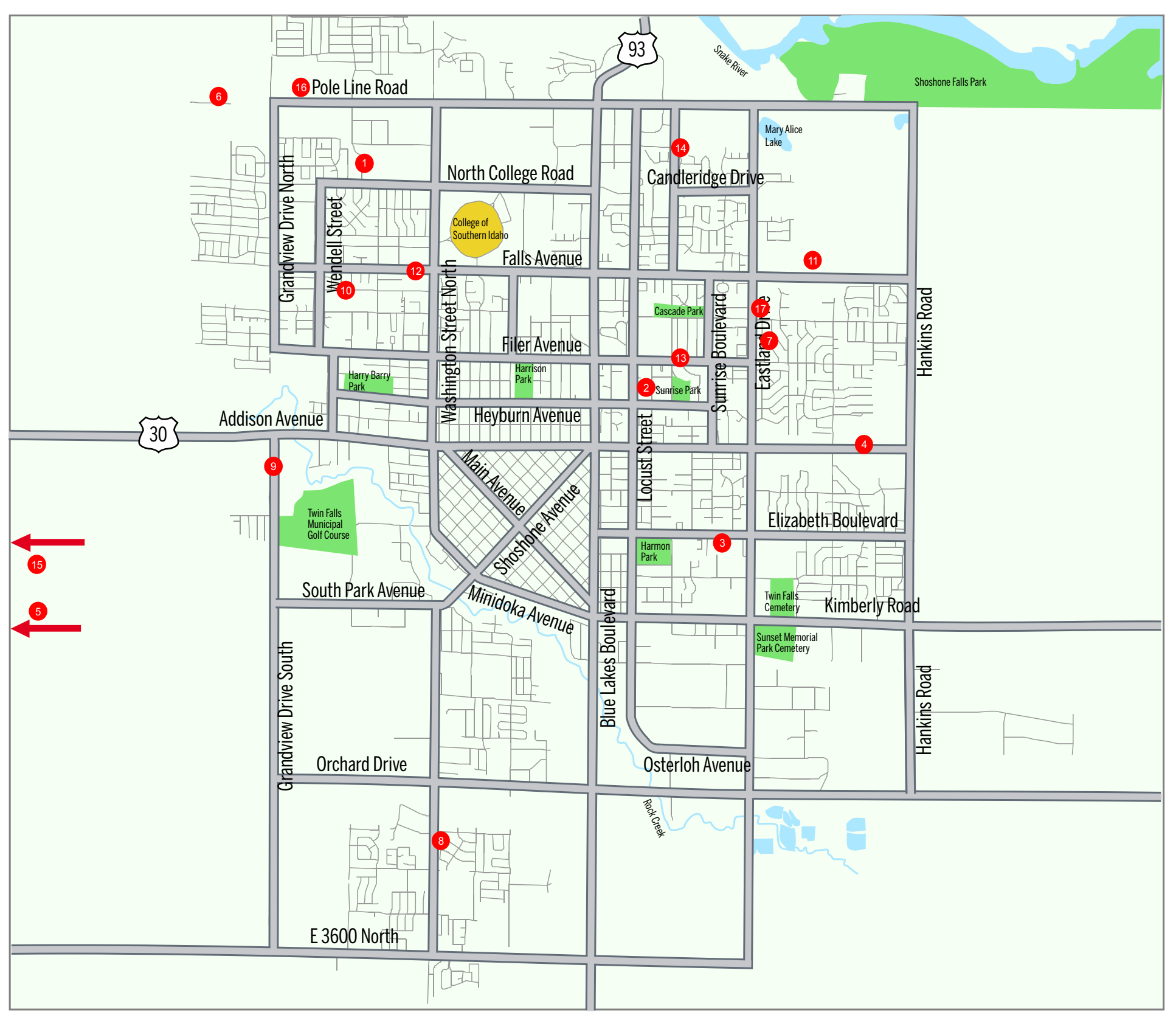
Continued from Religion 3 The average worker's hourly wages, after accounting for inflation, were 1.6 percent lower in May than a year earlier. Rising gasoline and food prices have devoured any pay raises for most Americans. The jobs that are being created pay less than the ones that vanished in the recession. Higher-paying jobs in the private sector, the ones that pay roughly \$19 to \$31 an hour, made up 40 percent of the jobs lost from January 2008 to February 2010 but only 27 percent of the jobs created since then. Hard times have made Americans more dependent than ever on social programs, which accounted for a record 18 percent of personal income in the last three months of 2010 before coming down a bit this year. Almost 45 million Americans are on food

stamps, another record. Ordinary Americans are suffering because of the way the economy ran into trouble and how companies responded when the Great Recession hit. Soaring housing prices in the mid-2000s made millions of Americans feel wealthier than they were. They borrowed against the inflated equity in their homes or traded up to bigger, more expensive houses. Their debts as a percentage of their annual after-tax income rose to a record 135 percent in 2007. Then housing prices started tumbling, helping cause a financial crisis in the fall of 2008. A recession that had begun in December 2007 turned into the deepest downturn since the Great Depression. Economists Kenneth Rogoff of Harvard University and Carmen Reinhart of the Peterson Institute for In-

ternational Economics analyzed eight centuries of financial disasters around the world for their 2009 book "This Time Is Different." They found that severe financial crises create deep recessions and stunt the recoveries that follow. This recovery "is absolutely following the script," Rogoff says. Federal Reserve numbers crunched by Haver Analytics suggest that Americans have a long way to go before their finances will be strong enough to support robust spending: Despite cutting what they owe the past three years, the average household's debts equal 119 percent of annual after-tax income. At the same point after the 1981-82 recession, debts were at 62 percent; after the 1990-91 recession, 85 percent; and after the 2001 recession, 114 percent. Because the labor market remains so weak, most

workers can't demand bigger raises or look for better jobs. Instead, workers are toughing it out, thankful they have jobs at all. Just 1.7 million workers have quit their job each month this year, down from 2.8 million a month in 2007. The toll of all this shows in consumer confidence, a measure of how good people feel about the economy. According to the Conference Board's index, it's at 58.5. Healthy is more like 90. By this point after the past three recessions, it was an average of 87. How gloomy are Americans? A USA Today/Gallup poll eight weeks ago found that 55 percent think the recession continues, even if the experts say it's been over for two years. That includes the 29 percent who go even further - they say it feels more like a depression.

GARAGE SALE MAP



Twin Falls Garage Sales

- *01TWIN FALLS** Fri. 8-3pm & Sat., 8-1pm. Multifamily sale. Furniture, lawn mowers, rototillers, sewing machine, TVs, washer, dryer, and lots more. **469 Parkway Circle**
- *02TWIN FALLS** Friday and Saturday 8-5pm. Full sized bed, doghouse, fish tank, children's toys and clothes, women's clothes, lots of misc. items. **1637 11th Ave. E.**
- *03TWIN FALLS** Fri. & Sat., 8-5pm. From nuts, bolts, hand tools to furniture! Window air conditioner, 2 recliner love seat, lawn furniture, home decor, books, movies, lots of clothes. Nice stuff. **2069 & 2081 Elizabeth Blvd**
- *04TWIN FALLS** Fri. & Sat. 9-4pm. Craft & art supplies, tools, furniture, baby to adult clothes, home and lawn decor, toys and lots of misc. **2783 Hiawatha Way**
- *05TWIN FALLS** Fri & Sat. 8-2. Large Sub'd Sale **Windmill Heights & Pleasant View**. Something for everyone. Furniture, John Deere mower, antiques, boy clothes 6M-4T, exc. cond., baby equip., toys, fabric, crafts, etc. Household items. Extremely nice misc finds. Cash only. **W. on Addison to 2500 S. Turn left go 2 1/2 miles S. Follow the Signs.**
- *06TWIN FALLS** Fri. & Sat., 8-3pm. Neighborhood sale. Lots of clothes all sizes, baby stuff, bow, garage & house goods, something for everyone. **Blk of Camarillo Way (Sub'd across from Walgreens off Poleline)**

Magic Valley Area Garage Sales

- BURLEY** Fri. and Sat. 7am-12pm. Storage Estate Sale! Vintage hand tools and supplies, household items. Call 208-670-0991 **450 South Oakley Highway**
- BURLEY** Saturday only, 8-2pm. Block Yard Sale. Several collectibles; '70's space shuttle glasses, camel cigarette tins, old watches & jewelry, Indian jewelry, treadle sewing machine, antique pine bed, old lamps, antique oval picture frames, tea cart, cage for raising puppies & med dog carrier, elementary teacher books, 40 pc elementary dinosaur book set, bedding, womens clothing sizes 10-12, **king size** mens clothes, Christmas items & more. 677-3012 **2031 Schodde Ave.**
- BURLEY** Saturday, 9-4pm. Three family yard sale. Toys, games, frames, household items, clothes, home décor and many more great items. **1812 W. 16th Street**
- HAGERMAN** Friday & Saturday, 8-1pm. Baby items, BBQ, household misc, and more. **2620 Martin Drive**
- HAGERMAN** Friday & Saturday, 8 to 6. **BIG SALE** small handicap scooter \$150, tools, gunny sacks, books, saw sharpener, plumbing supplies, house shutters, rocks & rock eggs behind Frogs Landing. **1 Lagoon Rd. So.**
- HAGERMAN - Stop 4 Fun at the Fantastic Flea Market** Sat. 10-5 120 Main St. Highway 30 **Heart of Downtown** New, Used, Arts, Crafts + Food. Stretch you dollars with Fun, Funky, Fabulous Finds. **837-4801**
- IT'S TIME FOR ANTIQUING!!** Hailey's Main Street Antique and Art Show July 1st & 2nd 9:00 to 7:00 and July 3rd 9:00 to 5:00 Over 50 Vendors - Promoted by Blue Cow Antiques - 312-4900 Next to McDonald's in Hailey!!
- JEROME** Saturday 8am-3pm. Clothes, furniture, movies, household items, lots of odds and ends. **Cash Only! 1517 North Cedar (By new schools)**
- JEROME** Saturday, 8-6pm. Oak ice box, tea cart, furniture, lamps, tools, old fishing equipment, like new clothes, and more. **119 East Ave. C**
- KIMBERLY** Community Yard Sale, & Flea Market to be held in the Kimberly City Park during Good Neighbor Days. Mark your calendar and come shop in Kimberly for great deals. For vendor space call Mitzi at 420-6290. **Next Weekend July 8-9**
- RUPERT** **CHERRY'S CHERRY'S CHERRY'S** Bings & Rainers from Yakima, WA. Best prices in the area! **Jim's Produce 134 South Highway 24 At Garden Cents**
- RUPERT** Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 9am-5pm. Kitchen table, coffee table, 2 end tables, desk, boys bike, dishes, boy and girls toys and clothes, baby boy and girl clothes, womens clothes, family games, car stereos, home stereos, and lots of miscellaneous things. **217 3rd Street**
- TWIN FALLS** Fri., Sat. 7-2pm **Yard/Bake Sale!** Benefiting Aletheia College Summer Youth Camp Scholarships. **186 Filer Ave.**

- *07TWIN FALLS** Fri. & Sat., 8-4pm. Pre-Moving Sale. Snow blower gas powered electric start, leather jackets, appliances, tools, jewelry, coins, DVD & VHS movies, misc. **2282 Longbow Dr N off Addison E off Eastland**
- *08TWIN FALLS** Fri. & Sat., 8-1ish. **BIG YARD SALE!!!** Home decor, womens clothes, shoes, antiques~decorative glass and bottles... **AND MORE. 201 Linden (one mi south of new Swensen's on S Washington & Orchard - turn west into Magic Valley Ranches)**
- *09TWIN FALLS** Fri. & Sat., 9-2pm. Reefer and fish cat boat, misc. items. **607 Callaway Ct.**
- *10TWIN FALLS** Sat. & Sun., 8-5pm. Power tools, carpets, beanie babies, paintings, Avon bottles, books, lots of misc. **484 Bracken St. N.**
- *11TWIN FALLS** Saturday only, 8-2pm. Lots of misc items, clothing, bedding, and more. Something for everyone. **668 Cento Ct.**
- *12TWIN FALLS** Saturday, 7-3pm. Neighborhood sale. Toys, crafts, kids clothes, some reloading equipment, and more. **Block of Wirsching Ave West off of Grandview N.**
- *13TWIN FALLS** Fri., Sat., Sun. 8-3 **Moving Sale!** Holiday inflatables, strawberry kitchen collection, pond, appliances, R2D2 cooler, furniture, misc. **1840 Shoup Ave. E.**
- *14TWIN FALLS** Fri. & Sat., 8-2pm. Multifamily. Lots of kitchenware, clothing, décor, bedding, toys, costumes, tools, window AC, fans, fax, air cleaners, lawn mower & much more. **1189 Brundage Cir**
- *15TWIN FALLS** Fri & Sat. 8-2. Massive garage sale! Hunting, fishing, tools, antiques, furniture, tons of stuff. **3717 N 2481 E (3 mis. W on Addison to Curry Crossing, 2 mis S of Curry Crossing, follow yellow signs)**
- *16TWIN FALLS** Saturday July 2nd. 7-2. Miscellaneous furniture, old stools & lots of miscellaneous. **1475 Anny Dr W**
- *17TWIN FALLS** Saturday only. 7:30-2. Multi-family sale! Kids items, tools, furniture & lots more. **453 Knottingham Dr**
- TWIN FALLS** Fri-Sat, 7-1. Fundraiser for daughter to go to England. Clothes, pack n play, full size bed frame, picket fence headboard, TV, dog crate, propane charcoal grill, toys. **1518 Anny Dr. E**
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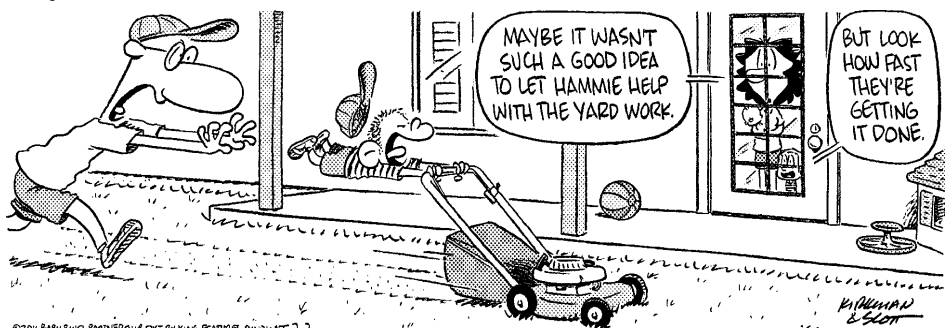
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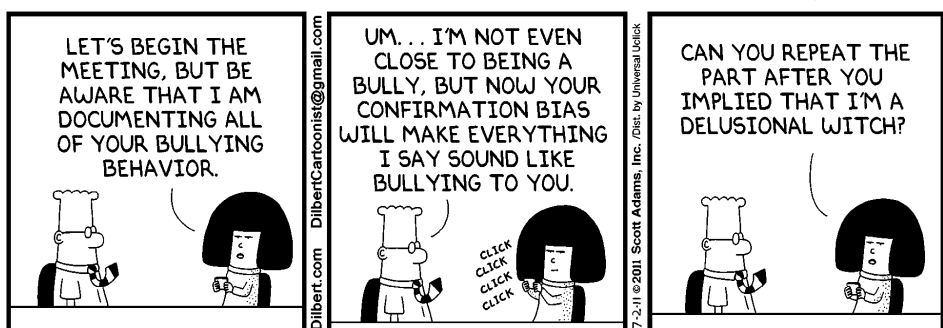
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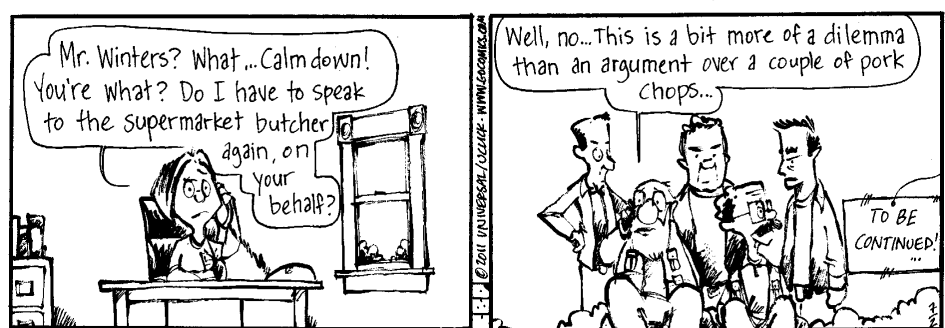
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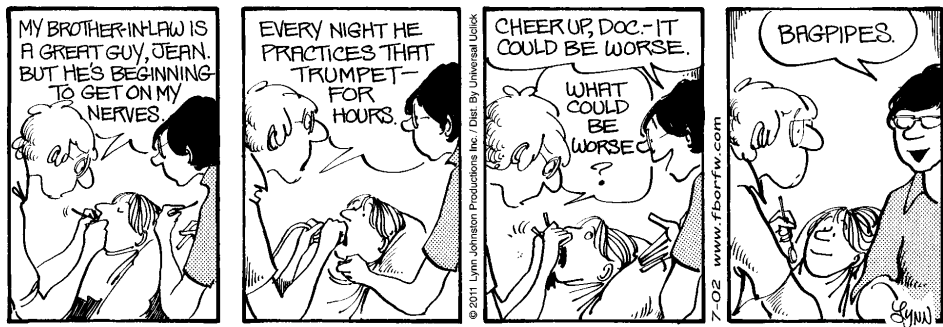
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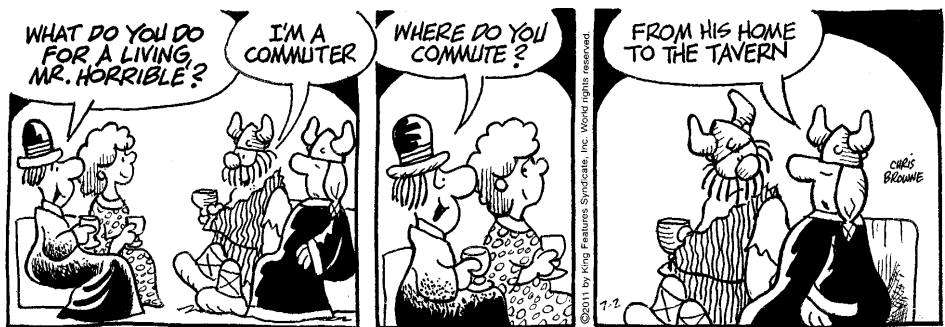
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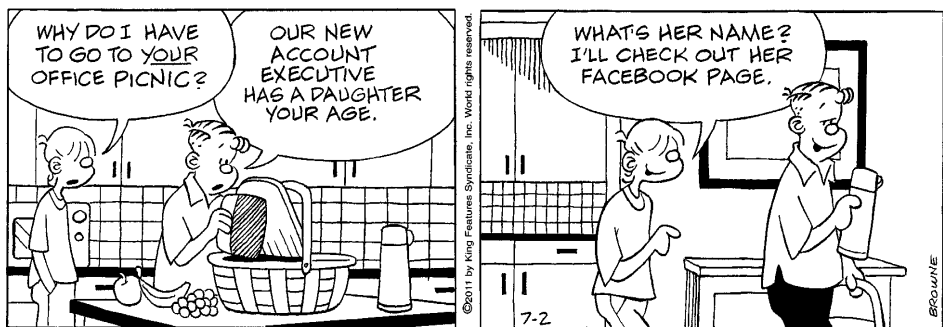
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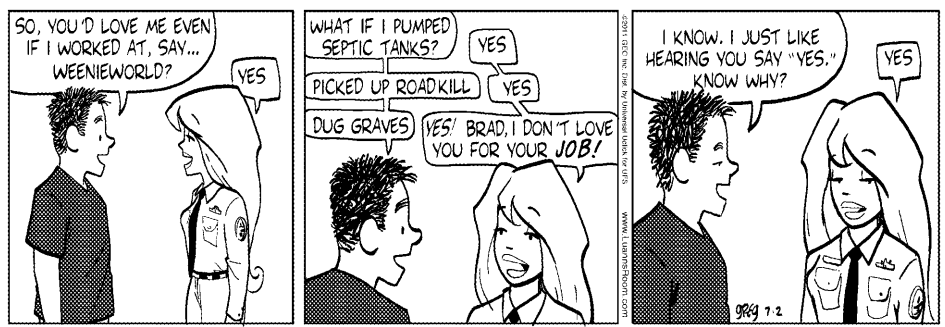
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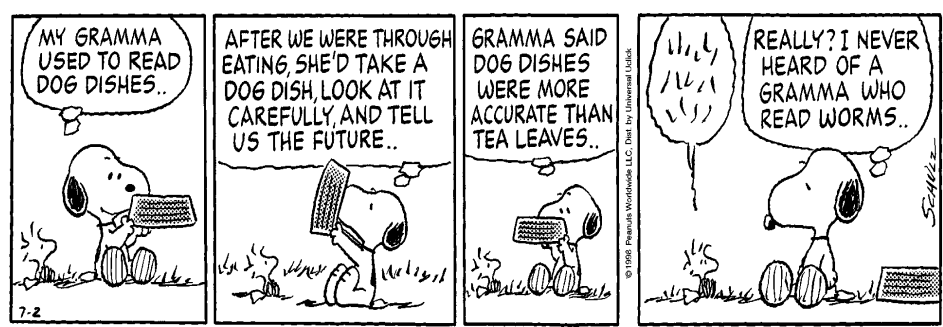
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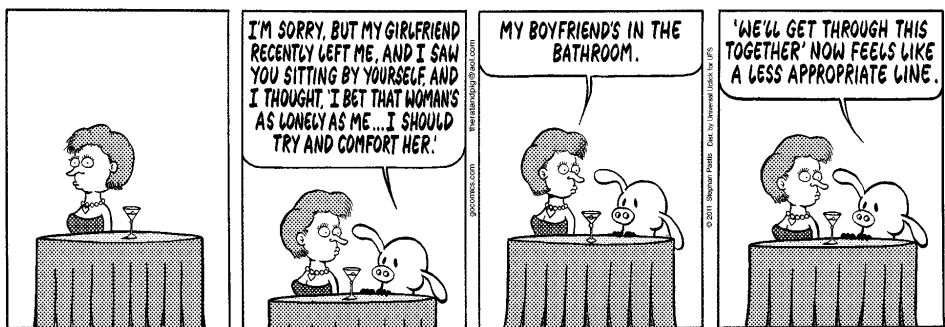
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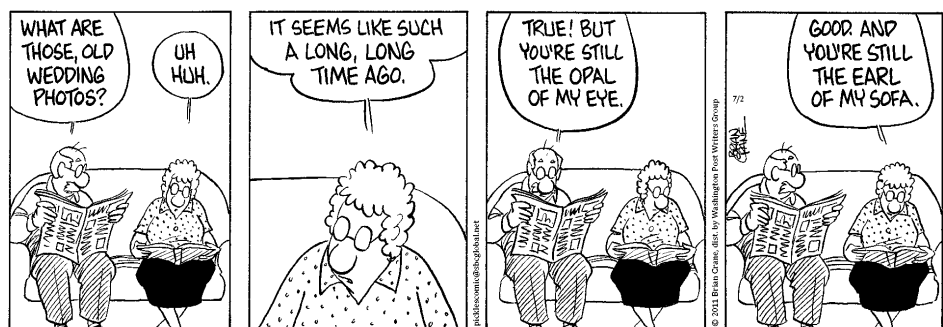
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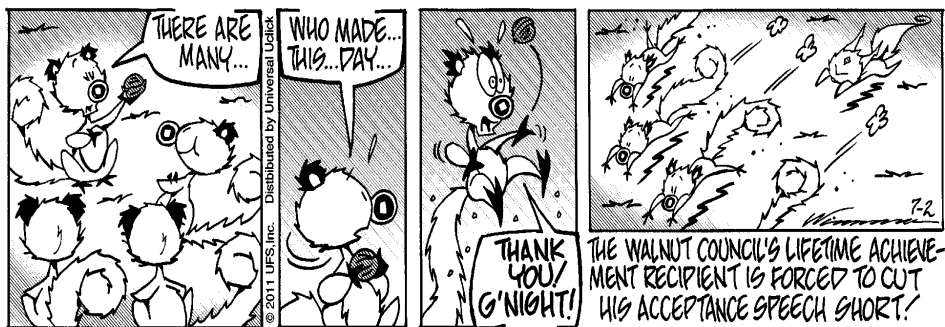
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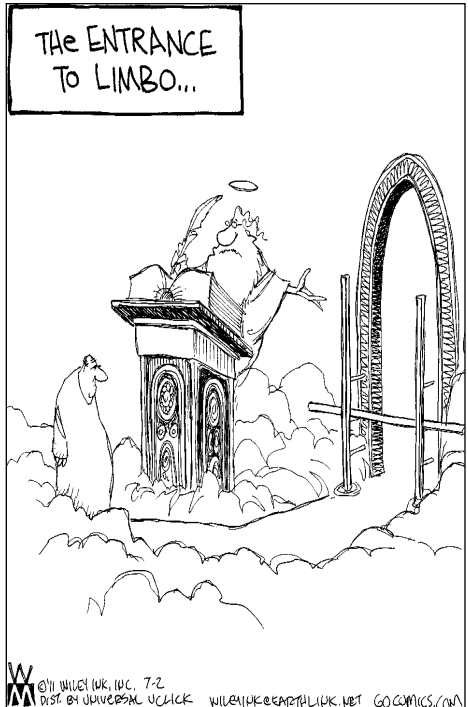
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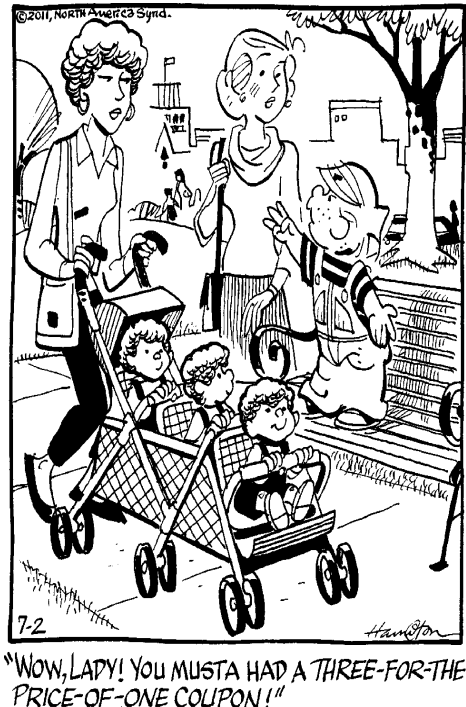
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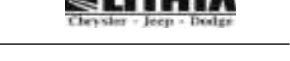
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Sparks helps ignite Magic Valley Speedway

By Linda Brittsan
Times-News correspondent

With a name like Sparks, maybe it was destiny.

Greg Sparks has helped Magic Valley Speedway fans celebrate Independence Day every year since his first entry in the Trailer Race of Destruction.

The "race", which is really more of a huge crash fest, embroils the drivers in a battle to knock off their competitors' trailer from the back of their car while trying to keep their own trailer intact. It has always been a huge hit with the crowd and Sparks has continually been

a major attraction in the event.

"I heard about the trailer races in 2001 and decided to try it," Sparks, now 50, recalled. "I was as nervous as heck. I didn't know what it was all going to be about. It's pretty wild — there are a lot of unknowns out there. But it was so much fun I couldn't stop doing them. Now I just want to go out there and hit things and put on a good show."

Everything from car to utility to camp trailers is used in the event. Many are loaded with everything including the kitchen sink to add to the mayhem.



LINDA BRITTSAN/For the Times-News

Greg Sparks gets ready to roll in his '4th of July' car in last year's Trailer Race of Destruction. Tonight Sparks will run for his eleventh consecutive time in the annual race at Magic Valley Speedway.

Sparks says the effort put into his trailer race entry has progressed over the years even knowing most things

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Before the drivers go wild in the Trailer Race of Destruction, Pepsi Bottling Ventures will present the Mr. Gas Late Models, Budweiser Super Stocks, Project Filter Street Stocks, Brennan's Carpet Pony Stocks and the Winged Sprints.

In addition, the Quale's Electronics Hornets, Jr. Stingers and TVgoldandsilver Thunderdogs drivers begin competition in the second half championship battles. For the grand finale, a huge fireworks show will light up speedway with a special pre-Fourth of July celebration.

Gates open at 4:00 p.m., green flag racing begins at 6.

won't last out there very long.

"I have a big old camp trailer this time. I pretty much spend all year looking for things," he said. "I go to the auctions around town

and look for crazy stuff that might be good for the trailer race. My dad helps too, every year he finds something to do on the car. But that Lincoln

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TWIN FALLS SPLITS AT COWBOY CLASSIC

By John Derr
Times-News writer

The Cowboys won't be playing on Sunday. Despite starting the day with a 5-4 victory over Rocky Mountain, an 8-4 defeat to Lethbridge in the nightcap will Twin Falls out of title contention in the Cowboy Classic.

The offense again struggled to get on track, tallying just five hits on the day — nine for the tournament.

"That has been the story for us this tournament, we need to do a better job," said Twin Falls coach Tim Stadelmeier about the Cowboys' hitting.

In other action, the Boise Gems routed Reno 10-0, then fell to Lewis-Clark 5-3. Rocky Mountain started the day with an 8-2 victory over Reno while the Las Vegas Titans fell to Pac-Tech 12-5.

Twin Falls finishes the tournament today with a non-pool contest against Lewis-Clark at 7:30.

More scores from the Classic

SPORTS 2

Lethbridge 8, Twin Falls 4

The Avalanche battered Cowboy pitching for 13 hits on the way to victory.

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AA Cowboy Marcus Donaldson fires off to first base as the Cowboys take on the Spitz Elks during the Cowboy Classic Tournament Friday evening in Twin Falls.



No free agency now, maybe no NBA later

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — No free agency now, maybe no games later.

The NBA lockout claimed a quick casualty in Day 1, when the free agency period did not open as usual on July 1.

Games eventually could be lost, too, if owners and players can't make progress whenever they start talking again.

"It's going to get ugly. I've already been on the record saying I don't think they're going to play at all next season," Hall of Famer and TNT analyst Charles Barkley said Friday.

The last lockout reduced the 1998-99 season to 50 games, and players say they're prepared to hang in as long as necessary this time, rather than agree to the financial changes owners are seeking.

The silence of this July 1 was a sad contrast to the dizzying events of exactly one year earlier, when LeBron James welcomed the New York Knicks and New Jersey Nets to Cleveland to hear their pitches, and teams crisscrossed the country in pursuit of other stars that were available.

Interest in the league surged from there, right on through the NBA finals that drew some of the best TV ratings the event had seen in years.

"Basketball as a sport is in such a great place right now. It's a shame it came to this," agent Marc Cornstein said. "Hopefully, we can resolve this in a fair and equitable way."

And, owners would add, a profitable one. Tired of losing millions in a system that has guaranteed players 57 percent of revenues, they want an overhaul that would allow small-market teams to compete with the big spenders, and all of them to

See **NBA**, Sports 2

Schleck wants to avenge loss to Contador at Tour



AP photo

Andy Schleck of Luxembourg looks up during a press conference in Les Herbières, western France, Friday. The Tour de France cycling race starts today in Passage du Gois.

By Samuel Petrequin
Associated Press writer

LES HERBIÈRES, France — Two-time runner-up Andy Schleck has extra incentive to stop Alberto Contador winning his third straight Tour de France, having lost last year's race to the Spaniard.

Contador dropped Schleck on a steep uphill climb in the Pyrenees last summer after the Luxembourg rider's chain came off as he was preparing to attack Contador, who ignored

perceived cycling etiquette by failing to wait for his rival.

Contador gained a 39-second advantage over Schleck, and it would become his exact margin of overall victory a few days later on the Champs Elysees.

Schleck said he forgave Contador for the move, but added he will never "forget it."

"I would not have done this," Schleck told L'Equipe this week. "A great champion doesn't do things like this. I really was disap-

pointed by his attitude that day."

Before the Tour start on Saturday in the Vendée region of western France, Schleck toned down his stance, saying it's time to turn the page.

"What happened last year is now over," said Schleck, when asked if he was still holding a grudge. "I'm focusing on this year's Tour and hopefully things will go in the right direction."

See **TOUR**, Sports 2

Short session: NFL players, owners break talks as work stoppage enters July

By Dave Campbell
Associated Press writer

MINNEAPOLIS — The NFL commissioner and the boss of the league's locked-out players stood together this week and addressed the league's rookies, a picture of cooperation that raised hopes pro football would soon be back in business.

This, however, is the reality: The league's longest work stoppage has now stretched

into July, with gaps that still must be bridged before teams can be assembled and training camps can begin.

The next bargaining session has been scheduled for after the holiday weekend, putting the end point of this labor dispute — now well past the 100-day mark — ever closer to the preseason.

The negotiating teams led by NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and NFL Players Association Execu-

tive Director DeMaurice Smith met for a couple of hours Friday morning at a Minneapolis law firm with U.S. Magistrate Judge Arthur Boylan, following a 15-hour Thursday session that stretched past midnight and gave the negotiators a short night's sleep.

Several people familiar with the situation said the talks would resume Tuesday in New York City. The people all spoke on condition of

anonymity to The Associated Press because Boylan has ordered the details of the talks to be kept confidential.

Goodell, Smith, their colleagues and constituents all appeared in good spirits as they left the office building where they met and either walked away or climbed into black cars waiting by the doors.

But they had little to offer for an update.

"We'll continue to meet

next week, and the goal is to get a deal done," Smith said on his way out.

Said NFL lead negotiator Jeff Pash: "We'll be back at it again next week."

Friday marked the fourth straight day of discussions, with a handful of owners and players joining their lawyers and leaders for the last two days.

For weeks, owners, players and their representatives have been crisscrossing the

country, holding unannounced meetings in spots ranging from a Chicago suburb to the Maryland shore.

This week began with optimism stemming from the joint trip Smith and Goodell took to Sarasota, Fla., to address incoming rookies at an orientation symposium Wednesday morning. But they still left Minneapolis without a deal, and time has become more of a factor in this process.

Djokovic to meet Nadal in first Wimbledon final

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Novak Djokovic secured the No. 1 ranking by reaching the Wimbledon final on Friday, and he will get a chance to beat the man he is replacing — defending champion Rafael Nadal.

Djokovic reached the championship match at the All England Club for the first time by defeating Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 7-6 (4), 6-2, 6-7 (9), 6-3 in a match filled with diving shots by both players on Centre Court.

A few hours later, 10-time major winner Nadal knocked out Andy Murray 5-7, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4 to keep the British fans waiting for a homegrown champion at the grass-court Grand Slam.

"Always is tough, really difficult to play against Novak," said Nadal, who has won 20 straight matches at Wimbledon. "He's playing fantastic this year already. He only lost one match during all the season and I lost already four times this year against him.

"So will be really difficult for me, but I think I am playing well and I will try my best as always."

Djokovic, who improved his record to 47-1 this year and is a two-time Australian Open champion, will replace Nadal as the top-ranked player on Monday. Reaching the final at the All England Club was a relief after losing twice at the same stage.

After Tsonga's return on match point sailed out, Djokovic dropped to the ground and lay on his back. A few seconds later, he knelt down and kissed the grass.

"When I finished the match I didn't know how to show my emotions," said Djokovic, who also beat Tsonga in the 2008 Australian Open final.

"This is one of those moments where you can't describe it with the words. You remember all your career, all

your childhood, everything you worked for that comes true now."

Djokovic started the season by winning 41 straight matches, but he lost to Roger Federer in the French Open semifinals. Since then, he is 6-0, with all those victories coming at the All England Club.

"I've been working all my life for this," Djokovic said. "I've been dreaming about playing the finals of Wimbledon since I started playing tennis when I was 4. To be able to be there on Sunday will probably be the best feeling."

However, Tsonga didn't make this one easy. The 12th-seeded Frenchman went to the turf several times to knock balls back over the net, some landing in and some going long.

"This is the only surface you can really dive, because on the others, if you dive you go directly to the hospital," Tsonga said. "So this is good."

Twice in the third set, both players went down on the same point.

At 1-1 with Tsonga serving, the Frenchman dived to send the ball back toward Djokovic.

The Serb then dived to hit a backhand across the net while Tsonga scrambled to his feet just in time to dive again and push a forehand long.

In the seventh game, Djokovic dived to hit a forehand, but Tsonga did the same, sending a forehand winner back over the net.

"When he's in momentum, he can really be unstoppable at times, hitting serves, from the baseline, especially forehands," Djokovic said.

There were more theatrics in the first set.

With Tsonga up a break and serving while leading 3-2, the two players volleyed

the ball back and forth until Tsonga dived and hit a winner.

As Djokovic clapped his hand on his racket to acknowledge the acrobatic play and the crowd applauded, Tsonga turned to the Royal Box — which included former Wimbledon champions Bjorn Borg and Goran Ivanisevic — and stretched out his arms to roaring cheers.

"I can beat everybody today, but not Djokovic, because he just played unbelievable," said Tsonga, who came from two sets down to defeat six-time Wimbledon champion Federer in the quarterfinals.

"He was everywhere. He returns unbelievable all the time on his baseline, so is tough. That's it."

The biggest roar in the second match came when Nadal sent a backhand into the net to give Murray the first set.

Nearly everyone in the crowd stood and yelled for Murray, who had been trying to become the first British man since Fred Perry in 1936 to win the Wimbledon title.

Nadal hurt his foot in the fourth round, but he again didn't appear to be bothered by the injury.

Murray, however, did seem to be less than 100 percent following a hip injury the quarterfinals, and it began to show early in the second set.

"My hip was sore like right at the beginning of the match. After I saw the physio, took like a painkiller, it was fine," Murray said. "I hardly felt my hip after that."

After holding twice for a 2-1 lead, Murray missed an easy forehand that would have given him a break point in the following game.

Nadal held and won seven straight games, taking the second set and breaking to open the third.



AP Photo

Serbia's Novak Djokovic celebrates defeating France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga Friday to advance to his first Wimbledon final where he will play defending champion Rafael Nadal.

Murray is shown Wimbledon exit again in semifinals

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Andy Murray can't win — at least not in the Wimbledon semifinals.

Chastened by last year's straight-set loss to Rafael Nadal at the same stage, Murray switched to more aggressive tactics Friday against the Spaniard and lost again — 5-7, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4.

"Sometimes I've come off the court and thought maybe I should have taken a few more chances," Murray said. "Today it's kind of the other way. I went for it and started making mistakes."

It is the third year in a row he has lost in the semifinals. The 24-year-old Murray is still looking for a first Grand Slam title, and Britain is still looking for its first Wimble-

don men's champion since 1936.

Such is the fervor for a home winner that on Friday hardly a blade of grass was visible on a packed "Henman Hill," the area inside the grounds in front of a giant screen now sometimes referred to as "Murray Mound." The match was also shown on a screen on Court 2.

It was a familiar ending though. Since 1998, British fans have watched Murray and Tim Henman lose seven Wimbledon semifinals between them.

Waiting for Nadal to gather his belongings and leave the court, Murray sat motionless in his chair, staring into the distance.

"It's tough," said Murray, who has also lost three Grand Slam finals. "But I'm giving it my best shot each time. I'm trying my hardest. That's all you can do."

It may be small comfort to the Scot, but Nadal said Murray was the best player he had seen without a major title.

"Andy probably deserved to be Grand Slam winner," Nadal said. "Always he was there: final in Australia, semifinals Roland Garros, semifinals here another time. That's tough."

"Is not easy for him be there all the time and finally he lost another time. He needs little bit more luck ... and he will win. I still don't have any doubt on that!"

Choi ties course record and takes the lead at National



AP Photo

K.J. Choi of South Korea tees off on the 12th hole during the second round of the AT&T National golf tournament at Aronimink Golf Club, Friday in Newtown Square, Pa.

NEWTOWN SQUARE, Pa. — If seeing the putts drop for birdie were not enough, K.J. Choi noticed his gallery growing and getting more excited for him Friday at Aronimink in the AT&T National.

"I started feeling that ... I'm working toward a special round," Choi said.

With five birdies over his last six holes, Choi had a 6-under 64 to match the lowest score in the two years the AT&T National has been played at Aronimink. It gave him a two-shot lead over Chris Riley, Charlie Wi, Justin Leonard and Bo Van Pelt.

Another day of brilliant weather did little to ease the scoring conditions on this classic course in the Philadelphia suburbs.

Choi simply made it look easy at the end of the round by keeping it in the fairway and giving himself good looks at birdie.

Three of his birdie putts were from about 10 feet or longer, and he closed out his round with a wedge into 16 inches for one last birdie.

Choi, already having a big year with his win at The Players Championship, was at 7-under 133 going into the weekend.

He won the inaugural AT&T National in 2007 when it was played at Congressional, so the calendar might be more relevant than the course when it comes to his good play at this event.

Despite the lead, there

were plenty of contenders. Twenty players were separated by five shots going into the weekend on a course that can be as tough as it needs to be. The greens received plenty of water to keep them from going over the edge with two days remaining.

MONTREAL CHAMPIONSHIP

BLAINVILLE, Quebec — John Cook and John Huston shot 9-under 63s to match the course record and share the first-round lead in the Montreal Championship, the Champions Tour's lone Canadian event.

Cook, a two-time winner this year, and Huston, coming off his first victory on the 50-and-over tour, each had 10 birdies and a bogey on the Fontainebleau Golf Club course on Canada Day.

They matched the course mark set last year by D.A. Weibring in the inaugural tournament.

Defending champion Larry Mize was two strokes back along with Joey Sindelar, Tommy Armour III, Jeff Sluman, Jay Haas, Dan Forsman and Lu Chien-soon.

FRENCH OPEN

SAINT-QUENTIN-EN-YVELINES, France — James Morrison put aside the chronic stomach ailment and personal heartache, shooting a 5-under 66 to take a one-stroke lead after the second round of the French Open.

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