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Buying Meth? Don't Have a Cow

A Twin Falls sheriff's deputy in search of a loose cow reportedly finds people in the middle of a drug transaction.

BY ALISON GENE SMITH
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TWIN FALLS • A Twin Falls County sheriff's deputy in search of a loose cow Thursday night also found two people now accused of drug charges.

At about 10:45 p.m. Thursday,

the deputy responded to a call for a cow out on the road at about 3303 E. 2900 N.

According to the deputy's report, he spotted a motorcycle and decided to pass the motorcycle so the rider and his passenger would not be in danger of hitting the cow. The deputy wrote in the report he

passed the motorcycle with his rear lights flashing and then the motorcycle slowed down before turning around and driving in the opposite direction. The deputy wrote he could hear the motorcycle stop its engine at some point.

According to the report, the deputy then helped the caller get the cow out of the road and left the scene.

"As I drove back west-bound I

began to search the area for the motorcycle and began to wonder if perhaps they'd driven off the roadway and crashed," he wrote in the report.

As he continued to drive, the deputy said he noticed a van and the motorcycle on the side of the road. The van's lights came on as the deputy got closer, and he saw the motorcycle passenger throw something on the ground, the re-

port states. She was identified as Sara Stevens.

According to the report, when the deputy asked what they were doing, the motorcycle's driver told the deputy he was asking the man in the van about a job.

"I looked at my watch and asked 'Do you normally have job interviews at 11:15 at night ... in the middle of nowhere?'" the deputy

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LAWMAKERS WORRY OVER \$2.7 BILLION BUDGET

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BURLEY • The 2013 Idaho Legislature hasn't yet convened, but lawmakers are already thinking about the continuing costs to run the state.

On Monday, legislators met in Burley for an interim meeting of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee. At the meeting, JFAC members heard updates on agency requests for fiscal year 2014, as well as revenue projections.

Here are some highlights:

Growth Projection

Guessing the future is tricky business, but in order to set the state budget lawmakers must guess how much revenue will come in. The current hypothetical for fiscal year 2014: about \$2.7 billion, almost \$100 million more than 2013.

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Traffic crosses over Interstate 84 on 100 South Road on Monday in Jerome.

'Construction Season Just About Over'

With cold weather on the horizon, ITD is scrambling to finish up 13 bridge repair projects.

BY JULIE WOOTTON
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TWIN FALLS • With colder weather on the way, the Idaho Transportation Department is wrapping up repair work on bridge decks throughout the region.

ITD planned to make repairs to 35 south-central Idaho bridges over the summer. That totals \$8 million in work under seven different contracts.

Spokesman Nathan Jerke said 14 of the projects are finished or

are close to completion.

About 13 are still under active construction, but should be done by the end of October before colder weather hits.

"Construction season is just about over," Jerke said.

Projects in the Works

One bridge project will start in the next week or two at the south Jerome interchange. That's near Exit 168 off Interstate 84.

"It should be completed within

a couple of weeks," Jerke said.

It's primarily a patch work project, he said, and isn't quite as extensive as the other bridge projects.

Another project in Jerome — where 100 South Road meets the interstate near the Jerome Cheese Co. plant — is still in the progress.

Work started in June and Jerke said the interchange was closed for about one month.

Now, the project contractor will do an epoxy overlay on the bridge. That will fix some problems that occurred during the summer.

"There was some issues with the overlay that (the contractors) completed," Jerke said.

Only one lane will be closed at a time while work takes place, he said, unlike the full closure during the summer.

West of Burley, work continues on the 850 West Road bridge.

Two damaged girders were replaced last week. Now, Jerke said the contractor is rebuilding the road surface, curb and guard rail.

In December 2011, the highway bridge was damaged when an over-height load struck three girders. The operator's insurance company will be billed for the \$142,000 project.

The project should be done in mid-November, Jerke said.

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Book Talk: Discussion of Kathryn Stockett's "The Help," 7-9 p.m. at Buhl Public Library, 215 Broadway Ave. N.

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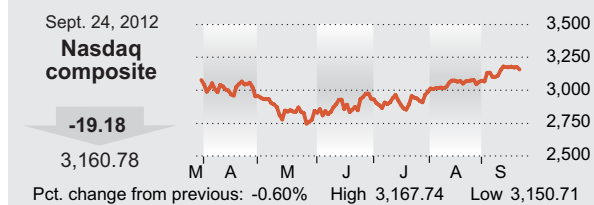
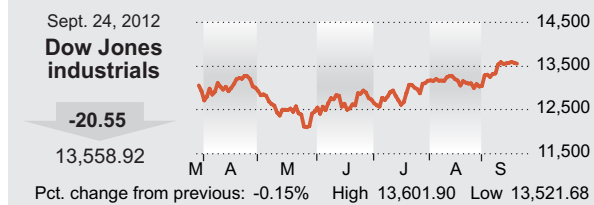
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THE MARKET AT A GLANCE

Stocks Drift as European Gloom Returns

U.S. stocks meandered sideways Monday as fears about Europe overshadowed recent excitement about central banks' efforts to boost the market. The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 20.55 points, or 0.2 percent, at 13,558.92. The Standard & Poor's 500 index declined 3.26, or 0.2 percent, to 1,459.89. Its two strongest groups were utilities and telecommunications, safer stocks that tend to do well in a weaker economy. The Nasdaq composite index dropped 19.18 points, or 0.6 percent, to 3,160.78.



STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

AlliantEgy	1.80	18	43.77	+6.0	-8	Keycorp	.20	9	8.92	+0.1	+16.0
AlliantTch	.80	6	49.24	-4.7	-13.9	Lee Ent	...	25	1.48	+0.4	+10.99
AmCasino	.50	7	17.79	+0.6	+2.9	MicronT	...	...	6.26	-1.1	-6
Aon plc	.63f	17	52.41	-2.7	-12.0	OfficeMax	.08	18	8.11	-0.5	-78.6
BallardPw	...	...	...	...	...	RockTen	.80	20	73.75	+5.0	+27.8
BkofAm	.04	10	9.10	-0.1	+6.7	Sensient	.88	15	36.91	+2.3	-2.6
ConAgra	1.00f	19	27.53	+0.2	+4.3	SkyWest	.16	...	10.47	+0.1	-16.8
Costco	1.10	29	102.61	+2.5	+23.2	Terady	...	11	14.41	-1.9	+5.7
Diebold	1.14	11	33.41	-4.2	+11.1	Tuppre	1.44	19	55.61	+1.6	-6
DukeEnrs	3.06f	17	64.65	+5.7	...	US Bancp	.78	13	34.18	+3.3	+26.4
DukeRtly	.68	...	15.13	-0.3	+25.6	Valhi s	.20	16	12.02	-2.7	-40.4
Fastenal	.76f	32	43.53	-1.1	-2	WalMart	1.59	16	74.74	+2.9	+25.1
Heinz	2.06	19	56.34	+0.9	+4.3	WashFed	.32	14	17.00	...	+21.5
HewlettP	.53	6	17.21	-3.8	-33.2	WellsFargo	.88	12	35.10	+1.3	+27.3
HomeDp	1.16	21	59.39	-0.3	+41.3	ZionBcp	.04	20	21.02	+1.5	+29.1
Idacorp	1.52f	12	43.59	+3.3	+2.8						

MAGIC VALLEY COMMODITIES

Mon	Commodity	High	Low	Close	Change
Oct	Live cattle	125.10	125.10	125.30	- .23
Dec	Live cattle	128.50	128.20	128.40	-.08
Oct	Feeder cattle	147.80	147.40	147.40	+ .18
Nov	Feeder cattle	149.15	148.65	148.80	+ .10
Oct	Lean hogs	76.55	75.55	76.50	+ .70
Dec	Lean hogs	75.50	74.55	75.35	+ .38
Dec	Wheat	907.25	883.25	892.00	-5.25
Mar	Wheat	916.75	894.25	903.75	-4.25
Dec	KC Wheat	933.50	907.25	913.25	-13.00
Mar	KC Wheat	944.50	919.50	925.50	-12.00
Dec	MPS Wheat	964.00	940.25	950.50	-7.25
Mar	MPS Wheat	972.50	949.00	958.00	-7.25
Dec	Corn	751.25	736.50	744.75	-3.50
Mar	Corn	754.00	740.25	748.75	-2.25
Nov	Soybeans	1626.00	1590.25	1610.00	-11.75
Mar	Soybeans	1583.75	1552.00	1572.25	-7.25
Sep	BFP Milk	18.94	18.92	18.94	-.01
Oct	BFP Milk	20.41	20.11	20.20	-.08
Nov	BFP Milk	20.90	20.46	20.46	-.37
Dec	BFP Milk	20.23	19.91	19.97	-.29
Oct	Sugar	19.70	18.13	19.38	+1.7
Mar	Sugar	20.39	19.81	20.07	+1.6
Dec	B-Pound	1.6304	1.6208	1.6225	+0.013
Mar	B-Pound	1.6281	1.6232	1.6235	+0.028

GRAINS & METALS REPORT

VALLEY BEANS

Prices are net to growers, 100 pounds, U.S. No. 1 beans, less Idaho bean tax and storage charges. Prices subject to change without notice. Producers desiring more recent price information should contact dealers. Other Idaho bean prices are collected weekly by Bean Market News, U.S. Department of Agriculture, pinto, \$38-\$40; small reds, \$40-\$42 Ltd.; garbanzos, \$40-\$43. Quotes current Sept. 19.

VALLEY GRAINS

Prices for wheat per bushel; mixed grain, oats, corn and beans per hundredweight. Prices subject to change without notice. Barley, \$13.40; oats, \$12.80; corn, \$14.60 (15 percent moisture). Prices are given by Ranger's in Buhl. Prices current Sept. 19. Corn, \$15.00; barley, \$13.75 (cwt). Prices quoted by JD Heiskell. Prices current Sept. 19.

CHEESE

Cheddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Barrels: \$1,960.00, nc; Blocks: \$2,000.00, nc

INTERMOUNTAIN GRAIN

POCATELLO - White wheat 8.00 (up 35); 11.5 percent winter 8.36 (down 13); 14 percent spring 8.68 (down 7); barley 12.92 (steady); hard white 8.36 (down 13); BURLEY - White wheat 7.82 (down 5); 11.5 percent winter 8.00 (down 4); 14 percent spring 8.43 (down 7); barley 13.00 (steady); hard white 8.36 (down 28); OGDEN - White wheat 7.95 (down 5); 11.5 percent winter 8.29 (down 14); 14 percent spring 8.91 (down 9); barley 12.85 (up 65); corn 13.91 (down 11); PORTLAND - White wheat 8.77 (down 7); 11 percent winter 9.43-9.48 (down 13); 14 percent spring no quote; corn 31.00-31.50 (down 1.25); NAMPA - White wheat 13.08 cwt (steady); 785 bushel (steady);

INTERMOUNTAIN LIVESTOCK

LIVESTOCK AUCTION - Twin Falls Livestock Auction on September 12. Slaughter and feeder cows 56.00-79.75; slaughter and feeder bulls 74.50-93.00; heavy feeder steers 133.00-143.00; light feeder steers 130.00-169.00; stocker feeder steers 156.50-200.00; heavy feeder heifers 115.00-126.75; light feeder heifers 130.00-154.50; stocker feeder heifers 143.50-174.00; holstein steers 89.75; holstein heifers 80.00. Sept 8: weaner pigs 30-40/hd; fats 68-70; lambs 80-90; ewes 30.50-47; calves 45-215; goats 25-155. No remarks.

GOLD

Selected world gold prices, Monday. London morning fixing: \$1758.50 off \$26.00. London afternoon fixing: \$1762.50 off \$22.00. NY Handy & Harman: \$1762.50 off \$22.00. NY Handy & Harman fabricated: \$1903.50 off \$23.76. NY Engelhardt: \$1706.15 off \$22.03. NY Engelhardt fabricated: \$1898.61 off \$23.69. NY Merc. gold Sept. Mon \$1762.10 off \$13.40. NY HSBC Bank USA 4 p.m. Mon. \$1765.00 off \$8.00.

SILVER

NEW YORK (AP) Handy & Harman silver Monday \$33.980 off \$0.645. H&H fabricated \$40.776 off \$0.774. The morning bullion price for silver in London \$33.730 off \$0.960. Engelhardt \$34.080 off \$1.030. Engelhardt fabricated \$40.896 off \$1.236. NY Merc silver spot month Monday \$33.921 off \$0.646.

NONFERROUS

NEW YORK (AP) - Spot nonferrous metal prices M. Aluminum - \$0.9493 per lb., London Metal Exch. Copper - \$3.7663 Cathode full plate, LME. Copper - \$3.7655 NY Merc spot Mon. Lead - \$2276.00 metric ton, London Metal Exch. Zinc - \$0.9509 per lb., London Metal Exch.

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AVERAGE DAILY FLOWS

Snake River n. Heise	7,482 cfs
Snake River n. Blackfoot	2,084 cfs
Snake River at Neeley	5,705 cfs
Snake River n. Minidoka	5,746 cfs
Snake River at Milner	0 cfs
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Palisades Reservoir is	15% full
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CSI Baseball Steroid Case Delayed

TIMES-NEWS

TWIN FALLS • The trial of a College of Southern Idaho baseball player accused of selling steroids has been delayed.

On Monday, Twin Falls County 5th District Judge Randy Stoker ordered the

trial of William Robert "Bilby-Bob" Ward be delayed until Nov. 27.

In May, Ward was arrested and charged with five felony counts of delivery of a controlled substance and a count of conspiracy to manufacture, deliver or possess with intent to deliver a con-

trolled substance.

His arrested was the culmination of a monthslong investigation by Idaho State Police into the alleged sale of anabolic steroids by the 21-year-old Ward to several of his Golden Eagles teammates. Court records detail how police used a confidential in-

formant who told detectives the names of four other baseball players who allegedly purchased steroids from Ward, whose supplier was located in his hometown of Las Vegas.

A preliminary hearing in the case is now scheduled for Nov. 19.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY

MONDAY ARRAIGNMENTS
Kimberly Ann Harrison, 31, Twin Falls; domestic battery, \$500 bond, public defender appointed, pretrial Nov. 7.
Timothy Shane Hargrove, 35, Buhl; domestic battery in presence of a child, intentional destruction of a telephonic device, \$1,000 bond, public defender appointed, pretrial Nov. 7.
Steven Odell Williams, 63, Buhl; driving under the influence, \$599 bond, public defender appointed, pretrial Nov. 7.

6-year-old Saves Teenager's Life

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RUPERT • A 6-year-old Rupert boy is being credited with saving the life of a teenage girl who was choking on popcorn at a movie theater Saturday.

Damien Munoz, the son of Ashley Amen, performed the Heimlich Maneuver on 13-year-old Bethany Hill of Rupert in the lobby of the Century Cinemas of Heyburn. His quick thinking helped dislodge some popcorn, and Bethany was able to cough up the rest, said the girl's mother, Elizabeth Hill.

"She was just grabbing her throat and (later) said she thought she would die because she couldn't get air," Hill said. "Damien said he felt like his heart was coming out of his chest because he was so scared."

There were no adults present when Bethany began choking in the theater lobby. She fell to the floor, spurring Damien into action.

He knew what to do because his grandmother, Betty Amen, taught him the Heimlich.

Betty Amen once saved a customer in a restaurant where she worked with the same procedure, Hill said.

She added, "When we asked him how he knew what to do, he said 'I just did what I had to do to save my cousin.'"

Ashley Amen said her son "felt proud of himself, but it scared him to see her like that." Elizabeth Hill described her daughter's face as "blood red" while she was choking.

"He's very, very smart," Damien's mother said. "I was really proud of him."

It wasn't an easy physical feat for the boy. He is less than 4 feet tall and Bethany Hill is 5 feet 10 inches tall.

Hill said she hopes the incident will show people how



COURTESY PHOTO

Damien Munoz poses for the camera in this undated photo.

important it is to know some basic medical skills, including CPR and first aid.

"A 6-year-old boy saved a

life today because someone took the time to teach him," she wrote in an email to the Times-News.

Ketchum Woman Pleads Guilty to Marriage Fraud

TIMES-NEWS

BOISE • A former Wood River Valley woman pleaded guilty Monday in United States District Court to unlawful procurement of citizenship, according to an announcement from U.S. Attorney Wendy J. Olson.

Ramona Alina Fenesan, 31, a Romanian national, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Boise in May 2012.

The announcement states a plea agreement was reached and Fenesan admitted she entered into a fraudulent marriage on Oct. 24, 2003 for the sole purpose of evading immigration laws and obtaining benefits.

Court documents show the two never resided together, the announcement states.

Over the past several years, Fenesan allegedly filed applications for permanent resident status and naturalization. The applications were approved and Fenesan became a naturalized citizen of the United States on June 7, 2007 in Boise.

Fenesan faces up to ten years in prison, a \$250,000 fine and up to three years of supervised release.

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for Dec. 5, before Chief U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill at the federal courthouse in Boise.

The case was investigat-

ed by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations.

In February, two Peruvian natives living in Ketchum and Bellevue pleaded guilty to marriage fraud charges. Jenny Sedano-Vilcapoma, 30, of Ketchum, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit marriage fraud and Rudy Isla-Mejico, 36, of Bellevue, pleaded guilty to a count of marriage fraud.

Isla-Mejico was sentenced to three years of probation on April 30 and Sedano-Vilcapoma was sentenced Thursday to a year and a day in prison and fined \$1,000 on June 19.

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T.F. COUNCIL VOTES FOR PARKING ENFORCEMENT 'WITH TEETH'

BY MELISSA DAVLIN
Times-News

TWIN FALLS • Where's the line between fostering a friendly business environment and keeping downtown parking reasonable?

That's the question with which the Twin Falls City Council grappled on Monday, as council members discussed whether to cite parking violators on a first offense.

In the past, the city had parking meters and sold leases for specific reserved spaces, said Mitch Humble,

community development director for the city of Twin Falls.

Now, parking is free for the first three hours, but people who need to park for a longer period of time — like store employees or patrons with lengthy appointments — can buy daily, weekly, monthly or yearly passes.

If downtown visitors overstay those three hours without a pass, they're now subject to a \$35 fine for each offense.

Council members Chris Talkington and Rebecca Mills-Sojka tried to convince

their colleagues to do away with a fine for the first offense, instead offering warnings and educational pamphlets for first-time offenders.

"We've gone through a tremendous catharsis" by removing meters and making downtown more parking friendly, Talkington argued.

That motion was voted down 2-5, with other council members saying they wanted a code with teeth.

The council voted to adopt new parking pass prices. The rates: \$2 for a one day pass, \$8 for a week pass, \$20 for a

month pass and \$220 for a year pass.

Also Monday, the council:

- Heard presentations from community development director Mitch Humble on code enforcement and city engineer Jackie Fields on the city's street repair schedule.

- Reappointed Dan Olmstead to a second three-year term to the Airport Advisory Board.

- Passed an ordinance to approve a budget change for the 2011-2012 fiscal year budget.

TIMES-NEWS

BOISE • The Idaho Transportation Department anticipates saving approximately \$40 million in interest on four highway project funded by bonds according to an announcement released Monday.

The state will issue \$38 million in Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle bonds, known as GARVEE bonds, in October and another \$82 million in late 2012 to pay for the Idaho Highway 16 expansion and reconstruction of the Interstate 84 Meridian, Broadway and Gowen interchanges. The sale of the two bonds brings the total of the GARVEE program to \$857 million.

The first six GARVEE bonds are being repaid using a level-pay plan, which meant as new bonds were added the total amount paid increased until the program was complete.

By paying an additional \$3 million annually, the state will save \$40 million in interest and reduce the final two loan payments to less than \$10 million each.

If the old payment

method was continued the state would have to pay \$56 million annually through 2031.

This approach and favorable market conditions will allow Idaho to issue these bonds at a projected interest rate of 3.3 to 3.6 percent, the announcement states.

According to the announcement, Idaho was one of only two states that maintained an A-plus bond rating after Fitch Rating recently downgraded ratings for other states.

"The high rating reflects the conservative approach Idaho has taken with GARVEE bonds and the efficient management of the program," ITD Chief Deputy Scott Stokes said in the announcement.

"Idaho has used the bonds as a tool to construct critically needed projects now, but we have not relied on them to entirely finance the state's highway improvement program."

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Nevada Waterfowl Season Looks Promising after Botulism Outbreak

RENO, Nev. (AP) • Wetland conditions in northern Nevada remain favorable to migrating waterfowl and could bring a promising hunting season, state wildlife biologists said.

The conditions follow a botulism outbreak last year that killed nearly 3,000 ducks and other birds in Nevada.

The 2012 drought has led to stagnant water and favorable conditions for disease.

But with the exception of some isolated incidents, outbreaks this year have been scarce, the *Reno Gazette-Journal* reported Sunday.

Waterfowl hunting season opens Oct. 13.

Avian botulism is not considered a threat to humans.

Outbreaks generally occur when water levels drop, exposing toxins produced by a bacteria. Birds either ingest the toxins directly or eat infected invertebrate such as fly larvae.

Invertebrates are not affected by the toxin but store it in their bodies. Ducks that consume toxin-laden larvae, or maggots, can develop botulism after eating as few as three maggots.

The toxin affects a bird's nervous system, preventing impulse transmission to muscles.

Birds are unable to use their wings and legs normally or control neck and

other muscles.

"We're lucky, but it doesn't mean we're out of the woods yet," Chris Healy, spokesman for the Nevada Department of Wildlife, said Monday.

Healy said some dead birds were found in late July through mid-August at Paradise Park in Sparks and Virginia Lake in Reno.

However, outbreaks usually occur later in the summer or early fall at true wetland areas such as the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge near Fallon that are considered an important stop on the Pacific Flyway for migrating birds.

Mike Dobel, regional supervising biologist for the wildlife agency, said water allocated to Stillwater and stored at Lake Lahontan from previous wet winters has allowed managers to keep conditions favorable.

"All of our Lahontan Valley wetlands are full or near full this year," Dobel said.

Next year could be different story if winter is a dry as last year.

As reservoir reserves recede, and without significant rain and snow in the coming months, Lahontan wetlands will reach severe dry levels for 2013, Dobel said.

Hunters who find dead birds are asked to contain and dispose of them to help prevent spread of the disease.

Weatherizing Demonstration to Take Place in Twin Falls

TIMES-NEWS

TWIN FALLS • South Central Community Action Partnership will mark the 1 millionth U.S. home weatherized in the last three years with a public demonstration project Thursday in Twin Falls.

Weatherization makes homes more energy-efficient and safe, and is a key Community Action program, boosted in recent years by \$4.3 million from federal stimulus. That money paid to weatherize 1,034 homes of low-income families locally, according to a Community Action press release. Including that work, the local agency has weatherized more than 6,000 Magic Valley homes over the years.

The demonstration project will be held at 311 Eighth Ave. N. in Twin Falls. The public is invited to watch from 9-11 a.m.

Homeowners or renters benefitting from the Community Action program must have a maximum income of no more than 200 percent of the federal poverty line. Up to \$6,500 can be spent to improve each home.

For more information locally or on the national level: www.sccap-id.org, www.waptac.org or www.eere.doe.gov.

Where's the best trail?
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Season

Continued from the front page

What's in Store for Other Bridges?

Out of the 35 planned bridge projects around the region, ITD is holding off on seven until the spring.

Those include the Perrine Bridge and a project on State Highway 46 near the west Wendell interchange.

"The bridges can't be under construction over the winter because of weather constraints on the product that's being put down," Jerke said.

ITD puts a stop to road projects when it's colder than 40 degrees outside.

"Anytime after October would be a gamble," Jerke said.

As for work on the Perrine Bridge, he said the contractor could have completed the project this year. But work would have conflicted with community events earlier this month.

"There were a couple of events that ITD didn't want to impact the public with," Jerke said, such as the Perrine Bridge Festival and Rim 2 Rim race.

ITD officials asked the contractor to delay the project until next year.

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A bullfrog appears to hold court in front of hundreds of others Sunday inside a tank at the Rana Ranch bullfrog farm near Twin Falls.

Unemployment Continues General Decline

BY STEVE KADEL
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TWIN FALLS • Idaho registered its lowest unemployment level in three years during August, dropping to 7.4 percent from 7.5 the previous month.

However, the Idaho Department of Labor said the decrease resulted from 2,600 fewer people seeking jobs than in July. Nearly 1,100 fewer Idahoans were working in August than in July — the third straight month Idaho's labor force has contracted, according to a news release from the department.

Jan Roeser, regional economist with the Idaho Department of Labor in Twin Falls, said it's difficult to pinpoint exact employment trends due to seasonal factors.

"This time of year, we'll see layoffs in some of our agricultural areas for various reasons," she said. "Maybe irrigation is coming to a halt for certain kinds of crops, but truck drivers are needed. Harvests seemed to be earlier this year. And there are also college kids going back to school."

Another factor that makes it difficult to gauge employment fluctuations is the low population of some counties, such as Camas, where there was a 2.1 percent swing in unemployment from July to August. If

one company has a downturn, that can have a large impact on monthly employment figures, Roeser said.

The good news, she added, is that although companies might be laying people off for seasonal reasons, they're not reducing jobs permanently.

"Overall our trends are definitely improving," Roeser said. "We definitely have people getting back to work."

There are still some hurdles to negotiate. Roeser said some employers won't hire applicants who are unemployed.

"That is a barrier," she said. "We have people who are felons. We have kids who have trouble at home and haven't completed schooling — they have trouble finding a job."

Meanwhile, nonfarm jobs account for more than 90 percent of Idaho's employment, and they continued to run 1.1 percent ahead of a year earlier, according to the labor department. Department research supervisor Janell Hyer said it points to "the persisting, albeit slow, recovery from the recession."

Nationally, Idaho maintained its 11-year stretch of staying below the U.S. average for unemployment. The national rate dropped two-tenths of a point in August to 8.1 percent.

By the Numbers Unemployment

Recent local unemployment figures:

	July %	August %
Camas County	11.5	13.6
Cassia County	5.5	5.6
Gooding County	5.4	5.3
Jerome County	6.6	7.0
Minidoka County	6.5	6.0
Blaine County	6.7	6.3
Lincoln County	10.7	9.9
Twin Falls County	6.7	6.4
Burley Micropolitan	6.0	5.7
Hailey Micropolitan	6.9	6.7
Twin Falls Micropolitan	6.7	6.6

Feeling Froggy

BY STEVE KADEL
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TWIN FALLS • Sixteen-year-old Zoe Rivas has a weekend job that none of her classmates can match.

She was hard at work again Sunday morning, measuring and weighing 145 bullfrogs to the nearest centimeter and gram in preparation for shipping them to buyers. Zoe, her mother, Lisa, and father, Steve, run the Rana Ranch commercial bullfrog operation in the Twin Falls area.

"She's very central to our business," Steve Rivas said of his daughter. "It's definitely a family business."

He works full-time as an instructor in the College of Southern Idaho's aquaculture program, and operates Rana Ranch as a sideline. He and Lisa visit the ponds on a one-tenth-acre site every weekday at 5:30 a.m. to clean the facilities and feed the frogs.

The family sells 6,000 frogs annually to about three dozen regular customers, almost all of them outside Idaho. Most frogs go to universities and government agencies, although a few are used to stock ponds.

"These animals have a lot of applications to human health," Steve Rivas said, adding they are used in heart, cancer and Alzheimer's disease studies. "These protect a lot of other frogs from being used in research. I feel that's better than depleting the wild resource."

In addition, wild frogs often have pathogens that make them unsuitable for research.

Steve Rivas said he's always been interested in amphibians. The Rivases began raising the animals in 1994, three years after Steve Rivas graduated from the technical aquaculture program at CSI.

He calls bullfrogs good farm animals because their metabolism and growth can be regulated by temperature. That helps produce frogs to the exact size and weight that his customers demand.

The Magic Valley's high-quality water — warm or cold as needed — is key to producing good frogs, Steve Rivas said. "We can regulate the temperature to what we need for various life stages."

He added that Rana Ranch is an example of sus-



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Zoe Rivas holds a large bullfrog Sunday while working at her family's Rana Ranch, a bullfrog farm near Twin Falls.

tainable agriculture with no herbicides, pesticides, inorganic fertilizers or electricity used.

"The manure is composted and the effluent water is used for irrigation," he said. "Rana Ranch has no debt and has never accepted any public funding."

The frogs are sold in four sizes, from body lengths of up to 4 inches all the way to "super jumbo" versions longer than 5 inches and weighing more than two-thirds of a pound.

A local mill makes the grain-based pellet feed that

includes animal proteins. Steve said the frogs must be fed every day or they will start eating each other.

Zoe Rivas said even the family dog helps out with the business.

"If a frog escapes, Dottie goes after it," she said. "She gently holds it in her mouth."

About a half-dozen pens separate the animals by age, starting with tadpoles.

Steve Rivas said the family prefers to keep their business a part-time endeavor.

"There are a lot of niche farms in the Magic Valley," he said.

Cactus Petes Finishes Hotel Renovation Project

BY JULIE WOOTTON
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JACKPOT, Nev. • Outside, it was another September day in the high desert.

Inside, high-pitched jingles sounded throughout Cactus Petes Resort Casino Thursday. Illuminated by the machines, visitors to the Jackpot, Nev., casino tried their luck at different games.

Less than one hour away from Twin Falls, Cactus Petes draws the bulk of its visitors — and employees — from the Magic Valley.

"Obviously, the Magic Valley is

our main market," General Manager Andrew Hamblen said.

With the fall travel season just beginning, he said, the casino in the Nevada desert also draws visitors from eastern Idaho and the Treasure Valley.

Some come from farther away, such as Washington and Canada.

"We'll start seeing a lot of that now," Hamblen said.

Repeat travelers may be surprised by what they see when they arrive. Cactus Petes recently completed a \$7 million project to renovate 89 Granite Range Hotel rooms. Construction began in April and

concluded in early August. It's the first complete renovation since the hotel opened in 1982.

While the rooms were undergoing renovations, the hotel wing was closed.

Rooms have been available for a few weeks. In addition to new carpeting and flooring, the rooms include new furnishings.

The included hotel wing also includes six living-room suites, four spa suites and a hospitality suite that can accommodate up to 30 people for events such as parties and receptions. Officials said the

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Nidzara Masic, hotel operations manager for Cactus Petes Resort Casino, leads a tour through one of the Granite Range Hotel's newly remodeled spa suites Thursday in Jackpot, Nev.

YOUR BUSINESS

First Federal Supports Business Plus With Donation

TWIN FALLS • Jason Meyerhoffer, executive vice president of First Federal Bank, presented Business Plus with a check to help the local nonprofit kick off its 2013-2015 capital campaign during a ceremony Sept. 17.

Mark Lopshire of Business Plus did not disclose the amount of the gift, but said it was "significant."

Business Plus is a Southern Idaho nonprofit dedicated to marketing and supporting the region's economic development. Its goal is to partner with 250 small, medium and large businesses from throughout Southern Idaho as part of the campaign.

"First Federal's support of Business Plus and regional economic development is very important to our community," Meyerhoffer said. "Continued growth in all sectors is very important to sustaining a healthy economy throughout southern Idaho."

In the past 20 years, Business Plus has supported new and expanding businesses with more than \$2 million that has resulted in more than 2,000 well-paying jobs, said Mark Lopshire, executive director of Business Plus. Those include Hilex Poly in Jerome, Dutchman Manufacturing in Burley, Gossner Foods in Heyburn and Chobani in Twin Falls, he said.

In the most recent case, Business Plus gave Chobani a check for \$150,000, which was a key part to the overall package and selection by Chobani to open their new facility in Twin Falls, Lopshire said.



Attending last week's presentation were, from left, Rebecca Wildman, Business Plus; Ruth Pierce, Pierce and Associates CPAs; Jody Tremblay, St. Luke's Magic Valley; Mark Lopshire, Business Plus; Jason Meyerhoffer, First Federal Bank; Jan Rogers, Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization; and Alan Horner, First Federal Bank.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Honored for Care Quality

TWIN FALLS • St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center was named a top performer on key quality measures by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of Health Care Organization of America.

St. Luke's Magic Valley is one of 620 U.S. hospitals earning the distinction of top performer on key quality measures for attaining and sustaining excellence in accountability measure performance. It was recognized for its achievements regarding heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care, one of only two hospitals in Idaho to be recognized for all four of these key quality measures.

The hospital's performance came from its use of evidence-based clinical processes that improve care for certain conditions, according to a press release on the honor.

This is the second consecutive year that St. Luke's Magic Valley has been rec-



Mr Steam's Oriental Rug Cleaning has settled into its new drop-off location.

ognized as a top performer — one of only 244 hospitals to achieve the distinction two years in a row.

Mr Steam Opens New Drop-off Site

TWIN FALLS • Mr Steam's Oriental Rug Cleaning has settled into its new drop-off location at 636 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in the Lynwood Mall in Twin Falls.

The company cleans any type of rug from fine orientals to everyday area

rugs. Customers may drop off their dirty rugs, which will be transported to the firm's 2,400-square-foot spa.

Brian Ritchie, certified master rug cleaner, will inspect, dust, wash, dry and wrap rugs to certified standards. Once the rugs are cleaned and wrapped they are taken back to the drop-off location for customer pick-up.

Mr Steam's also picks up and delivers rugs, if requested. Call 735-0386 for more information.

Cactus Petes

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details of the new designs were chosen to complement the surrounding landscape.

Hamblen said the company used Idaho contractors for the renovation project, including a number of Magic Valley subcontractors.

When it comes to Cactus Petes' nearly 600 employees, about 350 hail from the Magic Valley.

The company runs a bus six times a day to take employees to and from work. It leaves from the softball field parking lot at the College of Southern Idaho's Twin Falls campus.

"Team members take advantage of that," Hamblen said, noting that busing is a service the company has provided for years.

The bus also picks up employees on the way to Jackpot who live in Filer and Hollister.

Jobs at Cactus Petes range from housekeepers to casino dealers.

For those with bank-

Casino Starts Friday Bus Rides

Cactus Petes Resort Casino is starting a "fun bus" every Friday night from Twin Falls to Jackpot, Nev., through Nov. 30.

The bus will depart at 6:30 p.m. from the College of Southern Idaho softball field parking lot and will leave Cactus Petes at 12:30 a.m. to return to Twin Falls.

The cost is \$5. Guests with a valid Star Awards Card ride for free.

For reservations and information, call 866-667-3386 (option 7, then option 2). Walk-ons are also welcome if space is available.

telling experience, Hamblen said that translates well to casino operator positions.

Currently, the company has a job opening for a casino host.

What's the main purpose of the position? "To entertain people," Hamblen said.

Swiss Bank Cleared to Pursue Resort Sale

BY JOHN MILLER
Associated Press

BOISE • A lender syndicate led by Credit Suisse Group could proceed quickly with its bid to take control of financially crippled Tamarack Resort assets now that an Idaho judge has refused a rival creditor's request to halt the Swiss bank's foreclosure lawsuit.

A bank spokeswoman in New York declined to comment Monday. But a Tamarack Municipal Association lawyer said a sheriff's sale could proceed this year, if Credit Suisse is eager to ask Valley County Sheriff Patti Bolen to hold an auction on the courthouse steps in the tiny town of Cascade.

There, the lending syndicate represented by the Zurich, Switzerland-based bank would take a decisive step in winning control of assets that are security for its \$300 million in claims, including ski lifts, an 18-hole golf course and more than 2,000 home sites.

"The timing of a sheriff's sale is largely at Credit Suisse's discretion," wrote Tamarack Municipal Association attorney Steve Lord, in a note to the homeowner's group obtained by The Associated Press. "Credit Suisse could

have the matter to Sheriff Bolen and concluded in 60 days or less."

On Friday, 4th District Court Judge Patrick Owen in Boise declined a request from another creditor, Oregon-based Teufel Nursery, seeking to block Credit Suisse from advancing to a sheriff's sale.

Tamarack's woes date to 2008, when the bank-led lending syndicate sued after the resort's majority owner, Jean-Pierre Boespflug, defaulted on a \$250 million construction loan.

Boespflug's plans for a \$1.5 billion ski, golf and marina resort collapsed as the faltering economy pierced the vacation real estate bubble, his spending on construction outstripped his resources and no one would lend him new cash. The French native has since disappeared, likely fleeing the United States to avoid millions in unfavorable Tamarack-related judgments.

Even if Credit Suisse wins a speedy sheriff's sale, however, it's not the final answer to unraveling Tamarack's tangled finances.

Four additional Tamarack creditors with several million dollars' worth of separate claims are still awaiting Idaho courts' permission on their own foreclosure bids.

Barron's Slams Facebook, Stock Falls

NEW YORK (AP) • Facebook Inc.'s stock took a hit Monday after an article in the financial magazine *Barron's* said it is "still too pricey" despite a sharp decline since its initial public offering.

Though Facebook's stock has plunged since its May IPO, Andrew Bary at Barron's said the stock trades at "high multiples of both sales and earnings, even as uncertainty about the outlook for its business grows."

At issue is the shift of Facebook's massive user base to mobile devices. The company is still figuring out how to advertise to people who use their mobile phones and tablet computers to access the social network. Bary said success in the mobile space is "no sure thing" for the company. Mobile ads must fit into much smaller screens, which doesn't give Facebook "much room to configure ads without alienating users," Bary said.

Facebook also has what Bary called "significant" stock-based compensation expenses. Last year, the company issued \$1.4 billion worth of restricted stock and \$1 billion so far this year, he noted. Yet technology companies such as Facebook "routinely encourage analysts to ignore stock-based



In this May 18 file photo, electronic screens show the price of Facebook shares after they began trading in New York. Facebook Inc.'s stock took a hit Monday after an article in Barron's said it is 'still too pricey' despite a sharp decline since its initial public offering.

compensation expense — and most comply. This dubious approach to calculating profits is based on the idea that only cash expenses matter," Bary wrote. "That's a fiction, pure and simple."

Menlo Park, Calif.-based Facebook's stock fell \$2.03, or 8.9 percent, to close at \$20.83 on Monday. The company went public on May 18 at a share price of \$38, which it

has not matched since. Bary said he thinks Facebook's stock is worth \$15, well below its current price even with Monday's drop.

"That would be roughly 24 times projected 2013 profit and six times estimated 2013 revenue of \$6 billion, still no bargain price," he wrote.

Facebook declined to comment.

Last week, research firm eMarketer said it expects Google Inc. to surpass Facebook in U.S. display advertising revenue this year. In February, eMarketer predicted Facebook would stay ahead of Google. The social networking company had surpassed Google in 2011. But Facebook's ad revenue has fallen short of the expectations eMarketer set in February.

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Tim Martin

July 24, 1955-Sept. 22, 2012

BURLEY • Herold Tim Martin, age 57, returned to his Father in Heaven on Saturday morning, Sept. 22, 2012, after valiantly fighting ongoing illness for many years.

He and his twin brother, Tom, were born to Farren Eugene and Rosella (Port) Martin on July 24, 1955, in Burley, Idaho. He grew up in Oakley and graduated from Oakley High School in 1976. After graduation, he worked at Anderson Ranch in Oakley. He was later employed at the J.R. Simplot Company for 25½ years. There, Tim was well-known for his punctuality, and his friends swore that they could set their clocks by him.

Tim began dating DeAnna Port, and they eventually married on March 16, 1984, and then, exactly one year later, they were sealed in the Jordan River LDS Temple. They were later blessed with two wonderful sons, Cody, age 19, and Colin, age 15. He was active as an elder in the LDS Church and faithfully served as a home teacher in his ward. He was also a great support to his sons in their church and school activities. He had a great love of the church and appreciated all the help and support that he and his family received from the Unity 1st Ward. Tim was an airplane enthusiast and collected all forms of aviation. He loved cats, dogs and movies — though his greatest enjoyment came from spending time with his family.

Tim is survived by his wife, DeAnna Port Martin; sons, Cody and Colin of Burley; his elder sisters, Judy (Jay) Ward of Burley



and Dena (Dean) Peterson of Eugene, Ore.; his twin brother, Gerald Tom Martin of Burley; his younger brother, Port (Susie) Martin of Lincoln, Neb.; and his parents-in-law, Ann and Wayne Henderson of Burley. He was preceded in death by his parents; an older sister, Suzanne Martin; and an older brother, Bill Martin.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, at the Burley LDS 2nd and 4th Ward Church, 515 E. 16th St. in Burley, with Bishop Kenneth Turner officiating. Burial will be in the Marion Cemetery in Oakley. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from noon until 12:45 p.m. Thursday at the church.

The family expresses their sincere appreciation to Dr. Glen Page and his staff for years of wonderful medical help.

In lieu of flowers, an account has been established at the Simcoe Credit Union to assist the family. Memorials may be directed to either the credit union or Rasmussen Funeral Home.

Faye (Dunham) Brown

June 2, 1932-Sept. 23, 2012

TWIN FALLS • Faye (Dunham) Brown, 80, of Twin Falls, passed away Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012, at Desert Rose Retirement Center in Twin Falls.

She was born June 2, 1932 in Webster, Wis. She graduated from high school in Kalispell, Mont. Faye married Stanford Dunham and to this union were born four sons. She and Sanford later divorced, and she married Karl Brown. This added four additional children to the family.

Faye worked as a hairdresser and loved people. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Surviving are her children, Dan (Kay) Dunham of Reno, Nev., Steve, Dirk (Cheryl), Mark (Heather) Dunham and Joe Brown, all of Boise, David (Ann) Brown of Monroe, Mich., Connie Wilson of Fairfield,



Idaho, and Nancy Brown of Twin Falls; sisters Arlene Rudy of Burley and Ardith Land of Pocatello; along with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Karl Brown and her parents.

A visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, Sept. 27, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. The funeral will begin at 12:30 p.m. Thursday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, with interment following at Sunset Memorial Park.

Faye's wish was that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Children/Spokane, 911 W. Fifth Ave., Spokane, WA 99204.

Those wishing to share memories and condolences may do so at www.magicvalleyfuneralhome.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Emilio Robles

TWIN FALLS • Emilio Robles, 32, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Sept. 14, 2012 at his home.

A rosary prayer service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Kent Hale

OAKLEY • Kent Hale, 91, of Oakley, died Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28, at the Oakley LDS Stake Center; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, at Morrison-Payne Funeral Home, 321 E. Main St. in Burley.

Della Ward

ALBION • Della Mae Wickel Ward, 92, of Albion, died Thursday, Sept. 20, 2012, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Albion LDS Ward Chapel; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday Sept. 28, at Morrison-Payne Funeral Home, 321 E. Main St. in Burley, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at

the church.

Alfred Hieb

TWIN FALLS • Alfred G. "Al" Hieb, 90, of Twin Falls and formerly of Jerome, died Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012, in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Brian Holdren

BUHL • Brian Jason Holdren, 31, of Las Vegas, Nev., died Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012, at Desert View Care Center in Buhl.

Cremation is under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Antony Hinman

TWIN FALLS • Antony N. Hinman, 76, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Sept. 24, 2012 at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center. Arrangements are pending Serenity Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Larry Thompson

MALTA • Larry L. Thompson, 72, of Malta, died Monday Sept. 24, 2012, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Marilyn Ray Chandler

March 17, 1936-Sept. 17, 2012

CORVALLIS, Ore. • Marilyn Ray Chandler, 76, of Corvallis, Ore., and formerly of Buhl, Idaho, passed away Monday, Sept. 17, 2012, at a Benton Hospice Service care center in Corvallis.

Marilyn was born Marilyn E. Ray on March 17, 1936, in Ellsworth, Maine, the daughter of John and Madeline Ray. She was united in marriage to James Chandler on Nov. 1, 1957, in Moscow, Idaho. They moved to Corvallis from Buhl in 1968, where they have remained for 44 years. Marilyn and Jim were married for 55 fun and family filled years. Husband Jim will miss her in memory of their years of unwavering love, laughter and friendship.

Marilyn worked for 27 years as an accounts payable clerk at Oregon State University, where she formed many great friendships. Apart from her work at OSU, Marilyn and husband Jim were inseparable. They loved traveling in their RV, camping, gardening, reading, crossword puzzles, watching baseball and the game shows "Wheel of Fortune" and "Jeopardy"

Marilyn especially enjoyed time spent with her grandchildren and her cherished friendships in Corvallis and Salome, Ariz., where she and Jim spent their winters. Her grandchildren will miss her

advice, stories, laughter and sitting on her lap no matter how big they got. Marilyn was a woman of strong integrity and a sharp wit.

She is survived by her children and spouses, son, Randy Chandler and wife Gina Carlson of Lacey, Wash.; and daughter, Charlene and husband Robert Butolph of Eugene, Ore.; her brother, George Ray; six loving grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren! Marilyn was preceded in death by son, Charles "Chuck" Chandler; daughter, Cathryn Dee Chandler; one sister; and four brothers.

So many people helped to care for Marilyn in her last years of life. Special thanks to Mark and Karen Robinson, their next-door neighbors who were always on watch to ensure Marilyn was taken care of. The family gives them and everyone else who cared for Marilyn their greatest gratitude.

The family will privately remember and celebrate Marilyn's life and hope that you will celebrate a part of your life in a special way in her memory.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Benton Hospice Service.

"So you have sorrow now, but I will see you again; then you will rejoice, and no one can rob you of that joy" (John 16:22).

Jerry Leonard Hoover

Nov. 22, 1955-Sept. 16, 2012

TWIN FALLS • Jerry Leonard Hoover passed away in his home Sunday, Sept. 16, 2012.

He was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Albert and Dolores Hoover on Nov. 22, 1955. He attended school at Bickel Elementary, O'Leary Junior High and Twin Falls High School. He met and married the love of his life, Pamela Sue Davis on Feb. 25, 1977. They were blessed with two sons, Jeremy (Kimberly) and Daniel (Wendy). Jerry loved hunting, fishing and sharing his knowledge of the outdoors. He taught hunter's safety to young and old alike. He es-



pecially loved his grandsons, Zakk and Kole.

He was preceded in death by his father, Albert. He is survived by his loving wife, Pamela; his sons; grandsons; mother; brother, Eddy (Janet) Hoover; and his beloved dog, Blue.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Twin Falls Moose Lodge on Falls Avenue.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home and Crematory of Twin Falls. Those wishing to share condolences and memories may do so at www.magicvalleyfuneralhome.com.

John Granillo

Feb. 1, 1966-Sept. 14, 2012

RUPERT • John Granillo, 46, of Kuna, Idaho, and formerly of Rupert, passed away Friday, Sept. 14, 2012.

John was born Feb. 1, 1966, in Pocatello, Idaho, to Gregorio and Adela Granillo. He graduated from Minico High School and worked for Amalgamated Sugar Co. and the J.R. Simplot Co. He was a member of the Catholic Church. John enjoyed sports, cooking and spending time with his family and friends.

John is survived by his children, Anthony Granillo and Benjamin Granillo; mother, Adela Granillo; brothers, Greg (Crystal) Granillo, Mike Granillo, Joe Granillo, Rick (Melanie) Granillo and Paul Granillo; and sisters, Margaret Casas and Anne (Pete) Nanez. He is preceded in death by his father, Gregorio Granillo; sister, Virginia Kuhn; and brothers, Tom Granillo, Jess Granillo and Steve Granillo.

A vigil service will be held from 6 until 8 pm Wednesday, Sept. 26, at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St. in Rupert, with a



reading of the rosary at 7 p.m. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, at the church, with Father Justin Brady as celebrant. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

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SERVICES

Lawrence Ivon Golay of Twin Falls, funeral at 9 a.m. Tuesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Gary Lee Savage of Gooding, funeral at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Gooding LDS Church (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Elsie (Schutte) Batchelor of Bozeman, Mont., and formerly prayer service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery, located three miles south of Eden.

Steven Maas of Rupert, memorial service at 1 p.m.

Tuesday at the Christian Church Praise Chapel in Rupert (Serenicare Funeral Home in Draper, Utah).

Shalom Irmgard Frank, infant daughter of Jedediah and Andrea (Rasmussen) Frank of Sterling, Colo., funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Ebenezer Congregational Church, 129 N. Second W. in Paul; visitation one hour before the service Thursday at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Marian U. Keefer of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. Friday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Rex Thomas of Santa Rosa,

Calif., and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial Mass at 10 a.m. Saturday (Sept. 29) at Madelyne's Chapel of Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Santa Rosa, Calif.

Cleda F. Ruegge of Gooding, funeral at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel; visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral chapel.

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President Barack Obama reaches over to greet a supporter on the tarmac Monday at JFK airport in New York.

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Polls indicate voters will be unhappy, no matter who wins the presidency.

ATLANTA (AP) • Never have American voters re-elected a president whose work they disapprove of as much as Barack Obama's. Not that Mitt Romney can take much comfort — they've never elected a challenger they view so negatively, either.

Unless things change dramatically, this Election Day will mark a first, no matter who wins. The victor will be a sitting president with a slow economy, 8 percent-plus unemployment and an average Gallup job-approval rating below 50 percent. Or he'll be a challenger who isn't liked personally by a majority of the public and faces notable discord within his own party.

Polls since the nominating conventions show Obama slowly widening a slight lead nationally and in several key states that could decide a close election. And the mere fact that Romney hasn't ever



Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney speaks Monday at Pueblo Weisbrod Aircraft Museum in Pueblo, Colo.

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notched a clear lead in polling, unlike previous winning challengers by this point, underscores his struggle to strike a chord

with an electorate that isn't exactly enamored with the incumbent.

The presidency already gives certain campaign ad-

vantages to the Oval Office occupant, and history indicates that the longer Romney looks up at Obama, the

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Early Voters Skip the Lines; Debates, Too

WASHINGTON (AP) • Now it's for real. Every time Mitt Romney or Barack Obama hits a rhetorical high note or commits another blunder, millions of voters watching and listening out there have the power to sit down at home, fill out a ballot, drop it in the mail and be done with the 2012 presidential race.

At least a third of American voters probably will lock in their choices before Election Day arrives on Nov. 6.

The old democratic ritual of a single Tuesday in November when citizens commune in lines at schools and libraries and churches is fading across much of the United States. Why not just mail it in?

Although the two candidates have yet to meet for their first debate, voting by mail is under way in two dozen states, with more to follow. In three — Idaho, South Dakota and Vermont — voters already can show up in person.

Wyoming begins its in-person voting on Thursday and so does Iowa, one of a handful of states consid-

ered up for grabs in the neck-and-neck presidential race.

In some of the other hotly contested states — Colorado, Nevada, North Carolina and Florida — more than half the ballots are expected to come in early this year.

Stretching voting out over six weeks makes the high-wire act of presidential campaigning that much more complicated. It presents risks but also rewards for the candidates, as Obama proved in 2008 through an aggressive early mobilizing strategy that overpowered Republican challenger John McCain.

This year looks different: The Romney campaign is pouring manpower and money into its own push to sew up early votes.

An early voting primer:

Where Early Voters Rule

Oregon's elections are entirely by mail these days. Washington state also has eliminated traditional polling places in favor of

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New SARS-like Virus Detected in Middle East

LONDON (AP) • Global health officials are closely monitoring a new respiratory virus related to SARS that is believed to have killed at least one person in Saudi Arabia and left a Qatari citizen in critical condition in London.

The germ is a coronavirus, from a family of viruses that cause the common cold as well as SARS, the severe acute respiratory syndrome that killed some 800 people, mostly in Asia, in a 2003 epidemic.

In the latest case, British officials alerted the World Health Organization on Saturday of the new virus in a man who transferred from Qatar to be treated in London. He had recently traveled to Saudi Arabia and is now being treated in an intensive care unit after suffering kidney failure.

WHO said virus samples from the patient are almost identical to those of a 60-year-old Saudi national who died earlier this year. The agency isn't currently recommending travel restrictions and said the source of infection remains unknown. Still, the situation has raised concerns ahead of next month's annual Hajj pilgrimage, which brings millions of people to Saudi Arabia from around the world.

Health officials don't know yet whether the virus could spread as rapidly as SARS did or if it might kill as many people. SARS, which first jumped to humans from civet cats in China, hit more than 30 countries worldwide after spreading from Hong Kong.

"It's still (in the) very early days," said Gregory Hartl, a WHO spokesman. "At the moment, we have two sporadic cases and there are still a lot of holes to be filled in."

He added it was unclear how the virus spreads. Coronaviruses are typically spread in the air but Hartl said scientists were considering the possibility that the patients were infected directly by animals. He said there was no evidence yet of any human-to-human transmission.

"All possible avenues of infection are being explored right now," he said.

No other countries have so far reported any similar cases to WHO, he said, and so far there is no connection between the cases except for a history of travel in Saudi Arabia.

Hartl said the first patient may have had an underlying condition but it probably didn't make him more susceptible to catching the virus.



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A hand holds a panda cub July 11 at a research center in Wolong in southwest China's Sichuan province. The birth of a panda cub this weekend at Washington's zoo was cause for celebration, but tragedy struck when the panda died.

Condolences Pour in for Baby Panda

WASHINGTON (AP) • As condolences poured in from around the world, National Zoo officials waited Monday for word on why a 6-day-old panda cub died and lamented a heartbreaking setback to their closely watched breeding program.

The cub had liver abnormalities and fluid in its abdomen, but a cause of death will not be known until full necropsy results are available.

The cub, believed to be female, died Sunday morning, less than a week after its birth surprised and delighted zoo officials and visitors. Zookeepers had all but given up on the panda mother's chances of conceiving after six years of failed attempts.

"Every loss is hard," said National Zoo director Dennis Kelly. "This one is especially devastating."

This much is known: The

cub appeared to be in good condition. It had been drinking its mother's milk. And it wasn't accidentally crushed to death by its mother. At birth, the cubs are hairless, their eyes are closed and they're about the size of a stick of butter. Their mothers weigh about 1,000 times more.

Native to China, giant pandas have long been the face of the movement to preserve en-

dangered species. A few thousand are believed to remain in the wild, and there are a few hundred in captivity.

Four American zoos have pandas, and several cubs have been born in the U.S., but the bears at the National Zoo are treated like royalty. The zoo was given its first set of pandas in 1972 as a gift from China to commemorate President Richard Nixon's historic visit.

School District Rushes to Clean up Water

BY LAURIE WELCH
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MALTA • The Cassia County School District plans to complete a list of actions this week intended to fix water quality concerns at three of its schools.

Water samples at Raft River Elementary and High schools and Almo Elementary School all recently tested positive for fecal coliform bacteria — not usually a health risk by themselves, but an indicator of possible other problems in the schools' water systems.

All three of the rural schools use water from well systems. All other schools in the district are connected to municipal water systems.

District Superintendent Gaylen Smyer said water fountains at the three schools have been covered and the students are drinking bottled water. It's a situation parents in Malta have seen time and time again.

"This deal has been going on for a long time," said Cameron Tuckett, parent of two students at RRHS. "Twelve years ago when I registered my kid for school they had black garbage bags over the water fountains."

The Raft River schools have had intermittent problems with the well water for years and the district replaced the galvanized pipes

in the system in December in the latest effort to remedy the problem. Smyer said this was the first time the Almo school received a positive test result.

The well at Raft River was drilled in 1990 and is 338 feet deep. There are perforations in the well casing in three areas and water extracted at each level.

According to South Central Public Health District documents given to the Times-News by the school district, public health officials and representatives from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality toured the Malta schools Sept 18 and made a list of both required corrective actions and recommendations to the district.

The required actions at the Malta schools include installing a proper sample port inside the pump house, which will help identify whether the coliform is coming from the well or originating in the distribution system. Other requirements include:

- Removing the water heating unit under the sink in the elementary faculty room to help eliminate sampling issues at the sink.
- Installing a double check valve on the inlet piping near the refrigerator cooling system in the elementary school to prevent back flow return-

ing to the water system.

- Disconnecting old components and piping, and cleaning up and replacing corroded valves located in the high school boiler room.
- Installing a sink in the ag shop bathroom with hot and cold faucets and improve the plumbing setup at the rental house.

Among the list of recommendations, the district was advised to move a frost-free hydrant at least 25 feet away from the well head, which was completed Thursday.

The district is continuing to test water from various parts of the system. The pump house sample port was installed Thursday and a sample did not show the presence of coliform, according to school district records. Testing the back pressure valve in the boiler room was scheduled on Monday. Officials also conducted sampling at neighboring wells to get a clearer picture of area groundwater on Monday.

A review of the Malta Seminary water system located east of the schools revealed no water issues in the last three years.

Once the corrective actions are complete, the district will disinfect the schools' water with chlorine and flush the system before sampling again. But parents such as Tuckett aren't con-

vinced the problem will end now.

"They tell the district to do stuff and they do a little here and there. A lot of parents are really upset that this has been going on for so long," Tuckett said.

After the Raft River pipes were replaced in December, samples at the schools showed no presence of coliform until June 7, when one sample taken from the high school library came back positive. Follow-up tests on June 11 were all negative.

Five samples taken on Aug. 24 indicated the presence of the bacteria in the faculty sink and at construction sites at the ag shop hand sink, high school faculty sink, bus compound hydrant and at a rental house owned by the district.

The district put chlorine in the system and flushed it. Four samples were taken on Aug. 30: The high school faculty sink and bus compound came back negative, but the ag shop sink and rental house were positive.

The district retested Sept. 17. A samples taken from the elementary faculty sink and construction samples taken at the rental house, ag shop sink, high school faculty sink, and new southwest and northwest sink rooms all showed the presence of coliform.

Cow

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wrote in the report.

As the deputy was speaking to the driver of the van, Douglas Mathers, he asked if there was anything in the van he should know about. According to the report, Mathers allegedly replied there were two bottles of alcohol but that was all.

The deputy began to joke with Mathers asking him if there were any grenade launchers or dead bodies in the van, to which Mathers replied no. He also answered no when asked if he had any illegal narcotics, the report states.

Eventually, another deputy arrived with a drug-sniffing dog that allegedly found a broken glass pipe with burnt residue on the ground. The dog also indicated drugs could be on the motorcycle

and in the van, the report states.

Deputies searched the van and found a black attache case with a small compartment inside that held a smoking device and two vials. One vial appeared to contain marijuana and the other, meth, the report states.

According to the report, deputies located a large amount of cash near where the pipe was found.

Mathers and Stevens were arrested for possession of methamphetamine and the motorcycle driver was released. Deputies reported finding a total of about \$1,200 on Mathers and Stevens.

According to the report, Mathers later told deputies he was using meth to stay awake and said he bought meth from Stevens for \$1,000 cash.

Mathers and Stevens both have Oct. 1 preliminary hearings.

Taxes

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items subject to LOT in Ketchum and Sun Valley.

In addition, the increase in Hailey would apply to rental cars and lodging.

If passed by voters, the tax increase would be 50 cents on a \$50 purchase. That could amount to \$2 million in revenue each year.

Castleford Voters

The city of Castleford is taking a \$2 million bond measure to voters on Nov. 6 for improvements to its wastewater treatment facility.

If approved, the bond would cover a portion of the project cost.

Twin Falls County Clerk Kristina Glascock said voters within Castleford's city limits will decide on the ballot measure.

The Castleford city council adopted an ordinance Sept. 11 to pursue the bonds.

A phone call to Castleford's city hall wasn't returned Monday afternoon.

No School Bonds

During the November election, one common type of bond measure will be absent: school district supplemental levies.

So far this year, south-central Idaho voters have approved 13 school levies, but there aren't any districts pursuing a levy during the upcoming election.

Budget

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A State on Fire

With an active fire season comes a hefty firefighting bill. The most expensive: Trinity Ridge, Mustang Complex and Halstead fires. While some of that is covered by federal funds, budget analyst Ray Houston suggested the committee plan to pay at least \$11.2 million of the state's money for the costs of quelling the flames.

Prison Overcrowding

The state's inmate population rose at a higher rate last year than in previous years, and that trend is expected to continue. The state's institutions for male prisoners are at 95 percent capacity, and the women's facilities are at 99 percent.

Lowe Lawsuit

The costs for the state's settlement for former Idaho Transportation Department Director Pamela Lowe total \$1.3 million. Lowe, who claimed the state fired her without cause, will receive \$562,500 over the next 10 years. In addition to Lowe's settlement, the state must pay attorney fees: \$614,647 for the state's attorney and \$187,500 for Lowe's attorney. Lawmakers asked why the state's attorney charged more than Lowe's, and were told despite the high cost, the lawyer charged the state a lower rate than normal.

More Line Item Requests

State agencies have already put in their budget requests for fiscal year 2014.

Between those requests and other budget items, agencies are asking for \$169 million more than the state's projected revenue.

While most state agencies have been restrained in their budget requests during the economic downturn, there are now real needs that must be addressed, said budget analyst Cathy Holland-Smith.

Asking doesn't always lead to receiving, but the requests give legislators a chance to strategically plan

how to spend money, Holland-Smith said.

"Obviously, all requests can't be funded. That's not a realistic expectation," she said. "But what will be the path forward?"

Improvements for Idaho's Prisoners

In May, the Idaho Department of Corrections reached an agreement on part of a 31-year-old lawsuit regarding conditions in Idaho's prisons. As a result of that agreement, IDOC is requesting \$1.7 million in funding to improve medical and mental health treatment for inmates. That amount includes adding 22 state and

contract staff.

Today, JFAC meets at the College of Southern Idaho, where the committee will hear presentations on Idaho's community colleges, Idaho Education Network, Medicaid Readiness and other state programs. This afternoon, the legislators tour the Chobani factory.

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U.N. Envoy: Syrian War Threatens Region

UNITED NATIONS (AP) • Syria's civil war is worsening and there is no prospect of a quick end to the violence, international envoy Lakhdar Brahimi said Monday in a gloomy assessment to the U.N. Security Council.

The new envoy leavened his message, however, saying he was crafting a new plan that he hoped could break the impasse, but refused to give details or say when it would be ready.

Despite President Bashar Assad's refusal to end his family's 40-year grip on power, some tentative hope of a solution remained, Brahimi said in his first briefing to the council since he took over from Kofi Annan on Sept. 1 as the U.N.-Arab League special representative for Syria.

"I think there is no disagreement anywhere that the situation in Syria is extremely bad and getting worse, that it is a threat to the region and a threat to peace and security in the world," Brahimi told reporters after the closed-door talks.

Activists claim nearly 30,000 people have died in the uprising which began in March 2011, including in attacks Monday by Syrian warplanes in the northern city of Aleppo.

Brahimi had just returned from Syria and refugee camps in Jordan



Demonstrators chant during an anti-dictator protest Monday near the Warwick hotel in New York.

and Turkey. His gloomy report of a looming food crisis, battle-damaged schools and shuttered factories, contradicted his insistence that he saw grounds for optimism, including "some signs" that the di-

vided Syrian opposition may be moving toward unity. That is key for any political negotiations Brahimi would oversee.

"I refuse to believe that reasonable people do not see that you

cannot go backward, that you cannot go back to the Syria of the past. I told everybody in Damascus and everywhere that reform is not enough anymore, what is needed is change," said Brahimi, who has met

with Assad and other regime officials in Damascus.

"Paradoxically, now that I have found out a little more about what is happening in the country and the region, I think that we will find an opening in the not too distant future," Brahimi said.

Brahimi said he wanted to hold further discussions before disclosing precisely what action he plans to propose. "I do not have a full plan for the moment, but I do have a few ideas," he said.

According to a diplomat inside the council's private briefing, who demanded anonymity because he was not authorized to publicly to reveal details, Brahimi was also reluctant to discuss the proposals with the Security Council. "He kept his cards very close to his chest," he said.

In the private talks, Brahimi urged Security Council members to overcome the diplomatic deadlock which has paralyzed their ability to help end the crisis.

The Security Council is the only U.N. body that can impose global sanctions and authorize military action. Russia, Syria's key protector, and China have vetoed three Western-backed resolutions aimed at pressuring Assad to halt the violence and open talks with his opponents on a transition of power.

Voters

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mailed ballots, but residents determined to vote in person on Nov. 6 can go to a county election office.

The rest of the states still offer traditional Election Day voting as well as some early option. Colorado, one of the presidential battlegrounds, has the most early birds. In 2008, nearly 80 percent of its votes were cast early and that's expected to increase

this time.

Some states that ask for an excuse are so loose almost any reason will do, while others have kept strict rules limiting who can vote absentee.

Does Early Voting Increase Turnout?

Not necessarily. Giving people more time seems like an easy way to get more citizens to vote. But it's not so simple.

Some studies have found a

small increase in total presidential turnout when it's easy to vote early. Others found turnout actually dropped. Maybe some voters just procrastinate and end up missing the deadline. And potential Election Day voters might stay home if early voting drains excitement from the finale.

Votes in the Vault

Once cast, an early vote is in the bank. It can't slip away

because of a candidate's misstep or an "October surprise" or a nasty new attack ad. Neither rain nor snow nor traffic jam can touch it come Nov. 6.

A candidate holding back dirt on his opponent can't afford to be coy. By mid-October, significant numbers of voters will be locking in.

"If you wait until the weekend prior to the election to release your stink bomb, you've lost Coloradans," said George Mason University associate profes-

or Michael McDonald, an expert in election statistics.

Who Are Early Voters?

Despite what you may have heard, early voters traditionally are more likely Republican.

Barack Obama's successful push for early votes in 2008 created the impression of a Democratic phenomenon, and that idea's been reinforced by court fights this year over changes to early voting rules.

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greater the president's chances at a second term.

History, of course, isn't predictive. But it does provide context to help understand the current state of the race.

Some Republicans point to 1980 as hope for a Romney rebound. That year, Ronald Reagan pulled away from President Jimmy Carter in late October to win in a landslide that has reached almost mythical status in GOP annals. But there are many reasons why this is not 1980, not the least of which are that Romney is not Reagan and Obama is not Carter.

From Labor Day through late October, Carter was tied with or led Reagan. But, unlike Romney, Reagan had led for most of the summer, and Carter hadn't polled better than 41 percent since the spring, well below Obama's lowest head-to-head numbers this year.

Many Republicans, meanwhile, are growing restless following Romney's lackluster convention, his comments on Middle East unrest and the release of a secretly recorded video that showed the GOP nominee dismissing 47 percent of the country as believing they are "victims" and dependent on handouts.

Still, says Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, "This is our election to lose. If Obama wins, he'll be rewriting political history." Using Gallup job approval ratings in election years, Obama ranks below the seven presidents who were re-elected since 1948. But he is in a stronger position than three — Carter, Gerald Ford and George H.W. Bush — who lost. The three losing presidents all had unemployment rates lower than today's, but economic circumstances varied.

Obama's personal favorability ratings have consistently been higher than his job approval ratings. Republican strategist Timmy Teepell credits independents with the difference. "They may not like what he's done," he said, "but they think he's a good guy and he's trying hard."

Voters with negative impressions of Romney, meanwhile, have outnumbered those with favorable impressions for much of his bid. That dynamic was fueled in no small part by a crowded primary field that hammered Romney on everything.

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OPINION

"If Gov. Romney is suggesting that we should start another war, he should say so."

President Barack Obama in an interview defending his foreign policy record, firing back at suggestions from Republican Mitt Romney that the president has been weak with allies and enemies alike.

Hard Lines, Red Lines, Green Lines

WASHINGTON • On Wednesday, Myanmar's democracy leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, came here and was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal at a ceremony in the Capitol. I was not there, but I read the transcript and was deeply impressed by the emotional tribute delivered by Sen. John McCain, who thanked "The Lady," for teaching me at my age a thing or two about courage."



In closing, McCain quoted Aung San Suu Kyi's famous dictum that "it is not power that corrupts but fear. Fear of losing power corrupts those who wield it, and fear of the scourge of power corrupts those who are subject to it."

Love that line: It's not power but the fear of losing power that corrupts. It is deeply true and relevant today, when so few leaders now dare to throw caution and polls to the wind and tell people the truth about anything hard or controversial. Aung San Suu Kyi gave up 20 years of her life for her country. Many leaders today won't even give up a news cycle.

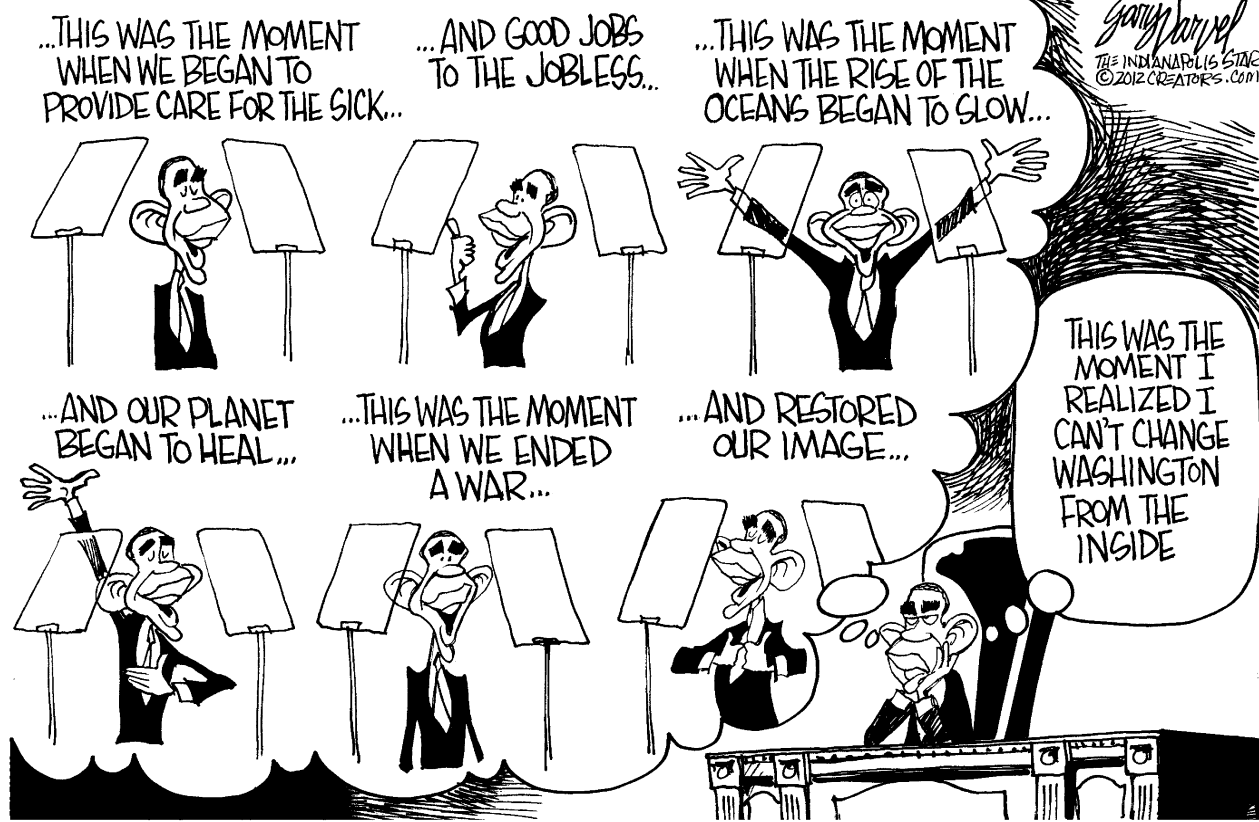
You see it everywhere: Muslims go on a rampage against the U.S. Embassy in Cairo because of a despicable and juvenile anti-Muslim video on YouTube — and the new Egyptian president, Mohammed Morsi, from the Muslim Brotherhood, at first refuses to condemn them or even properly protect America's diplomatic mission. Only a blistering phone call from President Barack Obama, who no doubt hinted that Egypt wouldn't get another penny of foreign aid if Morsi didn't act, prompted the Egyptian leader to condemn the attack. Muslim Brotherhood officials "explained" that Morsi was torn between the demands of diplomacy and not wanting to alienate his base or be outflanked by even more hard-line Salafist Muslims. Sorry, to lead is to choose. Not a good sign.

But you know what they say about people in glass houses. ... In July, Rep. Michele Bachmann started a bogus campaign against Muslims in the U.S. government, including a top aide to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Bachmann wrote to the leaders of U.S. national security agencies questioning whether the Muslim Brotherhood had infiltrated the federal government. Both McCain and the House speaker, John Boehner, chastised Bachmann for her politically inspired witch hunt — but not Eric Cantor, the House majority leader. The ambitious Cantor saw a chance to get a little political edge with the Republican base, against his rival Boehner, and told Charlie Rose of CBS News that we should understand Bachmann: "I think that her concern was about the security of the country." Yes, right, Cantor, and I suppose that was all Sen. Joe McCarthy was concerned about, too.

Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu of Israel has been loudly demanding that America publicly draw a "red line" in respect to Iran's nuclear program that would delineate exactly when the U.S. would launch a strike against Tehran. Bibi is Winston Churchill when it comes to demanding that the U.S. draw red lines, but he is a local party boss when America asks him to draw a "green line" delineating where Jewish settlements in the West Bank will stop and a Palestinian state might start. Oh, no! Can't do that, Bibi tells American officials. "I would lose my coalition." So America is supposed to risk a war with Iran, but Bibi won't risk anything to advance a deal with the Palestinians that might create a little more global legitimacy and sympathy for Israel, and America, in the event of a war with Iran.

Thanks a lot. Obama made every mistake in the book in trying to negotiate a "grand bargain" on taxes and spending last year with Boehner. But I've always had one question: Boehner said that he walked away after Obama, at the 11th hour, asked for \$400 billion more in taxes to bring along more Democrats. Why did Boehner just walk away and not call Obama back and say, "Here is my deal — no \$400 billion more — take the original bargain or leave it." He didn't do that because he was afraid Obama might take it — and Boehner knew he could not deliver his Tea Party base or would lose his speakership trying. So he didn't try. As for Obama, he's been at his best when he has dared to lead without fearing the politics: taking out Osama bin Laden, securing health care without a public option, racing to the top in education and saving the banks rather than throwing all the bankers in jail, which they deserved. And he has been at his worst when he's put politics first: spurning Simpson-Bowles, doubling down on Afghanistan for fear of being called a wimp and dropping "climate change" from his speeches.

My gut tells me that this deficit of global leadership can't last. For one thing, the world is getting so interdependent that weak leadership in one country now deeply impacts so many others. Think euro crisis, Israel-Iran or Chinese pollution. And, for another, I don't believe the two most powerful disciplining forces on the planet — the market and Mother Nature — will sit idle for another decade and let us keep building these huge financial deficits and carbon surpluses without one day delivering some punishing blows that will require herculean leadership to deal with. So let's honor The Lady from Myanmar, not just with a medal, but in a way that really matters — with emulation.



Legal Same-Sex Marriage Is A Serious Mistake

Editor's note: This column was originally scheduled to run in the Sunday, Sept. 23, edition as part of the Point/Counterpoint feature. The commentary is written in answer to the question: "Should gay marriage be legal?"

Lynden S. Williams

Marriage is heavily subsidized by society in the form of tax breaks, Social Security and Medicare benefits, and educational infrastructure for children. Many private businesses also subsidize marriage by providing medical and pension benefits to spouses and children of workers. Why do we subsidize marriage? Married couples provide society with the most essential components of the future well-being of business and government: Namely, they provide us with the next generation of citizens and workers. And,

married couples pay most of the costs of that new generation, including the emotional cost of providing the loving environment essential for their future well-being. The value to society of a new generation of citizens that have been cared for and loved by their parents is beyond calculation. It is easy to understand why same-sex couples want to "level the playing field." However, a level playing field would be one without subsidies for "married" couples (do they not understand this?). The idea that society subsidizes marriage because they want people to be happy or they want to be

"fair" is absurd. Let's state this very clearly: Same-sex sex does not produce anything of value to society, and society will not subsidize that activity. Yes, we know there would be a couple of decades of lawsuits against businesses and agencies that refuse to subsidize marriage when same-sex couples are included, but that would not change the final result. And, yes we know there are a handful of same-sex couples that are raising children, but the numbers are trivial (leaving aside the issue of whether those children are being well-served by that care). Elimination of subsidies for married couples raising children would increase the trend toward couples forgoing reproduction. We already have fertility levels falling below replacement

level. Are we to continue that reduction to the disastrously low levels of Japan and China, and most European countries? We should be increasing subsidies for children, not reducing them (we know lack of subsidies is not the fundamental cause for fertility decline, but it would encourage that trend). This marks the first time in the history of life on earth that a substantial number of any species has voluntarily decided not to reproduce. Children are the life of life; without children there is only death. Let's not be too quick to encourage that catastrophe.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Parents Feel Justice Wasn't Served in Son's Death

Final word: Justice never served.

On Sept. 12, 2010, our sons were tragically killed in a car accident that was precluded by a chase in a truck driven by Kade Laughlin with occupants Ryan Balles, Colt Robinson and Naccona Robinson.

We spent more than a year trying to find justice through the criminal system. From the beginning, we were told by authorities that justice might not be served. We were told that we would be better with this in the civil courts. We kept the faith and believed the system would work. It did not.

We will forever regret the decision our children made to go to Kade's house party, but they did what most kids would do when invited to a party. We take responsibility that they were drinking. They were punished with their lives. Kade was charged with a minor reckless driving charge for which Judge Cannon gave him a slap on the wrist. The occupants of the truck have received no pun-

ishment at all. We want to thank Coach Boomer Walker with College of Southern Idaho and Lori Stewart with the Twin Falls Sheriff's Office. We would also like to thank the countless emergency personnel on the scene trying to save our sons.

We were never given the opportunity to face or confront the young men that caused this tragedy. It will always be perplexing to us why Judge Nicole Cannon would not let us speak at Kade Laughlin's hearing. The fact that she did not consider us victims is astounding and unconscionable. We will be victims for the rest of our lives.

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Four Years Later We Know What Obama Meant by 'Change'

America is like a reactor approaching critical mass and an explosion is sure to follow. Barack Hussein Obama was elected in 2008 to the chant of "hope and change." He did say he would transform America, but no one seemed

to know what that meant. After nearly four years, we have an answer.

It meant public debt so huge it cannot be repaid; loss of jobs with no hope of finding one and homes being abandoned as a result. It meant 47 million people receiving food stamps. It meant a 40 percent reduction in the value of middle class American wealth. It meant a continuing loss of personal freedoms. It meant a weak response to the ambitions of Islam and a constant apology for our exercise of freedom.

The "blank slate" that was Obama in 2008 has been written upon. He did not go to parades on the Fourth of July nor enjoy the feelings of Christmas. His anti-colonial father and his radical mother prepared him to hate the ideals we treasure. Obama's schooling was guided by influential Marxists and his rise to power was due to their influence.

Obama was given a difficult situation to handle, but the policies he has put in place have done nothing to improve it. We are much closer to critical mass than when he was elected. Now he wants more money and more time to get things

moving. As someone said, "We're out of money and you're out of time." For the sake of our children and grandchildren, I hope that Obama has run out of time.

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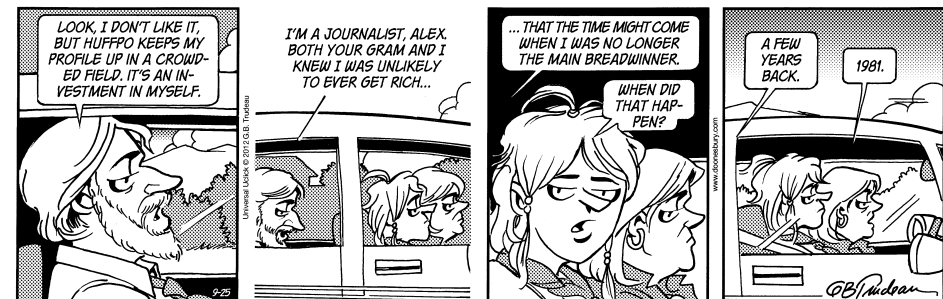
Last Saturday, my wife and I went biking with our black lab "Beau." After coming back home, I took my bike to the store and Beau followed, but he was tired and couldn't keep up. The police found him wandering around tired and thirsty with no dog tag, so they gave him a full bottle of water and took him to the vet. After searching all weekend, I asked the police chief on Monday if they had seen him, and he told me where he was.

A small thing, I know, but not many police forces would be as kind as they were.

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A Year After Immigration Law, Refugees Take Ala. Jobs

BLOOMBERG NEWS

Esene Manga, an Eritrean refugee living in Atlanta, hadn't heard of Albertville, Ala., until a recruiter offered him a job there. Now Manga, 22, earns \$10.85 an hour cutting chicken breasts on a poultry-plant night shift, an unexpected beneficiary of a year-old law designed to drive out illegal Hispanic immigrants.

This isn't what the law's backers said would happen. Republican State Sen. Scott Beason, a sponsor, said at a news conference last year that the restrictions on undocumented workers would "put thousands of native Alabamians back in the work force."

Instead, it caused a labor shortage that resulted in the importation of hundreds of legal African and Haitian refugees, and Puerto Ricans, according to interviews with workers, advocacy organizations and businesses.

Alabama is one of five states that last year passed immigration laws modeled on a 2010 Arizona measure.

In Albertville, Manga, his friend Abrahaley Araya and about 18 other African refugees started at Wayne Farms's plant in the days after the law took effect a year ago, according to the two men and Albert Mbanfu of Lutheran Services.



North Korean farmers work Sunday at Migok Cooperative Farm in Sariwon, North Hwanghae Province, North Korea.

N. Korean Farmers Gain New Crop Rights

SARIWON, North Korea (AP) • North Korean farmers who have long been required to turn most of their crops over to the state may now be allowed to keep their surplus food to sell or barter in what could be the most significant economic change enacted by young leader Kim Jong Un since he came to power nine months ago.

The proposed directive appears aimed at boosting the productivity at collective farms that have struggled for

decades to provide for the country's 24 million people. By giving farmers such an incentive to grow more food, North Korea could be starting down the same path as China when it first began experimenting with a market-based economy.

Two workers at a farm south of Pyongyang told The Associated Press about the new rules on Sunday, saying they were informed of the proposed changes during meetings last month and

that they should take effect with this year's upcoming fall harvest. The Ministry of Agriculture has not announced the changes, some of which have been widely rumored abroad but never previously made public outside North Korea's farms.

Farmers currently must turn everything over to the state beyond what they are allowed to keep for their families. Under the new rules, they would be able to keep any surplus after they

have fulfilled state-mandated quotas — improving fall morale and giving farmers more of a chance to manage their plots and use the crops as a commodity.

"We expect a good harvest this year," said O Yong Ae, who works at Migok Cooperative Farm, one of the largest and most productive farms in South Hwanghae Province in southwestern North Korea. "I'm happy because we can keep the crops we worked so hard to grow."

Republicans Look for Voter Fraud, Find Little

DENVER (AP) • Republican election officials who promised to root out voter fraud so far are finding little evidence of a widespread problem.

State officials in key presidential battleground states have found only a tiny fraction of the illegal voters they initially suspected existed. Searches in Colorado and Florida have yielded numbers that amount to less than one-tenth of 1 percent of all registered voters in either state.

Democrats say the searches waste time and, worse, could disenfranchise eligible voters who are swept up in the checks.

"I find it offensive that I'm being required to do more than any other citizen to prove that I can vote," said Samantha Meiring, 37, a Colorado voter and South African immigrant who became a U.S. citizen in 2010. Meiring was among 3,903 registered voters who received letters last month from the Colorado Secretary of State's office questioning their right to vote.

Especially telling, critics of the searches say, is that the efforts are focused on crucial swing states from Colorado to Florida, where both political parties and the presidential campaigns are watching every vote.

Brawl Stops iPhone 5 Production at Foxconn

BEIJING (AP) • The company that makes Apple's iPhones suspended production at a factory in China on Monday after a brawl by as many as 2,000 employees at a dormitory injured 40 people.

The fight, the cause of which is under investigation, erupted Sunday night at a privately managed dormitory near a Foxconn Technology Group factory in the northern city of Taiyuan, the company and Chinese police said. A police statement reported by the official Xinhua News Agency said 5,000 officers were dispatched to the scene.

The Taiwanese-owned company declined to say whether the factory is involved in iPhone production. It said the facility, which employs 79,000 people, will suspend work Monday and reopen Tuesday.

Foxconn makes iPhones and iPads for Apple Inc. and also assembles products for Microsoft Corp. and Hewlett-Packard Co. It is one of China's biggest employers, with some 1.2 million workers in factories in Taiyuan, the southern city of Shenzhen, in Chengdu in the west and in Zhengzhou in central China.

The unrest happens at a critical time for Apple. The fight started days after the launch of the latest iPhone model in the U.S. and eight other countries. The phone quickly sold out in most stores in the U.S. and Apple has a three to four-week backlog of online orders as it ramps up production to meet demand.

On Monday, Apple said it sold 5 million units of the new iPhone 5 in the first three days, less than analysts had expected. Its stock fell 1.4 percent to \$690.50 in midday trading.

The fight in Taiyuan start-



Chinese university students, dressed as the Foxconn workers, hold mock iPads with a skeleton print last year outside an Apple Premium Reseller shop in Hong Kong.

ed at 11 p.m. on Sunday, "drawing a large crowd of spectators and triggering chaos," a police spokesman was quoted by Xinhua as saying.

Order was restored after about four hours and several people were arrested, said the company, a unit of Taiwan's Hon Hai Precision Industry Co. It said 40 people were taken to hospitals for treatment.

The violence did not appear to be work-related, the company and police said. Comments posted on Chinese Internet bulletin boards said it might have erupted after a security guard hit an employee.

Photos posted on microblog service Sina Weibo showed broken windows, a burned vehicle and police with riot helmets, shields and clubs.

Phone calls to police headquarters and the Taiyuan city hall were not answered. People reached by

phone at restaurants and other businesses in the area said they had no details about the clash.

In the past year, Foxconn faced scrutiny over workers' complaints about wages and working hours. The company raised minimum pay and promised in March to limit

hours after an auditor hired by Apple found Foxconn employees regularly worked more than 60 hours a week.

Israeli Defense Chief Proposes West Bank Pullout

JERUSALEM (AP) • Israel's defense minister on Monday called for a broad unilateral withdrawal from the West Bank if talks with the Palestinians remain stalled, saying in published comments that "practical steps" are needed to breathe life into the stalemated peace process.

The proposal drew attention to the dire state of affairs with the Palestinians, which has been overshadowed by Israel's focus on the Iranian nuclear program. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, convinced that Tehran is pursuing nuclear weapons, says the Islamic Republic must be stopped and has devoted his 3 1/2 year term to rallying international support against the Iranians. At the same time, he has largely ignored the Palestinian issue.

In an interview with the Israel Hayom daily, De-

fense Minister Ehud Barak implied that the deadlock with the Palestinians cannot be sustained indefinitely.

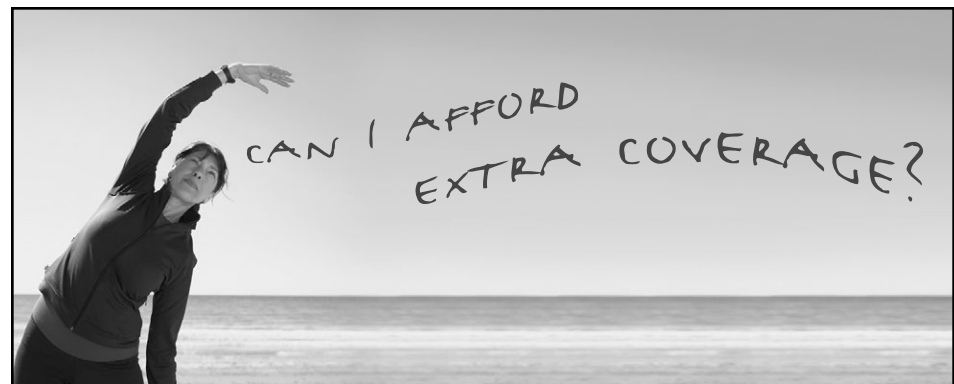
"It's better to reach an agreement with the Palestinians, but if that doesn't happen, we must take practical steps to start a separation," he said. "It will help us not only in dealing with the Palestinians, but also with other countries in the region, with the Europeans, and with the American administration — and of course (will help) us."

Barak's proposal is unlikely to be implemented, at least in the short term. Netanyahu has shown no interest in one-sided concessions, and his governing coalition is dominated by hard-liners who would be reluctant to embrace the plan. Netanyahu's office declined comment.

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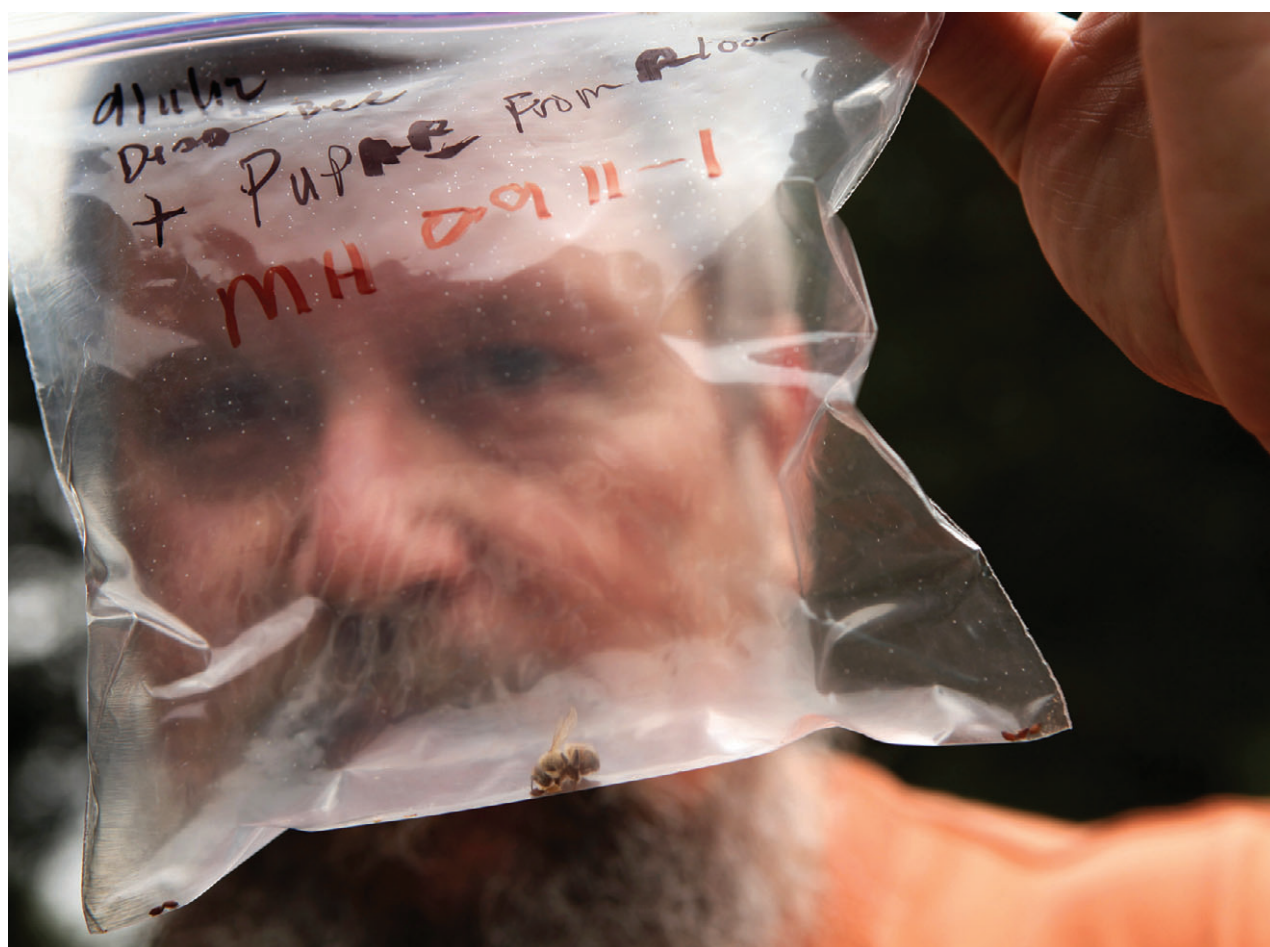
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Mark Hohn, a novice beekeeper in Kent, holds up a plastic bag with a dead zombie bee and pupae — two at each end of the bag. Hohn found that his bees are infected with a parasite that causes them to fly at night and lurch around erratically until they die.

Washington State's First 'Zombie Bees' Reported

SEATTLE (AP) • The infection is as grim as its sounds: "Zombie bees" have a parasite that causes them to fly at night and lurch around erratically until they die.

And experts say the condition has crept into Washington state.

"I joke with my kids that the zombie apocalypse is starting at my house," said Mark Hohn, a novice beekeeper who spotted the infected insects at his suburban Seattle home.

Hohn returned from vacation a few weeks ago to find many of his bees either dead or flying in jerky patterns and then flopping on the floor.

He remembered hearing about zombie bees, so he collected several corpses and popped them into a plastic bag. About a week later, the

Kent man had evidence his bees were infected: the pupae of parasitic flies.

"Curiosity got the better of me," Hohn said.

The zombie bees were the first to be confirmed in Washington state, *The Seattle Times* reported.

San Francisco State University biologist John Hafernik first discovered zombie bees in California in 2008.

Hafernik now uses a website to recruit citizen scientists like Hohn to track the infection across the country. Observers also have found zombie bees in Oregon and South Dakota.

The infection is another threat to bees that are needed to pollinate crops. Hives have been failing in recent years due to a mysterious ailment called colony collapse disorder, in which all the adult honey bees in a colony

suddenly die.

The life cycle of the fly that infects zombie bees is reminiscent of the movie "Alien," the newspaper reported. A small adult female lands on the back of a honeybee and injects eggs into the bee's abdomen. The eggs hatch into maggots.

"They basically eat the insides out of the bee," Hafernik said.

After consuming their host, the maggots pupate, forming a hard outer shell that looks like a fat, brown grain of rice. That's what Hohn found in the plastic bag with the dead bees. Adult flies emerge in three to four weeks.

There's no evidence yet that the parasitic fly is a major player in the bees' decline, but it does seem the pest is targeting new hosts, said Steve Sheppard, chair-

More Online

ZombieWatch.org

man of the entomology department at Washington State University.

"It may occur a lot more widely than we think," he said.

That's what Hafernik hopes to find out with his website, zombiewatch.org. The site offers simple instructions for collecting suspect bees, watching for signs of parasites and reporting the results.

Once more people start looking, the number of sightings will probably climb, Hohn said.

"I'm pretty confident I'm not the only one in Washington state who has them," he said.

One Dead in So. Calif. Wildfire; 20 homes Destroyed

CAMPO, Calif. (AP) • Firefighters found a dead body in a burned house Monday as they raced the winds to contain Southern California wildfires that destroyed 20 homes and threatened several hundred more in rural areas.

Winds gusting to 25 mph were expected in the afternoon in southeastern San Diego County, where a 3-square-mile fire churned slowly through hilly brushlands in a desert area near the U.S.-Mexico border.

It's too soon to know the gender of the body found Monday inside a home on Tierra del Sol Road near Campo, said Cal Fire spokesman Capt. Richard Cordova.

Firefighters and sheriff's officials searched the home after the man was reported missing. Neighbors grew concerned about the man, who refused to evacuate and whose only car was still at his home, according to the San Diego County Sheriff's Department.

U-T San Diego described the man as an 82-year-old with one leg. Sheriff's department spokeswoman Melissa Aquino said the body was found shortly before 2:30 p.m.

The 2,000-acre blaze was 10 percent surrounded Mon-



Residents help battle the Temprano Fire on Sunday in Murrieta, Calif., near Warm Springs Park and Preserve.

day. About 80 homes were ordered evacuated near the Campo Indian Reservation.

"The winds are picking up, but we still have cooler temperatures" and firefighters hoped to make progress, said California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Capt. Mike Mohler.

The fire has destroyed 20 homes, damaged 10 and

burned 15 outbuildings since it erupted Sunday, Mohler said.

An evacuation center was set up at a high school in the nearby community of Pine Valley. Many residents gathered at the Golden Acorn Casino, which also served as the command post for firefighters, to learn whether their homes were still standing.

Christopher Kirchner told U-T San Diego that the place he rents was about 200 feet from a residence that burned down.

"I was just talking to some of my neighbors," Kirchner said. "They were crying and saying they had no place to go. We've heard rumors that our place is still standing, but nobody will tell us anything."

Assistants, Nurses Help Boost Idaho's Primary Care

BOISE (AP) • Idaho is at the bottom of national rankings for doctors per capita, and many physicians in the state are expected to retire in the next several years.

But the *Idaho Statesman* reports that physician assistants and nurse practitioners are helping to fill the gap. Data from the Kaiser Family Foundation show that while Idaho ranks last in the United States for primary care doctors per person, it's tied for 14th for physician assistants and 45th for nurse practitioners.

"I don't think we have our primary care needs met" in Idaho, but "I definitely think they're filling an important role as part of the health care team," said Patrice Burgess, a family doctor for Saint Alphonsus Health System.

Burgess' clinic in Boise is one of the pilot sites for a model of patient care that stresses the team approach. Her office has four doctors each working with teams of four or five people, including a physician assistant, nurses and other non-physician employees, and each team sees about 20 patients a day.

As demand for physician assistants and nurse practitioners has risen, so has enrollment in the studies necessary for both professions at Idaho State University. ISU's physician assistant program started in 1995 with 20 students at the Pocatello campus, and it has grown to 60 students, with a satellite cam-

pus in Boise. The program received 500 applications last year.

ISU's distance-learning program for family nurse practitioners started in the early 1990s with 10 students. That program has quadrupled, said associate professor Cathy Arvidson.

The physician assistants program graduated more than 500 people so far, and most found jobs in Idaho, said program director Paula Phelps.

In some Idaho clinics, like the ones operated by non-profit organization Terry Reilly, physician assistants and nurse practitioners outnumber physicians.

"They're critical," said Bethany Gadzinski, Terry Reilly's homeless services and medical operations program manager. The assistants and nurse practitioners allowed the clinics to meet primary-care needs for rural communities like Homedale, Melba and Marsing, Gadzinski said.

Nurse practitioners can prescribe drugs and see patients without a doctor's supervision. Physician assistants can work independently but must be supervised by a licensed physician. In Idaho, doctors can supervise up to three physician assistants at the same time or up to six with a waiver from the state Board of Medicine.

Phelps, with ISU, said some advocates believe that loosening those caps would give patients more access to care.



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Mary Morgan, a Nassau County information technology specialist, poses with the telephones she is assessing as part of a countywide efficiency effort in Mineola, N.Y.

Local Governments Try to Cut Costs via Efficiency

BY FRANK ELTMAN

Associated Press

MINEOLA, N.Y. • In some places, it's as simple as pulling the plug on thousands of unused telephone lines or installing software that automatically shuts off idle school computers to save on electric bills. Other places are doing such things as merging town fire departments, combining 911 centers or outsourcing collection of parking fines.

Around the country, governments big and small are embracing cooperation, consolidation and efficiency to wring a few more dollars out of the budget as the effects of the Great Recession linger.

"What we're seeing is that many places are really taking a look at doing more with less," said Steve Hamill, a former administrator in Alameda County, Calif., and founder of the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, which helps municipalities learn of money-saving opportunities.

During the worst of the downturn, many local governments resorted to layoffs and other blunt means of cutting spending. Now, with the economy still shaky, they are looking in less obvious places for ways to save money.

Idaho's Coeur d'Alene School District set up a system to turn off all computer monitors after five minutes of inactivity. Computers are put in standby mode after 90 minutes. The district expects to save \$300,000 over three years, Hamill said.

Earlier this year, Long Island's two counties and several townships announced anticipated savings of more than \$1 million annually by joining forces to buy such things as medical supplies for ambulances and chemicals for wastewater treatment and swimming pools.

"Joint purchasing is an example of where we can do more with less by finding efficiency," Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone said.

In neighboring Nassau County, officials are in the midst of a review of unused telephones and telephone lines in the wake of large staff cutbacks. The county comptroller's office estimates as many as 3,000 phone lines could be disconnected by the end of the year, saving more than \$535,000.

An effort in Los Angeles County that includes disconnecting unused phones and buying efficient light bulbs is expected to cut costs by about \$218 million annually.

Former Mont. Pot Provider Can't Claim Entrapment

BY MATT VOLZ

Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. • A former medical marijuana provider who goes to trial Monday over last year's federal crackdown will not be allowed to claim that government officials

entrapped him by making statements that led him to believe he would not be prosecuted.

Jurors will also be told to ignore any mention of Montana's medical marijuana law. U.S. District Judge Dana Christensen's jury instruc-

tions say state laws are irrelevant to the federal charges against Chris Williams, a co-owner of the now-defunct Montana Cannabis.

The bans are a blow to Williams, who is charged with multiple drug manufacturing, trafficking and

weapons counts. He is the only medical marijuana provider to stand trial among the dozens whose businesses, houses and warehouses were raided in the March 2011 crackdown of the state's large pot operators.



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Controversial Ending to Seahawks-Packers Game • S3



DREW NASH • TIMES-NEWS

Joe Southwick, pictured during Thursday's game against BYU, and the rest of the Boise State offense has sputtered so far this season.

Petersen: BSU Offense Will Turn Around

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOISE • Faced with an offense that has failed to score a touchdown in two of its first three games, Boise State coach Chris Petersen vows he's not about to panic and make any wholesale changes.

Instead, Petersen is preaching patience for a unit that failed to get in the end zone in the opener against Michigan State then again last Thursday in a 7-6 victory over Brigham Young.

Putting up points in bunches has hardly been a problem since Petersen took over seven years ago, and since 2000 Boise State has been the nation's top scoring team, averaging 41.75 points per game during that span. But so far this season, No. 24 Boise State is averaging just 19.7 points per game.

So it's no wonder Broncos fans are getting antsy, nervous and impatient.

"I know people want us to fire guys, get new players and new coaches, but that's not what this is about," a feisty Petersen said Monday. "I'm convinced everyone wants to panic, wants us to yell and scream at one side of the ball. That's the last thing that's going to happen around here."

For now, Petersen is confident the offense under red-shirt junior Joe Southwick will turn things around.

As the Broncos (2-1) prepare for their Mountain West Conference opener Saturday at New Mexico, coaches will look for ways to simplify the playbook and focus on details. Practices will have a greater emphasis on execution, specifically inside the red zone, where Boise State has scored just three touchdowns in 12 trips.

Petersen also defended Southwick and new offensive

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LOCAL ROUNDUP

Declo Girls Earn First Win of 2012

TIMES-NEWS

DECLO • After grinding through six draws this season, the Declo girls soccer team finally broke through and celebrated its first win Monday, beating Buhl 2-1.

Morgan Heward scored her first career goal in the eighth minute. Buhl tied it up before halftime with a free-kick goal from Ruth Loza in the 22nd minute.

The Hornets' game-winner came in the 66th minute, as Sarah Henrickson assisted on a goal by Jana Brown.

"They were excited. The lap across the pitch to the parents and the fans, the girls didn't miss a beat," said Declo coach Tim Henrickson. "It was fun to be a part of that tonight."

Declo (1-5-6, 1-5-3 High Desert, 8 pts.) hosts Filer and Buhl (1-10-1, 1-7-1, 4 pts.) hosts Wendell on Wednesday.

BLISS 3, WENDELL 0
WENDELL • Bliss rolled past Wendell to keep its slim chances of a High

Desert Conference championship alive.

Cassie Villavicencio scored twice, while Estefany Altimirano added the third for the Bears.

Boys Soccer WENDELL 7, BLISS 0

WENDELL • Eder Macias scored a hat trick to lead Wendell to a senior night victory in a game that was delayed for more than an hour due to a massive thunderstorm in the area.

Jorge Diaz scored twice and Juan Carlos Rodriguez and Luis Bartolo added the final goals for Wendell, which travels to Buhl on Wednesday.

Volleyball GOODING 3, SHOSHONE 0

GOODING • Tia Conrad had 21 kills as Gooding straight-setted Shoshone 25-23, 25-19, 25-22.

Megan Behunin dished out 25 assists for the Senators (4-4), who host Glenns Ferry and Wendell in a tri-match Thursday.

Former Twin Falls Resident Jones Headed to Ski Hall of Fame

BY NICK RULAND
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TWIN FALLS • Despite an inauspicious introduction to the sport as a young child, longtime Twin Falls resident Phil Jones will be inducted into the Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame on Wednesday.

Born in 1939 and dragged to the slopes at age 6, Jones' life glides on the same thread of time in which skiing



Jones

matured into one of the largest recreational sports in the U.S. But Jones was more than a first-hand witness to the sport's history — he influenced its rise in the western United States.

Jones' father, Claude F. Jones, enshrined into the Hall of Fame in 2010, established the Magic Mountain Ski area in Twin Falls in 1940.

"My dad was not a skier," said Jones,

who now lives in Salt Lake City. "At that time, hardly anybody skied."

Claude pulled his son (Phil), daughter and wife to his slow-growing resort during 1940s winters because the family could not afford a babysitter. Phil and his older sister were left with few options to fill the time, so they mimicked the paid-strangers that surrounded them by strapping on long, narrow, wooden boards and blindly launching themselves down the

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Fifteen-year-old Hannah Newhouse has been selected to participate in NASCAR's Drive for Diversity Combine next month.

Newhouse Picked For NASCAR Drive for Diversity Combine

TIMES-NEWS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.

•Twin Falls teenage racing sensation Hannah Newhouse is in position to earn a crack at the big time.

On the same weekend as she wrapped up the 2012 season at Magic Valley Speedway, Newhouse was named as one of 17 candidates invited to NASCAR's Drive for Diversity Combine next month in Hampton, Va.

Just 15 years old, Newhouse is the youngest invitee, but she's only one of 10 teenagers in the candidate pool.

"This is a chance to show the rest of the racing world

that small-town Idaho girls can race," Newhouse said in a statement. "I am really looking forward to meeting the rest of the participants and showing NASCAR what I can do."

The 2012 combine, running Oct. 16-18 at Langley Speedway, will be a three-day driver evaluation of on-track performance, marketing and media aptitude, and physical fitness.

Racers who particularly impress could be selected to drive for Rev Racing, the executing partner in the program, for the K&N Pro or Whelen All-American series during the 2013 season.

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Hannah Newhouse

Combine candidates, as well as 2012 Rev Racing drivers, are eligible for selection for the 2013 team.

"We are excited to see the continued interest in the NASCAR Drive for Diversity program as evidenced by the increased breadth and depth of applicants for the evaluation," said Marcus Jadotte, NASCAR vice president of public affairs and multicultural development.

"The NASCAR Drive for Diversity program provides opportunities for female and minority drivers and crew members, and we are proud to be working with Rev Racing to foster great talent that will continue to enrich our sport."

Before heading off for the combine, Newhouse will make her K&N Pro Series debut Oct. 11 in Albuquerque, N.M.

BUHL EDGES DECLO

BY RYAN HOWE
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DECLO • The week off after its monumental victory over Gooding last Monday might have helped the Buhl boys soccer team heal from bumps and bruises, but it may have also contributed to the Indians coming out flat against Declo in Monday's High Desert Conference match.

It wasn't a convincing win, but a win nonetheless as Buhl downed the Hornets 2-0.

"It was the long break we had," explained Buhl senior Daniel Peralta.

Buhl's win over Gooding last Monday was the first time the Indian seniors had defeated the Senators. Coming down from that high, plus Buhl's week full of homecoming festivities, may have stolen focus from Buhl's training heading into this game.

"We didn't have the mentality today that we usually have, but we'll get back on

it," Peralta said. "If you ask me or any of my teammates, we think we can beat anyone. We have full confidence we can beat anyone."

Kevin Hernandez scored in the 12th minute, but Buhl's lead felt insecure until Juan Perez was able to tack on another goal in the 73rd.

"(Declo) wanted to win, they played a little bit harder," Peralta said. "We didn't have many goals today, we expect to do better Wednesday (against Wendell)."

Buhl (8-3-1, 6-2-1 High Desert, 20 pts.) dominated possession but couldn't find many open looks, despite generating 14 corner kicks.

"Today I don't think we were in sync. We played a little too central the first half," said Buhl coach Tracy Clark.

Still winless through 11 games, Declo worked to perform better than its 4-0 loss to Buhl earlier this season.

"Our pride is to improve as the season goes on and play everybody tougher the second time around and give



RYAN HOWE/TIMES-NEWS

Buhl's Juan Perez (9) dribbles past Declo's Tommy Christopherson Monday at Declo High School.

a better account for ourselves," said Declo coach Tim Henrickson. "Both (boys and girls teams) accomplished what we went

out to do tonight. It was a good night for the program."

On Wednesday, Declo will host Filer while Buhl hosts Wendell.

YOUR SPORTS



COURTESY PHOTO

Screech, the Canyon Ridge High School mascot, wrestles with kids after participating in the "Beat Screech" run last week in Twin Falls. The run was conducted by Canyon Ridge student Matt Packham for his senior project. Funds raised from the race went to the Twin Falls Kiwanis Club's Project Eliminate.

GOLF

Snake River Best Ball At Jerome CC and Canyon Springs GC
Championship Flight - Gross: 1. Sklavos/Boer 135. Lap: Studey/Blakeley 69. Net: 1. Standley/Strand 123. Lap: Perkins/Coats 65.
First Flight - Gross: 1. Gemar/Hamilton 145. Lap: Fries/Turnbull 64. Net: 1. Foster/Pereira 123. Lap: Saxton/Grubbs 64.
Second Flight - Gross: 1. Crump/Brewster 149. Lap: Cooper/Yore 78. Net: 1. Jahns/Nice 113. Lap: Mohr/Gulser 61.
Couples Flight - Gross: 1. Simkins/Simkins 138. Lap: Hanna/Hansen, Kelley/Johnston 77. Net: 1. Tie: Odiaga/Odiaga, Sterling/Sterling 119. Lap: Pinkela/Pinkela 60.

Ladies Flight - Gross: 1. Gentry/Call 164. Lap: Schwaneveldt/Perkins 80. Net: 1. Gentry/Becker 119. Lap: Coats/Matthews 65.

MICHELOB BEST BALL

Championship Flight - Gross: 1. Lee/Frank 131. Lap: Hanchey/Dawson 67. Net: 1. Tie: Blaisdel/Williams, Essma/Nelson 119. Lap: Schmoelen/Jenkins 61.
First Flight - Gross: 1. Farnsworth/Grubbs 140. Lap: Acevedo/Newlan 69. Net: 1. Christensen/Sedmack 116. Lap: Well/Harrow 56.

SWIMMING

Twin Falls High Results At District IV-V Invitational, Pocatello

Boys

Team results: 2. Twin Falls.
State qualifiers: Matt Twiss, 200 IM, 100 Freestyle; Parker Twiss, 100 Butterfly, 500 Freestyle.
Individual results
Matt Twiss: 200 IM, 4th; 100 Freestyle, 6th.
Braden Schöles: 200 Freestyle, 9th; 100 Freestyle, 19th.
Luke Burgett: 50 Freestyle, 5th; 100 Backstroke, 8th.
John Williams: 50 Freestyle, 5th; 100 Freestyle, 9th.
Aaron Bjorn: 200 Freestyle, 6th; 500 Freestyle, 3rd.
Parker Twiss: 100 Butterfly, 1st; 500 Freestyle, 1st.
Relays: 200 medley, 2nd; 200 Freestyle relay, 3rd.
Girls
Team results: 4. Twin Falls.

State qualifiers: Jessica Aguirre, 200 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle.
Individual Results
Baylee Howe: 50 Freestyle, 18th; 100 Freestyle, 16th.
Marah Bjorn: 50 Freestyle, 6th; 100 Freestyle, 11th.
Alicia Kezelo: 50 Freestyle, 14th; 100 Freestyle, 17th.
Shannon Milligan: 50 Freestyle, 21st; 100 Freestyle, 18th.
Paige Hatch: 50 Freestyle, 23rd; 100 Breaststroke, 8th.
Kyrra Doshier: 50 Freestyle, 25th; 100 Freestyle, 28th.
Jessica Aguirre: 200 Freestyle, 7th; 100 Freestyle, 6th.

FOOTBALL STANDINGS

District IV Football Standings

Records as of Sept. 24

Team	Conference	Overall
4A Great Basin		
Minico	1-0	2-2
Jerome	1-0	2-3
Wood River	0-0	1-2
Twin Falls	0-0	1-3
Canyon Ridge	1-1	1-3
Burley	0-2	2-2
3A SCIC		
Gooding	1-0	5-0
Kimberly	0-0	1-3
Filer	0-0	0-4
Buhl	0-1	0-4
2A Canyon		
Wendell	1-0	2-2
Glenns Ferry	1-0	1-4
Declo	0-0	4-0
Valley	0-1	1-3
Oakley	0-1	0-4
1A-I Snake River		
Grace	3-0	5-0
Hagerman	2-0	4-0
Butte County	2-1	3-1
Challis	1-2	3-2
Raft River	1-2	2-3
Hansen	0-2	1-3
Shoshone	0-2	1-3
1A-II Sawtooth North Division		
Dietrich	2-0	5-0
Carey	1-1	2-2
Mackay	1-1	2-3
Richfield	0-0	0-2
Camas County	0-1	2-1
Clark County	0-1	2-2
South Division		
Castleford	2-0	4-1
Lighthouse Christian	2-0	4-1
Murtaugh	0-1	1-2
Rockland	0-1	1-1
North Gem	0-1	1-3
Sho-Ban	0-1	0-3

SOCCER STANDINGS

District IV Soccer Standings

Note: In conference games, teams are awarded three points per win and one point per tie. As of Sept. 24

Boys

Class 4A Great Basin

Team	Overall	Conf.	Pts.
Wood River	8-0-4	7-0-1	22
Jerome	7-1-4	4-1-3	15
Minico	5-6-2	3-4-1	10
Canyon Ridge	4-5-3	2-4-2	8
Burley	3-7-3	2-4-2	8
Twin Falls	3-8-2	1-6-1	4

Class 3A High Desert

Team	Overall	Conf.	Pts.
Wendell	8-2-0	8-2-0	24
Gooding	6-1-2	6-1-2	20
Buhl	8-3-1	6-2-1	19
Community School	7-5-1	5-4-1	16
Bliss	4-4-1	4-4-1	13
Filer	1-11-1	1-7-1	4
Declo	0-11-0	0-10-0	0

Girls

Class 4A Great Basin

Team	Overall	Conf.	Pts.
Twin Falls	12-1-0	8-0-0	24
Wood River	8-4-0	7-1-0	21
Canyon Ridge	4-5-2	4-3-1	13
Jerome	4-7-1	2-5-1	7
Minico	1-10-1	1-6-1	4
Burley	1-11-1	0-7-1	1

Class 3A High Desert

Team	Overall	Conf.	Pts.
Community School	10-2-1	9-0-1	28
Bliss	6-1-2	6-1-2	20
Filer	5-5-3	5-2-2	17
Wendell	3-5-2	3-5-2	11
Declo	1-4-6	1-4-5	8
Gooding	1-7-1	1-7-1	4
Buhl	1-10-1	1-7-1	4

LOCAL BRIEFS

CSI Coaching Clinic

College of Southern Idaho men's basketball coach Steve Gosar and his staff will host their annual coaching clinic from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sept. 29 at the CSI gymnasium. The clinic will host five speakers, including Baylor men's basketball coach Scott Drew. Cost is \$50 and includes lunch and a clinic gift. Continuing education credits will be available. Information: Colby Blaine, cblaine@csi.edu or 340-7588.

Twin Falls Adult Volleyball League

Twin Falls Parks and Recreation is accepting team rosters for an adult co-ed and women's volleyball leagues, through Sept. 28 at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$410 for a 10-game season and double-elimination tournament. Information: 736-2264 or bmason@tfid.org.

SplashPark Golf Fundraiser

The Main Avenue plaza and SplashPark Golf Scramble Fundraiser will be held Sept. 28 at 93 Golf Ranch in Jerome. Golf begins with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$65 per person or \$250 per foursome and includes greens fees, carts and lunch. Entry is limited to 120 players. Information: Paul Arrington 404-9436 or pla@idahowaters.com.

Burley Memorial Scramble

Burley Golf Course will host its second annual Memorial Scramble on Sept. 28, with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$50 per person or \$200 per team. Proceeds will be used for golf course improvements and upgrades. Information available at Burley Golf Course.

Scramble at CLCC

The Magic Valley Republican Women are hosting a four-

person fundraiser golf scramble at Clear Lake Country Club Sept. 29. Registration is at 8 a.m., shotgun start at 9. Cost is \$50 per person or \$200 per team. There is an optional putting contest during play and lunch (\$10) following the tournament. Sign up in the pro shop at CLCC, 543-4849. Information: Kris Kolash, 543-4084, or Barbara Frith, 326-5314.

ChildRUN

The third annual ChildRUN will be held at 10 a.m. Oct. 13 at the College of Southern Idaho. Run options include 1/4-mile, 1 mile or 5K distances. Entry cost is \$20, children 14 and under is \$5. Register at magicvalleyrunners.com.

Information: mckay@sosgate.com.

Harlem Ambassadors Tour

The Harlem Ambassadors will visit Gooding High School for a charity basketball game Nov. 15 at 7 p.m.

The Ambassadors are a traveling exhibition basketball team that works with local non-profit and service organizations to raise funds for community endeavors.

Tickets will go on sale Oct. 15 at all Valley Country Stores, and will also be available in Gooding at Steve's Quick Service, Misty's Shack, Ace Hardware and Farmers Insurance.

Basketball, Cheerleading Registration

Upward Basketball and Cheerleading for boys and girls in grades K-6 is now registering players and volunteers for the upcoming winter season at the Twin Falls Church of the Nazarene. Head coach, assistant head coach, cheer coach, and referee applicants with or without experience are welcome.

Information: 733-6610, tfnaz.com, or on Facebook tfnazupward.

— Staff reports

Jones

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boulder-blotched, snow-coated faces of Magic Mountain.

"My first days of skiing were not very much fun," Jones said. "We just kind of took off, put skis on and away we went. We didn't know what we were doing, right or wrong, but eventually we figured it was fun."

So much fun that Jones joined the then three-member ski team at Twin Falls High School as a freshman. Despite breaking his leg in three places during one of his ninth grade races — skis lacked safety bindings back then — Jones returned for his final three years and became one of the best racers in the region.

"I was probably more a technical skier than a super-racer, but I always did well in races," Jones said. "Super-racers have the killer instinct and desire to give it all. I was an aggressive racer, but not an aggressive enough skier to be champion skier."

Jones accepted an athletic scholarship at Denver University, the pre-eminent collegiate ski team of that time after winning the first four national championships in the sport, from 1954-57.

It turned out that high-level racing, where he had to learn to do jumps and hang with his more experienced and highly-trained Norwegian teammates, wasn't for him.

"I was out of my element," Jones said.

But Jones wasn't done skiing. He transferred to the University of Utah and worked at a ski shop in Brighton. He skied for recreation where instructors noticed his skill, prompting them to eventually hire Jones as an instructor.

Jones eventually joined an elite American ski team that toured the world, providing lessons and demonstrations of the technically distinct American ski style to skiing

connoisseurs, including Austrians. He was named ski instructor of the year in 1971.

"He had taken all of the top honors because he learned his fundamentals properly," said Bill Lash, long-time friend and former Magic Mountain ski director. "He was an all-around instructor who could teach all levels."

In 1971, Jones was named ski school director at Park City Mountain Resort in Utah. By 1975, he'd become general manager, and was named the resort's president in 1980.

It was during his tenure as general manager that the resort created one of the first industrial snow-making machines in the western U.S., one that Jones, with a background fixing cars for his dad, fabricated himself in order to save his company.

"Nobody was doing snowmaking," Jones said. "In 1975-76, we didn't get much snow. We had a real Mickey Mouse snow-making system that worked just enough to salvage a season. The next year, we took our marketing budget, told all of our full-time year-round people that there would be no bonuses and no raises, and used all of that revenue and built a snow-making system that basically saved the town of Park City, and for sure saved the company."

The snow making machine not only saved the resort and the surrounding businesses — and arguably the town itself — but allowed it to host the World Cup races from 1985 to 2003, as well as giant slalom and snowboard events at the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Jones, who retired in 2004 because of three back surgeries but not before trying snowboarding, doesn't mind having one of the few 15,000-foot perspectives on the sport.

"I would say I've seen the evolution of skiing," Jones said with a chuckle. "It's amazing what happens when you mature."

Daly Hopes NHL Labor Talks Will Resume this Week

ASSOCIATED PRESS

TORONTO • A face-to-face meeting between top officials from the NHL and NHL Players' Association wasn't enough to break their labor stalemate.

The sides spent almost five hours together on Monday going over accounting

for last season, but didn't emerge with any plan to resume negotiations on a new collective bargaining agreement to end the lockout.

The topic wasn't even raised, according to representatives from each group.

Nine days into the lockout, negotiations remain on hold with owners and play-

ers entrenched in their positions.

"Obviously, we've got to talk before you can get a deal, so I think it's important to get the talks going again," NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly said.

"But you also have to have something to say. I think it's fair to say we feel like we

need to hear from the players' association in a meaningful way because I don't think that they've really moved off their initial proposal, which was made more than a month ago."

Steve Fehr, the NHLPA's special counsel, declined comment following the meeting.

BSU

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coordinator Robert Prince, the Broncos' third new coordinator in the last three years.

Through three games, Southwick has posted decent statistics. He's 54 of 87 for 618 yards, two touchdowns and his passer efficiency rating is 124.7. He's run the offense effectively at times, engineered scoring drives and minimized the kind of mistakes common among first-year starters.

"It's not any one thing, not any one person," Petersen said. "I really think

Joe can do it. We wouldn't put him in there if we didn't think that. We've seen him do it. We've seen him do it in practice. It's really all about consistency."

Against BYU, the Boise State offense had five chances inside the red zone, but each one faltered amid a series of miscues, penalties or assignment breakdowns. A missed 33-yard field goal dashed an opportunity in the first half, and four other times the Broncos turned the ball over on downs.

The biggest disappointment for the offense may have been the inability to punch it in after the Broncos defense recovered a BYU

fumble on the Cougar 1-yard line late in the second half. The BYU defense, which came into the game ranked among the nation's best, stuffed the Broncos on four straight tries, including a fourth-down quarterback sneak, a play Petersen took responsibility for calling.

Boise State's only points came when nose tackle Mike Atkinson dropped back into pass coverage, stepped in front of a short pass from Cougar quarterback Riley Nelson and ran 36-yards for a score.

"Offensive football is very delicate," Petersen said. "Sometimes it doesn't look

like that, but we've got to tighten things up, make more accurate throws, avoid penalties, make a tougher catch than we should have to. Then all of a sudden, things will start to change a little bit."

Tight end Chandler Koch also suggested his teammates may be pressing too much inside the red zone, thinking too much instead of reacting.

"I feel like we're not playing loose enough, or fast, that we tend to tense up a little bit," said Koch. "It's almost like our mindset is we're getting tensed up, thinking, 'Oh, we're inside the red zone.'"

SCOREBOARD

Odds MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Table with columns: National League, Favorite, Line, Underdog, Line. Lists various MLB games and odds.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Table with columns: Thursday, Favorite, Line, Underdog, Line. Lists college football games.

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NFL

Table with columns: Thursday, Favorite, Open, Today, O/U, Underdog. Lists NFL games.

NFL STANDINGS

Table with columns: American, East, South, North, West, National. Lists NFL team standings.

Thursday's Game

N.Y. Giants 36, Carolina 7

Sunday's Games

Dallas 16, Tampa Bay 10; Kansas City 23, St. Louis 6; Minnesota 24, San Francisco 13; Tennessee 44, Detroit 41, OT; Kansas City 27, New Orleans 24, OT; Cincinnati 38, Washington 31; N.Y. Jets 23, Miami 20, OT; Buffalo 24, Philadelphia 14; Jacksonville 22, Indianapolis 17; Arizona 27, Philadelphia 6; Atlanta 27, San Diego 3; Oakland 34, Pittsburgh 31; Houston 31, Denver 25; Baltimore 31, New England 30

Monday's Game

Seattle 14, Green Bay 12

Thursday, Sep. 27

Cleveland at Baltimore, 6:20 p.m.

Sunday, Sep. 30

Tennessee at Houston, 11 a.m.

San Diego at Kansas City, 11 a.m.

Seattle at St. Louis, 11 a.m.

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Replacements Have No Place on Field



Jim Litke
Associated Press

If the NFL were a hamburger chain, Roger Goodell would already be out as CEO.

What Sunday's games made clear is that the product is worse. The replacements officials don't know the rules. They can't control the players or coaches. And both are playing them for suckers. Remember the warning the league sent around last week threatening to fine anyone who abused the officials? It was treated like a dare to do just that.

Redskins offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan followed the officials into the tunnel in Washington after a loss, hurling curses. Steelers linebacker Larry Foote did the same to a different crew in Oakland. Patriots head coach Bill Belichick tried grabbing an official running by him when the game ended in Baltimore to get an explanation he's waiting for still.

Earlier in that same game, the hometown fans rendered their verdict on the officiating by yelling one word so long and so loud, it can't be repeated here.

"That's the loudest manure chant I've ever heard," NBC announcer Al Michaels said.

In separate games, Raiders receiver Darrius Heyward-Bey was concussed and Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo could have been on helmet-to-helmet hits that weren't called. It was slight consolation for Matt Schaub that the Broncos' Joe Mays was called for doing the same thing to him, because the Texans quarterback lost a chunk of his left earlobe in the vicious collision.

Players seem determined to try anything and everything they can get away with on the field, treating any penalties handed out after the fact — and a film review by the league — simply as the cost of doing business. All that unpunished extracurricular activity is why more plays have become the prelude to a fight.

"We're going to go out there and push the limit regardless," Vikings linebacker Chad Greenway said. "If they're calling a game tight, if they're calling



Referee David Scott walks onto the field during Sunday's game between the Buffalo Bills and the Cleveland Browns in Cleveland.

a game loose, it's going to be pushed to the limit."

On Sunday, the scenes of confusion on the field extended all the way up to the replay booth — see: San Francisco at Minnesota and Detroit at Tennessee. Add it all up and you're looking at officials playing larger and larger roles in longer games with less rhythm than ever.

The only thing the league office appears to be in a hurry about at the moment is boosting the charitable donations made by a few of its employees. On Monday, Denver coach John Fox and defensive coordinator Jack Del Rio were docked \$30,000 and \$25,000, respectively, for verbally abusing the replacement officials on the Monday night game a week ago. NFL

executive vice president of football operations Ray Anderson says he's reviewing incidents involving Belichick and Ravens coach John Harbaugh, as well as Kyle Shanahan's tirade after the Redskins' loss to the Bengals. All can expect to hear from him sooner rather than later. If only the same were true of the locked-out officials' union.

The consensus seems to be that won't happen until events force the commissioner's hand — a blown call at the end of a game that costs a team a win. But it's not hard to argue that a number of bad calls have already impacted games at junctures just as critical and worse. They're bleeding into the way teams handle

everything from play-calling and discipline to timeouts. Browns kicker Phil Dawson summed it up perfectly.

"Unfortunately, I feel like that it's like changing an intersection from a stop sign to a red light," he said. "You have to have so many car wrecks before they deem that intersection to be dangerous enough — and we're heading that way. Someone's going to lose a game, if it hasn't already happened, to get both sides to a pressure point to get a deal done. It's sad."

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Players, Coaches Now Testing Replacement Officials

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK • New England coach Bill Belichick was confused about a decisive field goal he thought was off-target. Detroit's Jim Schwartz couldn't understand a 27-yard penalty walk-off for unnecessary roughness. Philadelphia's Andy Reid felt ignored while trying to decline a penalty.

The furor over the work of replacement officials reached something of a fevered pitch during Week 3 in the NFL, when even deciphering downs and distance became a challenge.

In Sunday night's Ravens-Patriots game, shoving matches followed even insignificant plays. One TV analyst called it the substitute-teacher syndrome: See how much you can get away with before the real thing returns.

"Nature says for us that we're going to go out there and push the limit regardless," Vikings linebacker Chad Greenway said. "If they're calling a game tight, if they're calling a game loose, it's going to be pushed to the limit. You are pushing it to the brink. If things are going to be called easier, and in some situations I feel like they've been less lenient, too, you've just got to play and see how (it's being called)."

If you can figure it out. Broncos coach John Fox was fined \$30,000 Monday and defensive coordinator Jack Del Rio \$25,000 for verbal abuse of the officials during a Monday night game against Atlanta on Sept. 17.

More fines are likely for Belichick and Redskins offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan, and perhaps for others.

Fox and Del Rio were hit for their sideline histrionics, particularly when Fox was told he couldn't challenge a call of 12 men on the field — he was correct that he could challenge, although replays showed the

Broncos were guilty.

Before grabbing the arm of an official, Belichick wanted to know why Justin Tucker's field goal was called good in Baltimore's 31-30 victory Sunday night. He couldn't tell from his angle on the sideline, he said.

"So when the game was over, I went out and I was really looking for an explanation from the officials as to whether the play was under review," he said, "and I did try to get the official's attention as he was coming off the field to ask that, but I really wasn't able to do that."

Most confusing was the mark-off for a Lions penalty in overtime at Tennessee. Officials wound up penalizing Detroit from its 44-yard line rather than from the original line of scrimmage, the Titans 44.

Soon after, Rob Bironas kicked a go-ahead field goal.

Schwartz noted that the alternate official who helps the replacements with administering penalties was on the Detroit sideline.

"We said, 'You're enforcing it from the wrong spot! He was adamant that they weren't doing so,'" Schwartz said. "At that point, we just needed to play!"

They didn't play well enough to avoid losing 44-41, and Titans coach Mike Munchak wasn't apologizing for how his team won.

"I don't feel any guilt," Munchak said. "For us, really the obvious answer is there's nothing we can do about who's officiating games. It's the same for everybody, so go out and don't get caught up in all that."

The league and the officials' union met Sunday without reaching any agreement on ending the lockout that began in June. The players' union also called on the 32 team owners to end the lockout because it is compromising the integrity of the game.

Olazabal Arrives at Medinah With a Gold Prize

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEDINAH, Ill. • Jose Maria Olazabal stepped off the plane carrying the Ryder Cup, a familiar sight considering that Europe has won six of the past eight times.

It was who followed the captain off the plane that showed how much the dynamics of this event have changed over the years.

Olazabal flew over from London with only three of his 12 players — Paul Lawrie, Francesco Molinari and Ryder Cup rookie Nicolas Colsaerts.

Everyone else was already here.

Five of the Europeans — Ian Poulter, Justin Rose, Peter Hanson, Graeme McDowell and Sergio Garcia — have homes at Lake Nona in Orlando, Fla.

Rory McIlroy and Lee Westwood, among four players who were in Atlanta on Sunday for the Tour Championship, are moving to south Florida. Luke Donald lives about 45 minutes away on the north side of Chicago.

It wasn't that long ago that Team Europe came over together because that's where so many lived and played — Howard Clark and David Gilford, Sam Torrance and Mark James, Ian Woosnam and Colin Montgomerie.

Olazabal didn't see that as a problem.

"Obviously, when you look at some of the European players, they have their home base here," he said. "They play the tour over



European captain Jose Maria Olazabal answers a question during a news conference for the Ryder Cup golf tournament Monday at the Medinah Country Club in Medinah, Ill.

here. They are very familiar with the golf courses around here, with their opponents, and in that regard, I think they feel really more comfortable with the whole situation of coming here to the States to play The Ryder Cup. It has changed in that respect, and also that they have realized through the years that they have been able to compete against the players here.

"And that somehow boosts your confidence, and that is a very important part when you are playing match play."

Still, there was a certain charm about having the team arrive as one.

U.S. captain Davis Love III

remembers his first Ryder Cup in 1993 at The Belfry, when Tom Watson assembled his group in New York and spoke of a grand adventure to Europe with the sole purpose of bringing back the cup.

Golf is different now. "I miss that a little bit," Love said. "We all gather and fly over here. That was a really cool thing. But I think what we have got now is a much bigger event."

Noting that so many of the world's best players are at Medinah Country Club, Love said that golf has become "incredibly better."

"What we have in our team rooms now and the camaraderie between the two

teams is just incredible, and it's amazing how much it's changed over the years," Love said. "And we're playing against our friends, but it's still as intense — maybe even more — because we are more familiar with them."

One thing hasn't changed. Both teams desperately want that 17-inch gold trophy.

Europe is coming off a 14½-13½ win two weeks ago in Wales, a year of slogging through the rain that forced a Monday finish that made everything worth the extra day when it came down to the final match, with Graeme McDowell delivering the winning point.

Hamlin Must Get Over Hatred of Dover

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. • Denny Hamlin said he would win at New Hampshire and did just that, scoring an important victory in his quest to win his first NASCAR championship.

For his next act, Hamlin must prove he's a legitimate title contender by overcoming his disdain for Dover.

Hamlin openly despises the 1-mile concrete oval so much that every armchair psychologist out there is convinced his problems at Dover are self-inflicted. He points to his past performances there — he's got an average finish of 20.5 in 13 career starts — as proof the place gives him fits.

But there must be a correlation in how poorly he runs and the bad attitude he takes into Delaware twice a year. Hamlin has brought up his dislike for Dover unprovoked several times over the last six weeks, including stopping himself mid-sentence while assessing his title chances after his win at Bristol.

"I think that the Chase, other than Dover — I'm so bad there, I hate that track ... other than Dover, I feel that I can win at any race track that we go to," he said.

Asked about it earlier this month, Hamlin insisted nothing will ever change about his feelings for

Dover, where he finished 36th or worse during a four-race stretch from 2007 to 2009.

"I just don't like the place. I'm not comfortable there," he said. "I go there believing if we have a great day, we'll run somewhere around 15th."

Well, 15th isn't going to get it done in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship, which shifts to Dover this weekend for the third of 10 races. After running out of fuel in the opener at Chicago, Hamlin took to Twitter to guarantee he'd bounce back at New Hampshire with a victory.

He did that on Sunday, grabbing his series-best fifth win of the season, and it moved him to third in the Chase standings. He is seven points behind leader Jimmie Johnson, who is determined to reclaim the title after Tony Stewart snapped his five-year reign last season.

Johnson, by the way, loves Dover.

He is a seven-time winner at Dover, and has 15 top-10 finishes in 21 career starts. Johnson also won there earlier this year, leading 289 of the 400 laps to remind everyone there's nobody better in NASCAR at Dover right now.

So it's in Hamlin's best interest to immediately get over his issues with Dover or risk losing a lot of ground to Johnson in this championship race.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

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Tonight: A few clouds. Low 45.

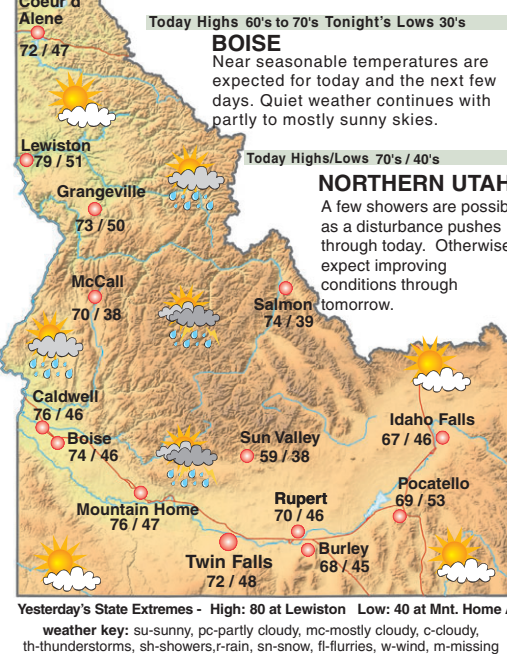
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IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Temperatures will be cold today. Lingered rain showers are possible. Snow showers also possible across the higher terrain.



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Five-day forecast table for Twin Falls with columns for Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Includes icons and temperature ranges.

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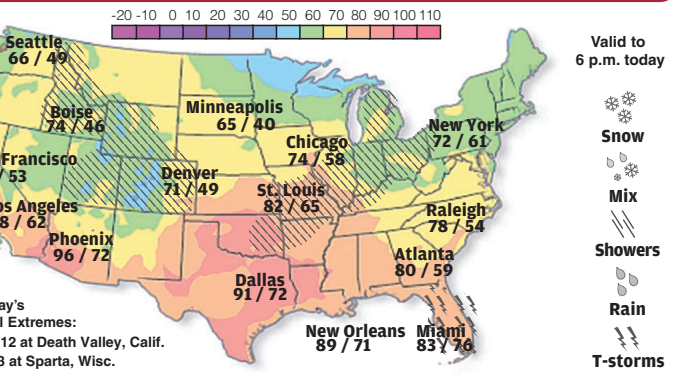
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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Tygart: 'I've Received Death Threats'

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS • The head of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency tightened security at his organization after receiving several death threats during his invest-

igation of Lance Armstrong. "The Armstrong affair has prompted death threats against me. I received three of them, individual initiatives, in my opinion. Once again, the FBI dealt with

that," Tygart said in an interview published Monday in French sports daily L'Equipe from USADA offices in Colorado Springs, Colo. "The BALCO case changed everything; we re-

ceived death threats for the first time," he added. "Two for Terry Madden, my predecessor. One for me and my family later when the (Floyd) Landis confessions first came out."

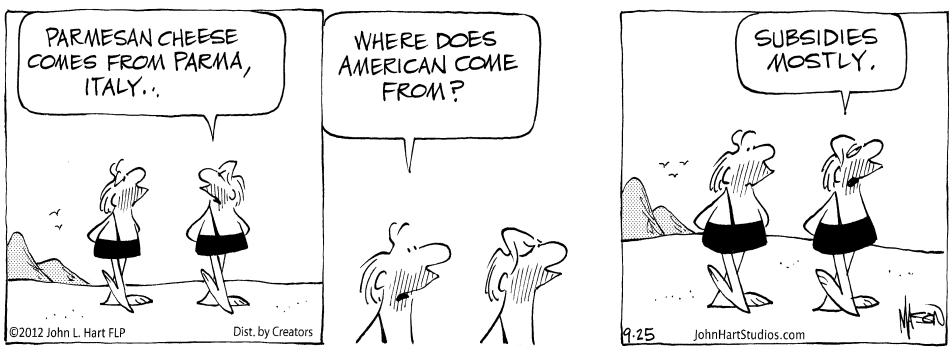
In August, Armstrong dropped any further challenges to USADA's allegations that he took performance-enhancing drugs to win the Tour de France from 1999-2005. A day later, USADA stripped Armstrong of his Tour titles and banned him for life. Armstrong, who

has always denied doping and points to hundreds of tests that he has passed, has claimed Tygart has a vendetta against him. "I accept being accused, mistreated. That's me, the public face of USADA. Am I a target? I won't shirk my responsibility," Tygart said.

Advertisement for Magic Valley Health Fair featuring a \$200 Custom Frame Gift Card for only \$100. Includes images of framed photos and text: "Professional Frame", "132 Main Avenue South, Twin Falls", "TODAY'S DEAL", "This is not a coupon. Deal must be purchased at www.magicvalley.com/todaysdeal".

Advertisement for Magic Valley Health Fair. Includes text: "MAGIC VALLEY Health Fair", "Saturday, October 27th 7am - 1pm", "ADMISSION IS FREE!", "LOCATION: The CSI Health Sciences & Human Services Building on N. College Rd.", "Free Educational Seminars", "Informative seminars from local health care providers.", "SERVICES OFFERED: Clinical Lab work, Lipid Profile, Prostate Specific Antigen, Thyroid Stimulating Hormone, Seasonal flu shots, Pneumonia vaccines, Adult tetanus vaccines, Free skin cancer screenings, Free pulmonary screenings, Free carotid artery screenings, Blood pressure checks, Information on CSI, Office on Aging, Senior Services and much more." Includes image of a smiling woman in a pink lab coat.

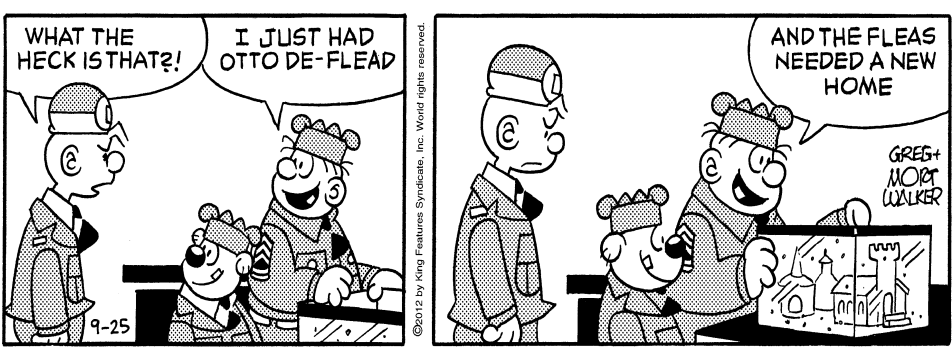
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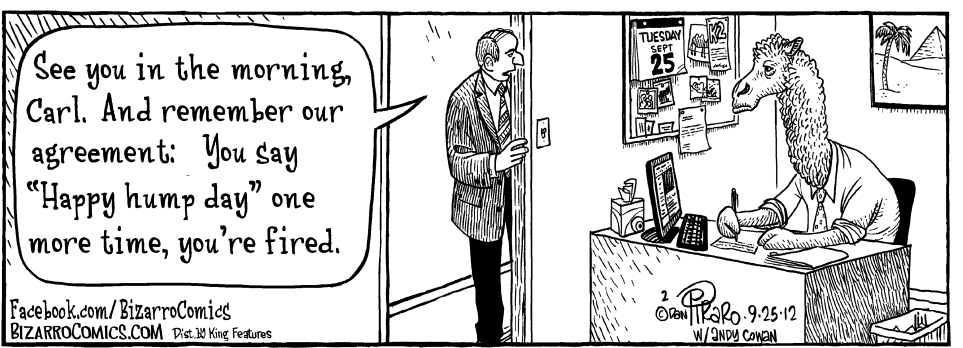
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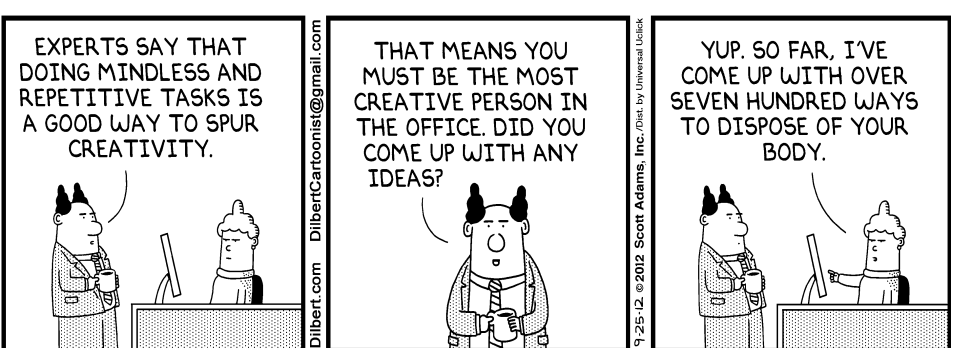
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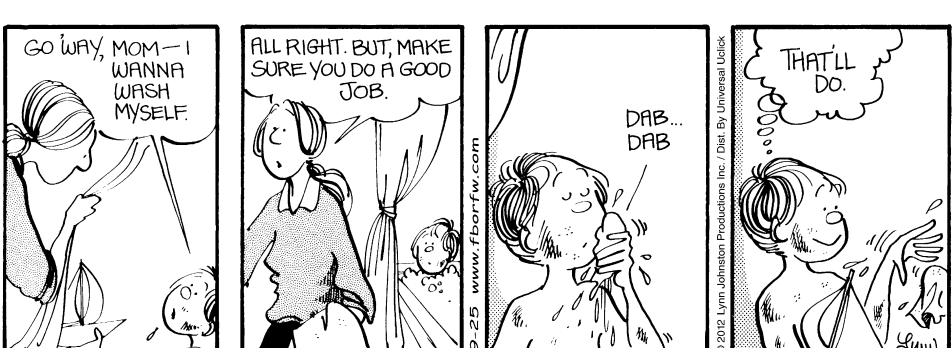
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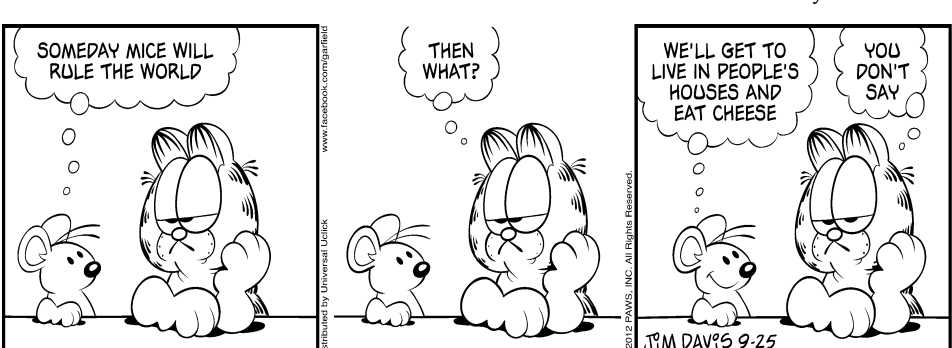
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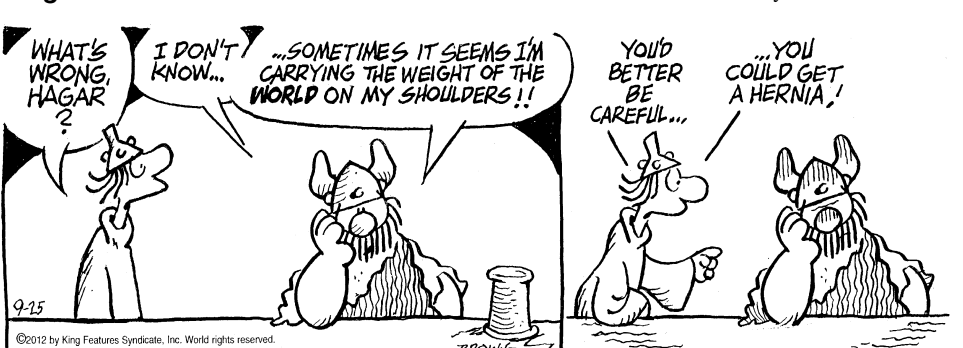
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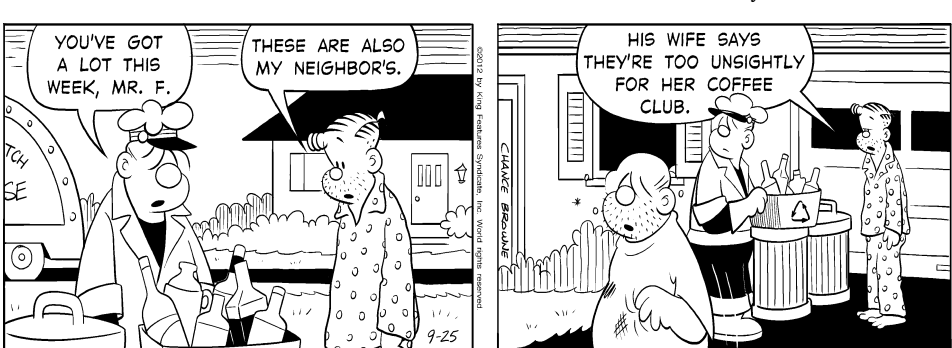
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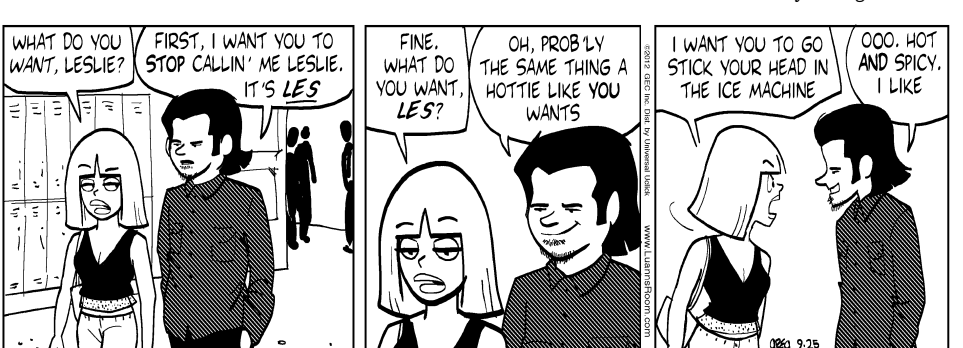
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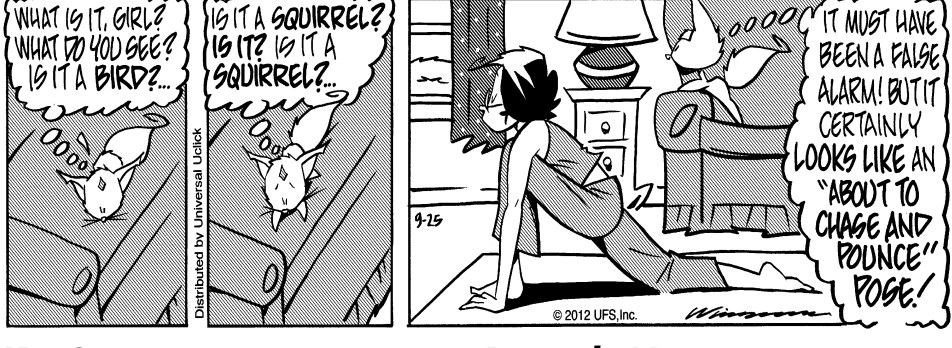
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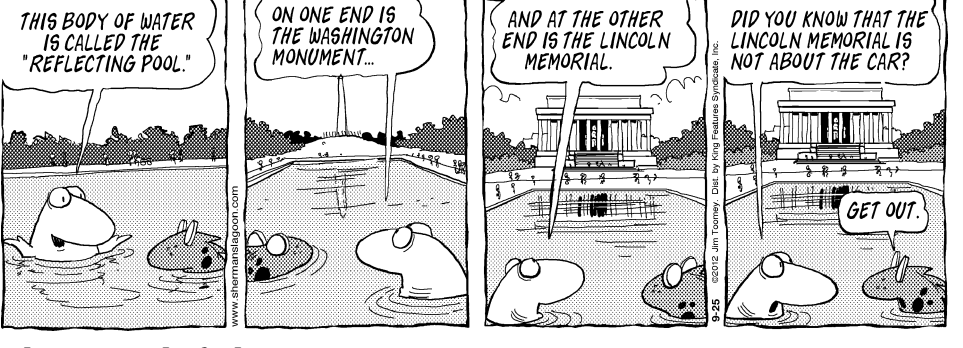
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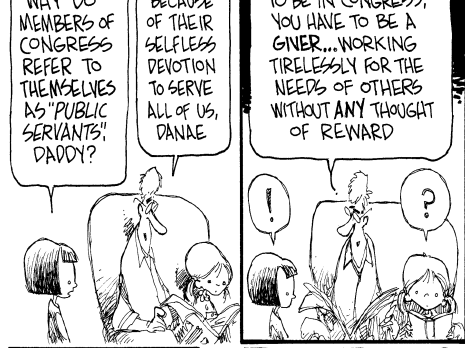
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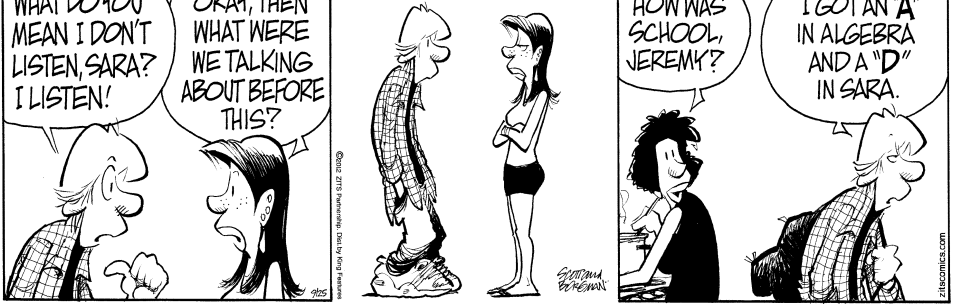
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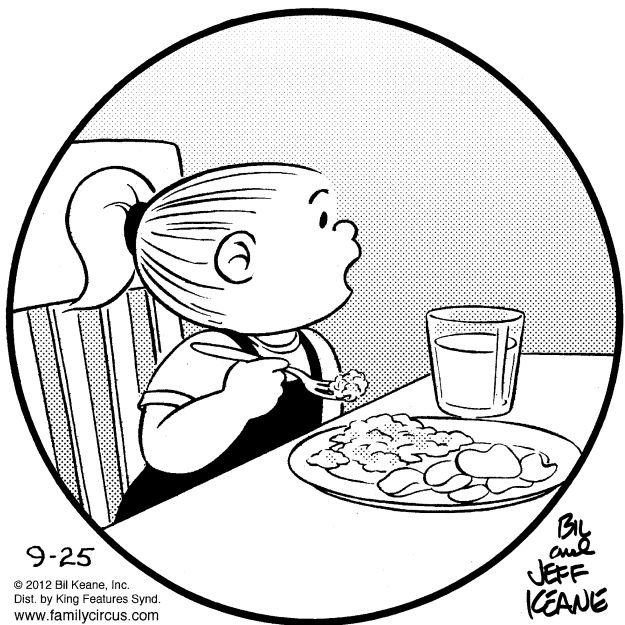
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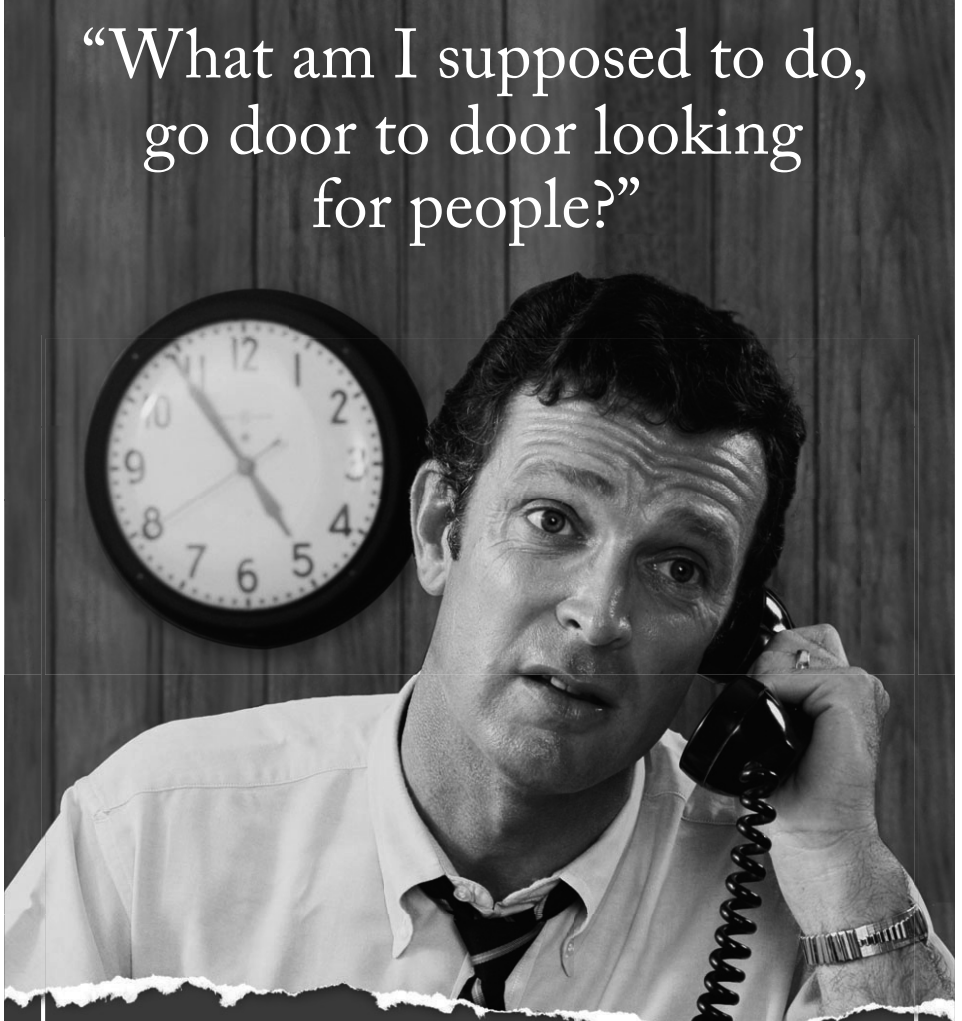
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Today's Tuesday, Sept. 25, the 269th day of 2012. There are 97 days left in the year. The Jewish Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, begins at sunset. **Today's Highlight:** **On Sept. 25, 1789,** the first United States Congress adopted 12 amendments to the Constitution and sent them to the states for ratification. (Ten of the amendments became the Bill of Rights.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date: **In 1690,** one of the earliest American newspapers, *Public Occurrences*, published its first - and last - edition in Boston.

In 1775, American Revolutionary War hero Ethan Allen was captured by the British as he led an attack on Montreal. (Allen was released by the British in 1778.)

In 1904, a New York City police officer ordered a female automobile passenger on Fifth Avenue to stop smoking a cigarette. (A male companion was arrested and later fined \$2 for “abusing” the officer.)

In 1911, ground was broken for Boston's Fenway Park.

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson collapsed after a speech in Pueblo, Colo., during a national speaking tour in support of the Treaty of Versailles.

In 1932, the Spanish region of Catalonia received a Charter of Autonomy (however, the Charter was revoked by Francisco Franco at the end of the Spanish Civil War).

In 1957, nine black students who'd been forced to withdraw from Central High School in Little Rock, Ark., because of unruly white crowds were escorted to class by members of the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division.

In 1962, Sonny Liston knocked out Floyd Patterson in round one to win the world heavyweight title at Comiskey Park in Chicago. “The Longest Day,” 20th Century Fox's epic recreation of the D-Day invasion, based on the book by Cornelius Ryan, had its world premiere in France.

In 1978, 144 people were killed when a Pacific Southwest Airlines Boeing 727 and a private plane collided over San Diego.

In 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor was sworn in as the first female justice on the Supreme Court.

In 1992, the Mars Observer blasted off on a \$980 million mission to the Red Planet (the probe disappeared just before entering Martian orbit in August 1993). A judge in Orlando, Fla., ruled in favor of Gregory Kingsley, a 12-year-old seeking to “divorce” his biological parents.

Ten years ago: American schoolchildren escaped a rebel-held Ivory Coast city that was under siege as U.S. special forces and French troops moved in to rescue Westerners caught in the West African nation's bloody uprising. Tropical Storm Isidore drenched the Gulf Coast.

Five years ago: Warren Jeffs, the leader of a polygamous Mormon splinter group, was convicted in St. George, Utah, of being an accomplice to rape for performing a wedding between a 19-year-old man and a 14-year-old girl. (The conviction was later overturned by the Utah Supreme Court; prosecutors ended up dropping the charges, since Jeffs is serving a life sentence in Texas in a separate case.) Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, addressing the United Nations, announced “the nuclear issue of Iran is now closed,” and indicated Tehran would disregard Security Council resolutions imposed by what he called “arrogant powers.” Japan's lower house of parliament elected Yasuo Fukuda prime minister.

One year ago: Declaring they'd been detained because of their nationality, not their actions, Joshua Fattal and Shane Bauer, two American hikers held for more than two years in an Iranian prison, returned to the United States. Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah decreed that women would, for the first time, have the right to vote and run in local elections due in 2015. Wangari Maathai, 71, the first African woman recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, died in Nairobi.

Water

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themselves, but an indicator of possible other problems in the schools' water systems.

All three of the rural schools use water from well systems. All other schools in the district are connected to municipal water systems.

District Superintendent Gaylen Smyer said water fountains at the three schools have been covered and the students are drinking bottled water. It's a situation parents in Malta have seen time and time again.

"This deal has been going on for a long time," said Cameron Tuckett, parent of two students at RRHS. "Twelve years ago when I registered my kid for school they had black garbage bags over the water fountains."

The Raft River schools have had intermittent problems with the well water for years and the district replaced the galvanized pipes in the system in December in the latest effort to remedy the problem. Smyer said this was the first time the Almo school received a positive test result.

The well at Raft River was drilled in 1990 and is 338 feet deep. There are perforations in the well casing in three areas and water extracted at each level.

According to South Central

Public Health District documents given to the Times-News by the school district, public health officials and representatives from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality toured the Malta schools Sept 18 and made a list of both required corrective actions and recommendations to the district.

The required actions at the Malta schools include installing a proper sample port inside the pump house, which will help identify whether the coliform is coming from the well or originating in the distribution system. Other requirements include:

- Removing the water heating unit under the sink in the elementary faculty room to help eliminate sampling issues at the sink.

- Installing a double check valve on the inlet piping near the refrigerator cooling system in the elementary school to prevent back flow returning to the water system.

- Disconnecting old components and piping, and cleaning up and replacing corroded valves located in the high school boiler room.

- Installing a sink in the ag shop bathroom with hot and cold faucets and improve the sampling setup at the rental house.

Among the list of recommendations, the district was advised to move a frost-free

hydrant at least 25 feet away from the well head, which was completed Thursday.

The district is continuing to test water from various parts of the system. The pump house sample port was installed Thursday and a sample did not show the presence of coliform, according to school district records. Testing the back pressure valve in the boiler room was scheduled on Monday. Officials also conducted sampling at neighboring wells to get a clearer picture of area groundwater on Monday.

A review of the Malta Secondary water system located east of the schools revealed no water issues in the last three years.

Once the corrective actions are complete, the district will disinfect the schools' water with chlorine and flush the system before sampling again. But parents such as Tuckett aren't convinced the problem will end now.

"They tell the district to do stuff and they do a little here and there. A lot of parents are really upset that this has been going on for so long," Tuckett said.

After the Raft River pipes were replaced in December, samples at the schools showed no presence of coliform until June 7, when one sample taken from the high school library came back positive. Follow-up tests on June

11 were all negative.

Five samples taken on Aug. 24 indicated the presence of the bacteria in the faculty sink and at construction sites at the ag shop hand sink, high school faculty sink, bus compound hydrant and at a rental house owned by the district.

The district put chlorine in the system and flushed it. Four samples were taken on Aug. 30: The high school faculty sink and bus compound came back negative, but the ag shop sink and rental house were positive.

The district retested Sept. 17. A samples taken from the elementary faculty sink and construction samples taken at the rental house, ag shop sink, high school faculty sink, and new southwest and northwest sink rooms all showed the presence of coliform.

In the longer term, Tuckett said many parents are beginning to talk about taking legal action.

At times, he said, the chlorine in the system is so strong that it bleaches out the towels the students use. He said parents are sending water to school with students.

"But little kids don't understand and if they run out of water they'll just go fill it up somewhere," he said.

Cow

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wrote in the report.

As the deputy was speaking to the driver of the van, Douglas Mathers, he asked if there was anything in the van he should know about. According to the report, Mathers allegedly replied there were two bottles of alcohol but that was all.

The deputy began to joke with Mathers asking him if there were any grenade launchers or dead bodies in the van, to which Mathers replied no. He also answered no when asked if he had any illegal narcotics, the report states.

Eventually, another deputy arrived with a drug-sniffing dog that allegedly found a broken glass pipe with burnt residue on the ground. The dog also indicated drugs could be on the motorcycle

and in the van, the report states.

Deputies searched the van and found a black attache case with a small compartment inside that held a smoking device and two vials. One vial appeared to contain marijuana and the other, meth, the report states.

According to the report, deputies located a large amount of cash near where the pipe was found.

Mathers and Stevens were arrested for possession of methamphetamine and the motorcycle driver was released. Deputies reported finding a total of about \$1,200 on Mathers and Stevens.

According to the report, Mathers later told deputies he was using meth to stay awake and said he bought meth from Stevens for \$1,000 cash.

Mathers and Stevens both have Oct. 1 preliminary hearings.



Budget

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A State on Fire

With an active fire season comes a hefty firefighting bill. The most expensive: Trinity Ridge, Mustang Complex and Halstead fires. While some of that is covered by federal funds, budget analyst Ray Houston suggested the committee plan to pay at least \$11.2 million of the state's money for the costs of quelling the flames.

Prison Overcrowding

The state's inmate population rose at a higher rate last year than in previous years, and that trend is expected to continue. The state's institutions for male prisoners are at 95 percent capacity, and the women's facilities are at 99 percent.

Lowe Lawsuit

The costs for the state's settlement for former Idaho Transportation Department Director Pamela Lowe total \$1.3 million. Lowe, who claimed the state fired her without cause, will receive \$562,500 over the next 10 years. In addition to Lowe's settlement, the state must pay attorney fees: \$614,647 for the state's attorney and \$187,500 for Lowe's attorney. Lawmakers asked why the state's attorney charged more than Lowe's, and were told despite the high cost, the lawyer charged the state a lower rate than normal.

More Line Item Requests

State agencies have already put in their budget requests for fiscal year 2014.

Between those requests and other budget items, agencies are asking for \$169 million more than the state's projected revenue.

While most state agencies have been restrained in their budget requests during the economic downturn, there are now real needs that must be addressed, said budget analyst Cathy Holland-Smith.

Asking doesn't always lead to receiving, but the requests give legislators a chance to strategically plan how to spend money, Holland-Smith said.

"Obviously, all requests can't be funded. That's not a

realistic expectation," she said. "But what will be the path forward?"

Improvements for Idaho's Prisoners

In May, the Idaho Department of Corrections reached an agreement on part of a 31-year-old lawsuit regarding conditions in Idaho's prisons. As a result of that agreement, IDOC is requesting \$1.7 million in funding to im-

prove medical and mental health treatment for inmates. That amount includes adding 22 state and contract staff.

Today, JFAC meets at the College of Southern Idaho, where the committee will hear presentations on Idaho's community colleges, Idaho Education Network, Medicaid Readiness and other state programs. This afternoon, the legislators tour the Chobani factory.

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