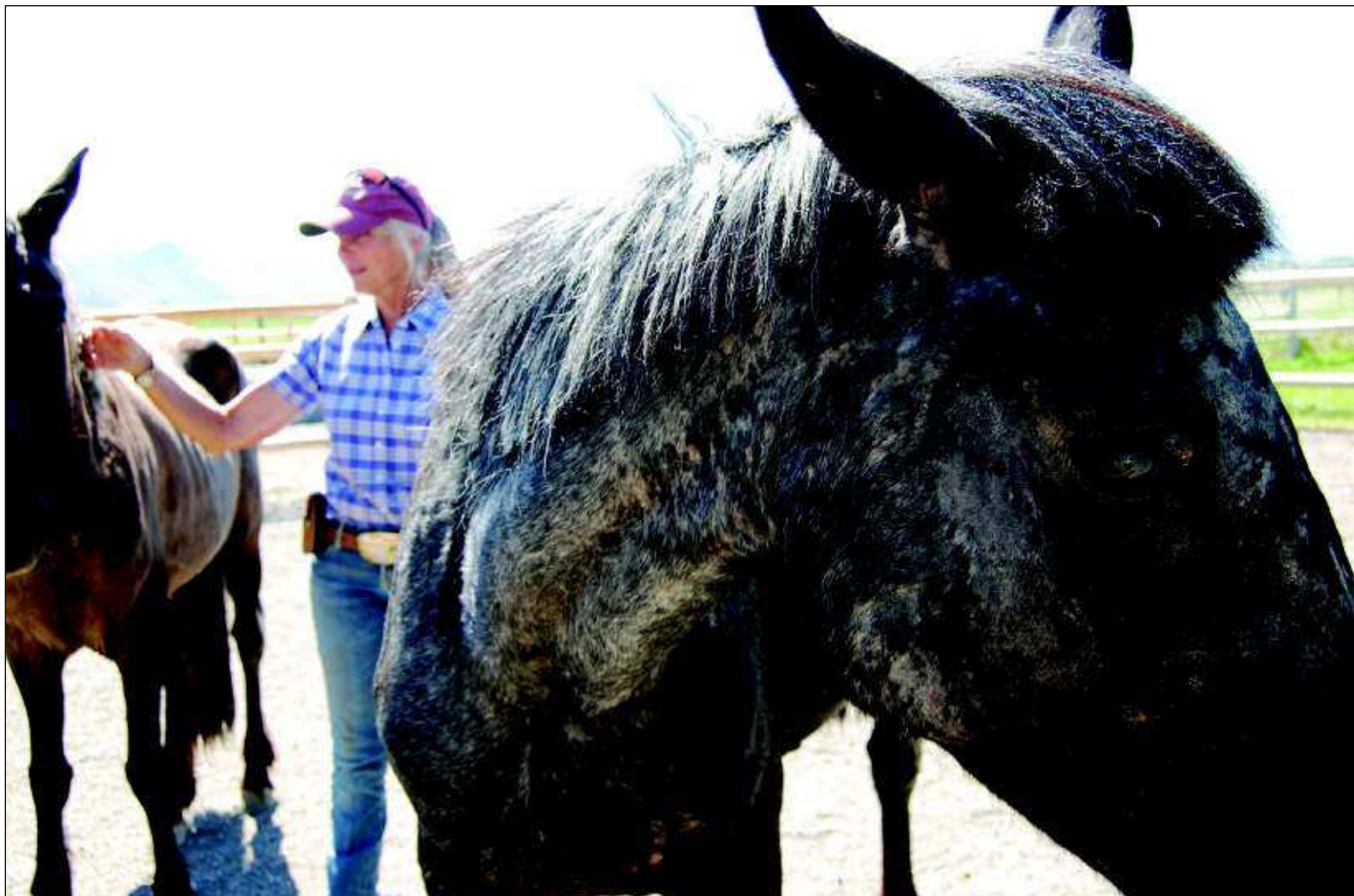


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Is it safe?

New study: nearly all Western river fish OK to eat

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

An old idea about the risks of consuming mercury-laden fish is getting new traction, with a seven-year study concluding that nearly all freshwater fish in the western U.S. are likely safe to eat — at least if they're found in rivers and streams.

Health officials across the region have warned in

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LEARN MORE

The findings from the selenium study can be found in "Environmental Science & Technology" and "EcoHealth" (both first published online on April 14). For more on Idaho's fish advisories, visit <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/> and search for "fish advisory."

Rescuing the abused

Newly formed Blaine group speaks out about horse neglect

Story and photos by Ariel Hansen • Times-News



ABOVE: Holle, a paint filly with one blue and one brown eye, has a severely damaged front hoof and a neck so thin that new owner Doro Lohmann compares it to that of a giraffe. The filly was so emaciated when she arrived at Lohmann's Hailey property, all she did was eat and sleep, Lohmann said. One of four horses purchased recently at auction by Silent Voices Equine Rescue, Holle now loves to play with Lohmann as she's being brushed. TOP: The ribs of one of two neglected mares purchased recently at a Twin Falls auction show clearly as Silent Voices Equine Rescue member Judy Grigsby tends to the horses. The group hopes to prevent neglect and abuse of horses in Blaine County, and educate owners and law enforcement officials about the crime of animal cruelty, a misdemeanor.

BELLEVUE — At the Bellevue Triangle ranch on July 2, two horses were paying no attention to the dogs barking to warn of visiting vehicles.

They were too interested in the grass in front of them, working their way methodically across the green carpet to fill bellies so thin that every rib could be counted. The weekend before, the two mares, along with two similarly emaciated fillies, had been purchased at a Twin Falls auction by members of Silent Voices Equine Rescue, a recently formed nonprofit organization in Blaine County dedicated to finding and preventing the neglect and abuse of horses.

The group was created in reaction to what members say has been a lack of proper response by Blaine County authorities to several recent cases of alleged abuse and neglect of horses. No citations have been issued in those cases.

"Most of the time it's not anybody's fault, they're just not educated," said Doro Lohmann of Hailey. "The problem is not that we don't have strong animal cruelty laws, it's that there's not strong enforcement behind those laws."

The group says it is not inter-

ested in conflict with the owners of these horses; it instead hopes to educate owners and offer help if the horses are found to be neglected by state Department of Agriculture inspectors or county animal control officers.

"We're not an organization that wants to blame or shame or judge, we just want to give these horses a voice," Lohmann said. "This is not our voices, this is the horses speaking. We're here to represent, because they can't speak for themselves."

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Galena cell tower decision could come in August

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Blaine County residents and recreationists may have to wait until at least August to learn the fate of a proposed cell phone tower to be built on Galena Summit.

The 90-foot tower, first proposed as far back as 2003, would provide cell-phone service in a remote area of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. It was promoted as a way to improve emergency-response times in the region, and its designer, Idaho Tower Co., planned

See **CELL**, Main 2

Microchips in official IDs raise privacy fears

By Todd Lewan
Associated Press writer

Climbing into his Volvo, outfitted with a Matrics antenna and a Motorola reader he'd bought on eBay for \$190, Chris Paget cruised the streets of San Francisco with this objective: To read the identity cards of strangers, wirelessly, without ever leaving his car.

It took him 20 minutes to strike hacker's gold.

Zippering past Fisherman's Wharf, his scanner downloaded to his laptop the unique serial numbers of two pedestri-

ans' electronic U.S. passport cards embedded with radio frequency identification, or RFID, tags. Within an hour, he'd "skimmed" four more of the new, microchipped PASS cards from a distance of 20 feet.

Increasingly, government officials are promoting the chipping of identity documents as a 21st century application of technology that will help speed border crossings, safeguard credentials against counterfeiters, and keep terrorists from sneaking into the country.

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A driver holds up a NEXUS identification card at a border crossing from Canada into the United States in Blaine, Wash., on April 9. The NEXUS card has an imbedded radio frequency identification, or RFID, chip that can be read up to 20 feet away, and allows pre-screened travelers expedited processing.

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MORNING BRIEFING

Pat's Picks

Three things to do today
Pat Marcantonio



• Enjoy the Ketchum Arts Festival with 100 artists' booths, live music, food, beverages and more from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Festival Meadows on Sun Valley Road in Ketchum. It's free.

• Another pick is the Shoshone Arts in the Park from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Lincoln County Courthouse grounds, 111 W. B. St. You name it, they have it, including a quilt show, rides on the Operation Lifesaver train, a three-on-three basketball tournament and more. At 10 a.m. hear the sounds of the Gem State Fiddlers

at the Idaho State Oldtime Fiddlers Championship at the Shoshone City Park. Go and listen for free.

• The Lavender Festival is a feast for the senses with a lavender lunch, wine tasting, music, the beautiful purple blossoms and, of course, the unique smell of lavender. It takes place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Valley View Farms, 4297 Carter Park Road, Buhl.

Have your own pick you want to share? Something that is unique to the area and that may take people by surprise? E-mail me at patm@magicvalley.com.

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Before the Twin Falls Masons built this building, they rented a space above a store on Main Street. By 1910, the new Masonic Hall — built by Bobier Construction Company — was completed. In 1945, the *Times-News*, which had been next door to the Hall for 27 years, bought the building and used it for its offices. In fact, the *Times-News* sign can still be read on the front. The building also housed an implement and wagon store at one time.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Educator Night "Welcome Home Jenny Sutter," by Julie Marie Myatt, presented by Company of Fools, 2 p.m., Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St., Hailey, tickets: \$10 for currently employed educators and school administrators (limit two per person), 578-9122.

Music from Stanley concert series, features Carrie Rodriguez and Bearfoot, 4 to 8 p.m., Redfish Lake Lodge, Stanley, no cost, 208-484-9117 or musicfromstanley@gmail.com.

Jazz in the Park, features Ketchum pianist Alan Pennay and vocalist Cheryl Morrell, 6 to 8 p.m., Rotary Park, across from the YMCA, Warm Springs Road, Ketchum, free admission, bring low-back chairs, picnic and beverages (no food or drink for sale on premises), www.visitsunvalley.com.

Robert Harlig's "Steel Magnolias," presented by Company of Fools, 7 p.m., Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St., Hailey, \$25 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens (62 and over) and \$10 for students (18 and under) at box office one hour before showtime, 578-9122.

CHURCH EVENTS

Magic Wing recording artist John Nilsen on piano, concert features folk, jazz and classical woven compositions; also stories of Nilsen's life, family, faith, career and travels, 4:30 p.m., with Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social to follow, Filer United Methodist Church, 318 Union Ave., Filer, free-will offering, open to the public, 326-5686.

FESTIVALS AND FAIRS

Shoshone Arts in the Park, includes nondenominational church service, 8 a.m., on the courthouse grounds; breakfast, 8 to 10 a.m. (cost by donation); quilt show; several vendors with artwork, pottery, Middle Eastern food, hand-made cotton and woolen textiles, rugs, children's clothing and handbags; and antique dealers and local antique collectible cars, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Lincoln County Courthouse grounds, 111 W. B., Shoshone, shoshonecity.com.

Idaho State Oldtime Fiddlers Championship, Mannie's Jamboree for fiddlers and fiddle music lovers, 10 a.m., city park, Shoshone, public welcome, free admission, 733-6248.

Ketchum Arts Festival, with live music, food, beverages, activities for children and adults, 100 artists booths and more, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Festival Meadows, Sun Valley Road (next to Our Lady of Snows Catholic Church), Ketchum, free admission, 725-4090.

MUSEUMS AND PARKS

Sawtooth NRA Interpretive programs, with Junior Ranger program, 4 p.m., Redfish Amphitheater; and 7:30 p.m. campfire with 8 p.m. program: "Art from Nature," Redfish Amphitheater, five miles south of Stanley on U.S. Highway 75, no cost, 208-774-3376.

SPORTS

Horse Races, with quarter horses, Appaloosas, paints and thoroughbreds, 1 to 5 p.m., Minidoka County Fairgrounds, 80 E. Baseline Road, Rupert, \$2 for age 12 and older, pari-mutuel betting, www.minicassiacchamber.com.

TODAY'S DEADLINE

Reminder for July 18 Bradshaw/Menser Reunion, includes noon pot luck, 10:30 to dusk, Dierkes Lake, Twin Falls, 734-1001.

CORRECTION

Wrong day

Due to incorrect information provided to the *Times-News*, a church news item in Saturday's paper listed the incorrect day of two John Nilsen performances. Nilsen will present a piano concert at 2 p.m. today at Paul United Methodist Church, 127 W. Clark St., and at 4:30 p.m. today at Filer United Methodist Church, 318 Union Ave.

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State asked to look at Lincoln assessments

By John Plestina
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — By Friday, 209 Lincoln County property owners had filed protests to new assessments that reflect an increase of more than 50 percent for some homeowners.

County Commission Chairman Jerry Nance called the 209 formal disputes a significant amount for the rural county.

"We're going to have to go before the state tax

commission. We're trying to get them to come here to Lincoln County," Nance said Friday.

The county followed state procedures for assessments and the Idaho Tax Commission dictates assessment guidelines.

"When they make these rules, they don't leave a lot of latitude," Nance said. "It's just following the rules. That's what this is all about."

The difference between the new assessments and prior ones is significant.

"It makes \$20 million difference in valuation," Nance said.

Meeting as the Board of Equalization with Assessor Linda Jones in early June, county commissioners determined that the new assessments should not go into effect and opted for 2008 figures.

"We felt with the economic downturn and what we see in sales we don't think it justifies raising valuation," Nance said in June.

At that time, he explained the process that led to steep increases in assessments.

"Essentially what she (Jones) did was trend up all the parcels in the county by 10 percent," he said.

When asked about some property owners saying their assessments went up by more than 50 percent, he said, "Over 50 percent, that is correct, but those whose value went up that much haven't been revalued since 2003."

Fish

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recent years about the risks of eating fish with high levels of mercury and a more potent form called methylmercury. Idaho's own fish-advisory program dates to 2001, and warnings usually pertain to pregnant or nursing women and children ages 14 and younger — the same groups that can greatly benefit from other nutrients in fish.

But researchers at the University of North Dakota, University of Missouri and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency concluded this spring that high-enough levels of another element, selenium, may render as much as 97.5 percent of fish in western rivers and streams safe to eat. That's because the selenium in the fish bonds with the mercury, rendering it harmless, said Nick Ralston with UND's Energy and Environmental Research Center.

The concept of selenium-as-protection has been tossed around for four decades. Ralston's findings, published in two research journals, contain similar

conclusions about ocean-going fish and led the scientists to call for adjustments to the guidelines the federal government uses for fish advisories. The research was funded through the EPA and U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, though the two agencies included disclaimers stating they don't automatically endorse the findings.

For the freshwater research, scientists measured mercury and selenium concentrations in 40 species and nearly 470 fish from streams and rivers across the West — though it's not clear how many sample sites, if any, were in Idaho.

Ralston and the others then developed a formula to calculate the point where mercury levels in fish would pose a danger, incorporating selenium into the equation. Human cells need a tiny amount of selenium to function properly, leading to problems when that selenium bonds with mercury. But in fish with more selenium than mer-

cury, he said, humans can retain their selenium and still render the mercury inert. Of course, high levels of both elements are still bad — a factor the formula also takes into account.

Idaho's mercury problems have centered more on its lakes, believed to be contaminated in large part by particles drifting up from northern Nevada mines. Ralston said researchers now plan to look closer at fish in lakes, and admitted that high levels of exposure from sources such as the mines may still render fish dangerous to eat. Studies in Sweden have indicated that selenium, when properly added to mercury-rich lakes, can drastically cut mercury levels, he said.

"We know a lot more than we did," he said. "Now we actually have brand-new questions."

The selenium study has attracted its fair share of attention. The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare follows EPA guidelines for issuing fish-consumption advisories, and won't likely change them

unless EPA does. But officials are still keeping an eye on Ralston's work, spokesman Tom Shanahan said.

"It's the kind of study that piqued everybody's interest," Shanahan said. "We need to validate it, and need someone else to duplicate it."

Justin Hayes, program director for the Idaho Conservation League and that organization's point man on mercury issues, is more skeptical. Noting how long talk of selenium's effects has been around, he said he generally views such research as "more lab-oriented than real-life relevant" and that ICL is interested yet cautious about it.

"Mercury is such a dangerous neurotoxin that you would be really rolling the dice to say, 'I think that fish is contaminated with mercury, but I'm going to eat it because I think it's also contaminated with selenium,'" he said.

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Cell

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to camouflage the tower in false bark to try to make it blend in.

Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor Jane Kollmeyer initially denied the tower application in July 2008, writing that even with the bark it "would visually dominate the landscape and create a 'substantial impairment'" of the area's visual quality. But in the process, she also upgraded the quality objective for the site — a rating tool used to determine how to best preserve scenic areas. In October, Deputy Regional Forest Supervisor Cathy Beaty reversed the denial, stating that the public wasn't given a chance to comment on the rating change.

Another public comment period took place in January and February to remedy the matter, and forest officials said at that time that a decision could come out as soon as May.

Other factors seem to

have delayed that date: In a July 1 letter to commenters, Kollmeyer wrote that the Forest Service received more than 300 comments in January and February, focusing largely on safety issues, the area's scenic value and whether the law that created the SNRA would allow the tower. The federal agency now plans to expand some areas of the environmental assessment released last year to better address several issues, Kollmeyer wrote. The revised version should be available in August.

When asked about the tower's status on Friday morning, Kollmeyer declined comment through spokeswoman Alicia Bennett, noting that things were "too preliminary" at the moment.

People on both sides of the issue, however, said they're eager to get an answer. Jennifer Campbell, co-owner of the Idaho Tower Co., said Friday that she's a little worried about

whether Kollmeyer will change the previous decision, but concluded she'd have to wait and see what happens. The forest supervisor told her recently that the agency has a number of pressing issues to deal with right now, she noted.

Scott Phillips, a retired Forest Service employee and one of the most vocal opponents of the cell tower, said he's not surprised by the delays, but wondered how much this year's review and work is costing taxpayers.

"It's déjà vu," he said, recalling that it also took Kollmeyer some time to issue her first decision last year. "I've already been to this bad movie."

Meanwhile, former Idaho Gov. and U.S. Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus — who also opposes the tower — and a collection of emergency-services agencies have been meeting to discuss alternatives to the cell tower. Attendees have included representatives of

the Ketchum Fire Department, Blaine County commissioners and sheriff and the state departments of Fish and Game and Transportation. Kollmeyer has also sat in on the gatherings.

Options explored during the meetings include placing "emergency" phones along State Highway 75 from Ketchum to the Galena overlook and placing a radio tower or some other equipment at an existing Galena site maintained by Midvale Telephone Co. The Forest Service hasn't raised any objections to those ideas, he said.

Chief Deputy Gene Ramsey with the Blaine County Sheriff's Office said the meetings are simply an attempt to ensure options are available should the cell tower be denied again.

"We need something on Galena Summit," Ramsey said. "We're not necessarily going to tie ourselves to the cell tower."

Don't Ask Me

Steve Crump



Why Americans are dying to get through the week

The weather forecast for Wednesday is perfect: sunny, with a high of 89 degrees.

There will be concerts, picnics, ballgames all across the Magic Valley. And if you're smart, you'll spend the whole day in bed.

It's just too dangerous to do otherwise, according to a new study published by the medical journal Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology. Seems that Wednesday is the day folks are most likely to commit suicide in the United States.

Not surprising, really. The fourth day of the week was always too good to be true.

"Over-the-hump day?" Please. Wednesdays are just a big tease.

For someone on the job from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, Wednesday noon is actually closer to Monday morning than it is to Friday afternoon. And statistically, the average American works more hours on Thursdays and Fridays as he or she does on Mondays and Tuesdays.

The lead author of the study, Augustine Kposowa, professor of sociology at the University of California at Riverside, blames job stress for the fact that fully one-fourth of suicides take place on Wednesdays. But I think there's more going on here than that.

See, historians tell us that the French Revolution of 1789 happened when it did because things were finally beginning to look up for the huddled masses. Compared to his father and predecessor, King Louis XVI was a pussycat. The

country had the third-highest agricultural productivity in Europe and a fast-growing middle class. France was richer and had less public debt than Britain. It was a "revolution of rising expectations," according to American diplomat Harlan Cleveland.

Trouble is, when you're expecting things to get better and they don't, it makes you grumpy.

So when crops failed in 1788 and the government raised taxes, all heck broke loose. The French stormed the Bastille, overthrew the monarchy, arrested the king and sentenced him to death on Jan. 16, 1793 — a Wednesday.

Yet apart from the fact that lots of folks can't get past Wednesday, the new suicide study contains a couple of interesting tidbits:

1. The suicide rate on

Thursdays is less than half what it is on Wednesdays; in fact, it's lower than Fridays.

2. Depressed though they may be, Americans can handle Mondays just fine. You're statistically more likely to kill yourself on a Saturday than a Monday.

So when the digital display on your bedside alarm clock reads "6:00" on Wednesday morning, do yourself a favor: Roll over, pull the covers tightly over your head, and recall the immortal words of science fiction writer Robert Heinlein:

"They didn't want it good; they wanted it Wednesday."

Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223. Hear him on KLLX-1310 AM at 8:30 a.m. on Fridays or at www.magicvalley.com/opinion.

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Chips

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But Paget's February experiment demonstrated something privacy advocates had feared for years: That RFID, coupled with other technologies, could make people trackable without their knowledge.

He filmed his heist, and soon his video went viral on the Web, intensifying a debate over a push by government, federal and state, to put tracking technologies in identity documents and over their potential to erode privacy.

Putting a traceable RFID in every pocket has the potential to make everybody a blip on someone's radar screen, critics say, and to redefine Orwellian government snooping for the digital age.

"Little Brother," some are already calling it — even though elements of the global surveillance web they warn against exist only on drawing boards, neither available nor approved for use.

But with advances in tracking technologies coming at an ever-faster rate, critics say, it won't be long before governments could be able to identify and track anyone in real time, 24-7, from a cafe in Paris to the shores of California.

On June 1, it became mandatory for Americans entering the United States by land or sea from Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean to present identity documents embedded with RFID tags, though conventional passports remain valid until they expire.

Among new options are the chipped "e-passport," and the new, electronic PASS card — credit-card sized, with the bearer's digital photograph and a chip that can be scanned through a pocket, backpack or purse from 30 feet.

Alternatively, travelers can use "enhanced" driver's licenses embedded with RFID tags now being issued in some border states: Washington, Vermont, Michigan and New York. Texas and Arizona have entered into agreements with the federal government to offer chipped licenses, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has recommended expansion to non-border states. Kansas and Florida officials have received DHS briefings on the licenses, agency records show.

The purpose of using RFID is not to identify people, says Mary Ellen Callahan, the chief privacy



Privacy at stake

Since 2006, microchips that can be scanned through a pocket, backpack or purse from 4 inches to 30 feet away are being embedded in identity documents.



The chip located inside the cover of the e-passport can transmit personal information about the holder up to 3 feet away.

PASS card and Enhanced Driver License (EDL) read range: at least 30 feet. New technology could increase the read range up to 600 feet.



SOURCES: U.S. Government Printing Office; NY DMV

officer at Homeland Security, but "to verify that the identification document holds valid information about you?"

An RFID document that doubles as a U.S. travel credential "only makes it easier to pull the right record fast enough, to make sure that the border flows, and is operational" — even though a 2005 Government Accountability Office report found that government RFID readers often failed to detect travelers' tags.

Critics warn that RFID-tagged identities will enable identity thieves and other criminals to commit "contactless" crimes against victims who won't immediately know they've been violated.

Neville Pattinson, vice president for government affairs at Gemalto, Inc., a major supplier of microchipped cards, is no RFID basher. He's a board member of the Smart Card Alliance, an RFID industry group, and is serving on the Department of Homeland Security's Data Privacy and Integrity Advisory Committee.

In a 2007 article published by a newsletter for privacy professionals, Pattinson called the chipped cards vulnerable "to attacks from hackers, identity thieves and possibly even terrorists."

RFID, he wrote, has a fundamental flaw: Each chip is built to faithfully transmit its unique identifier "in the clear, exposing the tag number to interception during the wireless communication."

Once a tag number is intercepted, "it is relatively easy to directly associate it with an individual," he says.

"If this is done, then it is possible to make an entire set of movements posing as somebody else without that person's knowledge."

Echoing these concerns were the AeA — the lobbying association for technology firms — the Smart Card Alliance, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the Business Travel Coalition, and the Association of Corporate Travel Executives.

Meanwhile, Homeland Security has been promoting broad use of RFID even though its own advisory committee on data integrity and privacy issued caveats. In its 2006 draft report, the committee concluded that RFID "increases risks to personal privacy and security, with no commensurate benefit for performance or national security," and recommended that "RFID be disfavored for identifying and tracking human beings."

For now, chipped PASS cards and enhanced driver's licenses are not yet widely deployed in the United States. To date, roughly 192,000 EDLs have been issued in Washington, Vermont, Michigan and New York.

But as more Americans carry them "you can bet that long-range tracking of people on a large scale will rise exponentially," says Paget, a self-described "ethical hacker" who works as an Internet security consultant.

But Gigi Zenk, a spokeswoman for the Washington state Department of Licensing, says Americans "aren't that concerned about the RFID" in a time when "tracking an individual is much easier through a

SPECIAL ALLOY SLEEVES URGED TO BLOCK HACKERS

To protect against skimming and eavesdropping attacks, federal and state officials recommend that Americans keep their e-passports tightly shut and store their RFID-tagged passport cards and enhanced driver's licenses in "radio-opaque" sleeves.

That's because experiments have shown that the e-passport begins transmitting some data when opened even a half inch, and chipped passport cards and EDLs can be read from varying distances depending on reader technology.

The cover of the e-passport booklet contains a metallic sheathing that can diminish the distances radio waves travel, presumably hindering unwanted interceptions. Alloy envelopes that come with the PASS cards and driver's licenses do the same, the government says.

The State Department asserts that hackers won't find any practical use for data skimmed from RFID chips embedded in the cards, but "if you don't want the cards read, put them in an attenuation sleeve," says John Brennan, a senior policy adviser at the Office of Consular Affairs.

But researchers from the University of Washington and RSA Laboratories, a data

security company in Bedford, Mass., found last year while testing the data security of the cards that the PASS card "is readable under certain circumstances in a crumpled sleeve," though not in a well maintained sleeve.

Another test on the enhanced driver's license demonstrated that even when the sleeve was in pristine condition, a clandestine reader could skim data from the license at a distance of a half yard.

Will Americans consistently keep their enhanced driver's licenses in the protective sleeves and maintain those sleeves in perfect shape — even as driver's licenses are pulled out for countless tasks, from registering in hotels to buying alcohol?

The report's answer: "It is uncertain ..."

And when the sleeves come off, "you're essentially saying to the world, 'Come and read what's in my wallet,'" says Marc Rotenberg, executive director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center in Washington, D.C.

By obliging Americans to use these sleeves, he says, the government has, in effect, shifted the burden of privacy protection to the citizen.

— Todd Lewan

cell phone."

In the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks — and the finding that some terrorists entered the United States using phony passports — the State Department proposed mandating that Americans and foreign visitors carry "enhanced" passport booklets, with microchips embedded in the covers.

In February 2005, when the State Department asked for public comment, it got an outcry: Of the 2,335 comments received, 98.5 percent were negative, with 86 percent expressing security or privacy concerns, the department reported in an October 2005 notice in the Federal Register.

Identity theft and "fears that the U.S. Government or other governments would use the chip to track and censor, intimidate or otherwise control or harm them" were of "grave concern," it noted. Many Americans worried "that the information could be read at distances in excess of 10 feet."

Those citizens, it turns out, had cause. According to department records obtained by researchers at the University of California, Berkeley, under a Freedom of Information Act request and reviewed by the AP, discussion about security concerns with the e-passport occurred as early as January 2003 but tests weren't ordered until the department began receiving public criticism two years later.

When the AP asked when testing was initiated, the State Department said only that "a battery of durability and electromagnetic tests

were performed" by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, along with tests "to measure the ability of data on electronic passports to be surreptitiously skimmed or for communications with the chip reader to be eavesdropped," testing which "led to additional privacy controls being placed on U.S. electronic passports ..."

In 2005, the department incorporated metallic fibers into the e-passport's front cover, to reduce the read range, and added encryptions and a feature that required inspectors to optically scan the e-passport first for the chip to communicate wirelessly.

But what of concerns about the e-passport's read range?

In its October 2005 Federal Register notice, the State Department reassured Americans that the e-passport's chip would emit radio waves only within a 4-inch radius, making it tougher to hack.

But in May 2006, at the University of Tel Aviv, researchers directly skimmed an encrypted tag from several feet away. At the University of Cambridge in Britain, a student intercepted a transmission between an e-passport and a legitimate reader from 160 feet.

The State Department, according to its own records obtained under FOIA, was aware of the problem months before its Federal Register notice and more than a year before the e-passport was rolled out in August 2006.

"Do not claim that these chips can only be read at a distance of 10 cm (4 inches)," Frank Moss, deputy assistant Secretary of State for passport services, wrote in an April 22, 2005, e-mail to Randy Vanderhoof, executive director of the Smart Card Alliance. "That really has been proven to be wrong."

The chips could be skimmed from a yard away, he added — all a hacker would need to read e-passport numbers, say, in an elevator.

In February 2006, an encrypted Dutch e-passport was hacked on national television, and later, British e-passports were hacked. The State Department countered that European e-passports weren't as safe as their American counterparts because they lacked safety features such as the anti-skimming cover. Recent studies have shown, however, that more powerful readers can penetrate that metal sheathing.

The RFIDs in enhanced driver's licenses and PASS cards contain a silicon computer chip attached to a wire antenna, which transmits a unique identifier via radio waves when "awakened" by an electromagnetic reader.

The government says remotely readable ID cards transmit only RFID numbers, which correspond to records stored in secure government databases. Even if a hacker were to copy an RFID number onto a blank tag and place it into a counterfeit ID, officials say, the forger's face still wouldn't match the true cardholder's photo in the database.

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Jackpot advisory board discusses water rate

By Kimberly Williams-Brackett
Times-News correspondent

JACKPOT, Nev. — The Jackpot Advisory Board opened discussion for a water rate increase Thursday evening.

Elko County Public Works Director Lynn Forsberg asked the board for a recommendation.

Jackpot's water distribution system contains five water supply wells with three currently in use. Two have been taken offline, one due to high uranium levels, the other to supply water to the Jackpot Golf Club. The three operating wells have a combined production capacity of 3,000 gallons per minute, with Well 5 producing up to 2,400 gallons per minute of that total.

"The goal is 1,500 gallons per minute will provide enough water to meet peak demand," Forsberg said.

"We need to replace one well so we're not water rationing, especially if we lost Well 5."

"We need a well," said board member Larry Lineberry.

A sample user fee schedule was reviewed with rates based on funding requirements from a grant and a loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development. The rate schedule would increase the monthly bill for single-family residences to \$30 for the first 5,000 gallons of water consumed, with a tiered rate of an additional 82 cents per 1,000 gallons consumed beyond that.

An estimate of the monthly water bill for a single-family residence is \$30.31 in December, when water use is at its lowest, and \$50.93 in July at its typical peak usage point.

Forsberg said the fee schedule is the city's best estimate with the data available. A 20 percent reduction in consumption due to conservation and a 10 percent reduction due to system losses were assumed. Once the water meters have been installed for a year, engineers will have established data to confirm how much each customer conserved and the amount of water lost in the system.

A 10 percent future growth allowance was incorporated in the project design criteria recommended by EcoLogic Engineering Inc.

Two test holes have been drilled for a new well said Forsberg.

Chairwoman Beth Winans said "The \$30 base charge per month is fair. A lot of cities are paying more."

A meeting to further discuss the water rate increase is set for 5 p.m. Wednesday, at the Jackpot Library.

"We've been running on borrowed time for many

years," said Forsberg. "This is a needed project."

In other business, the Jackpot Golf Club's new restroom is near completion. With continuous

afternoon thunderstorms, play was slightly down.

Manager and golf pro Brent Freshman said "The weather has affected us more than the economy."

Sun Valley City Council sets tentative 2010 budget, supports Amtrak in Shoshone

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

The Sun Valley City Council set its tentative fiscal-year 2010 budget on Thursday afternoon, in the amount of \$6,143,054. That is approximately \$350,000 more than the 2009 budget, but \$100,000 less than in 2008.

Despite the urging of Councilwoman Joan Lamb, the council opted not to increase by \$500,000 the amount set aside in the tentative budget for capital improvements.

In objecting to Lamb's motion, councilmen Nils Ribí and Dewayne Briscoe said they were uncomfortable adding even a tentative amount without a more specific plan on the table, as the city's capital improvement plan is still being drafted.

They also noted that a budget amendment may be passed by the council at any time during the budget year to cover such expenses.

Mayor Wayne Willich said his budget priority is that he would sooner cut external contracts like those with Mountain Rides and economic development agencies than see staff negatively impacted.

"I'm proud of how our city operates, and I'm not going to entertain for a moment cutting any staff members," he said.

Responding to concerns he said he has heard, Willich also took the opportunity to tell citizens that of the checks they send to the county assessor, just 15.9 percent comes to the city of Sun Valley, while the remainder goes to other government agencies and bond issues.

"We have zero ability to call the school district and say 'You're underperforming and we'd like to cut your budget,' or the ambulance district," Willich said.

In other business, the council approved a resolution supporting the potential reestablishment of Amtrak service across the West. The line used to have a stop in Shoshone, and Mountain Rides has said it would be interested in running buses down to coordinate with that route if it is reestablished. "I think it would be fabulous if they could get it restored," Ribí said.

The title of the resolution — "In support of Amtrak service in the Wood River Valley" — was

a little misleading, Willich said, joking a bit. "I'm an extremely powerful political figure in this county, but even I can't turn the train up from Shoshone (to

the Wood River Valley)," he said.

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The group is restricting its assistance to cases when the state or the county has responded because it does not want to get into the business of regularly feeding or caring for other people's horses.

But members will invest time and money into owner education and the purchase of horses that would otherwise die or be slaughtered. If the county seizes the animals due to neglect, for example, the group's members are willing to pay for their foster care and treatment, saving the county money and other resources.

"Keeping a horse is a huge commitment," said group member Karl Poston of Bellevue. "Food is expensive, fences are expensive, and you have to be there seven days a week." The group recognizes that across the country, the weak economy has priced some owners out of horse ownership, and the horses no longer have the market worth that they used to, making them more difficult to sell. Group members say they have been hearing stories everywhere, but especially in the West, of increased abuse and neglect in the past year or so.

"This is not a Blaine County issue, it's an Idaho issue," Silent Voices member Julie Lawson, of Bellevue, said. "We're getting calls from all the other counties asking 'How can we do this too?'"

Silent Voices hopes to

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work with local lawmakers and law enforcement, perhaps coordinating volunteer veterinarians to go out with animal control officers to provide a more educated opinion on horses' conditions.

That's an idea Blaine County Commissioner Larry Schoen is interested in pursuing.

"I would like to address it this summer, so going into the winter season when these animals can be most stressed, we've given it some thought and have some planning," Schoen said, saying he plans to set up meetings with the county prosecutor and sheriff to discuss how Silent Voices can help prevent equine neglect and abuse. "I've assured them I'm open to a working relationship with them to address the issues they've raised. I'm not an expert in this area, but I do care a lot about animal welfare."

Schoen said he's aware of the private property rights issues in these cases, and



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Silent Voices Equine Rescue member Doro Lohmann works with two neglected horses the group is caring for.

wants to give owners every opportunity to do the right thing for the horses before any confiscation or punishment is applied.

What Silent Voices wants is assurance: that when complaints are called in, they're logged; that after a first inspection turns up signs of neglect, a second is done; that owners who are abusing or

neglecting horses be educated instead of ignored. Fundamentally, they want those in the position to protect horses through legal means to do so.

"We're just trying to help horses," Lawson said.

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Law & Disorder...

... in Cassia County

From July 3 police reports: **Driving under the influence, paraphernalia possession:**

Someone reported a Honda hatchback that had been driven off Interstate 84.

"The reporting party said they stopped and talked with the driver whose eyes were so dilated they could not see the color of his eyes," the report reads.

Police responded and saw the car heading toward Twin Falls. According to the report, the car swerved — and, as Deputy Robert Taylor pulled up behind the vehicle, the driver took an exit, turned his lights off, and parked behind some trucks. Taylor approached the car, smelled alcohol, saw a 12-pack of beer partially hidden under a blanket, and asked the driver, Duran Chandler, 18, of Utah, for his driver's license. Chandler, according to the report, denied having anything to drink, handed Taylor a temporary driving permit and a food handler's permit, and "said his Utah driver's license had been taken away when he got a DUI in Utah last month."

After failing field sobriety tests, he was arrested for driving under the influence.

"I brought Chandler to the rear of my patrol car and

asked (sic) him if he had anything on him that I needed to know about. Chandler said he may have a pot pipe on him," the report reads.

He did. The pipe allegedly contained marijuana residue, which Chandler was also cited for.

Burglary:

A 26-year-old Burley woman reported that her car was burglarized. According to the report, the stolen items — valued at \$40 — were "5 packs of cigs, 7 Keystone beers, and 3 wine coolers." No suspects.

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One of the most enduring lies in American politics is the myth of small-business job creation.

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PEARLSTEIN
Steve Pearlstein

Back in the 1980s, I was a senior editor at Inc. magazine, where I worked on some of the articles in which some of the seeds of this myth were planted. Up to that point, there was a widespread tendency to conflate the success of the economy with the fortunes of big business, so it was rather useful to have some data highlighting the importance of small firms.

By now, however, that analysis of net job creation has been repeated and embellished and oversimplified by so many lobbyists and politicians that it is only a matter of time before the magic number swells to 100 percent of job creation and small businesses will be demanding to be exempted from all taxes, all regulation and the Ten Commandments.

This is not the time or place for a long statistical explanation. Suffice it to say that, in terms of new job creation, the data show that most of it happens in a small number of very fast-growing companies that are no longer what most of us would consider small. There are lots of reasons for the success of these fast-growing firms, among them the ingenuity and hard work of their founders, the availability of capital and a culture that celebrates risk-taking.

But the dirty little secret is that a lot of small-business job growth has also been driven by the decision of big businesses to outsource many tasks that they used to do in-house. In an economic sense, jobs haven't been so much "destroyed" and "created" as they have been shifted from one company to another.

All of which brings us to the issue du jour: health-care reform.

From the beginning, President Obama and congressional leaders have said they want to pursue a reform agenda that builds on the existing employer-based health insurance system. One glaring problem with that employer-based system, however, is that every year more employers — mostly small and mid-size businesses — offer no health insurance. The result is that about 35 million American workers and their family members have no health insurance at all.

To fix that problem, most health reform proposals envision a new government-sponsored insurance "exchange" in each region through which all insurers would offer a basic health policy at the same price to all employers, regardless of size, and all workers, regardless of preexisting health conditions. For the exchanges to succeed in lowering the cost of insurance, all employers must be required to offer coverage and all employees must be

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SAVING RATHER THAN SPENDING

By Don Lee
Los Angeles Times

Consumers shifting economy

WASHINGTON — The continuing decline in consumers' use of charge cards and other forms of credit reflects an underlying weakness in the U.S. economy that most of the government's recovery plans fail to attack. And it suggests a fundamental shift in the way Americans save and spend that figures to act as a drag on the economy for at least the next several years. Bused by rising unemployment, declining wage

incomes and persistent credit tightening by banks, American consumers are pulling back. Although some economists welcome the trend after years of open-handed spending, the belt tightening is almost certain to have a negative effect on a U.S. economy in which about 70 percent of gross domestic product comes from personal consumption. A new government report

issued Wednesday shows that consumer borrowing is still falling. The monthly credit balance numbers from the Federal Reserve Bank are considered volatile, and May's decline was much smaller than earlier this year. But analysts said the overall trend probably would remain downward.

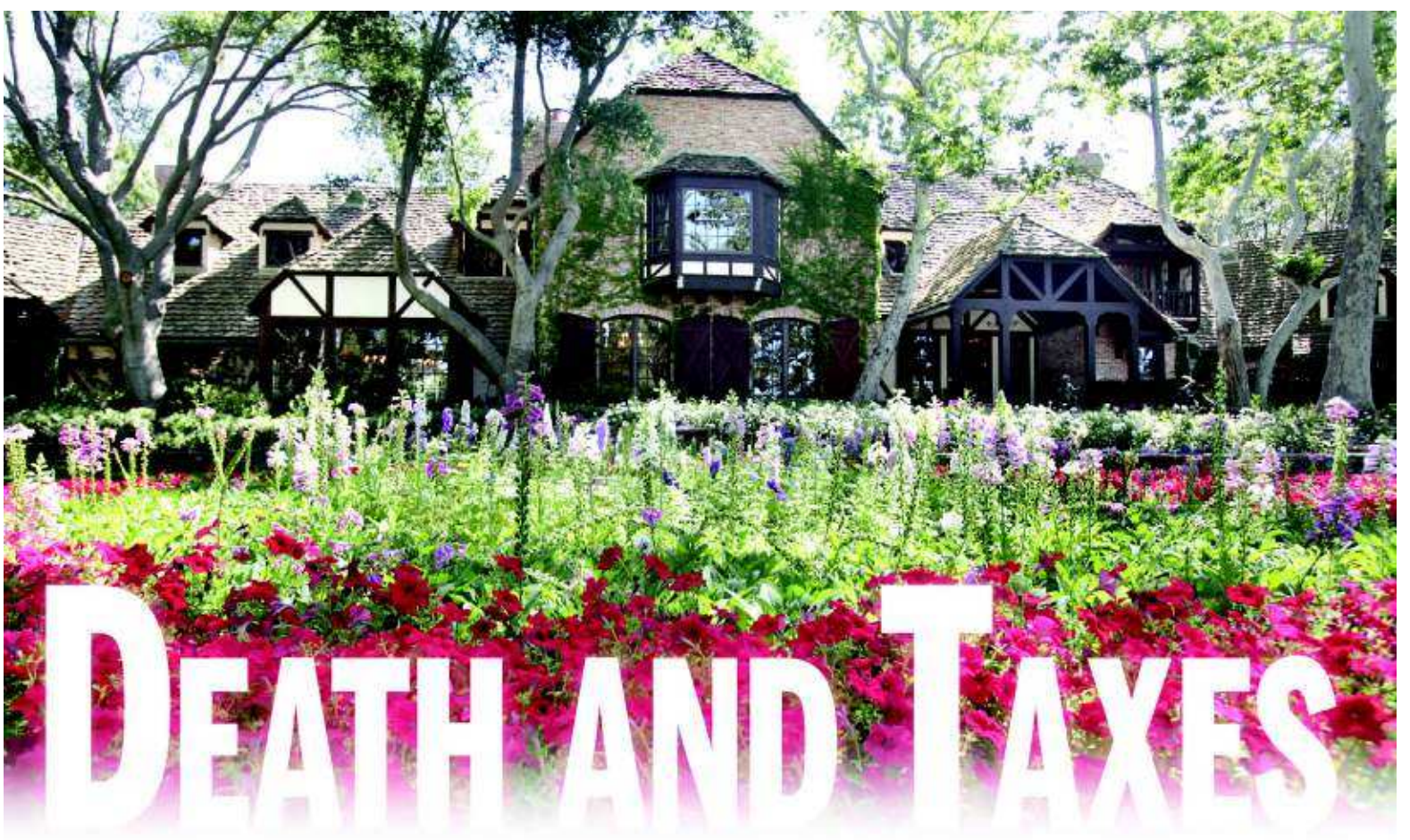
"Consumers were living in a fantasy world for much of the last decade," said Lyle

Gramley, an economic adviser with New York-based Soleil Securities Corp. and a former Federal Reserve governor. "The financial crisis has been an enormous wake-up call."

The contraction in consumer borrowing and spending might have been inevitable.

Many Americans had been using their credit cards

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DEATH AND TAXES

BIG IRS BILL LOOMS FOR MICHAEL JACKSON'S ESTATE



AP file photos

Pop singer Michael Jackson punches the air after announcing on March 5 that he was set to play ten live concerts in London in July.

Before Michael Jackson creditors and heirs get their cut of his empire, including his Neverland Ranch, shown at top, the government will get its share through the federal estate tax. And if reports of his net worth pan out, the IRS bill could top \$80 million or more.

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By Stevenson Jacobs
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The Tax Man is in the mirror for the estate of the late King of Pop.

Creditors and heirs of Michael Jackson hoping for a cut of his musical empire will have to line up with the Internal Revenue Service, which could lay claim to \$80 million or more in federal estate taxes.

To settle his tax bill, the executors of his estate may have to sell or borrow against lucrative but hard-to-value assets or ask the IRS for a multi-year extension. That could allow the estate to pay the tab over time with earnings from Jackson's share in rights to songs by the Beatles and his own music — prized properties whose value will likely make the estate's tax bill only bigger.

"The government is not going to take a Beatles record as payment. They want to be paid in cash," said Roy Kozupsky, a veteran estate lawyer in New York who has worked on behalf of several wealthy clients.

Given the convoluted nature of Jackson's finances, coming up with the cash won't be easy. Technically, the tax bill is due nine months after the date of death. In special cases, estates can spread out the payments for a period of up to 14 years. Once paid, the tax bill could dramatically shrink the inheritance passed on to the pop star's heirs — his 79-year-old

mother and three children.

"It's going to mean less money going to the beneficiaries," said Lawrence Heller, a partner in the tax and estate practice of the law firm Bryan Cave in Santa Monica, Calif. "They're the ones that are going to suffer."

The estate's tax dilemma highlights the cost and complexity of dying wealthy in America. Ironically, had Jackson died six months later, his estate may have had to pay no estate tax at all.

Under current law, the estate tax is set to be lifted for one year starting Jan. 1, 2010. However, most experts expect Congress to overturn the one-year suspension before the end of 2009, meaning the estate tax would remain in place.

Established in the early 1900s, the so-called "death tax" assesses up to a 45 percent tax on individual estates worth more than \$3.5 million.

As in a bankruptcy case, Jackson's creditors will jockey for first crack at his fortune. But the estate's initial obligation will be to pay the late star's taxes, said Beth Kaufman, a Washington-based attorney specializing in estate tax issues.

"There is no question that the U.S. government has first priority," she said.

To calculate the amount owed, subtract an estate's debts from its assets

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Finance 101: Estate tax hits few ordinary people

By Eileen AJ Connelly
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — As attention turns from Michael Jackson's death to the complex estate of the pop icon left behind, experts are sorting through his holdings and putting price tags on their value — with an eye on the tax bill they will generate.

While the superstar's property is worth far more than ordinary people could ever dream of amassing, some of the issues that will come up surrounding Jackson's estate

taxes reflect common concerns about the so-called "death tax."

The estate tax is a tax on the transfer of property when someone dies, which means that the estate itself — not the heirs — foots the bill. (Of course, it can significantly eat into the amount the heirs inherit.)

For the most part, only very large estates have to pay — in 2004, just 0.82 percent of all estates were taxed by the federal government. That figure will likely drop, according to the Internal Revenue Service, because the size of estates exempt

from the tax more than doubled — to \$3.5 million this year from \$1.5 million in 2004.

Here are some questions and answers about the estate tax.

Q: What assets are included in an estate?

A: The federal estate tax is calculated by adding up the fair market value of what you own — cash and accounts, stocks and bonds, real estate, trusts, life insurance, businesses, personal property like art work or collectibles, and so forth — at the time of your death. In certain cases, it may also include money or

property that was transferred during the deceased's lifetime. The total is called your "gross estate."

Then certain deductions may be taken, like mortgages and other debts, and property left to your spouse or to charity. The amount that remains is your "taxable estate."

Q: Who has to pay estate tax?

A: For 2009, up to \$3.5 million per person in assets are excluded from the federal estate tax. The value of property above that level is

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O O H L A L A



Courtesy photo

Ooh La La Fashion Boutique located at 1341 Filer Ave. E. in Twin Falls recently held a ribbon cutting along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors. Ooh La La Fashion Boutique is a new member of the chamber. Ooh La La is a boutique where fashion and local art meet. They offer a wide selection of merchandise at the boutique. Information: 733-3331. Pictured from the left, Tim, Liyah, Briyana (holding Matilda, the store Yorkie), and Amanda.

W A L - M A R T



Courtesy photo

Wal-Mart Supercenter opened the doors to its new facility at 252 Cheney Dr. W. in Twin Falls. The Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors were there to help cut the red ribbon. Wal-Mart designs their supercenter with their customer's shopping convenience in mind by combining general merchandise and grocery items under one roof at great prices. Information: 734-2136. Pictured from left, Mark Marvins, S. E. Idaho Market Manager; Johnny Rivera, co-manager; Crystal Lilya, store manager; Kal Patel, regional general manager/vice president Region 4.

K E L L Y - M O O R E



Courtesy photo

Kelly-Moore Paint Company located at 1280 Filer Ave. E. in Twin Falls recently cut the red ribbon along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors to celebrate becoming a new member of the chamber. Kelly-Moore Paint Company has been trusted and preferred by professionals since 1946 for its high quality performance and consistency. Information: 733-5333. Pictured from left, Adam Walker, Brent Tackett, Kyle Sabins, and Tonia Collins.

G O L F C O U R S E



Courtesy photo

After nine years of service with the City of Twin Falls at the Municipal Golf Course, Chuck Van Vooren has retired. Pictured from left, Dennis Bowyer, Chuck Van Vooren, Kevin Packard, and Dario Marques.

CAREER MOVES

Brian Higgins

Brian Higgins, senior instructor at Success Martial Arts in Twin Falls, was recently awarded the Triple Crown Award from Toastmasters International for completing three significant educational goals in the same year. He was also awarded the Presidents Distinguished Club Award for the Magic Valley Toastmasters club for meeting all 10 goals set by Toastmasters International for excellence in communication education.



Higgins

Toastmasters is a worldwide non-profit educational organization that assists members in improving their communication, public speaking and leadership skills. Meetings are open to the public.

They are held at noon on Wednesdays at Idaho Pizza on Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Jon Gardunia, Jamie Benjamin, Teresa Prine

Primary Therapy Source, provider of physical, occupational and speech therapy at 254 River Vista Place, announced one new employee and achievements by two employees.

Jon Gardunia, DPT, recently completed the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree at Idaho State University. His clinical experience includes sports medicine (Intermountain Sports Medicine Clinic/Logan Regional Hospital); neurological rehabilitation (Elks Regional Medical Center); and spinal cord injury rehabilitation (Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation



Gardunia

Hospital, Lexington, Ky.). As an undergraduate, Gardunia earned a Bachelor of Science in Health Science with an emphasis in Public Health from BYU-Idaho in Rexburg. He is married with two children.

Jamie Benjamin, PTA, traveled to Las Vegas, Nev., this spring to attend The Young Child with Special Needs continuing education seminar. Topics addressed included autism, cerebral palsy, down syndrome and the mechanics of walking.

Teresa Prine, MSPT, PCS, was re-elected chair of the Idaho Physical Therapy Association's South Central District during the group's May meeting. She will serve a second two-year term. The meeting included a presentation by local pediatrician, Dr. Mitchell Moffitt, who discussed his experience in Iraq treating battle and non-battle injuries.



Benjamin



Prine

of the Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) of the Year for 2009 as **Rex Schorzman** from Paul. Schorzman was selected from nearly 500 CCAs in the Northwest Region. The program is administered by the Far West Agribusiness Association.

Certified Crop Advisers must have superior knowledge and expertise in advising and consulting customers in the areas of nutrient management, soil and water management, integrated pest management and crop management. They must complete a Northwest Exam as well as an International Exam and complete 40 hours of approved continuing education over a two year period to keep their certifications.

Schorzman works as a crop consultant for Helena Chemical and has been a CCA for 35 years. He wins \$250 cash, recognition and full accommodations at the FWAA Winter Conference. In addition, he is the Northwest Regional nominee for the International Certified Crop Adviser of the year contest.

Tonya Backus

Tonya Backus, Realtor, Broker/Owner of Magic Valley Realty, has been recommended by her state for leadership service at the national level of the Women's Council of Realtors (WCR).

This annual citation is awarded to a limited number of members who have demonstrated their leadership skills in WCR, the real estate industry and the communities they serve.

Ms. Backus has served as 2005 local chapter president of the south central Idaho chapter of WCR, 2006 Idaho state president elect, 2007 Idaho state president, and 2009 Idaho state governor.

Idaho has received the national state chapter of the year for three consecutive years.

Rick Ramirez

Jensen Jewelers announces the graduation of **Rick Ramirez**, of Jensen Jewelers in Burley, from the Master Jewelry Salesman program. Ramirez has completed the required 12-week course and has received certification. The course involves extensive training in all aspects of fulfilling customer needs in the areas of diamonds, genuine stones, watches and all facets of jewelry making and repair.

Rex Schorzman

Far West Agribusiness Association announced the winner

CONTRIBUTIONS

The Glanbia Foods Scholarship Program announced the selection of two scholarship winners for the 2009-2010 school year.

The winners were selected from a pool of applicants based on their academic record, essay, extra curricular/community activities, work experience, and leadership skills. Each will receive a \$2,500 scholarship to pursue their college education this fall.

The winning graduating high school seniors must enroll in a full-time course of study at an accredited or four year college, university or

vocational-technical school. Scholarship monies must be used in the school year following receipt of the award.

Glanbia scholarship winners are:

Lael Schoessler II, son of Lael and Justine Schoessler of No View Dairy, graduated from Kimberly High School. He plans to attend the College of Southern Idaho for one year and then transfer to the



Schoessler

University of Idaho to pursue a degree in Dairy Science. After he earns his degree, Lael plans to take over the family dairy from his parents when they retire.

Brian Faria, son of Manuel Faria of Faria Dairy, graduated from Twin Falls High school and plans to attend the University of Idaho to pursue a degree in biology. His goal is to become a dentist and open a practice in Twin Falls.



Faria

CIT Group said to hire bankruptcy adviser

By Mae Anderson
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — CIT Group Inc. is working with a premier bankruptcy firm as the troubled commercial lender awaits word on whether it will receive funds from a federal program designed to help banks, the company confirmed Saturday.

The New York-based company has engaged Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, which has a prominent bankruptcy practice. The hiring was first reported in The Wall Street Journal Saturday.

However, according to the company CIT has worked with Skadden for "several years."

"Skadden is one of the principal law firms representing CIT," company spokesman Curt Ritter said in an e-mail response to an AP query. "They represent the firm on a wide variety of corporate matters. CIT will not comment on any specific aspect of their engagement."

Skadden did not return calls for comment. The financier to small and mid-sized businesses is facing a liquidity crisis absent help from the government, according to analysts.

Shares of CIT closed Friday down 18 percent on heavy trading volume over

uncertainty over federal aid.

CIT is awaiting word on whether it will receive funds from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.'s Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program, which lets cash-squeezed companies issue government-backed bonds to raise capital at a lower cost. As of June 8, the program has backed \$335.4 billion of debt.

FDIC Chairwoman Sheila Bair has said that the program tries to be inclusive but applicants must meet certain requirements. Generally, the program gives preference to companies with high credit ratings or that are considered pivotal to the overall economy. Ritter said Friday the company's application to the FDIC program remains outstanding.

On Wednesday, credit ratings agency Fitch Ratings downgraded the company's issuer default, individual and debt credit ratings deeper into junk status, affecting \$35 billion of debt.

CIT already received \$2.3 billion in government bailout funds in December, as part of the \$700 billion rescue fund created by Congress last October.

The lender faces maturing debt of \$7.4 billion in the first quarter of 2010, plus other obligations.



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Saving

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and years of home equity borrowing to cover expenditures that exceeded their incomes. The personal savings rate, which had been at or near double digits during much of the 1970s and '80s, dropped to 1 percent or lower starting in 2005.

But over the past two years, personal income has been stagnant or declining. The recession has wiped out 6.5 million jobs. Millions more workers are fearful of being laid off.

Moreover, the home equity borrowing that many families have used to cover current expenses has been choked back by the credit crisis and the plunge on home values. Average home equity per household was estimated at just less than \$50,000 earlier this year, less than half of what it was in early 2006.

After falling sharply last year, personal spending is showing signs of leveling off this spring as government payments and tax cuts put more cash into Americans' pockets.

But consumer expenditures remain soft, especially for automobiles and other big-ticket items; many are clearly intent on socking away money. The personal savings rate jumped to 6.9 percent in May, the highest in 15 years.

"We have the biggest change in the history of consumer spending in the United States," said Howard Davidowitz, chairman of Davidowitz & Associates Inc., a retail consulting and investment banking company. "The consumer is wrecked."

That could show up again Thursday when chain-store sales are reported by the International Council of Shopping Centers. Sales fell 4.6 percent in May.

Scared into saving as much as possible, the statistics indicate, shoppers are shunning high-end retailers in favor of discount stores such as Wal-Mart and Family Dollar.

"The consumer wants cheap, cheap, cheap," Davidowitz said. "The consumer is focused on price and dollars. What else could they do with these job losses?"

Meanwhile, lenders remain extremely cautious about extending new credit. The Fed report Wednesday said that credit card and other revolving loan balances fell in May at an annualized rate of 3.7 percent. Analysts said that reflected weaker consumer appetite for credit but also banks' unwillingness to extend it at a time when many people are under water with their homes and struggling to make debt payments on time.

The American Bankers Association reported this week that credit card payments and other types of consumer loans that are more than 30 days overdue rose slightly in the first three months of the year, to 3.23 percent of all such accounts.

Credit card delinquencies reached their highest rate since 2005, with 4.75 percent of accounts more than 30 days overdue, driven largely by increasing job losses.

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HOLLYWOOD: Autograph photo album with classic movie stars, Marilyn Monroe collectibles, *Gone with the Wind* plates, *I Love Lucy* plates (numbered & boxed), photos of Marilyn Monroe and more, Historic newspapers, classic games & books, Nancy Drew series, Big Little books, Baby doll in trunk.

This is a nice assortment of collectibles and classics.

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Jackson

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and set aside 45 percent of what's left for the IRS. The first \$3.5 million is exempt. The IRS also allows unlimited, tax-free transfers of assets to a spouse and charities, as well as deductions for funeral expenses, attorneys' fees and other administrative costs.

The current value of Jackson's estate isn't known, making it impossible to know how much he'll owe in federal estate tax.

According to documents obtained by The Associated Press, he claimed \$567.6 million in assets as of March 31, 2007, including Neverland and his share of the Sony/ATV Music Publishing catalog, which holds the rights to songs by the Beatles, Bob Dylan and other artists. The documents also show that Jackson had \$331 million in debt.

Estate

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taxed at a rate of 45 percent. An estate worth less than \$3.5 million doesn't even have to file a federal return, said William E. Massey, senior tax analyst for Thomson Reuters.

State thresholds vary, and not every state has an estate tax. Check your state's tax department Web site for details.

Besides the first \$3.5 million, everything that is left to a surviving spouse is exempt from federal estate tax. The taxable estate may also be reduced by deductions, funeral expenses and any claims against the estate.

In 2010, the federal tax as it currently stands will expire; if Congress does not change the law, there will be no estate tax next year. In

That would leave him with a net worth about \$236 million at the time. Based on that number, Jackson's federal estate tax bill could exceed \$83 million after exemptions. California, where Jackson lived at the time of his death, has no estate tax, but some states do.

Representatives of Jackson's estate declined to comment.

The pop icon died June 25 of what his family said was cardiac arrest. According to his will, all of Jackson's assets will go into a trust. The twice-divorced entertainer left 20 percent of his estate to charities. That could leave 80 percent of his net estate subject to "a very sizable" death tax, said Randy Godshall, an estate attorney at Los Angeles-based Sheppard Mullin law firm.

"But there will no doubt

be a lot of negotiation with the IRS on that, because his assets are hard to value," Godshall said.

The IRS is not required to accept the estate's appraisal of Jackson's assets, and very likely will conduct its own audit, he said.

"They'll often come back with their own, higher values — I've never heard of them coming back and saying, 'You overvalued this,'" he said.

The IRS declined to comment, citing federal rules prohibiting it from discussing individual taxpayers.

If the two sides can't agree, the case would go into litigation. In rare cases, the IRS can seize assets to cover a tax bill, but usually settlements are reached.

Worries over estate tax were a big factor in the lengthy legal battle over the estate of singer James

Brown, who died of heart failure on Christmas Day, 2006. A judge in May approved a settlement that gives nearly half of his assets to a charitable trust, about a quarter to his wife and young son, and the rest to Brown's adult children. The IRS won't say how much tax is owed on his estate.

The federal estate tax affects less than 1 percent of the U.S. population. It will generate an estimated \$26 billion this year — only about 1 percent of federal tax revenue. Still, the estate tax has become the subject of political debate in recent years.

In Washington, some Republican lawmakers want to abolish it. Others have called for exempting estates up to \$10 million from the tax.

They also want estates larger than that to be taxed

at a 35 percent rate.

As it stands now, the threshold for the estate tax is set to fall back to \$1 million in 2011, but the Obama administration is expected to change that so the tax will still kick in at \$3.5 million.

None of the proposed changes would impact Jackson's estate, whose tax bill is technically due March 25, 2010. Experts say it's likely the IRS will grant a multi-year extension. But even then, the estate would still have to begin paying interest in March.

Jackson's estate may have planned for a big estate tax bill. He had an insurance trust in his name as of Aug. 26, 2003, according to a financial document addressed to the singer and obtained by the AP. Insurance trusts are often set up by estates to pay federal estate tax.

2011, the old exclusion of \$1 million returns, and the top rate for holdings above that amount would jump back to 55 percent, where it was in 2001.

Several bills have been proposed in Congress to address the issue, but none has passed yet.

Whether or not a person has a will doesn't affect the tax their estate owes, said Lynette Atchley, an accountant and certified financial planner in Redlands, Calif.

Q: Are small business owners more at risk for having to pay the estate tax?

A: The value of a business can depend on a number of factors, including how closely associated it was with the deceased person. But business owners do have a challenge in planning

for issues like succession and transfer of ownership, and the plans they make could greatly affect estate taxes, said Bill Rys, a tax counselor with the National Federation of Independent Business.

"You need to sit down with an adviser to get a good sense of what the value of your business is, and what works best for the kind of business that you have," he said.

There are provisions that allow family-owned businesses to put off paying the entire estate tax bill at once, said Steve Armstrong, director of transactional tax planning for Rehmann, a financial planning and consulting firm based in Saginaw, Mich., but sometimes it's necessary to sell off part of the company's

holdings to pay the tax.

Q: Are there legal ways to reduce the size of an estate if it appears that it might be subject to estate tax?

A: There are several different steps that can be taken to reduce an estate tax bill, but they must be done before the person dies. Among the options are setting up different types of

trusts, giving cash gifts or transferring property, particularly real estate or securities, to family or friends.

In some cases the value of the property or gifts may be added back into the estate, but it would be the value at the time of transfer, not including any appreciation that has happened since that time, Armstrong said.

Pearlstein

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required to purchase it. The small-business lobby, however, remains just as stubbornly opposed to an "employer mandate" as it was 15 years ago when President Bill Clinton proposed it. Requiring small firms to offer health insurance, they warn, will drive millions of them out of business while sapping from all the others the profits they need to invest and grow. And since small business, as we all know, accounts for virtually all job creation, an employer mandate will stop the U.S. economy dead in its tracks.

This argument, of course, is 100 percent Grade A hokey, beginning with the myth of small-business job creation. After all, one reason small businesses "created" all those jobs in the first place is that they enabled big companies with generous health plans to outsource work to small companies that had lower cost structures because they offered no insurance at all. If simply requiring those small businesses to offer health insurance would wipe out that cost advantage and drive them out of business, then maybe those companies weren't the great engines of innovation and efficiency that they always claimed they were.

Most likely, those small businesses today are no longer competing with big companies, but with other small firms with similar cost structures. Requiring all of them to offer health insurance wouldn't put any firm at a competitive disadvantage — it would simply raise costs for all of them, forcing them to pass those costs on to someone else.

In the short run, that someone else would be customers. Business owners are always quick to claim that they can't raise prices because of competitive pressures, but if that were true, prices would never rise.

If a price increase is steep enough, some customers will probably decide to buy less of what ever the small businesses are selling, which could result in some job loss. But in the case of the cost of health insurance, a typical small company would be passing on a total cost increase of expenditures of a couple of percentage points — hardly the stuff of economic calamity.

Economists agree that in the long run, however, the

increased cost for employee health benefits would be passed on to the employees themselves in the form of lower wages and salaries. That's what happened economy-wide in recent decades, as average wages stagnated while the cost of health insurance skyrocketed. If the same holds true for small businesses, then requiring them to provide health insurance should result in no job loss at all.

In the coming weeks, we'll find out if political mythology will continue to trump sound economic logic. After all, small businesses would be the big winners from those new health insurance exchanges, and Democrats in both the House and Senate have agreed to sweeten the proposal even further by exempting the smallest firms from any health insurance mandate. Still, the small-business lobby remains firmly opposed.

It gets you to thinking: Maybe there's a reason why these are *small businesses*.

Steve Pearlstein is a columnist for the *Washington Post*.

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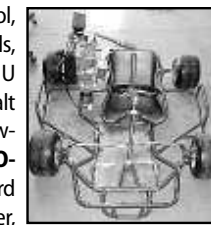
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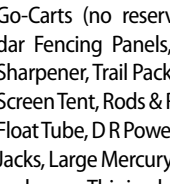
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Business coach explains X, Y and Boomer generations to one another

The challenges of combining four generations at work for the first time

By Ian Shapira
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — High atop the august Tower Club in suburban Virginia, business coach Anne Loehr is teaching 20 executives, mainly baby boomers, how to crack one of society's most vexing workplace problems: how to deal with their youngest employees or clients.

Loehr, 44 (Generation X/self-identified boomer), asks the class: "What is it like to speak to Gen Y?"

In her seminar, "Get Wise With Gen Ys: How to Effectively Sell to Each Generation in Today's Workplace," Loehr zeroes in on people born in the late 1970s or early 1980s, a demographic cohort so mystifying to its elders that she hands out cheat sheets enumerating traits that supposedly define this exotic generation.

This is, she explains, the first time in American history when four generations — people born from the 1930s all the way to the 1980s — are jammed together in the workplace, jostling for hegemony. What we've got here, as a movie character beloved by one of those older generations put it, is a failure to communicate.

Her class — executives from financial services, government contracting and tourism companies who have paid \$25 apiece to get some help — looks stumped. The guru elaborates: "Reality TV ... Gen X had MTV, Gen Y has reality TV. People say to me, 'Why do they talk like that?' Because they grew up on reality TV. OK? It's not good, it's not bad. That's what they grew up on. They think it's OK to talk like that."

Talk like what, exactly? Loehr doesn't say, but ridiculous-sounding reality TV dialogue is a trait both of today's youth and its elders: "I was, just like, 'Whatever!' ('NYC Prep' on Bravo.) Or:



Generational guru Anne Loehr, shown in Vienna, Va., teaches her students how to deal with employees or clients from different age groups. Her "cheat sheets" outline traits of Generations Y and X, baby boomers and traditionalists.

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"Before I like you, I don't like you." ("The Real Housewives of New Jersey," also on Bravo.)

Some of Loehr's students feel the need to make a critique.

Jacqui Higgins, 49 (boomer), an interior designer: "They see fame and fortune coming so easy. They have lost a bit of perspective on the hard work it takes to get there."

Bob Urso, 53 (boomer), president and chief executive of a government contracting firm: "Well, they grew up where they had a soccer match and everyone won a trophy, whether they lost or won."

Sensing the room of elders getting feisty, Loehr quickly adds a caveat that seems like a politically correct disclaimer: "It's not good or bad. It's just what they grew up with."

Later, Gretchen Eisenhower, 24, a Tower Club member relations coordinator who participated in the seminar, says she felt a tad uncomfortable with how her generation was reduced to a catalogue

of stereotypes. "It's a little awkward," Eisenhower says. "I feel like Gen Y is perceived negatively. It makes you defensive."

The collective fretting over Generation Y, also known as the millennials, has turned into an industry for entrepreneurs such as Loehr, a "leadership coach" and generational guru. Loehr is one of several who market themselves to corporations, the military, and federal and local governments as anthropologists interpreting today's 70 million to 80 million 20-somethings or early 30-somethings — those who came of age with the kiddie dinosaur show "Barney," high-speed wireless Internet and Barack Obama.

Cultural markers such as these have become a useful shorthand that Loehr and her colleagues use to explain assumptions about this emerging generation: their lefty politics, their belief in gaining consensus before taking action, their sense of self-entitlement, their short attention spans. For older bosses feeling resentment

and a sense of superiority, such categorizations can be a balm.

Back at the Tower Club, the "Get Wise with Gen Ys" session is heating up. Many executives are here because they don't understand their younger employees. Gym owner Rob Graveline, 38 (Gen X), thinks his younger staffers don't have the same work ethic as his generation and admits he treats them differently.

Loehr spells out her theories on what distinguishes this generation from the previous one.

"They saw 9/11," she says. "Connection is vital; they want to be connected all the time. People say, 'Why are they on Facebook all the time? Why are they texting?' They really want balance, too. They saw their parents go crazy in Generation X. They are not having that lifestyle. They are going to do it their way. They're going to go to yoga at 4, and the Red Sox game at 7, and do their work at midnight. It might be a good idea to let them go to yoga at 4!"

Panel: Banks underpaying government to exit bailout

By Daniel Wagner
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Treasury Department is selling its financial stakes in bailed-out banks for one-third less than they're worth, potentially shorting taxpayers up to \$2.7 billion, a bipartisan congressional watchdog says.

The estimated shortfall concerns warrants, financial instruments that allow Treasury to buy shares of the firms at a set price in 10 years. If the stock prices of the banks go up, as they are expected to do, taxpayers could reap a healthy profit.

Treasury obtained the warrants when it began injecting billions into the nation's largest financial institutions in October. They were considered a "deal-sweetener" — a way to help taxpayers benefit from the upside of a financial recovery that depended on billions of federal dollars.

Many large banks received permission to exit the program far earlier than was initially expected. Last month, Treasury announced that 10 of the nation's largest banks — including JPMorgan Chase & Co., Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley — could repay about \$68 billion of bailout money.

Twenty-two smaller banks have repaid their bailout money, and 11 of those have repurchased their warrants. If the warrants for those firms "had been sold for their true market values, taxpayers would have recovered \$10 million more," according to a report Friday from the Congressional Oversight Panel, which was created by Congress to oversee the \$700 billion bailout fund.

The warrants were sold at a one-third discount over their true prices, according to the panel's study. If warrants in the more than 600 banks participating in the bailout were sold at such a discount, that would mean taxpayers received \$2.7 billion less than the panel estimates the warrants are worth.

Treasury last month announced a method for valuing the warrants through negotiation with the banks. The agency's offers reflect financial modeling and surveys of

market participants.

Treasury disputed the panel's findings. Treasury spokesman Andrew Williams said the estimates are based on assumptions, so they may be higher or lower than the actual market prices of the warrants. "For that reason Treasury is using a more comprehensive approach to valuing the warrants," including obtaining quotes from investors who buy and sell similar securities, he wrote in a statement.

Others in the financial industry agreed. Banking consultant Bert Ely said it was reasonable for Treasury to mark down the values of the warrants given that the early repayments put taxpayer dollars at less risk than Treasury had expected when the deals were struck.

Banks have been eager to exit the bailout quickly to avoid the stigma and exempt themselves from restrictions, including limits on executive compensation. Repurchasing the warrants is a necessary step, but has been challenging because of disagreement about the prices.

The oversight panel's analysis was reviewed by three finance professors from Harvard Business School. The panel is headed by Harvard Law School professor Elizabeth Warren. She was the first to propose a new consumer protection agency for financial products, which has become a cornerstone of the Obama administration's reform efforts.

One of the group's Republicans, Texas Rep. Jeb Hensarling, warned against interpreting the report as critical of Treasury's approach to the warrants.

"It is exceedingly difficult to predict the value of financial securities and time the markets over the short term much less the 10-year term of the TARP warrants," he wrote.

Treasury has reserved the option to sell the warrants instead of negotiating the prices. The panel said Treasury should consider holding open, public auctions to stop "any speculation about whether Treasury has been too tough or too easy on the banks."

Hikes to minimum payments might shock credit card users

By Eileen Ambrose
The Baltimore Sun

The Rev. Nathaniel Pierce of Trappe, Md., says he transferred his credit card balance to a Chase card a few years ago after receiving assurances of a low interest rate and low monthly minimum payments.

Now, Pierce accuses Chase of bait and switch tactics. Chase notified Pierce that starting next month his minimum payment is going from 2 percent to 5 percent, roughly raising his monthly payment from \$100 to \$250. He suspects the shift is tied to credit card reforms that take effect in February.

"Retaliation has begun," he says. "It's the beginning of more to come. And that's what's scary."

Credit card experts say such a steep increase in minimum payments isn't common yet, although other issuers might follow suit.

Meanwhile, card issuers have been raising interest rates and lowering credit limits, and that has gained momentum since credit card reform legislation was signed into law in May. The average annual percentage rate has gone up from 13.57 percent in April to 13.81 percent, according to CardRatings.com. And balance transfer fees have gone from 3 percent to as much as 5 percent.

Last week, Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., called again on the Federal Reserve to freeze rates on outstanding card balances to prevent card issuers from hiking rates before reforms kick in next year.

Credit experts, though, warn consumers to expect more changes in card terms.

"Buckle your seat belt. Between now and late February when the legislation takes effect, we will see issuers continue to raise credit card rates as well as

institute new and higher fees," says Greg McBride, senior analyst with Bankrate.com.

In Pierce's case, Chase promised him a fixed rate of 3.99 percent until he paid off his balance. Pierce and his wife each received a Chase card. He says they always pay on time and usually more than the minimum.

He called Chase to complain about the change in minimum payments.

"They said, 'Look on the bright side. You will pay off your loan quicker,'" he says. "But that's not the deal."

Pierce figures if other card issuers take a similar action, his annual card payments would go from \$6,000 to \$15,000.

Chase says less than 1 percent of customers were notified last month that their minimum payment was rising to 5 percent. Spokeswoman Gail Hurdis wrote in an e-mail that the company constantly evalu-

ates the risk and cost of making credit card loans.

"The way customers use and maintain an account help us determine what changes to make in order to protect our customers and our company," she says.

Ken Clayton, a spokesman with the American Bankers Association, says card issuers are dealing with rising delinquencies and record defaults. At the same time, the cost to borrow money to lend to consumers has gone up for card issuers, he says. And card issuers are also responding to card reforms that will restrict risk-based pricing where the riskiest consumers pay the highest rates and fees, Clayton says.

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Capitol renovation behind schedule but catching up

BOISE (AP) — Renovation work at the state Capitol is about two weeks behind schedule, but project managers say adding more crews and working on Saturdays will put the project back on pace to be completed in November.

That will be in time for lawmakers to get moved in before the start of the 2010 Legislature on Jan. 11. Lawmakers have held the last two sessions in their temporary quarters in the old courthouse near the Capitol.

"We've been pretty much sardines in there for two years," Rep. Stephen Hartgen, R-Twin Falls, told The Spokesman-Review. "I would describe it as very, very cozy."

Work on the Capitol fell a month behind schedule in January due to unexpected complications such as century-old primer that had turned to powder and needed to be chemically treated and scraped away before new paint could be applied. Wall-busting demolition crews also found door frames of differing sizes and rotten concrete.

Since those setbacks, workers have closed the schedule gap to about 14 days.

"They've been steadily making it up by putting on more crews and doing Saturday work, and they think that they'll be back on schedule by September," said Jan Frew, executive project manager and deputy administrator of the state Division of Public Works.

U of I researchers shovel Palouse dirt seeking giant earthworm

By Nicholas K. Geranios
Associated Press writer

MOSCOW — The giant Palouse earthworm has taken on mythic qualities in this vast agricultural region that stretches from eastern Washington into the Idaho panhandle — its very name evoking the fictional sandworms from "Dune" or those vicious creatures from the movie "Tremors."

The worm is said to secrete a lily-like smell when handled, spit at predators, and live in burrows 15 feet deep. There have been only a handful of sightings.

But scientists hope to change that this summer with researchers scouring the Palouse region in hopes of finding more of the giant earthworms.

Conservationists also want the Obama administration to protect the worm as an endangered species, even though little research has been done on it.

The worm may be elusive, but there's no doubt it exists, said Jodi Johnson-Maynard, a University of Idaho professor who is leading the search for the worm. To prove it, she pulled out a glass tube containing the preserved remains of a fat, milky-white worm. One of Johnson-Maynard's graduate students found this specimen in 2005, and it is the only confirmed example of the species.

The worm in the tube is about 6 inches long, well short of the 3 feet that early observers of the worms in the late 1890s described. Documented collections of the species, known locally as GPE, have occurred only in 1978, 1988, 1990 and 2005.

The farmers who work



AP photo

Joanna Blaszcak, a student at Cornell University, wires up an electric probe at a worm research test site, Tuesday at a University of Idaho research farm in Moscow.

the rich soil of the Palouse — 2 million acres of rolling wheat fields near the Idaho-Washington border south of Spokane — also have had little experience with the worm.

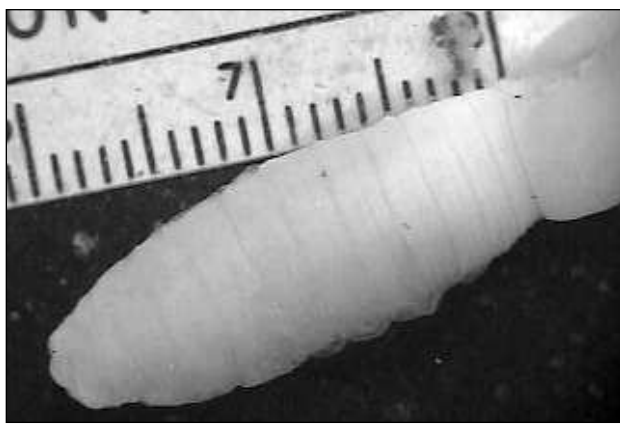
Gary Budd, who manages a grain elevator in Uniontown, said no farmer he knows has talked about seeing the worm. He compared the creature to Elvis.

"He gets spotted once in awhile too," Budd joked.

Johnson-Maynard and her team of worm hunters are working this summer at a university research farm and using three different methods to try and find a living worm.

One involves just digging a hole and sifting the soil through a strainer, looking for any worms that can be studied.

The second involves old-fashioned chemical warfare, pouring a liquid solu-



University of Idaho/AP file photo

This undated photo shows a giant Palouse earthworm, *Driloleirus americanus*. Fans of the rare worm filed a petition June 30 with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requesting it be protected as an endangered species.

tion of vinegar and mustard onto the ground, irritating worms until they come to the surface.

The third method is new to this search, using electricity to shock worms to the surface.

"The electro shocker is

up to 480 volts. That makes it dangerous to touch, and it could potentially fry a specimen.

On a recent day, Umiker drove eight 3-foot-long metal rods into the ground in a small circle and connected them to batteries. Then he flipped the switches. The only sound for several minutes was the hum of a cooling fan.

"I'm kind of bummed we haven't seen anything yet," Umiker said.

Eventually, a small rust-colored worm dug its way to the surface. It was not a GPE, but it was collected for study anyway.

The GPE was described as common in the Palouse in the 1890s, according to an 1897 article in *The American Naturalist* by Frank Smith. Smith's work was based on four samples sent to him by R.W. Doane of Washington State University in nearby Pullman.

Massive agricultural development soon consumed nearly all of the unique Palouse Prairie — a seemingly endless ocean of steep, silty dunes — and appeared to deal a fatal blow to the worm.

They were considered extinct when Idaho graduate student Yaniria Sanchez-de Leon in 2005 stuck a shovel into the ground to collect a soil sample and found the worm that now is in the tube in Johnson-Maynard's office.

Conservation groups quickly petitioned the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to protect the worm as an endangered species, citing as proof the lack of sightings. But the agency said there simply was not enough scientific information to merit a listing.

Moguls' mood is dark at Sun Valley meeting

By Joe Flint
Los Angeles Times

SUN VALLEY — Security is tight at investment bank Allen & Co.'s annual conference.

Held at the tony Sun Valley Resort nestled in the northern Rocky Mountains, the fairly secretive gathering of media kingpins, technology geniuses, billionaire investors, politicians and even the occasional star athlete is also filled with moonlighting detectives and retired police officers watching everyone and everything like a hawk.

What exactly are they guarding? The businesses of most in attendance here have already walked out the door, and no one seems to have a clue where they went. With the world's economy mired in the recession, their advertising-dependent companies pummeled by consumers who have gone into hiding, and the Internet

undermining the model that has made them all wealthy, the moguls who met under the glorious Idaho skies were a decidedly downbeat lot.

"I'm shocked at the business mood, which is talking about either that we're at the bottom or going lower," News Corp. Chairman and Chief Executive Rupert Murdoch said in an interview he gave during the conference to his Fox Business Network. He had just emerged from spending a morning with the most powerful people from Wall Street, Silicon Valley and Hollywood. What was the word from inside?

"It's going to take years and years, like five years at least before we see any real growth coming out of this," Murdoch said.

"We don't see things improving," added Martin Sorrell, chief of WPP Group, one of the world's largest conglomerates of advertising agencies and someone

pretty close to knowing the willingness of companies to spend money.

Every summer for the past 27 years, Allen & Co.'s conference in Sun Valley has served as a sort of Davos for the media, entertainment and, increasingly, technology elite. The corporate chieftains, whose private jets crowd the tarmac at Friedman Memorial Airport in Ketchum, are not accustomed to defeat or negativity. Many of them are as much a celebrity as the ones created, packaged and marketed by their media empires.

Nor were many of the moguls in the mood to party. Normally, the Duchin Lounge in the resort's lodge is rocking past midnight during the week of the conference. This year, it was a ghost town by 11:30 p.m.

Google Chief Executive

Eric Schmidt offered a sobering dose of reality, calling today's economic environment "the new normal" and advising everyone to "figure out how to be happy and get our lives together in this new configuration." And this comes from an executive whose company's revenues increased 6 percent in the first quarter.

This year's "it" executive was Evan Williams, co-founder of Twitter, the popular social networking site.

But rather than sing praises of the fast growing company, several moguls dismiss Twitter's prospects. Barry Diller, chief executive of the sprawling Internet company IAG, and John Malone, chairman of cable giant Liberty Media, said in a closed door session that they didn't see how Twitter could make money, people in attendance said.

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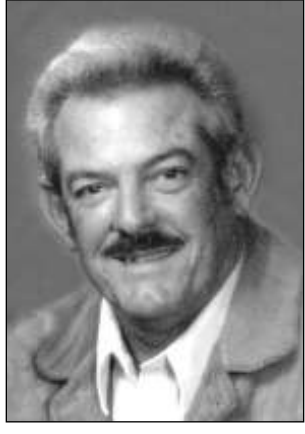
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DECLO — Lewis "Lew" Oliver Martindale, age 72, of Declo, died Thursday, July 9, 2009, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center.

He was born in Burley, Idaho, on March 30, 1937, to Oliver Cromwell and Evalyn Maude Layne Martindale. He graduated from Shoshone High School in 1955. He then served our country in the United States Navy for four years in the construction battalion. He married Ellen Ineas on Dec. 17, 1960, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Shoshone. Following his honorable discharge in 1961, he enrolled at Utah State University in Logan, Utah, obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in range and wildlife.

Lew worked for the Bureau of Land Management for 12 years and retired after 13 years from the U.S. Forest Service having received the Riparian Award for our area. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, boating, four-wheeling, skiing, snowmobiling, bird watching, gardening, wood working and leather tooling.

Lew was active in various social and civic organizations throughout the community including the Declo Lions Club, NRA, Duck's Unlimited and SFW of Idaho.

Having received the Eagle Scout award during his youth, Lew helped instill in the youth of our

community the love of scouting by serving as Scout Master for the Burley United Methodist Church for several years.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen of Declo; his children, Richard "Ric" Martindale of Boise, Michele "Shelly" Johnson (Dennis) of Heyburn and Michael Lewis "Mike" Martindale (Lori) of Paul; five grandsons, Chancelor, Dylan, Hunter, Brogan and Kelton Martindale; a granddaughter, Madison "Madi" Johnson; and one sister, Norma "Vonnies" Lough of Boise.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Lloyd C. "Red" Martindale and Ray Martindale.

A (casual dress) memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

A private family urn burial will take place at the Shoshone Cemetery.

Alfred R. Leddy



ALBION — Alfred Richard Leddy died Nov. 20, 2008.

He was born Nov. 27, 1947, in Burley, Idaho, to Grace Snodgrass and Orville Leddy.

Alfred spent most of his childhood in and attended school in Salt Lake City. He served his country proudly as a United States Marine. After returning from his service, Alfred worked as a fireman and an air traffic controller. His career as an air traffic controller took him many different places, including Hill Air Force Base, Salt Lake City International and eventually to McCarran International in Las Vegas, Nev.

He was an active member of the air traffic controllers' union. He later

returned to Salt Lake City and worked in construction.

During Alfred's life, he enjoyed flying as a private pilot, fly fishing and was a talented golfer.

He will be missed by his friends and family.

He is survived by his brothers, Orville of Monroe, Utah, Paul of Las Vegas, Nev., Michael of Albuquerque, N.M., and Thomas Leddy of Jacksonville, Fla. He is also survived by his aunt, Mabel Pierce of Burley, Idaho. He was preceded in death by his mother, father and sister, Mary Jane.

Military graveside rites will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 16, at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Albion, Idaho.

Robert (Bob) Duane Copenbarger



CALDWELL — True cowboy, Robert (Bob) Duane Copenbarger, age 68, of Caldwell, Idaho, died Wednesday, July 8, 2009, at West Valley Hospital, with his family along his side.

A memorial will be held at noon Saturday, July 18, at Summers Funeral Home, 3629 E. Ustick Road in Meridian, Idaho.

Bob was born March 16, 1941, to Ray and Phoebe Copenbarger in Buhl, Idaho. He spent his early years growing up and going to school in the Bruneau, Castleford area. Bob served as a corporal in the U.S. Army. Bob married the love of his life, Wilma A. Gimlin, on April 7, 1962, in Elko, Nev. Bob worked most of his life raising cattle and training horses. If he couldn't fix it, it wasn't broke; Bob was a first-class welder, mechanic, machinist, carpenter, plumber, electrician and long-haul truck driver, where he accumulated many close friends. He loved camping and hunting with his family around the crouch area, racing motorcycles across the desert, and riding his horse "Buttons." He especially loved laughing with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Bob was survived by his wife of 47 years, Wilma Copenbarger; three sons, Robert (Kathy) Duncan of

Middleton, Idaho, LeRoy (Vicki) Baxter of Hansen, Idaho, and Ralph Duncan of Caldwell, Idaho; two daughters, Renae (Boyd) Wilmoth of Nampa, Idaho, and Rhonda (Steve) Smoot of Caldwell, Idaho; grandsons, Robert Duncan Jr., Christopher Wilmoth, Joshua Duncan, Cory Smoot and Travis Smoot; granddaughters, Dina (Ryan) Hembree, Heather Wilmoth and Mickenlie Baxter; great-granddaughters, Sierra Rose Duncan, Maycee Wilmoth and Evelyn Wilmoth; brother, Butch (Ronnie) Copenbarger of Hansen, Idaho; sisters, Betty Bosh of Pocatello, Idaho, Ruth McAuthor of Homedale, Idaho, Patty Montgomery of Mountain Home, Idaho, and Virginia Jones of Macomb, Okla.; many cousins, nieces and nephews; and many special friends.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Ray Copenbarger; two nephews and one niece.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Kidney Foundation.

The family would like to deeply thank Dr. Mike Mallea and the girls at the Devita Dialysis Center and especially George and Bonnie Burns whose home he has enjoyed tremendously.

Maurine Riddle MacNeil



PAUL — Maurine Riddle MacNeil passed to the next stage of life on Thursday, July 9, 2009.

She was born in Bicknell, Utah, on March 21, 1921, to Thomas Lester and Florence King Riddle. Maurine was an elect lady who loved many and accomplished much. She graduated with high honors from Westminster College and taught elementary education for 20 years. Maurine married Max L. Turner and together they raised five beautiful children who, in turn, gave her a glorious posterity. Her family has been her greatest source of pride and joy.

No moment of Maurine's life was idle. She filled every minute with reading, journaling, handiwork and arts. She is legendary for the volume and quality of her crocheted masterpieces.

Her first marriage ended and she later married Vernon MacNeil of Paul, Idaho. Maurine and Vern enjoyed 27 years of love,

companionship and service that included two full-time missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Maurine was loyal and true to her faith and her family.

She is preceded in death by her eldest daughter, DiAnne (Shepherd), and survived by her husband, Vernon MacNeil; four children, Sheri (Caldwell), Lorraine (DeWaal), Karen (McPhie) and Steven Turner; 22 grandchildren; 61 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, July 13, at the Paul Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis, with Bishop Douglas Hartley officiating. A viewing will be held Monday at 11:30 a.m. until the service at the church. Burial will take place on Wednesday, July 15, at Mountain View Memorial Cemetery in Cottonwood Heights, Utah, following the 2 p.m. funeral service in Utah.

Tonette (Toni) Parsons



JEROME — Tonette (Toni) Parsons, 69, of Jerome, died Wednesday, July 8, 2009, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

She was born in Wendell, Idaho, on Dec. 14, 1939. During her lifetime, Toni moved from Idaho to Montana and back again. She resided in Jerome, Idaho, for the past 22 years.

She is survived by her daughter, Joyce Parsons-Boehler and husband Kieth of Virginia Beach, Va.; son, Jon Parsons and wife Tara of Twin Falls, Idaho; six grandchildren, Anthony Boehler, Whitney Boehler, Morgan Boehler, Kade Parsons, Ashlyn Parsons and Brock Parsons; brother, William Rabe and wife Peggy of Elko, Nev.; Aunt Joyce Hickman (raised just like sisters) and husband Howard of Havre, Mont.; as well as many other aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Also Linda Morrey of Jerome, who had been friends with Toni since they were both in second grade.

Toni was raised in Jerome and graduated from Jerome High School. She graduated as a RN from St. Benedict's School of Nursing in Ogden, Utah, in 1960. Toni married Jim Parsons in 1960 and they were later divorced. Toni worked in the nursing field for 40-plus years. She was

true to her choice of occupation and worked in the Twin Falls Care Center, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, St. Benedict's Hospital, Jerome, Gooding Home Health, and lastly with Visions Home Health and Hospice.

Toni touched the lives of many people and their families in her nursing career. People would recognize her and come up to say "thank you for taking care of my mom/dad." Several nurses during her recent stays in the hospital had worked with her or been taught by her at one time or another.

She loved her grandchildren and would light up when they were in the room or when you would ask about what they were doing. She was always showing off her recent pictures of the grandkids; she was a proud Nana.

Toni is preceded in death by William Rabe, (father); Evelyn (Koll) Rabe-Durbin, (mother); Jim Parsons; and two family dogs, Daisy and Hanns.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 16, at the Jerome Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to a memorial fund for a headstone or to Visions Home Health and Hospice in Twin Falls, Idaho.

SERVICES

Brendan Joshua Becker of Kimberly, celebration of life at 2 p.m. today at the Lion's Den Pavilion at Rock Creek Park in Twin Falls.

John L. Oneida of Shoshone, celebration of life at 3 p.m. today at the First Baptist Church in Shoshone (Boice Funeral Home in Clovis, Calif.).

Don Steven Roan "Papa" of Kapaa, Hawaii, and formerly of Twin Falls, celebration of life today in Kapaa, Hawaii.

Verl Courtney of Albany, Ore., memorial service at 1 p.m. Monday at the Moss-Durham Funeral Home, 815 Buchanan St. NW in Corvallis, Ore.

Robert C. "Bob" Phillips of Rupert, memorial service at 2 p.m. Monday at St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 902 Sixth St. in Rupert (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Frances Dee Wolford Staker of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; visitation from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Monday and one hour before the service Tuesday at the mortuary.

Barbara Hepworth of Jerome, memorial service and potluck from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Jerome City North Park, 300 E. Main (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

DEATH NOTICES

Aracely Diaz

SHOSHONE — Aracely Diaz, 7, of Shoshone, died Thursday, July 9, 2009, in Shoshone.

A vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, July 13, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome; funeral Mass will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, at the church (Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome).

Kenneth M. Slack

RUPERT — Kenneth

Ernest Theodore Thaete



Ernest Theodore Thaete, 90, of Twin Falls, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, July 9, 2009, due to complications from a stroke.

He was born on May 31, 1919, in Cawker City, Kan., the son of Albert J. and Ida (Arkebauer) Thaete, and was raised in a loving Lutheran home. Ernest came to the Magic Valley at the age of 17. Following four years of service in the U.S. Army, Staff Sgt. Thaete returned from a tour of duty in Italy and North Africa during World War II. He married Hilda Triple in October of 1945.

Farming was his lifelong career. He started by working for others, then acquired his own land in the Paul area, then returned to Filer where he farmed until his retirement in the mid 1980s. He earned the title of "Cooperator of the Year" by the Balanced Rock Soil Conservation District in recognition of his outstanding efforts in planning and implementing conservation practices on his Filer area farm.

Ernest was always active in his church and was instrumental with the building of Lutheran Camp Perkins in the 1960s.

After Hilda passed away in 1988, he married Donna Lassen in November of 1990. They lived in Twin Falls and enjoyed traveling, friends, and family gatherings. Ernest was always happy to help family and friends and will greatly be

missed by both.

Ernest is survived by his wife, Donna Thaete of Twin Falls; three sons, Larry (Theresa) Thaete of Lake Bluff, Ill., Keith (Sherry) Thaete of Buhl, Idaho, and Brent Thaete of Seoul, Korea; two daughters, Eileen (Ralph) Andrews of Filer, Idaho, and Linda Gyn of Filer; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Ernest is also survived by two stepsons, Charles (Darla) Lassen of Twin Falls and Robert (Lynnann) Lassen of High Springs, Ga.

Ernest is preceded in death by his wife, Hilda; his parents; four brothers, Arnin, Raymond, Lloyd and Glen; and two grandsons, Sam King and Caleb Lammers.

A visitation will be held from noon until 2 p.m. Tuesday July 14, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park." A graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls, with a memorial service to follow at 4 p.m. at the Peace Lutheran Church in Filer. Memorial contributions may be made in Ernest's name to the building fund of Peace Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 33, Filer, ID 83328. Please join the family in celebrating Ernest's life by signing the online guestbook and visiting his memorial at www.mem.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

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Talks intensify over closing California's \$26-billion deficit

By Judy Lin
Associated Press writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Against a backdrop of IOUs and expanding government furloughs, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and legislative leaders expressed optimism Saturday that they were moving toward a compromise that could end California's fiscal calamity.

Negotiations to close the state's \$26.3 billion deficit restarted after two weeks of inaction and partisan bickering. Top lawmakers from both parties said a budget-balancing deal was possible in the coming week.

"I would say we're getting very close to a general framework, but there are still outlying questions," said Assembly Minority Leader Sam Blakeslee, a San Luis Obispo Republican, after emerging from a closed-door meeting between lawmakers and Schwarzenegger.

They negotiated about 2½ hours Saturday before ending talks for the day.

They were expected to return to the Capitol on Sunday.

Negotiations centered on the extent of budget cuts — which are expected to range from \$14 billion to \$15 billion — and what other steps might be taken to close the deficit.



Schwarzenegger

The shortfall, which is the difference between the amount of tax money coming into the state and its previously approved spending obligations, amounts to more than a quarter of California's general fund, its main account for paying operating expenses.

Schwarzenegger and Republican lawmakers also want reforms to welfare, pension, health care and in-home supportive service programs.

They say preventing waste and abuse will save the state money, which in turn can be used to prevent cuts elsewhere in the budget.

The governor's office has estimated its reform proposals will save \$1.7 billion this fiscal year alone.

Idaho board game lets players live 'Truckin' life



AP photo
Randy Cox, a trucker from Blackfoot, rolls the dice on a new board game he developed called My Truckin Luck, Friday in Pocatello.

BLACKFOOT (AP) — A long-haul trucker from southeastern Idaho has created a new trucking-themed board game inspired by his hours on the road.

"My Truckin' Luck" was created with input from truckers, state troopers and mechanics nationwide, Randy Cox told the Idaho State Journal for a story published Friday. The game is named after a popular expression among drivers.

"The state police were amused, but didn't really offer anything that we could use," Cox said.

Cox, of Blackfoot, said players start in Washington state, then use dice to determine where they're headed. A chart on the board helps them determine the all-important issue of how much gas they'll need.

"At first we had a map," Cox said. "We had all the interstates connecting at the right places, it was a monstrosity. We played for two hours and weren't even close to be finished."

The final version includes a log book, weigh stations, truck inspections and hazardous road conditions.

Cox said he invested \$45,000 in the game and printed 2,700 copies. The game sells for \$29.95.

The truck driver said he was also considering other versions, including one based on the History Channel's "Ice Road Truckers" and another that he said will be an Old West version.

Cecil R. Powers



BURLEY — Cecil Robert Powers passed away Wednesday evening, July 8, 2009, after living his life of 86 years.

He was born in Pocatello, Idaho, on Feb. 24, 1923, the son of Harrison Henry and Rocha Aurilla (Hall) Powers. He grew up in Sublett, Idaho, with his family, where they had homesteaded. Life was never dull growing up with all brothers and no sisters. When the chores were done, many days were spent with a pole in hand at the reservoir doing what he loved best — fishing.

In 1943, Cecil joined the service to serve in World War II. He served in the Army Air Corp, Third Battalion, in Central Europe. He received his honorable discharge in 1945, after receiving several medals.

When he arrived back in the states, he returned to work being an operating engineer for highway construction, which he continued until his retirement. He married Patricia McCarthy in 1947. They lived in Nevada and Idaho, during their marriage.

Cecil enjoyed his lifetime friendships with his numerous buddies. Besides fishing, he loved playing cards, pool, and gardening. He was a long-standing member of the Elks.

Cecil leaves behind his wife, Pat Powers of Burley; one son, David (Hanna) Powers of Burley; and one brother, Ernie Powers of Reno, Nev. He also leaves behind six sisters-in-law, and many nephews, nieces and cousins.

His parents; stepmother, Alice Powers; daughter, Jackie Lou; and brothers, Ellis, Glenn, Harrison Jr. and Gordon, preceded him in death.

There will be no formal funeral service held at this time. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Companies eye Hawaii as potential frontier for commercial space travel

By Mark Niesse
Associated Press writer

HONOLULU — Tourists coming to Hawaii for high-end getaways could someday be launched from the sand to the stars, taking island-hopping to new heights.

Hawaii could even be the first state where space travelers use rocket planes to get from one place to another. Rather than launching and landing in the same spot, planners envision the planes taking off in one place, traveling through space, then coming down in another, going from the Big Island to Oahu. Within a decade, space travelers could island hop from Hawaii to Japan in 45 minutes.

And promoters promise a unique perspective during the Hawaii flight.

"Flying down the Hawaii island chain, it's a completely different view of the planet than you'll see when you launch from landlocked states," said Chuck Lauer, vice president of business development for Oklahoma City-based Rocketplane Global. "It's the blue planet view of the world."

Hawaii's tourism leaders recognize the potential for attracting visitors with the promise of space travel, but it's unclear whether Gov. Linda Lingle will release the licensing money at a time when the state is facing big budget problems and possible government employee layoffs. A new law authorizes the state to spend \$500,000 to apply for a spaceport license from the federal government, which is the first step toward allowing commercial space travel from the islands.

Lingle has indicated she will either sign the legislation this month or let it become law without her signature. But she has the



Rocketplane Global Inc/AP photo

This conceptual artist rendering shows the Rocketplane XP spacecraft. Hawaii could become the eighth state granted a spaceport license.

authority to withhold the money even after the bill becomes law.

If the plan goes forward, tourists would pay \$200,000 for a weeklong package including space-flight training, resort accommodations and short test flights to simulate weightlessness.

At the vacation's finale, five voyagers would embark on a horizontal takeoff aboard a special rocket plane, climb to 40,000 feet before rockets fire, accelerate to 3,500 mph, coast for a few minutes of weightlessness 62 miles above the Earth, flip over and then return to ground.

Jim Crisafulli, the state's director of aerospace development, is confident many people would come to Hawaii to fly to space. "They wouldn't bat an eye at spending that amount of money to fly to space," he said. "It's going to be a soul-energizing experience."

phase, with actual construction expected to begin in a year and a half in Burns Flat, Okla.

The spaceport licensing process will involve studying the rocket plane's potential effects on the environment, said state Tourism Liaison Marsha Wienert.

"I'm trying to stay as neutral and calm as possible on this," she said. "As we plan for the future, I agree that we should consider all opportunities, and hopefully the environmental impact statement will show that it is an opportunity."

Lauer said the space planes wouldn't harm the environment because they'll be powered by liquid oxygen and synthetic jet fuel.

Several space tourism companies, including Rocketplane, have shown interest in coming to Hawaii if they could, said John Strom, vice president of business development for Enterprise Honolulu, the Oahu economic development board. Those businesses' studies show they can turn a tidy profit if the Hawaii market opens.

Space tourists will come away with a different understanding of how fragile the Earth is, said Strom, a private pilot.

"The higher you go, the smaller it gets," he said. "You definitely get a sense of the uniqueness of this fragile blue marble that we live on."

Some feeling misled after flag retirement ceremony

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Some people are feeling misled after finding out a July 4 ceremony during which they thought an American flag was burned in retirement didn't really happen.

The Stadium of Fire event in Provo was viewed by 47,500 people. At the end of the night, a flag used at the event for more than a decade was put in a container and large torches were lit on top, giving some the impression the flag had burned.

But event organizer Brad Pelo says the Provo City fire marshal said two months before the event that they couldn't burn the flag because the blaze could be hard to control and could have emitted toxic fumes.

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BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

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Tonight: Fair skies. Lows, 50s.

Tomorrow: Cooler and partly cloudy, but likely dry. Highs, 70s.

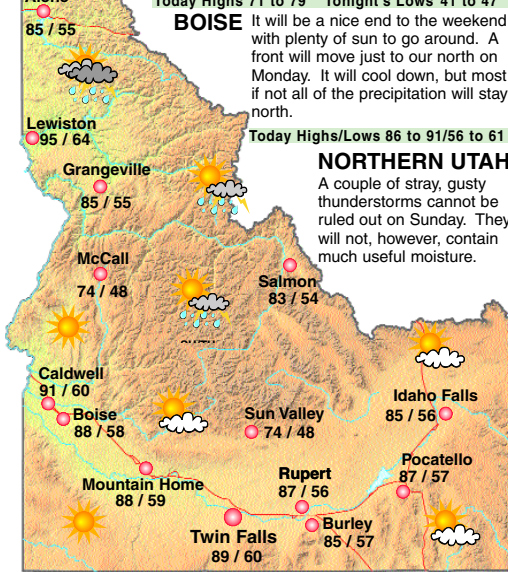
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A couple of isolated thunderstorms could pop up Sunday afternoon. A cold front coming in on Monday will bring in clouds, cooler temperatures, showers and thunderstorms.



Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 96 at Lewiston Low: 31 at Dixie weather key: su-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, mc-mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, th-thunderstorms, sh-showers, r-rain, sn-snow, fl-furries, w-wind, m-missing

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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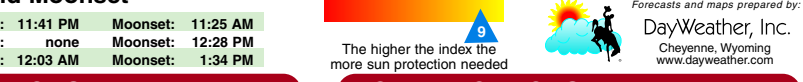
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Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Pollen Count

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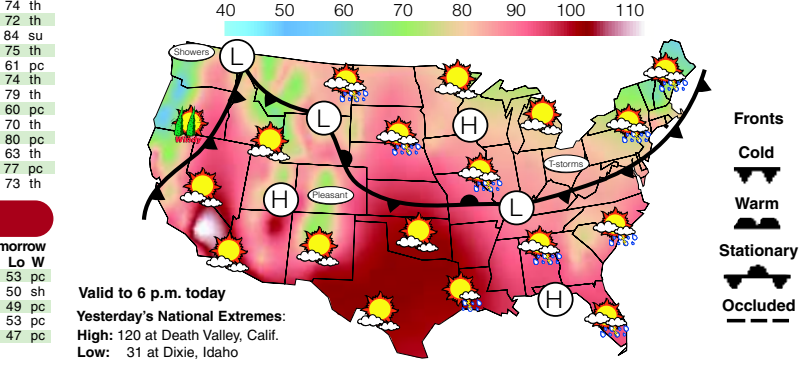
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Advertisement for Gregg Middlekauff's Quote of the Day featuring a photo of Gregg Middlekauff and a quote about being a good executive.

Frenemy, locavore among new words in Webster's

By Russell Contreras Associated Press writer

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Do you use a sock puppet to secretly keep track of your frenemies?

Plan to spend your staycation watching vlogs and webisodes? Or perhaps you plan to signal a flash mob for a quick bite of shawarma.

If you're not entirely certain what all that means, turn to the latest edition of the Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, which has added about 100 new words that largely reflect changing trends in American society.

John Morse, president and publisher of the Springfield-based dictionary publisher, said many of this year's new words are tied to changes in technology, increasing environmental awareness and aging baby boomers' concerns about their health and have become part of the general lexicon.

"These are not new words in the language, by any means," Morse said. "(But) when words like 'neuroprotective' and 'cardioprotective' show up in the Collegiate, it's because we've made the judgment that these are not just words used by specialists. ... These really are words now likely to show up in The New York Times, in The Wall Street Journal."

There are words such as locavore (one who eats foods grown locally), fren-

emy (someone who acts like a friend but is really an enemy), waterboarding (an interrogation technique use to induce the sensation of drowning), vlogs (a blog that contains video material) and webisode (a TV show that can be viewed at a Web site).

There's also flash mob (a group of people summoned electronically to a designated spot at a specified time to perform an indicated action before dispersing) and green-collar (involving actions for protecting the natural environment).

Some words that just now made the cut have been around for generations. The term "sock puppet" — a false online identity used for deceptive purposes — was tracked to 1959 but has taken on new popular use with people using fake IDs on social networking sites.

Many words have cross-cultural roots, including shawarma (a sandwich especially of sliced lamb or chicken, vegetables, and often tahini wrapped in pita bread) and reggaeton (music that combines rap and Caribbean rhythms).

Once words like these become so common that they regularly pop up in conversations and published articles, Morse said they pass muster for being included in the dictionary.

Some words, such as "staycation," have become so popular the dictionary could not ignore them, Morse said. Staycation

refers to staying home for vacation and has gained popularity as the economy worsens.

But Morse said some words face years in limbo as wordsmiths wait to see if they are just fads.

Dave Wilton, author of "Word Myths: Debunking

Linguistic Urban Legends," said it's difficult to draw conclusions about trends in society with just a handful of new words.

"It's also an editorial decision and reflects what the (dictionary) editors deemed important that year," Wilton said. "Most

of these words have been around for a while but for some reason they grabbed the attention of editors this time."

Researchers often keep track of words over many years. One to watch: pre-

pone. The word is commonly

used in India among English-speaking Indians and refers to the act of arranging for an event to take place earlier than originally planned — the opposite of postpone.

"Prepone didn't make it this time," Morse said. "But we know about it."

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In personal terms, Obama hails Africa's promise

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

The great state of no: Should Idaho change 2/3 rule?

For decades, this newspaper editorially has been a staunch defender of Idaho's 119-year-old constitutional requirement that if local government wants to spend more of your property taxes, it needs approval from two-thirds of the voters.

The philosophy behind that policy is simple: It should be hard to raise taxes.

But it doesn't get much harder than in Idaho. This is one of five states that insist bond issues receive 67 votes out of every 100 cast.

We're still for the supermajority — but a supermajority of 60 percent, not 66 2/3 percent. That's because, thanks to the Legislature, it's now harder to slip higher taxes past an electorate that's otherwise distracted.

In the dwindling days of the past session, lawmakers agreed to limit Idaho elections to four specific dates — the primary election in May, the general election in November and two extra dates for schools, one in late March, the other at the end of August. That includes elections for various taxing districts that now might be held on any day of the year.

All of which makes the Senior Concert Election less likely.

It's been recent practice by many Idaho school districts to call bond issue and levy override elections on dates that coincide with popular events at school.

Patrons were invited to stop in, buy some brownies to support the debate team, listen to the music — and vote to raise everybody's taxes.

Anyone not so invested in the school might not even notice that the ballot box was open.

Now, with so few possible dates, a bond election isn't going to sneak up on anybody.

The supermajority issue arises again because state Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna has called for a constitutional amendment to reduce the levy-changing threshold to three-fifths of the voters. It's just too hard to sell two-thirds on any change, he says, especially one that affects their pocketbooks.

And, Luna argues, if the Legislature is cutting state spending on public schools, it should give school boards an option for replacing them.

"We've done the first leg, we've got all the parties to the table who at first did not agree ... and we have to follow through," Luna said.

There should, however, be a quid pro quo for changing the supermajority rule — a turnout requirement. Washington state, which doesn't raise property taxes without the approval of 60 percent of the voters, also requires that 40 percent of registered voters show up at the polls to make a bond issue election valid.

Candidly, Idaho's supermajority law isn't going to change next year — or the year after. To alter the Constitution, Luna would need approval by 67 percent of the Legislature and buy-in by a majority of the voters.

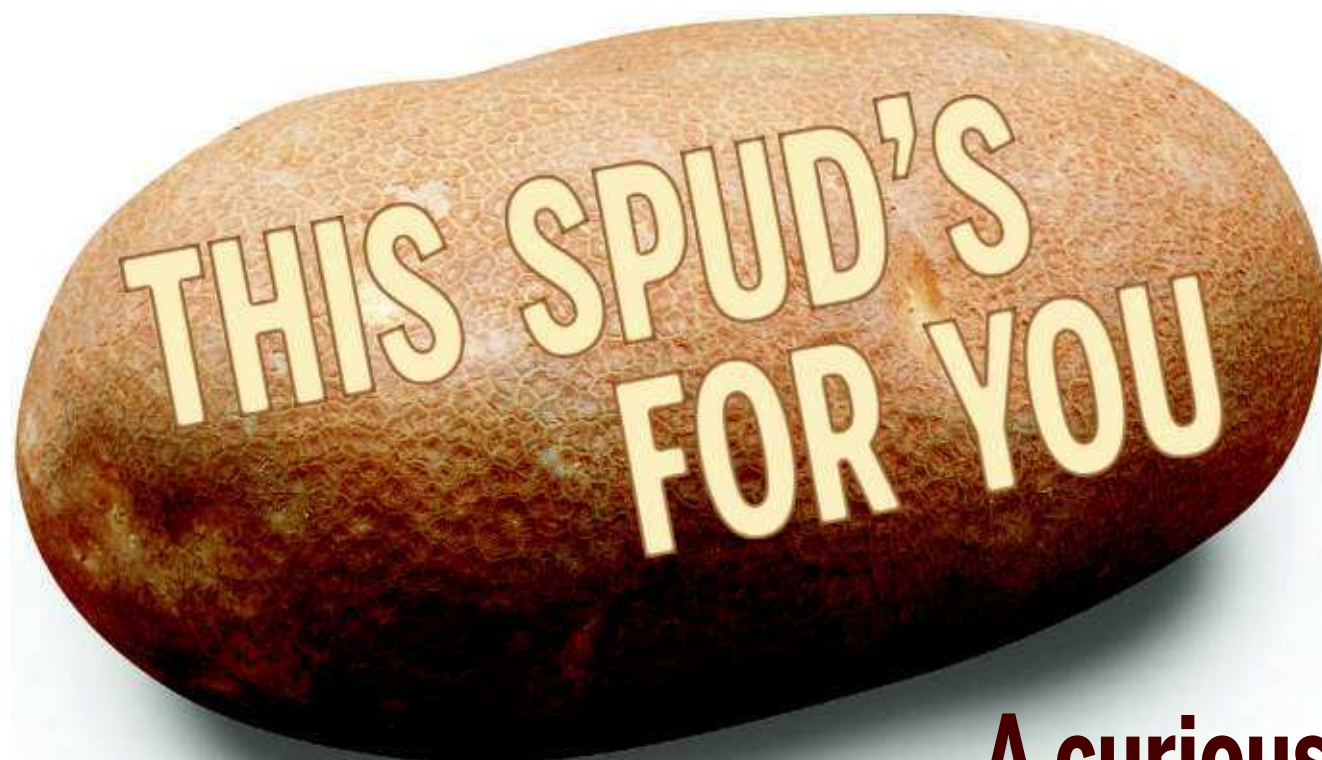
But at least he's started the conversation.

Our view:

Coupled with consolidation of election dates and a minimum turnout requirement for passing bond issues, it may be time for Idaho to stop demanding that 66 2/3 percent of voters approve raising property taxes.

What do you think?

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



By Steve Crump

Borah Peak, the highest point in Idaho, is 12,662 feet tall — that's about 2 1/4 miles above sea level.

The air up there is thin, with oxygen content about one-half of sea level. The solar radiation, on the other hand, is twice as intense.

And during July and August, the hottest months of the year in the Lost River Range, it's rare for 72 hours to pass without the thermometer dipping below freezing.

Borah Peak is only about 150 feet higher in elevation than the southern shore of Titicaca, a massive freshwater lake (about the size of Cassia and Minidoka counties combined) that sits in a basin atop the South American Andes. Not much grows there — it's too cold, oxygen is too dear and the solar radiation too high — but potatoes have flourished for millennia.

Indeed, flourished is too tepid a word for what the spud — native to the high, treeless plateau known as the Altiplano — accomplished centuries before the first Europeans set foot in America.

For more than 700 years — from 600 A.D. until the middle of the 14th century — a potato empire known as the Tiwanuku dominated the lands of what would eventually become the Inca Empire. These warlike folks didn't live in villages; they created cities and stone monuments of the caliber of the Inca and the Aztecs. Their trading network was, by the beginning of the second millennium, the equal of anything in Europe or Asia. And they based it all on potatoes and the llamas that carried them up and down the

length of South America.

How is that possible in such a forbidding climate? Human ingenuity, that's how.

The Tiwanuku planted their spuds in ridged, irrigated fields — but the ridges were 3 to 5 feet tall. All that compacted soil insulated spuds from frost and harsh radiation. The Titicaca Basin alone, archeologists figure, produced enough potatoes to support a population of 570,000 people.

All of that is prelude to an exhaustive — and endlessly entertaining — biography of what would become Idaho's iconic product. "Potato: a History of the Propitious Esculent" (Yale University Press, \$28), by a British photo-journalist named John Reader.

Rock on

The London-born Reader, now 72, made his reputation in the 1960 and '70s photographing rock stars and fashion models. But he spent several years working in Kenya, where he developed a twin passion for history and archeology. In 30-plus years, he has reinvented himself as an amateur archeologist of some renown and as a best-selling author, specializing in non-fiction about Africa.

So what's that's got to do with spuds?

Just this: Reader noticed

"The battle against late blight, which also afflicts grapes and other crops, brought unprecedented scientific resources to bear on combating plant disease and increasing yields. The industry that does all that — agribusiness — now accounts for one-third of southern Idaho's economy."

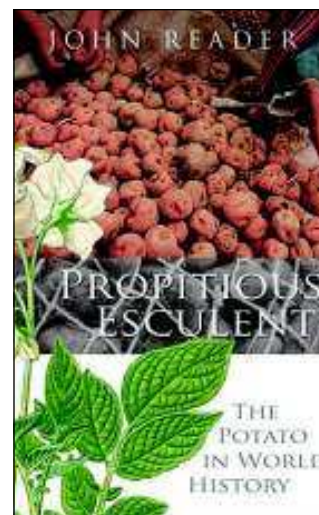
that everywhere the potato has been introduced since it left the Andes on Spanish galleons 500 years ago, starvation among ordinary people — the poor, the landless, urban workers — dwindled. Before the spud, Europeans died by the millions every time a war swept through the countryside or a few crops failed in succession.

The reason? Europe's overdependence on wheat, barley, oats and rye, which are dicey crops at best, prone to frost, mold, insects and — compared to the spud — not all that nutritious.

Today, of course, potatoes are the fourth-most cultivated food crop in the world, after wheat, corn and rice, and the source — directly and indirectly — of \$100 billion in revenue to Idaho alone over the past 125 years.

The Gem State is barely mentioned in "Potato," but John Richard Simplot — the Declo boy who reimagined the potato — get his props.

"Simplot is one of the world's largest agribusiness companies, and potatoes account for about half of the company's \$3.3 billion annual revenues," Reader writes. "The company grew from the 120 acres (that Simplot) began



Courtesy Yale University Press

farming after dropping out of school and running away from his home at age 14. The farmer owning the land he had leased 'taught me how to grow good potatoes,' he said. That was in the 1920s. By the 1940s, his business had expanded to the extent that the privately owned J.R. Simplot Co. was America's largest supplier of fresh potatoes and had moved into potato processing.

"In the 1990s, the company began exporting its expertise to China. The strategy they adopted was not dissimilar to that which the company had been founded upon: Simplot taught Chinese farmers how to grow good potatoes, helped them to improve their infrastructure and farming techniques. Under contracts that provided an assured income, farmers used designated seed tubers and fertilizers, and standardized irrigation equipment and farming methods, to

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Whether you moonwalked or not, Jackson was news

It shouldn't come as a surprise that my boss, Publisher Brad Hurd, and I tend to think alike when it comes to what's news and what's not. He did hire me, after all.

Sometimes when we chew over the events of the day we find ourselves agreeing that some item or even a whole section of the paper didn't really hold much interest for either of us. That's when we note that if we were running the paper just to please ourselves it would look a lot different.

But we don't set out to produce a newspaper that reflects just our world view, personal interests and quirks. We try every day to publish a paper that is interesting to the broadest possible swath of readers. We know that not every reader will find every item fascinating, but we try to offer a variety that will meet most people's needs.

That explains why the late King of Pop appeared on the front page on June 26 — the



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day after his death — and again last Wednesday — the day of his massive memorial service in Los Angeles — and why we devoted a lot of space inside to wire reports about his life and death.

It wasn't because we thought that Michael Jackson was the biggest news story in the world that day. In fact, my reaction to news of his death was something along the lines of this:

"Oh, Michael Jackson died? What's for dinner?"

If Jackson had been from, say, Eden, the equation would have been different for the *Times-News*. But he may as well have come from another planet — some say he actually did — for all of his ties to south-central Idaho.

Yet Jackson was a world-renowned cultural icon, fashion trend-setter and pioneer of music and music videos. In short, he had tremendous influence on many things that don't much interest me.

You, however, bought his music, watched his videos, tried to moonwalk (yes you did, admit it) and were fascinated by his bizarre and often sordid life. You didn't think it was odd that his passing should be reflected on the front page of an Idaho newspaper otherwise occupied by stories about sage grouse, river water and a case of attempted murder.

I know you liked it because our single-copy sales — papers bought from racks or at convenience stores — spiked up by about a third on June 26, and again last Wednesday.

So while some of you may have shaken your heads and wondered why Jackson was on the front page of your hometown paper, your neighbors apparently liked

seeing him there.

Me? I would have been fine without it. But then again, the paper isn't just a reflection of the personal tastes of its management.

Careful readers may have noticed a recent change in the byline of John Plestina, who has been covering events in Lincoln and Jerome counties as a correspondent in recent months.

Plestina, sports editor of the *Ely (Nev.) Times* before moving to the Magic Valley this spring, is now a part-time reporter. In a few weeks he will move to Jerome, where he will help fill a coverage gap left by last year's passing of the *Northside News* while also keeping tabs on things in Lincoln County.

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Potato

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produce exactly the potatoes Simplot required for the joint-venture processing facility the company had established on the outskirts of Beijing. China's first commercial frozen French fry was produced there in April 1993, and the facility continues to supply McDonald's China and other East Asian customers with international standard french fries and hashbrowns."

The wizard of Santa Rosa

It's disappointing, though, that the man without whom Simplot might still be raising pigs in Cassia County — Luther Burbank — gets scant notice from Reader. Burbank — by most accounts was a genius of the caliber of Mozart, Newton and Galileo — developed the potato that, with a couple of tweaks by the fellow to whom Burbank sold the rights, became the Russet Burbank — that's the Idaho potato. It's still, by consensus, the king of spuds. (Of course, Burbank was also responsible for the Shasta daisy, the Freestone and Elberta peaches, the nectarine, the Santa Rosa plum and 21st century horticulture as we know it, but those are subjects of different books).

Still, the best parts of "Potato" are Reader's yarns about long-forgotten amateur botanists who developed varieties and techniques that made the spud more productive and disease-resistant — and his account of how the potato went so terribly wrong in Ireland between 1845 and 1850.

Introduced to the Old Sod in the 17th century, the potato took to Ireland like whisky took to Scotland. Under the British occupation of Ireland that became full-blown tyranny during the reign of Oliver Cromwell, most of the land was owned by the English and managed by their Irish minions. For export, Ireland produced grain, cattle and sheep, but the Irish — 90 percent on them — subsisted on spuds.

Yet they did better than that. In a little more than a century, the population of Ireland tripled, and even Irishmen who owned an acre of land could raise enough potatoes to feed a family.

Then along came late blight, the fungal disease familiar to every Idahoan who grew up in the Spud Belt.

But in Idaho, blight is a pest. In Ireland, it was genocide.

By that, Reader doesn't just mean that the Irish succumbed to the consequences of malnourishment. These folks crawled in a ditch, or a hole, and died.

Legacy of bitterness

Those of us who live in the developed world in the 21st century have no idea

what starvation looks like. Weakness becomes apathy, apathy becomes dehydration. All movements become painful because muscles atrophy and skin cracks. Then opportunistic diseases come along, including fungi growing under the esophagus, transforming swallowing into agony. Toward the end there are body-wracking muscle contractions. Any Englishman — or Irishman fortune enough to have a job at the time — would have witnessed all of the above a dozen times over by simply walking down an Irish county lane in 1848.

If you want to understand the blind fury of Irish nationalism, up to and including the Irish Republican Army bombings of British cities in the 1980s that targeted civilians, look no further than the potato famine, Reader says.

The famine transformed Ireland, Britain and Europe, but also the United States. Two million Irishmen fetched up on these shores in the generation after the Great Hunger. The continuing battle against late blight, which also afflicts grapes and other crops, brought unprecedented scientific resources to bear on combating plant disease and increasing yields. The industry that does all that — agribusiness — now accounts for one-third of southern Idaho's economy.

And the spud — the wild Andean tuber with poisonous leaves that most Europeans wouldn't touch until the 17th century?

For the past 25 years, NASA has been developing the Bioregenerative Life Support System that recycles the output of one generation of crops into the production of the next. According to Reader, when humankind's next frontier eventually leads to colonizing Mars, the potato — freshly harvested — will be a regular feature of the astronauts' meals.

Appropriate, don't you think, for a vegetable you could probably grow on Borah Peak?

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How not to relieve a famine

By Steve Crump

After studying millennia of famines, scholars have concluded that at least as many people have starved because of inept leadership — and misplaced good intentions — as from natural disasters, malice, fraud and cruelty.

The Irish Potato Famine of 1845-50 was no exception. The English ruling class was absolutely convinced it was doing the right thing by the poor, hungry Irish, even after a 1 1/2 million of them had died.

Still, it's hard to rescue what you disdain. It was a matter of faith in Victorian England that the Catholic Irish were shiftless, barely human alcoholics with an excessive fondness for sex. "Paddy" was the nickname the English press chose to dispense upon the stereotypical Irishman.

So when famine came to Ireland — and it came in a hurry after late blight wiped out potatoes in the summer of 1845 — London responded with condescension but precious little food, and policies that actually made things worse.

Initially, British Prime Minister Robert Peel bought several million dollars worth of American corn and cornmeal intended for direct food relief. But Peel, a Conservative, was a free-enterprise guy, and he ordered his government not to "stifle private enterprises" or stand in the way of local relief efforts in Ireland. So the corn didn't arrive where it was needed most — the wharves of western Ireland — for six months.

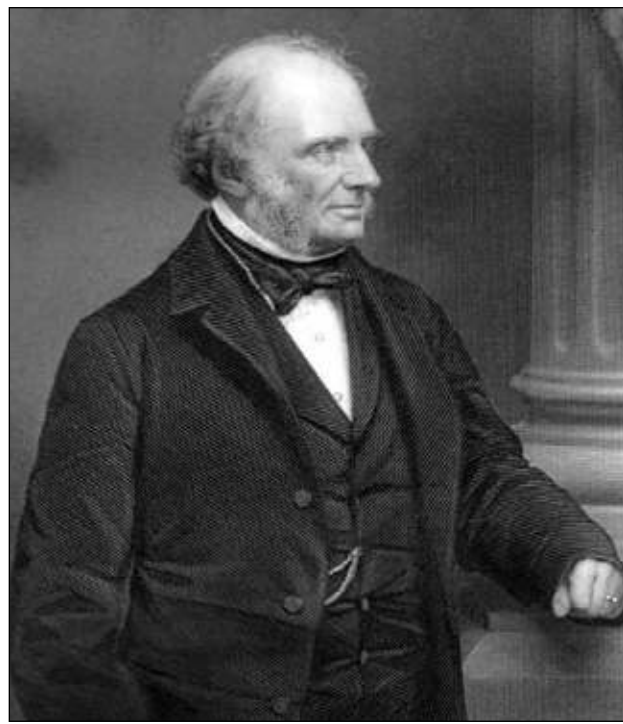
When it did, the government re-sold the corn for a penny a pound. Most of it was inedible since it hadn't yet been ground, and the cornmeal had to be cooked before it was eaten. So millions of tons of food aid simply rotted in Irish warehouses.

In 1846, Peel moved to kill the tariff on grain that had kept the price of bread in Ireland artificially high. The repeal of the "Corn Laws" didn't do a thing to help starvation in Ireland, but the ensuing controversy brought down Peel's government. That in itself assured no immediate food aid would be forthcoming for Ireland.

Then along came the



Courtesy images
British Prime Ministers Robert Peel, left, and John Russell.



Whig Party government of John Russell, which thought it would be a fine idea of introduce New Deal-style public works projects to Ireland. By the end of 1846, the government had signed up 500,000 Irishmen to dig holes and break up roads, but that didn't do a thing to slake the hunger.

Then Russell's government abruptly halted both the make-work jobs and the food aid, turning instead to workhouses (essentially, imprisonment of debtors) and public soup kitchens. The "Poor Law," as it was called, was to be financed by local landlords.

So the landlords swiftly cut their costs by evicting their Irish tenants, making tens of thousands more people homeless.

Yet things just kept getting curiouseer in London — as more Irishmen starved.

The "Gregory Clause" of the Poor Law prohibited anyone who held at least a quarter of an acre of farmland — that's less than 11,000 square feet — from receiving any relief. So if a farmer and his family were starving, they couldn't get food aid until they had handed all property over to the landlord. The Gregory Clause drove 90,000 people off the land in 1849 and 104,000 more in 1850.

Meanwhile, Ireland continued to export food to England throughout the potato famine.

Lord Russell, who served a second term as prime minister during the American Civil War, died in his bed at age 85. Sir Robert Peel was thrown from his horse while riding in London in 1850 and died at 62.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Integrity and honesty abundant in valley

I have traveled and lived all over the world. Sometimes I'm inclined to think humanity is mostly pretty rotten with a few good folks thrown in. Other times, I figure most of us are basically decent, with the occasional bad apple appearing. The reason my wife and I settled in the Magic Valley was that, having visited many times in the past, we felt that the people here fit into the latter category. We liked the people who live here and decided they shared our values.

Our impression was recently validated. I went fishing in Dierkes Lake on July 2. After being chased off the lake by an afternoon thunderstorm, I hurriedly departed, leaving a pair of swim fins on the ground beside my parking spot. The fins are used to propel a float-tuber in the water. The next day, 24 hours later, I returned to look for the fins. They were right where I left them. With the Fourth of July holiday approaching, I suppose hundreds of folks had walked by and seen them and not a soul had decided "finders, keepers."

Can you imagine that happening anywhere else? Well, yes — in a few rural places where integrity and honesty have been instilled in the fabric of society. But it's rare, in the United States or, for sure, in any other country in the world.

So, take a bow, Magic Valley. You're pretty special.
FRANCIS GIDEON
Hazelton

Judgement as immoral as homosexuality

In response to the recent letter by DuWayne Krause, I would just like to thank him for acknowledging that those of us in the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender community are law-abiding and tax-paying people. However, he then goes on to compare us to bank robbers, which is obviously the exact opposite of abiding by the law. Furthermore, his accusation that the good people who make up the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community are all immoral is silliness at best.

Mr. Krause, using the same Bible you do, I personally find your accusation and judgmental attitude also to be "immoral." That said, I'm certainly not going to argue that you don't deserve the same rights and privileges as everyone else.

See the problem here? I'll make you a deal Mr. Krause. I'll let you pursue your right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness if you'll let us do the same.

Also, just a word of thanks to all of you who turned out for the Magic Valley's very first Pride week. The historic effort was, by all accounts, an amazing success. There is still work to do when it comes to GLBT equality in Idaho, but the support we received from the greater community during the week was nothing short of humbling.

JAMES TIDMARSH
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: James Tidmarsh is the president of the Southern Idaho Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Community Center.)

Everyone is valuable, despite differences

The United States has always been a nation of

immigrants, and now our Magic Valley reflects that reality.

Do you know that 30-plus languages are spoken by students in our local schools? Changes might frighten people if they are afraid of "the other." Who is "the other"? Is it someone of a different national origin? A different skin color? A different religion? A different sexual orientation? There is much that could divide us if we base our words and actions on fear and ignorance.

Fear will not control us if we recognize the individual behind "the other." Taking time to reflect that each person is valued and valuable and protected under the supreme law of our country, the color blind Constitution is one of the reasons that the recent College of Southern Idaho Civil Liberties Symposium completely filled the large meeting room at the Herrett Center for two days of discussion.

Each new generation of Americans must be taught the principles of democracy and learn to apply them to our lives so that we can continue to perfect this wonderful country of ours. History proves that democracy can be fragile in times of crisis, so its key values of freedom and equality need to live in every heart. Then people will denounce injustice no matter who is the victim.

The symposium gives people a forum for discussing ideas that matter, and is a tribute to CSI who brought in such powerful speakers who presented understanding of multiple perspectives and of the Constitution which guides us and keeps us a great democracy.
PATRICIA DUTT
Kimberly

Habitat in need of a few good volunteers

Our community needs decent, affordable housing. And Habitat for Humanity of the Magic Valley is looking to the community to help it make the most of an important affordable housing opportunity.

HFH-MV has been granted substantial support from Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity, an alliance between Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Habitat for Humanity International. This support will make possible the construction of two additional homes in Twin Falls in 2009. And this alliance is also recruiting approximately half the volunteers needed on those job sites. We couldn't be more excited!

The Thrivent Builds program is certainly a welcome opportunity but also a significant challenge for our affiliate. The terms of the Thrivent Builds funding require that these homes be over and above what we otherwise had planned to build this year. In other words, we need to increase our homebuilding capacity from two to four homes. We will need additional volunteer and financial support in order to complete this ambitious construction schedule.

Your readers are the stalwarts of this community and we need their help. We are inviting them to donate by shopping often at the ReStore or to take part in one of our upcoming fundraising events, the Rim to Rim Race 2009 on Sept. 19 and the Harlem

Ambassadors Basketball Show on Nov. 18. More importantly, though, we need volunteers to come out and build with us each Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For further information on Habitat for Humanity of the Magic Valley, visit us at the ReStore at 669 Eastland Drive S. on Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or call our office at 735-1233; it's open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

LINDA FLEMING
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Linda Fleming is the executive director of Habitat for Humanity of the Magic Valley.)

Be accountable for your health care

On June 16, the article by Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar, "Doctors' boos show Obama's tough road on health reform," contained statements on the health-care dollar and doctors' decision-making habits. As a nurse working in rural Idaho, I believe the doctors

are doing what consumers have lead them to do. Being informed consumers will help save money.

Extra tests cost everyone. A colleague approached me with an itemized bill asking why a chest X-ray was ordered for shoulder pain. Frivolous lawsuits force our doctors to order extra tests to cover their practice. As in this case, some women have been found to have shoulder pain when having a heart attack; although a chest X-ray is not listed as one of the steps for diagnosing a heart attack, at this hospital it is now the standard. Patients need to tell the whole story so only what is needed is ordered. Patients need to be aware of what tests are being ordered. They can refuse.

When more than one provider covers a patient, if they do not communicate well, duplicate tests are ordered. When not caught, which is most of the time, the cost doubles. Get a local/primary doctor who will know you and what you need. Talk with your doctors. Know what they

are ordering. Ask questions. Review the chart with them. This is your right.

With Medicare and Medicaid setting the standards for reimbursement, hospitals are charging more to make enough money to stay open. Get Medicaid,

Medicare and other insurance companies together with hospitals, providers and suppliers to set standards, using evidence-based practice, to cover the actual cost.

Let's all be accountable.
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Taylor-Rutschke

Aubree Taylor and Sean Rutschke are excited to announce their upcoming marriage on Friday, July 17th, in the Twin Falls LDS Temple.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Robert and Jayne Taylor of Nampa. She is a graduate of Skyview High School and is attending Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. She is in their nursing program.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Layne and Janie Rutschke of Rupert. He is a graduate of Minico High School and is also attending Brigham Young University in Provo.



Aubree Taylor and Sean Rutschke

He is studying neuroscience and hopes to pursue a career in medicine.

A reception will be held in their honor on Friday, July 17th, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Wilson Theatre in Rupert. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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In personal terms, Obama hails Africa's promise



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U.S. President Barack Obama walks with Ghana President John Atta Mills, right, at the Presidential Palace in Accra, Ghana, Saturday.

By Ben Feller
Associated Press writer

ACCRA, Ghana — America's president and Africa's son, Barack Obama dashed with pride onto the continent of his ancestors Saturday, challenging its people to shed corruption and conflict in favor of peace. Campaigning to all of Africa, he said "Yes you can."

"I say this knowing full well the tragic past that has sometimes haunted this part of the world," Obama told a riveted Ghanaian Parliament. "I have the blood of Africa within me."

In the faces of those who lined the streets and in many of Obama's own words, this trip was personal. Beyond his message, the

story was his presence — the first black U.S. president coming to poor, proud, predominantly black sub-Saharan Africa for his first time in office.

The emotional touchstone of his visit: a tour of Cape Coast Castle, the cannon-lined fortress where slaves were kept in squalid dungeons, then shipped in chains to America through a "Door of No Return" that opens to the sea.

Obama absorbed the experience with his wife, Michelle, and their girls, Sasha and Malia.

"I'll never forget the image of my two young daughters, the descendants of Africans and African-Americans, walking through those doors of no return but then walking back (through)

those doors," he said later at a grand departure ceremony. "It was a remarkable reminder that, while the future is unknowable, the winds always blow in the direction of human progress." Ghanaians lined up on the tarmac lingered for a time even after Air Force One disappeared into the nighttime sky.

The White House said Obama held no big public events in a city frenzied to see him because Obama wanted to put the light on Africa, not himself. But reality proved otherwise.

Obama billboards dotted the roads. Women wore dresses made of cloth bearing his image. Tribal chiefs, lawmakers, church leaders, street vendors — to them, it felt

like history.

"All Ghanaians want to see you," lamented Ghana's president, John Atta Mills, before feting Obama to a breakfast banquet of hundreds of guests at the coastal presidential castle. To their disappointment, most people did not see him. The lack of open events and the heavy security kept many in this West African nation away from Obama. They watched him on TV.

Overall, there was no dampening the tone of joy. Headlines screamed of Obama fever.

"It makes us proud of Ghana," said Richard Kwasi-Yeboah, a 49-year-old selling posters of the American president. "We're proud he chose us. It proves that Ghana is really free."

War deaths shake UK

British prime minister defends Afghan mission

By Danica Kirka
Associated Press writer

LONDON — The deaths of eight British soldiers in Afghanistan within 24 hours triggered a debate in Britain on Saturday that could undercut public support for the war just as the U.S. is ramping up its own participation in the conflict.

With pictures of hearses and anguished relatives splashed across Britain's influential media, the government is under pressure to explain the reason for the soldiers' sacrifice and to defend the quality of its support for combat troops.

The deaths, on Thursday and Friday, pushed Britain's overall toll in Afghanistan to 184 — five more than the total British deaths in the Iraq war. The number is less than a third of the 657 American forces' deaths since the 2001 invasion of Afghanistan, according to U.S. figures.

But to a country that has not suffered significant casualties in years, the images of flag-draped British coffins are haunting.

Increasing British unease could have severe consequences for the Americans. With other European nations unwilling to send in more troops — and Afghan forces not ready to take up overall security — Britain's support is crucial to any American effort.



AP photo
Soldiers mourn their comrades as the bodies of five British servicemen are driven Friday through the small town of Wootton Bassett, England, following their return from Afghanistan.



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AP file photo
Soldiers of the Welsh Guards mortar fire on Taliban positions in August 2007 in the Green Zone, Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

The high number of recent battle deaths has brought into focus the problems and inconsistencies of a war that started with a limited objective — find Osama bin Laden and defend Britain from terrorism — but which has now

embraced broader goals.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown defended his country's course Saturday after the spike in combat deaths. In a letter to a senior parliamentary committee, he said that despite recent casual-

ties, commanders in Afghanistan believed that they were succeeding in their objectives.

"This is a fight to clear terrorist networks from Afghanistan and Pakistan, to support the elected governments in both countries against the Taliban, to tackle the heroin trade which funds terrorism and the insurgency, and to build longer term stability," he wrote.

Britain moved into Afghanistan with the United States shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks as part of a coalition hoping to root out terrorism and build a stable government able to extinguish the Taliban.

President Obama has said he wants to make Afghanistan — not Iraq — the main focus of the war against Islamic extremism and has ordered 21,000 additional U.S. troops there this year.

Body discovered in NY skyscraper where woman went missing

By Tom Hays
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — A female body was found stuffed inside an air-conditioning duct Saturday in a Manhattan skyscraper where a cleaning woman disappeared four days ago.

Police discovered the corpse, hidden in a utility room duct, just before 9 a.m. as they began searching the 26-story tower for 46-year-old Eridania Rodriguez.

The remains had not been officially identified as of late Saturday, but police spokesman Paul Browne said investigators presumed the body was that of Rodriguez, who had been missing since Tuesday night.

A medical examiner was on the scene trying to confirm the find and determine how the woman died. Authorities believe she was murdered but haven't identified a suspect. They have questioned some people who work in the building.

"We just want answers," Rodriguez' brother, professional bodybuilder Victor Martinez, told WNYW-TV. The body was recovered from the duct late Saturday.

For days, workers at 2 Rector Street wondered how a missing persons case like this was possible in their building.

Like most office towers

in the financial district, this one, a few hundred feet from the World Trade Center reconstruction site, got enhanced security after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Cameras cover every exit. Guards staff the lobby 24 hours a day. Visitors are photographed before they are allowed in. The streets outside are patrolled by a high concentration of police officers. Nearly every block in lower Manhattan is covered by security video.

Those cameras recorded Rodriguez when she turned up for work at 5 p.m. Tuesday and again as she moved around the building, but they never showed her leave.

Her last appearance on tape was about 7 p.m. in an elevator lobby. Her cleaning cart was discovered abandoned on the eighth floor. Her street clothing was still in her locker. She missed a dinner date with co-workers at 9 p.m.

Police first swept through the building early Wednesday morning after Rodriguez' family raised the alarm, but investigators found nothing. They came back in the following days, sure that Rodriguez couldn't have walked out alive. A sour odor tipped off police to the location of the body.

Workers at the skyscraper were allowed to return to their offices days ago when the original searches were fruitless.



Rodriguez

After ethnic violence, western China searches for answers

By Gillian Wong
Associated Press writer

URUMQI, China — It was about 8 p.m. when the mob descended on Zhongwan Road. The police didn't arrive until six hours later. In the time between, most residents locked their doors and hid, peering out through windows and listening from basements as ethnic violence raged in China's western Xinjiang province.

The next morning, residents in this multiethnic neighborhood emerged to find the road covered with

remnants of mayhem: puddles of blood next to overturned vegetable carts, glass shards everywhere, bricks covered with blood, and a random shoe.

Ethnic minority Uighur rioters had burned down the local grocery store, owned by a majority Han Chinese family — one of many stores attacked across the regional capital, Urumqi. Four family members were killed, and a fifth woman was still missing. On Saturday, the rest of the family was grimly sifting through the store's rubble, still looking for her body.

Nearly a week after western Xinjiang province was rocked by China's worst ethnic violence in decades, residents of Zhongwan Road, both Han and Uighur, were still putting together the snippets of what they saw and heard. Many others are searching for answers about what really happened — especially how many died and who they were.

China's government released a breakdown Saturday of the riots' death toll, saying most of the 184 killed were from the Han Chinese majority. But many

Uighurs disputed the new figures, citing persistent rumors that security forces fired on Uighurs during the July 5 protest and in following days during a police crackdown and retaliation by Han mobs.

Today, a week after the unrest began, the center of Urumqi was tense but calm.

The official Xinhua News Agency said the city's Public Security Bureau had published a notice banning illegal assembly, marches and demonstrations, adding the situation was "basically under control!"



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A mother holds on to her child Saturday as she cries for her husband, who was killed during riots in Urumqi, China.

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Hispanic rights group at center of Sotomayor fight

By Deepti Hajela
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Cesar Perales has fought his share of critics over the years, in legal battles for minorities denied jobs, bilingual classes in schools and more Latino police officers.

But none of those efforts compares with the tempest his Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund has stirred because of the dozen years that Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor served as one of its board members.

Conservatives have called the group's stances on capital punishment and abortion rights, as well as its advocacy of affirmative action in worker discrimination cases, "extreme" and "shocking." Some have suggested Sotomayor's long-time association with the group is an indication that she is biased and would be unable to render impartial decisions as a Supreme Court justice.

The critiques leading up to this week's Senate hearings on Sotomayor's confirmation have stunned Perales, who calls them an attempt to derail her nomination by over-politicizing the work of his legal defense fund.

"You have a reputable group that has stood up for the civil rights of Latinos for 37 years," said Perales, the group's president. "To sud-



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— Cesar Perales, president of the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund

denly be accused of being something bad, and that anyone associated with it should not be allowed to serve on the Supreme Court, to me is shocking."

Perales and two other attorneys founded the fund, now known as LatinoJustice PRLDEF, in a Manhattan office building in 1972. They modeled it after one of the most high-profile civil rights organizations in the country, the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund.

On Saturday, NAACP officials meeting in New York for their centennial celebration addressed Sotomayor's link to LatinoJustice PRLDEF.

"Today, the NAACP is standing with us in our efforts to ensure that Sonia Sotomayor is confirmed," Perales told a news conference.

His group points to suits like *Aspira vs. New York City Board of Education* as among its biggest accomplishments, forcing city schools to implement bilingual education for non-English speaking students.

Another suit against the city's police department

brought about an increase in the number of Latino officers in the police force. The group mounted a successful legal challenge in 1981 that postponed city elections over concerns about redistricting.

Sotomayor held leadership roles on the legal defense fund's board from 1980 to 1992, starting soon after she graduated from law school and began working, leaving it when she became a federal judge. Perales has described her role as helping with fundraising and setting policy and said she was not directly involved with the group's legal arguments and activities.

In that period, the group brought several lawsuits in which minority workers claimed discriminatory treatment that kept them from jobs or promotions.

Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama, the top Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, used the word "extreme" to describe the PRLDEF's views on capital punishment and race.

"This is a group that has taken some very shocking positions with respect to

terrorism," Sessions said, citing the legal defense fund's defense in 1990 of Puerto Rican nationalists who 36 years earlier had wounded five lawmakers during an attack on the U.S. House of Representatives.

Sessions' Senate aides also raised concerns about the legal defense fund's ties with the community activist group ACORN, an organization embroiled on voter registration disputes with Republicans.

Perales said his group and ACORN were associated in one lawsuit that dealt with low-income tenants, an area of interest for both organizations.

"We're not ashamed of that. If we're going to be involved in helping poor people, we're obviously going to have contact" with other groups that work in that area, he said.

The NAACP "would like to see Sen. Sessions tone down his rhetoric," NAACP president Benjamin Todd Jealous told the news conference. "His description of our sister organization as 'extreme' is reminiscent of his previous comment about us as 'commu-

nist' and 'un-American.'"

However, Jealous added, "We believe that Sessions has an opportunity to be a bridge-builder. ... If he were to switch we would all take notice and celebrate that!"

A coalition of 25 Hispanic organizations recently sent Sessions a letter expressing

concern at PRLDEF's portrayal. Mayor Michael Bloomberg weighed in with a statement of support.

"While we have not always agreed on every issue, the group has made countless important contributions to New York City," Bloomberg said this week.

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Lightning delays space shuttle Endeavour launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA scrubbed space shuttle Endeavour's Saturday evening launch after lightning struck at least 11 times near the seaside launch pad.

NASA technicians found no damage after an electrical storm Friday afternoon, but said they will need at least another day to check critical systems.

A mission management team plans to meet early Sunday to determine if all the testing has been completed and whether to fuel Endeavour for a possible Sunday evening launch. Liftoff would be at 7:13 p.m. if NASA attempts to launch Sunday.

Mike Moses, chairman of that team, said there were 11 lightning strikes within

three-tenths of a mile of the pad, although none of them struck the shuttle, external tank or the two solid rocket boosters.

At the pad, the shuttle has an elaborate lightning protection system with sensors and wires to direct lightning away from the shuttle and its rockets.

"The lightning protection system did its job," he said.

Moses said the assessment can be done in 24 hours, but there could be another delay if it isn't finished. A complete retest of the system could take two weeks.

Sunday's weather is expected to slightly better, with conditions 60 percent favorable for launch. The main concern will be thunderstorms.

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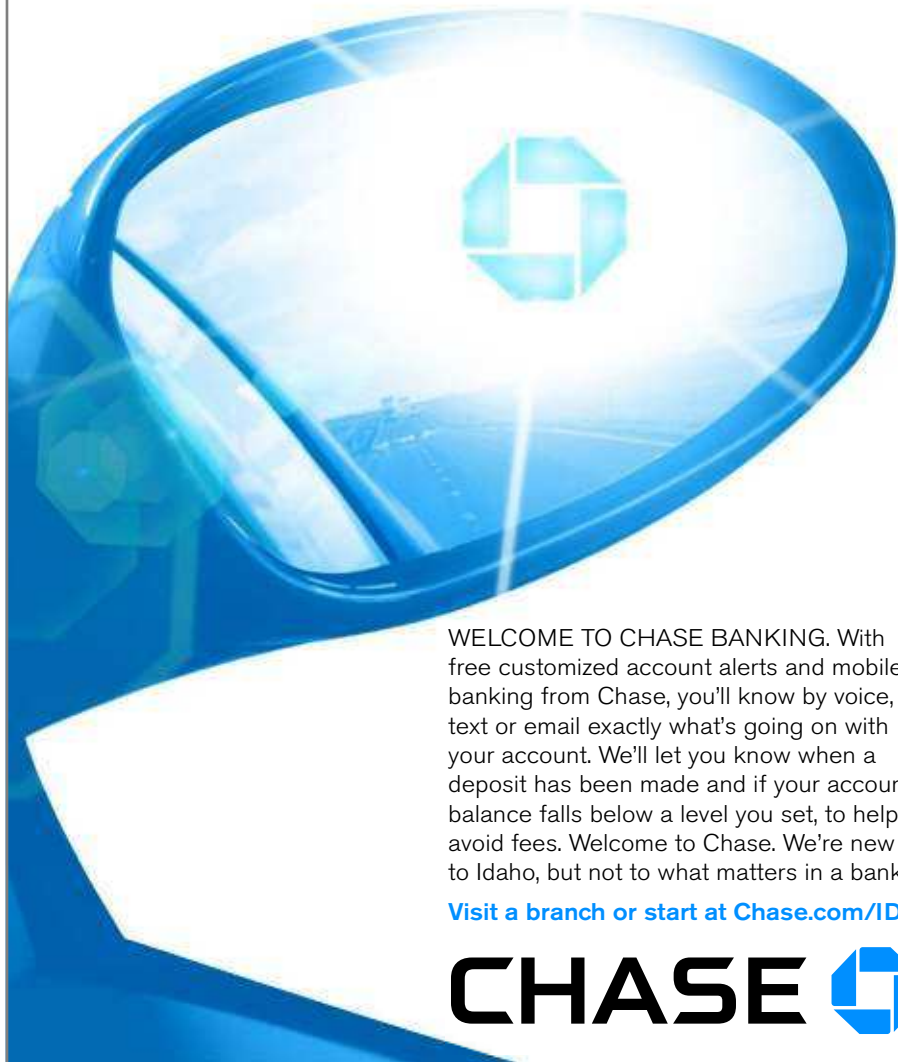
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Iraq bombings kill 10 in capital, northern village

By Sameer N. Yacoub
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — A car bomb exploded in an alley Saturday in a village in northern Iraq, killing at least four people, wounding others and destroying eight homes, police said. Another six people died in bombings in Baghdad.

Thirty-eight people were wounded and several shops and cars were also damaged in the 3 p.m. explosion in the northern village of Kugjeli, according to a police officer in Ninevah Province, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to journalists.

Most of the victims were inside their homes when the bomb exploded near the main street of the predominantly Shiite village, about five kilometers (three miles) east of the city of Mosul.

In the Baghdad attack, a bomb was placed at the gate of a billiards hall in the central district of Karrada. Four civilians died and 15 were injured, all of them youths in the hall, a police officer and a hospital medic said. Both spoke on condition of anonymity because they



Family members of eleven-year-old Mohammed Akeel, who was killed in a bombing the day before, grieve at his funeral in Baghdad, Iraq, Friday. AP photo

were not authorized to speak to the media.

A bomb in the same area wounded four police on patrol.

In southwest Baghdad, a bomb planted on a car killed two people, including a junior Cabinet official, and injured 11 others, including the wife and child of the official, police and hospital officials said.

Violence remains at low levels in Iraq compared with previous years, but bomb-

ings continue to kill scores of people. The attacks have raised concerns as the U.S. military draws down troop numbers and Iraq prepares for parliamentary elections on Jan. 30.

U.S. combat troops in Iraq completed a withdrawal from urban areas to outlying bases at the end of last month, ahead of a planned pullout by all American forces by the end of 2011.

Separately, the U.S. military said an American sol-

dier in Iraq shot and killed a truck driver, an Iraqi citizen, who did not respond to warnings to stop on a highway north of Baghdad.

The shooting happened at around 2:15 a.m. on Friday when the truck approached a U.S. logistics convoy that had stopped because one of its vehicles had broken down, the military said.

Soldiers flashed vehicle lights and shouted for the truck to stop, but it continued to accelerate, according

to the military. A soldier thought the convoy was under attack and fired on the truck, the military said. A teenage passenger in the vehicle, identified by Iraqi officials as a brother of the driver, was not harmed.

Maj. Derrick Cheng, a U.S. military spokesman, described the killing as

“tragic” and said the soldier acted in line with terms of a joint U.S.-Iraqi security deal. The soldier was unlikely to face any Iraqi prosecution because the security agreement allows for U.S. jurisdiction over American soldiers in cases when they are on duty and outside their bases.

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Using pocket change and stickers, one man offers thanks to soldiers

By John Kelly
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Scott Kreger thought he had a good idea, but how could he be sure? How would people react when his simple, heartfelt idea finally made the journey from imagination to reality?

What would the world think of the way Kreger had decided to thank the men and women fighting in our nation's two wars?

His idea is to give every veteran who did a tour of duty in Afghanistan or Iraq a white oval bumper sticker inspired by those you see at the beach. But instead of saying “OBX” or “OC,” they would say “AFG” or “IRQ.” Underneath would be the words, “I served.”

A marathoner, he has a “26.2” sticker on his car. Why not show a different kind of solidarity?

Kreger, of Germantown, Md., had a few stickers printed up and late last week launched a Web site — www.iservedsticker.org — inviting veterans to request them. The e-mails started pouring in.

“I have served in both Iraq and Afghanistan and I would like to request one of each sticker,” wrote a veteran living in Nevada.

“Currently serving in Baghdad Iraq for a SECOND time!” wrote a man from Florida requesting an “IRQ” sticker. “Missing my wife and family lots.”

“I will display it proudly,” wrote a soldier from Pennsylvania.

A mother from Oregon: “This sticker is for my son, a wounded warrior from Afghanistan.”

A grandmother from Illinois: “This is for my grandson!”

Kreger, 44, is an investment adviser at RBC Wealth Management in Rockville, Md. He doesn't have much contact with soldiers, sailors, airmen or Marines. In this era of the all-volunteer military, war can be an abstraction and the people fighting, just faces on the evening news.

“I felt like I was not giving back,” Kreger said. “I'm sitting there in my air-conditioned office, and people are dying for this country.”

It costs 6 cents to make a sticker.

“I guarantee you're going to have at least one person come up and thank you for your service. I think that's a good investment for your 6 cents.”

Kreger said a million soldiers could eventually funnel through Iraq and Afghanistan. “These soldiers are coming back to a bad economy, not many jobs and they need to com-



Washington Post photo

Scott Kreger, an investment adviser in Rockville, Md., is offering his 'AFG' and 'IRQ' stickers available for free to any veteran who wants one. One sticker costs 6 cents to make. Said Kreger: “These soldiers are coming back to a bad economy, not many jobs, and they need to communicate with people. ... What better way?”

communicate with people. They need to communicate with each other. What better way?”

A million times 6 cents comes to \$60,000. Postage is another expense. He thinks \$100,000 should cover everything. He's soliciting contributions on his Web site. He doesn't want a few big donations, though. He'd rather have many people making small donations.

“Look, if I have to pay for it out of my own pocket, every single person who requested one is going to get a sticker. I have no problem paying for 150,000 stickers,” Kreger said. “Where it gets to be a problem is if I have to pay for a million stickers. I'd probably have my wife walking out the door.”

All the money is going toward buying and mailing the stickers.

Philippine militants free Italian worker after 6 months

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Al-Qaida-linked militants freed an ailing Italian Red Cross worker Sunday from six months of jungle captivity in the southern Philippines, officials said.

Eugenio Vagni, 63, appeared to be in good health but tired as Abu Sayyaf gunmen handed him over to a provincial vice governor shortly after midnight in jungle near Maimbung township on southern Jolo Island, officials said.

In Vatican City, Pope Benedict XVI felt relieved that the abduction was over and took Vagni's release as a “sign of hope and of faith,” Vatican spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi was quoted as saying by the Italian news agency ANSA.

Lombardi said others held by kidnappers in various conflict zones in the world must not be forgotten.

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Gunmen boldly attack federal forces in Mexico

By Gustavo Ruiz
Associated Press writer

MORELIA, Mexico — Gunmen boldly attacked federal forces across the western state of Michoacan on Saturday, killing five federal agents and two soldiers after the capture of a suspected drug cartel operative. Ten other federal agents were wounded in the ambushes.

Convoys of heavily armed gunmen tossed grenades and opened fire on police stations in the state capital of Morelia and in five other cities between 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. (4 a.m.-8 a.m. MDT) Saturday. Assaultants also shot up a hotel where federal agents were staying in Apatzingan, according to the state attorney general's office.

The attacks were among the boldest frontal offenses carried out against the government. They appeared to be in retaliation for the arrest of Arnaldo Rueda



Federal police officers stand guard after a shooting of alleged drug traffickers in Tijuana, Mexico, early Saturday. According to police, one alleged drug trafficker was killed and two were injured, and two federal police officers were reported injured during the operation.

AP photo

Medina, an alleged member of La Familia drug cartel, which is based in Michoacan.

Rueda was allegedly in charge of operations under reputed La Familia leaders Nazario Moreno Gonzalez and Jose de Jesus Mendez Vargas, who are both on

Mexico's most-wanted list of drug suspects, said federal police coordinator Gen. Rodolfo Cruz.

Rueda was captured in Morelia before 5 a.m. on Saturday. Minutes later, a group of more than two dozen hit men tossed frag-

mentation grenades and

opened fire on federal police offices where Rueda was being held.

Three agents were injured in the grenade attacks before officers were able to fend off the aggressors, Cruz said.

The violence then spread across the picturesque Pacific coast state.

In Zitacuaro, a mountain town famous for its monarch butterfly nesting grounds, three federal agents were killed Saturday, and two soldiers were fatally shot in the town of Zamora. Other officers were wounded in attacks in Apatzingan, Patzcuaro, and Huetamo.

Two federal agents were killed and three others were wounded along a highway between Morelia and the port City of Lazaro Cardenas on Saturday afternoon when dozens of gunmen ambushed their patrol cars, according to the state attorney general's office.

Many of Saturday's attacks occurred in towns where federal forces arrested

mayors in May in an unprecedented sweep against politicians accused of protecting cartels. Eight mayors remain jailed on organized-crime charges.

President Felipe Calderon's home state of

Michoacan has been at the center of his drug war. Calderon has sent more than 45,000 troops to the state and other drug hotspots throughout the nation, and gangs have responded with unprecedented bloodshed.



AP photo

Revelers run in front of fighting bulls as people watch from balconies during the fifth day of the San Fermin festival in Pamplona, northern Spain, Saturday.

Five more hurt in latest Pamplona bull run

By Alvaro Barrientos
Associated Press writer

PAMPLONA, Spain — A packed running of the bulls swollen by weekend crowds at Spain's San Fermin festival left five people with minor injuries Saturday, but there were no gorings the day after the first fatality for 14 years.

One man had a lucky escape when he confronted a lone bull that had broken away from the pack after a fall but he was only rolled on the ground and not caught by its horns.

He was taken to Navarra Hospital with a head injury and identified by city authorities in a statement only as a 26-year-old Irishman, Alan C.H.

The fifth bull run in the eight-day San Fermin feast took place the day after a 27-year-old man was gored to death, the first fatality since 1995.

Four other people were hospitalized with head

injuries Saturday but none was seriously hurt, said Dr. Fernando Boneta, a spokesman for both Navarra Hospital and Virgen del Camino Hospital.

One man was hit hard on the chin and knocked unconscious by a calf inside the bullring after the running of the bulls had finished.

Among the injured was a 48-year-old American identified only by the initials C.R.D., who was waiting to be released from Virgen del Camino hospital after being treated for a head wound, and a 22-year-old Spaniard, the statement by city authorities said.

The bulls Saturday belonged to breeder Dolores Aguirre, famed for producing hefty, strong animals. The largest of the six animals weighed in at 1,378 pounds.

The runs start at an overnight enclosure half a mile from the city's bullring where the animals face matadors and almost certain

death each afternoon of this ancient fiesta.

The pack races along the often damp cobblestone course accompanied by six steers, each with a large clanking bell around its neck, whose function is to try to keep the group trotting together.

The greatest danger happens when the pack splits up, leaving bulls disoriented and irritated by crowds composed of thousands of adrenaline-charged — and often alcohol-fueled — thrill seekers.

Despite the large number of runners and the separation of one bull from the pack, all of Aguirre's animals entered the ring in 2 minutes, 52 seconds, a reasonably fast time.

"I noticed the streets were swollen by a lot of runners," said Jaime de Vargas, who had dedicated his run to fellow bull aficionado and friend Daniel Jimeno Romero who died Friday.

Hundreds of revelers paid

homage to Jimeno Romero by leaving traditional red neckerchiefs tied to wooden barriers at the spot where a bull gored him fatally in the upper chest and neck.

Boneta said all of those injured in Friday's event, including a 61-year-old American who was struck in the chest and had internal bleeding in his lungs, were doing well in hospital.

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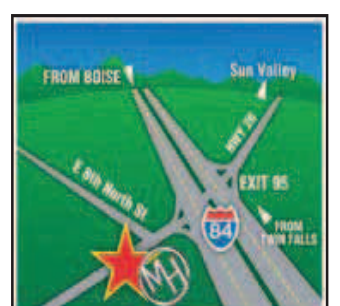
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Sumo time! Rikishi put on demo

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

The thought of grown men running around in their underwear is usually more than a tad creepy. On Saturday, it was celebrated.

More than a dozen kids participated in a sumo demonstration put on by Idaho Falls resident Kelly Gneiting and four other rikishi (sumo wrestlers) as part of a block party at the First Assembly of God church in Twin Falls.

Gneiting got his start in sumo about 11 years ago by watching it on ESPN one night. At the time he was dejected about being unable to lose

weight in order to wrestle again — he currently weighs in at around 425 pounds — but the TV experience changed his life.

“I just got goosebumps watching those guys on TV. ... I suddenly felt like that was what I was on Earth to do,” said Gneiting, who since then has represented the United States six times at the world championship level and will do so for the seventh time next week. “There’s a saying that you never let anything get between you and what you’re here to do. Be it distance, money, whatever, if you start with the discipline and preparation, I’ve found people are willing to meet you

halfway a lot of times.

“I did an Internet search, called a guy and I’ve been involved with sumo ever since. We’ve been doing charity work and giving demonstrations for the past seven years.”

Gneiting explained that sumo was akin to wrestling in a way, but the rules were far more stringent. The two opponents face off and the first to step outside the ring or touch the ground with anything other than his feet loses. Oftentimes the buildup lasts longer than the match itself, much like in high-end horse races.

“It’s the world’s fastest chess

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DREW GODLESKI/For the Times-News

Three-time national sumo champion Kelly Gneiting wrestles with kids during a demonstration at the First Assembly of God church Saturday in Twin Falls.

Slick tricks



RYAN HOWE/Times-News

Zac Davis of Wendell competes in the Outlaw class during Saturday's Wake in the Snake wakeboard competition at the Burley Golf Course Marina.

Tomlinson wins Wake in the Snake

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

BURLEY — A broken femur from a dirt biking accident last year slowed Braxton Tomlinson considerably, but what he learned from that experience helped straighten out the priorities in his life.

“It made me realize how important wakeboarding is and that other stuff isn’t as important,” said the 16-year-old phenom from Mud Lake, who is one of the first-ever Idaho riders chosen to join Hyperlite’s legion team.

Tomlinson packed nearly a dozen tricks into a very clean ride to win the Outlaw division at Idaho Water Sports’ Wake in the Snake competition on Saturday at the Burley Golf Course Marina.

“Everything went as planned,” Tomlinson said. “I just came out to have a good time and hang out with everybody, but it’s fun to do good and stick a run.”

Tomlinson rode right after fellow Hyperlite legion team member Andrew Wallace of Aberdeen. Wallace set the bar high by catching huge air on his double-up 720.

In the event’s free-ride format, competitors are allowed just one fall during their run, and Wallace took a dive on his very first trick out of the gate. Head judge Ryan Shimabukuro, however, said that fall didn’t affect his overall score, but the difference was Tomlinson linked together 11 fluid tricks to Wallace’s eight.

“It was close. (Tomlinson and Wallace) both threw very technical tricks,” Shimabukuro said. “Both had very good composition and flow. Braxton was just cleaner, and he had a bigger bag of tricks today.”

Said Tomlinson: “Everybody has their different styles. Andrew kills it every time

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RYAN HOWE/Times-News

Braxton Tomlinson won the Outlaw class of Saturday’s Wake in the Snake wakeboard competition at the Burley Golf Course Marina.

McNair mourned as a ‘hero,’ ‘legend’

By Teresa M. Walker and Chris Talbott
Associated Press writers

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Titans quarterback Vince Young didn’t expect to speak Saturday during his mentor’s funeral. He wound up summing up the emotional day with just a few words.

“Steve was like a hero to me, and heroes are not supposed to die,” Young said before stopping to rub his eyes as he talked about the man he knew from football camps as a teenager and called “Pops” — Steve McNair, his predecessor with the Titans.

McNair was shot and killed on the Fourth of July by his girlfriend, 20-year-old Sahel Kazemi, who then shot herself in the head.

Nearly 5,000 turned out to say goodbye to the 36-year-old during one of the biggest funerals in the recent history of Mississippi, McNair’s home state.

Fans and old friends filed into the Reed Green Coliseum on the campus of the University of Southern Mississippi, and McNair’s family rented buses to haul in people from his hometown of Mount Olive. Not far away sat men who competed against McNair or coached him on the field.

The high school football team McNair’s son plays on wore their jerseys in honor of the man they often saw smiling from the sidelines.

“Mississippi has lost a tremendous legend,” said Cardell Jones, McNair’s college coach at Alcorn State.

The hearse carrying McNair’s silvery-gray casket was escorted 30 miles down Highway 49 by nine police officers on motorcycles and several vehicles carried family members. After the two-hour service, the procession headed back down the road for a private burial at Griffith Cemetery, about 20 miles from Mount Olive.

Police escorted McNair’s wife, Mechelle, and his mother, Lucille, into the stadium beforehand. Near the end, a handful of people surrounded his mother and his sons, waving them with fans and programs and giving hugs.

Brett Favre, who had a home near McNair’s in Hattiesburg, sat a few rows behind the McNair family but did not speak. Titans coach Jeff Fisher, Baltimore linebacker Ray Lewis and Chicago quarterback Jay Cutler attended. Doug

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AP photo

Lance Armstrong, left, and teammate and rival Alberto Contador, right, climb towards Col de Port, France, during Saturday’s eighth stage of the Tour de France, which started in Andorra and finished in Saint-Girons, France.

It’s still Armstrong vs. Contador at Tour

By JAMEY KEATEN
Associated Press writer

SAINT-GIRONS, France — Lance Armstrong is trying not to let his rivalry with Alberto Contador distract him and the rest of the Astana team at the Tour de France.

On Saturday, the status quo between Contador and Armstrong prevailed as Luis Leon Sanchez of Spain won the eighth stage in the Pyrenees, while Italy’s Rinaldo Nocentini retained

the yellow jersey.

Contador eclipsed the seven-time Tour champion Armstrong a day earlier in the first Pyrenean ride, and trails the Italian, who is not seen as an overall title threat, by six seconds. Armstrong is eight seconds back.

The Astana team, facing new questions about whether teamwork still trumps its brewing two-man rivalry, on Friday had a pow-

wow on the team bus about the breakaway by Contador a day earlier.

“What’s said in the bus, stays in the bus,” said team sporting director Johan Bruyneel, confirming the breakaway was discussed but refusing to offer details to reporters.

Before the ride Saturday, when Versus’ Frankie Andreu asked whether Astana was more divided now, after Contador’s breakaway,

Armstrong dodged the issue.

“I’m going to refuse to comment on that,” Armstrong said. “At the end of the day, we’re all professionals — and even if there were some hurt feelings, we’re going to do our job.”

Armstrong didn’t speak to reporters after Saturday’s stage, a 110-mile trek along three big climbs from the Pyrenean principality of Andorra to Saint-Girons, France.

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DREW GODLESKI/For the Times-News

Kamille Juarez, 13, races in the 50-meter butterfly at the Fourth Annual Summer Heat Meet Invitational Friday in Twin Falls. The three-day swim meet concludes today.

Area swimmers shine at Heat Meet

Times-News

Sun Valley's Kaedi Fry won three events on Day 2 of the Fourth Annual Summer Heat Meet Invitational at the Twin Falls YMCA City Pool on Saturday. Competing in the girls 11-12-year-old division, Fry took first place in the 200-meter individual medley, the 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke.

Teammate Racheal McGinnis (girls 15-19 division) was first the 50 freestyle and 200 backstroke, while Lena Frisen (girls 13-14) won the 200 backstroke and the 100 freestyle. Sun Valley's Forrest Davis was first in the 200 breaststroke, the 50 freestyle and the 200 IM in the boys 13-14 division.

The host Magic Valley Marlns had multi-event winners of their own with Mason Johnson (boys 9-10) winning the 50-meter butterfly and 100 backstroke, while Maddie Johnson claimed top honors in the 50 butterfly and 50 freestyle in the girls 9-10 division.

Matt Twiss of Magic Valley (boys 11-12) in the 50 freestyle.

Below are Day 2 results. The meet concludes today with action beginning at 9 a.m.

Fourth Annual Summer Heat Meet Invitational Swimming results At Twin Falls YMCA City Pool (Top 8, plus Magic Valley swimmers)

Boys
13-14 50 freestyle: 1. Forrest Davis 27.79 seconds; 2. Alex Trompe 28.28; 3. Parker Twiss 30.31; 4. Connor Harding 30.69; 5. Tanner Brodt 31.13; 6. Kevin Fanter

31.93; 7. Mark Carroll 32.61; 8. Matt Reidy 34.16.

15-19 50 freestyle: 1. Matt Miller 26.41 seconds; 2. Jon Atkinson 26.92; 3. (tie) Chase Wilden and Dylan Cramer 27.45; 5. JT Sutton 28.63; 6. Steven Passey 28.63; 7. Wes Walton 28.66; 8. Tyler Young 28.7.

8U 50 butterfly: 1. Wyatt Lenderink 1 minute, 10.13 seconds; 2. Timothy Wong 1:12.54; 3. Hunter Rogers 1:18.31; 4. Peter Hansen 1:24.31.

9-10 50 butterfly: 1. Mason Johnson 45.55 seconds; 2. Robby Heaton 53.15; 3. Kekona Ream 54.12; 4. Sanil Khatri 55.42; 5. Nicholas Wiles 56.79; 6. Jake Oliphant 58.71; 7. Reilly Jones 1:00.03; 8. Brycen Groat 1:11.86.

11-12 50 butterfly: 1. Matt Twiss 42.66 seconds; 2. Bryton Bollwinkel 48.16; 3. Steven Kaiser 48.57; 4. Kepano Ream 49.27; 5. Carson Cooper 51.37; 6. Ethan Rovig 56.6; 7. Kyle Brown 1:00.47; 8. Tye Olaveson 1:16.37.

13-14 100 butterfly: 1. Rhett Southard 1 minute, 8.65 seconds; 2. Alex Trompe 1:10.44; 3. Mauricio Craig 1:15.69; 4. Kristian Almerberg 1:21.14; 5. Brandon Hoard 1:24.31.

15-19 100 butterfly: 1. Barkley Bursch 1 minute, 00.98 seconds; 2. David Thornes 1:03.22; 3. Matt Miller 1:10.53; 4. Chase Wilden 1:10.61; 5. (tie) Ricky Swearingen and Gene Fairbrother 1:11.42; 7. Chaney Boyle 1:13.92; 8. Joshua Wirtz 1:16.40; 9. Austin Adams 1:28.06.

9-10 100 backstroke: 1. Mason Johnson 1 minute, 48.28 seconds; 2. Landon Biedenbach 1:50.19; 3. Sanil Khatri 2:05.34; 4. Brandon Lloyd 2:08.86; 5. Nicholas Wiles 2:13.16; 6. Dylan Silcock 2:14.64; 7. Justin Olaveson 2:22.89.

11-12 100 backstroke: 1. Hudson Bursch 1 minute, 19.7 seconds; 2. Brandon Palmatier 1:24.58; 3. Blake Krupa 1:26.53; 4. Evan Brock 1:36.67; 5. Kyle Brown 1:50.38; 6. Benjamin Passey 1:55.9.

13-14 200 backstroke: 1. Stuart Boyde 2 minutes, 52 seconds.

15-19 200 backstroke: 1. Barkley Bursch 2 minutes, 19.55 seconds; 2. Wes Walton 2:26.49; 3. Nicholas Young 2:39.36; 4. Steven Passey 2:47.2; 5. Tyler Young 2:57.71; 6. Gary Pawelko 2:58.97.

8U 50 freestyle: 1. Wyatt Lenderink 47.87 seconds; 2. Hunter Rogers 53.99; 3. Timothy Wong 58.87; 4. Peter Hanson 1:04.12; 5. Diego Carrillo 1:04.27; 6. Trevor Bollwinkel 1:04.62; 7. Dylan Romo 1:09.99; 8. Landry Verecken 1:18.19; 9. Thomas Silcock 1:20.46.

9-10 50 freestyle: 1. Brandon Roark 35.7 seconds; 2. Mason Johnson 36.98; 3. Jake Oliphant 41.33; 4. Nicholas Wiles 41.49; 5. Joe Kaiser 41.55; 6. Landon Biedenbach 41.71; 7. Robby Heaton 43.32; 8. Sanil Khatri 44.06; 9. Kekona Ream 44.11; 13. Ben Custer 58.14; 14. Ethan Hodges 1:02.23.

11-12 50 freestyle: 1. Blake Krupa 33.83 seconds; 2. Matt Twiss 34.65; 3. Jacob Scanlon 34.8; 4. Collyn Fisher 35.28; 5. Steven Kaiser 35.99; 6. Colton Biedenbach 36.23; 7. Evan Brock 36.36; 8. Kepano Ream 38.99; 9. Ethan Row 40.04.

13-14 100 meter freestyle: 1. Alex Trompe 1 minute, 4.49 seconds; 2. Rhett Southard 1:05.84; 3. Tanner Brodt 1:06.64; 4. Kristian Almerberg 1:08.7; 5. Connor Harding 1:10.45; 6. Stuart Boyd 1:10.89; 7. Mark Carroll 1:11.13; 8. Brandon Hoard 1:12.8; 9. Matt Reidy 1:16.73.

15-19 100 freestyle: 1. Dylan Cramer 58.31 seconds; 2. David Thornes 59.29; 3. Jon Atkinson 59.54; 4. JT Sutton 1:01.51; 5. Chase Wilden 1:01.62; 6. Nicholas Young 1:03.74; 7. Tyler Young 1:03.88; 8. Ricky Swearingen 1:04.19; 11. Gene Fairbrother 1:05.91; 12. Joshua Wirtz 1:09.73.

9-10 100 backstroke: 1. Thomas Roark 1 minute, 58.14 seconds; 2. Landon Biedenbach 2:02.57; 3. Joe Kaiser 2:05.14; 4. Brycen Groat 2:10.02; 5. Janki Hansen 2:10.74; 6. Robby Heaton 2:18.83; 7. Kekona Ream 2:19.09; 8. Ethan Hodges 2:20.3; 10. Reilly Jones 2:31.54.

15-19 200 IM: 1. Barkley Bursch 2 minutes, 21.03 seconds; 2. Wes Walton 2:26.37; 3. Dylan Cramer 2:32.13; 4. Jon Atkinson 2:37.35; 5. Ricky Swearingen 2:42.08; 6. JT Sutton 2:43.04; 7. Steven Passey 2:43.23; 8. Austin Adams 2:45.27; 9. Joshua Wirtz 2:49.15.

11-12 800 freestyle: 1. Hudson Bursch 9 minutes, 58.49 seconds; 2. Blake Krupa 11:28.59; 3. Matt Twiss 12:29.48; 4. Kepano Ream 13:35.85.

15-19 800 freestyle: 1. Chaney Boyle 11 minutes, 7.31 seconds.

11-12 100 breaststroke: 1. Brandon Palmatier 1 minute, 35.12 seconds; 2. Evan Brock 1:48.28; 3. Collyn Fisher 1:48.47; 4. Colton Biedenbach 1:54.26; 5. Bryton Bollwinkel 2:00.17; 6. Tye Olaveson 2:01.81.

7. Benjamin Passey 2:05.16; 8. Jacob Scanlon 2:12.49; 9. Ethan Row 2:14.11.

13-14 200 breaststroke: 1. Forrest Davis 2 minutes, 36.62 seconds; 2. Mauricio Davis 2:58.18; 3. Parker Twiss 3:03.58; 4. Kevin Fanter 3:09.04; 5. Tanner Brodt 3:21.31; 6. Matt Reidy 3:34.75; 7. Connor Harding 3:35.07; 8. Brandon Hoard 3:38.21.

15-19 200 breaststroke: 1. Matt Miller 2 minutes, 31.70 seconds; 2. Austin Adams 2:55.39; 3. Chaney Boyle 2:59.68; 4. Logan Watt 3:12.37.

9-10 200 IM: 1. Thomas Roark 4 minutes, 0.55 seconds; 2. Brycen Groat 4:44.53; 3. Reilly Jones 4:52.30; 4. Justin Olaveson 5:12.96.

11-12 200 IM: 1. Hudson Bursch 2 minutes, 37.35 seconds; 2. Brandon Palmatier 2:56.37; 3. Colton Biedenbach 3:27.95; 4. Collyn Fisher 3:29.05; 5. Steven Kaiser 3:32.15; 6. Carson Cooper 3:55.93; 7. Tye Olaveson 4:21.06.

13-14 200 IM: 1. Forrest Davis 2 minutes, 28.36 seconds; 2. Mauricio Davis 2:39.19; 3. Rhett Southard 2:49.26; 4. Kevin Fanter 2:56.27; 5. Kristian Almerberg 3:00.62; 6. Parker Twiss 3:02.07; 7. Stuart Boyd 3:08.17; 8. Mark Carroll 3:24.09.

Girls

13-14 50 freestyle: 1. Addisyn Bursch 28.37 seconds; 2. Allie Kilroy 30.48; 3. Hannah Mcinturff 30.56; 4. Caitlin Vinsonhaler 31.45; 5. Colby Werley 31.60; 6. Chrystal Tullis 33.07; 7. Mia Lu 34.32; 8. Kelsey Syms 34.36; 9. Lauren Lichtenberg 34.85; 12. Paige Hatch 37.61; 13. Kamille Juarez 38.80.

15-19 50 freestyle: 1. Racheal McGinnis 29.19 seconds; 2. Elizabeth Thompson 29.28; 3. Erin Fuss 29.77; 4. Tori Yarnell 29.87; 5. Brooke Favilio 29.98; 6. Gavy Pora 30.43; 7. Michael Coiner 30.66; 8. Megan Hayes 30.87; 11. Taylor Coiner 31.99; 14. Abby Biedenbach 32.14; 22. Whitney Hoard 37.08.

8U 50 butterfly: 1. Sammie Elyofson 51.57 seconds; 2. Ryilee Hale 52.13; 3. Jennifer Wong 52.27; 4. Casslyn Verrecken 55.87; 5. Josie Havlovick 56.12; 6. Annie Bartolome 1:00.50; 7. Daniela Craig 1:00.88; 8. Anika Rubocki 1:01.73.

9-10 50 butterfly: 1. Maddie Johnson 37.47 seconds; 2. Mackenzie Hale 37.52; 3. Isabella Rhodes 42.32; 4. Nikita Rubocki 45.97; 5. Camille Andrus 47.00; 6. Dalicia Christensen 49.42; 7. Luci Lenderink 51.67; 8. Whitney Vereecken 52.44.

11-12 50 butterfly: 1. Kelsey Nelson 35.39 seconds; 2. Jade Irick 37.09; 3. Rachel Lenderink 37.73; 4. Cameron Kendrick 39.47; 5. Catherine Parker 39.51; 6. Christina Hoard 40.19; 7. Claire Hamblin 41.34; 8. Vanessa Wong 42.90; 9. Allie Hansen 57.32.

13-14 100 butterfly: 1. Erin Fuss 1 minute, 10.54 seconds; 2. Sarah Passey 1:22.35; 3. Heather Miller 1:22.36; 4. Taylor Bates 1:22.75; 5. Carlyn Jones 1:24.11; 6. Hannah Biedenbach 1:28.19; 7. Emilee Gessel 1:33.05; 8. Ali Roberts 1:34.69; 11. Amanda Crist 1:47.57; 12. Rachel Custer 2:18.88.

15-19 100 butterfly: 1. Erin Fuss 1 minute, 10.54 seconds; 2. Stephanie Rhodes 1:13.27; 3. Elizabeth Thompson 1:15.83; 4. Michael O'Donnell 1:18.74; 5. Ashley Krupa 1:20.07; 6. Jesse Irick 2:01.14; 7. Elizabeth Fry 1:21.59; 8. Taylor Coiner 1:22.32; 9. Tori Emeric 1:25.42; 11. Whitney Hoard 1:36.45.

9-10 100 backstroke: 1. Randi Anderson 1 minute, 36.22 seconds; 2. Dalicy Christensen 1:40.63; 3. Olivia Kieffer 1:44.50; 4. Kayla Steiner 1:44.57; 5. Nikita Rubocki 1:45.97; 6. Emilee Rickabaugh 2:13.61; 7. Jewelia Dobkina 2:16.96; 8. Isabella Tarchione 2:26.31.

11-12 100 backstroke: 1. Kaedi Fry 1 minute, 17.81 seconds; 2. Taylor Anderson 1:19.15; 3. Kelsey Nelson 1:19.31; 4. Halle Hess 1:20.60; 5. Taylor Riker 1:32.34; 6. Christina Hoard 1:33.36; 7. Jazmyin Callahan 1:33.34; 8. Jacque Elyofson 1:34.00; 12. Olivia Wentzell 1:43.57; 20. Allie Hansen 2:01.92; 22. Olivia Johnson 2:05.55; 23. Lydia Rice 2:18.14.

13-14 200 backstroke: 1. Lena Friesen 2 minutes, 44.32 seconds; 2. Kelsey Syms 3:02.74; 3. Anna Kaiser 3:10.39; 4. Tori Hansen 3:20.75.

15-19 200 backstroke: 1. Racheal McGinnis 2 minutes, 33.37 seconds; 2. Megan Hayes 2:36.43; 3. Michael Coiner 2:36.95; 4. Brooke Favilio 2:37.68; 5. Gavy Pora 2:48.61; 6. Ann Hues 2:49.04; 7. Tori Yarnell 2:55.14; 8. TeArra Pahn 2:59.21; 12. Ashley Twiss 3:10.73.

8U 50 freestyle: 1. Sammie Elyofson 40.78 seconds; 2. Ryilee Hale 42.61; 3. Daniela Craig 43.86; 4. Annie Bartolome 44.29; 5. Anika Rubocki 45.17; 6. Jennifer Wong 46.31; 7. Casslyn Treyle 47.73; 8. Josie Havlovick 48.73; 14. Olivia Hall 1:02.79; 15. Velma

Keller 1:05.41.

9-10 50 freestyle: 1. Maddie Johnson 33.47 seconds; 2. Mackenzie Hale 35.44; 3. Randi Anderson 35.74; 4. Olivia Kieffer 39.83; 5. Luci Lenderink 41.45; 6. Jordani Andrew 41.49; 7. Taylor Gallegos 43.47; 8. Kaitlyn Morris 50.60; 9. Isabella Tarchione 51.87.

11-12 50 freestyle: 1. Kaedi Fry 31.09 seconds; 2. Taylor Anderson 31.30; 3. Jade Irick 32.18; 4. Rachel Lenderink 33.00; 5. Cameron Kendrick 34.07; 6. Claire Hamblin 34.87; 7. Brittani Aheya 35.52; 8. Taylor Riker 36.10; 9. Olivia Wentzell 37.00; 18. Hanna Dishaq 41.71; 22. Olivia Johnson 48.18; 23. Lydia Rice 52.77.

13-14 100 freestyle: 1. Lena Friesen 1 minute, 5.44 seconds; 2. Allie Kilroy 1:06.24; 3. Hannah Mcinturff 1:06.61; 4. Carlyn Jones 1:07.02; 5. Caitlin Vinsonhaler 1:08.13; 6. Colby Werley 1:08.13; 7. Sarah Passey 1:11.93; 8. Abby Biedenbach 1:09.83; 9. Elizabeth Fry 1:10.03; 16. Tori Emeric 1:13.03; 19. Whitney Hoard 1:27.95.

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11-12 100 breaststroke: 1. Kelsey Nelson 1 minute, 33.17 seconds; 2. Cameron Kendrick 1:39.94; 3. Jacque Elyofson 1:42.36; 4. Olivia Wentzell 1:46.85; 5. Halle Hess 1:47.38; 6. Anastasia Gets 1:47.92; 7. Mareen Hanes 1:48.78; 8. Loni Under 1:50.87; 14. Olivia Johnson 2:11.18; 15. Lydia Rice 2:40.25.

13-14 200 breaststroke: 1. Allie Kilroy 2 minutes, 59.71 seconds; 2. Hannah Mcinturff 3:02.41; 3. Carlyn Jones 3:10.90; 4. Hannah Biedenbach 3:23.56; 5. Anna Kaiser 3:26.06; 6. Tori Hansen 3:28.87; 7. Ashley Adams 3:39.86; 8. Amanda Crist 3:42.51.

15-19 200 breaststroke: 1. Michael O'Donnell 3 minutes, 8.58 seconds; 2. Victoria Luck 3:09.15; 3. Elizabeth Fry 3:13.99; 4. Ashley Krupa 3:14.32; 5. Abby Biedenbach 3:14.60; 6. Ayla Miller 3:30.77; 7. TeArra Pahn 3:36.35.

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9-10 200 IM: 1. Mackenzie Hale 3 minutes, 2.38 seconds; 2. Maddie Johnson 3:11.90; 3. Isabella Rhodes 3:12.33; 4. Randi Anderson 3:25.99; 5. Dalicy Christensen 3:40.26; 6. Camille Andrus 3:40.90; 7. Olivia Kieffer 3:40.23; 8. Luci Lenderink 3:51.10; 12. Kaitlyn Morris 4:51.47.

11-12 200 IM: 1. Kaedi Fry 2 minutes, 48.98 seconds; 2. Rachel Lenderink 3:03.56; 3. Jade Irick 3:04.86; 4. Taylor Anderson 3:05.01; 5. Claire Hamblin 3:08.42; 6. Taylor Riker 3:10.04; 7. Emma Iannaccone 3:24.67; 8. Catherine Parker 3:25.70; 10. Christina Hoard 3:33.13; 12. Allie Hansen 4:35.48.

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15-19 200 IM: 1. Brooke Favilio 2 minutes, 40.24 seconds; 2. Taylor Coiner 2:43.81; 3. Erin Fuss 2:46.02; 4. Shelby Bodine 2:48.53; 5. Michael O'Donnell 2:49.49; 6. Ashley Krupa 2:51.64; 7. Sarah Iannaccone 2:54.06; 8. Andrea Bidde 2:55.70; 10. Ashley Twiss 3:04.03; 13. Tori Emeric 3:09.00.

11-12 800 freestyle: 1. Vanessa Wong 13 minutes, 2.18 seconds; 2. Jazmyin Callahan 13:02.51; 3. Katie Lester 15:42.06.

13-14 800 freestyle: 1. Ali Roberts 12 minutes, 16.92 seconds.

15-19 800 freestyle: 1. Brianna Greenwind 11 minutes, 19.03 seconds; 2. Ashley Twiss 11:43.88; 3. Ayla Miller 11:57.36; 4. Jesse Irick 12:05.97; 5. Andee Phelps 12:11.87.

Buhl completes weekend sweep

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the first game.

The Buhl Tribe made quick work of the host Idaho Falls Rangers in an American Legion Baseball Class A doubleheader on Saturday. Buhl took the opener 13-3 in six innings and won 18-1 in five innings in the nightcap.

"Very successful," Buhl coach Allyn Reynolds said of a road trip that included a Friday sweep of Hillcrest. "Our kids went out and stayed focused and played good baseball."

The Tribe (20-8, 19-7 Area C) got two triples and three RBIs from Matt Hamilton in Game 1. In Game 2, Markus Lively struck out seven, giving up only two walks and two hits. Cader Owen had four RBIs and hit a double and a triple, while Marco Avelar doubled with three RBIs. Derek Shank added a triple and knocked in two runs.

Buhl visits Highland for a 4 p.m. doubleheader on Tuesday to begin the final week of regular-season play.

Game 1

Buhl 13, Idaho Falls Rangers 3,
six Innings

Buhl 321 043 - 13 15 3
 Idaho Falls 100 200 - 3 6 1
 Dylan Brooks and Jack Hamilton. Adam Rupp and Jack Carpenter.

Extra-base hits - 2B: Buhl, Markus Lively, J.D. Leckenby
 2. Mike Bursell, Adam Thayer. 3B: Buhl, Matt Hamilton 2.

Game 2

Buhl 18, Idaho Falls 2, five Innings

Buhl 535 23 - 18 18 2
 Idaho Falls 000 001 - 1 2 3
 Markus Lively and Jack Hamilton. Anthony Brady, Wixon (5) and Adam Thayer.

Extra-base hits - 2B: Buhl, Cader Owen, Marco Avelar; 3B: Buhl, Derek Shank, Cader Owen.

COWBOYS AA TOPS COLUMBIA

The Twin Falls Cowboys Class AA squad beat the Columbia Mudcats 10-4 in the first of its two games Saturday at the Boise Summer Classic. The Cowboys took on the Boise Capitals in a late game that determined where Twin Falls would fall in today's games for first, third and fifth place.

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Sanchez dazzles and no-hits Padres

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Jonathan Sanchez pretty much pulled an all-nighter. A subdued and pleasant one to say the least.

Sanchez and his father, Sigfredo, were up until the wee hours watching highlights and reflecting on the San Francisco left-hander's improbable no-hitter.

"I went to bed like at 4 in the morning," Sanchez said with a smile Saturday. "I got a lot of calls, a lot of messages, text messages. They're still going on."

Through the frustrations of his struggles and a demotion to the bullpen, Sanchez remained steadfast he could be an effective major league pitcher.

His standard phrase: "I just want to pitch." He never wavered, never complained

about his fortunes.

The quiet left-hander showed everybody when he no-hit the San Diego Padres, the first no-no by the Giants in nearly 33 years.

What made it even more special for Sanchez was that his dad just happened to have flown in from Puerto Rico to watch his son start for the first time. What a night he chose.

Sanchez was nearly perfect. Third baseman Juan Uribe boot-ed Chase Headley's grounder with one out in the eighth inning for San Diego's lone baserunner.

"I told him, 'I want to make a play,'" Uribe said Saturday of his conversations with Sanchez. "He's happy. It's a new day. I can change. I'm going to make the play today."

A day later Sanchez showed up sporting a mohawk-like 'do

— he promised to do it if he pitched his first career complete game — and still basking in his milestone achievement. His dad sported a new Giants jacket for the cool Bay Area summer night and was waiting for Randy Johnson to sign a card for him.

"Sanchez!" fans hollered from around the Giants' dugout when he emerged for pregame drills.

"Those kind of things bring teams together," said pitching coach Dave Righetti, who tossed a no-hitter of his own for the New York Yankees on July 4, 1983. "It really bonds them in a way and makes you think that there's something good that's going to happen to a ballclub."

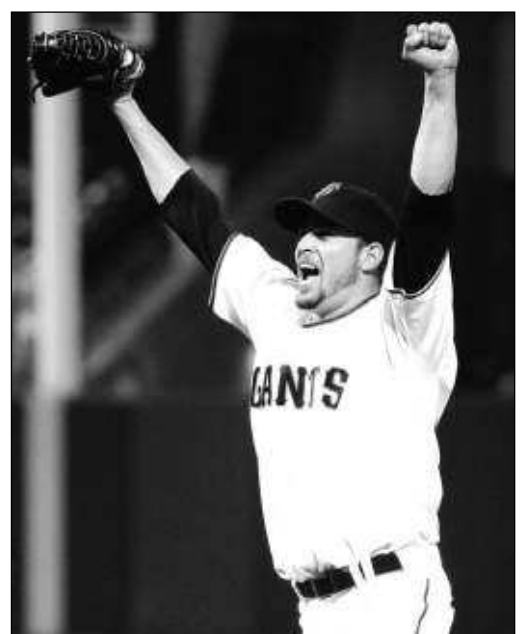
It wasn't until the final batter — Everth Cabrera — stepped in that Sanchez really allowed himself to think about what was suddenly right within his grasp.

Cabrera watched a called third strike sail by, a curveball he briefly argued as the celebration began. That was Sanchez's career-best 11th strikeout.

"When the inning started, I said, 'Just keep making your pitches,'" he recalled. "I saw the crowd up and said, 'Now I've got to get this. I can have it.'"

It was the Giants' 13th no-hitter and first since John Montefusco did it on Sept. 29, 1976, at Atlanta. Their last one in San Francisco came when Ed Halicki no-hit the New York Mets in the second game of a doubleheader on Aug. 24, 1975.

"It's awesome. I can't believe I just threw a no-hitter out there," Sanchez said. "I've been struggling the whole year. I just worked on my stuff and it was right tonight. Hopefully next start it will get better."



AP photo

San Francisco Giants pitcher Jonathan Sanchez celebrates his no-hitter against the San Diego Padres Friday in San Francisco. It was the majors' first no-hitter this season as Sanchez finished with 11 strikeouts and no walks.

Phillies rally to top Pirates

PHILADELPHIA — Ryan Howard hit a tying three-run homer in the ninth inning before Paul Bako's single gave the Philadelphia Phillies an 8-7 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Saturday night.

The Phillies, who have won eight of nine, trailed 7-3 before pinch-hitter Matt Stairs led off the ninth with a homer off Matt Capps (1-5). Jimmy Rollins walked and stole second, his third steal of the game, and Chase Utley followed with a one-out single to left.

Howard followed Utley by blasting a 1-0 pitch to tie the game at 7. Raul Ibanez, playing in his first game after missing 20 with a groin injury, then hit a ground-rule double to center. After an intentional walk to Jayson Werth and an infield single by Pedro Feliz, Bako lined a 3-2 pitch to left, sending a crowd that included Vice President Joe Biden home happy.

CUBS 5, CARDINALS 2

CHICAGO — Ted Lilly allowed four hits and a run in eight strong innings to earn his 100th career win, and Chicago beat St. Louis.

Lilly (9-6), the Cubs' lone selection to the All-Star game, walked one and struck out four in a 103-pitch outing and left with a 5-1 lead. The veteran left-hander was staked to an early 3-0 lead with Jeff Baker hitting a two-run, bases-loaded single off Brad Thompson (2-6) in the first.

METS 4, REDS 0

NEW YORK — Jeff Francoeur had a two-run single in his Mets debut and Johan Santana pitched



AP photo

Philadelphia Phillies catcher Paul Bako connects for an RBI-single in the sixth inning of Saturday's game with the Pittsburgh Pirates in Philadelphia.

seven sharp innings, leading New York over Cincinnati.

Omir Santos had three hits for New York, which scored all its runs in the first two innings. Leadoff hitter Angel Pagan scored twice and swiped two bases in his second game back after being sidelined with a strained groin.

Santana (10-7) allowed five hits, struck out five and walked one, taking advantage of some rare run support. New York had scored seven runs in the left-hander's previous four starts.

BREWERS 6, DODGERS 3

MILWAUKEE — J.J. Hardy hit a two-out, two-run double in the eighth, and Trevor Hoffman and the Milwaukee bullpen held on this time to beat Los Angeles.

Mike Burns (2-2) struck out a career-high seven and drove in a run to win for the second time in his career,

and Frank Catalanotto homered for the Brewers.

NATIONALS 13, ASTROS 2

HOUSTON — Nick Johnson, Josh Willingham and Adam Dunn homered in consecutive at-bats and Washington set season highs for hits and runs.

Washington's 21 hits were the team's most since the franchise relocated from Montreal in 2005. The Nationals last scored 13 runs against the Chicago Cubs on Aug. 22, 2008.

GIANTS 2, PADRES 1

SAN FRANCISCO — Pablo Sandoval homered for the second straight day, and Justin Miller pitched solidly after an injury forced starter Matt Cain out.

Sandoval hit his 15th homer of the season in the fourth, a two-run shot off San Diego starter Tim Stauffer who was making his first major league appear-

ance in nearly two years.

BRAVES 4, ROCKIES 3

DENVER — Jair Jurrjens pitched six strong innings and singled twice to drive in a run and scored a run.

Jurrjens (7-7) won for just the second time in his last eight starts with the help of his bat and arm. He had taken five losses in that span, including four in which he received two or fewer runs in offensive support.

DIAMONDBACKS 5, MARLINS 1

PHOENIX — All-Star Justin Upton matched a career high with four hits, and Jon Garland allowed one run in eight innings.

Upton had three singles, a triple and an RBI, and Miguel Montero added a two-run double for the Diamondbacks, who won for the seventh time in eight games.

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American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	LIO	Str	Home	Away
Boston	53	34	.609	-	-	6-4	W-2	30-14	23-20
New York	51	36	.586	2	-	6-4	L-2	26-16	25-20
Tampa Bay	48	40	.545	5½	3½	5-5	L-1	30-14	18-26
Toronto	44	45	.494	10	8	3-7	L-1	25-18	19-27
Baltimore	39	48	.448	14	12	4-6	W-1	25-21	14-27

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	LIO	Str	Home	Away
Detroit	47	39	.547	-	-	5-5	L-1	26-13	21-26
Chicago	45	42	.517	2½	6	6-4	W-1	22-21	23-21
Minnesota	44	44	.500	4	7½	5-5	L-1	27-20	17-24
Kansas City	37	50	.425	10½	14	4-6	L-2	22-24	15-26
Cleveland	35	53	.398	13	16½	4-6	W-1	19-25	16-28

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	LIO	Str	Home	Away
Los Angeles	48	37	.565	-	2	6-4	W-2	26-18	22-19
Texas	48	37	.565	-	2	8-2	W-1	28-17	20-20
Seattle	44	42	.512	4½	6½	5-5	L-1	23-18	21-24
Oakland	36	49	.424	12	14	4-6	W-1	19-21	17-28

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	LIO	Str	Home	Away
Philadelphia	47	38	.553	-	-	8-2	W-4	21-23	26-15
Florida	45	44	.506	4	5	5-5	L-2	25-21	20-23
Atlanta	43	44	.494	5	6	6-4	W-2	21-21	22-23
New York	41	45	.477	6½	7½	4-6	W-1	24-20	17-25
Washington	26	60	.302	21½	22½	3-7	W-1	16-26	10-34

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	LIO	Str	Home	Away
St. Louis	48	41	.539	-	-	7-3	L-1	24-20	24-21
Milwaukee	45	42	.517	2	4	3-7	W-1	24-21	21-21
Chicago	42	42	.500	3½	5½	6-4	W-1	26-17	16-25
Houston	43	44	.494	4	6	4-4	L-1	23-23	20-21
Cincinnati	42	44	.488	4½	6½	4-6	L-1	20-20	22-24
Pittsburgh	38	49	.437	9	11	2-8	L-3	22-17	16-32

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	LIO	Str	Home	Away
Los Angeles	55	32	.632	-	-	6-4	L-1	28-13	27-19
San Francisco	49	38	.563	6	-	7-3	W-3	31-14	18-24
Colorado	46	41	.529	9	3	5-5	L-2	22-19	24-22
Arizona	38	50	.432	17½	11½	7-3	W-2	20-29	18-21
San Diego	35	52	.402	20	14	1-9	L-7	23-20	12-32

NATIONAL LEAGUE Friday's Games

Detroit 5, Cleveland 1
Boston 1, Kansas City 0
Minnesota 6, Chicago White Sox 4
Texas 6, Seattle 4

Toronto 2, Baltimore 0
Tampa Bay 6, Oakland 0
L.A. Angels 10, N.Y. Yankees 6

Saturday's Games

L.A. Angels 14, N.Y. Yankees 8
Cleveland 5, Detroit 4
Chicago White Sox 8, Minnesota 7
Texas at Seattle, late

Oakland 7, Tampa Bay 2
Baltimore 4, Toronto 3, 12 innings
Boston 15, Kansas City 9

Sunday's Games

Cleveland (Ohka 0-2) at Detroit (Verlander 9-4), 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Chen 0-3) at Boston (Beckett 10-3), 1:35 p.m.
Toronto (Rzepczynski 0-0) at Baltimore (Bergesen 5-3), 1:35 p.m.
Oakland (Bre Anderson 5-7) at Tampa Bay (J Shields 6-6), 1:38 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 9-2) at Minnesota (S Baker 6-7), 2:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 8-5) at L.A. Angels (Lackey 3-4), 3:35 p.m.
Texas (Nippert 0-0) at Seattle (Bedard 5-2), 4:10 p.m.

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

All-Star Game at St. Louis, 8:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE Friday's Games

St. Louis 8, Chicago Cubs 3
Cincinnati 3, N.Y. Mets 0
Houston 6, Washington 5
Arizona 8, Florida 0

Philadelphia 3, Pittsburgh 2
L.A. Dodgers 12, Milwaukee 8, 10 innings
Atlanta 4, Colorado 1
San Francisco 8, San Diego 0

Saturday's Games

Milwaukee 6, L.A. Dodgers 3
Washington 13, Houston 2
Atlanta 4, Colorado 3
San Francisco 2, San Diego 1

Sunday's Games

St. Louis (Lohse 4-4) at Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 4-4), 1:05 p.m., 1st game
Cincinnati (Harang 5-8) at N.Y. Mets (Pelfrey 6-4), 1:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Vasquez 1-2) at Philadelphia (Happ 5-0), 1:35 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 6-5) at Milwaukee (Gallardo 8-6), 2:05 p.m.
Washington (Zimmermann 3-3) at Houston (Moehler 5-5), 2:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Medlen 2-2) at Colorado (Hammer 5-4), 3:10 p.m.
San Diego (Correia 5-7) at San Francisco (Zito 5-8), 4:05 p.m.
Florida (Jo Johnson 7-2) at Arizona (D Davis 4-8), 4:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 9-5) at Chicago Cubs (R Wells 4-3), 8:05 p.m., 2nd game

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

All-Star Game at St. Louis, 8:05 p.m.

Napoli homers twice as Angels come back to topple Yankees

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Mike Napoli hit a go-ahead two-run double off David Robertson during a seven-run fifth inning and added a solo homer in the seventh, leading the Los Angeles Angels to their second straight come-from-behind victory over the New York Yankees, 14-8 on Saturday.

Alex Rodriguez homered twice for the Yankees, increasing his career total to 570 and putting him in 10th place on the all-time list.

Brandon Wood connected for a two-run homer during the Angels' fifth-inning rally, Howie Kendrick capped it with a two-run single and Bobby Abreu drove in three runs against his former team. The two-time defending AL West champions lead the majors with 26 comeback wins, one more than the Yankees.

WHITE SOX 8, TWINS 7

MINNEAPOLIS — Jim Thome drove in four runs for Chicago,



AP photo

Los Angeles Angels catcher Mike Napoli watches his two-RBI double against the New York Yankees during the fifth inning in Anaheim, Calif., Saturday.

countering two home runs by ex-teammate Joe Crede.

Bobby Jenks picked up his 20th save, but nearly blew it when Jose Morales hit a two-run single with one out in the ninth after Crede's sharp grounder shot through

Gordon Beckham's legs for an error to put runners at second and third. Denard Span grounded into a double play to end the game.

Crede hit a three-run shot in the fifth inning and a solo homer in the seventh against Gavin Floyd (7-6), giving him four home runs in eight games against the White Sox this season.

RED SOX 15, ROYALS 9

BOSTON — John Smoltz got his first win for Boston and Kevin Youkilis hit two home runs to lift the Red Sox.

Smoltz (1-2) struck out seven over five innings, allowing one run on four hits. He struck out four batters in a row over the second and third inning capped off by called third strikes that painted the corner on Miguel Olivo and Tony Pena.

Coming off shoulder surgery that cut his 2008 season to six appearances, the 42-year-old Smoltz didn't make his first start until June 25 against Washington. He struggled with an 0-2 record and a 6.60 ERA in three previous appearances.

ATHLETICS 7, RAYS 2

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Rajai Davis and Adam Kennedy each hit two-run homers in the seventh inning, and Dallas Braden gave up two runs over six innings.

Davis hit his two-run homer off Matt Garza (6-7) before Kennedy added another two-run shot on the only pitch Randy Choate threw to put Oakland ahead 4-2.

Braden (7-7), reinstated from the bereavement list before the game to pitch for the first time since July 1, allowed five hits, two walks and struck out six. The left-hander is just 3-2 despite allowing two earned runs or less in each of his last eight starts.

INDIANS 5, TIGERS 4

DETROIT — Carl Pavano allowed two runs in eight innings and Travis Hafner had two RBIs.

Pavano left with a three-run lead, but Kerry Wood allowed a two-run homer to Miguel Cabrera before retiring the next three batters for his 12th save.

Cleveland won for just the seventh time in 25 games, while the

Tigers had their three-game winning streak snapped.

Pavano (8-7) was aided by three double plays in the first four innings, including a strikeout-caught stealing version to end the fourth. He allowed seven hits with six strikeouts and no walks.

ORIOLES 4, BLUE JAYS 3, 12 INNINGS

BALTIMORE — Melvin Mora ended a 50-game homerless drought with an opposite-field drive in the 12th inning, giving Baltimore a victory over Toronto.

Mora had gone 189 at-bats without a homer since May 7 before connecting with one out against Jesse Carlson (1-4). The liner barely made it into the right-field bleachers. The homer drought was the longest of his career.

Luke Scott also homered for Baltimore to extend his hitting streak to a career-high 11 games.

Mark Hendrickson (5-4) worked the 12th for the Orioles, who improved to 6-0 after being shut out.

— The Associated Press

Martin wins at Chicagoland

Mark Martin celebrates after winning the NASCAR LifeLock.com 400 auto race at the Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill., Saturday.



AP photo

JOLIET, Ill. (AP) — Mark Martin won at Chicagoland Speedway, getting the strong jump off the double-file restart with two laps left to win his series-high fourth race of the season.

The 50-year-old Martin led 195 laps on Saturday night, the most at the 400-mile race. He dominated most of the early part of the race until he dropped the lead to Jimmie Johnson with just over 40 laps left.

But a frantic finish that saw Johnson and Kurt Busch tangle on the track allowed Martin his chance to regain the lead.

"That was fun," Martin said. "That's what life is all about."

Jeff Gordon's hard-charging finish got him second place.

Martin and Gordon are Hendrick



Motorsports teammates and earned a \$1 million bonus. The teammates also grabbed the top two spots at the LifeLock sponsored race in June, setting up the shot at the big cash prize.

"I saw Jeff coming and I was like, 'Get it, get it,'" Martin said. "I wanted him to get it. This is really, really special. Incredible what everybody does for us." Kyle Busch had a dreadful night, and was unruly on the radio as his No. 18 car was on the track and finished 33rd. He complained all race about his car to his crew and fell to 10th in the points standings.

Martin went from 13th to 11th to pro-

pel himself into contention for a spot in the Chase for the championship.

Kasey Kahne was third. Points leader Tony Stewart and Denny Hamlin rounded out the top five.

Hamlin briefly took the lead late when he pushed past Johnson off a restart. Johnson got loose and bumped into Busch. Busch slammed back, sparking chaos for the two former Cup champions.

Busch and Johnson also ran into each other three races back at Sonoma. Busch finished 17th and criticized Johnson's performance on the track.

"I am starting to lose faith in his ability as a three-time champion," Busch said.

Johnson accused Busch of "bodyslamming" him on the track.

Kerr holds 2-shot lead at Open

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Cristie Kerr is feeling a sense of calm only a former U.S. Women's Open champion could understand.

Armed with the knowledge of what it takes to win the championship, the 2007 winner is set to make a push for another title.

Kerr scrambled for a 1-over 72 Saturday and pulled away from struggling playing partner Paula Creamer and built a two-shot lead over Eun Hee Ji of South Korea after three rounds of the Women's Open.

Kerr was the only player with a sub-par score — 2-under 211 — after three rounds on the narrow fairways and speedy, undulating greens of Saucon Valley Country Club.

Now, Kerr, who won at Pine Needles in '07, is in a position to claim her second title in three years. She's looking forward to the fourth-round challenge and playing in the lead.

"There really isn't a better place for me," the 12-time LPGA Tour winner said after two birdies and three bogeys. "I love this golf course."

"I feel good. I'm sure there's going to be some nerves in the morning. But I've been there. I know I can handle it."

Futures Tour player Jean Reynolds is an unlikely challenger for the title despite two wins in the developmental tour this year.

The 24-year-old from Georgia started two strokes back and was one off the lead before stumbling down the stretch. She closed with a bogey at the 15th and back-to-back bogeys at 17 and 18 on the way to a 3-over 74. She's tied for third at 2-over 215 with Teresa Lu of Taiwan, who had a 1-under 70.

Reynolds is anxious to make a run at the title in just her second Open.



AP photo

Cristie Kerr hits from a bunker on No. 16 during the third round of the U.S. Women's Open golf tournament, Saturday at Saucon Valley Country Club in Bethlehem, Pa.

"I love being in the hunt on Sunday," the Futures Tour leading money winner this season said. "I just enjoy having the chance to win ... and if I stumble, I try not to let it get to me."

STRICKER SECOND AT DEERE CLASSIC

SILVIS, Ill. — Steve Stricker vaulted into second place at the John Deere Classic, tying a course record and matching the lowest score of his career with a 10-under 61 that left him three strokes behind Darron Stiles through two rounds.

Stiles (65), the first-round co-leader with Lee Janzen, remained on top at 13-under 129. Stricker, however, stole the show on a sunny day at TPC Deere Run.

The Wisconsin native and Illinois alum had plenty of support from the crowd as he assaulted a course that was battered the previous day by the sec-

ond big rain storm of the week, causing the second round to be pushed back. By the time he was through, he was at 10 under for the tournament after matching a record set by 2002 champion J.P. Hayes.

GOOSEN ONE BACK AT SCOTTISH OPEN

LUSS, Scotland — Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano lost his dog, then he lost his swing. He only found one of them Saturday in the Scottish Open, where he had a 7-under 64 to build a one-shot lead going into the final round at Loch Lomond.

Fernandez-Castano couldn't figure out which way the ball was going as he warmed up on another postcard day along the banks of Loch Lomond. Then he opened with three straight birdies, which usually is a good way to restore confidence.

He finished at 14-under 199,

one shot clear of Martin Kaymer (66) and Retief Goosen (69).

PRICE SHOOTS 68 ON CHAMPIONS TOUR

BLAINE, Minn. — Nick Price birdied the final hole as part of a 4-under 68, and has a one-shot lead after the second round of the Champions Tour's 3M Championship.

Price, who won the Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am in April, barely missed his 45-foot eagle try before tapping in and moving to 11-under 133.

Gene Jones (68) and Andy Bean (69), a co-leader with Price after round one, both parred the final hole and are tied for second. The trio will be grouped together again for Sunday's final round.

Bernhard Langer (68) is two shots back, and Scott Hoch (69) and Tom Kite (67) trail by three strokes.

— The Associated Press

S O C C E R

Holden's last-gasp leveler helps U.S. tie Haiti, finish atop group

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Stuart Holden scored in the first minute of second-half injury time, giving the United States a 2-2 tie with Haiti on Saturday night in its final first-round game at the CONCACAF Gold Cup.

The Americans, seeking their third straight title in the championship of North and Central America and the Caribbean, finished first in Group B and will play El Salvador or the third-place team in Group C next Saturday in Philadelphia. The United States (2-0-1), which already had clinched advancement, improved to 23-0-2 in Gold Cup group play.

Haiti (1-1-1) finished third in the group round and also advanced. The two best of the three third-place teams move on. The Haitians will play either Mexico or Guadeloupe next Sunday at the new Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Tex.

Davy Arnaud put the United States ahead in the sixth minute, but Haiti stunned the Americans with goals in the first four minutes of the second half by Sirin Vaniel and Mones Chery.

The United States once again started a young lineup, with goalkeeper Luis Robles, and midfielders Sam Cronin and Colin Clark making their first international appearances. So did 32-year-old defender Jay Heaps, a member of the New England Revolution and veteran of 301 Major League Soccer games.

Six of the starting 11 made their first national team starts, with those four joined by forward Arnaud and defender Brad Evans.

Holden, a Houston Dynamo midfielder, also played a role in the first goal. He made a short pass to



AP photo

United States midfielder Stuart Holden (10) celebrates with teammates Davy Arnaud, left, after scoring a goal in second-half stoppage time to earn a 2-2 draw with Haiti in their final Group B match at the Gold Cup tournament in Foxborough, Mass., on Saturday.

Arnaud, who gathered it in at the top of the penalty area, to the left of defender Frantz Bertin. Arnaud then rolled a soft left-footed shot to the right of goalkeeper Jean Dominique Zephirin, who came out to cut down the angle.

HONDURAS 4, GRENADA 0

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Honduras scored twice in each half, strolling past eliminated Grenada in the final Group B game for both teams at the Gold Cup.

Honduras will play Group A winner Canada in the quarterfinals, held next Saturday in Philadelphia.

— The Associated Press

Beckham responds to Donovan's criticism

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP) — David Beckham said Los Angeles Galaxy teammate Landon Donovan was "unprofessional" for speaking out without confronting him first.

Beckham, who was making his first public appearance in Southern California since returning from his five-month loan with Italian club AC Milan, said he had not spoken to Donovan, who called him a bad captain and portrayed him as stingy in an upcoming book "The Beckham Experiment," written by Grant Wahl.

"It's unprofessional in my eyes. In every soccer player's eyes throughout the world it would be unprofessional to speak out about a teammate especially in the press and not to your face," Beckham said.

"But I'm going to turn it on a positive spin because that's what this needs. But in 17 years, I have played with the biggest teams in the world and the biggest players and not once have I been criticized for my professionalism. It's important to get this cleared up and I will be speaking to Landon either this evening or over the next couple of days."

The Galaxy plays Chivas USA on Saturday, with Beckham returning to his first practice with the team on Monday.

And even though the level of play in MLS isn't as high as in Italy's top league the forward thinks the adjustment will be just fine.

"It's not going to be difficult because we've got talent on our team. It's just about confidence. It will be different coming back, but I don't see any problems."

The Galaxy could use a boost. Los Angeles is fifth in the Western Conference standings and could miss the playoffs for the fourth consecutive year.

"That's the important part," Beckham said. "Now we want to move forward and there have been some good results in the last few weeks."

Being in Italy helped Beckham keep his game sharp. And even though it involved a month-long saga of negotiations involving MLS, Milan, and the Galaxy, Beckham said it was for the best.

He also said he would do it again in 2010 if given the opportunity, so he can make one last World Cup appearance with England.

"To be involved in the World Cup and to be involved with this England squad, I have to give myself the chance to be at that top level," he said.

Peirsol breaks Lochte's world record in 200 backstroke

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Aaron Peirsol took temporary custody of the 200-meter backstroke world record. With all the controversy about the high-tech suits dominating the pool these days, the true owner may not be decided for a few more weeks.

Peirsol broke the record at U.S. nationals Saturday night, beating previous owner Ryan Lochte while lowering his second world mark in three days.

The Olympic silver medalist touched in 1 minute, 53.08 seconds, bettering Olympic champion Lochte's old mark of 1:53.94 set in Beijing.

"I'm elated I went that fast, but the real work is in two weeks," Peirsol said, referring to the upcoming world championships in Rome.

That's where Peirsol, Lochte and Ryosuke Irie of Japan are expected to decide who truly owns that record.

Irie swam 1:52.86 at a meet in Australia on May 10, but the sport's world governing body refused to ratify the mark because he was wearing a suit deemed illegal by FINA.

"That's a great thing to have that for the next two weeks, but I'm well aware that's probably not even the world record right now," said Peirsol, who wore the once-banned Arena X-Glide. "There's a Japanese kid who went 1:52 in pretty much the same thing I'm wearing now."

Having broken two world records in three days, the low-key Peirsol made a rare boast.

"I feel like if I race the way I can, I don't think he can touch me, I don't think he can beat me," he said of Irie. "But he's going to be very good in the future when he tacks on about 30 pounds. He's a kid, he's about 5-foot-6 and 130 pounds. He has probably the most beautiful backstroke I've ever seen."

Peirsol reclaimed his 100 back world mark with a time of 51.94 seconds Wednesday.

Wearing a Speedo LZR in the 200, Lochte was under his world-record pace in the opening 50 meters before Peirsol took over for good.

"I went out too fast in the first 50," said Lochte, who donned oversized Clark Kent-like black-rimmed glasses even though he has 20/20 vision. "If I had approached it differently, I would've had a better shot. He had a good swim, but he's still my friend and we're still going to talk about surfing."

Peirsol dipped a full second under the mark after 150 meters.

"The last 50 really hurt, so I know the other two guys really, really hurt," he said, referring to Lochte and third-place finisher Tyler Clary, who made the team for worlds in the 200 butterfly and 400 individual medley.

Lochte took second in 1:54.21. He and Peirsol will swim the event in Rome.



AP photo

Aaron Peirsol swims in the finals of the men's 200-meter backstroke at the U.S. National swimming championships in Indianapolis, Saturday. Peirsol set a world record with a time of 1:53.08.

MAGIC VALLEY SPORTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Following are sports announcements submitted to the *Times-News*.

SPORTS CAMPS

FILER HOLDS FOOTBALL CAMP

FILER — The Filer Wildcat Football Camp will be held July 20-22. Participants in grades 5 through 8 will go from 9 to 11 a.m., and those in grades 9 through 12, 6 to 8 p.m. The cost of the camp is \$25, which includes a T-shirt and shorts. The camp will focus on individual skills and techniques for each position. Registration will be taken from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., starting Monday in the high school weight room. Information: Russell Burnum at 521-7096 or 543-6249.

CRHS HOLDS CONDITIONING CAMPS

TWIN FALLS — Canyon Ridge High School will host speed and conditioning camps for all sports starting Monday, July 27.

There will be four sessions per week for the following two weeks, and they will run from 6 to 8:30 p.m. each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday those weeks. The cost is \$75 per athlete, and the camp is open to any athletes from the Canyon Ridge district. Pre-registration will go through Friday, July 24, but registration will still be taken after this date.

The staff will include athletes and coaches who have competed at places such as the University of Hawaii, University of Washington, University of Puget Sound and Montana State University.

Information: CRHS athletic director/head football coach Bill Hicks at 360-490-2980 or Susan at 360-791-5285.

TFHS STAFF OFFERS FOOTBALL CAMP

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School football coaching staff is offering a football camp for all Magic Valley area players entering grades 5 through 9 Monday through Wednesday at the high school.

The camp will run from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each day. The cost of registration is \$30 or \$40 if registering the first day of camp, starting at 8 a.m. Registration forms may be mailed to Bruin football head coach Allyn Reynolds c/o Twin Falls High School 1615 Filer Ave. E, Twin Falls, ID, 83301. Information: <http://www.bruinfootball.info>.

GOODING HOLDS FOOTBALL CAMP

GOODING — Gooding High School football camp will be held at 6:30 p.m., Monday, July 20 through Thursday, July 20-23.

Information: Cameron Andersen at 208-421-4268.

BULLDAGS HOST YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP

JEROME — The Magic Valley Bulldawgs semi-pro team will host a youth football camp Thursday and Friday for grades 3-7. The cost is \$50 and registration begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, with camp instruction starting at 7. Camp will run all day Friday, with lunch provided. A shuttle bus will be available for those traveling outside the Twin Falls-Jerome area.

Information: 208-358-1469.

MINICO FOOTBALL ANNOUNCES CAMP

RUPERT — The Spartan Pride Football Camp will be held from 6-8:30 p.m., July 27-28 at Minico High School. The cost is \$20, which includes a T-shirt. The camp will center on individual skills and techniques for each position.

The school district requires all participants in grades 9 and 11 to complete a physical prior to the first scheduled practice. Also, any participants in grades 10 or 12 who did not compete in an activity as ninth or 11th graders will need a physical. Students who did not receive a district physical in May will need to schedule an appointment with their doctor. Physical forms are available in the weight room.

There is a mandatory player/parent meeting at 6:30 p.m., Aug. 6 in the MHS auditorium. The first day of practice starts at 8 a.m., Aug. 10, and the first contest is against Bishop Kelly on Aug. 29 in Boise.

Information: Tim Perrigot at 436-8899.

ROBERT STUART MIDDLE SCHOOL HOSTS FOOTBALL CAMP

TWIN FALLS — Robert Stuart Middle School will host a football camp for students entering grades 7-8 from 8-10:30 a.m., on July 27-29 at the Robert Stuart Football field. There is no cost for the camp, but RSMS football T-shirts will cost \$10. Pre-registration runs July 9-22. Information: Jerod Sweesy at 539-5772 or sweesy@cableone.net, or Kyle Gambrel at 510-468-6236.

COBRAS HOLD SOCCER CAMP

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Cobra Soccer Club will hold a summer soccer camp from 5:30-8 p.m., July 27-31 at Sunway Soccer

Complex in Twin Falls. The camp is for boys and girls ages 8-18.

Information: <http://www.cobrasoccer.us> or email info@cobrasoccer.us.

FILER GIRLS SOCCER CAMP UPCOMING

FILER — The Filer High School girls soccer camp will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday at Filer High School. The cost is \$60 per player. Any girls interested in playing for Filer this season are encouraged to attend.

Information: Filer coach Shane Hild, 308-6356.

JHS HOSTS VOLLEYBALL CAMP

JEROME — Jerome High School volleyball will host a camp from 9-11 a.m., Tuesday through Thursday. The camp is for girls entering grades 4-8 and the cost is \$35. Instruction will be provided by Jerome High's volleyball coaches and varsity players.

Information: Hannah Bitzenburg at 404-9292.

BURLEY JHS OFFERS VOLLEYBALL CAMP

BURLEY — Burley Junior High School is offering a girls volleyball camp Monday through Wednesday at the west gym. The cost is \$50. The camp runs from 9 a.m. through 3 p.m., and campers will need to bring a lunch. Information: 670-3901 or 678-4600.

GOODING HOLDS TENNIS CAMP

GOODING — The Gooding High School tennis team will host a camp from July 20 to Aug. 1 with a mini-tournament on the final day. This camp will team fundamentals for players ages 10-18.

The cost is \$20, which includes a shirt, and is due by July 10. Mail the fee along with name, age, contact phone number and shirt size to Gooding HS Tennis Team c/o Gooding High School, 1050 Seventh Ave. W, Gooding, ID, 83330.

PRO RODEO BOOT CAMP UPCOMING

GOODING — The Gooding Pro Rodeo will hold a boot camp from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 20 at Andy James Arena. The camp will feature a look behind the chutes of professional rodeo. A suggested donation of \$30 will include admission to the camp, a ticket to the rodeo that night and lunch. Proceeds go to the Gooding County Memorial Hospital's Mammography program via the Tough Enough to Wear Pink Campaign.

MUNI HOLDS JUNIOR CAMPS

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course's 2009 Junior Camps will be held in July. The cost is \$50 per camp and includes three lessons. Camp sessions run from 8-9:30 a.m. and dates include this Tuesday through Thursday and July 28-30. Paid entries only. Information: 733-3326.

GOLF

MCGLADREY QUALIFYING COMING TO MUNI

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course will host the 2009 McGladrey Team Championship Local Qualifying at 1 p.m., on July 25. The format is one net best ball of the three players on each hole.

Entry fee is \$55 per player + green fees carts are optional and includes special tee gift. Team handicaps are limited.

The winning team will play in the McGladrey Team Sectional Championship at Idaho Falls Country Club on Sept. 2 with PGA Professional Mike Hamblin.

Information: <http://www.PGA.com/teamchampionship> or call 733-3326.

BURLEY HOSTS LADIES M.V. AMATEUR

BURLEY — The First Federal Bank Ladies Magic Valley Amateur will be held July 27-28 at the Burley Golf Course, beginning with a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

The entry fee for the two-day event is \$50 and entry deadline is July 23. Mail entries to Mike Williams, c/o Burley Golf Course, 131 E. Hwy. 81, Burley, ID 83318.

Information: 678-5735.

JEROME CC HOSTS SCRAMBLE

JEROME — Jerome Country Club is accepting entries for the 30th annual two-man scramble/best ball, which will be held July 25-26. The entry fee is \$120 and may be mailed to P.O. Box 484 in Jerome or dropped of at the pro shop. There is an 8-shot handicap spread between partners. Tee times will be available July 23.

JRD OFFERS GOLF LESSONS

JEROME — Jerome Recreation District is holding registration for summer golf lessons. The lessons will be taught by John Peterson at Jerome Country Club. Ages 8-17 will attend at 8 a.m., with ages 18 and older attending at 6 p.m. The cost is \$25 for ages 8-17 and \$30 for

ages 18 and older. The cost is \$5 more for those outside of the district. Information: JRD at 324-3389.

CANYON RIDGE BOOSTERS HOLD SCRAMBLE

TWIN FALLS — The Canyon Ridge High School Booster Club will hold a five-person golf scramble on Aug. 15 at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

The cost is \$30 per participant plus green and cart fees. Lunch is included. Play begins with an 8 a.m., shotgun start. Forms are available at the Muni, Donnelley Sports at the corner of Second Avenue North and Gooding Street North or at the Twin Falls School District on Main Avenue West.

The scramble also needs sponsors. Those interested can sponsor a hole for \$200 or become a corporate sponsor for \$500. The deadline to register as a player or help sponsor is Aug. 7. Information: Don Marziteli at 735-1035 or marzman49@yahoo.com.

DEMO DAYS COMING TO BURLEY

BURLEY — Idaho Water Sports Radar/Ronix Demo Days will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday at Golf Course Marina in Burley. The event is free to the public.

Information: 678-5869.

OTHER EVENTS

NORTHWEST BBB HOLDS INVITE

TWIN FALLS — The Northwest BBB Adult Baseball League will hold an invitational tournament July 25-26. The Twin Falls Giants are seeking players, particularly pitchers, for the tournament. The Northwest BBB fall league begins Aug. 1. Those interested in playing may contact Carlos at 212-4044.

GOODING HOSTS 5-ON-5 TOURNAMENT

GOODING — The Gooding boys basketball team is holding a 5-on-5 basketball tournament July 24-25. The event is open to ages 14 and older and includes men's and women's divisions. The cost is \$200 per team and proceeds benefit the boys basketball program. Games will be played at Gooding High School and Gooding Middle School.

Information: Max Piper 208-539-4666 or piper_max@hotmail.com.

TFPR HOLDING FLAG FOOTBALL MEETING

TWIN FALLS — The City of Twin Falls Parks and Recreation department will hold an organizational meeting for the men's adult flag football league at 6 p.m., Wednesday, July 15 at the Parks and Recreation Office at 136 Maxwell Avenue.

All teams wishing to participate need to have a representative attend the meeting.

Information: 736-2265.

RAY NELSON TOURNAMENT APPROACHES

HAILEY — Spots are still available for the 38th Annual Ray Nelson youth baseball tournament, held July 24-25 in Hailey. There are Minor (10u) and Major (12u) divisions, and tournament highlights include the Donnelley Sports Skills Challenge during the hosted barbecue on July 24. Information:

<http://www.wooddriverbaseball.com>.

JRD HOLDS FUN RUN

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District's Tough Enough to Wear Pink Fun Run will be held Saturday, Aug. 1, and will follow the bike path in Jerome. It will be a 3.64-mile walk or run and a 5.5-mile run. The cost is \$15 per person or \$45 per family of four. The run starts at 8 a.m. Late registrations will be accepted starting at 7:15, but entries made after July 27 will be \$5 more. The price includes a T-shirt, prizes and refreshments. Information: JRD at 324-3389.

RODEO QUEEN CONTEST APPROACHES

JEROME — Young ladies from the state of Idaho between the ages of 6-24 are invited to compete for the titles of Queen, Teen Queen, Princess and Jr. Princess Jerome County Northside Showdown PRCA Rodeo Royalty on July 17 at the Jerome County Fairgrounds. Along with the title and the opportunity to promote the sport of rodeo, a Billy Cook saddle will be awarded to the overall high point winner and a scholarship will also be given. The coronation is July 18.

Information: <http://www.jeromecountyfair.com>, Hali Stutzman at 280-2344 or Janet Prescott at 280-2169.

CSI SAND VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT CHANGES DATE

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho will host a 4-on-4 Coed Sand Volleyball Tournament at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 18. All proceeds from the event will go to the Humane Society of Twin Falls.

Four-person teams may sign up the morning of the tournament at the sand volleyball court south of CSI's Eagle Hall Dorms. The format includes pool play followed by championship and consolation brackets with prizes awarded for the winning teams. The registration fee is \$40 per team. Information: George Moreno at 732-6575 or e-mail GeorgeM23_88@hotmail.com.

SPUDMAN TRIATHLON APPROACHES

BURLEY — The 23rd Annual Burley Lions Spudman Triathlon is slated for July 25. The swimming is scheduled for 7 a.m. at the Burley Golf Course Marina. Approximately 2,000 athletes are expected to compete in the 1-mile swim, 24-mile bike ride and 6-mile run. The event is free to the public.

Information: Scott Bloxham at 878-9274.

T.F. HOLDING SOCCER SIGN-UPS

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation District is holding registration for fall soccer through July 24.

This is for boys and girls in grades K through 7, and games begin the week of Aug. 31. The fee is \$15 for participants in city limits and \$25 for those outside. There is a \$10 late fee if registering after July 24. Jerseys are available for purchase for \$10.

Volunteer coaches are also needed. Information: 736-2265 or <http://www.tfido.org>.

FILER BASEBALL OFFERS RECYCLING PICKUP

FILER — The Filer Youth Baseball Association is offering free door-to-door pickup of recycled items in the Twin Falls area. Donations are accepted and all proceeds support Filer Youth Baseball. Information: 308-6561.

JEROME REC OFFERS SOFTBALL TOURNEY

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District is holding registration for the upcoming Summer Sizzler Co-ed Softball Tournament on July 18-19. The team fee is \$180 with a three-game guarantee, and registration is due by 5 p.m., July 9. Information: 324-3389.

CANYON RIDGE SOCCER COACH OFFERS OPEN FIELD TIME

TWIN FALLS — Canyon Ridge High School boys varsity soccer coach Brian Gillenwater is offering open field time to any future Canyon Ridge students or Robert Stuart Junior High School students who may later wish to try out for the Riverhawks teams this fall. The open field runs from 6 to 7:30 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at Sunway Soccer Complex. There is no cost. Information: Brian Gillenwater at 208-871-7043.

JEROME CHAMBER SCRAMBLE UPCOMING

JEROME — The Jerome Chamber of Commerce Golf Scramble will be held July 18 at Jerome Country Club. Shotgun start is at 8 a.m., with a barbecue immediately following the event. Cost is \$55 per golfer, with teams of six.

Information available at the Jerome Chamber of Commerce.

MVJF HOLDING REGISTRATIONS

TWIN FALLS — Registration for Magic Valley Junior Football is currently under way. Forms may be obtained at the Magic Valley Boys and Girls Club or at the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation office. There is a \$55 fee and you must have a current physical on file. Registration is due by July 31 to avoid a \$20 late fee. Information: Eric Bauman at 736-5099 or Mike Ewaniuk at 212-1755.

RAPIDS SEEKING U10-11 SOCCER PLAYERS

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Rapids Soccer Club is holding try-outs for an additional U10-U11 girls competition team for the 2009-10 seasonal playing year. Recreational soccer players are encouraged to attend. Information: Christopher Roemer at 208-312-3660 or <http://www.twinfallsrapids.com>

JUNIOR RODEO SERIES OFFERED

BUHL — The High Desert Junior Rodeo Association is offering a new rodeo series with divisions for boys ages 8 and under, boys and girls ages 9-13 and boys and girls 14-19. Rodeo dates include July 12 in Jerome and Aug. 15-16 in Filer. Events include barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, dummy roping, flag racing, figure eight racing, breakaway roping, ribbon roping, calf roping, team roping, steer riding and bull riding.

Information: Janet Surret at 543-5011, 308-0770 or janet@surrett.myrf.net.

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YOUTH BASEBALL



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Babe Ruth city champs

Gem State Staffing claimed the 2009 Babe Ruth Baseball city championship for Twin Falls. The team went 17-1-1 overall. Pictured, from left, front row: Payton Rojas, Kaleb Price, Jacob Newton, Matt Anderson and Brian Reeves; back row: Assistant coach Randy Price, Nathan Hoy, Trae Bishop, Tyler Hitzeman, Seth Williams, Jacob Visser, Aaron Burton and coach Nathan Bishop.



Courtesy photo

Braves take tourney title

The Mini-Cassia Braves All-Star baseball team won the 11-12-year-old division at the Madison tournament last weekend. The Braves beat teams from Idaho, Montana and Utah on their way to the crown. Pictured, from left, front row: Tanner Harper, Jaden Jensen, Chris Caldera, Jared Nesen, Mitchell Rice, Trenton Chandler, Gabe Silvaz and Daniel Freiburger; back row: Coach Joe Freiburger, Austin Frank, Mario Del Bosque, Mateo Arteaga, Hunter Graeffe, coach Dustin Jensen and coach Eric Harper.



Courtesy photo

The Magic Valley Sooners pose after finishing fourth at the Sparkler Showcase tournament in Colorado last weekend.

Sooners take fourth at Sparkler

For the Times-News

The Magic Valley Sooners finished fourth in the Sparkler Showcase tournament in Colorado last weekend.

Eight Sooners — Nickayla Skinner, T.J. Surrage, Courtney Azevedo, Whitney Carlton, Nellie Makings, Averie Schroeder, Makayla Cox and Kendyl Hamilton — took part in all-star games that included players from more than 50 teams. Following their all-star performances, both Cox and Makings were invited to take part in the All American Games. Makings played in a game that will be aired tape delay at 1 p.m., Sunday, on Altitude.

As for the Sooners, their tourney stay opened with a pool play win over the Oklahoma Crossfire as Makings hit a grand slam in the fourth inning and Skinner earned the win with a no-hitter.

The Sooners followed with a 2-0 win over the Illinois Sluggers as Carlton went 3-for-3. Schroeder added a 3-for-3 effort in a 7-0 win over the Colorado Stars.

Magic Valley won its final game of pool

play, rolling to an 8-0 win over the Tracy (Calif.) Titans. Skinner hit a two-run homer in the win and Carlton finished 3-for-3 with a double and a triple.

The four shutouts in pool play gave the Sooners a top seed in bracket play and they responded with a 5-0 win over the Oak Lawn Ice. A 5-1 win over the Clovis (Calif.) Rockets came next as Makings recorded six Ks and hit a two-run home run.

In the third game of bracket play, the Sooners had 14 hits, led by Courtney Azevedo going 3-for-4. An eight-run sixth inning keyed the 10-3 win.

But the winning streak ended in a 4-0 setback against the Hotshots of Arizona. Magic Valley bounced back to beat MAC of Oklahoma 4-3 to reach the third-place game. Skinner's two-run shot highlighted the win.

The Lookouts of Missouri beat the Sooners 4-2 to drop Magic Valley to fourth place. Skinner struck out 11 batters, but got little run support.

The Sooners are playing this weekend in Lewiston in the state tournament.

GOLF

Frith, Gasser claim Muni Ladies honors for July

For the Times-News

Month on July 9.

Barbara Frith and Jackie Gasser came away with honors as the Twin Falls Muni Ladies Golf Association played for Golfer of the

Month gross, while Frith shot a 91 for Golfer of the Month net. Gasser shot a net 67 for Golfer of the Month net. Virginia Undhjem took first place gross with a 75, while

Patty Lee finished second with an 87 and Ilene Carey shot a 96 for third.

Frith took first net with a 66, while Dustie Becker and Gasser tied for second with 67s.

MEN'S SOFTBALL

Magic Valley Church League final standings

Team	Wins	Loss	Grace Baptist	14	6	St Pauls Lutheran	5	15
Lighthouse CF No. 2	17	3	First Nazarene	12	8	River Christian	5	15
Lighthouse CF #1	17	3	Filer First Baptist	12	8	Calvary Chapel Buhl	3	17
TF Reformed #1	15	5	TF Reformed No. 2	8	12	Amazing Grace	2	18

Magic Valley Indoor Shooting League honors 2008-09 winners

For the Times-News

The Magic Valley Indoor Shooting League recently held its annual banquet in Twin Falls, honoring its top scoring shooters in pistol, rifle, sporting rifle, junior rifle and overall rifle and pistol team champions.

Teams from Mini-Cassia, Twin Falls, and Buhl, Jerome and Wendell compete in a 16-week schedule, meeting each Friday at their respective ranges. They come together every third Friday to compete against one another.

Regulation paper targets are placed 50 feet from the firing line. Pistol and rifle shooters use .22 caliber rimfire ammunition. There are two different disciplines offered in pistol; one-handed and two-handed. Each participant receives six targets, firing 10 shots at each target for a total of 60 rounds and a possible 600 points. Pistols are fired at timings that include slow fire, timed fire and rapid fire.

Four position .22 caliber rifle is offered in a junior rifle division, standard N.R.A. rifle and sporting rifle. Each rifle shooter receives four targets, firing 10 shots at each target for a total of 40 rounds and a possible 400 points. The four rifle positions are prone, sitting, kneeling, and standing.

Anyone interested in shooting this fall league is encouraged to contact their local indoor range officer. In Rupert or Burley, contact Norma or Walt Charles at 436-3344 or Nyles Tilley at 678-4755. In Twin Falls, contact Dan Brown at 734-8217, Wayne Goetz at 423-4247 or Mark Bulcher at 734-3923. Those in Buhl, Jerome or Wendell may contact Dave Gyorfy at 734-9327, Bruce Lohnes or Mark Miller at 536-2129.

John Pitts is coach for the local junior air rifle team (ages 14-17) and may be reached at 733-5234.

Olympic quality pellet air rifles and equipment are available for use.

Pictured to the left are this season's winning shooters.



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Pictured, from left, High Aggregate (Rifle and Pistol) winner Mark Bulcher, High Overall Pistol winner Robert Anderson and High Overall Rifle winner Will Brow.



Pictured, from left, are Junior winners Chani Lohnes, Alisah Lierman and Drew Vaughn.



Pistol winners, from left, front row: James Wert, Pam Kubik and Jesse Vaughn; back row: Jerrod Vaughn, Mark Bulcher, Dan Brown, Walt Charles, Kirk Short, Wayne Goetz, Bob Bean, Robert Anderson and Jeff Wagner.



Rifle winners, from left, front row: Niles Tilley, Dave Gyorfy, Will Brown, Corey Lierman and James Wert; back row: Jerrod Vaughn, Jesse Vaughn, Mark Bulcher, John Pitts, Bruce Lohnes, Walt Charles and Wayne Goetz.

MARTIAL ARTS



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Shining in Seattle

Twin Fall's Intermountain Martial Arts sent 26 Taekwondo students and instructors to Seattle, Wash., to compete in the 10th annual HTF Taekwondo National Championships hosted by Grandmaster Jack Pierce. The group brought home four black belt national championships, 13 first-place trophies, 17 second-place trophies and 26 third-place trophies. The event featured competitors from all across the western United States and Canada. Pictured, from left, front row: Nathan Wheeler, Laura Wheeler, Lynne Case, Stephanie Case, Shylah Thomas, Vason Widaman, Jeremy case, Gamaliel Kruse and K.C. Sutton; back row: Stan Case, Sebastian Chandler, David Hornbacher, Tina Morrison, James Morrison, Todd Wilson, Madison Yergensen, Amethyst Kruse, Saffron Kruse, Lily Yergensen, Terrie Rider and Don Rider; not pictured: Chris Sutton, Jane Sutton, Jocee Hodges, Katherine Wheeler, Mia Wheeler, Seth Wheeler, Jay Ha and Brandon Rider.

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Miami Hurricanes keeping eye on the next generation

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press writer

BELLE GLADE, Fla. — It's a blazing Saturday on a sun-baked football field in a city that grapples daily with poverty and problems. Across the street, sugar canes sway in fields that never seem to end. A mile away, there's the corner where Norman "Pooh" Griffith, a high school standout from a rival town, was shot and killed last fall.

This is Belle Glade, a place Miami safety Randy Phillips is proud to call home.

And he's even prouder that he's trying to show the next generation a way out.

"No guns. No gangs. No fighting. That's what we've got to get into these kids," Phillips said. "We've got to keep these kids positive and show them, right now, what happens when you make the right decisions. I made the right decisions. Too many guys, they made the wrong ones."

For the next three weeks, this is the mission for Miami's football team.

The Hurricanes embarked Saturday on a community outreach program, targeting kids between the ages of 8 and 15. By the end of the months, they'll do 28 events like this, first playing a little football, then talking about things that matter most.

"We've got to keep these kids out of trouble," said Leigh Gooden, the president of Glades Pioneer Park, which hosted Saturday's event. "If we don't do it, who's going to?"

Miami athletic director Kirby Hocutt said the outreach program came from an idea hatched by Hurricanes coach Randy Shannon, a South Florida native who knows the perils of a rough-and-tumble lifestyle — his father was murdered and three siblings died of AIDS.

There's an obvious upside for the athletic department's bottom line: It's a key time of year for season-ticket sales, and more exposure throughout South Florida certainly won't hurt those numbers. But Hocutt insists, there's far more here than steering fans toward turnstiles.

"Our student athletes, our young people, are tremendous role models," Hocutt said Saturday. "I think there are many young people in South Florida, in the state of Florida, across the country that look up to the young men on our football team. This gives them a chance to get out and re-emphasize that point."

About 20 Miami players were assigned to Belle Glade. Once there, they broke into small groups by position, Javarris James with running backs, Sean Spence with linebackers, Belle Glade's Travis Benjamin with the wide receivers, and so on.

"It's a great feeling to come back to my community and feel like I can contribute," Benjamin said. "Wasn't too long ago, I was one of them, in the same position they're in, playing football and trying to be like the other guys from here like Fred Taylor and Reidel Anthony. They came back, they did something good, and now we're doing the same."

After playing for a while, the kids gathered in their various groups, took a knee and circled the Hurricanes for a pep talk. Stay in school. Read books this summer. Respect your parents and teachers. Respect yourselves.

"How are you going to play football if you don't do that?" Phillips asked.

It's something that coaches in Belle Glade try to hammer home daily, but even they'll acknowledge that those words from someone in a Miami uniform resonate more deeply.

"These kids need to see Randy Phillips and Travis Benjamin and follow in their footsteps, not follow the path of violence," said Luke Pierre, the park commis-

sioner. "These kids have to hear it from them."

Pahokee is the next town along these sugar cane fields, and like Belle Glade, it derives much of its identity from football. Both teams perennially contend for state titles, and their annual game — the Muck Bowl, named for the rich soil the area is

known for — is one of the biggest matchups each season in Florida.

The killing of Griffith, who played for Pahokee, hit both deeply.

Phillips can only hope he never hears of something like that again.

"I know these kids' parents, their cousins, I've got a

couple nephews out here even," Phillips said. "What happened last year, it's an awful situation. We've got to stay away from that mess. We're all the same people, we're all from the same area, The Muck. It happens all the time, and now it's in the schoolhouse. That's bad. So we're trying to fix that."



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University of Miami football player Sean Spence, top, works with kids at a football camp in Belle Glades, Fla. Saturday. After the drills, Miami players talked to the kids about staying out of gangs and in school.

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209 General

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GENERAL
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The State of Idaho offers a competitive benefits package. Apply on line at this website, www.itd.idaho.gov/careers or call (208)736-3088 for more information on this position. Closes 7/23/09. EOE

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211 Medical

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211 Medical

CAREGIVER
Caregiver needed for Residential Care Facility in Twin Falls. Looking for a flexible individual who can work all shifts including a noc shift. Apply in person at Rosetta Assisted Living: 1177 Eastridge Court or for more information Call 734-9422

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Full-time Activities Director computer skills necessary and good driving record. Come in to pick up an application at Highland Estates, Lisa Oakes, Administrator 2050 Hiland Ave. Burley.

MEDICAL

Medical Interpreter
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To Apply: Please contact Malena (208) 737-2163 or malenar@mvmc.org Applications will only be accepted by contacting Language Services Coordinator.

MEDICAL
PART-TIME THERAPY TECHNICIAN needed to work with DD population providing individual and group developmental therapy. Wages start at \$8.22/hr hour with app. education/experience. Exc. benefits pkg. available.
Stop by MVRIS 484 Eastland Drive South, Twin Falls, or call (208)734-4112 for an application today. MVRIS is an EEO employer.

MEDICAL
We are in need of a Nursing Assistant (NA) with Developmentally Disabled Training or willing to take classes for DD and work with Disabled Children. For more information pick up an application at Home Care Options, 209 Shoup Ave. W TF. EOE

MEDICAL

We currently have RN - LPN full-time day-shift positions available. Candidates must have a nursing degree, experience working in skilled nursing. Must be self starter, computer friendly, and able to work well with others.
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Contact Trish @ 734-2429

REMEMBER
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213 Professional

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Part-time Counselor needed to provide mental health clinical services to children, adolescents, couples, and families in an outpatient setting. License and accredited master's degree in counseling, social work, marriage and family therapy, or psychology is required. Generous pay, supervision provided and ability to work own hours with full-time status possible.
Please fax resume to 208-436-1758 (attn. Linda)

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213 Professional

PROFESSIONAL
Addiction Treatment Residential Counseling Program Manager needed. Master's with CADC. Clinical Supervisor training preferred. Walker Center, Gooding, Idaho. Send resume to cindy@thewalkercenr.org www.thewalkercenr.org EEO

PROFESSIONAL
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PRN position with CT experience preferred, but would be willing to train. ARRT or eligible within 6 months.

Dietary Cook
Temporary position with 1-2 yrs experience cooking in hospital or industrial setting. Must have good customer service skills and be able to work independently and well with others.

LPN
1 part-time and 1 full-time Licensed Practical Nurse for night shift. This position will work under the supervision of the Charge Nurse and will be responsible for medication administration and direct patient care.

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0215 Sales

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Apply via email at recruiter@zeemedicalinc.com **or fax at 800-354-2302. Please include salary req.**

216 Trades

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500 Real Estate

501 Open House

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GOODING 2.5 bdrm, 1 bath, fenced yard, near schools, small dog w/depot \$450/mo. + \$400 deposit, Avail Aug. 1st. Call 329-0445

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JEROME 2-3 bdrm houses for rent, no pets. \$600-\$750. Water, sewer incl. Located in the Big Trees Subd RV & Tri Park 733-7818.

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JEROME 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage, 906 16th Ave E. \$850 possible rent to own 539-9950

JEROME NORTH 2 bdrm, 1 bath + bsmt, avail July. Accepting applications now. No house pets or large animals. 208-324-4615

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TWIN FALLS 1 bdrm, 1 bath, water/garbage paid, \$425 + \$300 dep. No pets. 2 Falls Property Mgmt. 208-212-1678

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Woman suspects boyfriend is hiding an inability to read

DEAR ABBY: I began dating "John" a few months ago. We are in our 60s and went to the same high school.

John is a good and decent man. He says he is in love with me and wants to marry me. There's just one problem: John can't read. He has never admitted it, but several things have happened that indicate it.

I don't want to hurt him, but this has turned into a big problem for me. I just cannot believe that this could have continued for such a long time. I have a master's degree. I'm not hung up on degrees, but I at least expected to be with someone who was literate. Can you advise me?

-J.J. IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR J.J.: Considering how well John has been able to manage all these years without having learned to read, it shouldn't come as any surprise to you that many illiterate people develop clever coping skills to hide their problem. There is help for your friend - if he is willing to admit he needs it. John may be dyslexic or have another learning disability. But there are special classes for adults in his situation. Many libraries offer literacy classes for adults.

Granted, there are disadvantages to not knowing how to read, chief among



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

them that it prevents someone from enjoying my column. But what you must decide is whether you can love a man who is obviously street smart rather than formally educated. It doesn't have to be a cause for rejection unless you choose to make it one.

DEAR ABBY: After 32 mostly wonderful years of marriage, I lost my husband. "Arthur" had been having serious health problems for the last three years. He couldn't work and was unhappy and needy.

My first reaction after his death was, "I'm free! I can do what I want." (I had never realized I felt this way.)

Clearing out my husband's stuff and the junk he kept was exhilarating. I feel good because my house is orderly. I know of no one who has ever had this reaction. Why do I feel guilty? How can I heal? Losing a mate should be devastating. A clean house should be unimportant.

-ALONE BUT HAPPY IN CANADA

DEAR ALONE BUT HAPPY: You'll start healing as soon as you quit flogging yourself for not feeling awful. Caring for an unhappy, needy and ailing spouse for three years is physically exhausting and emotionally draining. And while many widows and widowers would not broadcast these sentiments, your feelings are not unusual. You did everything you could for your husband during his illness, and his death freed you of those demands. So enjoy your house, enjoy your life and stop blaming yourself for having a sense of relief. In time you may experience a sense of loss, but not necessarily.

DEAR ABBY: I have caller I.D. on my telephone. A friend jumped on me the other day because he knows that I knew who was calling, and I still answered, "Hello?" rather than saying, "Hi, Steve." Did I do something rude? And what is the proper greeting?

- CRITICIZED IN CONCORD, CALIF.

DEAR CRITICIZED: Hello? Your friend Steve must have been having a bad day and took it out on you because either greeting is acceptable - and the way you answered your phone is the way it is traditionally done. You were most definitely not rude.

IF JULY 12 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:

August and November are good times to plan for the future or obtain wise advice, but your business tactics could backfire unless you wait for November when the stars are aligned more favorably. You will have a better chance of getting business or career aspirations off the ground in November, if you aren't waylaid by an attractive romantic prospect or pie-in-the-sky idea. Early February is a perfect time to set off on a glamorous vacation. Put your most important plans and projects into action in April.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can shoehorn your way into someone's good graces before the week is done. A new start is right around the corner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't stir things up. Actions taken now are like rocks tossed into water. You can produce positive changes by the end of the week.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You've ridden a comfortable and reassuring carousel before. Change tactics at the end of the week and leave the past behind.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): There is a tendency to cling to the past. By the end of the week, you will learn that a major change is advisable and beneficial.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If you act on impulse, you might go from hero to zero in the next few days. Remain open to new ways of looking at the world this week.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It is easy to be sure you are correct, but you might not be taking everything into account. Get someone else's opinion this week.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Think about what you're doing. Suspicions will be

Today is Sunday, July 12, the 193rd day of 2009. There are 172 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:
On July 12, 1984, Democratic presidential candidate Walter F. Mondale announced he'd chosen U.S. Rep. Geraldine A. Ferraro of New York to be his running-mate; Ferraro was the first woman to run for vice president on a major-party ticket.

On this date:
In 1543, England's King Henry VIII married his sixth and last wife, Catherine Parr.
In 1690, forces led by William of Orange defeated the army of James II at the Battle of the Boyne in Ireland.
In 1812, United States forces led by Gen. William Hull entered Canada during the War of 1812 against Britain. (However, Hull retreated shortly thereafter to Detroit.)
In 1862, Congress authorized the Medal of Honor.
In 1908, comedian Milton Berle was born Mendel

TODAY IN HISTORY

Berlinger in New York City. In 1909, the House of Representatives joined the Senate in passing the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, allowing for a federal income tax, and submitted it to the states. (It was declared ratified in February 1913.)

In 1948, the Democratic national convention, which nominated President Harry S. Truman for a second term of office, opened in Philadelphia.

In 1977, President Jimmy Carter defended Supreme Court limits on government payments for poor women's abortions, saying, "There are many things in life that are not fair."

In 1988, Democratic presidential candidate Michael S. Dukakis tapped Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas as his running-mate.

In 1993, some 200 people were killed when a magni-

proved wrong by the end of the week, but could poison a very good relationship first.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): By the end of the week you will stand out in a crowd. Get attention for what you do right, not for what you do that is wrong.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Try to make conservative choices early this week and wait for better timing late in the week to fly by the seat of your pants.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will gain the most by sticking to routines and getting organized. Wait until the end of the week to try something new.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 1

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NOTICE OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS WAGES
The Board of Commissioners of the Dietrich Highway District have set the commissioners wages for the upcoming 09-10 fiscal year. The wages are set at \$250.00 a month per commissioner contingent upon the commissioners attendance at the monthly meeting.

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FOUND Black Lab, male, Emerson area (Heyburn area). Friendly dog. No collar. 208-431-2045.
FOUND Black/white/gray dog. Call to identify. 208-733-0349 or 208-861-7891
FOUND Cat at 417 W. 100 S. in Rupert. Male, gray and wearing red collar. 208-438-5622
FOUND Cocktail in the vicinity of Blake and Shoup. Call to identify 208-733-0614
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FOUND Large pin, possibly from large front end loader, found on 84 overpass between Paul and Burley. Call 208-438-5418
FOUND Dog, South of Filer. Medium sized brown female. Call 208-320-0433 to identify.
FREE Rottweiler, small, 5 years old, female, needs family and back yard. Good natured. 208-734-3784
LOST Cat, male, "Rocky", gray dish, 1 year old, lost near Canyon Firm Rd. on 6/16, injured tail at start, green eyes, neutered. 420-0770
LOST Chesapeake Retriever, male, last seen 149 South 200 West in Jerome on July 4th 5pm. Very friendly. No collar, scar on back feet. Around 100lbs. Call 208-308-8699 or 208-324-8599.
LOST Chinese Pug in the Heyburn area. Male, fawn color with dark face and ears, answers to Ozzie, hard of hearing and limited eye sight. No collar or tags. He won't be able to find his way home. Reward for safe return. 208-678-6369 or 219-9260.
LOST Miniature Schnauzer, male, has a yellow John Deere collar, comes to "Buster". Reward! 208-436-9986 or 208-260-4224
LOST Shih Tzu mix on July 3 in the Mooningside area. Brown, 4 mos old. Grandkids really miss him. 280-3707 or 731-4836
LOST Shih Tzu pup, white w/brown, Sat. 7/4 from 400 S. 50 W. Burley. Wearing red flag t-shirt, name is Cashie. Reward \$200. 670-3007
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Dear Mr. Wolff: My partner opened one heart and I responded with a forcing no-trump. (I had 11 points with the J-10 of hearts.) When she bid two hearts, I raised to three, feeling sure she had a six-carder. However, she had bid two hearts simply to tell me she had a minimum hand, and she scolded me for bidding anything over her two-heart bid. Who is right here? Apple of Discord, Boston, Mass.

ANSWER: Over the forcing no-trump response, opener can bid two no-trump, jump, or reverse to two spades with a good hand. With a minimum or moderate hand, opener can bid a second, cheap, suit if she has one (a three-card minor if no four-card suit is available) or rebid a six-card suit. This does not show a bad hand per se, but the inability to make a strong call. Thus your partner's two-heart bid showed six; in fact, your choice was between a call of three hearts and four hearts.

Dear Mr. Wolff: In a recent duplicate game I was dealt ♠ —, ♥ 9-6, ♦ K-Q-J-10-8, ♣ A-Q-J-10-6-3. I opened one club and heard one heart on my left, one spade from partner, four hearts on my right. I bid five clubs but passed my partner's five-spade bid. He had eight spades to the ace-king and a singleton heart with the doubleton diamond ace and two small clubs. Five spades went down when spades proved to be 4-1, while six clubs would have made because the club king was doubleton on side. Who was to blame? Missed It, Palm Springs, Calif.

ANSWER: Neither of you was at fault. When you bid clubs to the five-level, maybe your partner should have considered supporting — or at least not committing the hand to spades. I like your pass of five spades; partner was unlucky to go down. Equally, you would have been lucky to make

your slam. (On two rounds of hearts you need a singleton or doubleton club king on side.)

Dear Mr. Wolff: In a recent lead problem where you had a six-count, you advised leading from queen-third in an unbid major against a no-trump contract. Would it be better to lead low or high? I worry about blocking the suit and also misleading my partner into thinking I have a four-card major. What about leading from a doubleton spade queen? Would you suggest low or high? Floundering, New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

ANSWER: I would always lead low from three to an honor. While it might block the suit, partner in the quoted example rates to have plenty of high cards, so it will not matter. But giving up a trick in the suit will matter a lot, and leading an unsupported honor might cost a trick — especially when partner has not bid the suit. From a doubleton honor lead the honor if it is in partner's bid suit; otherwise, do not lead it.

Dear Mr. Wolff: Eddie Kantar's book "Take Your Tricks," from which you have recently quoted, says, "When you have nine cards between your two hands, a 3-1 break is more likely than a 2-2 break." But it also says that we should play for the drop when missing four cards to the queen. How can you reconcile these statements? Conflicted, Arlington, Texas

ANSWER: A 3-1 break (on one side or the other) is in abstract more likely than 2-2. But when you are deciding whether to finesse on the second round, only one defender can have three (one has followed twice), so halve that original 3-1 probability. Do note, however, that the odds are very close.

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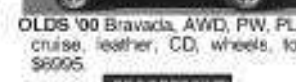
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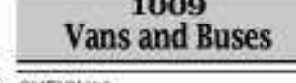
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Michael, 12, does a flip on his new foster family's trampoline in June while Jessica Pharaoh, 11, and Caleb, 10, look on at their home near Jerome. Michael and Jessica are two of the five foster children the Pharaohs have cared for.

Please give me a respite from fast-food toys

Here's further proof that our kids are eating too much junk food: They have too many toys.

No, I'm not talking about clever electronics, video game systems, classic board games and certainly not old-fashioned toys carved from wood by skilled craftsmen in the mountains of Peru.



SPILT MILK
David Cooper

I'm talking about cheap toys, useless things that come from Happy Meals, boxes of cereal or the dentist's office, and they're usually made by another child on an assembly line in China or Vietnam.

Usually, however, they come from a fast-food restaurant. You literally can't escape this crap anymore. Last month, I sat down in the passenger seat of my Suburban and heard a muffled cry coming from under my seat, shouting quite rudely: "Any escape would be highly illogical."

Turned out it was a small toy version of Mr. Spock, courtesy of Burger King, to promote the new Star Trek, and I began cursing at my new Vulcan hemorrhoid.

After a quick check of my car, I found others like him — Transformers, Pokemon cards, Madagascar penguins, Batman villains, even an American Idol microphone.

Will someone please tell me, does our economy really revolve around this stuff?

Sadly, I'm starting to think it does.

Between the major motion picture studios, the TV networks, the recording studios and the professional sporting teams, it seems almost impossible to avoid the cross-promotional media hurricane that's sucking up our every moment and dollar.

What irks me most is how all this marketing is aimed at kids, who usually don't control the purse strings. Look, I know the powers that be at Universal Pictures want me to see "Land of the Lost." But I don't think a soft drink lid that looks like one of the Sleestaks is going to get me to the theater. In fact, it will probably have the opposite effect.

So here are my demands on the toy-peddling masses of corporate America who are foisting toys with fast-food meals on my children. We will no longer buy any of it, unless it meets these two criteria:

- **It must be small.** When I say that, I mean it fits in the palm of a kid's hand, like a Cracker Jack toy. It worked for my parents, it worked for me, so keep it that size.

- **It can't cause physical harm.** I'm not just talking about lead in the Chinese paint, or choking parts for the kids. It can't do any harm to me. I don't want to sit on Mr. Spock, and I don't want to step on an Optimus Prime Transformer in the middle of the night when I'm going to the bathroom.

Until then, I'm urging my wife and children to boycott Happy Meals and kids' prizes. But as Mr. Spock would say, that's highly illogical.

David Cooper is the father of five children. Contact him at dcooper@magic-valley.com.

Fostering HOPE

M.V. children in foster care waiting for stability, answers

By Melissa Davlin
TIMES-NEWS WRITER

They're the fruit of abusive parents, collateral damage from the meth epidemic, silent victims of neglect.

In the U.S., 510,000 children were waiting in the foster care system in 2006, according to Child Welfare Information Gateway.

Waiting for stability. Waiting for answers.

Twenty-four percent were in relatives' homes, and 46 percent lived in non-relative foster homes. The rest lived in other arrangements, like group homes, institutions and preadoptive homes.

Right now in the eight counties of south-central Idaho, approximately 270 children are in the foster system, said Jeremy SasserCollins, foster family coordinator for Magic Valley Youth and Adult Services.

Those children will spend an average of 5.3 months in foster care. Eighty percent will be reunited with their families within a year, and 12 percent will eventually be adopted. The remaining children are either reunited with their families after a year or exit the foster system when they turn 18. Most end up in the foster system because of abuse, neglect or abandonment.

"Around here, when you hear neglect, you can think of some sort of drug issue at the home," SasserCollins said.

But those children are more than nameless statistics. They're children who need love and support while living away from their birth families.

Plenty of former foster children — including former University of Idaho athlete and Olympic gold medalist Dan O'Brien — have thrived after exiting foster care. But for many, their time in the foster system is tumultuous. These children often have behavioral problems, like reactive attachment disorder, that stem from years of abuse or neglect.

We spoke to two southern Idaho foster families who have taken in several children over the years. Whether they adopted the foster children, gave them temporary shelter or helped reunite them with their birth families, the patience and love these families shared with the kids helped them open up and learn to trust again.

A newcomer finds his place

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

JEROME — Five children ran through the sprinklers and jumped on the trampolines in a backyard outside Jerome on a hot June afternoon. Michael, Jessica, Caleb, Ashlynn and Noah acted like best friends, like siblings, like they had known each other their entire lives.

But the oldest, Michael, had arrived on the scene less than a week before — a transplant through the same foster system that brought Jessica into the Pharaoh family last year.

Alicia Pharaoh and her husband, Shannon, have housed five foster children, including Michael and Jessica. It took some time to convince Shannon to open his home to potentially troubled children, but when he met a foster child through his youth ministry, he changed his mind. Let's help these kids, he told his wife.

Caleb, 10, Ashlynn, 8, and Noah, 2, are the Pharaohs' biological children and have no reservations about gaining new siblings. The only hard part,

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ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Jessica takes a quick break from jumping on the trampoline to get a hug from her adopted mother, Alicia Pharaoh of Jerome.

Abrupt change, gradual acceptance

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

GOODING — In most Fitzgerald family photos taken before 2003, Dacharie isn't smiling.

The sullen preteen might have been thinking about her birth mom, or maybe radiating resentment for her then-foster parents, Myrtle and Bob, and their son, Josh.

One thing is for sure: She would rather have been anywhere than with the couple, she said.

That was then. Now, Dacharie, 19, is married and has a baby of her own, 10-

month-old Emily. She lives in Glens Ferry with her husband, Austin Arelland. On a recent June evening, she sat in the living room of her parents' Gooding home.

Dacharie and her biological brothers, Chaz, now 13, Tyler, 12, and James, 16, arrived at the Fitzgerald home 11 years ago, when the couple still lived in Utah.

By then, Myrtle and Bob had already adopted their first foster child, Joshua, now 17, who came to them in 1996. They also had two biological daughters, Betty and Katie.

The road to adoption was rocky. Ten

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ERIN MATHSON/For the Times-News

Members of the Fitzgerald family near Gooding pose for a portrait: Bob, left, Chaz, Tyler, Myrtle and Josh.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center

530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; lounge and pool rooms; bargain center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Daily lunches are available for take-out from 11 a.m. to noon; seniors 59 and under, \$5.50; seniors 60 and older, \$4.50. 734-5084.

MENUS:
Monday: Pork
Tuesday: Potato bar
Wednesday: Beef stroganoff
Thursday: Sweet-and-sour chicken
Friday: Meatloaf
ACTIVITIES:
Today: Magic Valley Bridge, 1 to 4:30 p.m.
Monday: Quilting, 8 a.m. Bridge, 1 p.m.
 Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1
 Duplicate bridge, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday Duplicate bridge, 12:30 p.m. Oil painting by appointment Let's Dance, 6 to 11 p.m.
Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls for sale, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.; \$1.50 each; coffee and roll, \$2 Quilting, 8 a.m. Gem State Fiddlers, 11 a.m. Duplicate bridge, 12:30 p.m. Board meeting, 1 p.m. Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1 Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. SHIBA, 2 to 4 p.m. Oil painting by appointment Bunko
Friday: Quilting, 8 a.m. Bingo at lunch Texas Hold'em, 1 p.m. Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1

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MENUS:
Monday: Tomato soup and sandwich
Tuesday: Stuffed pork chops
Wednesday: Ham and noodle casserole
Thursday: Birthday dinner, beef stroganoff
ACTIVITIES:

Today: Swiss steak dinner, 1 p.m.
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m. Foot clinic
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Jackpot, Nev., trip, 3 p.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m. Blood pressure check, 11:45 a.m. Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

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Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Thursday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

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Thursday: Pepper steak
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pinochle, 12:30 p.m. Wild one, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1:30 p.m. Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Foot clinic, 12:45 p.m. Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m. Music by the Fiddlers Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.

Wendell Senior Meal Site

105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays. Hours, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; thrift shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free high-speed Internet.
MENUS:
Monday: Ribs and sauerkraut
Wednesday: Sloppy Joe
Friday: Chili and potato bar

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E., Jerome. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free transportation to and from center Wednesdays through Fridays, call center for information at 324-5642.
MENUS:
Monday: Fish or chicken patty
Tuesday: Pepper steak
Wednesday: Beef stroganoff
Thursday: Malibu chicken
Friday: Chicken salad
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m. Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Free massages
Tuesday: SilverSneakers, 10:15 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Snack bar, 6 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Dick and John Threads of Time, 1 to 4 p.m. Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: SilverSneakers, 10:15 a.m. Potluck dinner, 6 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Center

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
MENUS:
Tuesday: Rib-a-que sandwich
Thursday: Hamburger gravy
ACTIVITIES:
Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.
MENUS:
Tuesday: Beef stroganoff
Wednesday: Tuna sandwich
Friday: Baked fish
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Quilting, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Board meeting, 10:30 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo
Wednesday: Black Out Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo
Saturday: Pancake breakfast Glenns Ferry theater

Camas County Senior Center

127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$4, under 60; \$2, under 10. Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
MENUS:
Tuesday: Tacos
Wednesday: Pizza
Friday: Fried chicken
ACTIVITIES:

Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.
MENUS:
Tuesday: Brunch casserole
Wednesday: Meatloaf
Friday: Birthday lunch, turkey dinner
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Salad and soup bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tai chi, 7 a.m. Twin Falls trip, 8:30 a.m. Fit and Fall-proof, 10 a.m. Blaine Manor tea, 3 p.m. Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Walking club, 9 a.m. Knitters Anonymous, 10:30 a.m. Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Board meeting, 8:30 a.m. Fit and Fall-proof, 10 a.m. Win on Wednesday
Thursday: Twin Falls trip, 8:30 a.m. Walking club, 9 a.m.
Friday: Tai chi, 7 a.m. Table tennis, 9 a.m. Fit and Fall-proof, 10 a.m.

Carey Senior Center

Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors.
MENU:
Thursday: Barbecue pork ribs

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors; \$6, non-seniors; \$3, under 12; \$4.50, home delivery. Gift shop: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Pool, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Walking, 9 a.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Walking, 9 a.m. SHIBA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwindeman at 436-9107 or Kitty Andrews at 677-4872 for appointments
Friday: Pool, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.

Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors and children under 12; \$6, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
MENUS:
Monday: Chili
Tuesday: Cold cuts
Wednesday: Parmesan chicken
Thursday: Nachos
Friday: Lasagna
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pool Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise
Tuesday: Pool Wood carving, 8:30 a.m. Radio show, 9:06 a.m. Exercise
 Community bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise
Thursday: Pool Exercise Movie, 9:30 a.m. Community pinochle, 6 p.m. Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
Friday: Pool Exercise Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$6, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. For rides: 366-2051. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
MENUS:
Monday: No lunch; potluck at 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Polish sausage and sauerkraut
Thursday: Meatloaf
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Potluck, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Birthday Bingo, 2 p.m.
Thursday: Fit and Fall-proof, 10:30 a.m.
Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.
MENUS:
Monday: Chicken-fried steak
Thursday: Malibu chicken sandwich

Be prepared if elderly need trip to ER

The Washington Post

If you have an elderly parent, neighbor or friend, you should know what to do if you have to take him or her to the emergency room. You may not want to think about the unhappy possibility, but it's important to be prepared. The American College of Emergency Physicians makes these suggestions:

- **Prepare** a medical history form that you can bring with you (get a copy at emergencycareforyou.org). Make sure it includes the patient's medications, known allergies, and past and current medical conditions.
- **Bring** a change of clothes and some toiletries in case the patient needs to be admitted.
- **Know** the names and contact information of all important doctors and why the patient sees them.
- **Help** keep communication open between the emergency doctors and the patient. Help make sure the doctors understand the patient's concerns, and the patient is clear on what the doctors are saying.
- **Keep** insurance and identification information handy on a single sheet of paper.
- **Discuss** the options of a living will. If a condition is life-threatening, you need to know what the patient's wishes are with regard to treatment.

GIVE ME LIGHT: candle making as craft

By Carole Feldman Associated Press writer

Dave Stedman got into trouble when he tried to make his first candle at age 10; he spilled wax all over the kitchen.

Years later, he's a candle-maker by trade, having turned a hobby into a career after receiving a candle-making kit one Christmas. "We just started messing around with it. We made some candles in our kitchen and we gave them to our friends," he said.

The compliments he received led to requests for more candles. "We figured we ought to start charging for this thing," said Stedman, whose company, Candle-licious.com, is based in Morrison, Ill.

"It's the greatest feeling in the world when you make something yourself and it burns and it smells really good and you give it to friends and they rave about it," he said.

Making candles can be especially fun with children, said Bob Mosher, vice president of Discount Candle-Shop.com, which sells candles and candle-making supplies.

The first step in candle making is deciding what kind of candle to make. Options include:

- **Container candles.** These are probably the easiest. You're essentially pouring melted wax into a container or jar. "It's a pretty nice hobby because you can start out as simple as you want," said Cindy Novack, who has been running can-



Discount Candles Inc. owner Bob Mosher shows shelves of jar candles in Bellingham, Wash.

AP photos

dle-making workshops out of her business, www.candlesandsupplies.com, in Quakertown, Pa., for about six years.

- **Molded candles or pillars.** The same principle is used: wax is poured into a mold. Once it cools and hardens, remove the mold and you're left with a free-standing candle. "As long as it's wider on the top, it should come right out of jar," Novack said. "If it's stuck, put it in the refrigerator 10 to 15 minutes."

- **Tapers.** These are made by dipping a wick into hot, melted wax. It can take 40 to 50 dips to get a taper that's about a half-inch in diameter, Mosher said.

- **Sand candles.** A good activity with kids: Dig a hole in a bucket of wet sand and pour in melted wax. Lay a stick with a wick attached



Parts of a candle making kit, dye chips and molds, sit on a block of wax.

over the hole. When it's cooled, dig it out and you have a sand candle.

After you select a candle type, it's time to pick a wax.

Among the options: paraffin, soy, palm or bee's wax. Each produces a candle with a different look, Novack said.

Paraffin wax candles are more translucent, while soy

wax candles are opaque, she said. Palm wax candles have a crystalline look, while bee's wax candles have a "nice look and smell."

You'll also need a wick, traditionally made out of tightly braided cotton. Some come pre-tabbed, with a metal base. For those without the base, you'll need a wick clip to hold it in

place. Coloring and scents are optional.

Other equipment: a pouring pitcher and pot to melt the wax, a thermometer and a heat source.

Wax should be melted in a pouring pitcher placed in another pot filled with water, similar to a double-boiler. Never melt wax directly on a heat source, Novack advises, or it might get too hot and burst into flames.

"You always want to make candles when you're not interrupted," she said. "Use the same common sense you use when you're cooking."

Detailed candle-making instructions are available free on the Internet.

CandleHelp.com, part of the same family business that operates Discount-CandleShop.com, divides its projects by skill level. Beginners might want to try a pillar candle, while a more experienced crafter might choose a layered pillar.

Candle supply shops also may offer tips.

"Anyone who walks into our doors is a victim," Novack said. "They're going to make a candle one way or another."

She said people sometimes are intimidated at first, but then are surprised at how uncomplicated it is.

"It's much easier than making a batch of chocolate chip cookies from scratch," she said.

And if you don't like the way your candle looks, "you can remelt it and start over," she said. "Nothing's ever really wasted."

Fathers looking to step up feel invisible

By Melissa Rayworth
For The Associated Press

Father's Day has come and gone, and with it the annual flurry of dad-friendly gifts, heartwarming newscasts and the highest-ranking father in the land — President Obama — taking time to urge his fellow fathers to step up when it comes to their kids.

Fathers, Obama wrote in a letter to Parade magazine, need to "realize that their job does not end at conception; that what makes you a man is not the ability to have a child but the courage to raise one."

It's advice few would dispute. But fathers who routinely do share daily child-rearing duties equally with their spouses or handle the job alone say we also need to adjust the way society responds.

In a generation where both parents are often working and the lines of childcare have blurred as never before, one tentacle of traditional American culture remains surprisingly dominant: When you're talking about the kids, talk to the mom.

The bias is subtle, but persistent. Blogger and screenwriter Greg Allen, a Washington, D.C., father of two, has had his questions politely ignored during visits to the pediatrician's office, while his wife's queries were answered promptly.

"I used to get really worked up about it," Allen said. "I think a lot of people still have sort of the default-setting in their heads that moms are the parent. That 'parents' equals 'moms' and moms are the caregivers. Dads are still put into the 'observers' category in people's minds."

When Allen explores the subject on his blog, daddy-

types.com, readers quickly respond.

Some fathers say they're treated as full-fledged parents when running kid-related errands or dealing with their children in public by themselves. But if their wives are present, they become invisible to everyone from salespeople in baby stores to daycare center staffers.

John Ofenloch, a Dallas-area father of one, has gotten stares from playgroup moms and preschool teachers when he's attended events during the workday for his daughter Morgan. "You can tell they're wondering, 'Did he lose his job? Why is he here?' ... And yet when a mother shows up, there's no question," he said. "No one blinks."

The reaction to Ofenloch's brother-in-law Chuck, who serves as Morgan's nanny, is often similar. "You can see people are wondering," Ofenloch said, "'Who the heck is this guy? Why is a guy taking her to school?'"

Despite the growing presence of daddy bloggers and "SAHDs" (stay-at-home-dads), society has been slow in catching up with the modern realities of fatherhood, said Erin Boyd-Soisson, an associate professor of family science at Messiah College in Grantham, Pa.

That's since changed within academia. But not so

much in the wider world.

"There is so much conditioning, in terms of thinking that women instinctively know more and have more experience with children," said Claudia Strauss, a family communications expert and lecturer at Albright College in Reading, Pa. "You can't just turn off the switch of what's been there, in terms of role models and what's been inculcated culturally and societally" for so many generations.

For some dads, the occasional stare or slight is just background noise. "I spend so much time by myself out with the kids, having people deal with me as the parent that I don't notice it, really,

when it does happen," said Eric Gorman, a father of two who lives

in Pittsburgh.

But Strauss said some men become less involved with their children's lives after enough negative reinforcement. "Fathers can be made to feel less secure, especially young men when they first become fathers," she said, "because it reinforces that idea that they don't know what they're doing."

"Awareness is really important for the medical professional, for the nursery school provider, all these people who provide direct services to parents," Strauss said. "If you don't want fathers to be tangential, you can't treat them as though they are."

Allen agrees: "I'm not pushing for special dispensation for dads. But it really is just the little things that can accumulate in a dad's psyche and they have enough momentum to push moms back into that sole primary-caregiver role."

John Ofenloch with his daughter Morgan Bianco Ofenloch, 3.

Photo courtesy JOHN OFENLOCH, MATT NICOLSI/AP photo



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Pharaoh

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Caleb and Ashlynn agreed, is saying goodbye when the other kids leave.

Michael, 12 — whose last name is withheld here for privacy reasons — has been in the foster system for three years. His father is in prison and his mother died when he was 1 year old.

The plan, he said, is to eventually move in with his older siblings, who are adults.

"They have to get the money first," Michael said. "My sister doesn't have a job, but she's trying."

In the meantime, he calls them at least once a week and sends letters to his father.

Jessica Pharaoh, 11, came to the family in 2008 after seven years in the foster system. She stayed with at least five families — she can't remember exactly how many — before landing with the Pharaohs.

In March, Jessica became a permanent part of the Pharaoh family. Members of the family's church packed the courtroom to support Jessica.

The blue-eyed girl looks like Alicia's biological child and bears similarities to her siblings. At the adoption hearing, the judge couldn't tell which child wasn't Alicia's by birth.

The plan, Alicia said, is to

keep the foster children until they can be reunited with their families or until the Pharaohs can adopt them. We don't give up on anyone, Alicia said. The only way they leave our house is if they are going to be rehabilitated with their birth family.

For the first three girls the Pharaohs took in, that was the case. Each went back to her family but kept in touch with the Pharaohs. One of the girls has since turned 18 and visits the family often. Ashlynn considers her a great friend and role model, she said.

On a June visit less than a week into his stay, Michael played easily with Alicia's

children on the trampoline and sat comfortably on the couch between Caleb and Ashlynn. The boys occasionally fight but make up quickly and, in Caleb's words, are "best friends."

Still, Michael seems to struggle. When Alicia was asked about the hardest part of being a foster parent, Michael said quietly, "Dealing with me."

"That's not true," Alicia said quickly.

Later, after Michael jumped on the trampolines and showed his siblings the tricks he could do, Alicia gave him a big hug. The shy boy with dark brown hair is finding his place in the family.

OPEN YOUR ARMS

Interested in becoming a foster parent? Before you can house a child, you need to go through an application process that requires a background check, a home study and PRIDE training classes. PRIDE stands for Parent Resources for Information, Development, and Education, and the classes help prepare foster and adoptive parents for issues that may come up.

People who are eligible to be foster families:

- Are 21 or older (there is no upper age limit for adoption, but most agencies prefer there be no more than 40 years' difference

between the parents and the child);

- Have a stable source of income to support the family;
- Have adequate space in the house or apartment to provide a safe environment for the child;
- Can pass a physical examination (don't worry if you're not perfectly healthy — physical disabilities or illnesses don't necessarily exclude you from fostering); and
- Take PRIDE training classes.

Information: Idaho Care Line, 1-800-926-2588 or idahocareline.org.

Fitzgerald

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months into their placement in the Fitzgerald home, the four siblings moved back in with their birth mother. Another brother, Eddie, was too old to put into foster care.

A year and a half later, the children ended up back with the Fitzgeralds after their mother continued making mistakes. And in 2002, James had to be placed in a different foster home after behavioral problems kept him from settling in with Myrtle and Bob.

But Dacharie, Chaz and Tyler still see James once or twice a year. On June 9, the family loaded up and drove to southern Utah to pick up the 16-year-old for a three-day visit. During the visit, James called Myrtle and Bob "Mom and Dad,"



ERIN MATHSON/For the Times-News

Tyler, 12, shows his horse, Pride, at the Fitzgerald family's home near Gooding.

Myrtle said.

Unlike his brothers and sister, Joshua has regular contact with his birth family. He has several biological siblings, all of whom live with his birth family in Utah. He considers those visits a vacation — he doesn't have

to do chores while he's there, Myrtle said.

Five years ago, Joshua was diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome, attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder and bipolar disorder. Behavioral problems strained his relationships with his adopted

siblings. Dacharie admits that she hated Josh at first.

Dacharie's adjustment problems didn't get resolved for years. On Aug. 13, 2003, the Fitzgeralds officially adopted the three siblings from Utah.

"Back then, I thought it was the worst day of my life, the worst thing that could ever happen to me," Dacharie said. But after an unplanned pregnancy at 16, Dacharie grew closer to Myrtle. Dacharie gave up her first daughter for adoption, and now comes to her mother for advice on raising Emily.

And now, she visits the Fitzgeralds at least once a month. Voluntarily.

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STORK REPORT

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

Antonio Alexander Renteria, son of Ilse Shamara and Antonio Renteria of Hazelton, was born June 13, 2009.

Talia Morgan Paige Tille, daughter of Bayley Ann Dana of Twin Falls, was born June 20, 2009.

Nataly Ihlena Estrada, daughter of Gabriela Estrada of Twin Falls, was born June 21, 2009.

Maximo Cervantes Huber, son of Kimberly Marie Villanueva of Jerome, was born June 24, 2009.

Oakley Thor Gram, son of Kacey Loren Miller of Twin Falls, was born June 25, 2009.

Gavin David Grimes, son

of Justine Diane Potter and Joshua David Grimes of Twin Falls, was born June 26, 2009.

Paige Lynn Maldonado, daughter of Melisa Lynn Newton of Twin Falls, was born June 26, 2009.

Jaydon Kenan Duric, son of Dorothy Dawn and Fadil Duric of Twin Falls, was born June 28, 2009.

Anika Dawn Holley, daughter of Kara Lynn and Joseph Patrick Holley of Buhl, was born June 29, 2009.

Dakota Sky McClymonds, daughter of Shauna Colleen Webb and David Alan McClymonds of Buhl, was born June 29, 2009.

Asher Lee Sherman, son of Jennifer Lyn Shoup and Teril Lee Sherman of Buhl, was born June 29, 2009.

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This summer we've been using our BBQ grill for back yard dining and entertaining. Although we love the "grillicious" flavor of outdoor cuisine, we hate the greasy mess it leaves behind. I've tried several products to clean up my grill from all the splattered grease, but I'm still not satisfied.

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Dr. Tammy Brady, a pediatric nephrologist, talks with Va'Sean Duvall at Hopkins Children's Center. Research at Hopkins indicates that hypertension puts young people at greater risk for severe heart problems when they grow older.

Photos by AMY DAVIS/The Baltimore Sun

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE OFTEN IS MISSED IN KIDS

By Kelly Brewington
The Baltimore Sun

Va'Sean Duvall is a skinny 17-year-old who stays busy with an after-school job, choir rehearsals and school drama productions. On the surface, he doesn't fit the mold of someone — older, obese and inactive — who would be at risk for high blood pressure.

Yet he's among as many as 4 million children in the U.S. estimated to have hypertension, a figure that has grown fivefold in the past generation, according to Johns Hopkins researchers. It's a condition that doctors often fail to diagnose and one that leaves children, particularly blacks, at risk for serious heart problems, says a recent Hopkins study.

Doctors have known that a rising number of children are at risk for high blood pressure, and they think the nation's surging child obesity rate is a prime cause. But now, researchers are trying to learn more about the specific heart problems triggered by high blood pressure and hope to sound the alarm on the importance of catching hypertension early.

"We need to do a better job at increasing the public awareness, and we need to look at what are the barriers of physicians in recognizing high blood pressure in a clinical setting," said Dr. Tammy Brady, a pediatric nephrologist at the Johns Hopkins Children's Center and one of the study's authors.

Brady and other researchers found that black children with high blood pressure are more likely than other children to develop a thickening of the left chamber of the heart. Known as left ventricular hypertrophy, or LVH, the condition can lead to heart failure, rhythm abnormalities and death.

Of 139 hypertension patients ages 3 to 21 in the Hopkins study, 60 percent of the black subjects developed LVH, compared with 37 percent for those of other races.



Va'Sean Duvall works a puzzle while recuperating from asthma treatments at Johns Hopkins Children's Center. Doctors detected his hypertension this year after an asthma attack.

"It's concerning that the prevalence is higher in the African-American population," said Dr. Cozumel Pruette, a kidney specialist at Hopkins Children's Center and the study's lead author. "Practitioners need to realize that and need to follow those children closely."

Researchers don't know why the disparity exists. Black children with LVH also tended to have higher cholesterol levels and a higher body mass index, putting them at greater cardiovascular risk, Pruette said. Since the study was among the first to look at racial differences and was done with a small sample, she said, more research is needed to understand why black children are especially vulnerable.

Still, Pruette stresses that all children with untreated hypertension could be at risk. Even those with mild hypertension can develop LVH.

Doctors are still learning

the intricacies of the illness in children.

"It's been recognized in adults for several decades, but I think that our attention to LVH in children has probably lagged," said Dr. Susan Mendley, assistant professor and director of pediatric nephrology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

Brady, at Hopkins, recommends that when a doctor discovers one episode of elevated blood pressure, the child should be monitored and have further tests to determine if there are underlying causes of the hypertension. Children should have blood and urine tests to rule out kidney problems, which can cause hypertension. And doctors should do an eye exam to rule out eye problems that can trigger hypertension.

In addition, children should also receive an ultrasound of the heart, known as an echocardiogram, to check for LVH, she said. "It's a mistake not to do it,"

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE IN KIDS: THE FACTS

Hypertension in children:

- **Affects** as many as 4 million children in the U.S.
 - **Is more** frequent and more severe in black families than in whites.
 - **If untreated**, can lead to heart failure and death.
- Risk factors include obesity and having a parent with high blood pressure.

All children 3 and older should have annual blood pressure checks. Doctors should evaluate the readings with charts that indicate normal blood pressure by age, gender and height.

Sources: Johns Hopkins Children's Hospital researchers, American Heart Association

she said.

But some pediatricians say the extensive ultrasound may not be necessary for every child with elevated blood pressure. First, parents should be advised to encourage their child to exercise and limit salty foods, which can cause high blood pressure, said Dr. Charles Shubin, director of pediatrics at Mercy Medical Center in Baltimore.

"How much do you subject a larger population to get that if there is very low incidence of that problem?" he said. Of course, he said, if blood pressure is consistently high, doctors should order tests.

Brady says monitoring is critical because hypertension strikes some children who have no underlying health problems, making it difficult to detect without further tests. If the high blood pressure is severe, children can have symptoms such as bloody noses, headaches and shortness of breath.

"But often, hypertension is silent in kids," said Brady. "The kid looks fine; the kid seems healthy and has no complaints."

Newborns' blood samples raise privacy questions

By Rob Stein
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Matthew Brzica and his wife hardly noticed when the hospital took a few drops of blood from each of their four newborn children for routine genetic testing. But then they discovered that the state had kept the dried blood samples ever since — and was making them available to scientists for medical research.

"They're just taking DNA from young kids right out of the womb and putting it into a warehouse," said Brzica, of Victoria, Minn. "DNA is what makes us who we are. It's just not right."

The couple is among a group of parents challenging Minnesota's practice of storing babies' blood samples and allowing researchers to study them without their permission. The confrontation, and a similar one in Texas, has focused attention on the practice at a time when there is increasing interest in using millions of these collected "blood spots" to study diseases.

Michigan, for example, is moving millions of samples from a state warehouse in Lansing to freezers in a new "neonatal biobank" in Detroit in the hopes of helping make the economically downtrodden city a center for biomedical research. The National Institutes of Health in Washington, D.C., is funding a \$13.5 million, five-year project aimed at creating a "virtual repository" of blood samples from around the country.

The storage and use of the blood is raising many questions, including whether states should be required to get parents' consent before keeping the samples long-term or making them available to scientists, and whether parents should be consulted about the types of studies for which they are used. The concern has prompted a federal advisory panel to begin reviewing such issues.

"There has not been a good national discussion about the use of these samples," said Jeffrey Botkin, a pediatrician and bioethicist at the University of Utah who is studying policies and attitudes about the newborn blood samples as part of a federally funded project. "Genetics is an area that touches a nerve. The public is concerned about massive databases."

Hospitals prick the heels of more than 4 million

babies born each year in the U.S. to collect a few drops of blood under state programs requiring that all newborns be screened for dozens of genetic disorders. The programs enable doctors to save lives and prevent permanent neurological damage by diagnosing and treating the conditions early.

Although parents are usually informed about the tests and often can opt out if they object for religious and other reasons, many give it little thought in the rush and exhaustion of a birth. And parents are generally not asked for permission to store the samples or use them for research. Each state determines what is done with the blood spots afterward.

"We consider them a national treasure," said Sharon Terry, of the Genetic Alliance, a coalition that promotes genetics research. "We think they offer us the beginnings of a national blood bank to understand disease at an early age and follow people longitudinally over time."

The stored samples are mostly used to validate the accuracy of newborn screening and evaluate new tests. But scientists are also using them for other types of research, including to study specific genetic disorders, explore the frequency and causes of birth defects, decipher how genes and environmental factors interact, and probe whether exposure to chemical pollutants early in development plays a role in cancer and other diseases.

Research projects are approved, officials in Maryland and other states said, only after undergoing careful scientific and ethical review. In most cases, all identifying information is stripped from the samples.

"I've never heard anyone complain that their privacy was violated or their dried blood was used for something that negatively impacted them," said Michael Watson, of the American College of Medical Genetics, which has the NIH contract to create an electronic database of newborn blood samples from across the country.

But the states can still link each sample to an individual child — and that worries some parents, patient groups, bioethicists and privacy advocates, especially with advances in genetics and electronic data banks linking medical information from different sources.



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A newborn undergoes a heel stick to get blood for test at Inova Loudoun Hospital in Leesburg, Va. Parents in Minnesota and Texas are challenging the practice of storing babies' blood samples and allowing researchers to study these collected 'blood spots' to study diseases without parental permission.

Take these steps to avoid having your pets get fleas

The Washington Post

With warmer weather comes a crop of new fleas. Fleas are not only annoying, they can transmit diseases. Keeping pets indoors is of course the best way for them to avoid fleas, however, sometimes the pesky bugs find their way

inside anyway.

This year, consider taking steps to keep those annoying little creatures off your pet and off of you and your furnishings:

- **Wash** pet bedding frequently in hot water.
- **Comb** your cat or dog with a metal comb.
- **A dehumidifier** set to

keep your home's humidity below 50 percent creates less of an attractive environment for fleas.

- **Steam clean** your carpets regularly.

• **If you suspect** fleas in the house, detach and seal your vacuum bag after you finish cleaning and take it outside into your trash can,

making sure to put the lid on tight. If you have a bagless vacuum, empty the dirt cup frequently into a bag, seal it and remove to a covered trash container outdoors.

- **Consult** with your vet about safe ways to treat your pet for a flea infestation.

THE TWO SIDES OF CHARITY

At Blaine County's Hunger Coalition, the line can often be thin between volunteer and recipient. Two local families talk about their experiences helping and being helped.

NEXT WEEK IN FAMILY LIFE



What's going down on the 'marriage-go-round'?

By Ellen McCarthy
The Washington Post

The demographers of the world have established the following: Americans get married more often than our counterparts in other wealthy nations, we get divorced more often, and when we're living with someone and the relationship goes south, we're quicker than most to hit the escape hatch.

But, why? That's the question that has consumed Andrew Cherlin, a Johns Hopkins University sociologist, for the past few years. Why do we, as a society, trade in our significant others so much? And what does that mean for our kids?

"There's more turnover in American families," says Cherlin, 60, during a recent interview from his Baltimore office. "I wanted ... to go back in history and think hard about culture and look at economics and figure out why that might be."

The result of that inquiry is Cherlin's new tome, "The

Marriage-Go-Round: The State of Marriage and the Family in America Today." The statistic-heavy 288-page book, published by Knopf, walks readers through the history of marriage in this country starting from the 17th century.

In that evolution, he writes, lies the answer to "why? As a society, we developed competing priorities: We at once revere the institution of marriage but put personal fulfillment above almost all else.

"We want to be partnered up and married, but after we're married, we judge our relationships in a very personal way," explains Cherlin, who is on his second marriage. "We keep asking ourselves 'Am I happy? Am I getting what I need?' And if the answers one day come back negative, we're more likely to leave a relationship."

Almost 90 percent of Americans will marry during their lifetimes; the divorce rate hovers around 50 percent. Other developed nations, Cherlin found, place

strong emphasis on either relationships or individualism, but in no other place is there such heavy belief in both.

One of the most revealing statistics Cherlin turned up is that a child with married parents in the U.S. is more likely to see his family break up than a child in Sweden with parents who never married. And that, Cherlin says, is the real issue.

"If we're talking about individuals without children, how many relationships they have and how long they last is pretty much their own business," says Cherlin. "The problem, if there is one, is what it does to American kids.

"Kids need stability in their households, and our family structure gives them less of it than does any other prosperous nation," he says.

"If you already have a child and you've broken up with the other parent, slow down," Cherlin adds. "Take your time bringing new people into your household."

Cherlin points to our mod-

ern sense of mobility as a contributing factor in the prevalence of divorce. "People who move long distances lose their support systems," Cherlin says. Divorce rates are significantly higher in Florida and the West, where the population is rich with transplants, than in Upper Midwest states like Minnesota and North Dakota, where people tend to stay put.

Cherlin believes it may turn out to be a good thing for the longevity of their relationships that people are waiting longer to get married. Many of the Gen-Xers tying the knot today are themselves children of divorce, he says, but it's too early to know if they'll repeat their parents' patterns.

Of one thing he is sure: Divorce has done little to lessen our veneration of marriage.

"It's becoming a symbol of living a successful personal life," Cherlin says. "It's as if marriage is the ultimate personal badge, and everyone wants to wear it."

WEDDINGS

Parish-Tolman

Because you have shared in our love and friendship, Sonja K. Parish and Martin L. Tolman would like to request your presence at an open house given in their honor to celebrate their marriage in the Twin Falls Idaho Temple.

The celebration will be held Friday, July 17, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the LDS Meeting House at 680



Sonja Parish and
Martin Tolman

Hankins Road North, Twin Falls.

Taylor-Schmitt

Stephanie Taylor and Randy Schmitt were married June 13, 2009, at their home in Washougal, Washington.

The bride is the daughter of Norman and Judy Taylor of Rupert. The groom is the son of Rodney and Rose Schmitt of Heyburn.

The bride earned a bachelor of science in health care administration from Idaho State University and works as an electronic medical records trainer/software analyst for The Vancouver Clinic.

The groom earned three



Stephanie Taylor and
Randy Schmitt

associate degrees in diesel, diesel electric and electrical instrumentation from Idaho State University and works as a level T3 operations technician for Williams Northwest Pipeline.

ENGAGEMENTS

Rupert-Skaggs

Steven Lyle Rupert and Deborah Lea Rupert of Burley are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter, Desiree Lea Rupert, to Stephen Phillip Skaggs, the son of Stephen and Pamela Skaggs, of Hurst, Illinois.

The ceremony and reception will be held at the Sweetheart Manor in Burley July 18 at 6 p.m.



Stephen Skaggs and
Desiree Rupert

Dawson-Skuza

Jim and Sandy Dawson of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Christina Dawson, to Kyle Skuza, son of Gregg and Patty Skuza of Kimberly.

Christina is a 2007 graduate of Twin Falls Christian Academy and is currently in the CSI nursing program. She is employed at Tomato's Italian Grill in Twin Falls.

Kyle is a 2005 graduate of Twin Falls High School and attended CSI. He is currently employed at Ameritell in Twin Falls.



Kyle Skuza and
Christina Dawson

The wedding is planned for July 25 at the First Church of the Nazarene, Twin Falls. A reception will follow at The Ballroom in Twin Falls.

Ewing-O'Connor

Duane and Debbie Anderson of Seeley Lake, Montana, announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan Ewing, of Twin Falls, Idaho, to Mark O'Connor, son of John and Dawn O'Connor of Hunt, Idaho.

Ewing is a 2008 graduate of Valley High School and is currently working at St Luke's Magic Valley, and attending the College of Southern Idaho. O'Connor is a 2007 graduate of Valley High School and attended the College of Southern Idaho to study welding and



Mark O'Connor and
Megan Ewing

currently is employed at Giltner Trucking in Jerome as a welder.

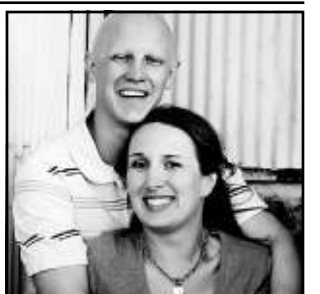
The wedding and reception is planned for Saturday, July 25th, in Seeley Lake, Montana, at the bride's parents' home.

Pfefferle-Greenwood

Lawrence and Suzy Pfefferle of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashlee Lin Pfefferle, to Travis William Greenwood, son of John and Pam Greenwood of Davenport, Washington.

Pfefferle is a 2001 Twin Falls High School and a 2006 graduate of Lynn University in Boca Raton, Florida, with a masters in business administration, specializing in marketing. She is currently employed with FEMA as a hazard mitigation specialist.

Greenwood is a 1999 graduate of Davenport High School and is employed at



Travis Greenwood and
Ashlee Pfefferle

Micron Technology in Boise as a process coordinator.

The wedding is planned for Friday, the 31st of July, at a private residence in Twin Falls, and the reception is on Saturday, the 1st of August, at The Ballroom. The couple will reside in Boise.

Learning disabilities prompt author to offer aid to others

By Kathleen Hom
The Washington Post

When Quinn Bradlee was born 26 years ago, doctors detected a heart murmur, and he had open-heart surgery at three months. Then he began to have seizures, sometimes several a week. He had repeated infections, a hernia, a prolapsed lung, an allergic reaction to a bee sting: "It was always something," he says. Meanwhile, he developed speech problems and a range of learning disabilities. One teacher told his parents, *Washington Post* veterans Benjamin Bradlee and Sally Quinn, that they should never expect Quinn to function as a normal adult.

His parents, like his doctors, were flummoxed by his multiple problems. It wasn't until he was 14 that the explanation was found: Quinn Bradlee has velocardiofacial syndrome (VCFS), a disorder resulting from a tiny, random variation of DNA on chromosome 22. The syndrome is not uncommon, though little understood.

Quinn went on to graduate from high school with honors, attend college, participate in sports, make friends — and write a memoir, "A Different Life," published this year. He lives in the District of Columbia and produces a Web site, friendsofquinn.com, for the HealthCentral Network. Post staff writer Kathleen Hom interviewed Bradlee recently. Excerpts from their conversation:

Q. Tell me about your reasons for writing the book and creating the Web site:

A. I've gotten lots of e-mails on www.friendsofquinn.com saying our situation is a lot like yours, we spent 10 years, 14 years wasting all this money. Us going to endless doctors, research, (and) nobody has ever heard of it. So it's one of the reasons why I created my Web site because I wanted it to just be one huge blob of resource space, basically, and be a social networking source for people with learning disabilities.

I'm actually trying to change "learning disabilities" to "learning differences," because when I think of "disabled," I think of like a tank being disabled; it can't move. But "differences;" it's just you learn differently. Technically everybody has a learning difference because everybody learns differently.

Q. How do you deal with instances when you have a moment where your learning difference sets you apart?

A. I kind of joke around and say, "I think I just had a senior

moment." For instance, I just left my keys up in New York at the apartment.

I couldn't drive to work, I had to take a cab. I couldn't get my computer because my desk-drawer key was on my key chain. For some reason, whenever I forget something, the whole world goes to hell.

Q. You entered Washington's Lab School for learning-disabled students at the age of 4. That's extremely young. Did that help? Would you advise parents of other children with LD to take such early action?

A. I think I would. I think the Lab School is a good school because it's hands-on, and people with LD are very much hands-on people for the most part; of course, it varies like everything else.

I was labeled as retarded as a baby, and I can only imagine my parents, what they must've felt. My mom broke down into tears, called the Lab School, told them about it, and even the Lab School was shocked to hear about it. They wouldn't believe it. So the Lab School is a very warm and friendly place for people who learn different and who aren't considered "normal" people.

Q. Do you feel like you've "caught up" to other young people, or is it an ongoing process?

A. Learning differences don't go away. Dyslexia or whatever you have stays with you for life even if you think Scientology is going to cure it. (He laughs.) It's not.

Q. Are there any future health issues related to VCFS that you think you'll have to tackle as you get older?

A. I read, which kind of scared me, that VCFS can cause strokes, but I think that's for people who have extreme cases. And I think the reason why it took me so long to be diagnosed was because my case was so mild. They thought I just had dyslexia or something like that, which is actually what I would go around telling people — (that) I had dyslexia, when I actually have velocardiofacial syndrome. I got so annoyed with having to explain myself everywhere I went. So I thought maybe if I wrote a book, people would just shut up and stop asking me these questions.

Q. Is the book meant to be about being learning disabled, or about the trials of youth in general?

A. When I first set out to write the book, it was a book about me. It is about my experience. ... It was never meant



to be a guide, I guess, for people with learning disabilities. But that seems to be what it's turning into.

Q. In it you describe smoking marijuana and your first sexual experience. Why did you decide to be so open?

A. I've always been open my whole life. I want to educate people. The more open I was, the more other people would build their self-confidence to be open about their problems. Because everybody has problems. ... The more and more people get confident and share their stories, then we can educate people and then people won't look at us so weird.

Q. Do you think your Web site is a good vehicle for health information?

A. What I'm hoping is that it'll be one huge community and there will be communities within communities. Just now people are starting to ask other members of the Web site, "I've been here and there. Does anyone have any other information on where I can do this?" And somebody else who has found what they're looking for will be able to offer advice.

We have experts (on the site), and my doctor, Dr. Robert Shprintzen in Syracuse, is there. He's the main doctor for VCFS ... It's also called Shprintzen syndrome because technically he didn't discover it, but he was the one that put all the research in and he's the one that's really taken it to the next level. ...

I think people with VCFS or parents of children (who have it) have known that it's the second most common syndrome after Down syndrome. But you don't know what a big community that is until you start a Web site like this and everybody just pours in. I was totally surprised. I couldn't believe the number of people. And the Web site is almost turning into a place not just for VCFS, but it's for all sorts of learning disabilities.

From the book

From "A Different Life," by Quinn Bradlee with Jeff Himmelman:

When we got the diagnosis, I was confused. My parents were relieved, because now they had something they could say. I wasn't sure whether it was good news or bad news. I didn't know whether to be satisfied or not. But I didn't start blaming everything I did wrong on that. I thought, "All right, well now I know I have VCFS, and that's responsible for a lot of my trouble with my health and in school. But what can I really blame on it? I'm still the same person."

When you have a syndrome that nobody's ever heard of, there are a lot of times when you don't know if what you're doing is normal, if everybody else does it, or if you're doing something wrong. Because nobody really knows what VCFS is, it's hard to know what to say when people ask about it. That's why I always say I'm dyslexic, even though that's not the full story. When people ask what VCFS is, the explanation takes so long that I want to say, "I don't know, dude. It's a disorder." But you can't do that. If I get lost in the middle of nowhere, I never go up to somebody and say, "I'm lost and I have VCFS." They'd look at me like I was from Mars. I hope maybe this book will help change that.

Learning-disabled kids are like slower-growing trees. We're not as fast, maybe, as some other kids are. Sometimes the strong trees sprout up really fast. But sooner or later, the other trees that haven't are going to grow, too, and eventually catch up.

The times when I am happiest are when I concentrate on the things I am good at. There are only two things I can do without screwing up: surfing and snowboarding. On the board, I can never screw up, I can only learn from my mistakes. That's how you should look at life.

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Well, you see what the book says

NOW DO IT!

Book Club: They're spreading the word to help the Earth

By Margaret Webb Pressler
The Washington Post

"Recycle This Book, 100 Top Children's Book Authors Tell You How to Go Green," edited by Dan Gutman. For ages 9-12. 258 pages.

You want to help the Earth, but how? You remember to turn off the lights (most of the time!), but what else can ordinary people do that will make a difference?

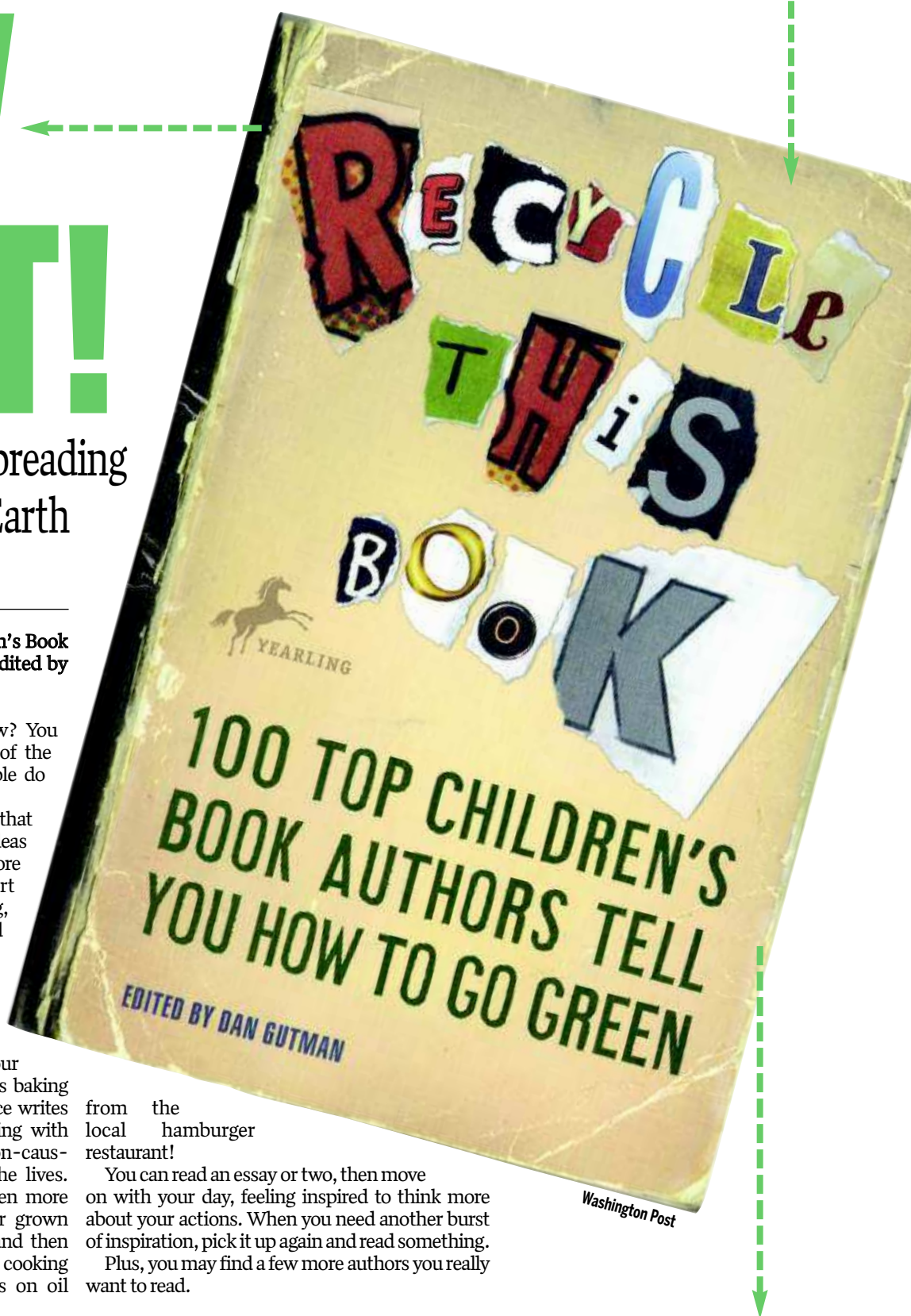
"Recycle This Book" will help answer that question. It has 100 tips with real-life ideas for you and your family to become more green. The best part is that these short pieces of advice, most just two pages long, are written by some authors you know and love, such as Andrew Clements ("Frindle") and Lois Duncan ("Hotel for Dogs"). They are all fun to read.

Author and illustrator Lisa Desimini, for example, suggests some smart ways to get the chemical cleaners out of your house by using natural products, such as baking soda and lemon oil. Author Iain Lawrence writes about how he became an activist, joining with neighbors to fight the building of a pollution-causing power plant on the island where he lives. Author Rosemary Wells (who has written more than 100 books!) tells the story of her grown daughter becoming an organic farmer and then converting the engine in her car to run on cooking oil rather than gasoline. The car runs on oil

from the local hamburger restaurant!

You can read an essay or two, then move on with your day, feeling inspired to think more about your actions. When you need another burst of inspiration, pick it up again and read something.

Plus, you may find a few more authors you really want to read.



Read about it, then do it!

This whole book is about inspiring you to do things that will help the planet, so it's easy to turn the pages of this book into real-life actions.

Why not start with something that would benefit the whole family? Find out more information about the recycling laws in your area. In some areas, for example, yogurt containers should not be put out with recycling, while in other areas they can be. Armed with this information, you can spend a week making sure your family is recycling everything the right way. They'll thank you for it!

You might also like ...

If 100 essays on ways to go green aren't enough for you, then check out "The New 50 Simple Things Kids Can Do to Save the Earth" from the EarthWorks Group. It's an update to the popular first edition, which came out in 1990. One neat idea shows you how to tell if your shower puts out too much water by using an empty milk carton.

What happens when a sea turtle gets sick

By Glenn Paterson
Special to The Washington Post

ANIMAL HAZARDS FACT

Plastic shopping bags sometimes end up as litter in streams and rivers. Try to limit your use of these bags!

Did you hear the one about the sea turtle that checked herself into the hospital? It's no joke. It really happened at the Turtle Hospital in Marathon, Fla.

The Turtle Hospital is dedicated to helping sick and injured sea turtles. Sometimes, sea turtles get injured by boats or they get bellyaches after eating trash that people throw into the ocean. Others turtles get bitten by sharks or catch viruses.

When that happens in the Florida Keys, the staff of the Turtle Hospital races to the rescue. The hospital even has a turtle ambulance. However, several months ago the hospital workers didn't have to go to get the sick turtle. Instead, the turtle came to them!

On March 29, a young loggerhead turtle swam into the small inlet near the hospital. At first, the hospital staff didn't pay much attention.

But when the workers noticed that the turtle was still in the inlet hours later, they decided to investigate. After bobbing around in a couple of small boats for 45 minutes waiting for the

turtle to surface, they were able to catch her and bring her to the hospital for an examination.

It was good that they did, because Kincaid, as she was later named, was a very sick turtle. She looked very thin and she had an infection in her blood.

The Turtle Hospital workers wondered how Kincaid had known to come to them for help, but because they don't have a Dr. Doolittle who can communicate with turtles, it will remain one of nature's mysteries.

Sea turtles eat whatever food they happen to find. Unfortunately, they sometimes mistake plastic trash bags or tangled fishing line floating in the ocean for food.



Photos by GLENN PATERSON/The Washington Post
Scooter, a juvenile loggerhead sea turtle, was found in a canal last October, very weak and emaciated. He was treated at the Turtle Hospital in Marathon, Fla.

says Kincaid is feeling much better now, and they hope to release her soon.

So, please don't litter in or around the ocean, and be especially careful with plastic items and fishing line. If you want to learn more about Kincaid and the other turtles being treated at the Turtle Hospital, ask your parents and then visit www.turtle-hospital.org.



Growths that look like cauliflower are a sign of fibropapilloma, a viral illness that can kill turtles. The Turtle Hospital in Marathon, Fla., is dedicated to helping sick and injured sea turtles.

Listen up, but keep it down

By Margaret Webb Pressler
The Washington Post

Have you ever been listening to your iPod and had someone try to talk to you — but you couldn't hear them?

If so, your iPod is probably turned up too loud. And if it is, there are a lot of reasons to turn it down.

Many kids today have portable MP3 players that they listen to regularly, and that has raised concern among experts who study hearing.

That's because if you listen to something that's even somewhat loud over a long period of time, it can cause hearing loss in the long run. At first you may not notice it, but it could become a problem, according to Anne Oyler, who is an audiologist, or hearing specialist.

"If they feel they want to turn it up for one song, that's fine. But if you listen to an iPod every day at a very loud level, gradually over time you're going to notice that your hearing has gone down," Oyler said. Think about it: No other generation has started listening to music through headphones and earbuds this young. So no other generation has ever been at such a high risk for hearing loss.

So how loud is too loud? Every song is different, and every device is different, but Oyler said a good rule of thumb is that you should be able to hear what's going on around you, such as a person talking in a normal voice an arm's length away. (And that person should not be able to hear what you're listening to.)

Of course, you may not always want to hear what's going on around you. "I'm always able to hear the conversations. I may not be paying attention, but I can hear them," said Radhika Rajkumar, 13, of Washington, who said she listens to her iPod off and on all day.

Radhika said she and her friends are aware that loud volume can cause hearing loss, but it's more of an issue for kids who like to listen to music that she said "sounds better" when it's loud. Radhika said she only sometimes listens to those kinds of songs.

Oyler said she'd like to see kids remove themselves from the "noisy" world occasionally to experience quieter sounds and environments. "Listening to quiet sounds is good for you. It lowers your blood pressure. It relaxes you," she said.

Radhika said she prefers to have her iPod on but does have one place where she likes to listen to something quiet: "Sometimes I like to just go sit in the backyard and listen to the birds, listen to nature. It can be really nice."

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HOW LOUD IS TOO LOUD?

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association has a Web site where you can play games and find more information on the appropriate volume for music in earbuds at www.listentoyourbuds.org.

Sounds on the decibel chart

Some common sounds listed by their decibel level:

- 0: The quietest sound you can hear
- 30: Whispering
- 60: Normal conversation
- 70: Recommended listening level (50 percent volume on Apple iPod with earbuds)
- 85: Telephone dial tone (start to need hearing protection)
- 105: Earbuds, volume all the way up
- 110: Baby crying
- 120: Ambulance siren
- 140: Jet engine at takeoff