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## Suit filed in toddler's death at day care

Parents sue Happy Feet Day Care in Twin Falls

By Andrea Jackson  
Times-News writer

A Twin Falls mom is suing Happy Feet Day Care owners and employees for at least \$25,000 for alleged negligence after a toddler asphyxiated and died in July.

The five-page lawsuit from Shyloh Masuo was filed Aug. 11 in the Twin Falls 5th Judicial District and asserts that her toddler son Brendan Joshua Becker died on July 5 due to negligence by the owners and two unnamed employees of the day care.

According to the lawsuit, the day care's married owners are Gloria Galan and Julio Silva. Two of their employees are also under suit, though their last names are not listed in the court record.

Galan and Silva are "vicariously liable for the negligence" of their employees, the lawsuit

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## As farmers age, plans match aspirants with pros

By Sharon Cohen  
Associated Press writer

RICHLAND, Iowa — He quit his job and drove his wife and their four young daughters across country, a 21st-century pioneer lured to these faraway farm fields by the promise of a life-changing deal with an older stranger.

Isaac Phillips always wanted to be a farmer. But some friends as well as colleagues at the Utah jail where he supervised inmate work

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AP photo

Farmer Isaac Phillips stands in a cornfield on his farm in Richland, Iowa, on July 14.

# THE PRICE

TRAVEL, COACH PAY, FEES ALL UP FOR DEBATE IN HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

# TO PLAY

"The price of victory is high but so are the rewards."

Alabama football coach Paul "Bear" Bryant wasn't talking about cash when he was quoted more than 40 years ago, but across the country school administrators are gauging the importance of athletics in relation to their budgets. South-central Idaho is no exception.

Sports have their place in public education, providing a structured environment for students to remain active and learn about teamwork, respect and discipline. But how much of a school's resources should they consume?

Transportation, coach stipends, uniforms, equipment and the like don't come free, and everything is up for consideration when it comes to school budgets tightened in the coming fiscal year by an unprecedented

decrease in state education funding.

Gooding principal and athletic director Chris Comstock waived his athletic director's stipend and the school dropped its transportation and operation fee to just \$20 per student.

Buhl, Kimberly, Filer, Wood River, Twin Falls and many others will cut down on travel to road contests with a new area school to schedule — Canyon Ridge.

The price of victory may be high when the currency paid is sweat and sacrifice. However, the monetary toll of participation is beginning to shape the world of high school athletics as much as the athletes and coaches who toil toward championships.

In the three-day series, "The Price to Play," the *Times-News* will explore the cost of high school sports and who foots the bill.



THE PRICE TO PLAY  
HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS



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Depth of cuts varies at three area schools  
Area athletes scale back on summer camps due to slumping economy

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## Liquid gold from the spigot

Water a precious commodity as rates swell in M.V.

By John Plestina  
Times-News writer

Water is beginning to look like liquid gold as residential rates are on the rise again this year in several Magic Valley cities.

The cost of tap water in many southern Idaho communities is substantially higher now than five years ago, making it more costly to sprinkle lawns.

Jerome became the latest city to up the ante in water rates. On Thursday, city officials announced they want the City Council to pass a 74 percent increase in residential rates, citing

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### WATER RATES AND INCREASES

A list of municipal water rates and proposed rate increases around southern Idaho

| Twin Falls             |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Base rate              | Proposed increase |
| \$8.15/2,000 gal.      | 12 percent        |
| \$1.29/1,000 gal after |                   |

| Jerome                            |                   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Base rate                         | Proposed increase |
| \$8.55                            | 74 percent        |
| 90 cents per 100 cubic feet/month |                   |

| Kimberly  |                   |
|-----------|-------------------|
| Base rate | Proposed increase |
| \$34.90   | 4.9 percent       |

| Shoshone  |                   |
|-----------|-------------------|
| Base rate | Proposed increase |
| \$10.50   | None              |

| Gooding                   |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Base rate                 | Proposed increase |
| \$7.80 (first 1,200 gal.) | None              |
| \$8.60 (after 1,300 gal.) |                   |

| Wendell                  |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Base rate                | Proposed increase |
| \$16; \$1 per 1,000 gal. | None              |

| Heyburn             |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Base rate           | Proposed increase |
| \$27.49/5,000 gal.  | 3 percent         |
| 55 cents/gal. after |                   |

| Burley                    |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Base rate                 | Proposed increase |
| \$14.70/3,000 gal.        | TBA               |
| 52 cents/1,000 gal. after |                   |

| Rupert              |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Base rate           | Proposed increase |
| \$15/2,000 gal.     | TBA               |
| 81 cents/1,000 gal. |                   |

| Buhl                         |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Base rate                    | Proposed increase |
| \$9.50/12,000 gal.           | None              |
| Plus: \$23.50 for water bond |                   |



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# MORNING BRIEFING

## Pat's Picks

Three things to do today

Pat Marcantonio



• For straight shooters, try the Jerome Gun Club sporting clays shoot, a 100-target event with a 9 a.m. sign up and 10 a.m. start at the club, 11 miles north of junction of Idaho Highway 93 and Interstate 84. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$14 for juniors. Tack on \$5 extra for nonmembers. The first 50 targets are free for newcomers.

• Dance to live music from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center 530 Shoshone St. W. Admission is \$4. Then it's the Singles Friendship

Dance from 6 to 11 p.m. Bring non-alcoholic beverages. All ages welcome; kids under 16 must be accompanied by a parent. Admission is \$4 per person.

• And for catchers of rainbow trout, visit Roseworth Reservoir, which is located about 17 miles west of Rogerson. There are docks and restrooms.

*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@gmagicvalley.com.*

## Day care

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states "under the doctrine of respondent superior."

The lawsuit, filed through Twin Falls-based attorney Robyn Brody, alleges the defendants "breached their duty of care" on or about July 3, 2009. "As a result of the defendants' negligence, Brendan Joshua Becker died of asphyxiation that occurred while in the care of defendants."

The lawsuit says that

Masuo, along with Becker's father and Masuo's other children who were watched by the day care have suffered from "emotional distress."

The defendants' "misconduct was reckless" according to the suit, which asks for at least \$10,000 in special damages, another \$10,000 at minimum for general damages, at least \$5,000 in attorney fees in the event of default judgment, and

interest on all medical and funeral expenses.

Twin Falls police told the *Times-News* last month that they were called on July 3 to the day care on the 1900 block of Elizabeth Boulevard, because 14-month-old Becker was not breathing. The child was resuscitated by first responders and taken by helicopter to a Boise hospital, where he died two days later, the police said.

On Friday, Twin Falls

Police Lt. Craig Stotts said the child's death is still under investigation.

A Gloria Galan of Twin Falls served one term on the Twin Falls City Council from 2000 to 2004. A residential phone number listed to her name rang unanswered on Friday.

The case is pending in Twin Falls 5th District Court and no hearing dates have been set, according to online court records.

## TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

### ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

**Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center dance**, with music by the Melody Masters, 2 to 5 p.m., \$4 per person; and **Singles-Friendship-Dance**, with single families welcome from 6 to 8 p.m. and singles only from 8 to 11 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., \$4 per person, (children under age 16 must be accompanied by adult), non-alcoholic beverages welcome, no tobacco, 734-5084.

**Music From Stanley concert series**, features Idaho musical group Poke, 4 to 8 p.m., Redfish Lake Lodge, Stanley, no cost, 208-484-9117 or musicfromstanley@gmail.com.

**Sun Valley Summer Symphony**, features violinist Vadim Gluzman, 5:30 p.m. doors open and 6:30 p.m. program, Sun Valley Pavilion, Sun Valley Resort, free admission, svsummersymphony.org or 622-5607.

### SPORTS

**Jerome Gun Club sporting clays shoot**, a 100-target event, 9 a.m. sign up and 10 a.m. start, at the club, 11 miles north of junction of Highway 93 and I-84 at mile marker 64, \$20 for adults and \$14 for juniors (\$5 extra for non-members) and first 50 targets free for newcomers, 733-6045 or 539-4814.

### TODAY'S DEADLINE

**Registration reminder for Aug. 18, 25 Free Wellness Seminar**, opportunity to improve health, strength and energy for those without insurance or with large deductibles and no Medicare or Medicaid; provided by Ann Bybee RN, CDE and Jeanie Mayer RD, CDE and the Diabetes Self-Management team at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center, with grant from Department of Rural Health, 6 to 8 p.m., Jerome Ambulance building, Jerome, 320-3283 or annbybee@sbfmc.org (pre-registration required).

## PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY



Photo courtesy of the Twin Falls Public Library

Entomological research — the study of insects — has been present in the Magic Valley since 1925. In 1929, a two-story building was erected at 856 Blue Lakes Blvd., where the Chamber of Commerce building now stands. Accompanied by greenhouses, the facility sat on 4.5 acres, donated by the Amalgamated Sugar Co. and the State of Idaho. It became known as 'The Bug House.' There, scientists studied crop pests such as the beet-leafhopper, and conducted bean and plant research. By 1975, the building was deemed unusable (the second floor was unbearably hot in the summer and cold in the winter) and the building was demolished. The research center was moved to Kimberly.



ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

## Match

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crews were leery, telling him: a) don't give up a steady job, b) you're making a big mistake and c) it's a crazy idea.

Phillips knew the business he was plunging into was risky, that there were no guarantees for him in these Iowa hills. And yet, the family moved more than 1,000 miles.

"I thought I may never get a chance like this in my life," Phillips says, two years into his new rise-with-the-rooster career. "I knew there was no way I could do this on my own."

How did this thirtysomething Garth-Brooks look-alike, who had the drive but not the dollars, start farming in Iowa?

He had an instant mentor here: John Adam, who planted his boots on this swath of black earth as a 19-year-old newlywed and over five decades helped raise four children, harvested corn and beans, bred sows and collected a wall of plaques and honors.

Now, the two men — the rosy-cheeked apprentice and the silver-haired teacher — are working together on Adam's farm. One day, if all goes well, Phillips hopes to call part of this land his own.

This is farm matchmaking, a down payment on the future of rural America.

The idea is being tried in a growing number of states as farmers are getting older and working longer: The average age rose to 57 (from 55) and the ranks of the 75-and-up set increased by 20 percent from 2002 to 2007, according to a recent survey. Meanwhile, the number of those younger than 25 has dropped by nearly a third.

The high cost of getting started is intimidating, even for enthusiasts such as Phillips.

So what to do?

Pair the two generations in special programs. Aspiring farmers then don't have to go into deep debt to launch their careers and can hook up with a farmer in his 50s, 60s, or 70s — ideally one who doesn't have heirs who want to follow in his footsteps.

If their personalities mesh, the two can become partners. Later, the hope is the established farmer will sell, rent or make some other arrangement that keeps the younger one on the land.

There's a broader goal, too: Save the family farm. And a bonus: Put more kids in rural schools, pour more money into Main Street, preserve small towns.

No one sees this as THE solution for stemming the exodus in rural America. And no one denies there are financial and emotional minefields.



Farmers Isaac Phillips, left, and John Adam process hogs July 23 in a confinement building in Richland, Iowa.

AP photo

But Dave Baker, the matchmaker who united Phillips and Adam, is a true believer. It's his job to connect fresh-faced wannabes from across the country with Iowa farmers preparing for retirement — or merely pondering it.

"You're not going to take it with you," he tells the established farmers. "You can't place the dirt in the coffin. ... Who else is going to have it? The highest bidder? How does that affect your community? How does it affect your family name? What do you want your legacy to be?"

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More than 30 years ago, Dave Baker was pining for his own piece of land.

While stationed in the Air Force in Germany, he wrote to a distant relative in Iowa, asking for a chance to rent some pasture when he returned.

Back home, Baker worked days and farmed nights and weekends, settling in slowly to a place that's still home.

At Iowa State University, he takes credit for helping arrange more than 30 matches in three years. (A few have fizzled.) It's similar to a dating service, only land and livelihoods are at stake as Baker sifts through applications, searching for compatible pairs. Are they farrow-to-finish guys? Do they prefer chickens to calves?

With Iowa having lost about a quarter of its farms in the last three decades, it's no surprise this idea has taken root here — though several other states are doing something similar.

In Oregon, a new program reaches out to aspiring farmers and those leaving agriculture, looking for possible partners. In Virginia, an online database tries to hook up the two generations. In Nebraska, there are tax breaks for farmers who rent to beginners. And in Washington state, a non-profit group has 300 people eager to start (mostly organic) farming, and 65 landowners looking to give someone a try.

Turning over a farm isn't easy.

There are folks whose nest egg is their land and heirs who won't farm but won't sell, either. And there are old-timers, in their 70s and 80s, who see farming as their identity and their family tradition.

"It's your mooring in life," says Paul Lasley, an Iowa State sociologist. "The land represents more than a business. It's your home. ... For some people, it's very difficult to sell. It's almost like selling part of themselves."

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John Adam's original plan

was to build a big family farm.

His four children would be there, then the grandkids, working together.

He started small with his wife, Colleen — 10 cows, 20 sows — and grew big (1,800 hogs). One day, he expected he'd pass the torch.

"That's kind of the hope and dream of every farmer," he says.

Then the farm crisis of the 1980s hit. Interest rates soared, land values plummeted. "The '80s took the fun out of farming for everyone," Adam says. "It ruined an awful lot of families."

He survived, but when his two daughters and two sons "saw their mother and I struggling to pay the bills," he says, they attended college and found good jobs. He wasn't one to argue with their success.

But decades of heavy labor have taken their toll. Adam, who had a hip replaced twice, says he isn't as agile as he once was — something that makes a difference when handling 500-pound sows.

"I'm 64," he says. "I'm not capable of doing what I did when I was 34. It was time to get young blood in, not just for the physical side, but for the business side of it."

His son-in-law works on the farm, but didn't want to be the in-charge guy, Adam says, so he applied to Baker's program. He was immediately sold on Isaac and Katie Phillips.

Adam says his own kids "all gave their blessing" to the idea. And he has come to see the Utah couple as extended members of his clan.

"My theory has always been you really don't have to be a blood relative to be considered family," he says. "Family is someone who makes life more pleasant, and Isaac does that."

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In a way, Isaac Phillips won a lottery.

Only a few dozen Iowa farmers are looking for partners. Nearly 350 suitors are itching for a shot. Most are from Iowa, ranging from 18 to their 30s; others come from states including Texas, Oklahoma, New York and California.

Phillips had farmed in Utah, raised horses and bred hogs on the side. But it wasn't enough to support a growing family.

As a sheriff's deputy, Phillips had security, but not job satisfaction. He and Katie had long talks about trying to farm, but figured they probably wouldn't get a response to their application.

So when Adam phoned two years ago, Phillips was thrilled.

Phillips says he and his

wife were hesitant to move to Iowa without a contract, but ultimately decided it was too good an opportunity to pass up.

In Iowa, the Adams welcomed Isaac and Katie with a farm tour, showed them the Mormon church the Utah couple had already chosen and drove them to the school their girls would attend.

"If the wife ain't happy, nobody's happy," explains Adam, who also remodeled a four-bedroom farm house for the young family.

For Isaac, there were beginner's jitters.

"I thought, 'Am I smart enough? There are so many people who don't make it,'" he says. "How can I guarantee I'll have something for my family?"

But he adds: "John really took me under his wing. If I tried to buy a farm out there and work it by myself, I would have been a nervous wreck. ... He's not looking over my shoulder all the time. He gives me a little bit of freedom."

Adam, in turn, is impressed with Phillips. "I don't think I've ever heard him say he couldn't do something," he says. "He's always willing to try."

Still, the men have different styles. Phillips likes to write things down; Adam, he says, thinks things out in his head. "I come to him with all these ideas," Phillips says. "He says, 'Just relax, settle down.'"

There have been a few "ruffled feathers," Phillips says, but they've bonded, too. His daughters — he now has five, 10 months to 12 years — affectionately call Adam, "Grandpa John Deere."

The girls quickly adapted to rural life; they help Dad feed the sows, then rush in to give Mom "stinky hugs and kisses."

"We came out here thinking this isn't going to be temporary — it was forever," says Katie Phillips.

As much as they've settled in, the two men still have no written contract.

"I'm still trying to find my place," Phillips says. "I feel a lot more comfortable with where I am and what I'm expected to do," but, he adds: "Am I here as employee? ... Are people expected to look to me for answers? There still is a lot to figure out."

Phillips finds himself feeling different ways, depending on the circumstances.

"Sometimes he (Adam) has to look back, and say, 'Calm down,' so it's like a real father and son," he says. "Sometimes he has to say, 'I'm the boss. This is the way we're doing it.' ... But he looks out for me and my family and I look out for his business and family — and we both care a lot for one another."

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# Water

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an antiquated water system and five years of operating deficits.

But why the significant increases throughout the region?

Growth, water shortages and environmental issues including federal mandates for arsenic treatment are all factors that have led to higher rates, said Association of Idaho Cities Executive Director Ken Harward.

"In each system the rates are specific to what the needs of that system are," he said.

Bill Jarocki, director of the Environmental Finance Center at Boise State University, concurred but added that there is more to consider than growth and environmental concerns.

"It is all of the above and there is no one real thing that is not causing them to go up," he said. "Water rates in Idaho have been artificially low because water systems have not embraced business management principles.

"When we're talking about running a water system, we're talking about running it like a business. According to government accounting principles, water systems should have been run as businesses at least since the late 1980s," he said.

Antiquated water delivery systems built decades ago that now need major renovations contribute to increasing residential rates.

"Systems fall apart, things wear out, and whoever is in there (city councils) during that generation ends up footing the bill," Jarocki said.

He offered Bliss, Buhl and Kimberly as examples of struggling water systems in the Magic Valley.

In contrast, he said, Twin Falls is an example of a well run system in Idaho. "Absolutely, one of the best," Jarocki said.

As a consultant for several municipal water systems in southern Idaho, Jarocki came into the spotlight in the Magic Valley last year.

He gave a lengthy presentation in Kimberly last August that preceded an emotional public hearing

over a proposed water rate increase. He had calculated the rate hike for the city.

Stern opposition greeted that proposal to more than double municipal utility rates — more than 600 Kimberly residents signed a petition protesting it. Nearly 300 Kimberly residents attended the meeting.

But Jarocki told the crowd Kimberly's low water rates had to give way for improved infrastructure, or else the town would lose prospective businesses or homeowners.

"In the city of Kimberly, if no one can flush their toilets you'll get a reputation, wouldn't you?" Jarocki asked the crowd.

The eventual increase was 50 percent, just under half what city officials had first sought. Current unmetered water rates in Kimberly are \$34.90 monthly.

Kimberly Mayor Dave Overacre wrote in the city's newsletter that the current \$75 utility fee, which includes water, sewer and sanitation, will increase by 4.99 percent this year.

Recent attempts to contact several Kimberly residents who testified at the public hearing were unsuccessful.

While reactions to rate hikes have not been as profound as they were in Kimberly, residents of other Magic Valley communities expressed concern for the increasing bite on pocket-books rather than assigning blame to municipal officials.

Lisa Haney sells real estate in the Magic Valley and is a homeowner in Jerome. She said she agrees that a municipal utility should be run as a business, but she also sees the financial difficulties created by frequent rate increases taking a bigger bite out of sometimes small budgets.

"I think there are other ways we could cut back instead of passing another increase onto the people who are struggling," Haney said.

"When I'm watering my lawn in the summers, my bill is \$65 a month or more," said Twin Falls homeowner Connie Walker.

"I don't know the reason

why it's going up. But it seems like the way the economy is, it does not seem like a good time for us to be paying more for our water bills," she said.

Conservation measures are on the rise throughout the West. Many communities have specific dates and times where watering lawns is permitted. In southern Idaho, those are typically three days each week for four hours in the mornings and four hours in the evenings. Some communities impose fines for watering on the wrong dates.

Laurel Park Apartments in Twin Falls began adding a \$35 monthly utility fee last year for each tenant. Manager Patti Curtis said the cost covers water, sewer and the cost of heating the water.

"It's a conservation program to make people aware of what they are using and how much they are using," she said.

Curtis said the program has also encouraged tenants to report breaks in the water system that she said results in prompt repairs.

Water rates are going up this year in Twin Falls, with

an anticipated increase of 12 percent, according to Assistant Finance Director Laurie Race. A higher residential rate that could go into effect Oct. 1 reflects about a 37 percent increase since 2004.

Twin Falls' current base rate is \$8.15 for up to 2,000 gallons used per month. After the first 2,000 gallons, the rate is \$1.29 per 1,000 gallons.

If the City Council approves those rates, they could increase to \$9.12 for the first 2,000 gallons and \$1.44 for each additional 1,000 gallons. Those figures are based on current preliminary budget figures.

Jerome's current rates are higher at a base rate of \$8.55 plus 90 cents per 100 cubic feet used per month.

"We changed the rate to 90 cents from 80 cents last October. Before that, in 2006 it was 72 cents for 100 cubic feet," said City Administrator Ben Marchant.

The question of how high rates will go is still to be determined in Jerome. The second of two town hall meetings is scheduled for Tuesday, where municipal

"I think there are other ways we could cut back instead of passing another increase onto the people who are struggling."

— Lisa Haney, of Jerome

officials will continue to explain and hear input on their proposed 74 percent increase. John Plestina may be reached at 208-358-7062 or jplestina@magicvalley.com.

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## Dietrich officials dispel water rate rumors

By John Plestina  
Times-News writer

DIETRICH — A rumor that Dietrich is raising residential water rates a whopping 400 percent is nothing more than a rumor and Mayor Don Heiken quickly put it to rest Thursday.

Saying that rumors like that go with the territory, Heiken said the small Lincoln County community is actually restructuring its rates to encourage conservation. People who use a lot of water will pay more for it, he said.

"For the lower-end water users, it will be less or it will be the same. For the upper-end water users it will be more," Heiken said.

He explained that voluntary conservation measures are necessary for approval for some government grants the city plans to apply for.

Dietrich's current residential rates are \$22 monthly for 8,500 gallons used and \$1 per thousand up to 17,000. There is a charge of 50 cents per thousand above 17,000 gallons.

Heiken said the new rate rewards frugal water users by charging \$20 per month for 5,000 gallons of usage.

Above 5,000 gallons, there is a charge of \$1 per thousand up to 20,000 gallons and \$2 per thousand above that.

Heiken used a recent water bill for his home as an example.

"I used 7,390 gallons last month. The old rate I paid was \$22. The new rate I would be paying is

\$22.39," he said.

Dietrich will hold a public meeting on the water rate restructuring at the Grange Hall, Monday at 7 p.m.

Jim Phillips, of the Rural Community Assistance Corporation, will attend the meeting to help city officials answer questions from the public.

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# SUMMER CAMP CASH COW DRYING UP?

## Area athletes cut back on summer camps due to slumping economy

**By Ryan Howe**  
Times-News writer

When the Declo High School football team attended a 2008 summer camp at Boise State University, the Hornets vowed to return to Bronco Stadium's blue turf, site of the Class 2A state championship game.

The Hornets accomplished that goal, though they lost 29-28 in overtime to Parma in the title game last November.

This year any appearance on the blue turf will have to come in the postseason. The program stayed home from the summer camp season due to economic reasons.

"A couple of us are disappointed since we've been to camp the past three years," said Declo senior Tyler Briggs. "Enough people couldn't pay for it."

Many high school football teams across the country attend weeklong summer camps offered by college programs. Camps typically range from \$200 to \$300 per camper, and Boise State charges \$295 for overnight campers.

It's an expense that Declo head football coach Kelly Kidd said he didn't feel comfortable asking parents to shoulder this year. Instead, Declo held its own weeklong team camp at the school.

"I don't know how much the recession has hit Declo, but I think it has affected people mentally more than anything," Kidd said. "People are more hunkered down and they want to put money in the bank rather than spend it."

Declo football isn't the only program that decided to stay home this summer. Rather than going to Utah State University or Montana Tech as in previous years, the Valley High School football team attended a more economical camp in New Plymouth. To keep costs down for families, Valley Athletic Director Brian Hardy suggested attending more expensive college camps on alternating years.

"I felt like it wasn't the right timing or the right year to try and ask parents to spend a lot of money and drive to some far-off place," Hardy said. "It's a neat experience for kids who have never done it before. But maybe if you had a team that did it last year and a lot of them are coming back, maybe they could skip a year or two and not do it every single year."

For the college programs that hold the camps, fewer



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attendees mean less revenue, although the economic downturn hasn't led to a decided decline in either among Idaho's major universities.

According to Viliami Tuivai, Boise State's director of football operations, the Broncos hosted more than 1,000 players at its four-day high school camp and 400 at its three-day kids camp in June — as many as in previous years. Tuivai said that while BSU dropped its prices from \$315 to \$295 this year, the price break was minimal, as several teams unaware of the change showed up with checks written out for the old amount, still willing to pay it.

The BSU football camp is the biggest draw of the in-state camps, and its popularity can be attributed to the Broncos' success. According to Tuivai, BSU welcomed players from across Idaho and as far away as New Jersey.

It was the opposite in Moscow. The University of Idaho's football program did not hold a high school team camp this summer. According to the school's athletic camp Web site, the Vandals held two one-day individual camps and two three-day youth camps for ages 7-13. The Idaho athletic department could not be reached for this story.

At Idaho State University in Pocatello, head football coach John Zamberlin said while his 8-man camp attendance was down slightly this year, the 11-man camp was as strong as ever, with 955 participants. Each camp lasted four days and cost between \$125 and \$260



MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Members of the Magic Valley Christian School football team load blocking pads Wednesday for the school's trip to Yellowstone National Park. The team didn't participate in a summer football camp, but the players got practice time in during the retreat.

per camper, depending on whether the camper commuted or stayed in a dorm room.

"I think we're building a great reputation with the schools in the state, and we work hard to coach the kids and build relationships with them," Zamberlin said.

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# MAKING DO WITH LESS:

## Depth of cuts varies at three area schools

**By David Bashore**  
Times-News writer

**GOODING** — The athletic staffs at Glens Ferry, Gooding and Valley school districts will look thinner this season as each school holds to the mantra of making do with less.

The Gooding athletic department has trimmed roughly \$13,000 (17.3 percent) from its coaching budget from \$75,000 this year to around \$62,000 in fiscal 2010, according to first-year athletic director and principal Chris Comstock.

No cuts to travel or equipment expenses are expected, in large part due to the prudence of former athletic director Joleen Toone.

"She did a good job of saving and being frugal where we could so that we're not as impacted," Comstock said. "We haven't scheduled any differently, because we play Wood River and the Community School in everything, so we don't travel all that far."

The projected cuts come via consolidation of positions and a small reduction in coach stipends. Comstock said he will not receive an athletic director stipend, nor will the Senators replace the assistant track coaching position he vacated. An assistant athletic director position was also eliminated. Those cuts saved the school between \$5,500 and \$6,500 for the year,

Comstock said. Cutting head coach stipends by 0.5 percent across the board made up the difference in reaching the \$13,000 cut.

In Glens Ferry, cuts were more severe across the district. Fifteen coaching positions were cut in the district, along with all funding for the high school golf program. The moves got the athletic department to its target of saving roughly \$14,000 in coaching pay for the year. Glens Ferry Principal Jeremiah Johnston didn't have a figure for any travel savings.

All middle school assistant coach and lower-level high school assistant coach pay was eliminated. Glens Ferry has noted the necessity for volunteer assistants, and Johnston said the call has been answered to an extent.

Dropping all golf funding was difficult but necessary in the eyes of administrators.

"Really the issue was that we have a lot of spring sports going on and that one had the least amount of participants," Johnston said, noting the program's cancellation affected one coach and about eight participants. "We simply had to choose."

Johnston added that golfers could still compete, but a volunteer coach would have to be found, and money for travel, equipment, course memberships and other participation-related costs would have to come from players' pockets or fundraisers.

At least one Glens Ferry

golfer is considering just that.

"It's pretty disappointing because it was my main sport and pretty much what I look forward to. But there's not a whole lot I can do about it," said Phillip Owsley, who will be a senior this fall. "If it came down to it, if I do golf then I'll pay out of my pocket, but we'll see. It's pretty far off."

Valley didn't cut any staff or programs directly but opted to save around \$6,000 by not filling vacancies from freshman and assistant coaches that stepped down after the 2008-09 school year.

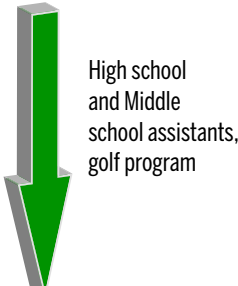
The Vikings also have put their uniform cycle on hold — this year the football team was to get new uniforms, and pushing it back a year nets savings in the area of \$4,000 to \$5,000.

In total, the \$10,000 to \$11,000 saved districtwide should be enough to put the Valley athletic department in good shape, according to Athletic Director Brian Hardy.

"Whether we need (new uniforms) or not, we're just going to have to hold tight for another year and get through the year," Hardy said. "It could have been any sport, it just happened to be football and everyone else will get pushed back a year, too. We'd like to do it, but certainly in tough times we're just not going to have it."

Ryan Howe contributed to this report.

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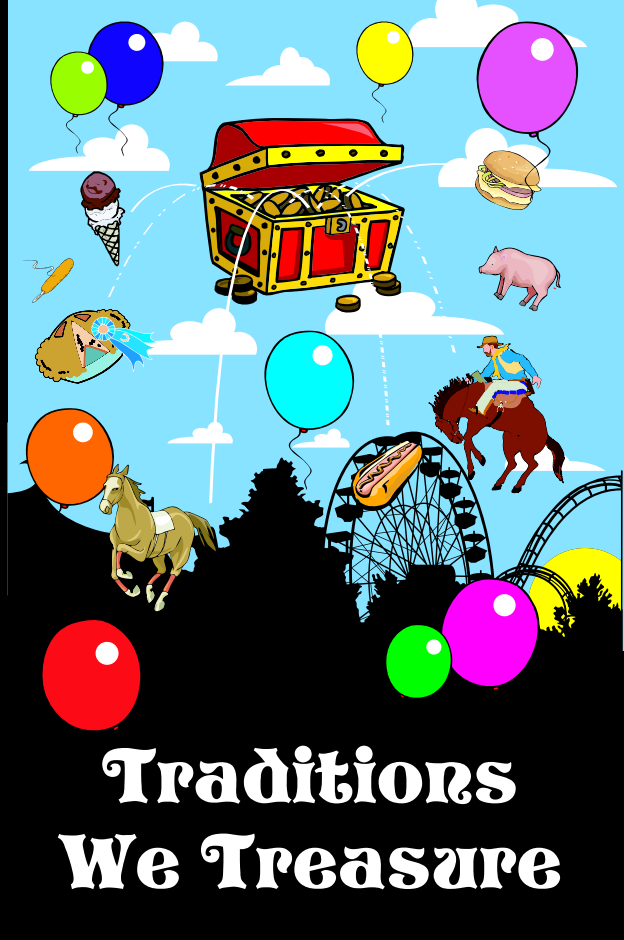
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All lanes on Blue Lakes is scheduled to reopen Monday.

Crews still need to paint lines and remove traffic-control barrels, which they'll do once the concrete has achieved sufficient strength. Final concrete work will continue on several sections of sidewalk and in various business approaches throughout the corridor for up to two weeks. Final work will result in occasional and limited lane closures, and drivers are reminded to watch for construction crews and equipment until all traffic control is cleared from the work zone.

Reconstruction of Blue Lakes and the installation of a new storm water sewer system between Falls Avenue and the Snake River canyon began in March. Work is concluding more than two months ahead of the contract period.

**CSI extends hours**

Offices at the College of Southern Idaho assisting with registration will be open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. each weekday beginning Monday through Aug. 28.

The hours apply to the advising office, bookstore, business office, financial aid, information and records. The Testing Center in the Meyerhoeffer building will be open until 9:30 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, and until 5 p.m. Fridays. The same offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22.

Fall semester classes begin Aug. 24. For more information: 733-9554, 732-6250 or [www.csi.edu](http://www.csi.edu).

**T.F. fire crews douse fire near South Park**

Times-News

Twin Falls Fire Department crews extinguished a brush fire that started as a controlled burn Saturday in the area east of the South Park Softball Complex.

Twin Falls Battalion Chief Ron Aguirre said the blaze, which started around 12:30 p.m., was still under investigation Saturday evening. A crew of 10 firemen with six trucks remained at the scene, just south of the corner of Highland Avenue and Harrison Street South. Two small outdoor barn structures were exposed to flames and hit with minor damage, he said. No injuries were reported.

"It was a controlled burn that got out of control," Aguirre said of the one-acre fire that covered two home-



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Twin Falls Fire Department engines are parked along Harrison Street South near the South Park Softball Complex Saturday after a one-acre fire was extinguished.

owner properties. "We're not sure at this point of other details." A total of one acre was burned across two properties, Aguirre said.

**T.F. man arrested in domestic dispute**

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A Twin Falls man was arrested after firing a gun at his son during an argument Saturday afternoon.

Twin Falls police responded to a domestic dispute a little before 5 p.m. at 2329 Kingsgate Dr.

Jerome Romero, 53, and his 22-year-old son Joshua Romero were arguing about property when the incident occurred, according to Staff Sgt. Ron Fustos. As the argument became heated, Jerome Romero forced his son out of the house at gunpoint. Once he was out of the house, Jerome Romero fired the gun at the door in the direction of his son. The bullet went through the door and lodged into a piece of wood outside the house, Fustos said. No one was injured in the incident, he said.

Jerome Romero was arrested and charged with

unlawful possession of a firearm; and aggravated assault, a misdemeanor, charge of a firearm, both Fustos said.

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# My son, Korea, and the quest for seafood dominance

I sent my now-28-year-old son off to college, where he subsisted — as many college students do — on ramen.

After he graduated, Eric got a good-paying job teaching English in South Korea where he subsists on .... you guessed it.

As a father, where did I go off the beam?

To be fair, Korea's ramen is not the same stuff that your daughter is even now wolfing down at the U of I, getting 17 times the recommended daily dose of sodium in the process. It's actual food, with detectable traces of organic matter in it.

Korean ramen is a hot and spicy soup flavored with chili peppers, although there are varieties flavored with kimchi (fermented cabbage), seafood and beef. Some restaurants offer ramen with different flavors, typically served with carrots, green onions and eggs on top.

Or, as Eric does, you can buy the stuff in bulk at the Costco in Daejon for 5,000 won (about \$4) for a 12-pack.

Fast-food Korean ramen comes in a container that looks like Cup Noodles, which contains — yes — noodles, a sauce packet that you mix with water and another packet with something crunchy that goes on top.

But *something crunchy* is always suspect in Korean stores. Some of these establishments, after all, sell squid jerky.

Which brings us to the reason why my kid is getting way too much salt in his diet.

Koreans are mad for seafood — especially shellfish — and the grosser the fish, the better.

Not too long after he started teaching last fall, Eric went through the school cafeteria line one day and found a squid and an octopus plopped on his plate.

Now this is a lad who wouldn't eat fish sticks. You can imagine his reaction.



DON'T ASK ME

Steve Crump

Not long after that, he acquired a case of food poisoning from eating cafeteria

fare. I'll leave you to speculate what that fare was.

The last straw came at a formal dinner in honor of a senior teacher at his school. Let Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia, explain what happened next:

"Sannakji, or octopus, is a popular Korean dish. It is

served live and still moving on the plate."

Now Eric, at the time, spoke maybe four words of Korean. He was sitting on the floor at table — as is the Korean custom — hemmed in by colleagues and supervisors he was keen to impress. And his dinner was

doing the backstroke in his general direction.

After that, it was ramen 21 meals a week.

But finally, starved of protein, he went to a grocery store and bought a pound of what looked like ground beef.

The next day, he asked his

Korean co-teacher to read the ingredients.

Boy, nothin' beats a juicy burger made of reconstituted crab.

Steve Crump may be reached at 735-3223. Hear him on KLIX-1310 AM at 8:39 a.m. on Fridays.

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“Every sugar producer in America has sugar available to sell.”

Jack Roney,  
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# Price of sugar leaves a bitter taste

## Critics dismiss food producers' cries of shortage

By Jerry Hirsch  
Los Angeles Times

The price of sugar on world markets has soared this year, prompting a coalition of the nation's largest food manufacturers to warn of a pending shortage and to ask the Department of Agriculture to ease quotas on imports.

But although prices have risen domestically and abroad, analysts said fears of empty supermarket shelves are overblown and that the gloomy outlook of big food companies is really part of a larger effort to pressure the government into dismantling sugar trade barriers.

The futures price of sugar traded on world markets closed at 22.2 cents a pound Thursday, down about a penny from the previous day but still up 72 percent in six months. Weather problems in the sugar producing regions of India, the diversion of Brazilian sugar cane to produce ethanol and a growing global sweet tooth are behind the increase, according to analysts.

In a recent letter to Agriculture Secretary Thomas Vilsack, the group warned of “unprecedented shortages.” Without higher quotas on sugar imports, “consumers will pay higher prices, food manufacturing jobs will be at risk and trading patterns will be distorted,” the food companies said.

There is considerable debate about whether the run up in sugar prices is a sign of a looming crisis. Just a fraction of global sugar supplies are traded on international markets. And according to the USDA, the wholesale price of sugar in the United States has risen by a much smaller amount, just 15 percent from a year ago to a little under 35 cents a pound.

“I do not think there will be a severe sugar shortage for U.S. food manufacturers in the near future,” said Tom Graves, a Standard & Poor's equity analyst who follows the big food companies.

Graves said the warning by the food companies was more about the politics of sugar quotas than price spikes or shortages.

With the exception of Mexico, which the North American Free Trade Agreement freed from quotas, U.S. trading partners are limited to exporting more than a combined 1.3 million metric tons of sugar to the United States this year. Mexico will account for roughly the same amount of U.S. sugar imports. The United States consumes about 10 million metric tons, according to the American Sugar Alliance, the trade group that represents domestic sugar farmers.

Food companies have argued that raising the quotas will increase supply and drive down prices.

Sugar producers vigorously have defended any attempts to change the rules, claiming that increased quotas could at some point push prices below the cost of production and drive them out of business.

The USDA is staying out of the battle for now. Spokesman Justin DeJong said the agency will “continue to monitor market developments.”

Some of the biggest names in domestic food production including Hershey Co., Kraft Foods, Mars Inc. and Unilever United States Inc., are part of the coalition seeking higher quotas. But all four companies refused to answer questions about sugar quotas, prices and supplies when called by the Los Angeles Times.

While sugar supplies are tighter than in previous years, which accounts for rising prices, the

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## As credit card companies fail, businesses scramble

Some become ‘deadbeats’ when credit lines reduced

By Diane Dietz  
The Register Guard

EUGENE, Ore. — The news came by e-mail to art glass entrepreneurs Mary Hornig and Christopher Mini.

Advanta Corp. was shutting down its credit card business, canceling the business credit cards the two were using for cash flow in their various successful business ventures.

“What’s happening with this?” Hornig wondered. “It’s just so odd for a credit card company to go out of business with one week’s notice. It was just business as usual — and one day it stopped.”

Pennsylvania-based Advanta closed its accounts to new charges on May 30 in a last-ditch attempt to preserve cash to cover the increasing losses on loans to small businesses.

The result was that 1 million small businesses lost access to a popular cash flow mechanism. Merchants and other businesses had to scramble to switch to alternate cards or find new lines of credit.

That kind of sudden loss of credit — from credit cards or bank lines of credit — has become a major worry for small businesses across the nation, said Jenna Kaluza, director for the National Federation of Independent Business. “Credit lines that businesses have always had are being cut down. They’re having a hard time qualifying for loans even though they’ve always qualified for them in the past.”

Now another company, 101-year-old CIT Group Inc., is on the verge of a bankruptcy that would leave another million small-business owners in the lurch.

While CIT loaned money to small businesses, it also traded heavily in the complicated credit markets. When those markets locked up in late 2007, the company required a \$2.3 billion federal bailout. As the

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“We’re all at the mercy of the financial services industry. I don’t know any business that’s so big they’re not at the mercy of the bankers and the people who loan the money.”

— Christopher Mini, an Oregon entrepreneur

## Behold, a national and rational conversation on health care

Republican strategists and their media rabble-rousers cleverly thought they could dispatch their shock troops this month and kill health reform once and for all.

Instead, they’re on the verge of generating what they’ve been desperate to avoid — an urgent, national, rational conversation on how to make the health-care system fairer and more affordable.

To be sure, many details of health reform are still to be ironed out. But in the end, what is likely to emerge from this conversation is a health system that looks more like what President Obama has in mind than what Republicans have been peddling these past 15 years without any visible signs of success.

At his town hall meeting Tuesday in Portsmouth, N.H., Obama reminded us of the deft political touch and mastery of policy details that won him the presidency. He and the good citizens of southern New Hampshire have set the standard against which other politicians and citizens will be judged.

Here at The Post, we have our own ongoing town hall meeting on the health reform issue — online and in print — that also demonstrates how it is possible to disagree about health reform without



Steven Pearlstein

being disagreeable. In that spirit, I’d like to call attention to three columns by friends and colleagues that appeared over the past week.

Charles Krauthammer weighed in with a two-point plan for health reform that was certainly refreshing in its brevity and simplicity. Charles is not a man to be trifled with on any issue, but particularly on health care, inasmuch as he was trained as a doctor before turning to the higher calling of journalism. His diagnosis of what ails the U.S. health-care system, however, seems stubbornly incomplete.

Yes, the fear of malpractice suits causes many doctors to practice defensive medicine, but its impact on the cost of care is greatly exaggerated.

Krauthammer, like many malpractice critics, relies on an article in the New England Journal of Medicine that is based primarily on a survey of doctors in Massachusetts. Subsequent studies, along with the experience of states that have capped punitive damage awards, suggest that the impact of

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## YOUR BUSINESS

## CAREER MOVES

## Cindy Seaman and Lacy Merrill

Twin Falls dental hygienists, Cindy Seaman BS, RDH, MBA, DM, and Lacy Merrill, BS, RDH, of Sawtooth Dental recently attended RDH Under One Roof in Las Vegas.

The event provides dental hygienists advanced education and hands-on experience in leading-edge dental techniques including therapeutic laser and ultrasonic treatment for gum disease, biofilm and nutritional management for comprehensive oral and systemic health, saliva testing and oral cancer screening technology for assessment oral disease risk factors.

Seaman and Merrill are active members of The American Dental Hygienist's Association, The International Federation of Dental Hygiene, The Academy of Laser Dentistry, The Idaho Dental Hygienist's Association, and the Magic Valley Dental Hygiene Society.



Seaman



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## Trevor Tarter

Edward Jones Financial Adviser Trevor Tarter of Twin Falls recently received the Jack Phelan Award for his outstanding sales and service efforts over the past year.

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recession deepened, the company failed to regain its footing.

For both vulnerable startups and established businesses weakened by the recession, an abrupt loss of quick access to cash could spell the end of the line.

"It worries me. We're all at the mercy of the financial services industry. I don't know any business that's so big they're not at the mercy of the bankers and the people who loan the money," Mini said.

Small businesses are vulnerable to upheaval in the credit card industry because they have become heavily reliant on plastic for cash flow.

A May survey sponsored by the National Small Business Association found a majority of respondents — 59 percent — used business

credit cards for cash to carry them through while waiting for customers to pay. That's up from 16 percent in the early 1990s.

Advanta led the way. Beginning in 2001, the company concentrated on small businesses and aggressively sought to expand its credit card trade.

In 2006, the company brought out its "Very Best Credit Card Available" line for small businesses that offered zero percent interest for 15 months, 5 percent cash back, no-fee employee cards and zero liability.

In 2006, Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine named the Advanta Platinum card the "best card for business expenses." "They were going after mom and pop operations," Mini said.

Other big banks also competed for small busi-

ness, including American Express, Bank of America, US Bank, Wells Fargo and Citibank.

Small business owners walked into banks intending to establish a business line of credit and came out instead with credit cards, said Molly Brogan, spokeswoman for the 150,000 small businesses that belong to the National Small Business Association.

Small businesses used the cards to buy inventory, cover payroll and pay mailing expenses. They could manage their credit lines on the bank's Internet sites, which made for easier accounting. "Their use is expanding because there's so much business-to-business electronic interaction now," said Robin Burk, US Bank regional president in Eugene.

Then, in the wake of the

2008 meltdown, many banks sought to limit their exposure to all kinds of borrower debt, including credit cards.

One-third of respondents to the National Small Business Association survey in May said their credit card lines were reduced in the previous six months. Advanta found that it was losing money by providing such low-cost credit cards to small businesses and began slashing customers' credit lines before ending them entirely.

Mini got a letter saying Advanta was suddenly cutting his \$9,000 credit limit to \$2,292.

"That actually harmed me because I had \$1,500 or \$1,600 on the card at the time and — all of a sudden — I'm over the 50 percent (balance) limit that says you're a deadbeat."

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malpractice awards on overall health spending is nowhere near the 25 percent that doctors like to claim.

That said, there are good political as well as policy reasons why malpractice reform should be part of health reform. But Charles loses me when he proposes that instead of relying on judges and juries, decisions about whether an error was made and whether a doctor should be sanctioned should be made by other doctors. These are the same professionals whose record in refusing to discipline their own is virtually unblemished.

Krauthammer's other observation is that most problems with the health-care system would be solved if people bought their health insurance on the open market rather than getting it at work, where it is subsidized by employers and federal tax breaks. It is certainly true that if we were starting from scratch, nobody today would suggest an employer-based system. But now that we

have it, there is precious little evidence that either employers or workers are eager to scrap it. Nor does experience suggest that a largely unregulated market for individual insurance would provide greater choice or affordability. In fact, the evidence suggests just the opposite.

Also weighing in this week was Robert Samuelson, who takes a back seat to no American when it comes to worrying about big government and big deficits. Unlike Krauthammer, "Sam" correctly identifies fee-for-service medicine as the big culprit in the driving up health-care costs. And, like Obama, he sees the solution in bundled payments to hospitals and coordinated care networks of doctors that would take responsibility for all their patients' medical needs in return for fixed annual payments.

Samuelson's beef with Obama is that the president prefers to introduce these reforms over time, through pilot projects and open competition, instead of

immediately restructuring the Medicare and Medicaid systems to incorporate these ideas. Where Sam senses the lack of courage, however, others might see the astute political judgment of a president who sees the folly of using grandma as the cutting edge of a bold national experiment aimed at redefining the doctor-patient relationship and dramatically altering the way health care is delivered.

What I liked about Gene Robinson's most recent column was its candor in reminding us that there's no way to cut the growth of medical spending without cutting the growth of medical services. But Gene too easily makes the leap from there to saying that the only way to cut back on unnecessary care is to force such decisions on doctors and their patients.

In fact, there is now a growing body of evidence that when doctors and patients are presented with solid evidence by other health professionals about what works and what does-

n't, they tend to make the right medical decisions without having to be cajoled or threatened. The problem today is that, too often, the reliable evidence doesn't exist, the doctor doesn't know about it, or it isn't presented to patients in a way they can understand and digest.

What that means is that there are huge savings — literally hundreds of billions of dollars a year — that can be realized before we reach the point at which we have to make those gut-wrenching decisions about when to pull the plug on Aunt Sylvia or how to ration care in ways that most Americans would find unacceptable. The evidence from other countries is that, with U.S. health spending running at more than \$2 trillion every year, we can buy all the health care we really need and still have some left over.

*Steven Pearlstein is a columnist for the Washington Post. He writes about issues affecting business and economic policy.*

## Beantown showdown: JetBlue and Southwest face off in Boston

By Samantha Bomkamp  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The cool kids of the airline industry are giving big-city travelers more opportunities to show who they like more.

For years, JetBlue and Southwest catered to customers in the same way — with cheap fares and good customer service — but avoided much head-to-head competition in major markets. These days, they are trying to distinguish themselves as they ramp-up competition in places like New York, Washington, Baltimore — and starting this weekend, Boston.

Fliers stand to benefit as these airlines expand in the Northeast. This rivalry not only pits one popular low-cost carrier against another; it puts further pressure on other airlines to stay competitive with them.

It also means JetBlue and Southwest must find ways to differentiate themselves. Southwest is touting its fewer baggage fees and more extensive nationwide presence, while JetBlue is highlighting its live TV service and its own comprehensive route system.

Just over a month after Southwest began flying out of New York's LaGuardia — eight miles from JetBlue's base at John F. Kennedy International — Southwest begins service on Sunday from Boston's Logan International Airport. In September, Southwest starts service between Boston and Baltimore.

A few years back, their flights mostly crossed paths in places like Burbank, Calif., and Orlando, Fla.

The move to New York was a game-changer for Southwest. Formerly it concentrated on smaller,

less-congested airports, where it could count on quick turnarounds, a key to its low-cost model.

And with Southwest breathing down its neck, JetBlue has had to make a more aggressive defense of its traditional turf, cutting fares and mulling new routes.

Expect to see low fares discounted further on routes where Southwest and JetBlue will compete out of Boston — especially to Northeastern markets, Chicago and Los Angeles.

When Southwest announced it would fly from Boston to Baltimore for as low as \$49, JetBlue said a week later it would launch the same route — offering tickets for \$10 less.

"It makes me think of gunfighters in the Old West — who is going to be the last man standing?" said Harlan Platt, a finance professor at Northeastern University who follows the airline industry.

Dallas-based Southwest is the biggest U.S. airline by the number passengers flown. JetBlue is tenth, but it's No. 2 at Logan.

Much of JetBlue's model of low fares and quick turnarounds came right out of Southwest's playbook. It's no wonder. JetBlue founder David Neeleman started JetBlue in 1999 after he was fired from Southwest.

In 1993, Southwest bought a little-known discount charter airline called Morris Air, based in Salt Lake City. Its co-founder — Neeleman — came to Southwest.

But that didn't last long. Southwest founder Herb Kelleher — a cigarette-smoking, Wild Turkey-drinking Texas lawyer that revolutionized the airline industry in the 1970's —

fired Neeleman after just five months. Neeleman, a Brazilian-born Mormon father of nine who's never touched booze, had new ideas for expanding Southwest that were scoffed at by long-time executives there.

JetBlue (originally NewAir) was started with \$130 million from investors — the most ever for a startup carrier. Neeleman attracted several Southwest executives to the new airline as well. Three Southwest veterans are with JetBlue today. One worked with Neeleman since his days at Morris Air.

JetBlue started with a single flight to Fort Lauderdale, Fla. It now has 650 daily flights to 56 cities. Its rapid growth has now started to plateau, but JetBlue is still steadily adding new service in markets larger carriers have turned away from — like the Caribbean.

JetBlue has been in Boston for five years, although it's only recently targeted the city as a focus of its expanding operations.

Southwest will start Boston service with five

weekday nonstops to Chicago-Midway and Baltimore-Washington International, with connecting and direct service to 48 other spots including Houston, San Francisco, Las Vegas and Los Angeles.

Boston is familiar with Southwest because of its service in nearby Manchester, N.H., Providence, R.I., and Hartford, Conn. — three markets it has been serving for about a decade.

Both carriers' low fares and brand loyalty should give them a leg up against major carriers in Boston. It's already worked for JetBlue.

The airline has worked its way up to second place at Logan in passenger traffic, behind American and ahead of US Airways, which operates a Boston-New York and Boston-Washington shuttle service.

"When you enter a town the size of Boston as really the sole low-cost carrier (like JetBlue did), you really can pick off a lot of the legacy carriers," finance professor Platt said. "But when the last two gunfighters are JetBlue and Southwest, you've got another game."

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## Sugar

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nation is far from a sugar crisis, Graves said.

Supermarkets report plentiful supplies — as well as price increases.

The wholesale price San Bernardino, Calif., supermarket chain Stater Bros. pays for sugar rose 10 percent this week, according to the Jack Brown, chief executive of the large regional grocery chain. Stater Bros. does not intend to pass the entire increase through to consumers, he said. A five-pound bag of Stater Bros sugar sells for \$2.69, or just under 54 cents a pound.

The dire warnings of the food manufacturers

were mocked Thursday by the American Sugar Alliance. Sugar producers are unaware of a single buyer having problems finding the commodity, said Phillip Hayes, an Alliance spokesman.

The group posted a notice on its Web site asking "any large food manufacturers claiming sugar shortages" to contact Jack Roney, an executive at the Alliance, and included his phone number.

"Every sugar producer in America has sugar available to sell," the group said, "and the American Sugar Alliance can provide contact information for numerous suppliers."

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# Taking a second look at secondhand goods

## Not everyone who shops at thrifts is under the poverty line

By Andrea K. Walker  
The Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE — Jill Hettinger, retired from a private practice in social work, is often teased by friends because she prefers rummaging through the racks at thrift shops to shopping somewhere pricier like a department store.

"It's not like you don't have money," she said they always tell her.

But because of the weak economy more people are discovering the secret Hettinger, raised by a frugal father who lived through the Depression, has known for years.

The resale business, which includes thrift and consignment shops, is booming as consumers, who have lost their jobs or watched the values of their investment portfolio or homes plummet, look for ways to pinch pennies. Even those people whose jobs haven't been hurt have become more price conscious.

The Wise Penny thrift shop in the Govans neighborhood in Baltimore recently renovated its store and said the improvements couldn't come at a better time. Year-over-year sales nearly tripled in June at the shop, where the profits go to programs run by the Junior League of Baltimore. They hope the more than \$2 million in renovations, which made the store more open and brighter, and the entrance more visible, will attract even more shoppers.

"People are looking to save money and they feel like here they're getting a deal," said Stephanie Bartal, president of the Junior League of Baltimore.

While major retailers are downsizing and closing stores, the number of resale and thrift shops has increased 5 percent per year

for the past five years, according to the National Association of Resale & Thrift Shops.

"This is an industry that always thrives during a slow economy," said Adele R. Meyer, executive director of the organization. "When the economy slows down, people have to look for ways to save money."

The Winmark Corp., which owns several resale concepts including Plato's Closet and Play It Again Sports, reported a 28 percent sales increase for the first quarter ended June 27. Sales at the 23 stores run by Goodwill Industries of the Chesapeake are up 9 percent this year.

The back-to-school crowd at the Goodwill stores, which usually doesn't pick up until August, started coming after the Fourth of July, said Doug Hiob, senior vice president of retail operations for Goodwill of the Chesapeake.

Hiob said the stores are attracting people from all walks of life — rich and poor, young and old. People are not only looking for deals, but some buy things and resell to other places for a higher price to make some extra cash.

"It's been a good year for sales and a good year for donations," Hiob said.

Jeffrey Harden has owned a Plato's Closet consignment store in Towson for eight years and said last year was the best ever with a 12 percent increase in sales. He said this year is trending about the same. The store targets teenagers with trendy clothes from places such as Hollister, Abercrombie & Fitch and Forever 21. People can sell and buy clothes at the store.

Harden said even teenagers, who tend to have large disposable incomes, are hurting from the econo-

my. Their parents are giving them less money, and they have to compete with unemployed adults for jobs.

"The economy has definitely influenced business," Harden said. "We're definitely busier than we were when the economy was much stronger on both sides of the business. There are more people who are looking for ways for extra cash so they're bringing in clothes to sell. That's what went up first. As we got more inventory, sales followed."

Murphy said that the entire chain is seeing growth in new customers, which is good for future business because many people will continue shopping the stores even after the economy improves.

On a recent Wednesday around lunchtime, Hettinger and others streamed in and out of The Wise Penny. The store takes "gently used" items but sometimes boutiques and other stores will donate new items they couldn't sell. Nordstrom dress shirts for men were going for \$10 at the store. Never-worn Steve Madden sandals were priced around \$30, while Revlon lipstick was on sale for \$3 a tube.

Hettinger tried on two pairs of pants, while her husband looked at shirts for himself. She said she has been shopping at resale stores for as long as she can remember and that it's just common sense to pay less for clothes.

Bill Howard, 46 and a small business owner, said he probably buys about 30 percent of his clothes from thrift stores. "You can't beat that," he said holding up an \$8 pair of Land's End jeans at Wise Penny.

"I do it because it's a way to catch a good bargain," he said. "Why pay more if you don't have to?"



Stephanie Bartal, president of the Junior League of Baltimore, shows off the newly redesigned Wise Penny thrift store.

JED KIRSCHBAUM/  
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• 1990 Kenworth W900 10 Wheel Semi; Cat 400 eng, 9 sp trans, 8 bag air susp, wet kit, day cab (#30)  
• 1989 Freightliner 6 Wheel Day Cab Semi; Cat eng, 10 sp trans, spring susp  
• 1988 Peterbilt 10 Wheel Semi; Cat 3406 eng (recently overhauled), 9 sp trans, spring susp, wet kit, day cab (#31)  
• 1978 Kenworth W900 10 Wheel Semi; Cummins 400 eng, 9 sp trans, 4 spring susp, wet kit, day cab (#29)



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• 1991 Fruehauf Stainless Steel Pup Tanker Trailer; 3000 gallon (#127A)  
• 1980 Fruehauf Stainless Steel Tanker Trailer; 6200 gallon (#128)  
• 1979 Fruehauf Tanker Trailer; 7000 gallon (#121)  
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• 1968 Fruehauf Tanker Trailer; 6200 gallon (#110)  
• 1968 Tanker Pup Trailer; 3300 gallon (#112A)  
• 1965 Fruehauf Tanker Pup Trailer; 3300 gallon (#110A)  
• 1959 Fruehauf Pup Tanker Trailer; 4000 gallon (#113A)  
• 1994 Oklahoma 24' 3 Axle Gooseneck Trailer; ramps, 21,000 lb  
• 1985 Farmed 42' Self Unloading Trailer; tandem axle, ele/hyd, 34" belt  
• 2000 Dakota Trail-Eze 24' Trailer; pintle hitch, ramps  
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### TRAILERS

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1993 Freightliner 10 Wheel Truck; 3406 eng, 13 sp trans, 4 bag air ride susp  
• 1990 Spudnik 20' Self Unloading Bed; ele/hyd, 30" belt, double drive  
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• 1986 International 10 Wheel Truck; DT466 eng, auto trans, spring susp, (2000 miles on new motor)  
• Double L 20' Model#801 Self Unloading Bed; ele/hyd, 30" belt  
• 1982 International 10 Wheel Truck; DT466 eng, auto trans, spring susp  
• 1994 Spudnik 20' Model#2100 Self Unloading Bed; ele/hyd, 30" belt  
• 1981 International 10 Wheel Truck; DT466 eng, auto trans, spring susp, 1979 Spudnik 20' Self Unloading Bed; hyd, 24" belt  
• 1980 Freightliner Cabover 10 Wheel Truck; Detroit 8V92 eng, 13 sp trans, spring susp  
• 1989 Spudnik 22' Self Unloading Bed; ele/hyd, 30" belt, double drive  
• 1980 Ford 9000 10 Wheel Truck; 390 Cummins eng, 13 sp trans, Hendrickson susp  
• Double L 22' Self Unloading Bed; 30" belt, SN:1483  
• 1977 International Loadstar 1850 10 Wheel Truck; DT466 eng, auto trans, Spudnik 20' Self Unloading Bed; hyd, 24" belt  
• 1976 IH 4300 10 Wheel Truck; 400 Cummins eng, 5&4 sp trans, Hendrickson pad susp  
• 1991 Spudnik 22' Self Unloading Bed; 42" belt, double drive  
• 1973 Ford 880 10 Wheel Truck; V8 gas, 10 sp trans, 1981 Spudnik 20' Self Unloading Bed; hyd, 24" belt  
• 1984 Ford 9000 10 Wheel Truck; Cummins 350 eng, 10 sp trans, Hendrickson spring susp  
• 1979 Ford 9000 10 Wheel Truck; Cummins 290 eng, 10 sp trans, Hendrickson spring susp

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1995 IH 4900 6 Wheel Bucket Truck; DT466 diesel eng, auto trans, Knapheide 12' service box w/ Simon Telelect bucket, 152,496 miles  
• 1994 GMC Topkick 6 Wheel Truck; Cat 3116 eng, 6 sp trans, long frame, 217,635 miles  
• 1978 Ford F800 6 Wheel Truck; V8 gas eng, 5&2 sp trans, Harsh 14' Feed Box  
• 1974 GMC 6000 6 Wheel Truck; V8 gas eng, 5&2 sp trans, Live Floor 15' bed, beet & corn sides  
• 1971 Ford 800 6 Wheel Truck; V8 gas eng, 5&2 sp trans, Ross 16' bed, manure beater, beet & corn sides  
• 1967 Ford F600 6 Wheel Truck; V8 gas eng, 5&2 sp trans, Ross 15' bed, manure beater, beet & corn sides  
• 1966 IH 1600 Loadstar 6 Wheel Truck; gas eng, 5&2 trans, 15' flat bed w/hoist  
• Capacity Trailer Jockey; 6 wheel, Cummins 6 cly diesel eng, auto trans

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• John Deere 4010 Diesel Tractor; hrs unknown, syncro Trans, 3pt, 540 & 1000 PTO, John Deer 158 Hyd Loader; PTO pump, 5' bucket  
• Ford TW10 Tractor; 10179 hrs, overhaul at 8269 hrs, 18 sp trans, 2 remotes, 540 & 1000 PTO, 16.9-38 rubber, power adjust wheels, 3 pt  
• Massey Ferguson 135 Gas Tractor; multi power, 540 PTO, 3 pt  
• 1973 Cat 920 Loader; cab, 15.5x25 tires, SN:62K5891  
• Terex 7241 Loader; rebuilt lift rams  
• John Deere 540B Skid Loader; rear winch, 4 cly eng, power shift trans, 8652 hrs  
• Wilmar 200 4x4 Loader; gas, 4 cyl eng, 60" bucket  
• 1980 Fiat Allis 745C Loader; 4 yd bucket, cab  
• Towmaster 10 Ton Forklift; cab, Detroit 4 cyl eng  
• Hyster Model S-40B Forklift; 4000 lb, propane



1994 GMC 1500 Pickup; 4x4, V8 eng, auto trans  
• 1992 GMC 1500 Pickup; 4x4, V8 eng, auto trans  
• 1986 Ford F350 4x4 Dually Pickup; V8 gas eng, 4 sp trans, 8' flat bed  
• 1967 GMC 1 Ton Truck; V8 350 gas eng, 4 sp trans, 9' flat bed  
• 2000 Dodge Intrepid Car; V6 2.7 L eng, auto trans, 4 dr  
• 1999 Ford Crown Victoria Car; V8 4.6 L eng, auto trans, 150,000 miles, 4 dr  
• 1994 Ford Crown Victoria Car; V8 4.6L eng, auto trans, 134,000 miles, 4 dr  
• 1991 Chevrolet Caprice Classic Car; V8 eng, auto trans, 148,000 miles, 4 dr  
• 1994 Ford Explorer XLT SUV; 4x4, 6 cyl eng, auto trans, 158,000 miles  
• 1982 Ford 1 T Van; V8 gas, auto trans  
• 1976 Chevrolet 3/4 T Van; V8 gas, auto trans  
• 1952 Chevy 2 Ton Truck; 235 eng, transmission and final drive, 2 sp rear eng, runs & is excellent condition

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## New soft drink niche aims to quench stress

By Ylan Q. Mui  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Every action must have an equal and opposite reaction, or so the laws of physics say. Push and pull. Proton and electron. Gravity and levity.

And now, Red Bull and Drank.

Drank falls in an emerging category of "relaxation beverages," concocted to soothe the overextended, overbooked and overworked masses that have been hopped up on energy drinks for the past decade. Drank's slogan? "Slow your roll."

"I wasn't the only person speaking 50 miles per hour," said Peter Bianchi, who invented Drank. "It was my personal quest to relax the world."

Drank and similar non-alcoholic beverages are hitting the market just as Americans are being beaten down by the longest recession since World War II, and industry marketers have seized on the drinks' purported calming properties as the antidote for a stressed-out society. Vacation in a Bottle calls itself "the happy relaxation drink." For Superliminal Purple Stuff Pro-Relaxation Formula, the name says it all. And iChill, a relaxation shot, urges users to "unwind from the grind."

"You guys in Washington can affect the relaxation-drink market when you get the economy back on track," said George Smart, founder of the company behind calming beverage Blue Cow.

Relaxation drinks are still only a drop in the bucket of what research firm Mintel estimates is a \$50 billion market for nonalcoholic beverages. Soda remains the liquid staple of our diets, commanding about \$13.1 billion in sales for 2008. Energy drinks are the

fastest-growing sector by far, accounting for about \$896 million in sales. Consumers have been overwhelmed by the number of new brands — more than 300 energy drinks appeared on store shelves between 2003 and 2008.

"There is room for so much diversification within the beverage market," said Harry Balzer, an analyst with consumer research firm NPD Group. "The one thing we do like as humans is new things."

That's what prompted Funktional Beverages, based near Houston, to heed this Business 101 lesson: go where they ain't.

The company, founded last year, contemplated launching with an energy drink called Red Stuff, said Tim Lucas, chief marketing officer. But they worried that the beverage would struggle to stand out in a crowded market. Instead, Funktional Beverages created Purple Stuff, packed with herbs and amino acids that supposedly calm the mind and body, and aimed it squarely at the urban 18- to 35-year-old males who once pledged their loyalty to amped-up energy drinks.

To win over this crowd, the company had to make relaxation seem edgy, less yoga studio and more skateboard park, which is exactly where Funktional Beverages handed out free bottles of Purple Stuff.

Controversy over the beverage is bubbling, because, along with Drank, the name Purple Stuff resembles slang for the dangerous cocktail of cough syrup and soda referenced in hip-hop music. The companies maintain that the resemblance is unintentional and that, if anything, their products are actually good for you.

Many of the relaxation beverages contain the amino acid L-theanine, which is found in green tea and thought to have calming properties, the companies say. (Drank does not include the ingredient.) Japanese researchers isolated theanine about 60 years ago, and a company called Taiyo Kagaku soon began manufacturing it commercially. Introduced to the United States in dietary supplements about a decade ago, theanine got the green light from the Food and Drug Administration for use in food and beverages in 2006.

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# The future of the coal industry wagered on CARBON CAPTURE

By Steven Mufson  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — At a bend in the Ohio River, a bulky new device is being attached to a 30-year-old coal plant near the small town of New Haven, W.Va.

The device is being housed in a building four stories tall and bigger than a football field. A 150-foot-tall exhaust stack — so wide that it would take six adults with their arms fully stretched to reach around it — will reach into the sky. And pipelines will run out of the building and into saline aquifers two miles underground. The entire contraption will start up as early as September.

The purpose: capturing carbon dioxide emissions and stashing them in underground rock formations — a critical part of the global effort to slow climate change. This is the technique that promoters say will make coal “clean” and critics say is an expensive pipe dream.

The stimulus bill devoted \$2.4 billion to pilot projects. On Monday the Obama administration awarded \$20 million of that to a program that uses supersonic shockwaves to compress carbon for storage, on top of \$408 million in stimulus money awarded to two other carbon pilot projects. It has pledged \$1 billion more to a model plant called FutureGen. If the Waxman-Markey climate bill becomes law, a new Carbon Storage Research Corp. would pump another \$1.1 billion a year into researching this nascent technology, and first movers would get billions of dollars more in bonus emission allowances that could be sold.

Coal companies and environmentalists alike are counting on a breakthrough in carbon capture and storage technology to siphon off harmful emissions from the world’s coal plants. Coal plants in the United States account for a third of U.S. greenhouse emissions. In the past five years China has brought online coal-fired electricity equal in size to total U.S. installed capacity, and new plants are coming online in the developing world all the time. Without a breakthrough on coal plants, it may be impossible to meet emission limits climatologists say are needed.

Yet carbon capture and storage remains the elusive holy grail of the coal industry, an idea that could contain the damage inflicted by coal-burning power plants but a technology that remains expensive, energy intensive and largely untested. Even optimists say it will not be commercially available for another six to 10 years. Pessimists say it might take much longer, and may never be ready for widespread use without attaching a punishingly high price to carbon.

“There is no credible pathway towards prudent greenhouse gas stabilization targets without CO2



American Electric Power

Chilled-ammonia carbon capture equipment developed by the French company Alstom is under construction at American Electric Power’s power plant in New Haven, W.Va. Capturing carbon dioxide emissions and stashing them in underground rock formations is seen as a critical part of the global effort to slow climate change.

“There is no credible pathway towards prudent greenhouse gas stabilization targets without CO2 emissions reduction from existing coal power plants.”

— Ernest Moniz, a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a member of President Obama’s Council of Advisers on Science and Technology

## Capturing Carbon Emissions

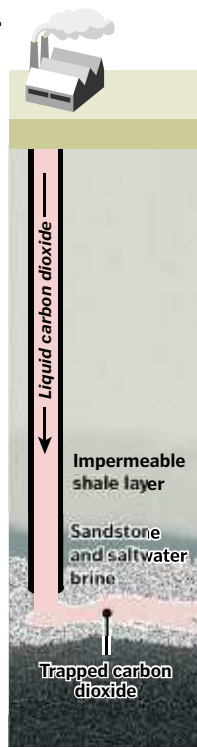
American Electric Power, the largest consumer of coal in the United States, is retrofitting its Mountaineer coal plant in New Haven, W.Va., to capture carbon emissions and store them underground. Here’s how the electric utility plans to use carbon capture and storage (CCS) technology, which will account for 15 percent of its output, and some of the obstacles the industry faces implementing this new technology.

### THE PROCESS . . .

**1** In the coal-powered plant, an ammonia-based solution absorbs CO<sub>2</sub> from other exhaust gases. The CO<sub>2</sub> gas is then separated from the solvent.

**2** The gas is compressed into liquid form and injected more than a mile underground into a porous sedimentary rock.

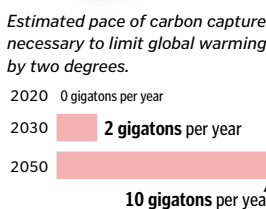
**3** A layer of impermeable shale above it prevents the liquid carbon dioxide from migrating upward, trapping it indefinitely.



### . . . AND THE OBSTACLES

#### TIME

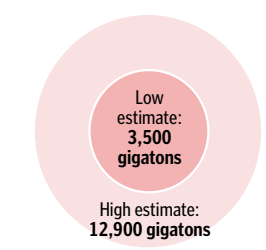
To reach the agreed upon target of limiting global warming by two degrees by 2050, CCS efforts worldwide would have to be commercially productive by 2020, an ambitious goal for a largely untested new technology.



#### STORAGE CAPACITY

Viable CO<sub>2</sub> storage space underneath the earth’s surface is still being assessed, but maintaining a storage site for over 100 years is a cost energy companies have never faced. They want the consumer to pay for storage fees and not be liable for any accidental release of carbon.

Estimates of CO<sub>2</sub> storage capacity in the U.S. and Canada\*



#### COST

Separating or “capturing” carbon from exhaust gases is the most expensive part of the CCS process. An estimated CCS cost could be anywhere from \$20 to \$100 per ton of CO<sub>2</sub>, depending on the industry and technology applying it.

\*Includes oil and gas reservoirs, unmineable coal seams and deep saline or sandstone formations.

SOURCES: American Electric Power, World Coal Institute, International Energy Agency, and the U.S. Department of Energy’s Office of Fossil Energy and National Energy Technology Laboratory; CCS costs compiled from various sources by the Program on Energy and Sustainable Development at Stanford University, JI Dooley of the Joint Global Change Research Institute, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

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emissions reduction from existing coal power plants,” Ernest Moniz, a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a member of President Obama’s Council of Advisers on Science and Technology, said in a report earlier this year. “We urgently need technology options for these plants and policies

that incentivize implementation.”

Coal “is still the elephant in the room,” said John Ashton, special representative for climate

change at Britain’s Foreign and Commonwealth Office, at a meeting in Washington last month. “We can’t deal with it, we can’t tame it without ...

carbon capture and storage.” He said that to meet the newly agreed upon target of limiting global warming to two degrees, nations must make carbon capture “standard technology by 2020.”

The West Virginia plant belongs to American Electric Power (AEP), an electric utility that is the largest consumer of coal in

the United States. “Clearly carbon capture and storage is essential for a company like AEP, and I would argue equally essential for the United States, because you can’t go through the process of prematurely shutting down half the supply base of the American utility industry,” said Michael Morris, chief executive of AEP.

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## Tax dodgers scramble to come clean amid crackdown

By Stephen Ohlemacher  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A deal with Switzerland settling U.S. demands for the names of suspected tax dodgers from a Swiss bank has a lot of wealthy Americans with offshore accounts nervously running to their tax advisers — and the Internal Revenue Service.

“They are very frightened,” said Richard Boggs, chief executive of Nationwide Tax Relief, a Los-Angeles-based tax firm that specializes in clients with tax debts exceeding \$100,000. “You have the super rich who are not used to being pushed around and they are finding themselves in unfamiliar territory.”

The U.S. and Swiss governments announced a court settlement last week in efforts by the IRS to force Zurich-based UBS AG to turn over the names of some 52,000 Americans believed to be hiding nearly \$15 billion in assets in secret accounts.

Justice Department and UBS lawyers told a federal judge in Miami in a brief conference call Wednesday they had initiated a final deal. But they did not disclose any details, such as how many of the 52,000 names sought by the IRS will be revealed.

Even before the settlement, the high-profile case — coupled with other U.S. efforts to go after Americans hiding undeclared assets — has scared hundreds of tax dodgers to turn themselves in. Boggs said his firm has been taking on 100 new cases a month, a big increase over previous years.

Peter Zeidenberg, a litigation partner at the law firm DLA Piper in Washington, said he, too, is seeing more people with undeclared assets seeking information about their legal options.

His advice: “I don’t think you have much of a choice but to come forward. ... I think the landscape is permanently changed.”

The IRS long has had a policy that certain tax evaders who come forward before they are contacted by the agency usually can avoid jail time as long as they agree to pay back taxes, interest and hefty penalties. Drug dealers and money launderers need not apply. But if the money was earned legally, tax evaders can usually avoid criminal prosecution.

In March, the IRS began a six-month amnesty program that sweetened the offer with reduced penalties for people with undeclared assets. IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman said the response has been unprecedented.

Shulman wouldn’t say how many people have applied so far. But the IRS said 400 people applied to voluntarily disclose undeclared assets in a single week in July, compared with fewer

than 100 applications all last year.

The amnesty program, which ends Sept. 23, is part of a larger effort by federal authorities to crack down on international tax evaders.

“Each time someone walks through the door with a disclosure, we get more information. We get more information about other people. We get more information about other financial institutions,” Shulman said. “If people have been hiding assets in the past, they should be nervous, and they should be a lot more suspect about doing it in the future.”

The U.S. recently reached agreements with several countries, including Luxembourg and Switzerland, to share more tax information in the future, just as the IRS is strengthening its enforcement ranks.

President Barack Obama, in his proposed 2010 budget, asked Congress to pay for 800 additional agents, examiners and lawyers to go after people who hide money overseas. Obama also wants Congress to require overseas financial institutions doing business in the U.S. to share more information with the IRS.

Earlier this year, UBS admitted assisting U.S. citizens in evading taxes as part of a deferred prosecution agreement with the Justice Department. UBS agreed to disclose the names of about 300 American clients and pay a \$780 million penalty. The IRS subsequently filed its case seeking the names of 52,000 additional U.S. taxpayers believed to be hiding assets in UBS accounts.

So far, four UBS customers whose names were given to U.S. authorities under the prior agreement have made deals to plead guilty to tax charges in federal court.

“The UBS case, the agreements we are signing, the legislative proposals and the enforcement efforts are all meant to send one message, which is that if you owe tax to the U.S., we are going to use every tool we have available to get that,” said Michael Mundaca, acting assistant treasury secretary.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., applauded the administration’s efforts, but said more can be done to catch tax evaders. Levin has introduced a bill that would direct the treasury secretary to maintain a list of nations that “impede U.S. tax enforcement” and give him authority to impose financial penalties against uncooperative countries.

Levin’s initial list of 34 countries and other jurisdictions would include Switzerland, the Cayman Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Hong Kong and Panama.

“We should have put a clampdown on these tax havens a long time ago,” he said in an interview.

# Mom and Pop used-car dealers left without clunkers

By Michael Felberbaum  
Associated Press writer

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — One man’s clunker is another man’s meal ticket.

Mom and Pop used-car dealers are feeling the crunch as the old Caravans and Cherokees that provide their livelihood get traded in and banished to junkyards under Cash for Clunkers. By some estimates, three of every five of the used cars turned in for government rebates would have ended up on used car lots or resold for parts.

While the Clunkers program helped push sales of new cars in July to the highest level in nearly a year, sales of used cars have taken a beating.

“We’re struggling and a lot of us small guys are going out of business,” said James Dameron, sales and finance manager at Chase Motors in suburban Richmond, where sales are down about 30 percent.

About 40 million used vehicles are sold a year, four times the number of new cars, said Keith Whann, an industry expert and chief executive of Columbus Fair Auto Auction in Columbus, Ohio. About a third of the used sales come from independent dealers.

Mom and Pop dealers typically sell just 20 to 25 vehicles a month and keep 40 to 45 vehicles on their lots, a fraction of the inventory for bigger dealerships, Whann said. So when the owner of a 1995 Ford Explorer opts for a new car, and the old SUV goes away forever, the repercussions are felt quickly. Especially for a majority of these dealers who have fewer than six employees.

Even before the clunkers program, the market for used cars was the worst it’s been in years.

Fluctuation in gas prices and higher prices at car auctions, where used car dealers get most of their supply, made the market volatile.

Customers held onto older cars longer, making it more difficult to get trade-ins to beef up inventory.

Under the popular program, drivers get up to \$4,500 for turning in a car or truck that got 18 miles per gallon or less when it was new. In exchange, they get a new ride with better mileage.

To meet the environmental goals of the program, the old cars must be taken off the road. Their engines are choked with liquid glass and the guzzlers are carted off to be flattened.

About 60 percent of the cars traded in under the clunkers program would



AP photo

Cash for Clunkers, old gas guzzlers turned at the new-car dealership are rendered inoperable and towed to the salvage yard. By some estimates, three of every five of those cars would have normally gone to a used-car lot for resale.

have ended up resold on used lots or at auctions, Whann said. If, as expected, 750,000 vehicles are traded in under Cash for Clunkers, that’s 450,000 cars and trucks won’t make it to the used-car market.

At one dealership in Maryland, some cars that were still running well and likely had several years left on them — including a 2000 Chevy Z71 Tahoe that was in great condition — were junked as part of the program because of poor gas mileage.

Most of the clunkers traded in at Valley Automotive Group’s four Pontiac-GMC-Buick dealerships in

Apple Valley, Minn., had many miles on them and were in poor condition. But there were a few eye-openers that would have made good used cars, said Jim Paul, co-owner of the automotive group.

“There were a few that we did scratch our head on,” Paul said. “A couple of them were in awfully nice shape for 150-250,000 miles on them.”

Customers with much older clunkers are taking the government incentives because a car that may only fetch \$1,000 to \$1,500 as a trade-in vehicle will qualify for more under the program.

As the supply of used cars

dwindles, it means higher prices.

“The guy looking for a cheap used car is having a helluva hard time now,” said Greg Signore, 50, co-owner of Elm Auto Sales in Kearny, N.J. “This program is absolutely increasing the cost of the clunkers left on the market.”

He says he’s not getting as many customers with modest income looking for basic transportation.

“What about all these people who need the \$3,500 cars? Are they going to ride the bus for the rest of their life?” said Mike Salarze, manager of Majestic Motors in Baltimore.

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## Ronald Eugene Mingo

PAUL — Ronald Eugene Mingo, 62, of Paul, passed away on Friday, Aug. 7, 2009, in an airplane accident with his two sons, Jed R. Mingo and Jordan D. Mingo.

Ron was born in Pocatello, Idaho, on Jan. 2, 1947, the oldest son of Floyd and LaDonna Mingo. He grew up on his family's farm in the Paul area and graduated from Minico High School in 1965. He served an LDS mission to Lansing, Mich., from 1966 to 1968. He was married in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple to Regina Dayton on Nov. 25, 1970.

Ron was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend. He loved his family dearly and worked hard to provide for them. He was a fun-loving grandpa who took the time to make cherished memories with grandchildren. Ron was a dedicated, loyal, hard working and reliable man. He was known in his career to go far above and beyond what was asked of him and always approached work and life with an outstanding attitude. He will be greatly missed.

Ron is survived by his wife, Regina; his children, Jennifer (Ron) Hahn, Joslyn (Kenny) Condie, Jodi (Chris) Garner and Jamie (Jon) Harman; 16 grandchildren;



his mother, LaDonna Mingo; his siblings, Sharon Maughan (Denis), Darrell Mingo (Lupe) and Darwin Mingo (Julie); and his mother-in-law, Bernice Dayton.

Ron was preceded in death by his father, Floyd Lynnwood Mingo; his father-in-law, Charles Dean Dayton; and his grandson, Austin Terry Garner.

A combined funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, at the Paul LDS Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis St., with Bishop Cody Morgan officiating. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery. Friends and family may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the Paul LDS Stake Center. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

## Jed R. Mingo

PAUL — Jed R. Mingo, 32, of Paul and Bountiful, Utah, passed away on Friday, Aug. 7, 2009, in an airplane accident with his father, Ronald Eugene Mingo, and brother, Jordan D. Mingo.

Jed was born in Burley, Idaho, on May 4, 1977, to Ron and Regina Dayton Mingo. He grew up in the Paul area and enjoyed many sports and outdoor activities, was an Eagle Scout and especially loved playing baseball at Minico High School, where he graduated in 1996. He served in the Brazil Sao Paulo East Mission for the LDS Church from 1997 to 1999. He graduated from Dixie College with an associate degree. While attending Dixie, he also earned his pilot's license. He also graduated from the Marriott School of Business at BYU with a bachelor's of business degree.

Jed was everyone's friend and would do anything for anyone and he saw the good in all people! He lived life to its fullest and never lost his energy for trying new things. Flying was a passion that he shared with his Grandpa Mingo and something that he loved sharing with others. Jed's happiest moments were in his airplane.

Jed is survived by his mother, Regina Mingo; his siblings, Jennifer (Ron)



Hahn, Joslyn (Kenny) Condie, Jodi (Chris) Garner and Jamie (Jon) Harman; and his grandmothers, LaDonna Fae Mingo and Bernice Dayton; and girlfriend, Kirsten Montague.

Jed was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Floyd Lynnwood Mingo and Charles Dean Dayton; and a nephew, Austin Terry Garner.

A combined funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, at the Paul LDS Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis St., with Bishop Cody Morgan officiating. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery. Friends and family may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the Paul LDS Stake Center. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

## Jordan D. Mingo

LEHI, Utah — Jordan D. Mingo, 26, of Lehi, Utah, and formerly of Paul, Idaho, passed away on Friday, Aug. 7, 2009, in an airplane accident with his father, Ronald Eugene Mingo, and brother, Jed R. Mingo.

Jordan was born on Aug. 24, 1982, in Ogden, Utah, to Ron and Regina Dayton Mingo. Jordan grew up in the Paul area and was an avid snowboarder, an Eagle Scout and, like his brother, he loved playing on the baseball team at Minico High School, where he graduated in 2001. He served in the Argentina Buenos Aires South Mission for the LDS Church from 2002 to 2004. He received his bachelor's degree from UVSU in the spring of 2008 in construction management and loved working with wood.

Jordan married his high school sweetheart, Shelley Morgan, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple on June 4, 2004. He was a wonderful and loving husband and, because he was such a kid at heart, he was an exceptional father. He was a great example, loved to serve others and was a genuine friend.

Jordan is survived by his wife, Shelley; his children, Chantel, Mason and Landon; his mother, Regina; his siblings, Jennifer (Ron) Hahn, Joslyn (Kenny) Condie, Jodi (Chris) Garner



and Jamie (Jon) Harman; and his grandmothers, LaDonna Fae Mingo and Bernice Dayton.

Jordan was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Floyd Lynnwood Mingo and Charles Dean Dayton; and a nephew, Austin Terry Garner.

A combined funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, at the Paul LDS Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis St., with Bishop Cody Morgan officiating. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery. Friends and family may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the Paul LDS Stake Center.

The family suggests memorials be directed to the Mingo Family Donation Account at any Wells Fargo Bank. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

## Thompson G. Blake

SALT LAKE CITY — Thompson G. Blake (Tom), age 75, passed away peacefully at the Utah State Veterans Nursing Home on Friday, Aug. 14, 2009, surrounded by friends and family.

Tom was born on July 10, 1934, in San Francisco, Calif., the son of Seth and Esther Blake. Tom entered the armed services in 1952 and retired in 1971 from the U.S. Navy after 20 years of service with the Seabees. His military career as a drafting engineer took him to all parts of the world including Vietnam during the TET Offensive.

After retiring from the Navy, he moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, where he began his printing career. He relocated to Salt Lake City in 1976 and worked for Paragon Press and Sun Litho, retiring in 1996. He joined Willow Creek Country Club, and was a member for over 30 years. He also held memberships with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Fleet Reserve and American Military Society. He was an avid golfer, bowler



and fisherman.

Tom is survived by his wife of 33 years, Dahl; children, Steve, Melissa and Adam Blake; stepdaughters, Chalyce Corey, Laurinda Broadway and Cathy Couch; three grandchildren; sister-in-law, Shirley Blake; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother, Jim.

The family wishes to thank the Utah State Veterans Nursing Home for their loving care of Tom.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org.

Friends may call upon the family at a wake from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, at Starks Funeral Parlor, 3651 S. 900 E. in Salt Lake City, Utah. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at the Utah Veterans Memorial Park, 17111 S. Camp Williams Road in Bluffdale, Utah. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.starksfuneral.com.

I lived, I laughed, I loved and I left ....

## John James Crandall

WENDELL — John James Crandall, 56, formerly of Wendell, Idaho, passed away Wednesday, July 22, 2009, at a St. Louis, Mo., hospital.

He was born in Troy, N.Y., on Sept. 22, 1952, along with his twin sister, Jane. John's family lived in New York until he was 6 years old, at which time his mother and siblings moved to Chicago, Ill. His mother passed away when John was 11 and the kids were separated and placed in foster care.

John was raised in Boys' Town until almost out of school, and then he went to Belfouche, S.D., to graduate. After school, he began looking for work and found a position with the Fairchild Shearing crew in Buhl, Idaho. He worked with Lyndell Lehmann on the crew and eventually went to live with Lyndell in Wendell, Idaho. A few years later, John married Lyndell's sister, Novella. From this union came three children who were raised in Wendell. John began custom farming along with sheep shearing and had numerous jobs after that



including working for casinos in Jackpot and Winnemucca, Nev. John also received a CDL and began driving truck. John moved to Hawk Point, Mo., to continue driving truck and separated from his wife. He always enjoyed driving and the "alone time." He will be greatly missed by his family.

John is survived by Novella Crandall of Wendell, Idaho; daughters, Mary (Juan) Armenta of Arizona, Carrie (Eddie) Edge of California; son, Jack James Crandall of Wendell; three grandchildren, John, Jane and Josh; three brothers, William Crandall and Tom Crandall of New Hampshire and Dan Crandall of South Dakota; and his twin sister, Jane Crandall of Florida. He is preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Carol.

The funeral was held at 10 a.m. Aug. 1, at the Holy Rosary Church in Warrenton, Mo. Friends and family are invited to a memorial luncheon from noon until 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at Eastman Park in Buhl, Idaho.

## Kevin M. Whittier

Kevin M. Whittier, 55, succumbed to cancer at his home in Twin Falls on Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009.

Kevin was born June 1, 1954, in Pocatello, Idaho, to LaMar H. and Wanda Williams Whittier. His early years were filled with life-learning experiences on the family farm in Rockland. At age 8, he moved with his family to Mackay, where he lived until he graduated from Mackay High School in 1972. Kevin graduated from Idaho State University with a bachelor degree in general engineering in 1977 and shortly thereafter earned his Professional Electrical Engineering License.

After graduating from ISU, he began his 32-year career with Idaho Power, where he had opportunities to work with employees across the state.

Kevin married Janette England on March 31, 1981, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. They raised their three children, Kathryn (Katie), Ryan and Adam, in Pocatello. Kevin was active in the LDS Church, where he served in various positions. He earned his private pilot's license in 1974 and later built and housed an airplane in the family garage. Kevin enjoyed backpacking, hunting and camping in Idaho's mountains — a passion he passed on to his children.

Kevin is survived by his wife, Jan of Twin Falls; his children, Katie of Moscow and Ryan (Crystal) of Bremerton, Wash.; grand-



daughter, Cassia; his mother, Wanda Whittier of Idaho Falls; sister, Karen (Kay) Taylor of Idaho Falls; and brothers, Paul (Shanna) of Missoula, Mont., and Glen (Dayna) of Denver, Colo. He was preceded in death by his father, LaMar; and son, Adam.

The funeral is scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 17, at the Twin Falls LDS Stake Center, 2085 South Temple Drive (Pole Line Road and Eastland Drive), with Bishop Charles Barnes officiating. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Colonial Funeral Home, 2005 S. Fourth Ave. in Pocatello, and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Monday prior to the funeral at the stake center in Twin Falls. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Kevin Whittier Memorial Scholarship Fund, in care of the family at 2532 E. 3707 N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.ColonialFuneralHome.com.

## Ralph Daniel Stone

HAZELTON — Ralph Daniel Stone, age 51, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center, surrounded by friends and family.

Dan was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, on Jan. 18, 1958. He grew up mainly in Eden and graduated from Valley High School in 1977. Following a tour in the Navy, Dan worked at a variety of jobs including Coca-Cola, Pepsi-Cola, Gem State Paper and several handyman jobs. Dan was a member of Valley Christian Center in Hazelton, where he was a valued musician in the worship team. Dan leaves behind a legacy as an avid musician. He played guitar, mandolin, violin, banjo and harmonica. He was a jack-of-all-trades and a master of some. Dan was always willing to lend a



hand on any building project. Dan was also very artistic.

Dan is survived by his mother, Berta of Eden; his brothers, David (Debbie) of Eden and Daryl (Bonnie) of Missouri; sister, Debra Joy of Twin Falls; son, Ralph Daniel Jr.; daughter, Michelle; granddaughters, Arianna and Isabella, all of Baltimore, Md.; and a large extended family. He is preceded in death by his father, Earl Stone.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, at Valley Christian Center in Hazelton, Idaho. A viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls and one hour prior to the service.

Condolences may be made at www.magicvalleyfuneralhome.com.

## DEATH NOTICES

### Judith A. Craig

Judith Arlene Craig, 69, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Aug. 14, 2009, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Sharp, 85, of Filer, died Saturday, Aug. 15, 2009, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

### Rolland K. Patrick

THREE CREEK — Rolland "Rolly" K. Patrick, 93, of Three Creek, died Friday, Aug. 14, 2009, at his ranch.

Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

### Richard B. Swallow

Richard B. Swallow, 73, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Aug. 15, 2009, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

### Noel F. Sharp

FILER — Noel Francis

## SERVICES

**E. Joyce Leavitt** of Fairfield, funeral at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Fairfield LDS Church (Demaray at Rasmussen Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

**Marie Arrington Davidson** of Burley, fune-

al at 11 a.m. Monday at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

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From the people who had to bring us the tragic news, those who helped with the service, the love and support from all of his "First Federal family" and their hosting of the reception after the service, to all who called, came by, brought food or sent flowers and—most of all—for all the prayers that have been and are being offered each and every day for our family and the Ridgeways, our heartfelt thanks.

We have truly felt all the prayers from the very first and know this is what will get us all through this tremendous loss and the difficult days. God Bless.

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## Elsa Monica Hawks Ullman

Elsa Monica Hawks Ullman, age 93, formerly of Boise and Twin Falls, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009, at a long-term care facility in Meridian. She had been visited in the hours before her passing by her son and daughter, and a granddaughter just recently returned from working abroad.

Born April 3, 1916, in Kingston, Jamaica, British West Indies, Elsa was the daughter of Waverly and Emily (nee McLean) Phillips, both the descendants of Scottish immigrant settlers to Jamaica. Her father was an orchestra conductor in Kingston and, according to family lore, she was given the name Elsa because he was conducting for the opera "Lohengrin" when he received word of her birth during an intermission. She was educated in British schools from which she obtained her Cambridge (U.K.) University Matriculation. After stints as a convent school English teacher and a pioneering "stewardess" for Pan American Airways, she emigrated to the United States in 1948. She married Alva Arthur Hawks of Meridian, Idaho, at a ceremony in St. John's Cathedral (Boise) in March 1949. They operated a dairy farm in Eagle and had three children before his sudden death in September 1955.

As a widowed mother, she worked for Idaho Power Company in Boise from 1956 until 1967 and was active in the GOP during those years, including an appointment to be one of Idaho's delegates to the GOP Presidential nominating convention in 1964. She was also active in the parish life of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Boise, where she sang in the choir while her children were enrolled in the parish grade school. In March 1967, she married contractor Robert L. Ullman of Twin Falls at a small nuptial Mass at St. Mary's. In addition to doubling the size of the family she cared for, upon moving to Twin Falls, she also served as president of the St. Edward's Council of Catholic Women



and twice as president of the Twin Falls County Republican Women's Club.

In declining health due to senile dementia, she relocated to the Boise area in 1993 to take up residence in assisted living facilities near her younger son.

She was predeceased by her parents, Waverly and Emily (1962); her husbands, Alva Hawks in 1955 and Robert Ullman in 1986; and her brothers, Sidney Phillips (1930s) and Winston Phillips (1992), both of Jamaica.

She is survived by three children, Austin Hawks of Twin Falls, Paula (and Dr. Francis) DeLuca of Warren, N.J., and James (and Joy) Hawks of Eagle; and by four stepchildren Jayleen (and John) Tillman of Boise, Bonnie (and Mark) Antoncich of Anacortes, Wash., Patricia Ullman of Bothell, Wash., and Robert W. Ullman of Kirkland, Wash. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren and step grandchildren, Joseph Phillips DeLuca, Elia Monica DeLuca, Caitlin Hawks, Frances "Cissy" DeLuca, Emily Hawks and Alexander Hawks DeLuca; and Casey Antoncich, Christa (Antoncich) Fiske, Nicholas Tillman, Tyler Rourke, Kelly Antoncich, Leah Rourke, Chris Tillman and Ryan Rourke.

The family extends its special thanks to the Legacy Hospice care team of Cindy (registered nurse) and Connie (social worker) for their attentive care during our mother's final months of life and the staff of Almost Home LLC, where she spent the past dozen years.

Arrangements are by Summers Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial is scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, at St. Mary's Church in Boise. Interment will be at Morris Hill Cemetery in Boise.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to any of the following charities: Idaho Community Foundation, Alzheimer's Association, Catholic Relief Services, or Kiva.org, which specializes in people-to-people micro-loans to lesser developed countries.

## Leon (Lee) J. Badger

LOGAN, Utah — Leon (Lee) J. Badger, 62, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009, of Lou Gehrig's disease.

Lee was born and raised in Rupert, Idaho, to John Leon Badger and Donna Palmer on May 4, 1947. He graduated from Minico High School in 1965. He attended Utah State University and graduated in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in political science, then continued his education taking business classes.

He met his wife, the former Shari Lyn Earl, in 1969 at a Pi Kappa Alpha and Alpha Chi Omega Christmas party. He always loved to tell the story that Santa put them together. They were married on July 7, 1971, in the Logan LDS Temple. Lee accepted a job with Kmart in Fresno, Calif. They moved several times for the next nine years settling in Reno, Nev., where Lee left Kmart and went to work for a local grocery store as their store manager. Their sons, Jonathan and Jeremy, arrived while they were in Reno in 1978 and 1979. Their daughter, Jocelyn, arrived in Logan in 1985.

In 1980, Lee and Shari moved back to Logan with their family. In 1981, they bought a grocery store in Smithfield named Jack's Foodtown. Today that store has grown into Lee's MarketPlace with three locations in northern Utah. Lee grew his company by teaching and mentoring many young people. Throughout the years, Lee always loved to be in his stores bagging groceries, talking to his customers, making sure the lights were bright, the floors were clean and shiny, and that the shelves were full and straightened. He was quick to help out someone in need and shared his vision and passion with all who knew him.

Lee was continually involved in the community. He loved serving many years in scouting. He attended the 1993 National Scout Jamboree in Washington, D.C., and loved to keep track of the number of young men that achieved their Eagle Scout award. He served as a Scout Master and District Chairman. He was awarded a District Merit of Honor and the highest scouting award, the Silver Beaver. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, a true blue Aggie, and received an Alumni Award in 2009. Lee was a member of the Smithfield Lions Club, where he served as president for two different



terms. He was awarded Smithfield Citizen of the Year in 1999 and just this year, the city of Smithfield named June 9th, as "Lee Badger Day."

Lee had served on the board of Associated Food Stores since 1996. He served as chairman of the board for five years. He and Shari have many great friends and memories of their associations in the grocery business. They have enjoyed many wonderful trips with this group.

Lee was a faithful member of the LDS church and served in many callings. One of his favorite callings was serving as a bishop in the USU 43rd Ward. He cherished the time he spent with those students.

Lee was diagnosed with the devastating ALS or commonly called Lou Gehrig's disease in July 2008. Although his quality of life changed quickly, he fought it bravely for over 12 months and is finally at rest.

He is survived by his wife, Shari, and their children, Jonathan (Shelley Swasey) of Hyde Park, Utah, Jeremy (Becca Deems) of Federal Way, Wash., and Jocelyn of Hyde Park, Utah. He loved being "Papa" to his two grandsons, Brayden and Jackson, and granddaughter, Savannah. He is also survived by his father and stepmother, John L. and Vera Badger of Twin Falls, Idaho; his brother, David (Kristie) of Rupert, Idaho; sister, Marcia (Delano) Thomas of Provo, Utah; and mother-in-law, Gloria Earl of Smithfield, Utah. He has many great brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law that have helped so much through his illness. A very special friend to Lee was Reggie Ravsten.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Donna P. Badger; his sister, Holly Hernandez; and his father-in-law, Don C. Earl.

A service will be held at noon Monday, Aug. 17, in the Logan East Stake Center, 1450 E. 1500 N. in Logan. There will be a viewing from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Allen-Hall Mortuary in Logan and from 10 until 11:30 a.m. Monday prior to the funeral at the Logan East Stake Center. Interment will be at the Logan City Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.allen-mortuaries.net](http://www.allen-mortuaries.net).

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the MDA ALS Division, 4578 S. Highland Drive, Suite 300, Salt Lake City, UT 84117, or by calling (801) 278-6200.

# Lawmakers work on lifting charter cap

BOISE (AP) — Four months before the 2010 Legislature is slated to begin, Idaho lawmakers are working on a bill that would amend state law to lift the cap limiting the number of new charter schools each year. At stake are federal grants from a nearly \$5 billion fund made available by President Obama.

The grants will be awarded to states pursuing innovative reforms, like raising academic standards, adopting common student assessment tests and improving teacher quality. To get the money, states may have to do things they, or the teacher unions, dislike.

Education Secretary Arne Duncan has cautioned that states that do not allow charter schools or place caps on their growth are jeopardizing their chances to win the grants under the "Race to the Top Fund."

In a recession that has strangled state budgets, the federal grants are proving impossible for some states to resist and Idaho policy makers are working quickly

to make sure they get some of it.

"These are very competitive grants," said Cleve Edmunson, education adviser to Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter. "President Obama and secretary Duncan have made it pretty clear there are a few stipulations."

Idaho law limits the number of new charter schools to six a year. It was put in place several years ago amid concerns their growth would lead to declining enrollment and reduced funding at traditional public schools.

The governor's office, which has yet to take a stance on the charter school cap, is discussing legislation with the head of the Idaho Senate and House education committees that would lift the restrictions, Edmunson said.

"We really haven't addressed this specifically, but the governor believes in a good system of education and good high-performing schools and that includes public, private and charter schools," Edmunson said.

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## Kenneth Jacob 'Jake' Baily

RUPERT — Kenneth Jacob "Jake" Baily, an 89-year-old Rupert resident, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009, in Rupert.

Jake was born Aug. 22, 1919, in Rupert, Idaho, the son of Roy Danzel and Lena Laura DeGuelle Baily. He attended schools in Minidoka County and graduated from Heyburn High School in 1937. Jake married the love of his life, Ruth Nielsen, on Nov. 18, 1941. He lived his whole life within two miles of the home, where he was born. Jake was a farmer and rancher, also serving as a director on the Federal Land Bank and Soil Conservation Board. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He enjoyed woodworking, building grandfather clocks, camping and fishing. He and Ruth especially enjoyed the many camping and fishing trips with their good friends and family. Honest and hard working, Jake loved his farm and family and enjoyed working his land with his brother, Royce, and his son, Ken. In his late years, Jake could often be seen riding his four-wheeler through his fields to check on the crops and cattle and swinging in



the porch swing with his sweetheart! He stayed active in farming until this summer when his health declined.

Jake is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Ruth Baily; his children, Dianne

(Bryan) Strate of Salt Lake City, Sally (Russ) Holland and Ken (Sharon) Baily of Rupert and Carol (Greg) of Denver; 23 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; one sister, Mary Davis; sister-in-law, Marilyn Baily; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Lena Baily; his sister, Alice Hammond; and his brother, Royce Baily.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 17, at the Heyburn LDS 2nd Ward, with Bishop Berkeley Orton officiating. Friends may call one hour prior to the service Monday at the church. Interment will follow the service at the Rupert Cemetery. Services will be under the direction of Hansen Mortuary.

The family would like to thank Dr. Swensen and Dr. Wayment, Home Health and Hospice, with special thanks to Manila, Delilah, Mariah and Tina.

## ISU aims for better service

POCATELLO (AP) — Idaho State University is trying to improve service to students.

The school in eastern Idaho for six months has been running an initiative to identify problems in its service departments.

James Fletcher, the school's vice president of finance and administration,

tells the Idaho State Journal that students are like customers and a way to keep students coming back is to improve customer service.

He says boosting retention of students is one of the school's biggest challenges, especially in the face of decreased government funding over the last several years.

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Table with 2 columns: Temperature and Precipitation. Includes data for Yesterday's High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, and various monthly/annual averages.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Map of Idaho showing weather forecasts for various regions including Sun Valley, Boise, and Northern Utah. Includes text about mountain weather and regional conditions.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Five-day forecast for Twin Falls showing icons for Sunny, Quiet weather, More sunshine, Warmer, and Sunny. Includes High/Low temperatures for each day.

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Table with 3 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity. Includes data for Yesterday's High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, and monthly/annual averages.

Weather icons for Moon phases (New, First, Full, Last) and Moonrise/Moonset times for Today, Monday, and Tuesday.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table listing weather forecasts for various cities in the region, including Boise, Idaho Falls, and Pocatello, with High/Low temperatures and weather icons.

Yesterday's Weather

Table showing yesterday's weather for various cities including Boise, Challis, and Lewiston, with High/Low temperatures and precipitation.

Weather icons for Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset times, and Pollen Count.

U.V. INDEX scale from Low to High, with a graphic showing the sun and a person.

Weather icons for DayWeather, Inc. and a note about forecasts and maps prepared by Cheyenne, Wyoming.

WORLD FORECAST

Table listing weather forecasts for various international cities, including London, Tokyo, and Sydney, with High/Low temperatures and weather icons.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP

Map of the United States showing weather fronts (Cold, Warm, Stationary, Occluded) and weather icons across different regions.

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Table listing weather forecasts for various Canadian cities, including Toronto, Vancouver, and Winnipeg, with High/Low temperatures and weather icons.

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Thai elephant hurt by mine gets artificial leg

LAMPANG, Thailand (AP) - An elephant who stepped on a land mine 10 years ago was fitted Saturday for a permanent artificial leg. Motola became a symbol of the plight of today's elephants, and her injury sparked international sympathy and donations. Experts in Thailand were making a cast of the 48-year-old pachyderm's injured left front leg for a plastic prosthetic limb, which was to be attached later Saturday. 'I do hope she will accept the new leg. It would be wonderful to see Motola and Baby Mosha walking together side-by-side,' said Soraida Salwala, secretary general of the Friends of the Asian Elephant, a non-governmental group. Mosha, also a land mine victim, became the world's first elephant with an artificial leg, attached in 2007. Soraida said Mosha, now a 3-year-old, is faring well and has outgrown three of her prosthetic devices. Both elephants have been cared for at the Elephant Hospital, set up Saturday for a permanent artificial leg. The world's first such facility, the hospital has treated thousands of elephants for ailments ranging from eye infection to gunshot wounds. Motola was injured in 1999 while working at a logging camp along the Myanmar-Thailand border, a region peppered with land mines after half a century of insurgency. Her mangled foot was amputated, and she hobbled on three feet until fitted with a temporary, canvas shoe-like device two years later. Motola's initial operation used enough anesthetic to floor 70 people - a record noted in the 2000 Guinness Book of World Records. 'It has been 10 years now, but in all these long years Motola enjoyed a happy life, walking out of her shelter for a sun bath,' Soraida said.

California scorched by wildfires

DAVENPORT, Calif. (AP) - California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger urged residents to heed mandatory evacuation orders Saturday as 6,800 firefighters battled to control nearly a dozen blazes across the parched state. Schwarzenegger met with firefighters at the Lockheed Fire in the Santa Cruz Mountains, a day after the governor returned to the state from attending the funeral of his mother-in-law, Eunice Shriver. The Lockheed Fire has blackened close to 8 square miles of remote wilderness since Wednesday and prompted mandatory evacuations of the mountain communities of Swanton and Bonny Doon, which have about 2,400 residents and several wineries. 'These fires will be different than most of the fires because of the terrain,' Schwarzenegger said. 'It's very hard to get equipment in there and the resources in there. That's why you see a lot of helicopters and fixed winged aircraft being used.' The fire spread slightly overnight but crews gained some ground when the winds died down, containing nearly 30 percent of the fire, said CalFire spokeswoman Julie Hutchinson. But an offshore wind was expected to blow into the area later Saturday, bringing hotter temperatures, dropping the humidity and drying out the trees and brush. 'If we get those winds, those high temperatures and low humidity, it could definitely cause a much more rapid fire and a lot more fire spread,' Hutchinson said.



A firefighter battles a wildfire as it threatens to jump a road in unincorporated Santa Cruz County, Calif., on Friday.

AP photo

Schwarzenegger said the Lockheed Fire was one of 11 burning in the state. Other blazes have forced evacuations and knocked out power, and smoke and ash from the growing wildfire in Santa Barbara County whirled into the Los Angeles area, prompting an unusual weather forecast of 'scattered smoke.' Lt. Gov. John Garamendi declared a state of emergency Friday for Santa Cruz County. Schwarzenegger said 25 firefighters had been injured in various blazes, but the extent of their injuries wasn't immediately known. 'We pray that they heal as quickly as possible,' Schwarzenegger said.

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EDITORIAL

# What AYP tells us about our schools

The acronym AYP — which stands for Adequate Yearly Progress — is the Holy Grail of Idaho public education. Under the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, the state is required to calculate and report the AYP of every public school, based on results of the Idaho Standards Achievement Test. The ISAT is the statewide standardized assessment of student performance in reading, math and language usage in grades 3-8 and 10.

To make AYP, a school must meet student achievement goals in 41 different target areas during a school year. The targets include students in the entire school, including those with disabilities, those who speak limited English and those who are economically disadvantaged.

Statewide, two-thirds of public schools made AYP during the 2008-09 school year. In south-central Idaho, it was 53 percent.

But when calculated in terms of the state's 114 school districts, the results weren't as impressive. Fifty-nine percent of Idaho school systems missed AYP, including 14 of 21 in south-central Idaho.

Idaho's 16 public charter schools fared better: Eleven made progress, including both in the Magic Valley.

Administrators and teachers complain long and loudly that AYP is a poor yardstick of progress, penalizing schools for their demographics and failing to adequately measure individual achievement.

It's likely that NCB will be changed — it's up for reauthorization by Congress — and with it the way Idaho judges school performance.

But flawed as it is, AYP still tells schools what they're doing right — and what needs work. Educators should embrace the results in that spirit.

### AYP SCORECARD

#### Districts that have missed AYP 6 or more years:

Shoshone (reading and math)  
Buhl (math)  
Cassia County (reading)  
Gooding (math)

#### 5 years

Idaho State School for the Deaf and the Blind (math)

#### 4 years

Buhl (reading)  
Cassia County (math)  
Gooding (reading)  
Jerome (math)  
Minidoka County (math)  
Twin Falls (reading)  
Valley (math)

#### 3 years

Idaho State School for the Deaf and the Blind (reading)  
Glenns Ferry (reading)  
Wendell (math)

#### 2 years

Glenns Ferry (math)  
Richfield (reading)  
Twin Falls (math)

# WRECKING RECREATION

By Adena Cook

## Rural economies hurt by diversion of gas tax

### IDAHO OFF-ROAD, BY THE NUMBERS

| County     | 2000   | 2002   | 2004   | 2006   | 2008   |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Blaine     | 971    | 1,019  | 1,082  | 1,132  | 1,053  |
| Camas      | 70     | 84     | 84     | 84     | 107    |
| Cassia     | 1,193  | 1,139  | 1,061  | 1,086  | 1,082  |
| Gooding    | 1,101  | 1,102  | 1,082  | 1,162  | 1,133  |
| Jerome     | 1,416  | 1,411  | 1,393  | 1,474  | 1,464  |
| Lincoln    | 284    | 298    | 332    | 359    | 351    |
| Minidoka   | 1,523  | 1,422  | 1,383  | 1,347  | 1,348  |
| Twin Falls | 4,495  | 4,547  | 4,609  | 4,597  | 4,788  |
| Region     | 11,053 | 11,022 | 11,026 | 11,241 | 11,326 |
| State      | 85,227 | 86,287 | 89,118 | 94,600 | 94,727 |

### SNOWMOBILES

| County     | 2004   | 2005   | 2006   | 2007   | 2008   |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Blaine     | 674    | 634    | 660    | 740    | 801    |
| Camas      | 1,203  | 1,032  | 1,162  | 1,075  | 1,043  |
| Cassia     | 664    | 678    | 661    | 578    | 616    |
| Gooding    | 78     | 74     | 71     | 46     | 62     |
| Jerome     | 31     | 25     | 27     | 18     | 22     |
| Lincoln    | 16     | 25     | 40     | 24     | 37     |
| Minidoka   | 72     | 27     | 25     | 31     | 37     |
| Twin Falls | 1,394  | 1,223  | 1,215  | 1,091  | 1,273  |
| Region     | 4,112  | 3,718  | 3,861  | 3,603  | 3,891  |
| State      | 54,101 | 48,641 | 52,478 | 52,212 | 52,259 |

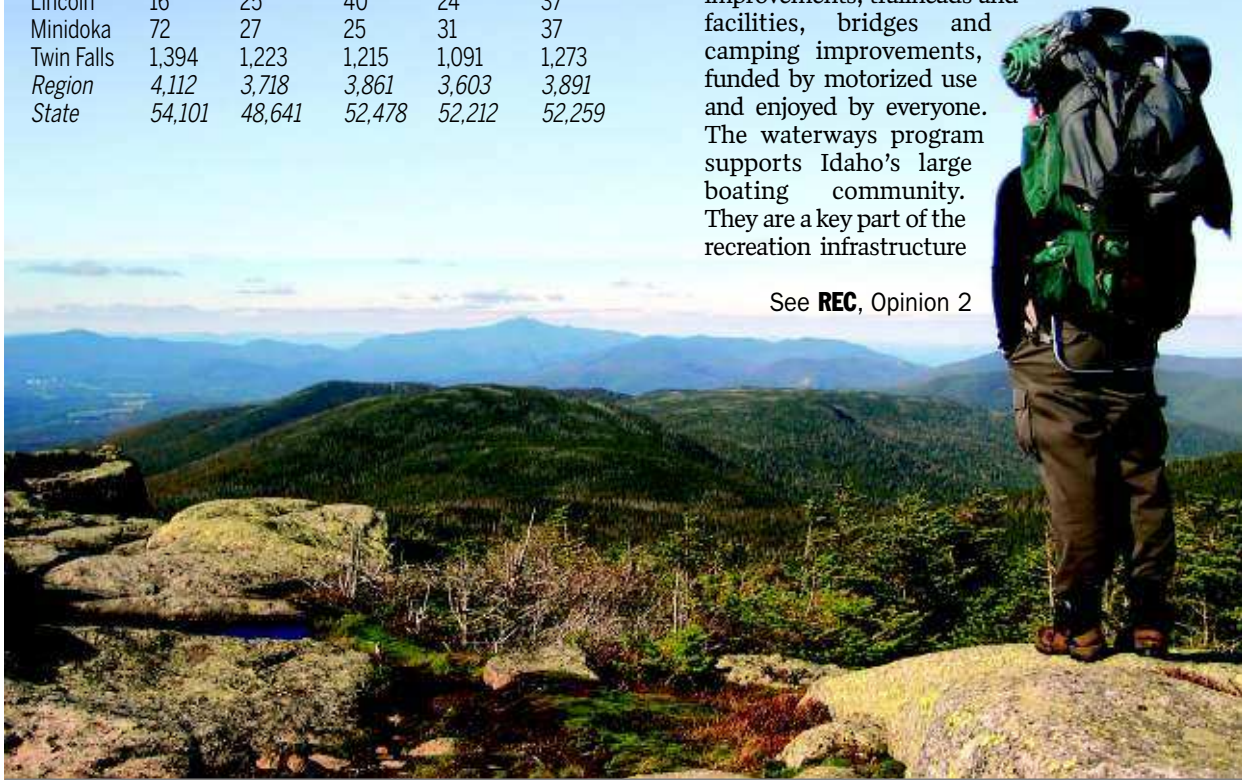
This year's state legislative session dragged on. The governor and the Legislature were at an impasse. The governor insisted the state gas tax be raised. The Legislature refused. To ransom their way out of Boise, the Legislature sacrificed 3 percent of the gas tax set aside by law for Idaho recreation and 5 percent for the Idaho State Police.

When they did so, they also set up an eight-member task force of legislators to " ... undertake and complete a study to identify alternative dedicated funding sources for the Idaho State Police and for the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation on an ongoing basis to offset those funds shifted away from the Idaho State Police and the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation to fund transportation."

The task force, co-chaired by Sen. Dean Cameron and Rep. Maxine Bell, met for the first time in Boise on June 11, and again Aug. 11. They listened to comprehensive reports from the state and the agencies on the impact to their budgets. It amounts to about \$4.7 million taken from IDPR and between \$16.4 million and \$18 million from ISP.

IDPR grants pay for hundreds of miles of trail improvements, trailheads and facilities, bridges and camping improvements, funded by motorized use and enjoyed by everyone. The waterways program supports Idaho's large boating community. They are a key part of the recreation infrastructure

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### HOW WE DID

#### Made AYP

Blaine County, Bliss, Camas County, Castleford, Dietrich, Hansen, Murtaugh, North Valley Academy (Gooding), Xavier Charter School (Twin Falls)

#### Didn't make AYP

Buhl, Cassia County, Filer, Glenns Ferry, Gooding, Hagerman, Idaho State School for the Deaf and the Blind, Jerome, Kimberly, Minidoka County, Richfield, Shoshone, Twin Falls, Valley, Wendell

#### Why they failed

**Buhl** — Graduation rate was lower than previous year; Latino students' math proficiency; limited English students' math proficiency; economically disadvantaged students' reading proficiency; economically disadvantaged students' math proficiency; students with disabilities reading proficiency; students with disabilities math proficiency.  
**Cassia County** — Latino students' math proficiency; limited English students' math proficiency; limited English students' reading proficiency; economically disadvantaged students' reading proficiency; students with disabilities reading proficiency; students with disabilities math proficiency.  
**Filer** — Students with disabilities reading proficiency; students with disabilities math proficiency.  
**Glenns Ferry** — Math proficiency; Latino students' math proficiency; limited English students' reading proficiency; limited English students' math proficiency; economically disadvantaged students' reading proficiency; economically disadvantaged students' reading proficiency; economically disadvantaged students' reading proficiency.

advantaged students' math proficiency.

**Gooding** — Latino students' reading proficiency; limited English students' math proficiency; students with disabilities math proficiency; students with disabilities reading proficiency.

**Hagerman** — Math proficiency; Latino students' math proficiency; economically disadvantaged students' math proficiency.

**Jerome** — Latino students' math proficiency; limited English students' math proficiency; students with disabilities math proficiency.  
**Kimberly** — Students with disabilities reading proficiency; students with disabilities math proficiency.

**Minidoka County** — Graduation rate was lower than previous year; students with disabilities math proficiency.

**Richfield** — Reading proficiency.

**Shoshone** — Math proficiency; Latino students' math proficiency; students with limited English reading proficiency; students with limited English math proficiency.

**Twin Falls** — African American students' reading proficiency; African American students' math proficiency; limited English students' math proficiency; students with disabilities math proficiency.

**Valley** — Graduation rate was lower than the previous year; Latino students' math proficiency; economically disadvantaged students' math proficiency.  
**Wendell** — Students with disabilities math proficiency.

# Why we can't spare folks the bad news

A few weeks ago I asked for your thoughts in explaining a phenomenon I've encountered since becoming editor here: Some people think it's unusual that we write stories about people killed in accidents without first getting permission from their families.

The recent death of Twin Falls civic leader Timothy ZeBarth was a case in point. He was killed in a traffic accident at about 2:30 a.m. on a Saturday. His co-worker and fiancé, Megan Ridgeway Schute, was injured. Authorities released their names that day, and our broadcast competitor aired a report that night. Our story appeared in the Sunday paper — prompting someone to flame us on an Internet billboard:

"It's amazing at how ignorant our local law enforcement & news reporters are," wrote the anonymous critic. "Neither of these families had authorized release of this story, yet the story was reported."

I was and still am baffled by that response. Nowhere else in the world is it considered unseemly to report on a fatal traffic accident, nor do people consider a death investigated by police to be a private matter left up to the family to disclose.



In a column last month I tossed out the issue for discussion, and heard back from some folks who expressed similar bafflement. Only one person, a local attorney who asked not to be identified, sided with the anonymous critic, saying:

"It was not that there was an article, it was the timing of the article... The ZeBarth family was under the impression that nothing would be reported until Monday," Local Attorney wrote. "They hoped to have that extra time to ensure that all family and friends had been notified prior to reading it in the paper."

(Notably, we've never heard this or anything else from the ZeBarth or Ridgeway families.)

I'm at a loss to say why Local Attorney — or anyone else — would expect us to wait a few days to report a public death. Perhaps it's a lack of understanding of how the system works.

The county coroner is responsible for identifying the deceased and notifying the next of kin, usually with assistance from police. This process varies from case to case, and can take hours or

days, depending on the unique circumstances of the death. Once the next-of-kin is notified, the authorities release the information to the general public.

Notice the use of the term "next-of-kin" — not "all family and friends." It would be impractical and perhaps impossible to hold back names until all family members are notified.

Or maybe it's the fact that Twin Falls and its newspaper have grown and evolved in recent years.

There's an old joke that people in small towns already know everything their neighbors are doing but they still read the paper to find out who got caught.

That may be true in small towns where everyone knows one another, but Twin Falls stopped being that sleepy berg some time ago. The days are long gone when most of us could drive past an accident scene, recognize the car and then call a cousin at the police station to get the details days before they appear in the paper.

And the *Times-News* isn't just a place you go for confirmation of what you've already heard down at the café or over lunch at the lodge. We're more aggressive than ever about getting news in the paper or online while it's still fresh. That's just what a good

news organization does.

So why not show deference to the families by holding off a few days?

We can't stop the news by not reporting it. The paper might have been a monopoly at one point, but now there are Internet bulletin boards, local radio and local TV news, as well as both nightly coverage of some Magic Valley news by Boise TV stations over cable and on the Internet through their own Web sites. Even if we wanted to bend over backwards to shield families from sad news, they would simply hear it elsewhere.

Then there's the conspiracy factor.

Not long ago a local sheriff's office was slow in reporting a traffic fatality. Deputies wouldn't even acknowledge there had been an accident for several days, so there wasn't much we could print. We started getting calls from people wondering why the accident everyone was talking about had not been in the paper — were we trying to cover it up? Who were we trying to protect?

I'd say it's always better to lay out the facts as soon as possible rather than letting imaginations run amok.

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# Rec

Continued from Opinion 1

that supports tourism in rural economies.

ISP gas tax funds pay for essential equipment and personnel. Think about it next time you spin out on an icy highway and ISP comes to your rescue. It's a matter of public safety.

The task force identified three alternatives. First, take the money from the General Fund, possibly by dedicating the sales tax paid on OHV equipment; second, raise registration and licensing fees; third, restore the gas tax.

The sales tax option, though Idaho has many sales tax exemptions, would be anathema to the

Legislature. Already, there are many demands on these funds, protected by powerful interests. Raising fees would mean increasing them to a punitive degree. Restoring the gas tax certainly is viable, but it was apparent at the meeting that some in task force opposed this.

Several times, Sen. Cameron stated, "We don't want to 'unring the bell'. We should not 'unwind the clock.'"

Raising fees became the elephant in the room. It was on everybody's mind, but nobody wanted to discuss it.

Regardless of their feelings, the task force is obligated to study all alterna-

## OHV

Off-highway vehicle registrations, by county

| County     | 2004   | 2005    | 2006    | 2007    | 2008    |
|------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Blaine     | 1,125  | 1,315   | 1,366   | 1,466   | 1,447   |
| Camas      | 95     | 114     | 168     | 175     | 183     |
| Cassia     | 1,229  | 1,398   | 1,479   | 1,612   | 1,718   |
| Gooding    | 1,001  | 1,127   | 1,196   | 1,389   | 1,532   |
| Jerome     | 1,258  | 1,435   | 1,529   | 1,759   | 1,836   |
| Lincoln    | 331    | 381     | 407     | 448     | 444     |
| Minidoka   | 1,298  | 1,437   | 1,586   | 1,704   | 1,802   |
| Twin Falls | 4,118  | 4,746   | 5,289   | 5,971   | 6,373   |
| Region     | 10,455 | 11,953  | 13,018  | 14,52   | 15,335  |
| State      | 91,037 | 104,127 | 117,567 | 131,961 | 135,362 |

tives in detail and provide a comprehensive report to the Legislature. It's up to the Legislature to decide. The answer is plain: Give back the gas tax!

Adena Cook of Idaho

## IDAHO OFF-ROAD, BY THE NUMBERS

## BOATS

Boat registrations, by county:

| County     | 2004   | 2005   | 2006   | 2007   | 2008   |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Blaine     | 984    | 959    | 973    | 1,015  | 987    |
| Camas      | 181    | 188    | 191    | 234    | 221    |
| Cassia     | 1,457  | 1,470  | 1,539  | 1,598  | 1,565  |
| Gooding    | 581    | 600    | 621    | 653    | 629    |
| Jerome     | 411    | 418    | 416    | 431    | 397    |
| Lincoln    | N/A    | N/A    | N/A    | N/A    | N/A    |
| Minidoka   | 540    | 529    | 504    | 565    | 576    |
| Twin Falls | 2,488  | 2,574  | 2,701  | 2,813  | 2,809  |
| Region     | 6,642  | 6,733  | 6,945  | 7,309  | 7,184  |
| State      | 81,429 | 83,387 | 86,183 | 89,251 | 86,545 |

— Sources: Idaho Transportation Department; Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Charges should be pursued for death

This letter is in response to the article in Aug. 10 edition addressing Lance Stevenson having people trying to sway him to drop charges in the Braun Catmull-Steven Damron case.

Our family has gone through major heartache and heartbreak since the death of Steven on Jan. 3, 2009. Now I understand that there are people in our community that think that because they threaten Mr. Stevenson of losing a vote he would drop charges to make sure you punched his name on the ballot come election time (be careful what you wish for in case you might be an elected official yourself, wishes do come true). You are totally pathetic!

Let's switch this around. Now you sit there and think that it was your son, grandson, cousin, father or whatever and they had been taken away from you by someone making a conscious decision to speed and run a stop sign at a high rate of speed, and the only place you get to visit them now is in the Paul Cemetery. Feeling warm and fuzzy yet? Now, I'm just not comfortable with the charges of the person whom I might know that committed this heinous crime so I'm going to persuade Mr. Stevenson to change the charges with my political pull that I might have over him come election time.

Getting the picture? Now it's your son in the cemetery and will you be OK with me trying to do this? I didn't think so!

For anyone that even tried to persuade Mr. Stevenson to change this, you should be ashamed of yourselves. And you should be proud that Mr. Stevenson has enough backbone to stand up to political pressuring that you presented him with. That proves to me and should to you that Mr. Stevenson is a law-abiding prosecutor that is doing a good job for our whole community, not just for the people that might or might not vote for him!

Nice job, Lance, keep it up!

IKE SHOCKEY  
PATY SHOCKEY  
Rupert

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LOUISE PERRY  
Jerome

### Family felt abused at campground

On July 12, my family went to Lake Cleveland for a picnic. We went down to find an open site to roast wieners with the children.

About 10 minutes later the young camp host came by. He asked if we had paid yet; I said no, but we just wanted the day use. I asked how much it was. He replied \$10. My husband said that's BS! We have been coming to Lake Cleveland for 25 or more years, and you are going to charge us \$10 for a picnic? The young man said, "This was a full-service campground." We tried to give him the \$10, but he refused, saying that we had to go back to the "self-pay station." He gave us an envelope and we said we would drop it in the pay slot on our way out, and he agreed.

We were there for about 1 1/2 hours when we were approached by Fish and Game and Forest Service officers. They confronted my husband on refusal to pay, though we had not once refused. My husband was issued a citation for \$50 plus a \$25 processing fee.

There were no signs posted indicating whether the site was day use or overnight camping. It was clearly posted (as) a self-

pay for camping. We did nothing wrong. The uniformed men that approached us were yelling and angry. This situation badly frightened the children.

I admit we were upset about this situation, but who would not be? The end result is that we have also been charged with intimidating a Forest Service official, with a penalty of almost \$600. We were not notified of a court date, or way to

resolve this issue.

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### Thieves helped themselves to fruit

Fruit thieves — a new low has been reached in Twin Falls.

This afternoon (Saturday) while my wife and I were away from home, someone entered our yard and stripped our apricot tree and helped themselves to our garden produce.

It's a sad day when we can't leave home without being victimized in our own yard on our own property.

I hope that whomever did this is really proud of themselves. We raise a garden and raise fruit trees so that we can provide food for ourselves, not those too lazy to grow their own.

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# Obama needs Bush's health care playbook

WASHINGTON — The Democrats' health-care overhaul stands at a critical juncture in Congress. With public opposition rising, President Obama faces some key strategic decisions to advance the bill through the legislative thicket.

Although he's been more apt to blame than listen to George W. Bush, Obama might gain some key insights from this unlikely source.

How the forty-third president ushered one of his first major legislative endeavors through Congress — No Child Left Behind — offers some important clues that might boost Obama's chances of success on health care.

The parallels between the education and health care measures are striking.

Both presidents doubled down on these respective reform measures. They talked about them a lot during their election campaigns and then wanted to deliver results in the first year.

Similarly, both issues include strong views on the left and on the right in Congress.

Moreover, both Bush and Obama decided to avoid sending detailed legislative language to Congress on the respective measures.

Instead, they delivered broad principles to Capitol Hill and allowed lawmakers to fill in the details.

And in both cases, successful passage would signal managerial and political competence.

But the parallels only go so far. Bush outlined a clear strategy for legislative success from the beginning. Obama's approach is murkier. Bush identified a bipartisan cadre of legislative leaders and created the political equivalent of an enduring Crazy Glue bond with them.

On the Senate side, Democrat Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts and Republican Judd Gregg of New Hampshire were the two leaders of the education panel. On the House side, Reps. John Boehner of Ohio and George Miller of California were the chairman and ranking Democrat of the key House committee.

Bush worked hard from the beginning of the process to keep these four senior lawmakers in the tent — despite pressures from the polarized wings of the parties. Each lawmaker agreed



Gary Andres

and disagreed with various portions of the measure. But they all knew that if locked arms became clenched fists, the entire project would tank.

Political scientist Patrick J. McGuinn, who has studied the history of education reform, agrees.

In his book, "No Child Left Behind and the Transformation of Federal Education Policy 1965-2005," he writes: "Some Republicans argued that the party should use its narrow majorities in the House and Senate to try to pass a conservative bill that Democrats strongly opposed. Bush declined to follow this strategy, and his pursuit of bipartisan compromise fundamentally influenced the nature of the final legislation as well as its long-term impact on the politics of federal education policy." Ironically, while Obama talked a lot about bipartisanship during the campaign, his efforts to match words and deeds fall short. Health care is no exception. The House strategy has been hyper-partisan — brokering a series of behind-the-scenes deals with members of his own party. The president has rejected Republicans overtures for meetings, keeping them at arms length.

The Senate picture is more nuanced. It's unclear if the White House wants bipartisan negotiations to succeed or if President Obama thinks Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., should just try to ram the bill through using procedural tactics such as budget reconciliation, which would allow the measure to pass with only 51 votes.

Obama has never established a team of rivals — a Kennedy/Gregg/Boehner/Miller-like group to help find consensus and navigate intra-party feuds on both sides of the aisle. "We spent hours and hours with these people and with the White House," a staffer intimately involved in the education negotiations in 2001 told me this week. "We also then had to do a lot of hard work on both sides of the aisle to keep members in line." Making sure the four legislative leaders and Bush

stayed connected at the hip was the bottom line — a commitment many believe helped avoid numerous partisan arrows that might have proved fatal.

Despite the early hype about Obama's "team of rivals" cabinet or his post-partisan style, he is missing an opportunity to fully engage the opposition, seemingly just wishing for the best.


"Hope" is a catchy campaign slogan, but it's not a sound legislative strategy and won't help him on health care reform. Instead of just playing victim by blaming Bush for today's challenges, Obama may want to tear a page from the former president's playbook.

Gary Andres is a columnist for Hearst Newspapers.


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# U.S. senator wins release of American in Myanmar

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — Stung by international outrage over the trial of Aung San Suu Kyi, Myanmar's ruling generals agreed Saturday to hand an American prisoner involved in her case to a visiting U.S. senator.

Sen. Jim Webb was also granted an unprecedented meeting with the junta chief, and was allowed to hold talks with Suu Kyi, the first foreign official permitted to see the Nobel laureate since she was sentenced to 18 more months of house arrest on Tuesday.

American John Yettaw, who was sentenced to seven years of hard labor for swimming uninvited to Suu Kyi's lakeside house in Yangon, will be deported today, Webb said in a statement from his Washington office.

The impending deportation indicates "good relations between the two countries and hope (that) these will grow," Yettaw's lawyer Khin Maoung Oo said. Webb echoed the sentiment.

"It is my hope that we can take advantage of these gestures as a way to begin laying a foundation of goodwill and



AP photo

This image released by the office of U.S. Senator Jim Webb shows Webb, left, meeting Myanmar's Prime Minister General Thein Sein, right, in Yangon on Friday.

confidence-building in the future," Webb said in the statement.

Suu Kyi has been detained for 14 of the past 20 years, and a global groundswell of international pressure to release the 64-year-old opposition leader has kept the impoverished military-ruled country under sanctions in recent years.

While Washington has traditionally been Myanmar's strongest critic, applying political and economic sanctions against the

junta, President Barack Obama's new ambassador for East Asia, Kurt Campbell, recently said the administration is interested in easing its policy of isolation.

The regime has shown no sign it will release Suu Kyi before next year's general elections, which critics say will perpetuate the military's decades-old rule, but Webb's visit appeared to show the junta is sensitive to international censure.

## Family 'ecstatic' after word man will be freed

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Family members of a Missouri man imprisoned in Myanmar for swimming to the home of Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi waited Saturday for his return to the United States, and said they were thrilled that his ordeal appeared to be over.



Yettaw

U.S. Sen. Jim Webb's office said Saturday morning that he had won the release of John Yettaw, 53, who was convicted and sentenced to seven years of hard labor for the May swim.

Yettaw's wife, Betty

that she had not received any official notice that he would be returning home. But "if it's true, of course I'm extremely happy, and we're ecstatic," she said.

Webb's office said Yettaw is to be deported today, when he will fly with Webb

on a military plane to Bangkok. It was unclear when or how Yettaw would be returning to Missouri.

Yettaw, a Mormon who lives on a military pension from serving in the Army for about a year in 1973, was in Myanmar researching a book he wanted to write about forgiveness, according to his wife.

But he also testified during his trial that he swam to Suu Kyi's house in early May to deliver a warning that he had had a "vision" that she would be assassinated.

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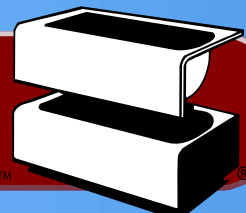
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# Mormons take heat for position on gays

By Jennifer Dogner  
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — The Mormon church's vigorous, well-heeled support for Proposition 8, which banned gay marriage in California last year, has turned the Utah-based faith into a lightning rod for gay rights activism, including a nationwide "kiss-in" Saturday.

The event comes after gay couples here and in San Antonio and El Paso, Texas, were arrested, cited for trespassing or harassed by police for publicly kissing. In Utah, the July 9 trespassing incident occurred after a couple were observed by security guards on a downtown park-like plaza owned by the 13 million-member Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The court case was dismissed, but the kiss sparked a community backlash and criticism of the church.

"I don't think that kiss would have turned out to be the kiss heard round the



AP photo  
Mel Orpen speaks during a kiss-in at Love Park in Philadelphia on Saturday. Gay activists gathered around the U.S. and Canada for a 'kiss-in.'

because she has watched her gay father and many gay friends struggle to find their place.

The 31-year-old, who was raised Mormon but is not active in the church, said the church shouldn't be involved in Prop. 8.

"I encourage them to promote the values they believe in and to defend their religious principles in advertisements, but civil rights have nothing to do with religious principles," she said.

Twenty-two people, many of them strangers to one another, gathered under the scorching sun on Washington's National Mall to participate in the national smooch. They were gay and straight, couples and singles of all ages, with placards that read "Equal Opportunity Kisser" and "A Kiss is a Not a Crime."

"This is America. A kiss on the cheek is OK," said Ian Thomas, 26, of Leesburg, Va., who organized the Washington Kiss-In. "It's got to be OK. If not, we're in serious trouble."

About 50 people, mostly gay and lesbian couples, gathered at Piedmont Park in downtown Atlanta and kissed for about five minutes.

"You think that America is evolving into a gay-friendly nation," said Randal Smith, 42, "but what happened in Texas and Utah show us it's still a long way off."

But church spokeswoman Kim Farah said Friday that Mormon support for traditional marriage has nothing to do with public relations.

"It's too easy for those whose agenda is to change societal standards to claim there are great difficulties inside the Church because of its decision to support traditional marriage," Kim Farah said. "In reality the Church has received enormous support for its defense of marriage."

Mormonism teaches that homosexual sex is considered a sin, but gays are welcome in church and can maintain church callings and membership if they remain celibate.

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ROYAL OAK, Mich. (AP) — Jack Beller's blue 1966 Corvette has the classic big-block engine and the enormous carburetor that make putting the keys in the ignition a roaring ode to muscle car history.

He and his classic ride have been coming to Saturday's Woodward Dream Cruise, billed by its sponsors as "the world's largest one-day celebration of car culture," since it began 15 years ago. But this year, as he sat against his wife Marilyn's arrest-merred '62 Corvette, there was a depressing realization setting in: There may not be a successor to his beloved fleet of classic cars.

"This is gone," said Beller, 68, sweeping his hand across a parking lot along the cruise's Woodward Avenue route, where 100 other classic cars were lined up. "This is gone forever?"

For a day, though, Woodward Avenue was given over to the strutting cars of yesteryear. An estimated 40,000 Dream Cruisers slowly drove up and down the event's 16-mile stretch in Detroit's suburbs, classic big-body Cadillacs swimming by with a murmur. A fleet of hot rods, engines announcing their presence long before they came into view, roared out of red lights as patrons at local bars cheered.



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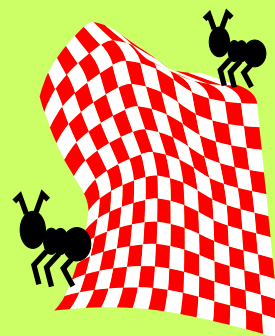
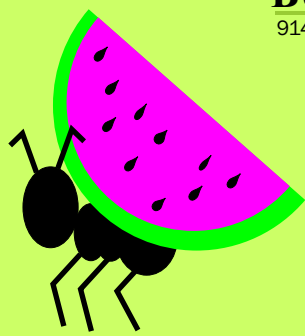
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# Obama gets personal on health care

## President recalls anguish of grandmother's death

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (AP) — Now, it's personal.

President Obama invoked his own anguish over the death of a loved one as he challenged the debunked notion that Democratic efforts to overhaul the nation's health care would include "death panels."

"I just lost my grandmother last year. I know what it's like to watch somebody you love, who's aging, deteriorate and have to struggle with that," an impassioned Obama told a crowd as he spoke of Madelyn Payne Dunham. He took issue with "the notion that somehow I ran for public office or members of Congress are in this so they can go around pulling

the plug on grandma?" "When you start making arguments like that, that's simply dishonest — especially when I hear the arguments coming from members of Congress in the other party who, turns out, sponsored similar provisions," Obama said.

In a debate in which he often sounds professor-like, Obama spoke with a rare bit of emotion that seemed to counter that of vocal health care opponents as he referenced the beloved grandmother who helped raise him and who he called "Toot." She died of cancer at age 86 on Nov. 2, two days before he won election to become the nation's first African-American president.

He talked about her death while answering a question about misinformation being spread about Democratic health care efforts during a town hall style gathering in a high school gymnasium.

"Health care is really hard. This is not easy. I'm a reasonably dedicated student to this issue. I've got a lot of really smart people around me who've been working on this for months now," he said. "There is no perfect painless silver bullet out there that solves every problem, gives everybody health care for free. There isn't. I wish there was."

But he said that because there's no perfect solution to solving health care, opponents "start saying

things like we want to set up death panels to pull the plug on grandma."

The president is seeking to put to rest claims that the health care overhaul he seeks would set up "death panels" to rule on life-sustaining care for ailing seniors. It would not, and Obama has stressed that point repeatedly over the past week.

Obama reiterated his contention that the Democratic health care legislation would not create "death panels" to deny care to frail seniors. Obama has explained that the provision that has caused the uproar would only authorize Medicare to pay doctors for counseling patients about end-of-life care, living wills, hospice care and other issues, if the patient wants it.

# Controller bantered about dead cat before collision

WASHINGTON (AP) — The air traffic controller handling the small plane involved in a deadly crash with a helicopter over the Hudson River was chatting on the telephone about a dead cat at the airport and initially failed to warn the pilot of other aircraft in his path, officials say.

The controller tried unsuccessfully to contact the pilot before the accident, officials said Friday, but the plane collided with a tour helicopter over the Hudson River, killing nine people.

The controller handling the plane and his supervisor at Teterboro Airport in New Jersey at the time of the accident a week ago have been placed on administrative leave pending an investigation by the Federal Aviation Administration.

The National Transportation Safety Board said in a report that the controller, who has not been identified, cleared the single-engine Piper for takeoff at 11:48 and 30 seconds a.m. EDT, then made a telephone call.

He remained on the phone, including while further instructing the plane's pilot, until the accident happened.

The phone call, to an

airport contractor, was a "silly conversation" concerning a dead cat that had been removed from the airport, a retired union official said, in an account supported by transportation officials also familiar with the contents of the call.

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# Obama makes good on fly-fishing promise

BELGRADE, Mont. (AP) — President Obama didn't let thunderstorms and unseasonably cool weather stop him from learning how to fish for Montana's famous trout during his weekend trip to the rustic West and its national parks.

"He insisted that fishermen fish in the rain, so he said, 'Let's do it,'" fishing guide Dan Vermillion said. "The weather was really horrendous. We were all real cold at the end of the day."

The president took 2½ hours after his health care town hall near Bozeman on Friday to make good on a campaign promise to learn fly fishing when he revisits the state. His guide said the commander in chief has become a serious student of the sport.

"I found him to be a real good listener. He really wanted to learn about the whole experience of fly fishing," said Vermillion, who runs the Sweetwater Fly Shop in Livingston.

Obama reported practicing the difficult-to-master mechanics of fly casting on retreats at Camp David, Vermillion said.

It paid off. The president did well for a first-timer by hooking half a dozen fish in an area mixed with brown and rainbow trout, but he didn't land any during the



President Obama and his daughter Malia Obama, 11, left, listen to Park Ranger Katy Duffy, right, with Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar as they tour the Old Faithful geyser in Yellowstone National Park, Wyo., Saturday.

afternoon getaway on the East Gallatin River, his guide said.

No reporters or TV cameras were allowed on the trip. The president simply wanted to enjoy the learning experience rather than turn it into a media event, Vermillion said.

Obama used fishing gear he received as a birthday present from some avid fishermen on his staff. Deputy Chief of Staff Jim Messina, who used to work for Montana U.S. Sen. Max Baucus, helped set up the trip

and fished during the Friday getaway. Press secretary Robert Gibbs joined them.

While fishing, Vermillion said he and Obama talked about everything from Montana land issues to their personal lives, and the president insisted on being called by his first name.

"We talked a lot about his family and the challenges he and Michelle face trying to keep his kids grounded in the surreal experience he lives in," he said.

Gov. Brian Schweitzer had some other advice as Obama

headed off Saturday for another quintessential western experience: taking the kids to see the Old Faithful geyser in Yellowstone National Park.

"I told him to watch his kids' faces, and not the geyser, and you will never forget the expression on their faces when that thing goes off," Schweitzer said in an interview. "It truly is memorable."

The first family also plans to tour Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona today.

# U.S. renews calls on Iran to release Americans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton is pressing Iran to release Americans who are detained or have gone missing there.

Retired FBI agent Robert Levinson has been missing since March 2007. Three hikers — Joshua Fattal, Shane Bauer and Sarah Shourd — were detained by Iranian authorities on July 31.

And an Iranian-American scholar, Kian Tajbakhsh,

was arrested last month on charges related to provoking unrest.

Clinton's statement Saturday comes days after a U.S. graduate student held in Iran returned to Los Angeles.

The student, Esha Momeni, was imprisoned for a month because of her research on Iranian women's rights movement. She was freed in November, but was only able to return to the U.S. this past week.

# Wedding fire in Kuwait kills at least 41 guests

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — A fire at a wedding tent Saturday has killed at least 41 women and children guests and injured 76 others, authorities said.

The official Kuwait News Agency quotes the fire department chief, Brig. Gen. Jassem al-Mansouri, as saying 41 bodies have been recovered from the scene in Jahra, a tribal area west of Kuwait City.

KUNA said 76 people

have been hospitalized with burns.

Interior Ministry spokesman Col. Mohammed al-Saber said the cause of the fire has not been determined and authorities were having difficulty evacuating the injured because of relatives and onlookers flooding the scene.

He said Kuwait Army ambulances helped transport the injured to the country's hospitals.

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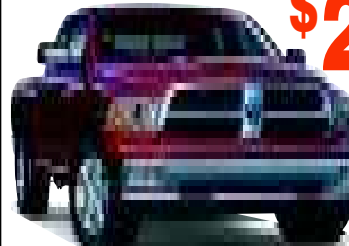


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# Tiger claws out a 2-shot lead at the PGA



AP photo

Tiger Woods drops his club after his approach shot on the No. 5 fairway during the third round of the 91st PGA Championship at the Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn., Saturday.

By Doug Ferguson  
Associated Press writer

CHASKA, Minn. — The coronation of Tiger Woods turned into a contest Saturday at the PGA Championship.

What had looked so inevitable — Woods with a four-shot lead on the weekend at a major — suddenly became filled with possibilities as his margin vanished along the back nine at Hazeltine.

Only a late birdie by Woods and a lone bogey from Padraig Harrington gave the final major a familiar look.

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Leaders through three rounds

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Tiger Woods        | -8 |
| Y.E. Yang          | -6 |
| Padraig Harrington | -6 |
| Henrik Stenson     | -4 |
| Lucas Glover       | -4 |
| Soren Kjeldsen     | -3 |
| Ernie Els          | -3 |

Other notables

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| Corey Pavin    | -1 |
| Vijay Singh    | E  |
| Retief Goosen  | +2 |
| Phil Mickelson | +8 |

Full scores, Sports 3

and had a two-shot lead over Harrington and Y.E. Yang. That left Woods one round away from capturing his 15th major, with more company than anyone expected.



Today's TV coverage:  
9 a.m., TNT;  
Noon, CBS

the gap, the better," Harrington said.

But it's still a gap. The advantage still belongs to Woods.

He has never lost a major when he was leading going

into the final round.

Only once in his career — nine years ago — had he lost any tournament when leading by two shots or more.

His conservative play allowed his lead to be cut in half. Woods found little wrong with that.

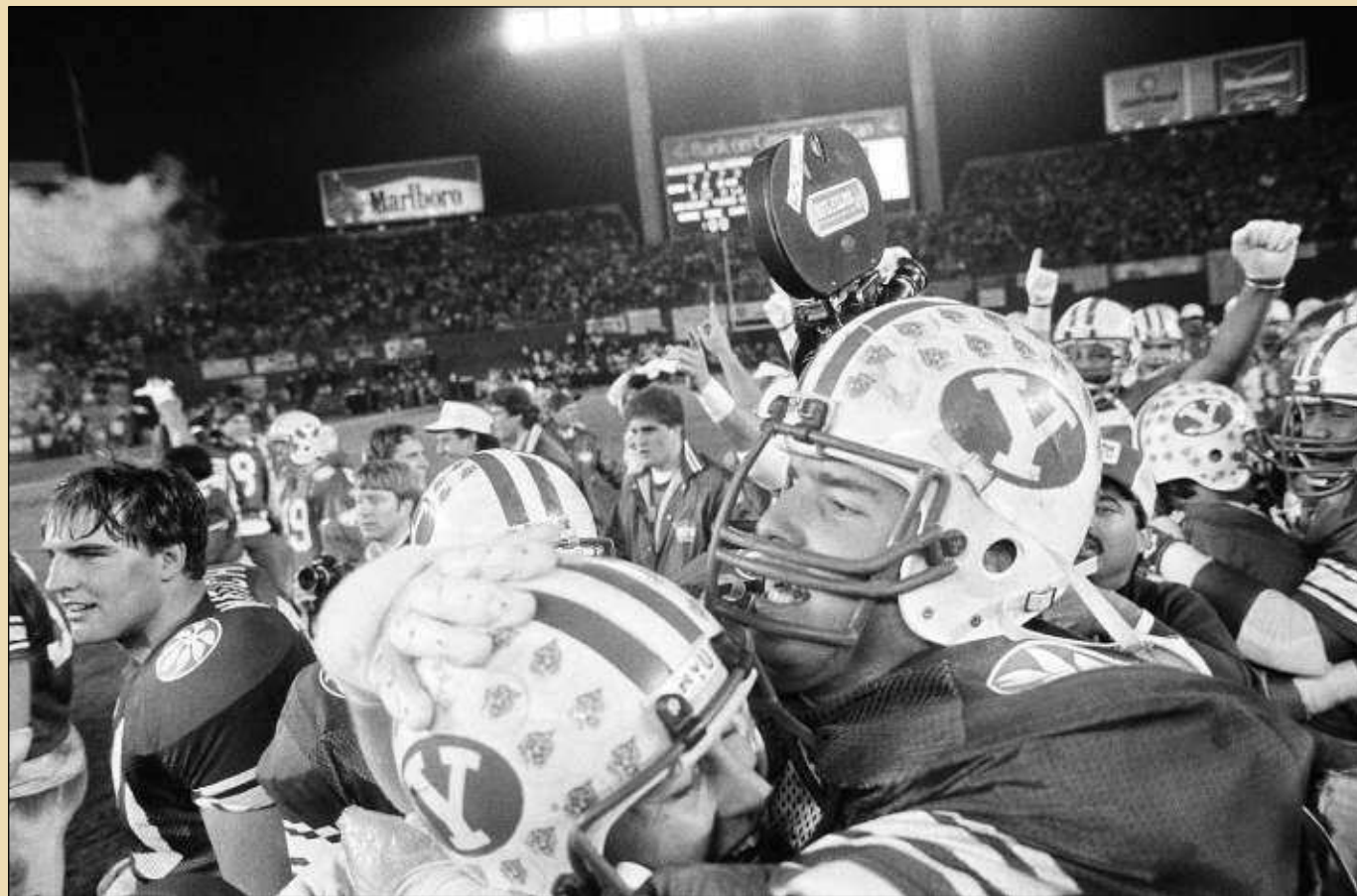
"I didn't give myself a lot of looks at putts," he said. "I was lag putting a lot. Given the conditions and my position in the tournament, I didn't mind it."

The only fist pump Woods delivered on a blustery afternoon came on the short par-4 14th. He hit 3-wood to the

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25 YEARS LATER

## COULD IT HAPPEN AGAIN?



AP file photo

Brigham Young University football players celebrate their dramatic victory over Michigan in the Holiday Bowl in San Diego on Dec. 22, 1984. The 24-17 victory completed an unbeaten and untied season. If everything turns out just right for BYU, this year will turn out a lot like 1984 — when the Cougars beat every team on the schedule and then the college football system to claim a national title.

### A loaded schedule means BYU could wind up in the national title hunt again

By Doug Alden • Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — BYU is preparing to celebrate the 25th anniversary of one of the most unlikely national championship teams.

The Cougars of 1984 went from unranked to the top of the polls, beating every team on the schedule and the college football system to claim the national title, despite playing in a conference that was often overshadowed by America's rich and powerful leagues.

Sounds like a plan for the current Cougars.

In 2009, BYU will again try to overcome tradition to win a national championship. No team from outside the power conferences — excluding independents such as Notre Dame — has won a national title since BYU's.

But the current Cougars have the type of team — and the type of difficult nonconference schedule — to do it again. If the Cougars

can beat No. 3 Oklahoma and No. 19 Florida State in September on the way to an undefeated season, it'll be hard to keep them out of the national championship game in Pasadena, Calif., on Jan. 7.

While this year's Cougars open against the

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In recent years, perfect seasons by Utah, BYU's Mountain West Conference rival, and Boise State and Hawaii of the Western Athletic Conference have earned those teams bids to the Bowl Championship Series. BYU and the rest of the potential BCS busters know that the next step beyond just crashing the party is to be the team to leave with the biggest trophy.

## Johnson, Iloka lead Boise St. safeties

By Dustin Lapray  
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — The safeties on the Boise State football team have a lot of freedom, room to roam. And when they hit backs and receivers, they do so with plenty of force.

Jeron Johnson and George Iloka return as starters in the ever-valuable positions of strong and free safety, respectively. Johnson led the team last season with 98 tackles and also intercepted three passes. He was named to the All-WAC second team in 2008.

"I've been doing a good job reading my keys a bit better, but I can improve on my tackling," Johnson said of his efforts in BSU's fall camp. "We haven't been going live or anything, but it feels like in a tackling situation I would have missed a few."

He said the non-tackling in practice forces him to adjust his form.

"It's harder to do what we're doing than to actually tackle someone," Johnson said. "If you're just trying to tamp down and wrap up someone, as far as in a game when you can just take them low, it just really makes you come to balance, head up and everything, really wrap them."

Johnson broke out last season, but so did Iloka. Iloka missed a few practices last week, but is back in action, trying to solidify his role as a leading safety. His effort is there on and off the field.

"We watch film everyday," Iloka said. "What separates you is if you watch film on your own, film of yourself and

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BOISE STATE VS. OREGON  
8:15 P.M., SEPT. 3, ESPN



Johnson



Iloka



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## After 10 years, Burley's dream season still one for the ages

Today they are your average Joes — husbands and fathers, accountants, bankers and corporate analysts.

But for one magical summer a decade ago, they were baseball heroes.

In a special banquet Saturday, the 1999 Burley Bobcats American Legion Baseball team reunited to commemorate the 10-year anniversary of their Class A State and Northwest Regional championships.

They gathered from near and far. Kam Redder was the farthest traveler, coming some 1,500 miles from his home in Arkansas.

Not all could make it, like Joe Peterson who is currently in Tokyo with the Air Force. But all who did attend spent a fine evening dusting off the memories.

Although some of the details have become fuzzy over time, no one could forget the upset loss to Jerome in the district tournament, or the fiery postgame butt chewing by head coach Matt Harr and the players-only meeting that followed.

Ryan Howe



Buhl — a team that had lost only once and had swept Burley in the regular season — for the state championship.

Kyler Redder called Harr a "master motivator," but the coach reflected the credit back to the players.

"When you get a great group of players like that, we didn't have

That loss was the big turning point, as the Bobcats assumed an "us vs. the world" mentality.

No one could forget beating

to do much coaching," said Harr, who is now the varsity boys basketball coach at Twin Falls. "We did as much in that tournament as the bus driver did."

No one could forget Parker Lyons hitting the game-winning RBI that scored Seth Robins in the 10th inning to beat Buhl. Nor could they forget the clutch pitching by Brett Dayley and Kyler Redder.

The Burley community threw a parade for its heroes. And then, amid the celebration, someone asked, "Where the heck is

See **HOWE**, Sports 2



# Vick's arm sharp in first practice with Eagles



AP photo

Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Michael Vick jogs during afternoon practice at NFL football training camp in Philadelphia, Saturday.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Michael Vick flicked his wrist and fired tight spirals deep downfield.

A two-year layoff sure didn't hurt Vick's arm strength. He showed off his skills Saturday in his first NFL practice with the Philadelphia Eagles since completing his prison sentence.

"He throws the ball as hard as anybody I've ever seen," said wide receiver Danny Amendola, a second-year pro who spent last season on the Dallas Cowboys' practice squad.

Wearing a No. 7 red quarterback's jersey, Vick took part in limited drills with the offense. He worked in one-on-ones, seven-on-sevens and red zone offense. Vick mostly observed Donovan McNabb during the two-hour session.

When he got a chance on the field, the 29-year-old quarterback made the most of it. He had plenty of zip behind his throws and completed a few deep balls, including one to rookie wideout Jeremy Maclin

down the sideline.

Vick put in extra time after practice, working on footwork and mechanics with offensive coordinator Marty Mornhinweg. He was the last player to leave the field, jogging off with his helmet still on.

Asked how he felt, Vick replied: "Great."

Vick didn't speak to the large contingent of reporters around his mostly empty locker. As he finished taking off his ankle braces, Vick drew a chuckle when he said: "This is weird."

Vick was the fourth quarterback to line up under center in the early portion of the practice. Vick took only one snap and completed his first pass over the middle against no defense. He playfully pumped his fist before McNabb, who lobbied the Eagles to sign Vick, and gave him a hug.

In the morning walk-through, Vick worked with the scout team offense.

"We have to get him in football shape," Eagles coach Andy Reid said. Reid said Vick was fit

enough to handle an NFL practice and the team would bring him along accordingly.

Vick practiced only at quarterback in the morning session, Reid said.

"That's what Michael is," he said. "Michael's a quarterback."

A three-time Pro Bowl pick during six seasons with the Atlanta Falcons, Vick served 18 months in federal prison for running a dogfighting ring and was reinstated last month by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell after being out of action since 2006.

He signed a one-year deal with the Eagles on Thursday for \$1.6 million with a team option for a second year at \$5.2 million.

With McNabb entrenched as the starter and Kevin Kolb backing him up, Vick may be used more as a gimmick player than a traditional quarterback. He's got the athletic skills to run the Wildcat formation.

"There's always the possibility you can do something," Reid said.

Vick always has been far more inclined to take off and run than stay in the pocket and find an open receiver. His career completion percentage is 53.8 percent, among the lowest for a starting NFL quarterback. He has 71 career touchdown passes, but 52 interceptions.

Vick has more career 100-yard rushing games (8) than 250-yard passing games (6).

Aiding his return to the NFL is the fact he'll be learning an Eagles' West Coast offense similar to what he ran in Atlanta.

"He's very fortunate he knows the foundation of this offense. That will speed things up," Reid said.

McNabb, a five-time Pro Bowl pick, has led the Eagles to five NFC championship games and one Super Bowl appearance in the last eight years. Vick said his friendship with McNabb and the team's strong management and tradition influenced his decision to choose the Eagles over other teams.

## NFL PRESEASON ROUNDUP

# Stafford throws TD in debut

DETROIT — Matthew Stafford threw a touchdown, an interception and had some passes dropped in his debut with the Detroit Lions.

Jason Hanson's 47-yard field goal as time expired lifted Detroit to a 27-26 win over the Atlanta Falcons in the pre-season opener for both teams.

Stafford, the No. 1 pick of the NFL's first 0-16 team, completed half of his 14 passes for 114 yards, with a 25-yard TD to fellow rookie Derrick Williams and an interception that Tony Gilbert returned for a score. Keary Colbert dropped Stafford's first pass and two more.

Daunte Culpepper started and completed 5 of 6 passes for 41 yards for Detroit.

Atlanta's Michael Turner ran for a 40-yard TD and Matt Ryan was 5-of-7 for 33 yards.

Culpepper and Stafford didn't have any of their top three receivers, including Calvin Johnson, and were without first-round tight end Brandon Pettigrew. That created opportunities for other targets and Colbert failed to take advantage.

### BILLS 27, BEARS 20

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Jay Cutler came out throwing against Buffalo in his Bears preseason debut, missing as many attempts as he completed, not including the one he had intercepted. So much for the much-anticipated buzz — including all the No. 6 Bears jerseys sold — that centered on the Pro Bowl quarterback Chicago acquired in a blockbuster offseason trade with Denver.

The Bills' offense, even minus Terrell Owens, out nursing a sprained toe, was much more efficient in 80-plus-degree and muggy conditions. And Buffalo got plenty of help from its defense, which generated four turnovers, including two interceptions by rookie Ellis Lankster.

### PACKERS 17, BROWNS 0

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Aaron Rodgers directed two long touchdown drives before departing, and Green Bay's new 3-4 defense gave Brady Quinn and Derek Anderson fits.

Quinn and Anderson got their first game action under new Browns coach Eric Mangini. Both could take some pointers from Rodgers, who went 5 of 10 for 102 yards and completed a 53-yard TD pass to Donald Driver on the opening drive.

Quinn was better than Anderson, though both threw interceptions as



AP photo

Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford drops back during an NFL preseason game against the Atlanta Falcons at Ford Field in Detroit, Saturday.

Cleveland looked far away from improving on last year's 4-12 mark, committing four turnovers and seven penalties.

### TITANS 27, BUCCANEERS 20

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Kerry Collins was intercepted twice while backup Vince Young threw for 131 yards and a touchdown, rallying rallied the Tennessee Titans to a 27-20 exhibition win over the Buccaneers on Saturday night.

Tennessee's win spoiled the debut of new Tampa Bay coach Raheem Morris. Luke McCown got the start for Tampa Bay and struggled in the first quarter against Tennessee's stingy defense.

Byron Leftwich and rookie Josh Freeman weren't much better, with

only Leftwich throwing a touchdown pass.

### TEXAS 16, CHIEFS 10

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Chris Brown scored on a short run and Kris Brown kicked three field goals, lifting Houston to a rain-soaked 16-10 victory over Kansas City on Saturday night in the preseason opener for both.

Matt Cassel played only three series in his Chiefs debut and completed 2 of 3 passes for 15 yards. Houston starter Matt Schaub was a perfect 7 for 7 for 70 yards and engineered the game's only TD drive until Tyler Thigpen, the third Chiefs quarterback, connected with Brad Cottam on a 1-yard scoring toss with a little more than 5 minutes left. Heavy rain fell most of the night.

— The Associated Press

# For many fans, NFL camps are a bargain

GEORGETOWN, Ky. — and sometimes free — fill (AP) — When the economy crashed, the Brien family of Springfield, Ohio, started cutting.

"We cut out eating out," said Kevin Brien, who works at a Ford dealership. "We cut out going out. We'll be at home more. We watch a lot of movies."

What they didn't cut out? Training camp.

Brien, his wife and two children brought their blanket, spread it on a hillside and watched the Cincinnati Bengals practice at Georgetown college one afternoon. All it cost was \$15 for parking to catch a few hours of football and maybe a few autographs, too.

"It kills a couple of hours, and it's pretty cheap," Brien said.

With money so tight for so many people, training camp has become an attractive way to get an affordable

of sports for a day.

"And it's neat because you're so close to the play-

ers," said Brien, sitting about 50 feet

from the sideline. "The atmosphere is nice, too. There's no cursing. It's more family friendly!"

Attendance at camps around the country this summer seems to be following the first economic law of sports: winners draw, losers don't. Few teams keep attendance figures, so it's guesswork about how NFL training camps are drawing overall.

In Florida, fans are caught up in a Dolphins team that unleashed the Wildcat offense last season, went 11-5 and reached the playoffs for the first time in seven years. They drew an estimated 3,152 fans for their first practice, their largest crowd at training camp since the Dan Marino days.

# Howe

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Glendive, Mont.?"

Glendive was the site of the Northwest Regionals. No one could forget how the entire town of Glendive adopted the Bobcats, showing up in droves to cheer them as if they were their own.

They beat Salem, Ore., 4-3 for the Northwest Regional title on Adam Hope's two-out single in the bottom of the eighth, then Dayley shut them down in the top of the ninth.

The game was broadcast live on the radio. Back home, the Cassia County fair was going on, and crowds gathered around the loudspeakers to listen.

After an all-night bus ride, the team arrived just in time to join the fair parade and once again marched the streets of Burley. They were like rock stars.

The memories kept flowing: the prison riot in Orofino, singing the national anthem in an empty stadium, Jesse Smith saving Coach Harr from the bottom of a pile. The intimidating Aberdeen players that looked to be much older with beards, which turned out to just be eye black smeared on their faces. And sleeping on the field after winning state.

However, when asked about what they remembered most about that season now, 10 years later, the players didn't at first mention the key hits or clutch plays. Instead, they recalled the camaraderie and lasting friendships they formed.

Jack Bagley, the current Burley boys basketball coach, was an assistant

coach on that team. He and Harr, who have each gone on to have very successful coaching careers, each said that 1999 was one of their most gratifying experiences.

"That taught me what it takes to be a championship team," Bagley said, also noting that it's no wonder each player has gone on to have success in their family, work and personal lives.

Ten years flies by. All that's left now are memories, a few photos and newspaper clippings from *South Idaho Press* sports editor Rob Mayer. On Saturday, everyone received a DVD of highlights from that magical season, the final game set to the song "Forever Young."

A lot has changed since then. The Burley legion team is now known as the Green Sox. Where an alfalfa field used to be now sits a beautiful baseball complex, including a field, press box, concession stand and a spacious field house facility. And the newest change was unveiled Saturday. A stunning monument near the field's entrance honors the players and coaches who made the summer of '99 one to remember.

The young men who engraved a place in the hearts of the Burley community a decade ago now have their names engraved in stone for fans and players to admire — forever.

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# Safeties

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your teammates, the guys ahead of you, behind you, the opposing team."

In his second year starting, Iloka has the comfort levels to take some leadership on the field.

"They've given me more responsibilities to make calls, make switches and I've taken it on my own to watch film and know when to make those calls and when not to make those calls," Iloka said. "They trust me more as I go into my second year as a starter."

Like Johnson, the team's foremost mauler, Iloka aims to make tackles. But this year he wants to add something to his form.

"I'm a pretty solid tack-

ler," Iloka said. "I need to focus on tackling people and putting some emphasis on it, some pain to it."

He said the unit has only one goal, but it is a lofty one.

"To be the most physical, aggressive and least-penalized team in the country," Iloka said. "That's a hard goal, but that's what we're striving for."

To do that, it will take more than just Johnson and Iloka. Behind them, the most solid of the backups is Travis Stanaway, Johnson's relief. He made a name for himself on special teams last season and will likely shine there again in 2009. But in tight spots, he may be asked to sep on the field as a strong safety.

"Travis is my boy," Johnson said. "He's the same type of player as me. He's physical — he loves to hit."

Cedric Febis backs up Iloka, and the sophomore has shown remarkable strides in camp.

Jason Robinson is vying for the starting nickel spot, but he will also be in the mix at safety. Tyler Jackson (6-0, 200), Jonathan Brown (5-11, 200) and Hazen Moss (5-11, 203) are three freshman who look to be the future. Jackson took a redshirt last season.

Defensive backs coach Marcel Yates pointed to a game a few years ago at Hawaii when the team lost three secondary players to

injury. It troubled him to put in inexperienced players and he vowed to have all his guys ready in the future.

"I promised myself I'd never again be put in that situation where you don't have answers," Yates said. "You always want to have those fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth guys around here who can go in the game and play, that you feel comfortable with and not drop off at all, hopefully."

Considering the tough season-opener Sept. 3 against Oregon, that philosophy could come in handy.

Dustin Lapray covers BSU football for the *Times-News*. Read his blog at [magicvalley.com/blogs/bsu](http://magicvalley.com/blogs/bsu).



BASEBALL

AL Boxes
RANGERS 7, RED SOX 2
Boston Texas
Elsbury cf 3 0 2 0 Borbon lf 5 2 4 2
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Cleveland Minnesota
Sizemr cf 4 2 1 1 Span rf 5 0 0 0
Carroll rf 5 2 3 0 OCarer ss 5 1 2 0

TIGERS 10, ROYALS 3
Kansas City Detroit
DeJesse lf 0 2 0 0 Grndrs cf 2 0 0 0
Maier cf 4 1 2 0 Polanc 2b 5 1 1 0

ANGELS 5, ORIOLES 1
Los Angeles Baltimore
Figgins 3b 4 1 3 0 B'Rorts 2b 5 0 1 0
EAvy ss 4 1 2 0 AdJons cf 5 1 1 0

Jepsen 1 1 0 0 0 1 0
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Baltimore
Matusz lf 2
Meredith 52-3 11 5 4 3 7

RAYS 8, BLUE JAYS 3
Toronto Tampa Bay
Scutaro ss 3 1 1 0 Bartlett ss 5 1 1 1
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Friday's Late AL Boxes
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Chicago Oakland
Pdsndk dh 5 2 2 0 Kenedy 3b 5 0 0 0
Bckhm 3b 5 2 3 1 RDavis cf 5 1 1 0

YANKEES 4, MARINERS 2
New York Seattle
Jeter ss 4 0 0 0 ISuzuki rf 4 1 2 0
Damian lf 4 0 0 0 Fftrcz cf 4 1 2 0

NL Boxes
BREWERS 6, ASTROS 2
Houston Milwaukee
Bourn cf 2 0 0 0 F'opez 2b 5 2 3 0
Tejada ss 4 0 0 0 Braun lf 5 1 3 3

DIAMONDBACKS 4, DODGERS 3, 10 INNINGS
Los Angeles Arizona
Furcal ss 5 1 2 0 S.Drew ss 4 0 1 0

GAME PLAN

TV SCHEDULE

ATHLETICS
NBC — IAAF World Championships, at Berlin
5 p.m.
VERSUS — IAAF World Championships (same-day tape)
AUTO RACING
Noon
ESPN — NASCAR, Sprint Cup, Carfax 400, at Brooklyn, Mich.

GOLF
9 a.m.
TNT — PGA of America, PGA Championship, final round
Noon
CBS — PGA of America, PGA Championship, final round
LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL
6 p.m.
ESPN2 — Playoffs, West Regional Final, Chula Vista, Calif., vs. Granite

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Bay, Calif.
TBS — Boston at Texas 12:10 p.m.
WGN — Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs 2 p.m.
FSN — N.Y. Yankees at Seattle 6 p.m.
ESPN — Philadelphia at Atlanta 12 p.m.
MOTORSPORTS
Noon
SPEED — MotoGP 250, Czech Grand Prix (same-day tape)
4 p.m.
SPEED — MotoGP World Championship, Czech Grand Prix (same-day tape)
12 Mid.
SPEED — AMA Pro Racing, at Danville, Va. (same-day tape)
PREP BASEBALL
6 p.m.
FSN — All-American Classic, at San Diego
TENNIS
11:30 a.m.
ESPN2 — ATP World Tour, Rogers Cup, championship match
2 p.m.
ESPN2 — WTA Tour, Western & Southern Financial Group Open, championship match

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Boise (Cubs) 24 30 444 8

Pioneer League
All Times MDT
NORTH W L Pct. GB
Great Falls (W.Sox) 6 5 545 -
Missoula (D'backs) 6 5 545 -

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FOOTBALL
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NATIONALS 10, REDS 6
Washington Cincinnati
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Saturday's Games
Detroit 27, Atlanta 26
Buffalo 27, Chicago 20
Tennessee 27, Tampa Bay 20

GOLF
PGA Championship
At Hazlet National Golf Club
Chaska, Minn.
Purse: \$7.5 Million
Yardage: 7,674 - Par: 72
Third Round
Tiger Woods 73-70-71-208 -8

TENNIS
ATP World Tour Rogers Cup
A U.S. Open Series Event
Saturday
Montreal
At 19,313 Stadium
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Semifinals
Andy Murray (3), Britain, def. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (7), France, 6-4, 7-6 (8).

WTA Tour Western & Southern
Financial Group Women's Open
A U.S. Open Series event
Saturday
At The Lindner Family Tennis Center
Hialeah, Ohio
Purse: \$2 million (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Semifinals
Dinara Safina (1), Russia, def. Flavia Pennetta (14), Italy, 6-2, 6-0.

TRANSACTIONS
BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Acquired RB Rhymie Hughes from Tampa Bay as player to be named for a previous trade for C Greg Zaun.

Lammers, van Vliet hook up for TD at Idaho State scrimmage

POCATELLO — Idaho State quarterbacks combined to go 27-for-40 for 341 yards with three touchdowns Saturday during the Bengals' first scrimmage of fall camp.

One of those TD tosses was a 5-yarder by former Jerome High School star Jake Lammers, who hit tight end John van Vliet, a former Lighthouse Christian standout for the score to end the scrimmage. The pass was the lone attempt of the scrimmage for Lammers, who is listed as the fourth-string QB.

Van Vliet had two catches for 14 yards, while Twin Falls graduate Bryant Ward recorded two catches for 17 yards.

Starting quarterback Kyle Blum went 9-for-15 for 122 yards, but was picked off twice in the red zone. Russel Hill finished 11 of 15 for 152 yards and two scores.

The Bengal offense totaled 496 yards and five touchdowns on 77 plays, but the defense came up with six sacks.

The second scrimmage will be next Saturday in the afternoon.

TENNIS

Roddick ousted; Murray beats Tsonga in Rogers Cup semis

MONTREAL — Britain's Andy Murray defeated Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France and Juan Martin Del Potro ousted Andy Roddick in the semifinals of the Rogers Cup on Saturday.

With his win, Murray will vault past Spain's Rafael Nadal into a career-high second in ATP rankings behind No. 1 Roger Federer of Switzerland when the next rankings are released on Monday. Nadal, returning from a knee injury, lost in the quarterfinals Friday night.

Murray ousted the seventh-seeded Tsonga 6-4, 7-6 (8).

Del Potro beat Roddick 4-6, 6-2, 7-5. He also defeated the fifth-seeded American in a third-set tiebreaker in the final of a tournament in Washington on Sunday.

Roddick used a service break to take his opening set, but was dominated in the second by the thorough baseline playing and serving of the 20-year-old Del Potro.

The two held service at 5-5 in the third, when Roddick went down 30-40 and then double-faulted. The 2003 Rogers Cup champion slammed his racket down on the court and the sixth-seeded Del Potro then served out the match.

Murray is looking forward to becoming the new world No. 2.

"In terms of rankings, that's the biggest step I've taken so far," Murray said. "I played

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consistently well this year. ... Rafa had an injury, but it was Wimbledon that he missed.

"I also took a big break after Wimbledon. ... I've done enough to justify being No. 2. And getting close to one day becoming No. 1 is one of my goals. So it's great. I've put in a lot of hard work to get to this stage."

Safina reaches Cincy final

MASON, Ohio — The world's top-ranked women's tennis player easily beat one of its most worn-out.

Dinara Safina needed only 56 minutes to eliminate Italy's Flavia Pennetta 6-2, 6-0 on Saturday. She'll play Serbia's Jelena Jankovic for the championship of the \$2 million Western & Southern Financial Group Women's Open.

Safina reached her eighth final in 14 tournaments this year, ending Pennetta's winning streak at 15. After a ragged opening match, she's gotten a little stronger and sharper each day.

"Every match I feel better," she said. "Today, stepping on the court, I was feeling very good and confident. I was feeling very good stepping in."

The 23-year-old Russian is wrapping up her 17th straight week at No. 1. Since May 2008, she has reached the finals in 14 of her 25 tournaments, winning seven titles.

She'll be better rested for the title match. Jankovic's ragged 7-6, (2), 0-6, 7-6 (6) win over Elena Dementieva took 2 hours, 46 minutes in the evening.

MAGIC VALLEY

Canyon Springs Twilight results

The Canyon Springs Twilight League recently concluded. Below are results.

Canyon Springs Twilight League results

First half
A League: 1. (tie) Lauralee Sologava and Sue Rathke, and Marguerite Astorquia and Patty Paxton, 16.5 points.
B League: 1. Judy Owens and Norma Brown, 14.5 points. 2. Annie Koeplin and Jackie Smith, 13.5. 3. Sharon Thorpe and Corine Faught, 14. 3. (tie) Marta LeMoynne and Teresa Armstrong, and Teryl Stutzman and Lorena Wiggins, 13.5.

Second half
A League: 1. Rexann Wheeler and Larie Hash, 16 points. 2. Shanna Call and Lami Gentry, 14. 3. Lori Huff and Jan Hall, 12.5.
B League: 1. Judy Owens and Norma Brown, 14.5 points. 2. Annie Koeplin and Jackie Smith, 13.5. 3. Sharon Thorpe and Corine Faught, 12.0.
Scramble team: 1. Western Refrigeration (Sheri Tate, Shelly Lewis, Chris McKay, Celeste McMillen and Kris Slotten) 12 points.

WISCONSIN—Suspended S Aubrey Pleasant and S Shane Carter indefinitely from the football team.





# Wright takes ball to head in Mets loss

NEW YORK — A masterful pitching duel turned ugly after Mets slugger David Wright was hit in the helmet by a pitch from Matt Cain, and Bengie Molina homered in the 10th inning to give the San Francisco Giants a 5-4 victory over New York on Saturday.

Cain and fellow All-Star Johan Santana were locked in a scoreless matchup at Citi Field until the fourth inning, when Cain nailed Wright with a 94 mph fastball. Seemingly rattled, Cain gave up a run before settling down and pitching into the eighth, when the Mets tied it at 4.

Wright was taken to the Hospital for Special Surgery by ambulance about 50 minutes after being hit. Mets spokesman Jay Horwitz said a CT scan was negative and Wright had a concussion. He was expected to remain in the hospital overnight for observation.



AP photo

New York Mets batter David Wright is hit with a pitch during the fourth inning of a baseball game against the San Francisco Giants on Saturday in New York.

## BRAVES 4, PHILLIES 3

ATLANTA — Omar Infante's bases-loaded single off Brad Lidge capped a ninth-inning rally and lifted the Braves to the victory.

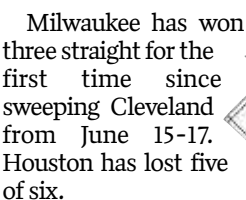
Lidge (0-5) picked up his eighth blown save, aiding Atlanta's two-run ninth with two errors on the same play following Garret Anderson's leadoff single.

Lidge bobbled a sacrifice by Matt Diaz before making a wild throw to first that bounced into foul territory in right field, allowing Anderson to score the tying run as Diaz advanced to third.

Lidge then issued an intentional walk to Adam LaRoche and walked pinch-hitter Greg Norton to load the bases with no outs. Ryan Church struck out before Infante's single to left.

## BREWERS 6, ASTROS 2

MILWAUKEE — Craig Counsell drove in three runs and Mike Burns pitched seven solid innings for the Brewers.



Milwaukee has won three straight for the first time since sweeping Cleveland from June 15-17. Houston has lost five of six.

Burns (3-4) gave up two runs and four hits, struck out seven and walked three in his seventh big league start.

Hunter Pence hit a two-run homer in the seventh for Houston. Brian Moehler (7-9) pitched five innings, giving up three runs and 10 hits.

## DIAMONDBACKS 4, DODGERS 3, 10 INNINGS

PHOENIX — Gerardo Parra's bases-loaded single lifted Arizona to a victory over the Dodgers, whose pitcher, Hiroki Kuroda, was taken to a hospital after being hit by a liner in the head.

The Diamondbacks tied it on back-to-back homers by Mark Reynolds and Miguel Montero off Jonathan

Broxton in the ninth. Kuroda had a shutout going when pinch-hitter Rusty Ryal led off the sixth with a shot off the right-hander's head.

The 34-year-old was carted off on a stretcher and taken to St. Joseph's Hospital for tests.

Chad Qualls (2-1) pitched the 10th for Arizona, which has won consecutive home series for the first time this season. Ramon Troncoso (4-2) got the loss.

## CARDINALS 7, PADRES 4

ST. LOUIS — Matt Holliday hit a two-run homer for St. Louis, and Joel Pineiro extended his winning streak to five.

The home run was the only hit in five at-bats for Holliday, who had three hits in each of his previous three games. Holliday is batting .475 with five homers and 22

RBIs in 20 games since he joined the Cardinals in a trade with Oakland.

St. Louis has won seven of eight and is a season-high 14 games over .500.

Pineiro (11-9) pitched 6 2-3 innings, allowing three runs and seven hits. Ryan Franklin worked a scoreless ninth for his 29th save in 31 opportunities.

## CUBS 3, PIRATES 1

CHICAGO — Tom Gorzelanny pitched five effective innings against his former team and Jeff Baker homered to lead the Cubs to the victory.

Gorzelanny, who grew up in the south suburbs of Chicago, allowed one run and three hits, struck out eight and walked three. He also singled in a run in the second inning while improving to 2-1 in three starts for his new team.

Gorzelanny (5-2) was demoted from Pittsburgh's starting rotation last year, then sent to Triple-A Indianapolis in June. He remained in Indianapolis until he was traded along with reliever John Grabow to Chicago on July 30.

Kevin Gregg worked the ninth for his 23rd save.

## NATIONALS 10, REDS 6

CINCINNATI — Adam Dunn hit his first homer against his former team, leading Washington to the victory.

Alberto Gonzalez and Elijah Dukes each had two hits and three RBIs for the Nationals, who led 10-1 after four innings. Dunn led off the second with his 31st homer, walked twice and scored two runs.

J.D. Martin (2-2) cruised to his second consecutive win in his sixth career start, allowing an unearned run and six hits over six innings. The rookie right-hander was 0-2 with a 7.16 ERA before he pitched five solid innings against Arizona last Sunday.

- The Associated Press

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|           |    |    | American League |        |        |                  |     |       |       |
|-----------|----|----|-----------------|--------|--------|------------------|-----|-------|-------|
|           |    |    | East Division   |        |        | Central Division |     |       |       |
|           | W  | L  | Pct             | GB     | WCGB   | LIO              | Str | Home  | Away  |
| New York  | 73 | 43 | .629            | -      | -      | 9-1              | W-4 | 41-18 | 32-25 |
| Boston    | 66 | 50 | .569            | 7      | -      | 4-6              | L-1 | 38-18 | 28-32 |
| Tampa Bay | 62 | 54 | .534            | 11     | 4      | 4-6              | W-1 | 37-19 | 25-35 |
| Toronto   | 55 | 60 | .478            | 17 1/2 | 10 1/2 | 4-6              | L-1 | 31-26 | 24-34 |
| Baltimore | 48 | 68 | .414            | 25     | 18     | 3-7              | L-1 | 30-29 | 18-39 |

|              |    |    | National League |        |        |                  |     |       |       |
|--------------|----|----|-----------------|--------|--------|------------------|-----|-------|-------|
|              |    |    | East Division   |        |        | Central Division |     |       |       |
|              | W  | L  | Pct             | GB     | WCGB   | LIO              | Str | Home  | Away  |
| Philadelphia | 65 | 49 | .570            | -      | -      | 6-4              | L-1 | 29-29 | 36-20 |
| Florida      | 62 | 54 | .534            | 4      | 2      | 7-3              | W-2 | 33-27 | 29-27 |
| Atlanta      | 61 | 55 | .526            | 5      | 3      | 8-2              | W-1 | 31-26 | 30-29 |
| New York     | 54 | 62 | .466            | 12     | 10     | 4-6              | L-1 | 31-26 | 23-36 |
| Washington   | 42 | 75 | .359            | 24 1/2 | 22 1/2 | 7-3              | W-2 | 26-33 | 16-42 |

|             |    |    | West Division |       |      |     |     |       |       |
|-------------|----|----|---------------|-------|------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
|             | W  | L  | Pct           | GB    | WCGB | LIO | Str | Home  | Away  |
| Los Angeles | 69 | 45 | .605          | -     | -    | 6-4 | W-1 | 36-22 | 33-23 |
| Texas       | 65 | 50 | .565          | 4 1/2 | 1/2  | 6-4 | W-1 | 38-22 | 27-28 |
| Seattle     | 60 | 56 | .517          | 10    | 6    | 5-5 | L-2 | 31-26 | 29-30 |
| Oakland     | 51 | 65 | .440          | 19    | 15   | 5-5 | L-2 | 26-30 | 25-35 |

|               |    |    | West Division |        |        |     |     |       |       |
|---------------|----|----|---------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
|               | W  | L  | Pct           | GB     | WCGB   | LIO | Str | Home  | Away  |
| Los Angeles   | 69 | 48 | .590          | -      | -      | 3-7 | L-3 | 36-22 | 33-26 |
| Colorado      | 64 | 52 | .552          | 4 1/2  | -      | 5-5 | L-1 | 32-23 | 32-29 |
| San Francisco | 63 | 53 | .543          | 5 1/2  | 1      | 5-5 | W-1 | 39-20 | 24-33 |
| Arizona       | 54 | 63 | .462          | 15     | 10 1/2 | 6-4 | W-2 | 28-34 | 26-29 |
| San Diego     | 49 | 69 | .415          | 20 1/2 | 16     | 5-5 | L-3 | 30-30 | 19-39 |

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

**Fridays Games**  
Detroit 1, Kansas City 0  
Toronto 5, Tampa Bay 2  
Minnesota 11, Cleveland 0  
N.Y. Yankees 4, Seattle 2

## Saturday's Games

Chicago White Sox 8, Oakland 1  
Detroit 10, Kansas City 3  
Tampa Bay 8, Toronto 3  
N.Y. Yankees at Seattle, 8:10 p.m.

## Sunday's Games

Kansas City (Davies 4-8) at Detroit (Galaraga 6-10), 11:05 a.m.  
L.A. Angels (O'Sullivan 3-1) at Baltimore (Guthrie 7-12), 11:35 a.m.  
Toronto (Rzepczynski 1-3) at Tampa Bay (Garza 7-8), 11:38 a.m.  
Boston (Tazawa 1-1) at Texas (Nieppert 3-1), 12:05 p.m.  
Cleveland (Laffey 6-3) at Minnesota (Blackburn 8-7), 12:10 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox (Danks 10-8) at Oakland (Cahill 6-12), 2:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees (Chamberlain 8-2) at Seattle (Frister 0-0), 2:10 p.m.

## Monday's Games

L.A. Angels at Baltimore, 5:05 p.m.  
Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, 6:11 p.m.  
Minnesota at Texas, 6:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees at Oakland, 8:05 p.m.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

**Fridays Games**  
Chicago Cubs 17, Pittsburgh 2  
N.Y. Mets 3, San Francisco 0  
Philadelphia 3, Atlanta 2  
St. Louis 9, San Diego 2

## Saturday's Games

Chicago Cubs 3, Pittsburgh 1  
San Francisco 5, N.Y. Mets 4, 10 innings  
Milwaukee 6, Houston 2  
St. Louis 7, San Diego 4

## Sunday's Games

San Francisco (J.Sanchez 5-10) at N.Y. Mets (Pelfrey 8-8), 11:10 a.m.  
Washington (Lannan 8-9) at Cincinnati (Lehr 2-0), 11:10 a.m.  
Colorado (Cook 10-4) at Florida (Volstad 8-9), 11:35 a.m., 1st game  
Houston (Oswalt 6-4) at Milwaukee (Looper 10-6), 12:05 p.m.  
San Diego (Richard 2-0) at St. Louis (Lohse 5-7), 12:15 p.m.  
Pittsburgh (Ohlendorf 10-8) at Chicago Cubs (Harden 7-7), 12:20 p.m.  
L.A. Dodgers (Wolf 6-6) at Arizona (V.Petit 2-6), 2:10 p.m.  
Colorado (De La Rosa 10-8) at Florida (VandenHurk 2-1), 3:05 p.m., 2nd game  
Philadelphia (Happ 8-2) at Atlanta (Vazquez 10-7), 6:05 p.m.

## Monday's Games

Arizona at Atlanta, 2:05 p.m.  
San Francisco at N.Y. Mets, 5:10 p.m.  
St. Louis at L.A. Dodgers, 8:10 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, 5:05 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs at San Diego, 8:05 p.m.

# Homers lift Indians to win over Twins

MINNEAPOLIS — Shin-Soo Choo and Grady Sizemore hit early homers Saturday to lead the Cleveland Indians to a 7-3 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

About 17 hours after Scott Baker pitched a two-hitter in an 11-0 win, the Twins watched rookie Anthony Swarzak (3-6) get roughed up for the third straight start.

Choo started the second with a drive that ended Cleveland's homerless streak at 38 innings. Sizemore did the same in the third, and the Indians just kept on hitting.

The Twins dropped to 4-10 in their last 14 games. Half of those losses have come to the Indians and Royals, teams already looking ahead to next season.

David Huff (7-6) earned the win after losing his previous two starts against Minnesota.

## WHITE SOX 8, ATHLETICS 1

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jayson Nix homered and drove in three runs, Gavin Floyd pitched seven strong innings and the White Sox handed the A's their third loss in four games.

Jim Thome hit his 563rd homer while Gordon Beckham added a two-run single in the sixth, when Chicago scored three runs to break the game open.

Floyd (10-7) gave the White Sox bullpen a rest after it pitched 5 2-3 scoreless innings on Friday. Scott Linebrink and Randy Williams worked an inning apiece to finish up.

Adam Kennedy tied his career high with five hits for Oakland, which lost for the third time in four games, but it wasn't enough for Gio Gonzalez (4-3), who gave up six runs on six hits.

## ANGELS 5, ORIOLES 1

BALTIMORE — John Lackey allowed one run in seven innings, and the Angels spoiled the Camden Yards debut of rookie left-hander Brian Matusz.



AP photo

Cleveland Indians batter Travis Hafner connects for an RBI-single against the Minnesota Twins during the fifth inning Saturday in Minneapolis. Hafner was 3-for-5 on the day.

Chone Figgins had three hits, a walk and a stolen base for the Angels, who are 20-8 since the All-Star break. They improved to 6-2 against Baltimore and clinched the season series.

The Angels scored all their runs in the third inning against Matusz, using three hits, three walks and an error. It proved to be enough support for Lackey (8-5), who is 5-1 with a 1.89 ERA over his last seven starts. The right-hander yielded seven hits and struck out six.

## RAYS 8, BLUE JAYS 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Carl Crawford hit a two-run double during a four-run third, and Scott Kazmir pitched well enough to help the Rays end a five-game skid.

Jason Bartlett hit an RBI single, Crawford drove in two with his double and Evan Longoria had a run-scoring double off Brian Tallet (5-7) as Tampa Bay took a 4-2 lead in the third.

Kazmir (7-7) gave up three runs and five hits with seven strikeouts

# Rangers run past Red Sox

ARLINGTON, Texas — Julio Borbon had four hits and four of Texas' eight stolen bases, Derek Holland pitched into the seventh and the Rangers cut Boston's AL wild-card lead to a half-game with a 7-2 victory over the Red Sox on Saturday night.

The eight stolen bases matched the most in the majors this season. Boston also allowed eight against Tampa Bay on May 3.

Elvis Andrus swiped three bags and Ian Kinsler added another to break the team record. The Rangers also stole six bases against the Red Sox on July 22.

Jason Bay and Victor Martinez hit solo home runs for Boston, 2-6 against Texas this season. Red Sox starter Brad Penny (7-7) dropped his fourth straight decision on the road, allowing four runs and eight hits in 5 2-3 innings.

in 6 1-3 innings. The left-hander was coming off a start last Sunday in which he gave up seven runs and nine hits in 4 1-3 innings of an 11-2 loss at Seattle.

Aaron Hill hit his 28th homer of the season for the Blue Jays.

## TIGERS 10, ROYALS 3

DETROIT — Carlos Guillen homered and drove in four runs, and Miguel Cabrera hit a two-run shot and finished with four hits to lead the Tigers to their third straight win.

Ramon Santiago and Alex Avila also homered for Detroit, which finished with 16 hits. Edwin Jackson (9-5) allowed three runs and nine hits in six innings.

Billy Butler connected for a two-run shot in the first and Brayan Pena added a solo shot in the sixth for the Royals. Luke Hochevar (6-6) pitched four-plus innings, giving up six runs and a career-high 12 hits.

- The Associated Press

# Kasten: Nationals offer Strasburg record deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nationals president Stan Kasten acknowledged Saturday there is a "very real possibility" the team will not reach an agreement with No. 1 overall draft pick Stephen Strasburg despite offering him a record-breaking contract.

The Nationals face a deadline of midnight on Monday night to sign Strasburg, a right-hander from San Diego State whose fastball has been clocked at 102 mph.

He is represented by uber-agent Scott Boras, who has the top three players in this year's draft — all of whom were unsigned as of Saturday afternoon.

"With 48 hours to go, I simply have no idea whether we're going to be able to reach a deal," Kasten said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Kasten said the Nationals offered Strasburg a major league contract worth more than the record \$10.5 million pitcher Mark Prior got from the Chicago Cubs after being the second pick in the 2001 amateur draft.

Washington's offer came more than a week ago during a face-to-face meeting in California that included Strasburg, Boras, Kasten, Nationals acting general manager Mike Rizzo and team owners Ted and Mark Lerner.

Kasten wouldn't reveal the exact amount of Washington's offer nor would he say what, if any, counteroffer Boras had made. But Kasten characterized Boras' approach as "advocating a new methodology for evaluating draft picks" — changing the way a draft pick's worth is determined.

"This kid is so impressive. We have nothing but the highest regard for him. If he wants to come and begin his career right now — and do so with the largest contract ever given to any drafted player in the history of Major League Baseball — we can help him accomplish that," Kasten told the



AP file photo

Stephen Strasburg of San Diego State University pitches during an April 9 game in San Diego.

AP. "But if this is more about changing the whole way an industry does business, then we won't be able to reach a deal."

Boras did not immediately respond Saturday night to the AP's requests for comment.

Failing to sign Strasburg would be a blow to a franchise that finished last in the majors with 102 losses last season — which is why Washington had the top pick in June's amateur draft — and has the worst record in baseball in 2009, again on pace for 100 losses. Washington also recently lost rookie starter Jordan Zimmermann for at least a year because of a torn elbow ligament.

"It's important for any franchise that wants to keep moving forward and getting better to sign its top pick, but I guess there are certain limits to how much you can spend," said Nationals third baseman Ryan Zimmerman, who received a signing bonus of nearly \$3 million after being drafted by Washington with the No. 4 overall pick in 2005. "At some point, he has to say how much money is enough before he even steps out onto the field."



# Edwards: winless driver could take NASCAR's Sprint Cup title

BROOKLYN, Mich. (AP) — Carl Edwards thinks it's possible for a driver to win the Sprint Cup series championship without winning a single race all season.

He just doesn't want to be that guy.

Going into today's race at Michigan International Speedway, Edwards is one of four winless drivers among the top 12 in the series points standings. Juan Pablo Montoya, Ryan Newman and Greg Biffle also would qualify if the 10-race Chase for the championship started today — none of them has a win in 2009.

Could one of those four drivers qualify for the Chase, then go on to win the title, all without visiting victory lane even once? Edwards says yes — but hopes not.

"You could definitely win a championship without winning races," Edwards said. "I'd rather not win one that way."

Sure, drivers strive for the checkered flag, but NASCAR's championship system tends to reward consistent drivers other than those who win one week and crash the next.

Perhaps the ultimate example of consistency trumping aggressiveness came in 2003. Matt Kenseth's title run was seen as a just reward for an underrated driver, but it lacked a certain amount of sizzle.

Kenseth won only once all year, but managed to clinch the title before the final race of the season.

NASCAR officials adopted the Chase system the following year, essentially establishing a 26-race regular season that determines which drivers are eligible to run for the title during the final 10 races, NASCAR's version of a postseason.

Officials hoped the new system would make the points race tighter at the end of the season, and it generally has. But it hasn't eliminated conservative "points racing."

Subsequent tweaks to the system made victories somewhat more valuable, but consistency still rules in NASCAR — something made evident by remarks from Michigan polesitter Brian Vickers, who is scrambling to climb two spots in the standings and qualify for the



Driver Carl Edwards prepares for practice before today's NASCAR CARFAX 400 Sprint Cup Series auto race at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich., Saturday.

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Chase.

He'd like to win Sunday, for sure. But he won't be going all-out.

"We would like to lead every lap, but if we're a strong contender all day then we can't afford to take some crazy pit strategy that could put us at risk of running out of fuel trying to win the race," Vickers said. "We've kind of got to think that we really want to win, but not at the cost of the Chase."

Current points leader Tony Stewart has three victories this season and figures it'll be tough for any of his winless competitors to take the title without breaking through to victory lane.

"I doubt that that will likely happen," Stewart said. "It's obviously possible. As long as things are mathematically possible, it's possible. But is it likely? Not very likely that a guy's going to win the Chase and not win a race."

Jimmie Johnson, who won seven times on his way to his third straight series championship last year, doesn't foresee a driver taking the title without a win.

And he believes Edwards is capable of both.

"I don't think you can win the title without a win and I still do look as Carl as a big threat," Johnson said. "He's

## Keselowski wins Nationwide race

BROOKLYN, Mich. (AP) — Brian Vickers didn't see it coming. Brad Keselowski sure did.

With Vickers and Kyle Busch fighting it out on the final lap, Keselowski swooped in to grab the lead in the final turn and hold on to the Nationwide Series race Saturday at Michigan International Speedway.

"I knew they'd do what they did and that's why I was sitting there lurking," said Keselowski, a Michigan native. "The two of them together are a recipe for what you saw — that's just putting it the way it is."

Vickers finished second and Busch third, and they exchanged some heated words on pit road afterward.

Busch said in a television interview that Vickers' tactics were "just stupid," and Vickers responded by saying that Busch came over to his car on pit road "crying like a little baby" but ran off when Vickers offered to get out and "talk about it like men." It also was a rough afternoon

for Carl Edwards, whose hopes of a championship in NASCAR's second-tier series took a hit when he crashed early.

"Man, just early in the race," he said, "and I probably should have been more cautious."

After trading the lead for much of the race, Busch and Vickers pitted with most of the lead-lap cars after a caution with 20 laps to go. They lined up in the

second row for the restart behind Justin Allgaier, who didn't pit, and Keselowski, who took only two tires, for a 12-lap dash to the finish.

Busch apparently bumped Vickers' car pulling onto pit road and the two exchanged words, but the confrontation didn't escalate. Then came a delightfully awkward news conference where they sat together and talked about one another while staring straight ahead.

"Ever since Richmond, I've had a trouble racing with (Vickers) so it's just another escalation of that," Busch said.



Keselowski

been consistent. We all know they haven't had the speed that we're used to seeing and he's still been able to hang tough in the points."

Edwards, who won nine races last season, says he has been close to several victories and doesn't expect to be shut out of victory lane much longer. It could come

Sunday at Michigan, where Edwards has won twice in Sprint Cup.

And yes, he's getting a little tired of being asked about not winning this season.

"It's like saying 'You want to talk about the dog that got run over when I was a kid?'" Edwards said. "It's not something fun to talk about."

# Pitino scandal reveals couple's odd courtship

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — In Rick Pitino's words, the wife of his equipment manager was welcomed into the Louisville's close-knit basketball family. Beneath the surface, however, was an explosive secret.

Pitino and Karen Sypher had sex at a restaurant eight months before she married the coach's confidant, Tim Sypher. Over the next few years, the three would attend the same parties, take basketball trips and tailgate together, despite Pitino's past affair.

What happened over those years is a he-said, she-said story. Pitino recently denied to police Karen Sypher's contention that he raped her, and authorities declined to prosecute her claims, citing a lack of evidence.

Pitino acknowledged giving her \$3,000 after she said she was pregnant and was getting an abortion, but didn't have health insurance. Pitino's lawyer said the money was for insurance and he never paid for an abortion.

Pitino also told police Sypher didn't display any strange behavior during all of the social events they attended together.

On Friday, though, Pitino's attorney, Steve Pence, said Karen Sypher was "clearly disturbed and incapable of telling the truth."

Karen Sypher, 49, was indicted in May on charges of extortion and lying to federal authorities. She has pleaded not guilty.

According to the complaint, Tim Sypher brought Pitino a written list of demands that eventually escalated to \$10 million. Tim Sypher has not been charged and has voiced support for his boss. He and Karen are getting a divorce.

Karen Sypher has told police she first met her future husband in a fast-food parking lot, and followed him to his condo to meet Pitino to discuss her pregnancy a few weeks after they had sex.

She claimed Pitino sent Tim Sypher upstairs and the coach sexually assaulted her a second time, a claim the local prosecutors also found to be without evidence.

Karen Sypher has called Pitino, who has guided Louisville, Kentucky and Providence to the Final

Four, a powerful man who "thinks he can do anything he wants to." She told police that she believes the coach told her future husband to arrange the abortion and accompany her to the procedure. She thinks Pitino paid Tim Sypher to marry her.

For a while, she said Tim Sypher "showed me all the attention, did everything right" and the relationship blossomed. The couple married and have a 4-year-old daughter, though they are now going through a contentious custody battle.

She also has four sons from a previous marriage that ended in divorce about a year before the August 2003 restaurant encounter with Pitino.

In a police interview last month, Pitino said Karen Sypher "married into the UofL family." The coach said during the social events, Karen Sypher never displayed any strange behavior.

Karen Sypher told police she hated being around Pitino. He would "come up and give me a hug. And I just, just cringe," she told police.

The Syphers' marriage is now headed toward divorce, and their ill will boiled over at a custody hearing this week in family court in Louisville.

Karen Sypher testified that her estranged husband drinks alcohol excessively, and acknowledged she hired private investigators to tail him during outings with their daughter.

In his testimony, Tim Sypher said he left his wife in March because of the extortion allegations.

"I was in shock, to be honest with you," he said.



Pitino



Karen Syphers



Tim Syphers

# Could this be the one Tiger loses?

CHASKA, Minn. — A gaggle of pretenders had come and gone by the time Tiger Woods stood on the 18th green muttering at yet another putt that had somehow escaped the hole. A tournament that seemed wide open only a few holes before remained firmly in his grasp, and his biggest concern was getting home to get something to eat.

Y.E. Yang had more pressing issues. He had to figure out how to get some sleep with thoughts of playing with Woods in the final group on the final day of the PGA Championship racing through his head.

"I've thought about playing with Tiger recently," Yang said. "Surprised it became true so fast."

Golf can be full of surprises. That's part of what makes the sport so intriguing at times to watch and so frustrating most of the time to play.

Surprise, though, wouldn't be the word that comes to mind if Yang manages to do what no one has ever done — come from behind on a Sunday to beat Woods in a major championship. Shock wouldn't even properly describe it.

The great one is, after all, also the greatest front-runner golf has ever seen. So maybe it was wise of Yang not to get his hopes too terribly high.

"It will be my first time playing with him, so I'll try not to go over par," the South Korean said, smiling as his words were interpreted.

A modest goal, sure. Realistic, too, even after



Tim Dahlberg

Woods' four-shot second round lead was cut in half.

Yang, tied for second with defending champion Padraig Harrington, doesn't need a translator to figure this one out. Woods is a remarkable 36-1 with a lead going into the final round with the lead in a tournament, and 14-0 in major championships in which he has either led or had a share of the lead after 54 holes.

In other words, he's ripe to be beaten.

Give it some thought before you start laughing. Yes, Woods has pretty much had his way around Hazeltine National all week long and, while his 1-under 71 was nothing special on a day when the course was playing relatively easy, he was playing conservatively.

Add in the fact Yang will see things he has never seen in golf when he plays in the circus that is a final round pairing with Woods and that the guy tied with him was blitzed by Woods in the final round last week and the thing looks like a slam dunk.

But stranger things have happened. And, let's face it, it has to happen sometime. Streaks don't go on forever. Even Joe DiMaggio had his halted at 56 games.

So why not Sunday? If not Yang, why not Harrington, who has a pretty good resume in major champi-

onships of his own?

Why not, indeed.

"Obviously to get a win you've got to beat him by three tomorrow; that's a tall order," Harrington said. "Everybody in the situation who is behind is going to think, well, you know, we have nothing to lose. I need to have that attitude tomorrow. I've got to stand there on every shot and think to myself, well, so what if I hit a bad shot?"

Remember that those are words spoken from a guy who gave up a three-shot lead to Woods in the final round last week and struggled against him in the second round here. But maybe it takes a thrashing or two to get the idea that perhaps this isn't such an impossible task after all.

Hazeltine may be playing rather benignly, but it's a big course and it still invites mistakes. A missed putt here and an errant drive there, and even Henrik Stenson and Lucas Glover — who are four shots back — could be in the game.

It's not like Woods is somehow genetically immune to the pressure. He tends to handle it better than anyone else but, as every player who has a shot at him after the third round always reminds us, he is still human.

It's not too unimaginable that one day he'll show it. "We are all nervous out there," Woods said. "I'm in the same boat as everyone else, but you've got to go out there and execute shots and that's the fun, and that's the rush and that's the thrill of it."

# PGA

Continued from Sports 1

back of the green, chipped so poorly that it ran through the green and against the collar, then used the blade of his sand wedge to knock in a 15-foot birdie putt that allowed him to regain the lead.

He finished at 8-under 208, ending his round just as the rain arrived in Minnesota for the first time all week.

Harrington surged into a share of the lead with four birdies over an eight-hole stretch in the middle of the round, catching Woods with a 7-foot birdie putt on the 14th. Right when it appeared they would be in the final pairing for the second straight week, the Irishman made his only bogey on the third round on the last hole by hitting over the green.

He wound up with a 69, and much greater hopes of defending his PGA title.

"If I have to take four shots and I've taken two the first day, I suppose we're halfway there," Harrington said. "Obviously, to get a win, you've got to beat him by three tomorrow. That's a tall order. But as I said, everybody in the situation who is behind is going to think, 'Well, we have nothing to lose.' You've got to have that attitude."

Harrington's bogey put him at 6-under 210 and in the second-to-last group.

Woods will play with Yang, who matched the best round of the tournament with a 67. Yang won his first PGA Tour event earlier this year at the Honda Classic, although the 37-year-old from South Korea is better known for taking down Woods at the HSBC Champions in China three years ago.

They weren't playing in the same group in 2006, however. And this will be Yang's first time contending in a major.

"It will be my first time playing with him, so I'll try not to go over par," he said with a smile. "But I've been looking forward to it. I've thought about playing with Tiger recently. Surprised it came true so fast."

Woods' four-shot lead was his largest in a major after 36 holes since he led by five at St. Andrews in 2005. Just like that British Open, his margin was cut to two shots going into the final round.

Suddenly, there are other challengers to



AP photo

Padraig Harrington, of Ireland, waves after a birdie on the No. 11 hole during the third round of the 91st PGA Championship at the Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn., Saturday.

try to stop Woods from winning his 15th career major, and first of the year.

Henrik Stenson, who captured The Players Championship in May, had a 68 and was in the group at 4-under 212 along with U.S. Open champion Lucas Glover (71).

Ernie Els pulled within one shot of the lead until he finished with three straight bogeys, leaving him with a 70 and five shots behind. He was disgusted with the end of his round, although the Big Easy spoke for so many others about the outlook Sunday.

Woods has never been beaten at a major when leading. But at least they have a chance.

"You could really feel that there's a real championship going on around you," Els said. "It's not a runaway deal. Looked like a runaway thing at the end of yesterday. But it looks like the guys are really set to give Tiger a go, and the crowd could sense that."

Woods, however, has a major advantage. He has never lost in America when leading by more than one shot, and the only time anyone beat him from that position was Ed Fiori at the 1996 Quad City Classic, when Woods was a 20-year-old playing his third event as a pro.



# Sooners rule the field

## Magic Valley squad earns state and western national softball championships

Times-News

Champions once more. The Magic Valley Sooners repeated as Class B Western National champions, claiming this year's ASA Girls Fast Pitch 16-U title in Lancaster, Calif., with a 6-0 win over Buena Park in the title game.

"The girls really do deserve some recognition for everything they have accomplished over the past four years," said Sooners coach Jamie Carlton. "I do not believe there is any team in Idaho that has won as many tournaments or has played the way these girls have."

Coming off an Idaho state championship, the Sooners stormed their way through the national event, going unbeaten in seven outings. Magic Valley earned a 12-0, run-rule victory over La Canada (Calif.) in the opening round with Nellie Makings getting the win, then added a run-rule win over Valley Invasion (Calif.). The Sooners had 15 hits in that win and got solid pitching from Nickayla Skinner.

The Sooners got a test against the Half Moon Bay Waves of Southern California, but an inside-the-park home run by Courtney Azevedo got Magic Valley rolling and two late runs lifted the Sooners to an 8-6 win.

Makings fanned 11 batters in a 13-0 rout of the Clovis



The Magic Valley Sooners claimed the 2009 ASA Girls Fast Pitch 16-U Class B Western National Championship in Lancaster, Calif. Courtesy photo

Valley (Calif.) Intensity. Whitney Carlton, Tiffany Joyce and Kendyl Hamilton each went 2-for-4 in the win.

The Sooners then edged Downey 2-1 as Skinner struck out seven and went 3-for-3 at the plate. Carlton drove in the winning run in the seventh.

A 7-0 win over Buena Park in the semifinals saw

Makings give up only three hits. Buena Park earned the right to face the Sooners again, but didn't fare much better.

"We always have people from other teams and other towns that stay to watch this team in the championship games because they enjoy watching what these girls bring to the field," said Carlton.

As the state tournament July 10-13 in Lewiston, Magic Valley earned its third Idaho crown in four seasons. The Sooners beat the Idaho Express 10-0, topped the Idaho Sliders 4-2 and ripped the Coeur d'Alene Crush 11-0.

Makings came up big, going 3-for-3 against the Express and striking out 14 against the Idaho Sliders.

Skinner tossed a no-hitter with 12 Ks against the Crush. She struck out 20 and gave up one hit in a 2-1 thriller against the Spokane Sliders. Carlton scored on a passed ball to tie the game 1-1 and makings came home on a suicide squeeze by T.J. Surrage to win 2-1.

The Sooners took a 5-0 win over the Idaho Golden Gloves in the state title tilt.

## Your Scores

### BOWLING

#### BOWLADROME, TWIN FALLS NASCAR

**SERIES:** Jerry & Joelle 529, Jody & Nick 488, Cody & Cliff 456, Larry & Sena 410

**GAMES:** Jerry & Joelle 206, Jody & Nick 192, Cody & Cliff 163, Larry & Sena 139.

#### TUES. NO TAP

**MEN'S SERIES:** Blaine McAllister 662, Ed Dutry 623, Doug Sutherland 615, Blaine Ross 608.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Maury Miller 254, Blaine McAllister 242, Jim Vining 237, Blaine Ross 231.

**LADIES SERIES:** Gail McAllister 630, Nancy Mayo 589, Mary Ann Bruno 589, Jeane Miller 540.

#### THURS. NO TAP

**MEN'S SERIES:** Dennis Seckel 743, Josh Serr 674, Joe Collette 605, Tyler Waldron 604.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Dennis Seckel 256, Josh Serr 255, Tyler Waldron 242, Kris Armstrong 235.

#### MAGIC BOWL, TWIN FALLS SUN. YOUTH /ADULT

**MEN'S SERIES:** Kyle Mason 620.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Joe McClure 219, Kyle Mason 212.

**GIRLS' SERIES:** Jessica Jenkins 531.

**GIRLS' GAMES:** Jessica Jenkins 189.

#### TUESDAY MIXED

**MEN'S SERIES:** Joe McClure 620, Tim Craig 553, Cotlin Runyan 543, Chad Yturbe 522.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Tim Craig 220, Joe McClure 212, Cotlin Runyan 207, Kenny Schoonover 202.

**LADIES SERIES:** Randi Hernandez 489, Angie Wayment 478, Kathy McClure 474, Shanda Pickett 453.

**LADIES GAMES:** Kathy McClure 179, Angie Wayment 178, Randi Hernandez 173, Julie Straubhaar 157.

## YOUTH BASEBALL



Courtesy photo

### Hammerheads claim Filer championship

The Hammerheads sponsored by Magic Valley Realty claimed the 2009 Filer Recreation League championship. Pictured from left, front row: Nicholas Hale, CeeJay Driscoll, Connor Cassidy, Lucas Young, Tucker Parrott, Trevor Richardson and bat boy Luke Moon; back row: Coach Gary Moon, Parker Clifford, Marcus Hale, Peyton Richardson, Chance Koyle, Cooper Moon, Zane Stephens and coach Tim Richardson.

### Filer 10-U squad wins Malad tourney

The Filer 10-U All Star team won the Malad Invitational Tournament. Pictured from left, front row: Chance Koyle, Carson Prescott, Connor Cassidy, Spencer Mallett and Riley Wedmeier; second row: Cooper Moon, Skyler Oneida, Peyton Richardson, Marcus Hale, Parker Clifford and Ben Lammers; back row: Coach Gary Moon and coach Tim Richardson.

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### North Side takes third at regionals

The North Side 12-U All-Stars from Jerome took third place at the Pacific Northwest Regional Tournament July 25-28 in Portland, Ore. The team went 3-2 at the tournament and also won the base-running skills competition. Pictured from left, Ben Taylor, Trevor Ostler (back), Jacob Lloyd, Damon Zamora, Skreylon Thomas (front), Nathan Suttler, Austin Bobrowski, Jeffrey Colvin, Ethan Bragg, Christian Torres, Nick McDonald and Dom Baker. The team was coached by Tom Bobrowski, Mike McDonald and Chris Bragg.



Courtesy photo

### 10-U Babe Ruth state champs

The Twin Falls Rebels defeated Meridian to win the 10-U Babe Ruth Softball state championship July 18 in Twin Falls. The Rebels took fifth place at regionals in Lynden, Wash., which concluded July 25. Pictured from left, front row: Keri Rex, Kori Rex, Brekyn Bartlett and Jordan Henley; middle row: Ashley Wiest, Amiaha Oswald, Kynzi Jeroue, Caroline Casdorff and Kira Haskell; back row: Sam Egan, coach John Wiest, coach Kathi Jeroue and coach Kelly Jeroue. Not pictured: Hailey Visser.

## Benefit volleyball tourney a success

For the Times-News

The 2009 Annual Benefit Volleyball Tournament was held recently at the Burley CSI gym, Impact Athletics, and the Rupert Civic Building. The tournament featured 21 teams, with proceeds benefiting the family of Steven Ike Damron who lost his life in a car accident earlier this year. The event raised \$3,300, which will benefit Damron's three children.

The A Division winner was Lezamiz Dairy/Bean Brothers of the Twin Falls and Gooding areas. The B Division winner this year was Team Latta, consisting of Steve and Jennifer Latta, Kelley and Melanie Nebeker, and Matt and Cara Ramsey.

C division champions were Fay Garrett, Brad Garrett, Skylar Scott, Tiffany Joyce, Tyler Stoker and Mica Beelar.

The event also featured a secondary tournament for the first six teams knocked out of the field. The event was won by Brandi Wickel, Chance Wickel,



Courtesy photo

### B Division champs

The Team Latta won the B Division championship at the 2009 Annual Benefit Volleyball Tournament. Team members are Steve Latta, Jennifer Latta, Kelley Nebeker, Melanie Nebeker, Matt Ramsey and Cara Ramsey.

Theresa Matthews, John Janae Patterson and Bret Matthews, Travis Chandler, Patterson.

## Let us know

Send Your Sports information and photos to [sports@magicvalley.com](mailto:sports@magicvalley.com)



## MAGIC VALLEY SPORTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Times-News

Following are sports announcements submitted to the *Times-News*.

## High school/college

## FILER HOLDS SCRIMMAGE EVENT

FILER — Filer High School will hold its Red and White Game at 7 p.m., Friday. Prior to the scrimmage, all of the Wildcats fall sports teams will be introduced. A barbecue will follow the game and donations will be accepted for food. School T-shirts will be sold as well as sponsorships and booster club memberships.

## FUNDS SOUGHT TO IMPROVE JHS FIELD

JEROME — Jerome High School senior Mackenzie Ingraham is leading a project to raise money to install artificial turf at the Tigers' football stadium to benefit the football and soccer programs. Donations may be made to the Jerome School District Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 140, Jerome, ID, 83338. Construction donations are also welcome to keep costs down.

Information: E-mail [ingraham2010@hotmail.com](mailto:ingraham2010@hotmail.com).

## SPORTS PHYSICALS OFFERED

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Family Practice, located at 1182 Eastland Dr. N. in Twin Falls, is offering sports physicals for \$25, urinalysis included. Information: Jan Simmons or Callie O'Dell at 733-5117.

## CSI HOLDS MEET THE TEAMS NIGHT

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho athletic department will hold Meet the Teams night at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 26 in the Rose Garden. Each coach will talk and introduce players on the Golden Eagles 2009-10 rosters. Those attending are invited to bring a dessert to share.

## Golf

## JEROME CC HOLDS CHAMPIONSHIP

JEROME — Jerome Country Club's 2009 Club Championship will be held Saturday, Aug. 22 and Sunday, Aug. 23. The tournament is for both male and female members of JCC. Entries can be dropped off at the pro shop or reservations

can be made by calling 324-5281. The \$30 entry fee includes a barbecue, a skins game and a derby. There will be a 9 a.m. shotgun start on Saturday, while Sunday's pairings will be tee times. There will also be added money by the Men's and Women's Association at Jerome Country Club.

## BURLEY HOLDS LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The Burley Golf Course Ladies Club Championship will be held Tuesday and Wednesday. The entry fee is \$10, plus green fees and cart. Breakfast will be served on Tuesday, with lunch served on Wednesday. Tee times begin at 8:30 a.m.

## 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 through 17 will attend at 8 a.m., with ages 18 and older attending at 6 p.m. The cost is \$25 for ages 8 through 17 and \$30 for ages 18 and older. The cost is \$5 more for those outside of the district. Information: JRD at 324-3389.

## Rodeo

## IDAHO COWBOY REUNION PLANNED

GOODING — The seventh annual Idaho Cowboy Reunion will be held Thursday, Aug. 20 through Saturday, Aug. 22 in conjunction with the Gooding Fair and Rodeo. The Aug. 22 events include a prime rib dinner and auction and this year's induction ceremony. This year inductees are Bob Gill, Delbert Jim, Tom Eddy, C. Dee Christensen, Lonnie LeaVell, Pat O'Maley and Benny Freeman.

## PRO RODEO BOOT CAMP UPCOMING

GOODING — The Gooding Pro Rodeo will hold a boot camp from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday 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.

## Sports tryouts schedule

## HIGH SCHOOL

## Canyon Ridge

**Volleyball:** Tryouts are scheduled from 3 to 5 p.m., Monday and Tuesday. A meeting for players, parents and coaches is slated for 8:30 p.m., Tuesday at the high school. Information: Karen Perron at 735-0001.

## Filer

**Football:** Two-a-day practices continue through the Red and White scrimmage on Friday. Information: Russell Burnum at 521-7096 or 543-6249.

## Gooding

**Cross country:** The team will begin practices at 7 a.m., Monday at the fairgrounds. Information: Vance McHan at 934-8629.

## Raft River

**Football:** Equipment check out is scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday. Practice begins from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday. The Trojans first game is Sept. 4. Juniors and freshmen must have physicals before practicing. Information: Randy Spaeth, 312-4336.

## Wood River

**Football:** Practices begin Monday with two-a-day sessions starting at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday, Aug.

31, is the first day of school, and practices will be held at 4 p.m. Information: Kevin Stilling at 720-2842.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL/JUNIOR HIGH

## Filer

**Football:** A parent meeting will be held at 6 p.m., Monday in the middle school gym. Uniforms and equipment will be handed out to players (grades 7-8) at the meeting. The first practice will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday. Players should wear helmets, shoulder pads, T-shirts and cleats.

Each student must have a physical and must pay a sports fee to participate. Information: Coach Dong at 948-0390.

**Volleyball:** Tryouts for grades 7-8 will be held Monday and Tuesday. Eighth-grade tryouts run from 1-3 p.m., while seventh-grade players report from 3 to 5 p.m. Information: Erin Kulhanek at 539-1847.

## Kimberly

**Cross country:** Practice begins at 7 a.m., Monday. Come to the high school dressed to run and with physicals in hand. Practices will be after school beginning Thursday. Information: Kelly Gibbons at 539-5615.

## and gloves.

Information: King Schmeckpeper at 208-869-6783.

## Youth sports

## T.F. HOLDS YOUTH PROGRAMS

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Parks and Recreation will offer athletic programs for ages 2-3 and 4-5 this fall. Tyke Time for ages 2-3 will introduce fundamentals of soccer, T-ball and track and field. Parent participation is required. The program will run from 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. on Wednesdays from Sept. 2-23 at Harmon Park.

Preschool fall soccer for ages 4-5 will run from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. or 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. on Saturdays from Sept. 12 to Oct. 3 at Sunway Soccer Complex.

The cost of each program is \$23 for those inside the city and \$33 outside the city. Information: 736-2265 or <http://www.tfid.org>.

## KIMBERLY YOUTH FOOTBALL REGISTRATIONS SET

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly Youth Football programs will hold registration from 6 to 7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 24 at the old gym. Registration for flag football is available for grades 1 through 4 and tackle football is open to grades 5 and 6.

Information: Jamie at 731-8063 or 423-6173.

## JEROME YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP UPCOMING

JEROME — Jerome will host its annual Youth Football Camp from 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday at the Jerome High School practice field. The camp is open to grades K-8 and costs \$20, including a T-shirt and refreshments.

Registration is Aug. 19 at 5 p.m. The camp is being coached by the Jerome coaching staff and football team.

Information: Coach Clixby at 324-5238 or Coach Gambles at 410-2536.

## RMSB HOLDS FALL REGISTRATION

LOGAN, Utah — Rocky Mountain School of Baseball is accepting registration for its annual fall baseball league. Age divisions will include 8U to 18U. The 12-game season (six Saturdays) begins on Saturday, Aug. 29, and will be played throughout southeastern Idaho and northern Utah. Information: <http://www.rmsb.com>.

## JRD KIDS CAMP PLANNED

The Jerome Recreation District Kids Camp will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Monday, Aug. 17.

The camp will feature sports, games, snacks, a nutrition class and an obstacle course. The cost is \$8.

Information: JRD at 324-3389.

## BUHL SOCCER CAMP CANCELED

BUHL — The Buhl Youth Soccer Association has canceled the Summer Soccer Camp that was scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Aug. 22, due to lack of interest. Information: Daniele Ruhter at 731-9553.

## T.F. HOLDS FALL HOOPS SIGN-UPS

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Parks and Recreation will hold registration for Fall Basketball from Monday through Friday, Sept. 4. The cost is \$15 for those in the city limits and \$25 for those outside the city. Jerseys are \$10.

Fall Basketball is for girls in grades K-6 and boys in grades 7 and 8. Teams typically play twice a week for five weeks with games on Saturdays at O'Leary Middle School and Robert Stuart Middle School, beginning Oct. 10.

Information: 736-2265 or <http://www.tfid.org>.

## JRD HOLDS FALL REGISTRATION

JEROME — Jerome Recreation District will hold registration for fall soccer, football and youth volleyball through Friday, Aug. 28. Fees are \$17 for those in the district and \$27 for those outside the district. Fall soccer is for those age 4 through grade 6, while flag football is for grades 2-5 and youth volleyball is for grades 5 through 8. Registration may be done by phone or at the JRD offices.

Information: JRD at 208-324-3389.

## 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.

## RAPIDS SEEKING U10-11 SOCCER PLAYERS

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Rapids Soccer Club is holding tryouts 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>.

## 25 years later

Continued from Sports 1

third-ranked Sooners, the 1984 team began with a win over No. 3 Pittsburgh, vaulting up the polls. Of course, loses to the Sooners and Seminoles would end BYU's Bowl Championship Series hopes before fall begins.

"I'm not going to back away from that," BYU coach Bronco Mendenhall said. "If it costs us an undefeated season and the BCS-buster spot, I'm still looking at the broader perspective. Eventually, we're going to get there and the lessons we learn in those games are going to help us get there."

In recent years, perfect seasons by Utah, BYU's Mountain West Conference rival, and Boise State and Hawaii of the Western Athletic Conference have earned those teams bids to the Bowl Championship Series.

BYU and the rest of the potential BCS busters know that the next step beyond just crashing the party is to be the team to leave with the biggest trophy.

"If they were to run the table, I don't think there's any question that there would really be some serious challenge for it," said LaVell Edwards, coach of BYU's 1984 title team. "It would be interesting to see what happened. It would have to be a heck of a year."

A team from one of the nonautomatic qualifying conferences has made the BCS four of the last five years. While that has sated some of the BCS critics, Utah's perfect season in 2008 and Sugar Bowl victory against Alabama sparked a new round of outrage.

The Mountain West has



Courtesy BYU

Running back Harvey Unga will look for a big junior season in BYU's high-powered offense.

been pushing all it can for changes to the BCS, proposing a playoff format that was shot down by the other conferences and then taking the fight to Capitol Hill.

Unless Congress throws a block on the BCS, though, the best argument leagues such as the Mountain West and the WAC can make is to beat teams from the six conferences that created and dominate the system.

"If it's not going to happen postseason, currently, under the system, then we're going to make a point to make it preseason," Mendenhall said.

The Cougars entered fall camp confident about senior quarterback Max Hall,

"I'm very excited about this football team.

... This is the most prepared team I've ever been associated with."

— BYU quarterback Max Hall

who has lived up to the lofty standards set at BYU by players like Steve Young, Jim McMahon and Ty Detmer. Hall completed 69 percent of his passes last season while throwing for 3,957 yards and 35 touchdowns.

Hall has a new offensive line in front of him, but still has bruising back Harvey Unga to keep defenses from focusing only on the pass. Unga has averaged almost 5 yards per carry in his career and is 841 yards short of Curtis Brown's school rushing record.

"I'm very excited about this football team. I think we're going to win a lot of games," Hall said. "I'm as focused as I've ever been in my life on the game right now. This is the most prepared team I've ever been associated with."

They'd better be.

The Cougars' nonconference schedule already included a home game against Atlantic Coast Conference contender Florida State on Sept. 19, when BYU added to its degree of difficulty by agreeing to play Oklahoma at the Dallas Cowboys new stadium in the opener Sept. 5.

"That's something we've been wanting. We've been wanting to be in the national spotlight and to prove ourselves against a team like Oklahoma and prove all the doubters wrong," tight end Dennis Pitta said.

That's nothing new at BYU. The Cougars opened the 1984 season out of the polls despite going 11-1 the year before. It took an upset of No. 3 Pittsburgh in the

season opener to get BYU in the rankings. Then they slowly moved up as every other team lost at least a game or two.

The Cougars reached the top of the polls in mid-November when Oklahoma beat Nebraska and Navy upset then-unbeaten South Carolina, leaving BYU as the only unbeaten team in the country.

This was long before the BCS and any of the bowl coalitions that preceded it. The Cougars' postseason invitation was to the Holiday Bowl, where they beat a so-so Michigan team 24-17 on Dec. 21, then had to wait 10 days to learn their fate once the New Year's Day games were finished.

Once the final votes were tallied, BYU was still on top. "The longer it goes, it still boggles my mind that it happened. It took a combination of a lot of factors," Edwards said. "I think when it finally happened and we got to be No. 1 then I think people just thought 'you know, these guys have been

knocking around for a while now so they might be pretty good."

The biggest criticism BYU faced that year was the schedule, playing in the Western Athletic Conference and getting little television exposure compared to the big-name conferences.

That hasn't changed a whole lot. BYU no longer plays in the WAC, but the strength of the Mountain West is questioned much the same way, although Utah's 31-17 win over Alabama in January certainly gave the league some credibility.

BYU players will be wearing a patch on their jerseys this season, commemorating what the Cougars did 25 years before.

"We're in a similar position now. We get to see all the things a team like that accomplished and it gives us a lot of hope," Pitta said. "We're confident in the things we can do and we know that we can be a great football team."

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# Efforts to reform BCS face tall order in Congress

By Frederic J. Frommer  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Rep. Joe Barton had a plane to catch, but he wanted to give college football officials a warning before leaving the highly publicized hearing.

Peering down from the podium, the Republican said in his Texas twang that unless the officials took action toward a playoff system in two months, Congress would likely move on his legislation aimed at forcing their hand.

More than three months have passed, and Barton's bill hasn't moved. Such is the way with college football and Congress.

For years, lawmakers have railed against the Bowl Championship Series, calling it an unfair way to select a national champion. A lot of righteous thundering, however, has not yielded anything on the legislative front.

President Barack Obama joined the fray last year, saying shortly after his election that there should be a playoff system.

"I'm going to throw my weight around a little bit," he said. "I think it's the right thing to do."

But now that he's in office, the recession, two wars and health care reform have taken him away from football, at least so far.

It seems unlikely Congress will take the initiative. To figure out why, just look at a map of the United States.

The current college bowl system features a championship game between the two top teams in the BCS standings, based on two polls and six computer rankings. After the title game, eight other schools fill in the remaining slots for Orange, Sugar, Fiesta and Rose bowls.

Under the BCS, six conferences get automatic bids — the ACC, Big East, Big 12, Big Ten, Pac-10 and SEC, in states from Massachusetts to Florida to California to Washington to Illinois. Those conference receive far more money than the conferences that don't get automatic bids.

"There are just too many senators and congressmen who represent districts where major BCS schools have a very dominant influence," said Gary Roberts, dean of the Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis and an expert on sports law.

"So you're not going to get any senators from Louisiana or Alabama or Florida or Georgia or Tennessee or Ohio — those are all states with major state universities that are major BCS powerhouses."

There's been no bill introduced in the Senate this year to revamp the BCS, although GOP Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah said he's looking into it. Mountain West Conference champion Utah was bypassed for last season's national championship despite going undefeated.

Barton, the top Republican on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, is one of several House members who has authored legislation aimed at forcing a playoff. His bill, which has four co-sponsors, would ban the promotion of a postseason NCAA Division I football game as a national championship unless it's the outcome of a playoff.

California Republican Gary Miller has three co-sponsors for his bill that would deny federal funds to schools in the Division I Football Bowl Subdivision unless the championship resulted from a playoff system. And Neil Abercrombie, a Democrat from Hawaii, has a nonbinding resolution calling for a playoff system and for a Justice Department investigation. He's got five co-sponsors.

Roberts says it's not enough.

"Sure, you've got Orrin Hatch from Utah who's unhappy," he said. "There are a handful of congressmen and senators from districts or states that feel like



Florida players hold up the championship trophy after winning the BCS Championship Jan. 8 in Miami.

AP file photo

the BCS disadvantages them and their constituents, but they're a small minority of the overall Congress."

If there's a silent majority of lawmakers on the other side, "it's only silent as long as the issue is just a bunch of noise," Roberts said. "If a bill

actually got some traction, you can bet that (Texas coach) Mack Brown would call the Texas senators, and (Alabama coach) Nick Saban would call the Alabama senators. There's no traction in Congress for doing anything about the BCS"

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# Once hopeless, Afghan's women find glimmer of a future

By Laura King  
Los Angeles Times

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Nadya, 23, visits Sakhi shrine on Wednesdays, which is women's day. 'I am praying for more children,' says Nadya, the mother of one young boy. 'More children is better. .... Life is better now. My husband is working selling electrical things in the market. He's a good man.'

## Portrait of Arzou

KABUL, Afghanistan — Arzou doesn't believe she has committed any crime other than trying to win her own freedom.

Married at 17 to an older man she did not love, she considered herself little more than a household slave. She was afraid not only of her husband, but also her four brothers-in-law. The only bright spot in her life was her son, Sadiq, now 2 — her companion behind bars.

Arzou ran away from her husband, returning to her father's house. But he had remarried since her departure, and her stepmother did not take well to an interloper. She ran away again.

Her stepmother went to the police. Arzou was charged at first with "home escape," which is no longer supposed to be a crime in Afghanistan. So she found herself facing the accusation of sexual misconduct, which can be applied to almost any woman outside the supervision of a husband or father.

Most of the women imprisoned in Afghanistan are charged with "zina," or engaging in extramarital sex, which can be used to punish any "offense," including attempted elopement or being alone with a man who is not a relative. Rape victims sometimes are given the choice of serving time for zina or marrying their rapist.



Arzou, 19, is in an Afghan women's jail for running away from her abusive husband. She worries about losing her 2-year-old son Sadiq if she doesn't go back to her husband. Women are allowed to keep their children with them in jail until the youngsters turn 7.

Arzou has served eight months of her two-year sentence. And in an unlikely way, prison has become the home she never had.

Jail conditions have improved vastly since the construction of the new women's prison in Kabul, the capital; before, women were held in squalid conditions in a separate section of the notorious main jail at Pul-i-Charki. At the new prison, American correctional officers are mentoring their Afghan counter-

parts. There are literacy courses and vocational training classes.

Like Arzou, many of the women also have their children with them at the prison. They are allowed to stay with their mothers until they're 7, an age of wrenching partings if the mother has a long sentence. Arzou hopes to avoid that fate.

"He is my joy," she said of Sadiq. "My only joy!"

— Laura King



Habiba Sarabi was the first woman to be named as a governor in Afghanistan. She was appointed governor of the province of Bamian in 2005 by President Hamid Karzai, and she remains in office.

KABUL, Afghanistan — Almost five years ago, when Hamid Karzai asked what kind of political post might interest her, Habiba Sarabi shocked the president with her request.

"I want to be a governor," she told him.

"That's a revolutionary idea," he replied.

But Sarabi got her wish, becoming Afghanistan's first and only female governor. She presides over Bamian province, scenically stunning, beset

by rural poverty and best-known as the scene of a particularly wanton act of cultural vandalism by the Taliban: the destruction of its two giant ancient statues of Buddha.

Sarabi believes hope can be found in the rubble. Trained as a hematologist, Sarabi fled into exile in Pakistan at the onset of Taliban rule, when she realized she would not be able to practice her profession and that her daughter would be unable to attend school.

"I didn't want her to miss out on

## Portrait of Habiba Sarabi

her education," she said.

In Pakistan, Sarabi began the human rights and educational work that she still considers her true calling. When the Taliban regime fell, she returned home and immersed herself in politics, serving as minister in Karzai's early Cabinets. Not everyone was willing to accept her as governor.

"There were some men who spoke out against me," she said. "They would accuse me of things, saying I had tried to preach in a mosque, making up things like this. But I kept on with my job."

Many consider the diminutive but sturdy Sarabi to be well-positioned for a Cabinet post if Karzai wins re-election.

"In Afghanistan, women have to be strong, very strong," she said. "My mother was illiterate, but she wanted me to become educated. She died when I was 1. But she believed in me and wanted me to succeed. I wish she could see what I have achieved."

— Laura King

KABUL, Afghanistan — One is the face of despair; the other, of hope.

Zeinab, 22, believed only death could provide an escape from her husband's merciless beatings. So she set herself on fire, leaving one-third of her body covered with oozing, blistering burns. She faces a lifetime of disfigurement and the likely loss of her two children unless she returns to her abusive marriage.

Twelve-year-old Nazira's classroom is a sweltering tent, and her desk is a plastic mat on the ground. But her teachers say she is one of their brightest pupils, encouraged by a mother and father who want her to get as much education as she can. Her eyes sparkle when she describes her ambition: to become a doctor.

Nearly eight years after the fall of the Taliban movement, Afghan women live on the cusp of triumph and tragedy. Life is immeasurably better than it was under Taliban rule, when they were forbidden to leave their homes without a male relative, beaten for infractions such as laughing aloud, deprived of schooling and employment, shrouded and faceless in public.

But dozens of girls and women, interviewed over several months in homes and mosques, in parks and in prison, in street markets and classrooms, described a nagging sense that the gains have not been all they had hoped for. That after all this time, all this effort expended, life should be different. Better.

"It's a kind of freedom, yes," said a university student named Zarifa, who like some of the other women did not want her full name published. "We are like birds who have left the cage, but with our wings still clipped."

The thwarted dreams of many Afghan women mirror a palpable sense of disillusionment in a country still battered and broken despite billions of dollars in international aid, and Afghanistan's place at the center of NATO's biggest and most sustained military campaign.

Many Afghans, of both genders, describe the heady optimism that prevailed after the Taliban government was dislodged in 2001, only to be replaced by growing trepidation over the last three years as the insurgency reinvented itself, violence surged, corruption flourished and rebuilding proved agonizingly slow.

Although the the U.S.-led

invasion was spurred by the Sept. 11 attacks, the belief that Afghan women would be liberated from a reign of medieval cruelty provided a strong moral underpinning for the war effort.

"I think the West was naive, in some ways," said Manizha Naderi, a women's rights activist. "There was this notion that when the Taliban were gone, we would all be able to throw off our burkas and celebrate. But it hasn't been like that."

That, she and others said, can be attributed to deeply rooted cultural traditions that predate Taliban rule and persist in its aftermath, abetted by poverty, illiteracy and the growing insecurity of day-to-day life.

"The more security deteriorates, the more women become vulnerable," said Sima Samar, the head of the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission. "I dislike that word — 'vulnerable.' But that is the reality."

For many Afghan women, this feeling of disenfranchisement is heightened, not eased, by the national elections scheduled for Thursday.

There are just two female presidential candidates, out of a field of nearly 40. Record numbers of women are seeking seats in provincial assemblies, but intimidation is commonplace, with some receiving death threats simply for daring to show their faces on campaign posters.

And almost no one believes that the election will bring about any dramatic change in women's lot.

President Hamid Karzai, expected to emerge as victor even if the race is forced to a run-off, has repeatedly yielded to conservative religious elements in order to win political support. This year he caused an outcry by signing a controversial law that in its original reading condoned marital rape. He has since pledged to review it.

"There's been no strong debate over women's rights in this election — it's just not a priority," Samar said. "None of the major candidates speaks very boldly on the subject. It has faded into the background."

When she poured gasoline on herself and struck a match, Zeinab felt as if it was the only decision she had ever made for herself.

Born to a poor Pashtun family in the west of Afghanistan, Zeinab never learned to read or write. She

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# Marines try a woman's touch to reach Afghan hearts

By Alfred de Montesquiou  
Associated Press writer

KHAWJA JAMAL, Afghanistan — Put on body armor, check weapons, cover head and shoulders with a scarf.

That was the drill for female American Marines who set out on patrol this week with a mission to make friends with Afghan women in a war zone by showing respect for Muslim standards of modesty.

The all-female unit of 46 Marines is the military's latest innovation in its rivalry with the Taliban for the populace's loyalty. Afghan women are viewed as good intelligence sources, and more open to the basics of the military's hearts-and-minds effort — hygiene, education and an end to the violence.

"It's part of the effort to show we're sensitive to local culture," said Capt. Jennifer Gregoire, of East Strasburg, Pa. She leads the Female Engagement Team in the Now Zad Valley of Helmand province, the heartland of the Taliban insurgency.

"If you show your hair, it's kind of like seeing a nude picture here, because women are very covered up," she said.

Women are technically barred from combat units in the Marines, and some infantrymen have been sur-

prised to see them in brightly colored head scarves under their helmets, deployed in the most intense combat zones in the country.

"But ... I think they understand that what we're doing is vital to operations and vital to the counterinsurgency program they want to run," said Gregoire.

Women soldiers were assigned to search women at checkpoints in Iraq, and the experience fed into the Afghan effort, said Cpl. Sarah Furrer, from Colorado Springs, Colo., who served in both war zones.

"I'm not married and I don't have children, so they think that's awkward because I'm 24," Furrer said of her Iraq experience. But as a result, "we're not so much afraid of engaging the women" in Afghanistan, she said.

"I've found you get great intel from the female population," said Capt. Zachary Martin, who commands the Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines, stationed in Now Zad. "The women don't want their men out there conducting jihad and getting killed."

Martin said units have frequently received tips from women about weapons caches or hidden bombs.

But just to find the women is a challenge. There were none in sight as

Gregoire's team entered Khwaja Jamal, a village of mud brick homes with no electricity or government presence.

While heavily armed Marines fanned out, the four women started by trying to strike up conversations with the few old men and young children who ventured outdoors.

The several hundred villagers grow wheat and opium poppies in the crossfire between Marines and Taliban fighters who are in the woods less than a mile away.

"They look at us through binoculars. They'll kill anybody who talks to the Americans," said Abdul Gayom to explain why the villagers were so wary of meeting the patrol.

1st Lt. Victoria Sherwood was undaunted, talking to him through her Afghan translator. She gave him painkillers for his back, and small presents for the children timidly clustering around. Some of them begged to try on her sunglasses, and promptly made off with them.



Marine Lt. Victoria Sherwood, of Woodbury, Conn., talks with 8-year-old Bibi Asha, right, and her grandmother, Nazu, Monday while visiting the village of Khwaja Jamal with Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Regiment of the 2nd MEB, 2nd MEF in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. Sherwood is part of Female Engagement Team whose mission is to make contact with Afghan women in villages where U.S. Marines regularly patrol. AP photo

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## Women

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married at 16, at her family's behest.

As her husband's abuse steadily worsened, she had no idea it was possible to seek help. She learned that only later, when doctors and nurses fought to save her life at the country's only dedicated burn center, in Herat Regional Hospital.

"It's as if," Zeinab gestured with a bandaged hand, groping for words, "as if I didn't know that there was a world outside my house. Even what I have learned in these last three months, from my time in the hospital — it's more than I knew before in my entire life."

Marie-Jose Brunel, a French nurse with the organization HumaniTerra, sees Zeinab every few days as an outpatient, lavishing affection along with stern practical advice: Squeeze a rubber ball every hour to keep your burned hand from freezing into a claw. Crane your neck to make the healing skin more supple.

Zeinab's greatest concern is her children: a 4-year-old son and a 2-year-old daughter. Unless she returns to her household, they probably will be lost to her.

"When my daughter looks at me and sees my scars, she is afraid," she said. "That is the hardest thing of all."

For many Afghan women, events that would constitute a harsh but survivable blow in the West — a maiming accident, serious illness, the loss of a spouse — can mark a descent into inescapable poverty. Many of the beggars on the streets of Kabul are women in burkas, moving through traffic like blue ghosts.

"I cannot tell you how terrible was my life on the streets," said Qamargul, 40, whose husband forced her to beg after she proved unable to bear children. He took another, younger wife, and the two of them would allow Qamargul indoors to sleep only after she handed over each day's meager earnings. Otherwise, she was turned out into the cold.

A Western-funded group rescued Qamargul after a savage beating from her husband landed her in the hospital, and she hopes to learn a trade and live independently. But her efforts to get a

divorce have been stymied, a common occurrence in a legal system that still considers ending a marriage to be a man's prerogative.

At a recent hearing, she was asked by the exasperated judge: "Why don't you just do as you should, and go home to your husband?"

In Afghanistan, as anywhere, there are many happy marriages. But for less fortunate women, the marriage contract can also be used as a means of subjugation.

"I asked my father, 'Why did you sell me?'" said Obeida, a 13-year-old who was sold into servitude when she was just 8. She became a servant for her buyer — and a bride in waiting.

"I cried all the time for my mother," she said.

Her older sister, Maryam, who was sold at 11, managed to alert the authorities before Obeida could be forced, as she had been, to marry an older man. She now lives in a Kabul shelter and is attending school for the first time.

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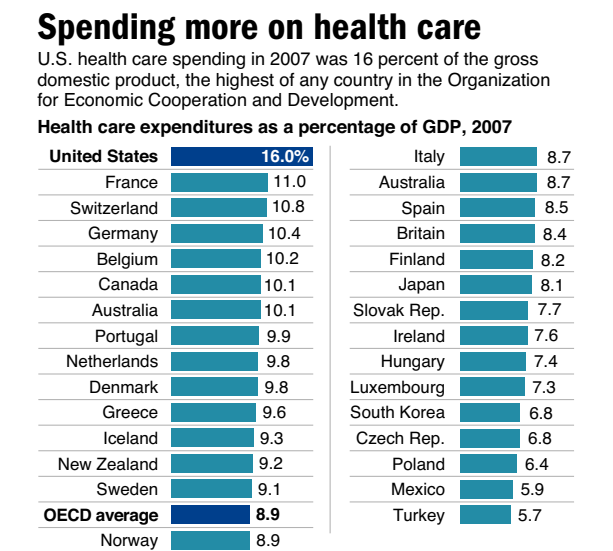


# Britons unite to defend health care amid U.S. debate

By Gregory Katz  
Associated Press writer

LONDON — Britons love to mock their National Health Service — just don't let anyone else poke fun at it. They particularly resent the British universal health care system being used as a punching bag in the battle against President Barack Obama's proposed reforms. Conservatives in the United States have relied on horror stories from Britain's system to warn Americans that Obama is trying to impose a socialized health care system that would give the government too much power. In an interview widely interpreted here as an attack on the U.K., Republican Senator Chuck Grassley of Iowa told a local radio station last week that "countries that have government-run health care" would not have given Sen. Edward Kennedy, who suffers from a brain tumor, the same standard of care as in the U.S.

because he is too old. The superheated debate broadened this week to include renowned physicist Stephen Hawking, a British icon who suffers from motor neurone disease. A U.S. newspaper wrote that under the British system Hawking would be allowed to die — an assertion that Hawking said was absurd. "I wouldn't be here today if it were not for the NHS," Hawking said, joining the ranks of those praising Britain's system. Britons say the country's universal health care system, which provides free medical care, is far fairer than the current American system. Behind the criticism is a popular British view that American society represents unbridled capitalism run amok, with catastrophic results for people left behind in the boom times like those of the last two decades. Business Secretary Peter Mandelson, who is usually pro-American, blasted U.S. health care Friday, suggest-



ing the delivery system is fine for the wealthy but not for the poor. "If you can't pay, you have a very, very second-rate service or you can't get health service at all," he said. Britain's left-leaning government has responded to criticism offering selected statistics that show England outperforming the U.S. in health spending per capita, life expectancy and more. Newspapers have jumped in, with the Daily Mirror

calling the United States "the land of the fee" because of the way patients are forced to pay for medical services. And Dr. Hamish Meldrum, chairman of the British Medical Association, warned Friday that Britain must be careful not to let America's "market-style philosophy" take hold at the NHS. The National Health Service, one of the world's largest publicly funded health services, was set up in 1949 with the intention of providing everyone with access to health care regardless of their ability to pay. A number of other countries, including Canada, have similar systems. Although Canada's program is not fully public, it ensures coverage for all of its citizens through provincial and territorial insurance systems. These systems are governed by a federal law that says coverage is universal, and ensures that taxpayers, not patient fees, pay for primary medical services. During a press conference Monday with Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Obama said Canada's model "would not work for the United States." "We've got to develop a uniquely American approach to this problem," Obama said. The Canadian system has been vilified during the U.S. health care debate for having long wait times and scant resources, putting Canadian officials on the defensive. "We have a system that provides universal coverage — the flaw in the American system is that first they check the size of your wallet, not the size of your need," said Ontario Health Minister David Caplan.

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4. Setter/Water Spaniel cross male adult, liver colored, 1957 E 3550 N Filer Idaho
5. Blue Heeler/Border Collie cross, female, 5 months old, 1022 E 4100 North Buhl Idaho
6. Pit Bull cross tan/white, male young adult, 3470 North 2500 East
7. Pit Bull/Lab cross black, male, young adult, 300 block of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North Twin Falls
8. Lab, chocolate female adult, 1-2 years old, 4228 North 1425 East
9. Lab/Rottweiler cross, black, male, 4-5 year old adult, Wills Toyota on Shoshone Street
10. German Shepherd/Doberman cross, black and tan male, young adult, Wills Toyota on Shoshone Street
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**Custom Farm Services**

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**Miscellaneous AG**

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**803**  
**Bazaars and Crafts**

**WANTED** Hay Piler, wanted for 2 string hay bales, prefer electric motor, gas engine ok.  
**WANTED** Hay Conditioner to fit John Deere 880 swather.  
Cash. Call 208-324-5858

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Bob, 208-312-3746

**804**  
**Building Materials**

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**WOOD FLOORING**  
Exotic Laminate. Can't beat my deal!  
Please call 208-495-3461

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**JL AUDIO** 12-inch subwoofer - \$200. Cobra radar detector - \$150. In-dash DVD/CD/MP3 player - \$200. 208-969-0443

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**TIGER RIVER** 4 person hot tub with cover. Runs on 110 - works good - \$600. Call 208-896-7732

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**COMPUTERS**  
Refurbished XP starting at \$75. Call 208-732-0512

# Mom balks at daughter's plan to host a direct-sale party

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Amelia," recently joined the ranks of a "direct sales force." She has asked me to make arrangements so she can present her products to my circle of friends. I love Amelia beyond words and would do anything to support her, but I told her that in this instance I felt I would be betraying my friends by "using" their friendship.



**DEAR ABBY**  
**Jeanne Phillips**

In my opinion, hosting a "party" for the purpose of selling makes the invitees feel obligated to buy something whether they need it or not. I told Amelia I don't want to put my friends in that position. My daughter took immediate offense and told me I was way off-base because attendees are "free to purchase products - or not - as they choose." In other words, I'm the one with the hang-up and it isn't necessarily shared by others.

income or hedge against job loss. According to USA Today, there are now roughly 15 million direct sellers in the United States.

With all that "partying" going on - the objective of which is to sell, sell, sell - many people have wised up to the fact they are promotional rather than social in nature and refuse the invitations. I see nothing wrong with inviting your friends, as long as they understand, in advance, the purpose of the party as well as the fact that you won't be personally offended if they do not choose to participate.

It upsets me terribly that my daughter is now angry and thinks I have abandoned her because I'm uncomfortable supporting this effort. She has another successful career, so this venture is not a matter of financial life or death to her. What should I do?

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "George," wears his false teeth only for church. He puts them in his pocket as soon as the service is over and won't wear them anywhere else. If I say anything, he gets furious and refuses to discuss it, even though I tell him it embarrasses me and it should embarrass him, too.

**- IN A TOUGH SPOT IN ILLINOIS**  
**DEAR IN A SPOT:** Direct sales companies are rapidly expanding their forces these days, in light of the recession. And many people regard it as an attractive opportunity to replace lost

DEAR ABBY: I have discovered that my daughter's day care director is seeing a married man. I removed my daughter from that center because the director is not the kind of person I want taking care of my child. Should I let other parents know what is going on?  
**- MOMMY WITH PRINCIPLES**  
**DEAR MOMMY:** I don't think so. In fact, I think you should mind your own business. People with principles not only don't cheat, they also have too much character to spread gossip.

IF AUGUST 16 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You simply ooze charm and attractiveness during the next several weeks, so if you are looking for that special someone or will interview for a new job, you are likely to make progress. Your hope for a committed relationship, whether romantic or centered on business, might hit some snags in October or November - but if you remain true blue, you can overcome obstacles. The best time for you to begin anything of importance is between now and the first week of September. The best time to break off any unproductive relationship is between mid-December and February.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** When you encounter a vague sense of unrest, you have a desire to do something about it. Don't meddle or cause agitation this week.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Misunderstandings often manufacture misery. Be as clear as a bell.

**HOROSCOPE**  
**Jeraldine Saunders**

Your reputation and more could be on the line this week.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** This week, energy and creativity can be a source of joy and you can dissipate misunderstandings. Don't initiate crucial projects.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You might be self-conscious when thrown into group settings this week, but relax and people will accept you just as you are.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You may read too much into what someone says. Do not make major investments or crucial relationship decisions this week.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** It is important to know which bridge to cross and which to burn. This week you could be challenged by a sense of confusion.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):**

What should I do?  
**- JANET IN OHIO**  
**DEAR JANET:** If your husband's dentures were comfortable, he'd wear them. The dentist who made them should be contacted so adjustments can be made until they fit properly. If George won't make the call, do it for him and go along for moral support.

He may also need his vision checked by an ophthalmologist. His glasses may need refitting or replacing - or he may have a condition that should be treated ASAP, so don't put it off. Also, hearing aids take getting used to and the process can be frustrating - especially if your teeth are hurting and you're having difficulty seeing.

Poor George, if you think you're being driven crazy, imagine what he's going through and try to be patient.

Today is Sunday, Aug. 16, the 228th day of 2009. There are 137 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight:**  
On Aug. 16, 1977, Elvis Presley died at his Graceland estate in Memphis, Tenn., at age 42.

**On this date:**  
In 1777, American forces won the Revolutionary War Battle of Bennington.  
In 1812, Detroit fell to British and Indian forces in the War of 1812.  
In 1858, a telegraphed message from Britain's Queen Victoria to President James Buchanan was transmitted over the recently laid trans-Atlantic cable.  
In 1948, baseball legend Babe Ruth died in New York at age 53.  
In 1954, Sports Illustrated was first published by Time Inc.

**TODAY IN HISTORY**

William F. Halsey Jr. died on Fishers Island, N.Y. at age 76.  
In 1960, Britain ceded control of the crown colony of Cyprus.  
In 1987, 156 people were killed when Northwest Airlines Flight 255 crashed while trying to take off from Detroit.  
In 2000, delegates to the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles nominated Al Gore for president.

**Ten years ago:** Four months after two gunmen sent them fleeing in horror, students reclaimed Columbine High School in Colorado for the start of the school year. Vladimir Putin won confirmation as Russia's prime minister, the fifth since early 1998. Republican Lamar Alexander folded his presidential campaign. The

quiz show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" began a limited two-week run on ABC.

**Five years ago:** President George W. Bush announced a plan to return two Army divisions from Cold War-era bases in Germany. Election officials in Venezuela announced that voters had overwhelmingly chosen to keep President Hugo Chavez in office.

**One year ago:** At the Beijing Olympics, Michael Phelps touched the wall a hundredth of a second ahead of Serbia's Milorad Cavic to win the 100-meter butterfly, giving Phelps his seventh gold medal of the Games, tying Mark Spitz's performance in the 1972 Munich Games. Usain Bolt of Jamaica ran the 100-meter dash in a stunning world-record time of 9.69 seconds. Talk show host Ellen DeGeneres and actress Portia de Rossi were married at their Beverly Hills, Calif., home.

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**BED, \$275 KING PILLOWTOP** Mattress & box, never slept on. Call 208-420-6350.

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**MATTRESS & BOX**, \$130. Full or Twin. New, in plastic. 208-420-6350

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**ROLL TOP DESK**, oak, 70", good condition, \$200. **78LP Record Collection** 40+ albums; jazz, R & B, and 200 individual; country, mix. \$225. 208-420-1951

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**AIR CONDITIONER** '03 Kenmore 12000 BTU's only been used for 2 summers. \$100. 208-732-6108

**GAS FURNACE/PROPANE** 100K BTU with AC coil. Like new, \$285/OFFER. 736-0870

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### 812 Auctions

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### 814 Lawn Garden

**CRAFTSMAN** Lawn tractor, 17.5 hp, 42" mower, new blades, belts, battery, used 3 years \$700 731-5485

**JOHN DEERE** riding lawnmower G275. Good working cond. Equip. included \$550/off. 320-2930

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### 815 Exercise Equipment

**WEIDER PRO** 340 weight bench with weights \$100/off. Tony Little's Gazelle Edge glider exerciser. \$25/off. Call 208-733-4127

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**A REAL SWEET DEAL** CLEAN FILL DIRT Located at 400 W. 050 S. Paul You can load yourself anytime or we will load for you. Mon-Fri 2pm-4pm Call Galan Rogers at 438-2115

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**BUNKBEDS** ceiling fans, dark green hutch & ceramic top stove, games-PS2 & X-Box. 731-2392.

**CASIO** Electric Piano, bench & music \$750. Drafting table, stool & tools \$75. 208-585-4810 iv. msg.

**DESK** \$75; with top bookcase \$100. TV stand with cabinets on side, \$75. Chair \$15. Rare wood bookcase 50" x 5', \$75. Batt11 hand-made wool rug \$350. Refrigerator \$50. Call 208-733-5953.

**FREE** 8' Pool Table with slate, free to non-profit organization. Must arrange pickup. Call 208-324-5642

See Classifieds Business and Service Directory to assist you in your home repairs. 733-0931.

### 816 Miscellaneous

**INVACARE POWER CHAIR** Pronto M51, excellent new cond., used 6 times. Call 423-6792 for details

**LOVESEAT** \$50, Dryer \$125. Small wicker table \$20 Make offer on any item. 208-308-4361

**MOBILE HOME** 2 bdrm., 2 bath 64x14, nice, tip out, lg built on shed, carpet, \$10,000/off. '83 Jeep Wagoneer Limited, runs great 4WD. \$2000/off. Upright freezer works great. \$150. Moving out of state. Call 208-308-3756.

**PLAYHOUSE** Step 2 Sweetheart Cottage \$225. Big Kota dinosaur \$125. TV 20" flat front combo \$80. Play kitchen \$40. Bookcase \$20. Call 208-410-9936.

**QUALITY SIDING** at wholesale prices. Ecoo Steel and Journeyman vinyl. Siding and Trim in many colors. Professional installation available. Call Nick 539-3133

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**TEACHERS!!** Books, laminated posters, Science misc., teaching materials, Primary-7<sup>th</sup> grade. 733-5953.

**WANTED OLD PICTURES** of Buhl Highway Dist. or any Highway Dist. in Idaho. Years 1912-1970. Would just like copies. 543-4692

**WASHER & DRYER** \$150. Leather sofa/love seat \$75. Recliner \$25. Wood gun cabinet \$25. 308-2117

### 817 Musical Instruments

**CLASIFIEDS**  
It pays to read the fine print. Call the Times-News to place your ad. 208-733-0931 ext. 2

**FENDER** 55 Banjo. Price tall piece, Shubb 5<sup>th</sup> capo, Boulder Case: \$660. Bob: (208) 679-3300

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**GUNS** Winchester model 1300 XTR, 12 ga. and 2 Brownings. over & under, 12 ga & mag 20. Call to see and further info. 208-736-2077.

**REMINGTON** 11-87 PREMIER shot-gun w/adjustable butt pad. Hard plastic case, choke key, FULL, IMP and MOD chokes included. \$650/off. 208-410-7579

**RUGER** .204, M-77, wood stock. In the Box \$390, with 2 box ammo. TIC Omega Lam. stock. in box \$450. Call 208-490-0582

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**POOL TABLE**-Brunswick, full size oak with carved feet, 3 piece slate top, paid \$3,500 sell \$1,200. Call 208-320-2189.

### 828 Garage Sales

**FILER** Sat & Sun 7am-? Plus clothes and uniforms, kids clothes, stuffed animals and bears. Corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Adell. 603 6<sup>th</sup> Street

**HANSEN** Aug. 14, 15, 16. (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) 9 to 5. Multi-family sale. Everything must go. Something for everyone. Very few items priced. Everything else 25% or more, you name the price. 458 Railroad Ave. W.

**HANSEN** Fri., Sat., & Sun. 9-5. Household items, collectibles, misc., snowmobile, snowmobile parts & much more. 482 Maple Ave. W.

**HELLER ESTATE SALE** August 19-20-21 (9-6) 326 South Main, Albion High quality antiques and furn., iron headboard, 2 queen beds, nice piano, antique walnut dresser, wicker patio chairs, sofa & loveseat, entertainment center, TVs, dressing table, area rugs, recliners, wood chest, coffee table, refrig., microwave, metal art work, bookshelves, books, antique glassware, lamps, plants, mirrors. Lots of treasures. Call Blue Cow at 312-4900.

**KIMBERLY** Fri. Sat and Sun 8-5pm. Huge back to school sale! Pickup bed trailer, large desk, motorcycle, clothing, and household items. See ya there! 307 Center Street East

**TWIN FALLS** Fri-Sun. 8-7 Large women's, men's, kids, baby & teen clothes, Verizon cell phone, TV, pickup host, tires, tools, dryer, car, western books, collectibles, antique bed frame. 812 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. W.

**TWIN FALLS** Sat. & Sun, 7:30-2: Women's clothes M7-9, housewares, knick-knacks, lamps, misc. tools, motorcycle, small electronics, microwave, books, vintage mushroom collectibles, & much more!! 2913 E. 3600 N. (Skylane Mobile Part at entry)

**TWIN FALLS** Saturday and Sunday, 8-3pm. Clothes, knick-knacks, wind chimes, and lots of misc. 2525 Dorm Drive

**TWIN FALLS** Saturday and Sunday 8am-? Empiled out storage units. HUGE! Bowflex, exercise bikes, treadmill, pool tables, Power tools! 1061 Morningside Drive

### 900 Recreational

**WILL PICK UP YOUR UNSOLD YARD SALE ITEMS.** 208-326-8505 or 208-859-8505

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**QHI10ST** ATV, reversed 3 speed, \$799. 208-324-3822

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### 901 ATVs

**Looking for WHEELS ATVs** Check us out @ wheels.magicvalley.com

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**HARLEY DAVIDSON '08** RSTF New, 10th Anniversary, over \$1500 in accessories, \$16,450. STK#U45816 Call 208-734-8400

**HARLEY DAVIDSON '08** VRSCDX New, 2 to choose, \$14,200. STK#U066877 or STK#U684677. 208-734-8400

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| 1 | In My Own Fashion | 69 | Bator             | 120 | Like many singers         | 53 | BW French soldier     | 91  | Behind                    |
| 2 | Autobiographer    | 70 | Desert phenomenon | 121 | Synop, essentially        | 55 | Term of endearment    | 92  | Grounded fliers           |
| 3 | Mill decorations  | 71 | Henry James       |     | <b>BOMM</b>               | 56 | Moss colorado         | 94  | Scottsayer                |
| 4 | Handcapper's      | 74 | biographer Luce   | 1   | Woosung city              | 59 | Lat of steam          | 97  | Tampa colt                |
| 5 | bagpiper, briefly | 77 | Narrow leaf       | 2   | 8th opening               | 61 | Cry of accomplishment | 100 | Like most church services |
| 6 | Uit, et al., once | 78 | Old United fruit  | 3   | Pleasnik, in a way        | 64 | Dundee details        | 102 | "Cut magnificent"         |
| 7 | Like as abstract  | 79 | Rebuke silently   | 4   | Marked's park, familiarly | 65 | Lurch initials        | 104 | Bring about               |
| 8 | Confidence USA's  | 81 | Kosh 67Gosh       | 5   | 08's methrow              | 68 | Drawn of song         | 106 | "Ging ... has             |
| 9 | Millers           | 82 | Belgrade natives  | 6   | Zip                       | 70 | Vica user             | 107 | cover gives me            |



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hand?  
Lost in Space, Atlanta, Ga.  
ANSWER: Some auctions are not susceptible of a clear answer. Here, four clubs is normally treated as natural, but is consistent with a cue-bid for hearts. It is up to partner to clarify which he has. If the call is natural, it must promise at least game-going values. Your task is to raise partner's first suit, or retreat to your own suit if playable opposite shortness.

ANSWER: Two things: You could have tried to play five spades after the inconvenient response. And you could have used a gadget that many experts play these days. Over a two- or three-level preempt, a bid of four clubs (or four diamonds if your trump suit is clubs) is ace-asking. Responses are zero, one, one with the trump queen, two, two with the trump queen.

Dear Mr. Wolff:  
I was recently dealt this powerhouse: ♠ 10-8-7-4-3, ♥ 9-4, ♦ Q-5-3-2, ♣ J-7. My partner opened one heart and I passed, but when my LHO balanced with one spade, my partner jumped to three diamonds. Is this forcing? Whether it is or not, what should I bid?  
Scraping Bottom, Edmonton, Alberta

Dear Mr. Wolff:  
I held ♠ Q-10-8-6-3, ♥ 5-3-2, ♦ A-J-3, ♣ J-4. Do you agree that the hand is not worth an overcall of one spade over one heart? I passed, and the auction came around to my partner, who doubled. RHO bid two hearts and now I bid two spades, over which my partner bid three clubs. Is this forcing — and what should I bid now, if anything?  
Totally Tangled, Dayton, Ohio

ANSWER: This is a great hand — in context. Your have four decent trumps and maybe a useful shortage or two for partner, who has guaranteed real game-interest facing a hand that could not respond on the first round. I'd jump to five diamonds and expect to make slam if partner bids on.

ANSWER: I like your initial pass. After you make a free bid in response to a double, a new suit by opener shows a good hand, but is not absolutely forcing. Here you have a minimum, no stopper in the opponent's suit, and a little club support. Your fifth spade is important though, and may lead you to a 5-3 fit. I'd risk a cue-bid of three hearts. I will pass a response of three no-trump or four clubs and raise three spades to four.

Dear Mr. Wolff:  
I hear players discussing Kokish responses to a two-club opening. Would you explain these?  
Strong Poison, Duluth, Minn.

Dear Mr. Wolff:  
I opened one heart and jumped to three hearts over partner's one-spade response. He now bid four clubs. Is this natural, or is it a cue-bid? Does it promise a good

ANSWER: After a response of two diamonds to two clubs, Eric Kokish suggests that opener's call of two no-trump is nonforcing, with 22-24 or so, while a jump to three no-trump is to play with a long suit. But a two-heart call should be artificial, requesting a response of two spades. Over that, two no-trump is 25-26, three no-trump is 27-28, and all other suit calls are natural, but showing a primary suit of hearts.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolf," contact kay19072@gmail.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com.  
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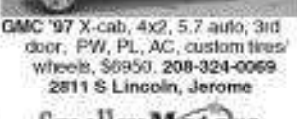
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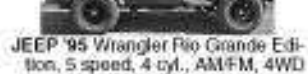
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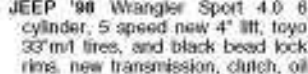
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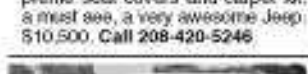
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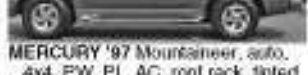
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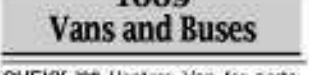
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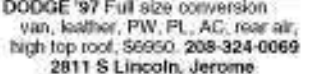
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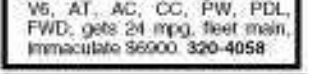
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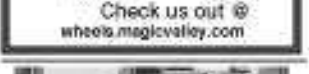
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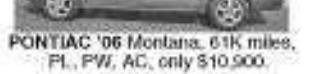
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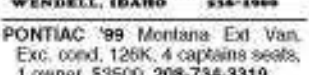
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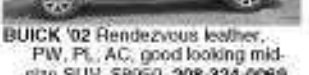
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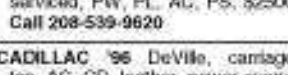
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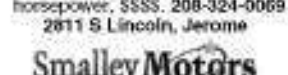
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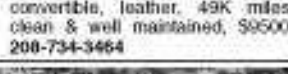
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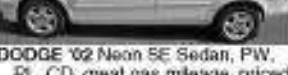
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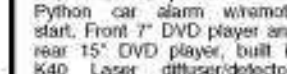
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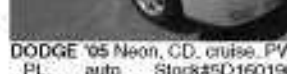
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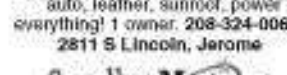
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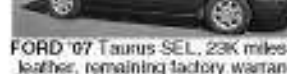
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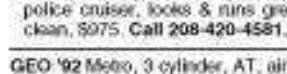
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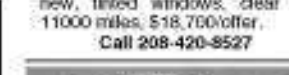
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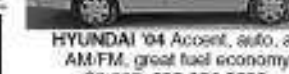
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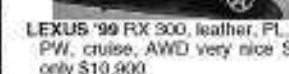
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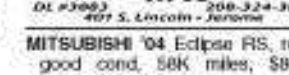
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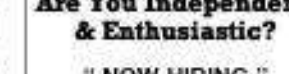
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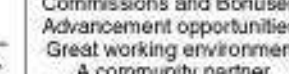
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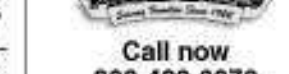
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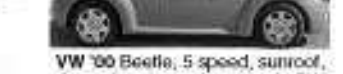
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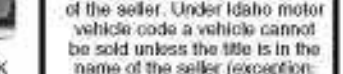
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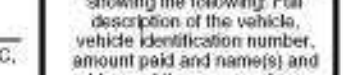
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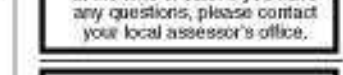
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## Steve Canty, 31



### The professional

Most of Steve Canty's friends don't know he plays Magic, even though he has participated in a Magic Pro Tour twice: in Columbus, Ohio, in 2004 and in Philadelphia in 2005. The Twin Falls man takes the game seriously but doesn't let it take over his life. Canty has a few friends who play the fantasy card game, and several more friends who don't. He works as a bookkeeper and cook and goes to school full time. His wife, Cathy Engle, doesn't mind his hobby and occasionally plays the game. "It's kind of a dual life," Canty said, adding that he has no problem sharing his hobby with others. "I think it's really stigmatized." Still, he acknowledges that some of his fellow players take their passion for the game to an extreme. "It's like they have nothing else in (their) life," he said.

*"It's kind of a dual life."*

## Megan Green, 18



### New to the Magic scene

Megan Green was the only female player at the card shop that Friday night, Aug. 7. Not that anyone noticed. All that matters is that Green keeps up with the rest of the players. Green is fairly new to the Magic scene after learning to play from a friend. The unemployed student from Twin Falls doesn't typically flaunt her skills outside of the card shop, though. "Most of my friends are outside of Magic," she said. "They don't really know." It isn't a big deal for most of the male players to have a woman in the shop. Several players' wives and girlfriends come to tournaments, and one of the best teams from Boise has three girls, player Matt Fagerlie said.

*"Most of my friends are outside of Magic. They don't really know."*

## Chase Ricks, 25



### The online master

Chase Ricks knows first-hand how popular the fantasy genre is worldwide. He went to high school in Canada, where he learned how to play Magic. He liked the game because it stimulated his imagination, he said. He now spends part of his time creating fantasy characters online, where he chats with people across the world about fantasy games. The Magic connection helped him make friends when he moved to Idaho in September 2005. When he isn't speed reading — another hobby of his — or working at Hancock Fabrics, he spends time at Beckmon's.

# BEYOND MAGIC

Twin Falls fantasy card game players juggle hobby, real world

By Melissa Davlin • Times-News writer

If there is a tournament, you can bet that Beckmon's Gaming Paradise will be packed. On a recent Friday night, Mountain Dew cans stacked up in a trash can as the self-professed nerds — almost all of whom are adults — shuffled decks and hunched over fistfuls of cards. Between bites of Chinese takeout, competitors called out scores to store owner Jon Beckmon, who facilitated the tournament. Talks of mana and spells filled the air.

They were there to play Magic: The Gathering, a fantasy card game that originated in the early '90s. Magic players use logic and strategy, along with the luck of the draw, to attack opponents.

But it's not just about the game. Beckmon said the camaraderie between players and obsession with the game often extend beyond the Twin Falls shop's poster-lined walls.

Some players' social lives are dominated by the game, and they don't hesitate to spend hundreds of dollars a year on their hobby. Others' friends don't even know they play. A few players get their families involved.

We talked to five Twin Falls Magic players about how the game affects — or doesn't — their lives in the real world.

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## Matt Fagerlie, 29

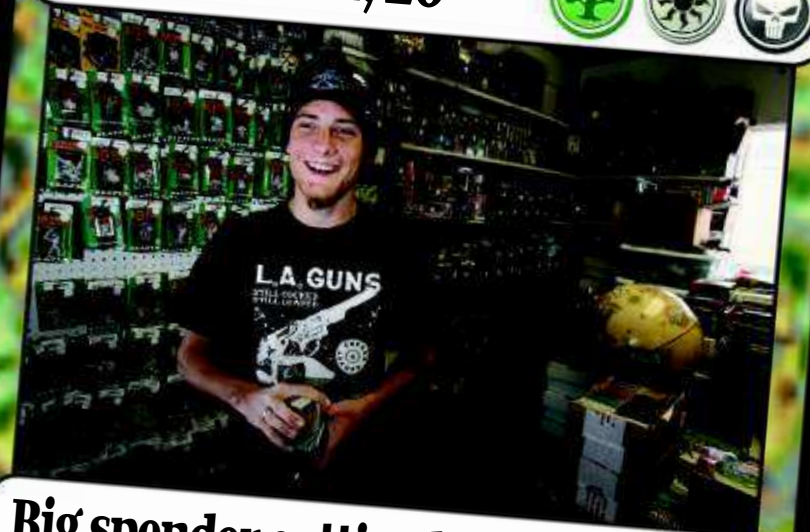


### Teacher of the young apprentice

A lot of Matt Fagerlie's social life revolves around Magic. "Are there friends outside the Magic circle?" Fagerlie joked while playing a game with friend Kody Cowen. Fagerlie spends a lot of his time at Beckmon's. For the moment, he is unemployed. He lives outside of Twin Falls and has a hard time getting into town, so he mostly hangs out with his fellow gaming friends. Fagerlie used to teach his 6-year-old son, Andrew, how to play Magic when he is older. For now, the boy is honing his skills with PlayStation. "He surprised the hell out of me at age 2 by playing his first video game," Fagerlie said.

*"Are there friends outside the Magic circle?"*

## Kody Cowen, 20



### Big spender cutting back

Kody Cowen isn't as fanatic about Magic as he used to be. The Twin Falls gas station employee spent a lot of money on Magic cards. On payday, he would walk straight over to the card shop. "Wasn't it like 100 bucks every so often?" friend Matt Fagerlie asked. It was more than that, Cowen said. Sometimes, he spent \$200 every two weeks. Now that he is married and has an infant son, Cowen has reduced his spending to no more than \$100 every month — at his wife's behest. Although his wife knows how to play, "she thinks it's a waste of time and money," he said. But "as long as I don't go overboard like I used to, it's an OK hobby." His enthusiasm crosses over into his personal life. Cowen's 7-month-old son, Raiden, is named after a Mortal Kombat character. The baby's middle name, Sygg, comes from one of Cowen's favorite Magic cards.

*"As long as I don't go overboard like I used to, it's an OK hobby."*

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## 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:** Sloppy Joe  
**Tuesday:** Chicken strips  
**Wednesday:** Roast pork  
**Thursday:** Ham and beans  
**Friday:** Beef stroganoff

## ACTIVITIES:

**Today:** Unitarian Church service, 10 a.m.  
Melody Masters Dance, 2 to 5 p.m.  
Singles Friendship Dance, 6 to 11 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 at lunch  
Duplicate bridge, 12:30 p.m.  
Oil painting by appointment, 734-0509  
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.  
Blood pressure, 11 a.m. to noon  
Gem State Fiddlers, 11 a.m.  
Duplicate bridge, 12:30 p.m.  
Board meeting, 1 p.m.  
Pinochle, 7:30 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Oil painting by appointment  
**Friday:** Quilting, 8 a.m.  
Bingo at lunch  
Texas Hold'em, 1 p.m.  
Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1  
**Saturday:** Bingo, 1 to 3 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:** Chicken-fried steak  
**Thursday:** Beef stroganoff

**ACTIVITIES:**  
**Wednesday:** Bingo, 7 p.m.

## West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60. Sunday buffet: 1 p.m.; \$5, seniors; \$6, under 60; \$4, under 12. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday.

## MENUS:

**Monday:** Pork chops  
**Tuesday:** BLT sandwich  
**Wednesday:** Surprise chicken casserole  
**Thursday:** Birthday lunch, pot roast

## ACTIVITIES:

**Today:** Roast dinner, 1 p.m.  
**Monday:** SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.  
**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.  
**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.  
**Friday:** SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.  
**Saturday:** Annual steak fry and auction, 4:30 to 7 p.m.

## Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

## MENUS:

**Tuesday:** Spaghetti  
**Wednesday:** Meatloaf  
**Thursday:** Barbecue pork chops

## ACTIVITIES:

**Monday:** Bingo, 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 12:30 p.m.  
Cards, 1 to 4 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.  
**Thursday:** Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Fiddlers  
Bingo, 1 p.m.  
**Friday:** Pinochle, 7 p.m.

## Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch and full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; take-

out; home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## MENUS:

**Monday:** Taco salad  
**Wednesday:** Macaroni and cheese with franks  
**Friday:** Baked ham

## ACTIVITIES:

**Monday:** Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
AA meeting, 8 p.m.  
Al-Anon meeting, 8 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Bingo, 7 p.m.; everyone over 18 welcome  
**Wednesday:** Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
**Thursday:** NA meeting, 7 p.m.  
**Friday:** Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
Bingo, 11:50 a.m.  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

## Gooding County Senior Citizen Center

308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## MENUS:

**Monday:** Meatloaf  
**Tuesday:** Enchiladas  
**Wednesday:** Hamburgers and hot dogs  
**Thursday:** Pork chops

## ACTIVITIES:

**Monday:** Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.  
Wild one, 6 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** 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.  
**Saturday:** Pinochle, 7 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:** Roast beef  
**Wednesday:** Chicken pot pie  
**Friday:** Chili and potato bar

## ACTIVITIES:

**Monday:** Blood draws, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

## 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:** Sloppy Joe  
**Tuesday:** Roast beef  
**Wednesday:** Turkey  
**Thursday:** Tater Tot casserole  
**Friday:** Barbecue ribs

## ACTIVITIES:

**Monday:** SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.  
Last Resort Band  
Commission for the Blind  
**Tuesday:** SilverSneakers, 10:15 a.m.  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Gem State Fiddlers  
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  
Pinochle, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday:** SilverSneakers, 10:15 a.m.  
Free Will Baptist Church potluck, 6 p.m.  
**Friday:** SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Kid's Club, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

## Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

## MENUS:

**Monday:** Tuna noodle casserole  
**Thursday:** Ham sandwich and soup

## 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:** Meatballs and gravy  
**Wednesday:** Chef salad  
**Friday:** Parmesan chicken

## ACTIVITIES:

**Monday:** Exercise, 9 a.m.  
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.  
Quilting, 10:30 a.m.  
**Tuesday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo  
**Wednesday:** Black Out Bingo, 12:30 p.m.  
**Friday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo

## 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:** Pizza  
**Wednesday:** Meatloaf  
**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.

## ACTIVITIES:

**Monday:** Salad and soup bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Tai chi, 7 a.m.  
Fit and Fall-proof, 10 a.m.  
Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Walking Club, 9 a.m.  
Card making, 10 a.m.  
Foot clinic, 9 a.m. to noon  
Blood pressure, 11:15 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Board meeting, 8:30 a.m.  
Fit and Fall-proof, 10 a.m.  
Win on Wednesday  
**Thursday:** Walking Club, 9 a.m.  
**Friday:** Tai chi, 7 a.m.  
Table tennis, 9 a.m.  
Fit and Fall-proof, 10 a.m.  
Birthday lunch

## 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.

## MENUS:

**Monday:** Salisbury steak  
**Tuesday:** Bean and cheese burritos  
**Wednesday:** Barbecue chicken  
**Thursday:** Pizza  
**Friday:** Chicken or fish

## 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:** Beefy macaroni  
**Tuesday:** Ham salad  
**Wednesday:** Roast beef  
**Thursday:** Sloppy Joe  
**Friday:** Meatloaf

## 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.

## Carey Senior Center

Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors.

## MENU:

**Thursday:** Cook's choice

## STORK REPORT

## Cassia Regional Medical Center

**Rylan Easton Funk**, son of Lynette and Tracey Funk of Burley, was born Aug. 4, 2009.

## St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

**Traegon Kay Dayley**, son of Tyler and Tammy Dayley of Gooding, was born May 31, 2009.

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**Wix W. Peters**, son of Brittany Jean and Jake Thomas Peters of Jerome, was born July 5, 2009.

**Jasler Neome Hernandez**, daughter of Kimberly Renee Draper of Hansen, was born July 29, 2009.

**Mitchell Joseph Vera**, son of Angelica Maria Roque of Twin Falls, was born July 31, 2009.

**Claire Mae Burnett**, daughter of Christa Lyn and Scott Oquigloth Burnett of Gooding, was born Aug. 4, 2009.

**Ella Jean Fluckiger**, daughter of April Jean and Donell Fluckiger of Jerome, was born Aug. 4, 2009.

**Zadyn Alekai Mendoza**, son of Lucy Elena and Pedro Jose Mendoza III of Eden, was born Aug. 4, 2009.

**Ayasha Rayne Sylvia Saldana**, daughter of Na'Keya Rosette Eva Reece and Jamie Saldana of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 4, 2009.

**Zayne Dwight Bingham**, son of Jamilyn and Zeb Dwight Bingham of Dietrich, was born Aug. 5, 2009.

**Halle Kae Brown**, daughter of Jessica Dawn and Matthew Thomas Brown of Twin Falls, was born

Aug. 5, 2009.

**Candy Dayana Flores**, daughter of Herlinda Flores and Jose Rafael Flores-Casillas of Buhl, was born Aug. 5, 2009.

**Kaydin Marie Ince**, daughter of Kami Rachelle Ince of Filer, was born Aug. 5, 2009.

**Madison Rose Vanleeuwen**, daughter of Amanda Renee and Jason Allen Vanleeuwen of Filer, was born Aug. 5, 2009.

**Braydon Michael Wolf**, son of Minday Dawn and Benjamin Robert Wolf of Kimberly, was born Aug. 5, 2009.

**Liam Eugene Breen**, son of Jessica Len and Braden David Breen of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 6, 2009.

**Noah Grayson Call**, son of Amy Marie and Eric Nathan Call of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 6, 2009.

**Kadenlee Evalyn Davis**, daughter of Shellsie Marie Davis of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 6, 2009.

**Kenan Sai DePew**, son of Kim Sue and Keith Aaron DePew of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 6, 2009.

**Ashtyn Scarlett Larsen**, daughter of Alicia Carol and Hans Tyler Larsen of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 6, 2009.

**Rachel Ovcharenko**, daughter of Yelena A. and Yevgency Ovcharenko of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 6, 2009.

**Annika Mae Haner**, daughter of Ashley Nicole Beltran and Jonathan Charles Haner of Wendell, was born Aug. 7, 2009.

**Daisha Rose Webb**, daughter of Krystle Rae and Doyle Gene Webb Jr. of Filer, was born Aug. 7, 2009.

**Kayli Mae Beutler**, daughter of Angela Ellen and Aaron Paul Beutler of Hagerman, was born Aug. 9, 2009.

## Creative cakes can become a family tradition

By Melissa Kossler Dutton  
For The Associated Press

Kay Martin decided early on that she wanted special celebrations for her children's birthdays. For her, that meant homemade, hand-decorated cakes.

"I bought a cake-decorating book before my first kid was even born," said Martin of Plain City, Ohio. She wowed guests at her daughter's first birthday with a three-dimensional cake shaped like alphabet blocks. "It got rave reviews," she said.

Since then, she has created cakes resembling a country cottage, Legos and Noah's ark for her two daughters.

For a growing number of parents, making creative, even over-the-top birthday cakes has become a treasured family tradition. A survey by the Craft and Hobby Association, using data collected through March 31, said the number of U.S. households decorating cakes rose from 9.5 million in 2008 to 11.3 million in 2009.

"We're seeing a lot of interest in food crafting," said Victor Domine, spokesman for the Elmwood Park, N.J.-based association. "Millions of people across the U.S. decorate their own cakes not only as a way to save money and celebrate economically, but also as a creative outlet."

Amy Dunn figures she has saved hundreds of dollars over the years by making her own cakes. The mother of three also enjoys the challenge of finding the right cake to fit the theme of the child's party.

Dunn doesn't like to use decorating tools, so she usually relies on cookies, candies and ingenuity to bring her cakes to life. She once used Twinkies and cookies to create a cake depicting six girls in bed for

a sleepover party.

"I don't make any claim to professional-looking cakes," said Dunn, of Apex, N.C. "The cakes look homemade. That's part of the charm. They're made with love."

The sleepover cake remains a favorite of Caroline Dunn, 11.

"My mom made each girl attending my party in cake form," she said. "I loved to look at each piece of cake and how it resembled her?"

Every year, Dunn also makes Caroline a doll cake using the same figurine and pattern that her own mother used for her birthdays when she was growing up.

Dunn's first attempt at cake decorating was a teddy bear for her oldest son's first birthday.

"We lived in Florida at the time," the 49-year-old said. "I wasn't sure who would melt first — me under the pressure, or the cake?"

First birthdays often prompt moms or dads to try cake decorating, said Nancy Siler, a spokeswoman for Wilton Food Crafts, an Illinois-based company that specializes in cake-making products. Many even take cake-decorating classes to prepare for the big event, she said.

"It's an opportunity to show family and friends that you love your child and that you're a good mother," she said. "It is an expression of love. It is your creativity coming out."

When Leslie Green's daughter,

## ON THE NET

<http://www.coolest-birthday-cakes.com/>  
<http://familyfun.go.com/recipes/special/specialfeature/cakefinder-birthday/>  
<http://www.easy-birthday-cakes.com/>

Emma, was turning 3, mom spent hours making a Sleeping Beauty cake. When Emma was turning 4, Green tried to talk her into cupcakes, but Emma insisted on a Little Mermaid cake.

"She said, 'I don't want cupcakes. I want a pretty cake like last year,'" recalled Green, for whom cake-making then became a tradition. Party guests marvel over her creativity. She said she has lost sleep over her cakes, but loves doing them.

"You can make people so happy," said Green, of Tampa, Fla.

Martin's 6-year-old daughter, Lexi, is already looking forward to her next birthday: "I go to school, so I'm going to have a school bus cake!"

Martin said she'll start researching school bus cakes a few weeks before her daughter's birthday, checking out various Web sites where proud moms post photos of their creations and offer tips.

"When I start, I will not know what it will look like," Martin said. "There's always a certain point where I ask, 'Why did I get into this mess?' and I think about scrapping the whole thing. I like to take on the challenge of it."



LESLEE GREEN/AP photo  
A sleepover cake Amy Dunn made for her daughter Caroline's 10th birthday last year. The bodies are Twinkies, the heads are vanilla wafers, the pillows are marshmallows.



## Conquering the ailments of childhood

The dog days of August are nothing to look forward to in a newsroom. But last week, the *Times-News* was hit by a whammy of summer colds. Editors and reporters alike were hacking like cigar smokers at the Havana Club.

SPILT MILK

David Cooper



When I brought my ailments home, my wife didn't believe me when I blamed it on a newsroom outbreak. Instead, she says I got the illness from my toddler son.

Impossible, I say. Adults can get sicknesses from their children about as much as they can freckles. And as Dr. Oz is my witness, I'm going to prove her wrong.

Why I have to engage in this debate with my wife is beyond me. For starters, mothers are exposed to more germs than the entire Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. If kids' illnesses were truly contagious for parents, moms and dads would work fewer days a year than Carlos Boozer on a bum knee.

A mother of a young child — even a baby under 1 year — can count on a child getting a cold three or four times a year. Last winter, my house turned into a petri dish surrounded by bricks. Yet my wife, caretaker of five kids, escaped without a single cold.

Sure she got lots of sleep and drank a lot of that funky yogurt that makes middle-aged women feel like a hundred bucks. But there's more to it than that.

While I'm certainly no doctor, my firm belief is that once you've endured puberty, college and property taxes and gained those unwanted 20 pounds that are never going away, childhood cooties are the least of your problems.

A child's germs are like pepper in your ice cream — unsavory and unwanted, but not threatening in the least. Considering all the times a parent changes diapers and wipes up vomit, snotty noses and other substances unmentionable, he or she builds a powerful immunity that could withstand kryptonite.

Children are a whole different story. The reason they get sick so frequently is that they're around other children of their own size. And when kids mingle, the bio-hazards begin to multiply at an alarming rate.

Which leads to the only exemption to my "adults don't get kids' sickness" rule — and that is for teachers. For an educator to spend 250 days a year with a classroom of sneezing, sniffing, coughing kids is reason enough for a raise and summers off.

But if it's one-on-one, mano a mano, between a parent and a child, it's not going to be a close match. The adult immune system will win out every time.

It's only when they become teenagers that they really wear you down.

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Here's some of the best from recent blog postings by the *Times-News'* mom bloggers. Read more of both mom blogs at [Magicvalley.com](http://Magicvalley.com)



### Dinner — something simple for busy days

From time to time I will try to post a recipe that my family really enjoys and that is really easy to put together. Whether it be a day that I am at work or one where we are busy running around until right before dinner time, it is always nice to have something that is quick to get on the table. I love my crock pot and all the meals you can have ready in it whether you put it on low first thing in the morning, or high at noon. One of my family's favorites is Chicken Salsa Quesadillas. This is a recipe I made up: 3 or 4 frozen chicken breasts; 1 16-ounce jar of La Victoria Cilantro salsa (substitute any salsa of your choice); flour tortillas (regular or burrito sized depending on your preference); and shredded cheese (I use Colby Jack for the kids and Pepper Jack for the adults) ...



### Genius is like lightning; it never strikes the same place twice

So cross me off the list because it happened to me today. There are rare moments as mothers where we handle a stressful situation with perfect calm, unconditional love and abundant wisdom. I call them "Moments of Parenting Genius." They usually strike when we are at our wit's end and there is a split second where you can decide to blow a fuse or handle it the right way. And so often I, and maybe some of you, make the wrong choice. Maybe because it seems easier to lose our tempers and just send everyone, crying, to their rooms for a little peace and quiet (Mom included). But, when tempers are lost, so are those perfect teachable moments.

## Middle-income family spends \$221,000 to raise baby

By Betsy Taylor  
Associated Press writer

ST. LOUIS — It's no secret that raising children can be expensive, but how about nearly a quarter of a million dollars expensive?

A government report released this month says a middle-income family with a child born last year will spend about \$221,000 raising that child through age 17.

The report by the USDA's Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion identified housing as the largest single expense, followed by food and child care/education costs. The \$221,000 in expenses rises to about \$292,000 when adjusted for inflation.

USDA economist Mark Lino, who co-authored the report with Andrea Carlson, often hears people say children cost a lot when the annual findings are issued.

"I tell them children also have many benefits, so you have to keep that in mind," he said.

Families with more income spend more money on child-related costs, the report said. A two-parent family that earns less than \$57,000 annually will spend about \$160,000 on a child from birth through high school. Those with an income between \$57,000 and \$99,000 spend about



Stephanie Reed gently massages the back of her daughter, Ryn, 4 months, during a 2005 class in Lafayette, Ind. A government report released this month says a middle-income family with a child born last year will spend about \$221,000 raising that child through age 17.

AP file photo

\$221,000 and those with higher incomes are expected to spend roughly \$367,000 through age 17.

Most single-parent households in the U.S. make less than \$57,000 and are expected to spend about 7 percent less on child-rearing costs compared with two-parent households in that same income group, accord-

ing to the report.

Costs of raising a child are highest in the urban Northeast and lowest in the urban South and rural areas.

The USDA report helps courts and states determine child-support guidelines and foster care payments. It does not address costs specifically related to childbearing and

paying for college.

One of the largest changes over time has been the increase in costs related to care for young children.

The report was first issued in 1960, when such costs were largely negligible, but with more working families turning to outside help with child care, it has grown to be a significant expense for

many families. The report does not give total costs related to early child care.

A mother of three, Raben Andrews of St. Louis, said the government figures sounded right to her. "Well, that's not half of it," joked the 42-year-old public school teacher. "I still have to put the little buggers through college."

## When life gives you pet hair, make yarn

By Deborah Netburn  
Los Angeles Times

For 11 years, Cindy Briggs had been collecting her golden retriever Carly's fur in plastic bags and storing it in the closet. She had no specific plans to use it, but something kept her from throwing it away. The dog kept shedding, and Briggs kept brushing and collecting. Over those 11 years, she moved the fur to three apartments, and always took care never to squish it. "I didn't know why I was doing it," she said, "but it turned out to be a blessing."

Briggs' beloved dog has been dead for two years, but the dog trainer from the suburbs of Washington, D.C., has a memento of Carly's presence right in her home. Through the Pet Yarn Chic Web site, Briggs had the fur she collected spun into a fuzzy golden yarn. With the yarn she had an afghan knitted, and it now sits on top of a side table in her living room with a piece of glass over it.

"I can touch it

any time I like," she said. She originally had planned to drape it over her couch. The only problem was, it shed.

The Pet Yarn Chic Web site was founded by N'ann Harp, a brand manager from Asheville, N.C., and the owner of a long-haired cat named Tyler who "shed like a porcupine blowing quills."

"I was going out of my mind," she said. In an attempt to manage the fur deposits blowing through her house like tumbleweeds, Harp began following the cat around with a plastic bag, stuffing it full of the tufts he left behind. On a whim, she took the collected fur to a local knitting and fiber-arts store, Asheville NC Home Crafts, to see if the owner could spin it into yarn. She said yes, and a new business was born.

Because most pet owners do not have access to spinners, Harp has set up two Web sites to connect the two.

For the spinners — usually stay-at-home mom hobbyists — she founded the Critter Knitter Guild, a loose association of spinners who get paid to spin yarn.

And for pet owners who have been hoarding dog, cat or bunny fur, she founded Pet Yarn Chic: You send her \$49.95, and she sends you back a handbook, shipping supplies and hair collection instructions.

The cost to spin the yarn varies, depending on the pet's hair and any special care and handling it might need, but prices start around \$10 to \$12 per ounce. If you are not a knitter, you can pay an additional fee to

have a garment knitted for you.

Pet hair can be difficult to spin, so Harp has had to work hard to find experienced spinners. Dog and cat fur tends to be shorter and more slippery than wool, requiring more twists per inch to help it stay together, and dog fur in particular tends to be stinky due to a natural lanolin in the dogs' skin. And, of course, not every animal's fur will work.

Only long-haired cat fur and the fluffy undercoat of a dog can be spun into yarn.

Still, Marie Hendrix, a spinner for the Critter Knitter Guild and co-owner of the Asheville NC Home Crafts store, thinks dog and cat fur can be used to create beautiful yarn. "It is a very soft hair, so it develops a halo around it like Angora does, almost an aura," she said. "It is a very comfortable, lovely, luscious fiber."

## LOSE THE FOOT?

Injured Iraq veteran makes a difficult decision and learns to live with the consequences.

Next week in Family Life

## CLEANING

### Question:

Whenever I attempt to clean my bathroom mirrors, it seems that the streaks I leave behind create more of a mess than my original smudges. I've tried all the "home remedies" like newspaper and vinegar, but nothing is really working for me. I'm really frustrated Lori, please help!



Lori Chandler  
Cleaning Center owner  
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## PET BRIEFS

### Cat naps

Cats sleep twice as much as humans; on average, 14 to 20 hours in a 24-hour period. It's totally normal for your pet to take cat naps all during the day, combined with bursts of activity. Cats are hunters, after all. And they get exhausted from bolting up from what looks like a deep snooze and running like a bullet down the stairs for no apparent reason. Eating meat can also make them sleepy.

New cat owners some-

times worry that their cat is lethargic. But sleeping these long hours is just part of a cat's life. However, don't let your cat get bored. It's always good to keep toys around to stimulate them and keep them from clawing at your furniture. Play with your kitty every day to keep him active and engaged.

If you notice a change in your cat's sleeping habits — if he is napping more or a lot less — you might want to check in with your vet. It could be a sign of a health problem.

### Pet tagging

Even if your cat is an indoor pet, it is essential to have him wear a collar with your name, address and telephone number.

During the warm weather, people go in and out of the house more often and it is easier for an animal to slip out when you're not looking. Also, when repair services or pizza delivery people come

to your door and leave it ajar, they often don't realize that a cat may be waiting nearby for just that opportunity to break out. All cat owners know that sense of panic when they realize their cat is outdoors where dangers lurk.

ID tags make it so much more likely that your cat will be returned to you should he get loose.

— The Washington Post

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# Smart Style

## What the dorm room really needs

By Kim Cook  
For The Associated Press

As soon as the residence assignments are sent out, some college students are eager to feather their new dorm nest. But don't go overboard.

Leave the blender, grill or popcorn maker at home, advises Laura Jeanne Hammond, publisher and editor-in-chief of Next Step magazine, which is aimed at high school students planning life after graduation.

"How many fresh-fruit smoothies will you really be making in your dorm room?" she asks.

She also nixes the coffee maker. "Going out for coffee is a great way to make friends; drinking it alone in your dorm room is not."

Next Step's suggested gift list for new freshmen includes fun items like a cheat sheet on clothes washing, stick-up touch lights, and even a small plant or aquarium.

Some experts suggest holding off on purchases till you've spent a few days at school. In that case, friends and family might consider giving gift cards to stores in the college area.

Many colleges also have checklists of recommended items on their residence Web sites. Make sure you know what the school won't let you bring; it varies widely. And get in touch with upperclassmen to glean insider tips.

An informal survey of some recent freshmen offers these tips on what's truly worth taking:

**Many** students say some version of a tool kit is essential: a couple of screwdrivers, a small hammer, duct tape, hex wrenches, rechargeable batteries, flashlight, pliers, picture hanging items. There's often something that needs fixing after the parents leave.

**Unless** a loft-style bed awaits, bed-frame raisers get a nod; attached to each leg, they provide added storage space.

**With** the likelihood that roommates will bring a lot of the same stuff, a permanent marker helps identify personal items.

**A large** magnetized dry erase board is necessary for keeping track of schedules and leaving messages.

**Some** like collapsible clothes hampers. Many suggested packing a big duffel bag with stuff, then using it to store dirty laundry.

**DVDs** and something to play them on appeared on most lists, as a great way to break the social ice. Noise-canceling headphones keep welcome sound in, unwelcome sound out.

**Fans**, for both cool comfort and sleep-inducing white noise.

**Depending** on where your campus is, a folding camp chair is useful for outdoor concerts or trips to the beach.

**David Ladetto**, a recent University of Massachusetts at Amherst grad, put a shower curtain at the top of his list. "It was one of the most useful items I brought with me," he explained. "It's an easy room divider, closet cover and privacy protector. I have to apologize to my mother for this one, because she was right. I ended up using a shower curtain for so many things my entire four years in college."

**Some** kind of basic filing system ranked high: You'll be keeping track of a lot of forms and important papers on your own now, and even a simple paper accordion file will do the trick.

**Several** rising sophomores bemoaned the general lack of dorm cleanliness. While you might not be able to get your roomie on the same hygiene page, you can stock up on mild air freshener (check on allergies first, or opt for a chemical-free air cleaner), some paper towels and an all-purpose cleaner.

**Toilet paper**, if you want something softer than what colleges typically provide.

**And for** stepping into residence showers, flip-flops were a nearly unanimous choice.

**Allison Kramer**, a student at Kenyon College in Ohio, advised stocking up on vitamin C. "Unfortunately, you spend a fair amount of time at college being sick," she said.

**A nice** throw rug and "your favorite lamp from home" can help offset a dorm room's institutional feel. Because for all the fun and freedom to be found in a tiny dorm room, there's still space for homesickness. Pictures of high school friends can also be comforting, some said.

**For** Trevor Ezell, another Kenyon student, it was his record player that provided solace. "Listening to a long-forgotten album, I found myself unable to forget my family. Perhaps more than anything else, my records helped me return home."

AP photo/All Pet Furniture  
All Pet Furniture's Betta Cube can be used as an aquarium or a small plant terrarium; \$24.99.



AP photo/PB Teen

PB Teen's dorm trunk has a steel exterior and plywood base with crush-resistant corners — which makes it a handy table as well. Its enamel is finished in black, pink, navy or white; \$199.



Cookware's all-in-one blender, chopper and juicer has five speeds and is great for smoothies and homemade juice and can even knead bread; \$39.95.  
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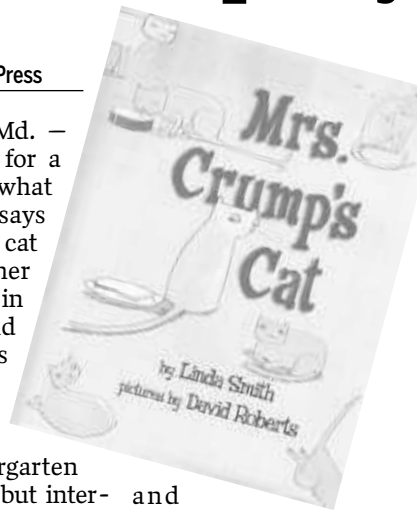
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PB Teen's Hi Light Task Lamps come in a variety of fun colors for girls and guys. The lamps have three pivot points which adjust, then lock. The switch is on the base; \$79.

# Pet-focused reading program aims for empathy

By Linda Lombardi  
For The Associated Press

WHEATON, Md. — "I have no use for a cat." That's what Mrs. Crump says when the golden cat shows up on her porch and slips in the door. And when she thinks about letting the cat out, one child in Natalie Nelson's kindergarten class can't help but inter-



rupt. "That's not a nice thing to do! You can't tell a cat to shoo, because they like you," the student calls out.

It's not a bad summary of one of the lessons of "Mrs. Crump's Cat," the book that humane educator BJ Altschul is reading to the class.

Altschul's visit to Arcola Elementary is part of the Humane Education Ambassador Readers program, which brings volunteers into schools to lead activities based on a carefully selected list of picture books about people and animals. The goal is to help children develop the empathy for other creatures that prevents animal cruelty and promotes responsible care of pets.

Each book is chosen partly because it helps children understand something about the meaning of a pet's sounds, tail-wagging and other body language. These basic lessons in animal behavior are important because many of the children involved in the program have no pets, and their only experiences of animals may be fearful ones.

"If they're not raised around animals, they may not understand how you can listen to an animal," says Nicole Forsyth of United Animal Nations, which developed the program.

In the book read to Nelson's class, Mrs. Crump warms to the cat, letting it dry off by the fire. And when it won't eat bread, she goes to the store to buy it some cream ... and then a bowl, and flea soap, and a pretty collar.

After the reading, a few students are chosen to act out the story, and the class puts what they've learned about cat communication into action. When the child playing the cat would rather stay with Mrs. Crump than be let loose, Altschul asks the whole room, "How would you let her know that? What kinds of sounds would you make?" The class breaks out in a loud purr.

The mission of United Animal Nations (<http://www.uan.org/>) is to take animals out of crisis situations such as natural disasters, but president

and CEO Forsyth says they found themselves dealing with more cruelty cases, such as puppy mill rescues. Rather than simply react to these situations, they wanted to get involved in prevention by teaching humane attitudes towards animals from an early age.

The Humane Education Ambassador Readers program is designed so that it can be implemented on a local level by trained volunteers, which is important since few animal welfare organizations have the resources for a large dedicated humane education staff. And it is structured to fit in with specific curriculum standards for different states.

Teacher Heather Bracken of Hazel Strauch Elementary School in Sacramento, Calif., has had humane reading volunteers in her third-grade class for the past two years. Bracken says that in her inner-city school, the program is important because it may be the first experience her students have of the idea of "an animal as part of the family."

But a big reason that it works is that it does double duty: "They come in with documentation of how it fits into the standards," she says. "It makes it easy for a teacher to get approval from her administrator."

Having been successful incorporating the program into curriculum standards in Sacramento, Washington, D.C., and British Columbia, the group is now gearing up to expand to other cities.

Although it's too soon to judge the long-term effectiveness of the program, Bracken says that some results were clear in how her students talked to her after the visits, such as expressing concern for stray animals.

And she says that none of the parents complained when they got the inevitable requests for pets, because the students knew the effort that would be involved.

The program "taught the children the sense of joy of having an animal, and also the responsibility that goes along with it," she says. "They go home and educate their parents, too."



United Animal Nations/AP photos

Carlos Lopez, a third-grade student at Bowling Green Charter Elementary School in Sacramento, Calif., participates in a writing exercise as part of the Humane Education Ambassador Reader program.

# Active kids means healthy kids

The Washington Post

It's no secret that childhood obesity is a widespread problem in this country. But keeping your children active and getting them off the couch every day can go far in keeping them healthy. How do you do it? Here are some suggestions from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

- Set a positive example by leading an active

lifestyle yourself.

- **Make** physical activity part of your family's daily routine. Go for walks or play games together.

- **Give** your children equipment that encourages activity, such as balls or bikes.

- **Make** physical activity fun. If your children don't enjoy something, don't force it.

- Encourage them to try something else.

- **Encourage** your children to do something other than watching TV or playing on the computer after dinner.





# At what age do kids become truly helpful, and how?

By **Leanne Italie**  
Associated Press writer

Madly power cleaning one Sunday morning an hour before my in-laws were due for brunch, a miracle occurred: My 9-year-old daughter offered to sweep the apartment.

Then another miracle occurred: She swept beautifully. She didn't spill a crumb, wielding the dustpan like a little pro. I nearly wept with joy, but I'm not sure why I was so surprised.

Hadn't she loved to "play" cleaning as a toddler with her red plastic broom and pan? She's been responsible for the care and feeding of our two cats for quite some time, and they haven't perished. She makes her bed occasionally. She goes to the laundry room to keep my husband company, though I haven't seen her actually do laundry.

A few days after our sweeping breakthrough, I was washing dishes. Out of the corner of my eye I see her flip a new roll of paper towels onto the countertop holder.

"I hope you don't mind, they were out," she said, tossing the empty cardboard roll into the recycling basket.

*Mind?!*

When did she get competent at truly helpful things? I mean the kind of helpful where I don't have to make positive parenting clucking noises to praise her effort, then do the job myself after she leaves the room. The kind of chore duty not born of my begging, or weighed down by whining and complaining and foot stomping — hers and mine.

We've mostly been laissez faire about insisting she help out and have avoided the bribe trap when we've sought her assistance, so do all kids just morph into voluntarily useful beings?

Amy McCready, founder of Positive Parenting Solutions, which offers online education and problem-solving for parents of toddlers to teens, said making it happen usually requires a more specific game plan.

"Parents aren't the only ones who benefit," she said. "As children of all ages become more capable and self-sufficient, their confidence and perception of self improves and — the best news — they are *more willing* to take on additional new tasks in the future."

McCready, who lives in Raleigh, N.C., and has two

boys ages 11 and 13, suggests these approaches:

## Training

Begin with simple tasks for young children, such as emptying silverware from the dishwasher, sorting laundry or folding towels. Work toward more complex tasks that can include help preparing meals, start-to-finish laundry and lawn care.

"The important thing is to break the task into steps and train the child on the step-by-step process," she said. "If the child is not successful in doing the new job, it is usually a training issue."

## Presentation

No one wants another "chore," so McCready prefers the term "family contribution."

The minor change in semantics implies: "When you do these tasks, you make a difference in our family, you're contributing in a meaningful way. We understand that kids may not love doing these tasks, but it's important to remind them that their efforts matter," she said.

## Encouragement

Don't criticize when the task isn't performed to your exact specifications, and don't redo it. "These are surefire ways to douse any enthusiasm for helping in the future," McCready said.

Instead, encourage a child's hard work, effort and improvement. "If he thinks we're only concerned with a 'perfect end product,' he's likely to give up, thinking, 'Why bother, she's never happy with what I do anyway? You can't blame him.'"

Sounds good, but how does all of that look from the home trenches?

Caroline Beckering of Bloomington, Minn., uses simple mommy trickery to enlist the aid of her 6-year-old and 10-year-old daughters.

"I play Tom Sawyer to get my girls to help with stuff," she said. "Oh no, this laundry is much too fun to share with you! I couldn't possibly let you match socks for me. What will you give me if I let you put clothes on hangers?"

Suzanne Bastien works full time as a receptionist and is a single mother of six children, ages 1 to 17. She

"As children of all ages become more capable and self-sufficient, their confidence and perception of self improves and — the best news — they are *more willing* to take on additional new tasks in the future."

— **Amy McCready, founder of Positive Parenting Solutions**

doesn't mess around when it comes to help around their house in Centennial, Colo. Bastien maintains a chore schedule for her kids and starts them young.

"I start preparing them around age 2 to start helping clean up their toys. ... At age 5 they learn to start folding their laundry and where to put it. I walk them through it."

Competency sets in around sixth grade, Bastien

said. By high school, "If they don't have clean clothes, it's their issue, not mine." She doesn't believe in "allowance" for laundry and other housework, but she offers it for extras like mowing and weeding outdoors.

Parenting educator Vicki Hoefle, who has five teens, also began engaging her kids in useful things when they were babies. She bought them "little tool belts and gave them simple dusters

and rags and anything else I could think of that would help turn a simple request to 'help' into a lifetime 'habit' of contributing."

By the time they were 10 or 11, "there wasn't much they couldn't do and weren't doing. ... I invited them in when they were interested in participating."

Not all parents have the

same "competency" mentality, or the same priorities.

"Hell, I don't even vacuum," said Melanie Turek, a technology analyst in Steamboat Springs, Colo., with three kids ages 3, 7 and nearly 10. "I'm most proud of the fact that my kids have always known never to bother us in the morning until we come downstairs."

## WEDDING

### Alleman-Burke

Janene Alleman of Picabo announces the marriage of her daughter, Genevieve Marie, to Ryan Allen Burke, son of Terry and Diane Burke of Bonesteel, South Dakota.

Genevieve, granddaughter of C. Marie Webb, Twin Falls, and the late Fred R. Webb, is a 1999 graduate of Carey High School and a 2001 graduate of the equine studies program at the College of Southern Idaho. She is currently self-employed in equine training and massage.

Ryan graduated from Bonesteel-Fairfax High School in 1998 and is employed as a ranch fore-



Genevieve Alleman and Ryan Burke

man at Archibald Brothers Land & Cattle in Lodgepole, South Dakota.

The wedding with a reception afterward, was Saturday, August 15, at the State Game Lodge in Custer State Park, Custer, South Dakota. The couple will reside in Hettinger, North Dakota.

## WEDDING

### Rodig-Wetherbee

Brian and Mylyn Rodig of Buhl, and Jim and Toni Horkley of Rexburg are pleased to announce the wedding of their daughter, Brandy Rodig of Rigby, to T.J. Wetherbee, son of Timothy and Wendy Wetherbee of Blackfoot.

Brandy is a graduate of Buhl High School, and is employed by the Madison school district.

T.J. is a graduate of Blackfoot High School, and is self-employed.



Brandy Rodig and T.J. Wetherbee

The couple will be married Saturday, September 12 at the Bradley residence in Rigby. They will reside in Rigby.

## ENGAGEMENTS

### Hasler-Nilsen

Sid and Sue Hasler of Wilsonville, Oregon announce the engagement of their daughter, Emma Catherine, to Gary Richard Nilsen, son of Tom and Jill Nilsen of Oakley.

Emma is a 2005 graduate of Wilsonville High School and is attending Brigham Young University majoring in public health. She served an LDS mission in the Chile Vina del Mar Mission.

Gary is a 2005 graduate of Oakley High School and is also attending BYU



Gary Nilsen and Emma Hasler

majoring in accounting. He served in the Paraguay Asuncion North Mission.

The wedding is planned for Friday, August 21, in the Portland Oregon Temple.

### Ritchie-Smriko

Brian and Kelly Ritchie of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda May Ritchie, to Samir Smriko, son of Haris and Sefika Hidanovic.

Amanda is a graduate of Jerome High School and completed cosmetology school at Master Educators. She works at Hair Tech full-time and at Fred Meyer Jewelry part-time, both in Twin Falls.

Samir is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. He works for the Jerome County Police as a patrol officer and is in training to



Amanda Ritchie and Samir Smriko

become a police officer.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, Sept. 19, 5 p.m., at The Ballroom in Twin Falls, with a reception to follow immediately. The couple plans to reside in Jerome.

### Farnsworth-Strickland

Mark and Laurie Farnsworth of Fruitland, New Mexico, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay Farnsworth, to Allen James Strickland, son of Larry and Sandra Strickland of Gooding, Idaho.

Lindsay graduated from Kirtland High School in New Mexico. She served an LDS mission in Nashville, Tennessee, and graduated from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

Allen graduated from Gooding High School, served an LDS mission in St. Paul, Minnesota, for two years, and is now employed at Merlin's



Allen Strickland and Lindsay Farnsworth

TV in Pocatello, Idaho.

The couple is planning to get married on Saturday, August 29, in the Twin Falls LDS Temple. There will be an open house at Sandra Strickland's home in Gooding that evening from 6 to 8. The couple will live in Pocatello.

### Bleadorn-Heins

Dr. and Mrs. Michael Bleadorn of New Berlin, Wis., announce the engagement of their daughter, Carly Marie Bleadorn, to Matthew Heins, son of Dr. and Mrs. Jeff Heins of Rupert.

Bleadorn is attending Utah State University in Logan, majoring in English/secondary education.

Heins is a 2005 graduate of Minico High School and also attends USU, majoring in landscape design and construction/horticulture.

The wedding is planned



Matthew Heins and Carly Bleadorn

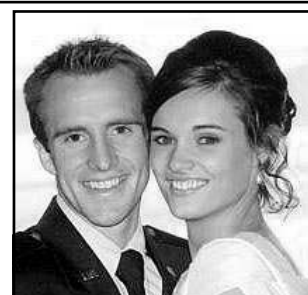
for Aug. 15 in New Berlin, Wis. An open house will be held from 3 to 5 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 23, at Elise Heins' home, 113 Pelican Pt. Dr., Rupert.

### Starley-Allen

Allen and Corinne Starley of Twin Falls, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Jessica Starley, to Jacob Allen, son of Mark and Debbie Allen of Perry, Utah.

Jessica is a 2007 graduate of Filer High School and currently attends BYU-Provo on academic scholarship. She is majoring in English and plans to complete a masters program in library science.

Jacob is a 2003 graduate of Cibola High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He served an LDS mission in the Chile Concepcion Mission 2004-2006. Jacob attends BYU-Provo on an Air Force scholarship. He



Jacob Allen and Jessica Starley

is majoring in mechanical engineering and will be commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant upon graduation.

The couple will be married August 22 in the Twin Falls LDS Temple. There will be a reception held in their honor that evening at the CSI rose garden from 7-9 p.m.

## ANNIVERSARIES

### The Bevercombes

In honor of their 50th wedding anniversary, the family of Beryl and Pat Bevercombe request the pleasure of your company at an open house:

Saturday, August 29  
1-4 p.m.  
840 Briarwood Drive  
Twin Falls.

Please bring your favorite memory to be included in a scrapbook.

### The Hubers



Leonard and Sylvia Huber

Leonard and Sylvia Huber of Rupert were honored for their 50th anniversary at a family gathering hosted by their sons.

Leonard Huber and Sylvia Salazar were married Aug. 14, 1959, in Burley. They have lived in Rupert all of their 50 years together.

Leonard worked at Pure Gro Farmland Inc. and Cenex of Paul. Sylvia worked



at Simplot, then at Magic Valley Foods for 30 years.

The pair enjoys hunting and traveling. They also started the Pine Acres Game Bird Farm, and maintained it for 25 years.

Their children are Rick Huber, Rupert; Douglas Huber, Meridian; and Jeremy Huber, Nampa. They have four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



## Save your upholstery

The Washington Post

Cats are notorious for destroying upholstery, but dogs can do a lot of damage, too.

If your favorite chair is looking pathetic, think of ways to distract your dog so he will turn his attention away from it:

- **Make sure** you have plenty of toys. A lot of people have had success with Kongs, a nontoxic rubber toy that holds a treat inside. They can entertain your dog for long periods of time.

To submit engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements, contact Janet Cranney at 735-3253, or e-mail her at [announcements@magicvalley.com](mailto:announcements@magicvalley.com).

**Deadline is 5:00 pm Tuesday** for the following Sunday.

- **Walk your dog** often and vigorously and make sure you give a him a lot of positive reinforcement.

- **Slipcovers** and furniture covers are often praised by dog owners. You can wash them and they can be replaced more easily and with less cost than a total re-upholstering job.

**Bridal Registry**

Micah Boehler & Brye Walters

August 22nd

Britanni Smith & Josh Higley

September 4th

Jayne Carter & Cody Searle

September 11th

Emily Hall & Jason Pollard

September 12th

Amanda Ottman & Skylar Scott

September 12th

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# Kids Only

## Mail to the chief: What kids tell the president

By Margaret Webb Pressler  
The Washington Post

**"Dear President Obama: Letters of Hope From Children Across America,"** edited by Bruce Kluger and David Tabatsky, for ages 7 and up; 105 pages, with pictures.

The historic election of Barack Obama was exciting for many children; in fact, among kids, few presidential elections (or candidates) have created such interest in national politics. The authors of "Dear President Obama" saw that enthusiasm and found a great way to show the feelings of hope and optimism that so many children felt during and after the election.

The layout of this book makes it easy to spend a little or a lot of time reading

### Read about it, then do it!

Every day, President Obama is given 10 letters from regular people who wrote to the White House. One of them could be yours!

Writing to the president is a great way to learn more about an issue you care about. What would be the first thing you would want to say to President Obama? Whatever that topic is, why not do a little research first to find out more about it? That way you can make a more specific recommendation to the president about what you think he should do.

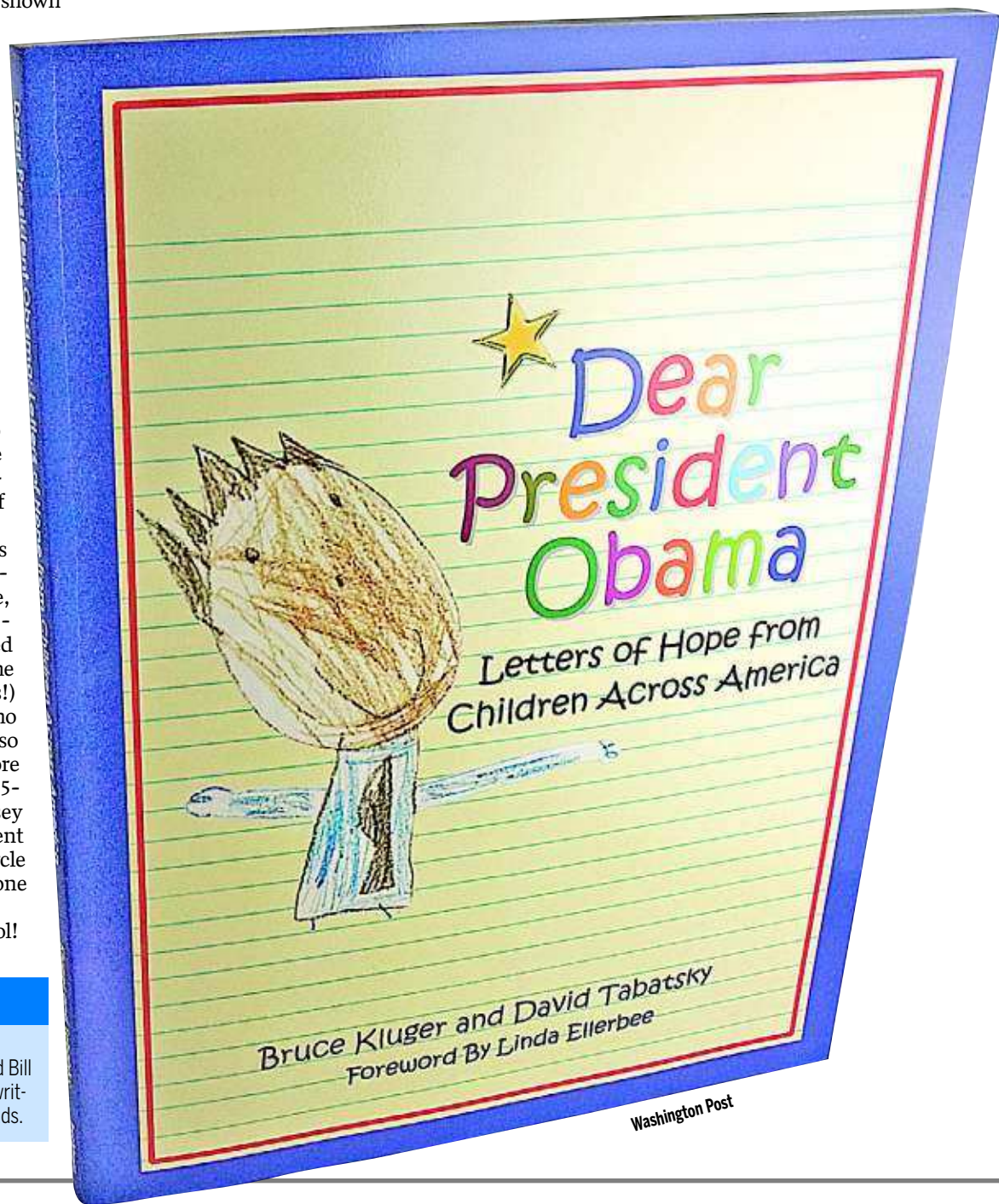
Oh, and by the way, the president's address is 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20500.

it. Most of the letters are shown exactly as they were written, on personal stationery and in the child's own handwriting. (And some of it is very good handwriting!)

Some of the kids offer the kind of advice that shows just how much young people today know about what is going on in the world. The letters raise issues about helping the environment, having enough money for groceries, stopping the wars and many other serious subjects. "We all have to work together to solve these problems," wrote 12-year-old Patrick Smith, of Ijamsville, Md.

But then there are letters that just take you by surprise and make you giggle, such as the one from 6-year-old Juliet, who asked the president to free all the lions from the zoos. (Yikes!) Or the 9-year-old boy who wants taxes to be lowered so his parents will have more money to buy him toys. A 5-year-old from New Jersey wrote that the president should get everyone in a circle so they can listen to one another.

Hey, it works in preschool!



Washington Post

### You might also like ...

If you want to see more of what kids have to say to President Obama, you can check out a similar book, "Kids' Letters to President Obama," by Bill Adler and Bill Adler Jr. This hardback book has fewer examples of letters in kids' own handwriting, but that means it could fit in more letters, and they are all quick, easy reads.

## A civilized way to go wild: Backyard camping is an adventure close to home

By Margaret Webb Pressler  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The chirp of crickets, the glow of stars and moon overhead, the scampering of a squirrel in a nearby tree, the thrill of being outside all night long.

You don't need to travel far for a camping adventure; kids know the backyard will do just fine.

"We take pillows from the TV room, and we bring them out here," explained Benjamin Share, 7, in the family's backyard in suburban Potomac, Md. The second-grader likes to sleep in a tent with his father just 20 feet from the kitchen door and listen to the crickets. "If we need fresh air, there's a top with a zipper" that opens up the roof of the tent, he said.

Benjamin got interested in camping after staying overnight with a couple of older friends who slept in tents in their bedrooms. This year, because of all the

### Before you go

Preparing for a backyard camping trip is simple. Here are some tips to make it easy and fun:

- **Borrow** a tent or buy an inexpensive one.
- **The ground** is fine, but there's no rule against couch cushions or an air mattress for sleeping!
- **Every** camper needs a flashlight.
- **Make** dinner and s'mores on the grill with your parents' help.
- **Plan** for some outdoor crafts or games, such as art projects with natural materials or a scavenger hunt.

For the full outdoor feel, try to leave the technology (phones, games, etc.) inside. Tell scary stories or read a book out loud by flashlight instead!

wet weather, he has even set up the tent in the basement.

What Benjamin discovered is that pitching a tent at home is a simple way to enjoy the fun of camping without all the hassle of a real camping trip.

"You're breaking out of your ordinary routine, but it's also got a great safety net: You can run inside to use the bathroom or get something you forgot," said Mary Giles of Disney's FamilyFun magazine. "It's adventurous and exciting,

but it's a little easier."

Just how easy might depend on the kind of tent you have. Newer tents are generally pretty quick and easy to set up, and for backyard camping there are plenty of inexpensive ones to choose from at stores such as Target. For a night in the backyard, a borrowed tent or Mom's old canvas version will also work.

Abigail Hines of suburban Silver Spring, Md., had a sleepover in her backyard for her 11th birthday last

month. Six girls slept in a giant tent that Abigail's mother has kept in the basement for years; it's big and heavy, and the grown-ups had to put it up. But once it was made into a shelter, it was perfect.

"It's just cool to be outside and have your friends in there and have sleeping bags and be able to talk," Abigail said. The family dogs even stayed in the tent for part of the night.

Parents who are avid campers find that pitching a tent in the backyard is a good way to teach kids the basics of camping and get them used to the different noises you hear outside at night. Of course, with backyard camping, those noises aren't always the sounds of nature.

"If we weren't talking, it was just really quiet," Abigail said. "It sort of felt like we weren't in the backyard, like we were in the woods or something. But then every once and a while you'd hear a car go by!"

## Time to take a really good look at yourself

By Margaret Webb Pressler  
The Washington Post

**"Body Science: The Head-to-Toe Guide to the Science in You,"** by James Cracknell, for ages 7 and up; 92 pages.

There are a lot of amazing machines in the world, but none compares with the human body. With wonderful graphics and photographs, this book explores the complex and incredible things going on inside you every day. But it's also got numerous easy-to-understand explanations of concepts such as energy and Newton's laws that will help you understand how your body responds to the world.

Everything in "Body Science" is presented in a fun way that is perfect for kids. For example, here's a fact you can throw at your parents the next time they try to serve Brussels sprouts for dinner: Human taste buds are more sensitive in young children, which is why some kids react badly to flavors that many adults like.

### You might also like ...

If you think the human body is interesting, then you might enjoy "Just the Right Size: Why Big Animals Are Big and Little Animals Are Little," by Nicola Davies. This clever (little) book explains the surprisingly complex reasons that different animals (humans included) are the sizes they are, using humor and cute drawings.

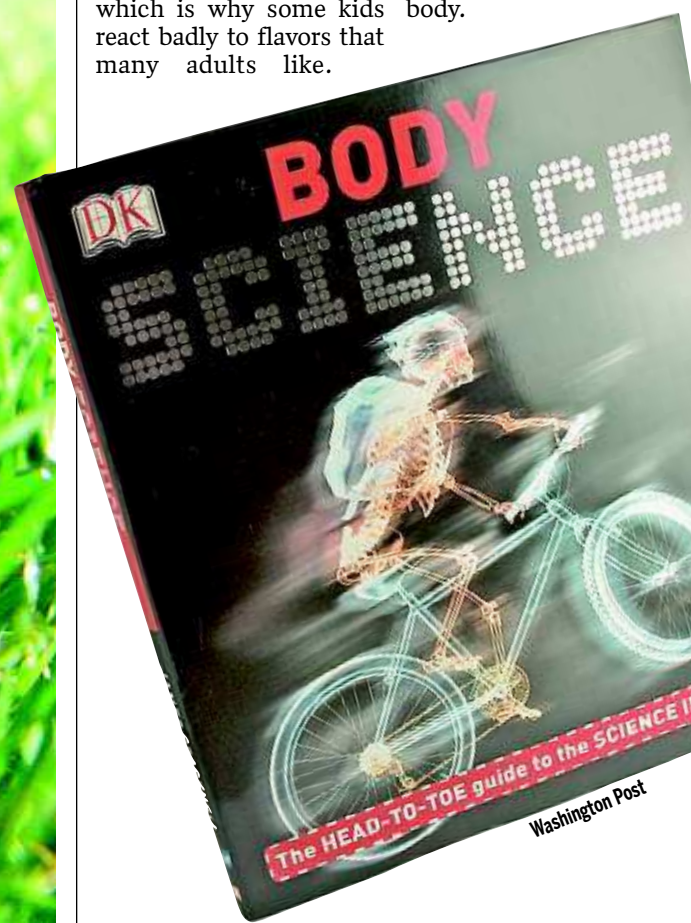
Now you can tell your mother that you might like them someday, but right now your taste buds aren't mature enough!

Here's something else you probably didn't learn in science class: You share 98.5 percent of your genetic makeup with a chimpanzee and 50 percent with a banana.

There are facts galore, and plenty of cool and gross photographs that will make you think a little differently about your body.

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