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A SHIFT

“We’re in the right place doing the right thing.”
– St. Luke’s System CEO Ed Dahlberg



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Times-News

The new 22,000-square-foot St. Luke’s Clinic on Addison Avenue East in Twin Falls has room for 10 doctors, with three exam rooms and shared lab and X-ray facilities. St. Luke’s is spending millions of dollars for new facilities in the area, including its new hospital, shown below, which will be completed in 2011.

IN THE SYSTEM

St. Luke’s defines dominant role in T.F. health care

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Live in Twin Falls? You probably walk past a sign saying “St. Luke’s” to get your health care. These days, it’s grown harder not to.

For decades, Twin Falls’ county-owned Magic Valley Regional Medical Center dominated health care in south-central Idaho, though it still had competition from the downtown Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital.

But in 2002 the hospitals merged. And in 2006 the county agreed to sell the region’s biggest hospi-

tal to St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center in Boise. The Treasure Valley-based health care provider had long provided some services in Twin Falls, but now it virtually owns the market.

Some question the presence St. Luke’s now has in town. Others say its coordination of care and deep coffers lead to better services.

Formed with the purchase of MVRMC, the non-profit St. Luke’s Health System became the largest private employer in Idaho this year.

Its footprint in Twin Falls is hard to miss.

See **SHIFT**, Main 7

Early 1999: Doctors at the Physician Center affiliate themselves with Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

2001: St. Luke’s starts managing Physician Center practices.

2002: MVRMC buys the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital, its in-town competitor. The hospital also leases its cancer center to St. Luke’s Mountain States Tumor Institute. St. Luke’s forms a Magic Valley governance board for MSTI.

2005: Following several discussions over the years about who should run MVRMC, proponents of a merger with St. Luke’s launch a series of public forums to gather input on the idea. With help from a federal grant, MVRMC doctors begin to use electronic medical records.

May 23, 2006: 84 percent of Twin Falls County voters approve selling MVRMC to St. Luke’s.

July 1, 2006: The hospital officially joins the fledgling St. Luke’s Health System after 88 years of county ownership.

1999

2001

2002

2005

2006

ST. LUKE’S IN TWIN FALLS: A TIMELINE



Timeline by SANDY SALAS/Times-News

2007

2009

2011

May 2007: Ground is broken for the new hospital building in Twin Falls. The women’s imaging center and outpatient imaging are set up in the Renaissance Park office complex by CSI, with several other services to follow.

August 2007: Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services, now under the St. Luke’s banner, temporarily closes its inpatient adolescent unit because of drops in use. The closure continues to this day.

November 2007: Air St. Luke’s takes over the air ambulance service for the Twin Falls hospital from Saint Alphonsus Life Flight.

March 2009: A new Family Health Services behavioral health clinic, a joint venture with St. Luke’s, opens in Twin Falls.

July 2009: St. Luke’s opens a new clinic at 2250 Addison Ave. E., featuring pediatrics, family practice and other services.

June 2011: The estimated completion date for the new hospital building.

Under wraps

Unlike other state schools, CSI keeps its president’s contract secret

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

The College of Southern Idaho is something of an anomaly in Idaho higher education when it comes to renewing its president’s contract.

Unlike state-run colleges and universities, CSI traditionally has had multi-year contracts for its president, a practice that’s just now catching on in the rest of the state. At the same time, CSI’s process of renewing the president’s contract is kept out of the public eye.

For as long as LeRoy Craig has been chairman for CSI’s board of trustees — about three decades — the college’s president has always had a three-year contract.

See **SALARY**, Main 2

PRESIDENTIAL SALARY

Contract details for CSI President Jerry Beck
• \$166,000 annual salary
Additional compensation:
• \$1,200 a month housing allowance.
• \$7,200 annual automobile allowance.
• \$7,200 annual allowance for college-related business expenses.
Total: \$194,800 annually

Source: CSI

Nazi death camp blueprints given to Israel

By David Risin and Matti Friedman
Associated Press writers

BERLIN — Sketched on yellowing parchment, the 29 blueprints presented to Israel’s prime minister Thursday lay out the Nazi death camp at Auschwitz in chilling detail, with gas chambers, crematoria, delousing facilities and watch towers drawn to scale.

“There are those who deny that the Holocaust happened,” Benjamin Netanyahu said as he accepted the documents as a gift to Israel’s Holocaust memorial, where they will go on display next year.

“Let them come to Jerusalem and look at these plans, these plans for the factory of death.”

See **AUSCHWITZ**, Main 2

“These plans have an important function — they remind us of a crime that, with the passing of time, seems ever more incomprehensible. It is of the utmost importance to continue to be reminded of it.”

— Bild newspaper editor Kai Diekmann

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Is there a killer in the house?

Ketchum couple has brush with carbon monoxide poisoning

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — Eldon and Carolyn Wicklund have championed plenty of causes in the Wood River Valley, from St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center to the Sawtooth Botanical Garden.

Now the Ketchum couple can undertake a new mission — making sure everyone equips their homes with carbon monoxide detectors.

The couple had a close brush with death last week when the filter on their furnace became clogged, resulting in a carbon monoxide leak that poisoned them. It was the second case of carbon monoxide poisoning in the Wood River Valley this year.

Four Hailey residents were airlifted to Boise for treatment in January after a malfunctioning boiler caused a leak of the colorless, odorless, gas that can cause flu-like symptoms or death at high concentrations.

Carolyn Wicklund, 77, said she went out briefly the morning she was poisoned to move her car because of a road surfacing project on Saddle Road. Not feeling well, she returned to take a nap at 10 a.m. — something she said she never does that early in the morning.

Eldon Wicklund, 78,

meanwhile, returned home from a meeting at the Sawtooth Botanical Garden and was reading the newspaper on the couch when he dozed off.

Awakened by a noise, he found his wife unresponsive in the bedroom.

"She wasn't blue, but her arms were so rigid I couldn't move them," he said.

Firemen called to the scene just before noon said their carbon monoxide detectors immediately detected high levels of carbon monoxide in the couple's home.

Carolyn came to en route to St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center. Both she and her husband were airlifted to Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital in Boise. There they were placed in sealed, pressurized hyperbaric chambers for four hours and given oxygen, which forced the carbon monoxide out of their body as the new oxygen took its place.

Carolyn said she had felt ill a couple weeks earlier when a spate of cold weather prompted the furnace to turn on automatically, but had attributed it to a touch of flu.

"I outfitted the Habitat for Humanity home that we built in Bellevue last summer with carbon monoxide



KAREN BOSSICK/For the Times-News

Carolyn and Eldon Wicklund have a new cause to push after a narrow brush with carbon monoxide poisoning.

detectors, but I didn't think about it for our own home," said Carolyn, an architect. "Now we have three — we bought two on the way home and our daughter sent us one for a birthday present."

Carbon monoxide detectors cost about \$25 each, a cheap investment to save a life, said Mike Bauer, fire marshal for the Hailey Fire Department. One should be placed on each level of a home, he said.

The batteries in carbon monoxide detectors should be changed yearly, along with the switch to daylight saving time, just like smoke detectors, he said.

But carbon monoxide detectors should be placed at ground level, unlike smoke detectors, which are placed on the ceiling.

"Carbon monoxide is

heavy so it settles. Smoke is light so it rises," he said. "Because of that I advise against getting the combo detectors. It's best to get separate detectors."

Law & Disorder...

... in Cassia County

From August 27 police reports: **Driving under the influence, et cetera:**

Joe Lynn Petersen, a 55-year-old, unemployed man from Rexburg,

had an unpleasant night. He was pulled over in Malta for swerving and was subsequently arrested for warrants out of Minidoka County and Rupert, as well as felony possession of meth, driving under the influence, possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to purchase a driver's license and failure to provide proof of insurance. No further details provided.

Fire: Police responded to the Jackson area about something suspicious

found at the site of a brush fire that had been extinguished earlier that morning. "It appeared to be a large, square piece of black material or plastic with white stripes crossing it. There was a blue melted flag next to this material. This material looks like it may be a landing pad for a helicopter," the report reads. "It is possible a helicopter did land early in the morning and start the fire." No information provided whether anybody noticed a helicopter in the area.

— Damon Hunzeker

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I'd be calling you names if I could remember them

Have trouble recalling names? That's neither your fault nor your Alzheimer's. Fact is, according to the Census Bureau, 88,000 different last names account for more than 90 percent of Americans.

There are 6 million surnames, all told, in the United States. Among those, 151,000 are shared by a hundred or more Americans. Four million were held by only one person.

That's nuts. The Chinese have just 400 basic surnames; the Koreans, fewer than 200. In fact, 45 percent of Koreans are named Lee, Park or Kim.

Used to be like that here too. This, after all, is a country in which one out of every 25 people is named Smith, Johnson, Williams, Brown, Jones, Miller or Davis. An additional 268 last names are common to 10,000 or more people. Together, those 275 names account for one in four Americans.

In 1984, there were 3.4 million Americans named Smith. But according to the Census Bureau, when all the Smiths are tallied in next year's national nose-count, there may be fewer than 2 million.

Pretty soon, no two Americans will share the same last name. Or if they do, they'll only share part of it.

Hyphenated surnames are all the rage, and not just among married women.

All of which is ominous, because societies that waste a lot of time on names don't do so well. The Russians, for example.

Every Russian has gotta have three names: a given name, a patronymic and a family name. So meet Dmitry Anatoljovich Medvedev, president of Russia.

But most Russian first names also have shorter, or diminutive, versions. Aleskeys are called Alyosha, Sashas are also known as Sashka, Mariyas are Masha and Olgas must be Olya.

Confused? Well, Russian *middle* names — patronymics — are based on the first name of a person's father. A suffix meaning either "son of" or "daughter of" is added to the father's given name; guys tack on "ovich" and girls "ovna." So Medvedev's dad, for

DON'T ASK ME

Steve Crump



example, was named Anatoly. Your surname depends not only on your family name, but your gender. Medvedev's wife is Svetlana Medvedeva.

Everybody's three names are used in different combinations to denote varying degrees of respect. Medvedev, no doubt, calls his grandfather by his first name and his patronymic.

But there's also a patronymic-only form of address used among intimates. With guys, a diminutive variant of the patronymic is usually used, with *-ovich* becoming *-ych*. So if Vasilij Ivanovich Chapayev is a good friend of ours, we just call him Ivanovich. Yet if our buddy is a woman, only the full patronymic name can be used (Ivanova, not Ivanna.)

My wife and I went to see the Idaho Shakespeare Festival's production of Anton Chekhov's play "The Seagull" earlier this summer. It's a classic piece of drama and the audience was probably as sophisticated as you'll find in Idaho. But by intermission, everybody was scratching his or her head.

Irina Nikolayevna Arkadina, Konstantin Gavrilovich Treplyov, Nina Mikhailovna Zarechnaya, Ilya Afanasyevich Shamrayev, Boris Alexeyevich Trigorin, Yevgeny Sergeyevich Dorn, Semyon Semyonovich Medvedenko had all spent the previous hour calling each other by their diminutives and their patronymics or some combination thereof.

The play's title refers to a bird that one of the characters shoots during the first act. I was standing in line waiting for a beer, and the guy in front of me thrust his program under my nose.

"I just got one question," he said. "Which one of these clowns is the seagull?"

I forget.

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Successes of behavior program touted

By John Plestina
Times-News writer

JEROME — Several Magic Valley school districts are touting successes after outsourcing behavior management services for some students.

The nonprofit Skills, Management and Education, better known by the acronym SME, currently serves 34 mostly elementary and middle school students with severe behavior issues at an undisclosed location in a Jerome School District-owned building that is not a school. In exchange for classroom and office space, two certified teachers and lunches for the children, Jerome gets three free slots for students to attend the program.

About half of the enrollment is from the Jerome School District. Students are also from Filer, Gooding, Kimberly, Shoshone, Wendell and from Cassia and Minidoka counties. Twin Falls students attend a program that separated from SME.

In existence more than 25 years, SME developed during the early 1980s following a decision in the "Jeff D" federal class-action lawsuit that mandated day treatment services.

The program utilizes a 3-to-1 staff-to-child ratio, giving students considerable one-on-one instruction in academics and behavior skills.

"We consider the program a 24-hour program. We do that by doing a community book," said Rick Webb, the program director since 1989, explaining that the book is a log and is intended to make students accountable for their actions in class and at home.

"Those kids are not just kids having problems in school, they have disabilities," said Jerome Special Services Administrator Kindal Mason.

Special Services Teacher Carlos Meza explained that students are connected to

whatever community services they need and that there are medical interventions when necessary. The students learn about boundaries in society as a necessary life skill.

"When they go to work, if they don't drop an F-bomb on their employer, they have some skills," Mason said.

"It's not too uncommon to have teachers ask me why the student was in day treatment. 'They're great. They are seeing the end product,'" Meza said.

"If I'm able to provide skills and they stay out of jail, I call that a success. If they are able to function in society, I call that a success," Webb said.

Some students transition back into the schools they came to SME from. Others go to Job Corps or other programs.

"There's a true need for what they do," said Shoshone Superintendent Mel Wiseman. "It's worth every penny."

"If you're going to change behavior, it's at the younger years," said

Shoshone High School Principal Kelly Chapman. "We've had kids transition back in."

While the program is expensive, it also means school districts do not have to hire professionals to run their own programs.

Webb said costs average about \$25 per day.

During the last school year, the Shoshone School District paid \$9,400 for three students, for an aver-

age of \$3,133 per child.

"About 75 percent of the kids are on a Medicaid-type of situation," Webb said.

Others are funded through Idaho Health and Welfare. Some school districts purchase slots for future use.

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AROUND
THE VALLEYRoad maintenance
projects planned
throughout city

Beginning Monday through mid-September, residents and motorists throughout the city will encounter road maintenance projects requiring street closures for at least four hours.

Workers will be implementing a road maintenance process called "slurry seal," which helps to maintain paved roads.

Before individual projects take place, people living in residential neighborhoods, as well as business people in commercial zones, will be asked to keep their vehicles off the streets scheduled for projects. In addition, residents will be asked to keep all bicycles, pedestrians, pets, etc., off the street until the slurry seal is dry and the street is reopened. If there is inclement weather, the project will have to be postponed, and people who are affected will be notified.

Residents will be asked to avoid lawn watering, car washing or any activity that allows water to run onto the street.

U.S. 20 roadwork
near Picabo
to start again

Recent warm weather will allow a road rehabilitation project on U.S. Highway 20 near Picabo to resume Monday, the Idaho Transportation Department announced.

Roadwork was suspended earlier this month due to soft spots caused by moist soil conditions throughout the project. Conditions have improved enough for work to be restarted by the contractor.

The project includes rehabilitation of U.S. 20 between Gannett Road and the Silver Creek bridge east of Picabo (milepost 186 to 192) and the already completed bridge-approach slab replacement at milepost 187. The work will include reconstruction and widening of the shoulders followed by four inches of asphalt pavement placed on the full width of the roadway.

Crews will begin the reconstructive shoulder work at the east end of the project zone and work toward the western boundary near Gannett Road. Paving of the roadway is expected to begin in late September.

As lane restrictions are required for the shoulder work, drivers are asked to watch for flaggers. A pilot car operation will be in use during 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. A 45-mph speed limit will be in effect throughout the work zone.

Western Construction of Boise is the contractor on the \$3.5 million project.

State law allows
charter school bus
into Jerome

Despite Jerome School District trustees not granting a waiver Tuesday for North Valley Academy to send a bus into the district, the Idaho Department of Education says charter schools are exempt from rules governing school districts.

North Valley Academy in Gooding had sought the waiver to transport 21 students from the Jerome district attending the charter school.

No formal vote was taken but a consensus of the school board was not to support the request.

Jerome Superintendent Dale Layne said the trustees took the position that the same rules that apply to other school districts would also apply to the charter school.

He said the Department of Education advised him Thursday that charter schools do not need a school district waiver to bus students.

- Staff reports

Blaine Co. approves wetlands project

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

HAILEY — After deliberating three times as long as their agenda had suggested, Blaine County commissioners approved on Friday a huge wetland and stream restoration project in southern Blaine County that will bring nearly half a million dollars in federal stimulus funding to southern Idaho.

The Crystal Creek Ranch Stream and Wetland Restoration Project is sited on about 3,200 acres near the northwest intersection of U.S. Highway 20 and State Highway 75, and involves the creation of dozens of small ponds, the building of 20 "cells" that will serve both irrigation and wetland functions, and the restoration or enhancement of 12 miles of creek.

The project will be partially funded by \$430,000 in federal stimulus money allocated through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and is one of only two such projects in the Northwest. Matching funds of about \$529,000 will be provided by private parties, including the owners of the properties on which the work is to be done, Crystal Creek Ranch and Spring Creek Ranch.

A subdivision of about 38 large lots has been previously approved on part of the property. The developers say they want the whole restoration project to be an attraction for both recreationists and educational institutions, with a visitors' center to describe how the work was done.

Among the concerns the commissioners discussed was how their authority overlaps with that of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, which manages water. To be complete, the project needs additional water rights or water transfers, for which applications are pending with IDWR.

Neighbors expressed concerns about the possible impact of the project on their water rights or the use of their lands, most of which is agricultural.

As part of the conditions placed on the project, the commissioners required reporting of data, such as the level of the water table, on both project and neighboring properties.

Some of this data is being recorded by agencies that support the project, including Ducks Unlimited and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. These agencies hope the data will help make the project an example for other stream

and wetland proposals across the state and the region.

In order to qualify for the stimulus funding, which the developers have promised will go largely to local contractors, the project was pushed through the county process faster than the commissioners were initially comfortable with.

"I'm very uncomfortable with the potential for

adverse impact," said Commissioner Larry Schoen. However, the conditions the commissioners imposed on the project allow for any such impact to be mitigated.

They also heard testimony from neighbors that the project managers have worked with them to ameliorate concerns, and from proponents of it describing the huge habitat and educa-

tional value the project is anticipated to have.

Surveying and construction of access roads is expected to begin shortly, although the commissioners will not sign off on the approved document until it comes back to them in a finalized form in a few weeks.

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The Twin Falls hospital alone employs about 1,760 people, plus 50 more contract workers. That's about 200 more than the county hospital did.

According to the Idaho Medical Association, Twin Falls has about 130 doctors. About 90 doctors in 33 offices and at the hospital itself are in some way affiliated with St. Luke's Magic Valley. Forty-four of them have come to Twin Falls since 2006.

With an expanded cancer center, pediatric clinics held by doctors from Boise and a range of specialists, St. Luke's has expanded the range of services available in the region. In mid-2011, the nonprofit will literally change the landscape of the region by opening an all-new, 700,000-square-foot medical complex now under construction at Grandview Drive and Pole Line Road.

It's only been a little more than three years since MVRMC changed hands. But St. Luke's System CEO Ed Dahlberg said things have merged just fine.

"I think from the perspective of joining the community, being part of what Twin Falls has become, it's all frankly come together very well," said Dahlberg, who is to retire early next year.

St. Luke's officials interviewed for this article — including the local hospital CEO, a doctor who serves on the company's system board and another who serves on the local physician leadership team — all stressed improvements in local health care, and said they can't think of major problems.

The seeds for the company's influence in Twin Falls were sowed some time before the sale.

Some of the takeover began well before the hospital switched hands — most notably in the effort to integrate a number of physician offices. Dr. Kurt Seppi and other Physicians Center doctors trace their hospital ties to 1999, when they voted for a closer relationship with MVRMC. St. Luke's started managing their offices two years later, and more doctors established ties with the hospital, merging services such as billing.

St. Luke's leased the MVRMC cancer center in 2002, creating a local board to manage it. And in 2006, 84 percent of Twin Falls County voters welcomed St. Luke's purchase of the hospital that had been under county management for nearly nine decades.

Current Twin Falls patients reached by the *Times-News* gave the company good reviews. Gloria Jackson said she was cared for well by a friendly staff during her emergency-room visits. Garry Lisenbee said he's enjoyed St. Luke's care during his doctor visits, though he finds the hospital's strategy of dispersing clinics around town "confusing."



Groundbreaking, below, and construction, above, on the new St. Luke's hospital at Grandview Drive and Pole Line Road.



Air St. Luke's provides air ambulance service.

Some who opposed the 2006 sale still aren't quite happy about things. Ken Grace, also of Twin Falls, questioned the St. Luke's deal four years ago in letters to the *Times-News* — partly because of previous issues he had with MVRMC. He says hospital services since haven't really changed at all. "They haven't improved quality by somebody else buying it," Grace said.

If more people feel that way, they certainly aren't telling county officials. Tom Mikesell, the only current county commissioner who was on the board at the time of the sale, said he's heard little about it in recent years.

"I think St. Luke's continued involvement in the community is, all in all, good for the delivery of health care," he said. One sign of that, he added, is the drop in constituent concerns. "I think ... some of the needs the community raised have at least been addressed, if not solved."

Nor are there critics among the other health-care organizations in Twin Falls.

James Schroeder, who ran Family Health Services until taking a new job in Oregon last year, noted the hospital's new outpatient radiology facility and improved physician recruitment as high points, and said bringing more doctors into one group simplified efforts to cooperate on projects.

Maggi Machala, who worked at the hospital more than 20 years ago before moving to the South Central Public Health District, agreed and said community

outreach was trickier when MVRMC competed with the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital.

"You had to be very careful politically about how you did things," said Machala, who also now works in Oregon. "That was a much more difficult dance, shall you say, than I think it was now."

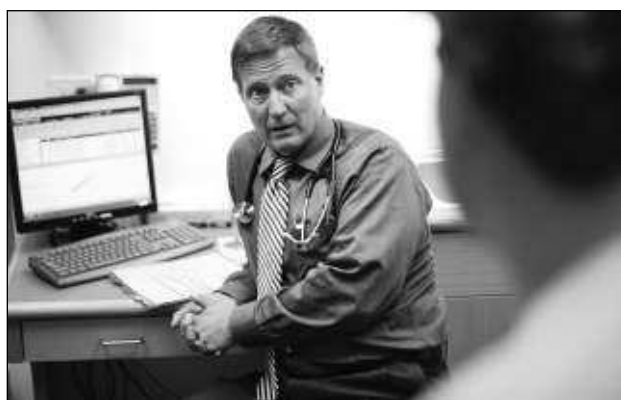
Some in the small group of unaffiliated Twin Falls physicians do say the Boise nonprofit occasionally make life challenging, though they are reluctant to publicly air concerns about St. Luke's market dominance or its bureaucracy.

Some did speak about the hospital's adoption of an electronic medical records system, which Dr. Joseph Ippolito and others said they'd like more assistance hooking up to, both technical and financial. The system — partly paid for with a federal grant — ensures health-care providers working together have more accurate and up-to-date information about patient histories. The independent doctors say it's just as important for those outside St. Luke's to have since they work so much with the hospital.

"There's no way I can do my job without the hospital," Dr. M. Cole Johnson noted.

Independent doctors have access to St. Luke's systems, but there are some concerns about how patient data are shared through it, said Debbie Kytte, director of physician services. The hospital is committed to resolving technical issues, she

St. Luke's in Twin Falls



Doctors work in St. Luke's clinics around the valley. Dr. Warren Dopson, above, talks with a patient in May at the old St. Luke's downtown clinic in Twin Falls. Below, the new St. Luke's Clinic on Addison Avenue East.



said. But Seppi said the records system is most useful when clinics are otherwise integrated in and agree to other "quality initiatives" in the process.

St. Luke's approaches near-monopoly status in Twin Falls, leading to questions about patient choice, cost increases and other consequences. But hospital officials and doctors argue that competition isn't an issue. Getting everyone on the same page means the hospital and its doctors can better manage patients and take care of the community, hospital CEO Mark Schwartz said.

It's not clear what effect the company's size has had on prices, though Medicare data show those payments usually fall in the lower half of costs in the region for selected treatments and procedures.

Schwartz said St. Luke's doesn't expect everyone should join it — though it does favor collaboration.

Kytte argued that a coordinated health system

improves patient choice because it gives access to a broader variety of doctors. And Seppi and Dr. Robert Lobb, who sits on the health system's governing board, said past competition between Twin Falls Clinic and the hospital actually prevented beneficial physician collaboration. Patient care today takes everyone working together, Seppi said.

"That's what health-care reform should be," Seppi said.

It's possible the health system's rapid expansion across its entire coverage

area may be about to slow; Lobb noted the system is "still a work in progress" and has taken work to keep up with.

No matter how things proceed now, hospital officials seem to firmly believe they are positioned for success in Twin Falls.

"If I had a choice of 'would I do all of this over again,' I'd do it in a heartbeat," Dahlberg said. "We're in the right place doing the right thing."

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Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair; perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so we saw it there; perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say; perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much, whatever the part.

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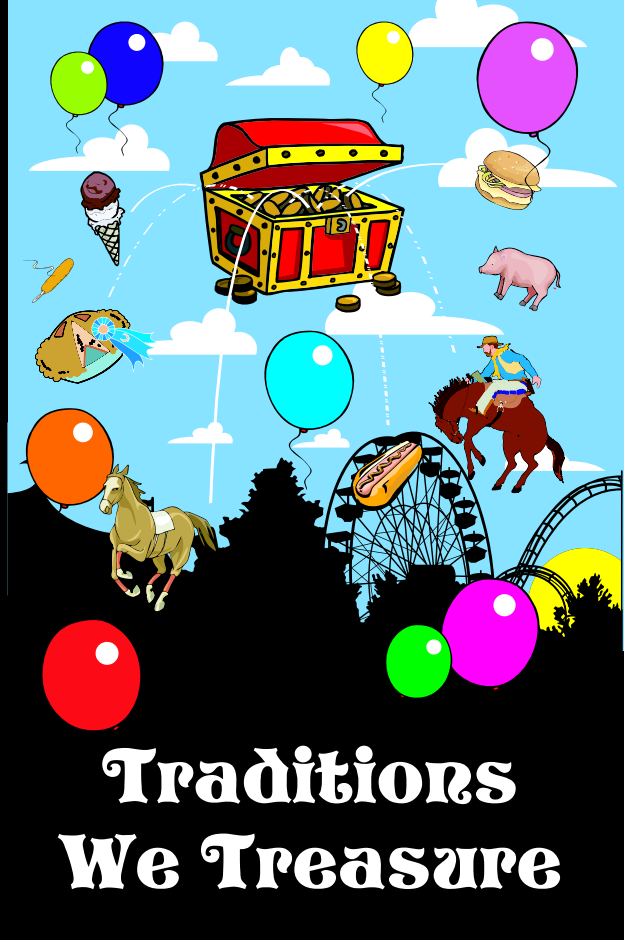
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SEEKING A SOLUTION TO EXTENSION CENTER SHORTFALLS

SHOULD AG PAY TO PLAY? Big Ag offers up its own alternative for long-term operation of research centers

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Secured inside the confines of the University of Idaho Kimberly Research and Extension Center are scientists trying to prevent agricultural disasters and keep Idaho on the leading edge of commodity production.

It's not widely known to the public what kind of research is conducted inside the state's research extension centers — millions of dollars in trade secrets held

by private companies keep most outsiders, well, outside.

Now some members of Idaho's agricultural industry are suggesting that these discreet relationships between the University of Idaho's research centers and deep-pocketed companies may be the long term solution to a \$3.26 million budget shortfall.

During a stakeholders' meeting on August 27, which included John Hammel, dean of U of I's College of Agricultural Life Sciences, representatives of south-central Idaho's

largest agricultural industries recommended that research and extension centers adopt a pay-to-play business model.

Or, at least to consider the idea. But Hammel made it clear throughout the meeting that the University of Idaho would not consider a pay-to-play model.

"What we have seen in our meetings, and what we want to avoid, is the divisiveness between industry groups who say the system is unfair because they pay into these centers and others haven't,"

Hammel told stakeholders, who in many cases contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars through their industry associations to research and extension centers.

"We have got to stop that, and we have got to come together to work on this," he added.

However, Hammel's comments seemed to fall on deaf ears as a representative of Idaho largest potato cooperative asked for a spreadsheet that identified how much each industry group was paying to the extension centers.

At issue is nearly \$30 million in private contracts, services to industry groups and other gifts on behalf of major commodities such as dairy, potatoes, beans, barley and wheat.

About \$17.6 million is expected to trickle into the research centers' coffers just through grants and contracts with private companies and industry associations.

At the same time, the Idaho Legislature has told the University

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Troops get taste of blueberries

U.S. government helping to reduce oversupply of crop

By Mateusz Perkowski
Capital Press writer

SALEM, Ore. — The blueberry industry is counting on U.S. military power to help vanquish a looming oversupply of the crop.

Troops won't be raiding storage warehouses, but they are helping reduce supplies by consuming blueberries in their combat rations, including meals, ready to eat, or MREs.

"It's a really important aspect of the food industry," said Tom Payne, a food technologist contracted by the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council to develop new products.

This year, blueberry muffins and pancakes were added to military rations, Payne said.

Blueberry energy bars were initially adopted by the military about four years ago, and now about a dozen types of military-supplied food include blueberry products.

Not only does the U.S. military represent a high number of customers, but its procurement system provides access to major food manufacturers, he said.

"Some of the most innovative products come from the armed forces," Payne said.

As a food technologist, Payne develops prototype products and then tries to sell the ideas to military organizations like the U.S. Army Soldiers Systems Center in Natick, Mass.

The product must first win acceptance among soldiers out in the field and be proven more durable than regular consumer goods, said Joanna Graham, a food technologist at the center.

"It has to last three years at 80 degrees (Fahrenheit) and six months at 100 degrees," Graham said.

Nutritious fruits and vegetables are always a plus, but an ingredient's price may limit the military's use, she said. "It is a factor that goes into our consideration."

If a product is accepted, the military contracts with manufacturers to make it.

Military feeding programs also provide a test market for manufacturers who may want to roll out similar products in the civilian world. So far, blueberry products have been well accepted among

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The difference in financial risk-taking by men and women: TESTOSTERONE



Women with high levels of hormone take more money risks, according to new study

BY RANDOLPH E. SCHMID • ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON — Women with more testosterone tend to behave more like men when taking financial risks, according to a new study.

"Women with higher levels of testosterone turn out to be less risk averse, more willing to take risks," Luigi Zingales of the University of Chicago said in a telephone interview.

Known as the male sex hormone, testosterone occurs in both men and women, but at higher levels in men. It has long been associated with competitiveness and dominance, reduction of fear, and with risky behaviors like gambling and alcohol use.

Co-author Paola Sapienza of Northwestern University noted that women in general are less likely than men to take financial risks.

"For example, in our sample set, 36 percent of female MBA students chose high-risk financial careers such as investment banking or trading, compared to 57 percent of male students. We wanted to explore whether these gender differences are related to testosterone, which men have, on average, in higher concentrations than women."

Previous research in England showed that higher levels of testosterone seem to boost short term success at finance. Researchers there tested male traders morning and evening, and found that those with

higher levels of testosterone in the morning were more likely to make an unusually big profit that day.

Zingales and his team tested the testosterone levels of more than 500 MBA students — males and females — and asked them to choose between a guaranteed monetary award or a risky lottery with a higher potential payout. Students had to choose repeatedly between the lottery and a fixed payment at increasing values.

In general, men had higher levels of testosterone and were more likely to choose the risky lottery than women.

But it also turned out that women with higher levels of testosterone were almost seven times more likely to take risks that women with lower hormone levels.

On the other hand, there was no difference in risk-taking between those with relatively low levels of testosterone — 90 percent of women and 31 percent of men.

In addition, the researchers found that married men and women had lower levels of testosterone than single individuals.

"Married people are also known to be more risk-averse than unmarried people," they noted.

The research was funded by the Templeton Foundation, the Zell Center for Risk Research and the Center for Research in Security Prices and the Initiative on Global Markets at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

The new Republican plan to bankrupt America

Michael Steele, chairman of the Republican National Committee, this week revealed a secret Republican plan that would end up eliminating all federal farm subsidies; closing down Yellowstone and Yosemite national parks; selling off the interstate highway system; and canceling Head Start, subsidized school lunches and the entire college loan program.

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The plan came to light as a result of an op-ed piece this week in The Washington Post in which the party chairman committed the GOP to spending an ever-increasing share of the federal budget, and the national income, on Medicare. When combined with other Republican promises — to balance the budget, protect defense spending and never, ever raise anyone's taxes — the inescapable inference is that the government would run out of money for every other domestic program sometime around 2035.

Steele's stunning announcement brings the conservative strategy of "starving the beast" to a new level. Under the guise of protecting the elderly, Republicans hope to realize their dream of eliminating half a dozen Cabinet agencies, firing tens of thousands of government workers and ending government regulation as we know it.

Steele's op-ed was the latest salvo in his party's campaign to defeat President Obama's health-care reform effort at all costs and build public support for a Republican alternative that remains, to this day, a closely held secret. The new Seniors' Health Care Bill of Rights, however, hints at the outlines of the GOP domestic strategy.

Steele promised that under the Republican health-care plan, runaway Medicare spending would continue untreated and unabated. Not only would that mean no cuts in benefits, but it would ensure that reimbursement rates to doctors, hospitals and drug companies would continue to rise faster than inflation, regardless of how much they earn or how unnecessary or wasteful the services they provide. Any effort to contain future spending

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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Laura Tippets

Laura Tippets, a native of Kimberly and a 16-year veteran nail technician, is a member of the Global International Educational Team and a Master Artist Educator for EZ-Flow Nail Systems and IBD Gels.

She recently attended and was Certified for the 1st Artistic Nail Design Academy in Kansas City, Mo. The 3-day class was for advanced instruction in Gel Nail Art, Acrylic Nail Art and Advanced Electric Filing in the Salon.

Laura has been an Educator for American International Industries for 5 years. She teaches in Cosmetology Schools and for Beauty Supply stores throughout Idaho. She travels all around the country working and conducting classes at Hair and Nail Shows. Laura also works full time as a Nail Tech and has recently moved her Nail business to Vita Bella Salon on Main Street in Twin Falls.



Tippets

Marc R. Lambert

Marc R. Lambert, DPT has joined the staff at Center For Physical Rehabilitation. Marc grew up in Mapleton, Utah south of Provo. He attended the University of Utah and earned his doctorate of physical therapy in 2009. He has a bachelor's degree in exercise science. Marc is working in the Twin Falls clinic, seeing primarily orthopaedic injuries. His professional interests include shoulder, knee and back rehabilitation. He is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association, the Orthopaedic section and Idaho Chapter of APTA.



Lambert

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UNITED WAY



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Patricia Hansen, director of United Way of South Central Idaho, celebrates her new facility at 450 Falls Ave. Ste. 104 in Twin Falls with a ribbon cutting. Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors and others joined in the celebration. Also pictured in photo are Jim Fields, Midge Fisher, Heidi Marie Walker, and Bruce Stevens.

HOLESINSKY WINERY



Courtesy photo

Holesinsky Organic Winery & Vineyard, located at 447 Valley Steppe Dr. in Buhl, cut the red ribbon as they celebrated with Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors. Holesinsky Organic Winery & Vineyard has scheduled its grand opening celebration, Sept. 5. The public is invited. Their grand opening is designed to introduce the land and wine-maker as well as celebrate the years of hard work in creating their beautiful sanctuary. The opening will include live music, and dinner of ribs or brisket from Smoking Cowboys. The event is from 3 to 9 p.m. with dinner being served from 5 to 7 p.m.

Tickets are available at Rudy's in Twin Falls, Mimi's in Buhl, Holesinsky Winery, Boise Co-Op Wine Shop, Capitol City Market in Boise on Saturdays.

Pictured is Wes Malvini, James and Christa Holesinsky.

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MCDONALD HOUSE



Courtesy photo

Chiropractor Sam Barker would like to thank all his patients who helped raise \$800 for the Boise Ronald McDonald House in honor of his daughter Kylie.

The donation is enough to allow a family to stay for free for two months. Two years ago, the Barker family spent a month at Ronald McDonald House in Salt Lake while Kylie received open heart surgery. The Barkers appreciated the care and support and take this opportunity to give back to Ronald McDonald House.

ST. LUKE'S



Mark Schwartz, CEO of St. Luke's of Magic Valley, celebrates the grand opening of the St. Luke's Physicians Center at 2550 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls with physicians and staff.

The Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors joined in the event. Visit the new facility or give them a call at 208-737-2934.

Pearlstein

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growth, Republicans now believe, is nothing more than a "raid" on Medicare, the government-run health plan that Republicans were against before they were for it.

The country's top Republican official also vowed to cut off all federal funding for research to determine what are the most effective treatments for heart disease, cancer, diabetes and even that new scourge, restless leg syndrome. Left unclear was whether he prefers to have such research done by the pharmaceutical and medical-device industries, but one suspects that is the case.

On the issue of end-of-life care, Steele was uncompromising: In a Republican world, no government funds could be used to pay doctors to provide information about living wills, hospices

or palliative care, whether seniors and their families ask for it or not.

"Government programs that seem benign at first can become anything but," Steele explained in articulating the new philosophy. Once back in power, look for Republicans to apply the same approach to issues such as flu vaccinations, disaster relief and air traffic control.

According to Steele, Republicans will also seek to outlaw "any effort to ration health care based on age." You don't have to be a lawyer like Steele to understand that would effectively make it a federal crime for any hospital to refuse a heart transplant to a 95-year-old, or for any doctor to refuse to prescribe Viagra to a sexually precocious seventh-grader.

Although Steele did not indicate what the penalty would be, he did not rule out

the death penalty.

Indeed, Republicans seem determined to preserve the uniquely American system under which health care is rationed today — on the basis of employment status and ability to pay. According to the respected Institute of Medicine, this market-based approach to rationing has held the number of untimely deaths each year to a mere 18,000 uninsured souls. Thanks to Medicare, all of those victims are younger than 65, but apparently that is the kind of age-based rationing that real Republicans can embrace.

After reading his broadside, one is left wondering exactly what health reform plan Steele thought he was attacking. At one point, Steele claims that Democrats would prevent Americans from keeping their doctors or an insurance plan they like. Later, he warns that government will

soon be setting caps on how many heart surgeries could be performed in the United States each year. Where is he getting this stuff? Has the chairman of the Republican Party somehow gotten hold of a top-secret plan for a government takeover of the health-care system that GOP operatives snatched during a break-in at Democratic National Committee headquarters?

If all that sounds like a spurious and unsubstantiated allegation, it is. And it fits right in with the cynical lies, distortions and political scare tactics that Steele and other Republicans have used to poison the national debate over health reform.

Have you no shame, sir, have you no shame?

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Berries

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soldiers, Payne said. "Most of them have had positive reactions."

The military program has worked so well that the blueberry council hopes to establish a similar relationship with school lunch programs, said Mark Villata, the group's executive director.

The blueberry industry needs to find ways to increase consumption of the fruit in light of major production growth.

Blueberry production in North America has more than doubled in the past decade, from about 185 million pounds in 1998 to 407 million pounds last year.

In 2009, the supply is expected to rise to 433 million pounds, with about 60 percent going to the fresh market and the rest going to the processed market, said Villata.

Frozen stocks are also high, with about 81.5 million pounds of berries in cold storage as of June 30 — up 57 percent from last year,

according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

By 2015, production may double again, to about 890 million pounds, based on the maturation of currently planted acres.

Villata said he is optimistic that food manufacturers will find uses for the large supply of blueberries when the U.S. economy improves.

"Once things firm up a little bit, we'll see more products coming out," he said. "I think they're going to start jumping on the bandwagon."

On one hand, major food manufacturers realize that innovation is their lifeblood — it's what gives their brands a leg up over generic products, said Tom Gillpatrick, executive director of the Food Industry Leadership Center at Portland State University's School of Business Administration.

On the other hand, about two-thirds of new products fail in the marketplace, so

manufacturers will probably be more selective about their investments, Gillpatrick said.

"The success rate of new products is not high," he said.

Erin Swanson, food industry analyst at the Morningstar research firm, said manufacturers aren't totally pulling back from innovations.

However, they're likely to focus on products that are safe bets, rather than thinking "outside the box" and throwing unusual new goods into the marketplace to see what sticks, she said.

Also, manufacturers understand that in the current economy, innovations aren't as likely to command a premium price, Swanson said.

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The power of banana peels

Utility turns food scraps into energy

By Julie Anne Strack
Los Angeles Times

OAKLAND, Calif. — Leftovers from San Francisco Bay Area restaurants may soon help power the region.

The East Bay Municipal Utility District has created a program, believed to be the first of its kind in the United States, to generate electricity from the methane gas produced by food decomposition.

Engineers have been testing and refining the process since the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency gave the utility \$50,000 in 2006 to study it, and they plan to sell energy to the grid beginning next year.

"The program could yield a significant amount of energy, long term," said John Hake, an associate civil engineer with the utility district. "It's no silver bullet, but it could be one part of a portfolio of renewable energy sources."

Food scraps are collected from about 2,300 restaurants and grocery stores in the Bay Area and taken to the utility district's wastewater treatment plant in Oakland, where they are pumped into large tanks full of microbes that speed up decomposition. The food releases methane gas, which is used

to generate electricity.

The utility now powers its wastewater treatment plant, which serves about 650,000 homes in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, by processing many kinds of waste, including food scraps.

By the end of 2010, the utility expects to double its capacity to create power, said David Williams, director of wastewater, allowing it to sell more than 5 megawatts of energy to Pacific Gas & Electric Co. The utility eventually hopes about 1 megawatt will come from food scraps, enough to power 1,300 homes, Williams said.

It would need to process about 100 tons of food per day to reach that goal, he said. Currently, the plant processes about 100 tons per week.

Contaminants such as forks and plastic bags, which often get mixed into the food scraps, have caused the most trouble for the food waste program, Williams said.

"Rags just wreck havoc on the pumps," Williams said. "We get oyster shells, silverware and, for some reason, rocks."

When the food reaches the plant, it is put through a "juicer" to sort out contaminants. A metal blade grinds the food scraps, yielding liquid food waste. The liquid is



Los Angeles Times photo

Food waste from restaurants is delivered to the East Bay Municipal Utility District's wastewater facility in Oakland, Calif. The food decomposes in a digestive tank for 20 days, and the resulting methane gas is harvested and converted into energy.

then churned into a thick brown soup and pumped into the digestive tanks, which release the methane.

The gas is piped into on-site generators, which create the electricity.

After about 20 days in the digestive tanks, the food waste is composted.

To cut back on contaminants, companies that collect food waste educate restaurant workers about separating food from other waste, said Robert Reed, a spokesman for Sunset Scavenger. The company provides special containers for the cast-off food.

Reed said about half the restaurants approached had been receptive.

The employees at Bakesale Betty in Oakland, which contributes food scraps to the utility district, have been trained to set aside food waste since the restaurant opened, said owner Michael Camp.

"We're committed to separating food waste," Camp said. "We emphasize to employees that if they don't abide by it, they'll be warned and then they'll be fired."

Besides creating energy, the program will reduce landfill waste and green-

house gases.

"With compost, there are always concerns about the release of gases and other issues," Williams said. "We thought, why not use it to generate renewable energy?"

Several water-treatment plants have been attempting to develop renewable energy.

The Sonoma County Water Agency, which prides itself on green innovation, generates solar power and is concentrating on developing a program to create energy using wave technology. "Anything that produces renewable energy will gain

footing," said Cordel Stillman, capital projects manager for the agency.

Stillman expects other agencies to follow the East Bay Municipal Utility District's lead and begin trying to extract energy from food waste. His agency is interested, he said, but lacks some of the necessary equipment.

Williams hopes eventually to expand the program to food waste collected from homes.

"It's a long process to educate the public," he said. "The early growing pains are the hardest part."

Old beer, wine become ethanol in home-based MicroFueler

By Susan Carpenter
Los Angeles Times

It sounds too good to be true: A residential system that allows people to make fuel from old beer, leftover wine and other waste products and use it to run their vehicles.

That's what inventors of the E-Fuel MicroFueler claim, and there's support for the idea in government, industry and pop culture. MicroFueler buyers are eligible for a \$5,000 tax credit. Former Los Angeles Laker Shaquille O'Neal is an investor in the system's distributor.

The \$10,000 E-Fuel MicroFueler consists of a 250-gallon tank for organic feedstock, such as waste wine and beer, and a still that converts it to 100 percent ethanol, or E-Fuel. The still doubles as a fuel pump, which works similarly to those at gas stations. The only waste product is distilled water.

"If we give everybody the ability to make their own fuel, you break the oil infrastructure," said MicroFueler inventor Tom Quinn, an entrepreneur from California's Silicon Valley who also developed the motion-control system for the Nintendo Wii gaming system, a version of which is used in his new microrefinery.

"Three years ago, I looked at where the world was going, and energy caught my eye," said Quinn, chief executive of E Fuel Corp. in Los Gatos, Calif. "As a world, we



Los Angeles Times photo

Tom Quinn, left, the inventor of the E-Fuel MicroFueler, poses recently with Chris Ursitti, CEO of GreenHouse, which distributes the system.

had no replacement fuel for gasoline, and that led me to alternative fuels such as ethanol."

The problem with ethanol, Quinn said, was energy inefficiency — not only in the carbon cost of growing, harvesting and transporting the corn that was used to make it, but in the distillation process that turned it into usable fuel. Many environmentalists are critical of corn-based ethanol, saying it is an inefficient fuel that uses valuable cropland and leads to food-price increases.

"In the U.S. alone, more than 100 billion gallons of organic fuel is thrown out," said Quinn, who reached out to ethanol scientist Floyd Butterfield to collaborate on a system that could make ethanol in a manner that was cost-effective and better for the environment. The idea was to use organic waste rather than corn to make a product known as cellulosic ethanol.

Although Quinn's

MicroFueler is most effective with wastes high in alcohol content, ethanol "can be made out of any waste — lawn clippings, dairy products, old chemicals, cardboard, paper, bruised and discarded apples from the grocery store. It can be fermented and turned into fuel in minutes," Quinn said.

So far, only one MicroFueler is up and running. It was installed in late June at the home of Chris Ursitti, CEO of GreenHouse, the San Diego company that is distributing the units and supplying feedstock to those

"If we give everybody the ability to make their own fuel, you break the oil infrastructure."

— MicroFueler inventor Tom Quinn

who install MicroFuelers at their homes.

"You just open up the hatch and pour in some waste, and it turns it into fuel for the car," said Ursitti, who's been using home-made ethanol to run his flex-fuel-converted Lexus hybrid SUV.

GreenHouse has contracts with Karl Strauss Brewing Co., Gordon Biersch Brewing Co. and Sunny Delight to convert 29,000 tons of their liquid waste using MicroFuelers. A tanker truck picks up the companies' waste and delivers it to home-based MicroFuelers, which convert it to ethanol on site. MicroFueler owners are charged \$2 a gallon once they pump out the fuel.

"What they need, we have. What we need, they have," said Karl Strauss CEO Chris Cramer, referring to his San Diego company's symbiotic relationship with GreenHouse, for which no money is changing hands.

charge a gallon, GreenHouse estimates the average consumer payback time is about two years.

Although ethanol has less fuel value than gasoline — meaning a car will travel fewer miles on a gallon of ethanol than on a gallon of gasoline — it also creates 38 percent less carbon dioxide than gasoline when burned, according to Quinn.

Although the Environmental Protection Agency "has not been called upon to analyze the environmental impacts of (organic ethanol) in comparison to gasoline," EPA spokeswoman Cathy Milbourn said, "using waste products derived from renewable sources instead of nonrenewable inputs would likely lead to an overall smaller carbon footprint in comparison to a food-based feedstock," such as corn.

It's legal to make up to 10,000 gallons of alcohol fuel, such as ethanol, each year on one's own property as long as it isn't sold to others. A permit from the U.S. Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau is required.

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A helicopter drops water as firefighters battle the Station wildfire in the Angeles National Forest northeast of Los Angeles on Friday.

Calif. firefighters wage fierce wildfire battles

By John Antczak and Christopher Weber
Associated Press writers

LOS ANGELES — A growing wildfire sending massive billows of smoke into the sky north of Los Angeles nearly tripled in size Saturday, injuring three residents, burning a small number of homes, knocking out power to many more and prompting thousands of evacuations in a number of mountain communities.

Mandatory evacuations were extended Saturday into neighborhoods in the canyons on the northwestern edge of Altadena, Glendale, Pasadena, La Crescenta and Big Tujunga Canyon, Forest Service spokesman Bruce Quintelier said.

The flames crept lower down the slopes of the San Gabriel Mountains despite winds blowing predominantly in the other direction, threatening more than 2,000 homes in the La Canada Flintridge area.

A few homes and about 25 recreational cabins have burned but exact numbers were not immediately available, said Forest Service spokesman Gabriel Alvarez.

An evacuation center was set up at La Canada High School and Jackson Elementary School in Altadena.

The fire was the largest and most dangerous of several burning around southern and central California and in Yosemite National Park.

Flames knocked out power to at least 164 residences in La Canada Flintridge Saturday afternoon, according to Southern California Edison. Repair crews were ordered to stay out of the area because of fire danger.

More than 31 square miles of dry forest was scorched by the fire, which continued to move out in all directions, the most active flanks to the north, deeper into the forest, and east, Quintelier said. The blaze was only 5 percent contained.

At least three residents of Big Tujunga Canyon were burned and airlifted to local hospitals, Quintelier said. The details of their injuries were unknown.

Air crews waged a fierce late afternoon battle against the southeast corner of the fire, burning dangerously close to canyon homes. Spotter planes with tankers on their tails dove well below ridge lines to lay bright orange retardant then pulled up dramatically over neighborhoods, and giant sky crane helicopters swooped in to unleash showers on the biggest flareups.

The amount of smoke was hampering air operations in some areas, officials said.

"It's difficult for water-dropping aircraft to get in there, but they're still trying," Forest Service spokeswoman Jessica Luna said.

The fire was burning in steep wooded hills adjacent to NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in northern Pasadena. Nearby, Dawn James, a physical therapist, and friend Leah Evans,

39, watched flames roil on the mountainsides from an equestrian park where they had brought two horses from their stables. James lives in the area and her husband stayed up at the house while she watched the horses.

"We always knew it could come. We knew it was a possibility," James said.

Evans said she watched the flames spread as she spent the night in her pickup truck near her horses.

"Through the night, you kind of watch it diminish, and then flare up," said Evans. "It's just amazing to watch, kind of unbelievable."

In La Vina, a gated community of luxury homes in the Altadena area, a small group of residents stood at the end of a cul-de-sac on the lip of a canyon and watched aircraft battle flames trying to cross the ridge on the far side.

At one point, the flying circus of relatively small propeller-driven tankers gave way to the sight of a giant DC-10 jumbo jet unleashing a rain of red retardant.

"We see a drop, we give a big cheer," said Gary Blackwood, who works on telescope technology at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. "We've watched it now for two days hop one ridge at a time and now it's like we're the next ridge."

A major goal was to keep the fire from spreading up Mount Wilson, where many of the region's broadcast and communications antennas and the historic Mount Wilson Observatory are located, officials said.

A thick layer of smoke hovered over the Los Angeles Basin and San Fernando Valley, and officials issued a smoke advisory for communities near the fire. Residents were urged to avoid exertion and seek air-conditioned shelter.

A second fire in the Angeles National Forest was burning several miles to the east in a canyon above the city of Azusa. The 3.4-square-mile blaze, which started Tuesday afternoon, was 85 percent contained Saturday. No homes were threatened, and full containment was expected by Monday.

Montana senator was driver in boat wreck that injured U.S. rep

By Matt Gouras
Associated Press writer

HELENA, Mont. — A state lawmaker was at the helm of the speedboat that crashed into the rocky Flathead Lake shore — a serious accident that hospitalized five, including U.S. Rep. Denny Rehberg, a family spokesman said Saturday. Rehberg's office shed more light on the late Thursday crash, including the severity of the injuries suffered by two staffers on the boat. One, state director Dustin Frost, has a serious but "survivable" head injury and is under the care of a neurosurgeon, said Rehberg friend and former staff chief Erik Iverson.

The Republican congressman was recovering from ankle surgery, and had a fracture around his eye, but could be released as soon as Monday, Iverson said.

The boat was owned and driven by Kalispell Republican state Sen. Greg Barkus, who was said to be up and about, although Iverson said he had not sought, or been given, permission to discuss Barkus' specific condition.

Rehberg's wife, Jan, also talked to reporters on a Saturday morning conference call, and said the outpouring of concern was very touching.

"Denny is in good condition and has been lucid from the beginning," she said. "He is still in good spirits and very able to communicate and knows what's going on."

Another Rehberg staffer, Kristin Smith, suffered several fractures, including to the nose and wrist, but could be released in a couple of days. There was no such

timeline for Frost, who was responsive but not holding conversations, Iverson said.

"He has a significant head injury, it is significant brain injury," said the Rehberg family friend. "But it is survivable."

"The best thing he has going for him is that he is 27 years old and he is strong."

The fifth passenger, Barkus' wife Kathy, was doing well and holding conversations, said Jan Rehberg.

Iverson said that Rehberg's blood alcohol level was .05 according to a test at

the hospital, but stressed the congressman was not driving the boat.

That would still be below the legal limit of .08 for piloting a boat.

"I would begin this description of events by reiterating this was not Denny's boat, and that he was not driving the boat," Iverson said.

Iverson said he had no information on Barkus' blood alcohol level.

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Wolves kill 120 sheep near Dillon, Mont.

By Eve Byron

Helena Independent Record

While the philosophical debate about how many wolves are enough to ensure a healthy population once again will come to a head in a federal courtroom Monday, one ranch is picking up the pieces from the largest known wolf depredation in recent history.

In a highly unusual move for wolves, they killed about 120 adult male sheep in one incident on the Rebish/Konen Livestock Ranch south of Dillon last week.

That compares to a total of 111 sheep killed by wolves in Montana in 2008, according to Carolyn Sime, the state wolf coordinator for Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

"This is one of the most significant losses that I've seen," Sime said. "That situation is really unfortunate."

Suzanne Stone with Defenders of Wildlife added that in the 20 years she's been working toward ensuring healthy wolf populations, this is the first time she's heard of such a mass killing.

"I've heard of bears or mountain lions doing that, but what usually happens is the sheep panic and jump on top of one another or fall into a ditch and suffocate," Stone said. "I've never heard of any situation where wolves killed so much livestock in such a short period of time."

"... This is the most extreme case I've ever heard about."

The ranch has suffered confirmed wolf depredations twice in three weeks. In late July, three wolves — two blacks and a gray — killed at least 26 rams. The gray wolf was lethally shot by a federal wildlife manager, and one of the blacks was injured. They thought that would scare off the rest of the pack.

Last week, wolves struck again. This time, they took out 120 purebred

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— Suzanne Stone of Defenders of Wildlife

Rambouillet bucks that ranged in size from about 150 to 200 pounds, and were the result of more than 80 years of breeding.

Konen asked his son to be sure to check on the livestock while he was gone.

"He called me, and said it was a mess up there. He said there were dead bucks all up and down the creek. We went up there the next day and tried to count them, but there were too many to count," Konen recalled.

"I had tears in my eyes, not only for myself but for what my stock had to go through," he added. "They were running, getting chewed on, bit and piled into a corner. They were bit on the neck, on the back, on the back of the hind leg."

"They'd cripple them, then rip their sides open."

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks has taken the lead in wolf management from the U.S. Department of Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service, and the state agency has a "memorandum of understanding" with the federal Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services to provide damage management services when livestock are killed by wolves.

After the dead sheep were found, Graeme McDougal with Wildlife Services flew in a small plane over the sheep pasture, looking for the one or two remaining black wolves to complete the control work requested by

Montana FWP. Within a half-mile of the sheep pasture, he spotted the Centennial Pack of three adult gray wolves and five pups.

McDougal shot and killed the one adult uncollared wolf, but wasn't authorized to remove any more wolves.

This was the first known depredation incident for the Centennial pack in 2009.

Konen doesn't want to wade into the debate over the reintroduction of wolves in the Rockies, but said that in his opinion, it's time to stop managing wolves and start controlling them.

"My bucks were on private ground, in a pasture where we've been pasturing them for 50 years. The wolves were intruders that were in the wrong place," he said.

Wolves were recently taken off the list of animals protected under the Endangered Species Act, and both Montana and Idaho have instituted hunting seasons for them this year.

Idaho will allow 265 wolves to be taken by hunters, in a season that starts Sept. 1. Montana will allow 75 wolves to be taken, with the season starting Sept. 15.

Montana is home to an estimated 500 wolves, while Idaho has at least 850.

In Stone's opinion, hunting wolves could create even more problems for ranchers.

"If the adults are shot, then the young ones are dispersed too early," Stone said. "Young pups on their own might turn to livestock to survive, and that's not a good situation for anybody."

George Edwards, state livestock loss mitigation coordinator, said the Rebish/Konen Ranch probably will receive \$350 per dead sheep.

But he adds that the loss is more than just monetary to ranchers.

"The compensation still doesn't make up for the loss

by any means," Edwards said. "The rancher still needs to make up his breed-

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William Don Fries

Capt. William Don Fries, USN, Retired, 87, of Glastonbury, Conn., died Friday, Aug. 21, 2009, at Hartford Hospital due to complications of vasculitis.

A native of Albion, Capt. Fries was born May 31, 1922, the youngest of eight children, to the late Carrie D. and Charles H. Fries. He is survived by one sister, Velma F. Windward of Preston. He was predeceased by his first wife, the former Elizabeth Ann Beddow of Logan, W.Va., in 1992, and is survived by his second wife, Helen Lindquist Coelho-Fries of Glastonbury, Conn. He is survived by his son, Eric vanBuskirk Fries; daughter-in-law, Jennifer Knight Fries; and his grandson, Matthew Thornton Fries, all of Old Lyme, Conn. He is also survived by his stepsons and stepdaughter, Joseph R. Coelho of Annapolis, Md., David F. Coelho of Park City, Utah, Christine C. Harrigan of Pomona, Calif., and Carl A. Coelho of Storrs, Conn.

Capt. Fries had an illustrious 32-year career in the United States Navy. After graduation from the Albion State Normal School and a brief period of high school teaching and coaching in Dietrich, he entered the Naval Aviation Cadet Program in 1942. Upon completion of an intensive training program, he was commissioned an Ensign and awarded his Naval Aviator wings in 1944. His first assignment was with Patrol Bombing Squadron 71 (VPB-71), flying PBX Catalina "Blackcat" flying boats on attack, reconnaissance and air-sea rescue missions in the South China Sea.

Following the end of World War II, VPB-71 was relocated to Norfolk, Va., where he met and married Elizabeth Beddow. He then attended the University of Southern California under the Navy's "five-term" program and later served as an aerobatics flight instructor at the Naval Air Station, Corry Field, Pensacola, Fla. During the Korean Conflict, Capt. Fries was attached to Air Transport Squadron 21 (VR-21), airlifting troops and combat supplies to American forces in the Korean Theater of Operations. Following the Korean Conflict, he graduated from Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., and subsequently was assigned to Naval Air Station, Anacostia, near Washington, D.C., serving as the personal pilot for then Under Secretary of the Navy William B. Franke.

From 1956-58, he was stationed at the Naval Air Facility in Naples, Italy, in an Air Transport Squadron. Upon his return to the United States, Capt. Fries matriculated into the naval command and staff course at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, R.I. Upon graduation 10 months later, he transitioned from propeller to jet aircraft and was assigned to Heavy Attack Squadron Five (VAH-5), flying the A-3 "Skywarrior" nuclear bomber off of the USS Forrestal (CVA-59) from 1960-61. Then, having been assigned to the 7th Fleet, he was executive officer and then commanding officer of Heavy Attack Squadron 2 (VAH-2), deployed aboard the USS Coral Sea (CVA-43).

In 1963, he returned to Washington, D.C., to serve in the Officer Distribution Branch of the Bureau of Naval Personnel. In 1965, Capt. Fries assumed the duties of navigator aboard

the Attack Aircraft Carrier USS Franklin D. Roosevelt (CVA-42) and later served as executive officer. In 1966, he served a one-year tour of duty as Operations Officer for Commander, Fleet Air Whidbey at Oak Harbor, Wash., where he was responsible for training air crews and introducing the A-6 "Intruder" jet bomber to the Pacific Fleet, where it operated successfully in the Vietnam War.

He then reported to Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., where he completed a degree in business administration and economics. Upon his graduation in 1968, Capt. Fries served as Commanding Officer of the USS Aludra (AF-55) on "Yankee Station" in the Gulf of Tonkin off the coast of Vietnam, completing two successful tours of duty in support of 7th Fleet Combat Operations in Southeast Asia. Capt. Fries then returned to Washington, D.C., as the head of the Compensation Branch of the Bureau of Naval Personnel. Prior to his retirement in April 1974, his last active duty assignment was as Executive of the Joint Uniformed Services Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee.

During his flying career, he flew 22 different types of aircraft, had more than 7,000 hours of flight time, and made more than 250 aircraft carrier landings. His decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal (World War II), the Navy Occupation Service Medal, the United Nations Korean Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross) with Palm.

Following his naval career, he raised beef cattle on his farm in Rappahannock County, Va., and later owned a real estate brokerage in Charlottesville, Va. Following the death of his wife, Elizabeth in 1992, he moved to East Lansing, Mich., and married Helen Lindquist Coelho. He became an avid Michigan State University Spartans fan and thoroughly enjoyed attending MSU football games and carefully following its basketball team.

In 2007, he and his wife moved to Glastonbury, Conn. Capt. Fries had served as a vice president and board member of the Navy Federal Credit Union and served as president of the Navy League Chapter in Charlottesville, Va. He was an honorary member of the Fleet Reserve Association, a member of the American Legion Albion Post, the Military Officers Association of America, the Military Order of the Carabao and the Association of Naval Aviation.

The family of Capt. Fries would like to express its deepest gratitude and appreciation to the doctors, nurses and medical staff of Hartford Hospital for their compassionate care during his illness. In lieu of flowers, the family would like to suggest making a contribution in his memory to a veteran's organization, especially those that provide assistance to the families of troops wounded or killed in action. Inurnment will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

A memorial service is also planned in his hometown of Albion.

at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St.; luncheon will follow service (Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley).

Mary Ruth Hobson of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Monday at Alden-

Marie Groves, age 76, of Twin Falls, Idaho, passed away Aug. 27, 2009 after a sudden illness. Marie was born Jan. 8, 1933 in Spokane, Wash. Marie was the seventh daughter of Thomas and Grace Mitchell. Marie's twin, Evelyn, passed away when they were 3.

Marie married Leon Buster and they were later divorced. Marie married Virgil Groves on Aug. 26, 1967. She held numerous jobs including working at the Magic Bowl, Frederickson's, the Snack Bar in the Lynwood, a bookkeeper at Virgil's Alignment, and when Virgil and Marie retired from the shop, Marie went to work at Shopko until her retirement 16 years later. Marie enjoyed shopping, reading, bowling, holiday baking, spoiling her granddaughters and had a great sense of humor.

Marie is survived by her children: Bruce Buster of



Twin Falls, and Lori (Larry) Capps of Gooding, Idaho; step-children: Karon (Larry) Amen of Twin Falls, and Terry Groves of Twin Falls; her granddaughters:

Tawnya Buster of Nampa, Idaho, Susan Webster of Salt Lake City, Utah, Sara Webster of Twin Falls, Karrie (David) Hornbacher of Twin Falls, and Kami (Travis) Campbell of Nampa, Idaho; grandsons: Thad (Jenny) Heidemann of Meridian, Idaho and Darby (Amy) Heidemann of Eagle, Idaho, and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Virgil Groves, daughter, Terri Richter, step-son, Gary Groves and five sisters.

Memorial services for Marie will be conducted at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park." Inurnment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Helen Marie Matney

A beloved wife, mother and grama, Helen Marie Matney, 72, was born April 27, 1937, and passed away Sunday, Aug. 23, 2009.

She was a passionate woman that lived the life she loved with her "man" Bill as Mr. and Mrs. Bill Matney for 53 years. They were sweethearts from the young age of 16! They married July 14, 1956. Helen and Bill moved to Japan, where he served in the Air Force and began a life that most of us could only dream of. After entering back into civilian life, they farmed on the Salmon Tract for many wonderful years. She and her man were blessed to travel for years on the off season. They then moved to be in the big city of Twin Falls and then moved to Meridian, where she became a maniac golfer. She loved to golf and shared often memories that she was making all over with friends. A domestic goddess she was! She loved adventure; skydiving for her 60th birthday and loving every minute of it.

After many years of wintering in Arizona, they decided to buy a house in Queen Valley, Ariz. That home is on a beautiful golf course where she could wake up every day and see an amazing scene that only Mother Nature could provide. She was fortunate to end her journey here by the window watching golfers and the hummingbirds that greeted her every day in mass numbers. She was most happy that her family



was with her.

Helen fought a battle with cancer, which ended up winning. She was full of courage, bravery, grace and humor! She did it like the lady she was! She is deeply loved and she will be deeply missed. Her life was very full! She attended schools in Berger and Hollister and graduated from Filer High School. She was involved with many organizations through her life. She was a member of Idaho Golf Association, Idaho Couples, a Golden Star member of the Order of Eastern Star and Rainbow Girls. She also volunteered with Easter Seal.

She is survived by her husband Bill J. Matney of Twin Falls and Queen Valley, Ariz.; daughter, Joni and son-in-law, Ron Pursell of Meridian; son, Randy and daughter-in-law, Debbie Matney-Edgewood of Washington; grandchildren, Shea Reynolds of Meridian; Chase Shields of Scottsdale, Ariz.; Lance Kassie Matney of Buckley, Wash.; Brandon Matney of Edgewood, Wash.; and great-grandchildren, Tegan Reynolds and Langlei Reynolds of Meridian. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, George and Flossie McGregor; and her sister, Norma Miller.

A celebration will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, at the Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Banner Hospice, 1325 N. Fiesta Blvd., Suite 1, Gilbert, AZ 85233.

DEATH NOTICES

Chris Wall

MARION, Mont. — Chris Wall, 54, formerly of Rupert, died Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2009 in Kalispell, Mont., of cancer.

No service is planned (Johnson Funeral Home in Kalispell, Mont.).

Beulah Ihler

Beulah Ihler, 96 of Filer passed away Friday, Aug. 28, 2009 at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Lester Edwin 'Ed' Joslin

Lester Edwin "Ed" Joslin, 86 of Twin Falls, passed away Friday, Aug. 28, 2009

Waggoner Funeral Chapel, 5400 Fairview Ave. of Boise.

Frank Elmer Wells of Castleford, memorial service at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Castleford First Baptist Church; interment at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; visitation

from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Verna R. Olson of Mead, Wash., funeral at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Clifton LDS 2nd Ward Chapel in Clifton (Webb Funeral Home in Preston).



AP file photo

Celebrity disc jockey Adam Goldstein, also known as DJ AM, spins records in March 2006 at a store opening in Scottsdale, Ariz. The celebrity disc jockey was found dead Friday in a New York City apartment.

DJ AM, who battled drug habit, found dead in New York City

By Colleen Long and Nekesa Mumbi Moody
Associated Press writers

NEW YORK — DJ AM, the celebrity disc jockey who publicly acknowledged his history of drug addiction and had filmed a reality show in which he offered to help other addicts, was found dead in his apartment. He was 36.

Police found a crack pipe and prescription pills in the Manhattan apartment, said a law enforcement official, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the investigation was ongoing. Paramedics had to break down the door before they found him, shirtless and wearing sweatpants, in his bed around 5:20 p.m. on Friday, the official said.

A friend had called police to say he was unable to get into the home in the trendy SoHo neighborhood. There was no evidence of foul play, and a medical examiner will determine the cause of death.

Last year, he was badly hurt in a South Carolina plane crash that killed four people and seriously

injured rock musician Travis Barker.

DJ AM, whose real name was Adam Goldstein, had openly discussed past addictions to crack cocaine, Ecstasy and other drugs, addictions so bad he once tried to commit suicide by shooting himself in the head — but the gun jammed. However, he claimed he had been drug-free for years, even swearing off cigarettes.

His spokeswoman, Jenni Weinman, said the circumstances surrounding his death were unclear. She pleaded for privacy for his family.

In October, MTV was to debut his reality show, "Gone Too Far," in which he and concerned families staged interventions for drug abusers. In a recent AP interview, he talked about holding a crack pipe for the first time in years for the show and said he felt as though he had an angel on his shoulder for surviving so much turmoil.

"There's no better way to remember what it was like when I was at my bottom than to see someone at their bottom," he told the AP.

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Some doubt private Medicare plans' advantage

By Matt Sedensky
Associated Press writer

MIAMI — Cecile Sangiamo liked her health insurance — until she needed to use it.

The 72-year-old Clearwater, Fla., resident had been on the federally subsidized, privately run Medicare Advantage policy through WellCare Inc. for about three years when she started having pain that made it hard to walk.

Her doctor's referral to an orthopedic specialist was denied by the insurer. Her out-of-pocket costs were higher than she was initially told. And when Sangiamo needed surgery, she said, WellCare offered some unexpected medical advice.

"Take pills and use a walker," Sangiamo remembered being told by the insurer, which declined to comment on the case. "I wanted to say, 'I'll take the walker and bang you in the head with it!'"

Seniors have flocked by the millions to Medicare Advantage, privately run plans offered as an alternative to traditional, government-run Medicare. Programs that promise lower premiums or other perks have combined with heavy marketing from insurance companies to make the programs double in size in the last six years to nearly 11 million members and growing.

But critics say that Sangiamo's case is all too common and that the plans put profits above care and denials of service are routine.

Profits at the insurers offering Medicare Advantage have far outpaced expectations, and their expenses to treat clients have been far lower than projected.

Advantage insurers are required to offer perks beyond traditional Medicare, such as gym memberships or hearing aids. Enrollees also often get care coordination among the many doctors an older person might have. But there is no standardization of the thousands of plans seniors can choose from, and co-pays and premiums vary widely.

In the debate on overhauling the U.S. health care system, Advantage has been criticized as an example of a broken system that costs too much, confuses enrollees and suffers from a lack of oversight.

Government payouts for Advantage of \$111 billion a year and, on average, 14 percent more per patient than traditional Medicare have made the plans a key target for lawmakers and President Barack Obama, who has cited it frequently as too costly.

Proponents of Advantage and the many seniors who like their coverage hail its added benefits and care coordination. But even many backers acknowledge one of its toughest problems is few seniors understand the essential difference in private plans: Even services covered by traditional Medicare that doctors deem medically necessary routinely need the insurers' advance approval and are sometimes denied.

"There are so many hoops to run through, there are so many rules, it's just mind-boggling," said Mary Johnson, policy analyst for The Senior Citizens League, a nonpartisan, 1.2-million-member group. "Woe is you if you have any kind of chronic problem, and woe is you if you're ever hospitalized."

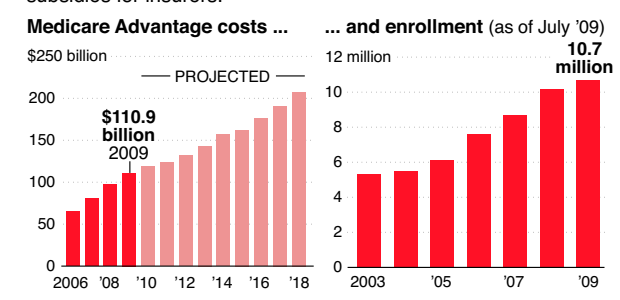
Participants have been denied visits to specialists,



Dr. Michael Sedrish, director of utilization management for the Medisys Health Network, poses among patient files June 8 at Jamaica Hospital in New York. AP photo

Senior health care enrollment grows

Spending and enrollment on private Medicare Advantage plans have surged since 2003, when the government added lucrative subsidies for insurers.



SOURCE: The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

rehabilitation to help them walk again and countless other services they'd be entitled to under traditional Medicare.

"Every decision is based on not what's right for the patient, but what's right for the bottom line," said Dr. Michael Sedrish, who coordinates HMO payments for Medisys Health Network, which runs three New York City hospitals.

Everyone over 65 and many disabled people qualify for Medicare. Private plans, paid for by the government but run by private insurers, were added in the 1970s to give added choices in coverage.

In 2003, the government added lucrative subsidies for insurers, now totaling more than \$15 billion a year. Many more companies got into the business, with massive marketing efforts, and enrollment went from 5.3 million in 2003 to more than 10.7 million in July.

With basic Medicare, seniors generally know what sort of coverage they're getting. That's not the case with the roughly 7,000 Medicare Advantage plans, where one person's coverage could be completely different from a next door neighbor's.

Another notable difference between traditional Medicare and Advantage plans is that the vast majority of traditional Medicare denials come after treatment, when the doctor or hospital is fighting to get paid. Advantage denials sometimes come before treatment, delaying it or preventing it.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services acknowledges having more data on what services patients are getting and what ones are denied would be beneficial, but it is complicated by the sheer number of plans.

"It's a pretty daunting task," said Tony Culotta, Medicare's director of enrollment and appeals, "but it's something that we're working toward."

Ask seniors about Medicare Advantage and you'll get an earful.

Michelle Mancini, 42 and on Medicare because she has spinal degeneration, was on traditional Medicare but signed up last year for an Advantage plan from Citrus Health Care, believing she'd have fewer out-of-pocket expenses.

The St. Petersburg, Fla., resident suffers from a jaw disorder that causes clicking, popping and pain when she eats or yawns. Getting approved to see a specialist took months. Approval for needed surgery took longer. When it was finally over, she realized the post-operation therapy she should have received to deal with the pain had never been submitted for approval.

And so she waited, in pain. For a month. Unable to eat. The process was so taxing,

the pain so agonizing, she felt she needed a psychologist to talk through the experience. And so she had to fight to get that approved, too.

"There's a hoop-jumping you have to go through," she said. "This goes on week after week, month after month — I just want to give up."

A Citrus spokeswoman, Lisa Brock, said Mancini was treated well but that Advantage clients sometimes were confused about benefits.

Citrus, as well as WellCare, which handled Sangiamo's case, were disciplined for contract violations this year by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the government agency that oversees the program, and ordered to stop marketing their plans and enrolling new clients.

Advantage supporters and insurers say problems have been isolated.

"Seniors are getting additional benefits, they're getting additional services and they're very happy with the program," said Robert Zirkelbach, a spokesman for America's Health Insurance Plans, an industry group. He cited a 2008 study paid for by AHIP that showed similar rates of satisfaction for both Advantage and Medicare enrollees.

Carolyn White, 55, of Maynardville, Tenn., is happy with her coverage even with its hassles.

She has a split pancreas that affects nearly every aspect of her life. Her doctor recommended a gastric pacemaker costing more than \$67,000 to help control crippling nausea.

Cariten Senior Health denied the device, and White went through months of appeals. But in the end, she got it, and has nothing negative to say about her insurer. "They were more than wonderful!" she said. "They've gone to bat for me."

Enrollees in both traditional and private plans pay part of the costs. Under traditional Medicare, many carry an additional private policy, known as MediGap, to cover what the government doesn't, and that policy can cost a few hundred dollars per month.

Seniors often join Advantage plans because they think they'll cut expenses through lower premiums or co-pays, and this can be true. But it's difficult to tell when signing up, because the benefit rules can be daunting and medical issues can crop up unexpectedly.

A 2008 Government Accountability Office report found wide differences in enrollee costs depending on the plan, including home health service costs that could be up to 84 percent more than traditional Medicare.

A half-million Advantage enrollees were in plans with no co-pay for hospital stays. But a roughly equal number were in plans with high hospital co-pays and no limits on out-of-pocket inpatient expenses, potentially costing patients thousands more.

The disparity was greatest for some of the sickest seniors, the GAO found — those who return to the hospital within 60 days of discharge. Under traditional Medicare, those patients would not pay any deductible. Under many Advantage plans, it could be steep.

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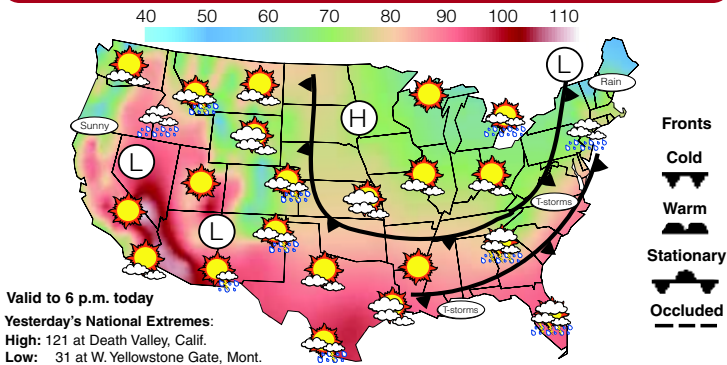
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Danny wets East Coast; Pacific storm strengthens

BOSTON (AP) — Heavy rain and dangerous rip currents from a weak tropical system emptied East Coast beaches for a second straight late-summer weekend, while a hurricane that could clip Mexico's coast next week grew stronger in the Pacific.

Jimena, the 10th named storm of the Pacific season, quickly became a Category 2 storm with maximum sustained winds of 105 mph.

Fueled by warm Pacific waters, Jimena could be a major Category 3 hurricane by Sunday as it tracked north-northwest at 12 mph about 580 miles off the southern tip of Mexico's Baja California peninsula late Saturday. It was 225 miles south of Manzanillo, Mexico.

The National Hurricane Center's five-day forecast predicts the storm's center could pass offshore of the peninsula next week but come close enough to bring strong winds and churn up rough seas.

The sun still shone over Acapulco Bay on Saturday afternoon, though dark storm clouds loomed on the horizon. Sailboats dotted the sea despite government warnings for residents to take precautions. Farther north, in the resort town of Zihuatanejo, authorities warned small boats to stay ashore.

Farther out in the Pacific, Tropical Storm Kevin formed with top winds of 50 mph. The storm's center on Saturday afternoon was about 1,035 miles southwest of the southern tip of Baja California. The storm could get stronger as it moves to the west-north-west, forecasters said.

Remnants of Tropical Storm Danny spun miles offshore in the Atlantic, causing mostly rain in the East. National Hurricane Center forecasters said Danny had been mostly absorbed by a low pressure system associated with a cold front over North Carolina.

'We were expecting that that was going to happen sooner or later. It happened a little bit sooner,' said senior hurricane specialist Lixion Avila. 'Basically Danny has been swallowed by the big low.'

'We were expecting that that was going to happen sooner or later. It happened a little bit sooner. Basically Danny has been swallowed by the big low.' — Senior hurricane specialist Lixion Avila, on the remnants of a tropical storm that is causing rain in the East

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EDITORIAL

Going downtown: It's worked elsewhere; why not in Twin Falls?

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Out of time.
That's the story of downtown Twin Falls in the past generation, with a city-center business community hidebound, nursing grudges, reluctant to invest in infrastructure as long as there was a chance someone else would do it, and unwilling to let anyone — much less a smarty-pants outsider — tell longtime retailers what to do.

And worst of all, facing competition it just couldn't handle. After finding ways to compete with the Lynwood Mall and the Blue Lakes Shopping Center, downtown Twin Falls was completely outgunned by the Magic Valley Mall in 1986.

And the mall wasn't even the stiffest challenge. The peripheral north-end businesses — Target, Costco, Home Depot and eventually Wal-Mart — made too many shoppers forget all about the Townsite.

Meanwhile, the precious economic development resources available to a community such as Twin Falls — largely secured by folks who don't live or work downtown — went to bring in Dell, Jayco, Solo Cup, Seastrom Manufacturing. That's the kind of economic development that creates jobs.

But we discovered four downtowns — in cities roughly the size of Twin Falls — that started in exactly the same shape, or worse, and achieved remarkable things.

On the next four Sundays, we'll profile them on this Opinion page. Why? Because they have ideas Twin Falls can borrow.

Let's put that another way: They've had experience Twin Falls can't afford not to steal.

Helena, Mont., Pendleton, Ore., Hanford, Calif. and Richland, Wash. all faced significant economic challenges, unfavorable demographics, weak regional economies and, most of all, competition — malls and big-box retail complexes that would melt the hearts of the most intrepid downtown entrepreneur.

What struck us in talking with the developers who made downtowns in those cities vital again was the daunting challenge they faced when they began to reimagine the possibilities.

Helena had an inventory of urban neglect that would do justice to a community three times its size. Pendleton was a prison town. Hanford — too poor, too Latino, too unhip to keep the locals from traveling to Fresno or Bakersfield to shop — rediscovered the potential of making the best of what a community already has. Richland? It simply rediscovered the Columbia River.

Every one of these city centers were in worse shape economically than Twin Falls is now. And every one of them staged a comeback that surprised — no, stunned — the cynics.

What did they have in common?

Developers who had vision.

City government and taxpayer-supported redevelopment authorities that understood the good must never be the enemy of the perfect.

An appreciation for what they, as communities, had to offer.

Willingness to put away the long knives as property owners, developers and retail tenants decided to get along to their mutual advantage.

To be fair, government — and specifically, the federal government — had a major role in redeveloping all four of these downtowns. But all of that federal money would have stayed in Washington, D.C., had not somebody in Helena, Pendleton, Hanford and Richland figured out how to tap it.

But at the end of the day, private capital rebuilt downtown Helena, Pendleton, Hanford and Richland.

And private capital — not taxpayer money — will do the same Twin Falls.

Question is: How do we get started?

Stay tuned.

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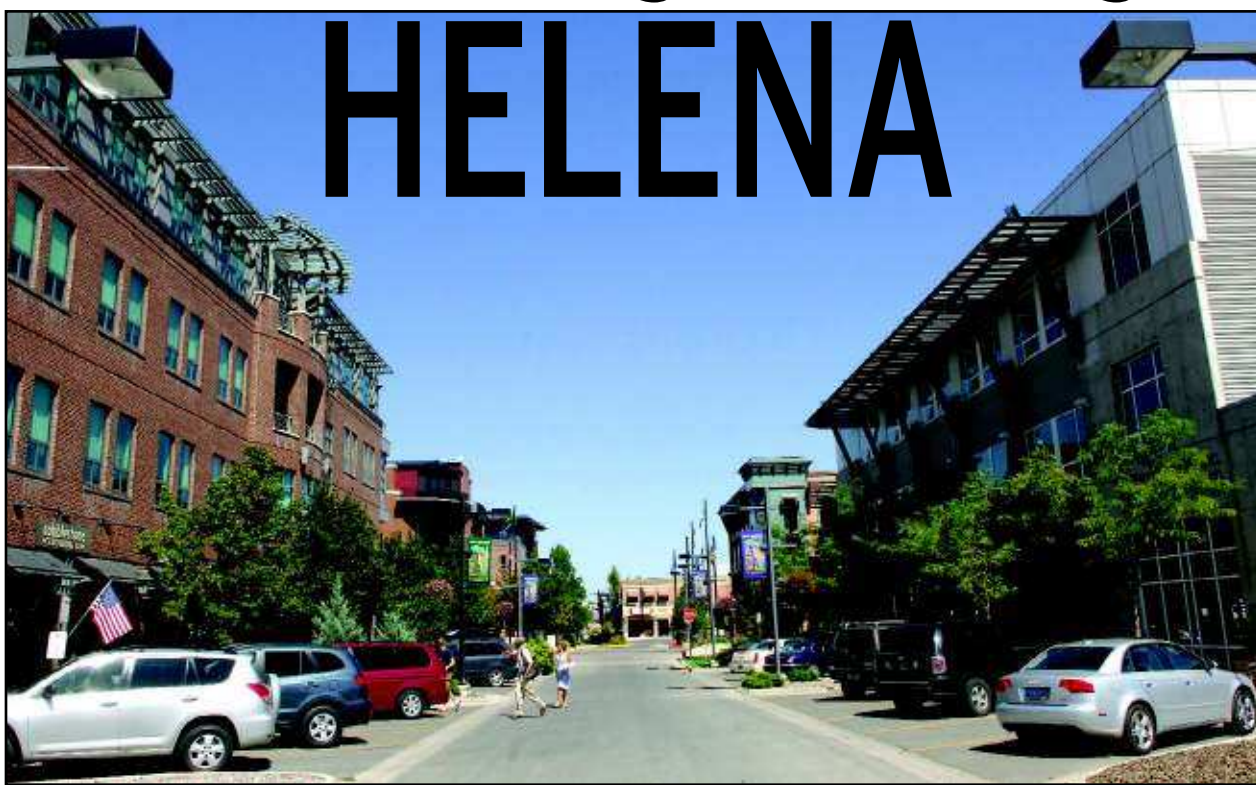
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REIMAGINING HELENA



How Montana's capital city escaped — yet still thrives by — its past

By Steve Crump

Last Chance Gulch is a great place to begin if your goal is saving a last-chance downtown.

Helena, Mont., in the early 1990s was by no means a showplace. Dowdy and geographically remote, it was the capital of a state going through some wrenching economic changes.



Within Montana itself, big-money investment tended to go elsewhere — some of it to trendier Bozeman and Missoula and to development-minded Billings.

Then along came Alan Nicholson — a former schoolteacher — who changed everything.

The old Great Northern Railroad had upped-stakes from Helena in 1954, leaving behind a weed-choked railyard that stretched like a scar across downtown Helena's north end. Just the place, Nicholson reckoned, for a \$40 million redevelopment project.

His vision: the Great Northern Town Center, including a 150-room hotel a convention center; a bank; a 23,000-square-foot office building; up to 120 condominium and rental apartments; small shops; a 6,000-square-foot, three-story tented outdoor amphitheater and an enclosed carousel.

That's right: a merry-go-round.

Nicholson and his partners set out to enhance the density of downtown and to draw development back within city limits, which dovetailed with the city government's plans.

Location, as usual, trumped all. Carroll College, a four-year Catholic school, sat on a hill near the old railyard and the college began adding on soon after the Great Northern project was launched, building a new student union and a science complex. Nearby, the city of Helena added on to its outdoor sports complex.

The projects, begun in the mid-'90s, were essentially complete by 2004.

Great Northern capitalized on Helena's colorful boomtown past. The city sprang to life at the end of the Civil War, a collection of log cabins, tents and



Photos courtesy Independent Record

ABOVE: Helena's Great Northern Town Center is a family-friendly mixture of retail, offices and recreation.

TOP: Human-scale architecture and streets that encourage pedestrians are hallmarks of the Great Northern development.

A TALE OF 2 CITIES

	Helena	Twin Falls
Population	29,351	42,197
Annual population growth	1.7%	2.8%
Median age	38	34
Median household income	\$43,803	\$37,100
Median home value	\$180,096	\$137,961
Unemployment	6.7%	7.8%
Home ownership	61.9%	62.5%
Daytime population change (commuting)	+45.2%	+18%
Residents below poverty level	14.5%	14.1%
Retail sales per capita	\$18,845	\$22,469

— Source: U.S. Census Bureau

dugouts along Last Chance Gulch — still the name of the city's main street.

Saloons and hotels of wood and canvas gave way to granite-and-brick office buildings, banks and retail businesses — all built on top of the creek where gold was found.

To encourage a sense of a traditional downtown and encourage owner occupancy, covenants require that first floors of most buildings be retail businesses, second and third floors be for offices and fourth floors be for homes, according to *The New York Times*. The rules also encourage the use of brick and stone instead of metal and glass and require slots for windows rather than walls of glass.

Nicholson was canny

enough to understand that his project couldn't succeed without public-sector help, and not just the local tax-increment financing which is the traditional engine of redevelopment.

Helena is a government town, and Montana has traditionally had an influential congressional delegation that now includes Sen. Max Baucus, a native Helenean. The Democrat is in his third stint as chairman of the powerful Senate Finance Committee and before that led the Environment and Public Works Committee. He has a record of delivering for Montana.

So Helena got a new federal building — actually an office building and a courthouse — at the nexus of the Great Northern project.

5 LESSONS FROM THE QUEEN CITY

1. Location can be a force-multiplier.

Developers understood that Helena's north end was the place to redevelop because of its proximity to downtown, Carroll College and the city's government centers.

2. Gotta love the government.

What better way to anchor a downtown redevelopment than with a 130,000-square-foot federal courthouse and office building?

3. Somebody must have a vision.

In Helena's case, it was developer Alan Nicholson — who cannily got buy-in from political leaders and the city's business communities before he turned a shovel of dirt.

4. Don't make the old the enemy of the new.

Nicholson was able to persuade enough business and property owners in Helena's existing downtown of the advantages of the Great Northern Town Center that there were little organized opposition.

5. Don't make it all about business.

The town center includes an outdoor amphitheater, a carousel and other amenities that attract families.

Fifteen federal agencies now occupy the three-story, 60,700 square-foot office building, including the Environmental Protection Agency, the Federal Drug Administration and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. The new courthouse is next door.

Together, the two facilities total 130,000 square feet and house about 420 employees.

Throughout the project, existing downtown businesses worried about competition from the town center.

"People are nervous," Paul Reichert, executive director of the Downtown Helena Business Improvement District, said in 1998. "But I think it's positive. Basically it fills in an eyesore in the heart of our downtown. I hope people will see downtown as a larger entity?"

Eleven years on, traditional downtown Helena is still there and still open for business.

And now it too is attracting investment.

Help us send Morty and his fax someplace else

I'm no fan of Alexander Bain. Bain, a Scottish inventor, earned my undying enmity for conceiving a fiendish machine that must, in my opinion, be relegated to the scrap heap of history as soon as humanly possible.

Bain invented the fax machine in 1843.

Bain's evil contraption was way ahead of its time and it used pens connected to pendulums that were linked by a wire. Movements of the sending pen were telegraphed to a receiving pen that reproduced the writing on an electrically conductive surface, according to some really dull Web sites on the history of office machines.

This fax machine took a few years to catch on — mostly because it was invented 33 years before the telephone — but later inventors refined it to for transmission of photographs and documents over dedicated wires. The machines were expensive and hard to operate until 1966, when Xerox intro-



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duced its 46-pound Magnafax Telecopier, which could be connected to any old telephone line. A decade later, millions of cheaper, faster, smaller and more efficient machines invaded offices everywhere, and entire forests were soon ground to pulp for all the paper they would consume.

I admit that the fax machine was a wondrous thing in its day, but that day is nearly done. It's time to go digital.

Information sent our way via the U.S. Postal Service or by fax machine has to be scanned or re-typed into our computer system. That takes time, wastes labor and natural resources, and adds a step in the process where an errant keystroke might introduce an error. There's also some high-level government research linking fax machines to global warming, spread of the swine flu

and low milk prices. E-mails are far more reliable because they're less likely to get lost in transmission and require only a quick cut-and-paste to flow into our publishing system. Fashion designers say e-mail is more slimming, it wins bi-partisan endorsement from all political parties and gets unlimited miles per gallon in freeway conditions.

We'd like to go all-e-mail, but each day the two fax machines at the edge of the newsroom still belch out 100 or so pages. About half comes from some distant public relations agency that has our number on a gigantic call list so it can charge its clients for informing us that the new and improved X-47 laser-guided shaving system will soon be sold at better WaWa stores in the greater Wissahickon area. They go straight to recycling. So do most other faxes even if they hold information we actually want.

Why? Many faxes are already duplicated by e-mails, often

from senders who don't realize that for all practical purposes they switched to Internet-based communication years ago but forgot to tell Old Morty in the fax room down the hall, past the boiler next to the cafeteria grease trap. Morty's been down there all this time, stoking the fax machines like a galley slave, suffering paper cuts and gagging on copy fluid fumes so that we can throw away his work product. He's going to be really peeved when he finds out.

For months now we've been waging a Free Morty campaign. Whenever we get a fax we call the sender and ask them to remove our number from their list and next time send it only by e-mail.

When someone calls and asks us for contact information, we don't give them a fax number unless it's the only way possible for them to send something we actually want to receive, and they threaten violence.

Each Times-News employee has an individual e-mail address, but we also

have several catch-all accounts that are monitored by clerks who route any general messages to the appropriate person. We actually like duplication of e-mails because that reduces the chance that something important might go only to an individual account where it might languish until the staffer returns from vacation or is able to make bail.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Not every Lutheran agrees with decision

I agree with the Sunday (Aug. 23) letter that all Lutherans are not alike and the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) is more liberal than the smaller ultra-conservative groups. However, not all ELCA Lutherans think alike either.

The national vote last week to "recognize, support, and hold publically accountable people in life-long monogamous, same gender relationships" to serve as clergy passed by a narrow simple majority vote after years of high pressure from gay groups. I think it is safe to say that the majority of ELCA members in our politically and religiously conservative state strongly disagree with the national leadership's decision.

Many feel, as I do, that homosexuals should be welcomed into our church (we are all sinners), but — as with any others who are openly engaging in practices that are sinful according to the Bible — should not be in any position of leadership.

DONNA ERICKSON
Twin Falls

Council business is residents business too

On Thursday, Aug. 27, I called Melanie Haynes at the city of Burley and asked her to put me on the agenda for the City Council meeting on Sept.

1. She did so. On Friday, Aug. 28, Jon Anderson called me to ask me what I wanted to talk about. I told him that I wanted to discuss the results of the investigation into the alleged violation of the Open Meeting Law that took place in late 2008. Mayor Anderson told me that he wouldn't allow me on the agenda for that purpose and that it was none of my business as to the results of the investigation and the disposition thereof. This after it was Mayor Anderson himself that called me early in the week of Aug. 10-14 and informed me that the state attorney general had informed County Prosecutor Al Barrus that the investigation has been concluded, the result of which was that there was no violation of the Open Meeting Law. Therefore no action would be taken.

Now I'm left wondering

just how it is that it is none of my business when Mayor Anderson made these false allegations in a City Council meeting that was open to the public and how it is that it was Clay Handy's business to come before the Burley City Council and make accusations of improprieties by Jay Lenkersdorfer and his business with no proof of any such impropriety, especially when Clay Handy isn't even a resident of the city of Burley.

I think we all know the answer. Clay Handy's remarks were considered acceptable for one reason and one reason only. That's because Clay Handy's remarks were meant to benefit Mayor Anderson. If my topic would have benefited Mayor Anderson, I am absolutely sure that I would have been allowed to be on the agenda.

This is just another of

Mayor Anderson's tactics to control the flow of information in City Council meetings just as was the suspension of the five-minute public comment item on the weekly agenda. So what's next? City Council meetings behind closed doors?

Thank you for your time.
TONY HART
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Politics trumps common sense at the Justice Department

After pledging during last year's presidential campaign, and as recently as the spring, not to re-visit the past, the Obama administration, in the person of Attorney General Eric Holder, has named a special prosecutor to go after CIA interrogators who pried information from terrorist suspects, preventing more deadly assaults on the country.

Before the hard Left assumed power, anyone engaged in protecting America by interrupting terrorist plans might have expected to receive a commendation. Now they could face jail time. And somewhere in a cave in Pakistan, Osama bin Laden rejoices. By any objective standard, releasing terrorists from prison and prosecuting their interrogators is nuts. How can these actions fulfill the president's oath to defend the country?

The Justice Department wants to apply new interrogation rules to methods that were used and approved during the Bush administration. This is like lowering the highway speed limit to 55 mph and then giving speeding tickets to people who drove 65 mph when the higher speed was legal.

What is to be gained from going after CIA interrogators who thought they were operating within the law and defending the country? Doesn't the white wine and Brie set understand that a terrorist won't discriminate between people with jelly for a backbone and those with backbones of steel? Do they really think they will escape death by being nice to killers who use our laws against us in order to replace those laws with theirs? Islamic terrorists repeatedly say this is their goal and they have demonstrated it enough by their actions that only a fool would doubt them.

In Malaysia, a Muslim woman awaits a public caning because she was seen drinking beer. "Honor killings," genital mutilation



Cal Thomas

and other forms of abuse against women occur throughout the Islamic world. Hate is taught to young children in some Palestinian textbooks and on TV. Fundamentalist imams envision the downfall of the West and its subordination to Islam by force. Only a deranged person would believe that giving terrorists a cup of tea

and the right to manipulate our legal system so they can kill again will turn them into pacifists who will study war no more.

Former Vice President Dick Cheney continues to courageously say what needs to be said about this ongoing war. In a statement to The Weekly Standard, Cheney said, "The documents released Monday clearly demonstrate that the individuals subjected to Enhanced Interrogation Techniques provided the bulk of intelligence we gained about al-Qaida." That we gained critical information by firing a gun

in an adjacent interrogation room, or by displaying a chainsaw, or even choking a detainee thought to possess critical information ought to be a lesser concern than the number of lives saved because of information these men gave up.

Sen. Joe Lieberman (I-Conn.), one of the few liberals who comprehends what we face, issued a statement: "I respectfully regret the decision by Attorney General Holder and fear our country will come to regret it too because an open-ended criminal investigation of past CIA activity, which has

already been condemned and prohibited, will have a chilling effect on the men and women agents of our intelligence community whose uninhibited bravery and skill we depend on every day to protect our homeland from the next terrorist attack."

Lieberman added, "Career prosecutors in the Justice Department have previously reviewed allegations of abuse and concluded that prosecution was not warranted, with the exception of a CIA contractor who has already been convicted." One can only conclude that politics has

trumped common sense at Justice.

CIA Director Leon Panetta courageously defended his agency against allegations by Speaker Nancy Pelosi that the CIA had lied to her. In protecting the CIA, Panetta fulfilled his oath of office. Now that he and his agency have been emasculated, Panetta ought to resign in protest. Many would consider resignation an even greater act of courage and the ultimate expression of patriotism.

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Sen. Kennedy laid to rest

Lawmaker buried alongside brothers at Arlington

By Dan Balz, Keith B. Richburg and Shailagh Murray
The Washington Post

On the day he was carried to his final resting place, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy was remembered Saturday as a legislator of almost unequalled prowess, a political force who left a lasting imprint on the country, and a husband, father and patriarch whose private acts of love and devotion helped his star-crossed family endure tragedy and misfortune.

President Obama led the mourners at a solemn Roman Catholic Mass attended by 1,500 people, including three former presidents, at the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Hope in Boston, where the Kennedy family dynasty was born. A steady rain fell, adding an elegiac touch to a day already drenched in sorrow.

After a last flight to Washington, the Massachusetts senator who served for 47 years was laid to rest in gathering darkness near his two slain brothers, John F. Kennedy and Robert F. Kennedy, on sloping ground at Arlington National Cemetery.

Before the burial ceremony, the hearse carrying Kennedy stopped at the plaza on the East Front of the Capitol. There former Kennedy staffers, lawmakers, other congressional aides and members of the public were gathered to pay their respects.

As the crowd broke into applause, Kennedy's widow, Vicki, emerged, offering embraces. After a short prayer service and the singing of "America the Beautiful," the motorcade proceeded along Constitution Avenue to the cemetery.

Kennedy, D-Mass. died Tuesday night after being diagnosed with brain cancer more than a year ago. His death produced an outpouring of emotion and tributes from around the world that was captured



An honor guard carries the casket from the church after the funeral Mass of Sen. Edward Kennedy at Our Lady of Perpetual Hope Basilica in Boston, Saturday.

AP photo

eloquently on Saturday.

"We do not weep for him today because of the prestige attached to his name or his office," Obama told the friends, dignitaries and Kennedy family members seated in the majestic basilica in Boston. "We weep because we loved this kind and tender hero who persevered through pain and tragedy, not for the sake of ambition or vanity, not for wealth or power, but only for the people and the country he loved."

The president's remarks were largely shorn of political overtones, as he concentrated on the example Kennedy set for fellow politicians and ordinary citizens alike through his public and private works. "The greatest expectations were placed upon Ted Kennedy's shoulders because of who he was, but he surpassed them all because of who he became," he said.

Obama spoke of Kennedy's resilience in the face of "events that would have broken a lesser man," recalling that he was the youngest of nine children but became a rock to his family. Summoning the spirit he attributed to Kennedy in times of difficulty, Obama said, "We carry on."

Obama's closest reference to the contemporary political climate as Washington prepares for a fall struggle over health care came when he said of Kennedy: "He was the product of an age when the joy and nobility of politics prevented differences of party and philosophy from

becoming barriers to respect — a time when cooperation and mutual adversaries still saw each

other as patriots?"

Before Obama's eulogy, Edward M. Kennedy Jr. and Patrick J. Kennedy offered poignant memories of their father that brought both tears and laughter from the audience.

Ted Kennedy Jr., who lost a leg to cancer when he was 12, recalled his father's strength and inspiration as he struggled with his physical handicap. His voice choked with emotion, he remembered a sledding expedition on a snowy day not long after his leg was amputated. After he had fallen, his father helped him climb an icy hill when he doubted his own physical capacity to do so.

"We're going to climb

that hill together, even if it takes us all day," the younger Kennedy said his father told him. He added: "You see, my father taught me that even our most profound losses are survivable, and that it is what we do with that loss, our ability to transform it into a positive event, that is one of my father's greatest lessons."

Ted Kennedy Jr., 47, a lawyer and investment banker who lives in Connecticut, quickly turned the congregation's tears to laughter when he recalled his father's adventuresome spirit and his determination that his children share it. "Our family vacations left us all injured and exhausted," he said.

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Seven found slain at Georgia mobile home; two badly hurt

By Russ Bynum
Associated Press writer

BRUNSWICK, Ga. — Seven people were found slain and two critically injured Saturday at a mobile home park built on the grounds of a historic plantation in southeastern Georgia, police said.

Glynn County Police Chief Matt Doering called it the worst mass slaying in his 25 years of police work in this coastal Georgia county. He wouldn't say how the victims died.

"This is a record for us. We've never had such an incident with so many victims," Doering told reporters. "It's not a scene that I would want anybody to see."

A family member called 911 at about 8 a.m. Saturday after discovering the bodies inside a dingy mobile home shaded by large, moss-draped oaks with an old boat in the front yard.

At an afternoon news conference, Doering declined to say whether police believe the killer was among the dead or remained at large. No arrests had been made.

Investigators were talking to neighbors about whether they saw or heard anything unusual, but hadn't found any witnesses to the crime. Police hadn't interviewed the survivors, who remained in critical condition Saturday night.

"I assume they know something, but we have not been able to speak to them," the chief said.

All seven bodies were tentatively identified by Saturday evening. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation was scheduled to perform autopsies Sunday.

Doering said families of the victims had been notified, but he would not release any names or ages before receiving the autopsy results.

"I really don't know the ages," Doering said. "There were some older-aged victims and we believe there were some in their teens."

Located a few miles north of the port city of Brunswick, the mobile home park consists of



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old live oak trees near the center of New Hope Plantation, according to the plantation's Web site.

The 1,100 acre tract is all that remains of a Crown grant made in 1763 to Henry Laurens, who later succeeded John Hancock as president of the Continental Congress in 1777.

Laurens obtained control of the South Altamaha river lands and named it New Hope Plantation, according to the plantation's Web site.

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Fla. police lure fugitives with stimulus checks

MIAMI (AP) — Police in Florida are using the promise of a stimulus check to make some arrests.

Authorities in Fort Lauderdale say they sent letters to fugitives offering them stimulus money. The suspects were asked to call a hot line and set up an appointment to pick up a check from an auditorium where "South Florida Stimulus Coalition" banners hung.

When the fugitives arrived, they were identified and about 75 were arrested on offenses ranging from grand theft to fraud to attempted murder.

Police spokesman Sgt. Frank Sousa says the two-day sting was dubbed "Operation Show Me The Money." Sousa says the sting saved man hours and allowed police to make arrests in a controlled environment.

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GOP negotiator's criticism dims chances for health-care deal

By Ben Pershing
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A Republican member of the Senate's "Gang of Six" health-care negotiators sharply criticized Democrats' reform plans Saturday, making the climb to a bipartisan deal when Congress returns next week appear even steeper.

In the GOP's weekly radio and Internet address, Sen. Mike Enzi of Wyoming said the Democrats' health-care proposals "will actually make our nation's finances sicker without saving you money" and would also "raid Medicare" and intrude "in the relationship between a doctor and a patient." His remarks are the latest volley in a partisan debate that has grown increasingly heated during the August recess, as some lawmakers have reported hearing fervent opposition to President Barack Obama's reform plans in their states and districts.

"Across the country, people are concerned about the reform bills Democrats have proposed," Enzi said. "I



AP file photo
Sen. Michael Enzi, R-Wyo., ranking Republican on the Senate Health, Education Labor and Pensions Committee, takes part in a committee hearing in October 2007 on Capitol Hill in Washington.

heard a lot of frustration and anger as I traveled across my home state this last few weeks."

Instead of what Democrats suggest, Enzi said Saturday that the Senate should "enact common-sense reform that will actually cut costs," including provisions to help small businesses insure their

workers while reforming the tax code and medical malpractice system.

Enzi is one of six members of the Senate Finance Committee who have been ensconced for weeks in intensive talks over health-care reform. He and his two fellow Republican negotiators, Sens. Charles Grassley of Iowa and Olympia Snowe of Maine, represent the best chance for a bipartisan compromise, as the measures that have passed the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee and two House panels have done so with only Democratic support.

But unlike Snowe and Grassley, Enzi — the top Republican on the Senate Health panel — has a solidly conservative voting record and a relatively scant history of cutting deals with Democrats. Though Enzi has been deeply involved in the Finance panel negotiations at the invitation of panel Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., the Wyoming senator said Saturday, "I hope the president and the Democratic-controlled Congress will

reject the go-it-alone path that they are currently on. If they do, we'll have a chance to truly work on a real bill that will address those critical issues."

Democrats on Capitol Hill and at the White House have floated the possibility of pushing health-care reform through on a party-

line basis, perhaps via a legislative process known as reconciliation. But party leaders haven't given up hope yet of a bipartisan compromise, and the Gang of Six is expected to speak via teleconference on Friday before the full Senate returns Sept. 8.

Senate Majority Leader

Harry M. Reid, D-Nev. said during a tele-town hall Friday that health-care reform should be bipartisan, but suggested Republicans might be trying to kill reform altogether.

"If we can't do a bipartisan bill, we can do a partisan bill," he said. "I don't want to do that."

S. Carolina GOP vents anger over gov's extramarital affair

By Jim Davenport
Associated Press writer

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — Republican legislators fumed Saturday over Gov. Mark Sanford's affair and questionable travel, though they stopped short of trying to force his resignation or impeachment before they return to the Statehouse in January.

Still, the House GOP Caucus that dominates the lower chamber with 73 of the body's 124 members made two things clear — they want Sanford gone and they want to act soon. However, lawmakers are waiting to make any decisions until the state ethics commission finishes its investigation. And starting impeachment proceedings now could require a costly and special session.

In all, 56 members were on hand and not one raised a word to defend Sanford, who shocked state residents by disappearing for five days in June to rendezvous with his Argentine lover. Since then, investigations

by The Associated Press and a state senator have prompted state Attorney General Henry McMaster to call for an ethics investigation. The probe has been under way for about a week.

State Rep. Rita Allison was an education adviser to Sanford, and he supported her 2008 bid to return to a House seat she had held for years before running for lieutenant governor in 2002. Even Allison was mum when House President Pro Tem Harry Cato said Sanford supporters needed to raise their voices now.

"That's because we want him to resign," Allison said afterward. "He made a choice. It wasn't our choice."

Since news of his affair broke, three Associated Press investigations found Sanford used state aircraft for personal travel, violated state requirements by using high-priced air fare and didn't report use of private aircraft.

Sanford has said the news reports reflect "cherry-

picking" of his records and that he only followed the practices set by other governors.

House Speaker Bobby Harrell, R-Charleston, said he's been telling Sanford for weeks legislators and the public are angry. On Saturday, he urged the GOP caucus to hold off on any action involving an impeachment resolution until the state Ethics Commission wrapped up its probe.

"Members of the caucus are disappointed in him, angry with him and in some ways disgusted by the whole thing and they want to deal with it and they want to deal with it as quickly as possible," Harrell said.

Sanford issued a statement Saturday about the caucus.

"It's also important to reiterate what we said yesterday: that we're dedicated to an open and fair ethics process, and would further urge all levels of state government to embrace that same transparency," the statement said.

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Japan's ruling LDP enters elections as underdog

By Eric Talmadge
Associated Press writer

TOKYO — Japanese cast ballots Sunday in hotly contested parliamentary elections in which the ruling conservative party, battered by a laggard economy and voter desire for change after more than half a century of virtual one-party rule, was expected to suffer an overwhelming defeat.



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The Liberal Democratic Party, which has governed Japan for all but 11 months since 1955, went into the elections with all major polls projecting they would lose control of the lower house of parliament.

That would likely mean the fall of Prime Minister Taro Aso and his Cabinet and the creation of a new government headed by centrist Democratic Party of Japan chief Yukio Hatoyama — who would become the first prime minister not backed by the LDP since 1994.

The vote is widely seen as a barometer of two related issues — voter frustrations over the ailing economy, which is in one of its worst slumps since World War II, and a loss

of confidence in the Liberal Democrats' ability to tackle tough problems such as the rising national debt and rapidly aging population.

But even with severe challenges pressing the nation, many analysts said the vote may not be about the issues so much as voters' general desire for something new after nearly 54 years under the Liberal Democrats.

They also note that although the Democrats promise to change Japan's approach on the economy and make Tokyo's diplomacy less U.S.-centric, their founders are both defectors from the Liberal Democrats and are not likely to present too radical a departure from Japan's current path.

"The election is more about emotions than policies," Tokyo University political science professor Takashi Mikuriya said in a televised interview. "Most voters are making the decision not about policies but about whether they are fed up with the ruling party."

Polls opened today at 7 a.m.

North Korea frees South Korean fishermen

By John M. Glionna
Los Angeles Times

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea on Saturday freed four South Korean fishermen held since July after their boat strayed into waters governed by the secretive state.

The gesture came amid thawing relations on the Korean peninsula and followed a joint announcement Friday that the two countries would resume a series of reunions between families that have been divided for decades since the Korean War.

North Korean officials handed over the men and their boat at the eastern sea border between the two countries, officials said.

"I am very pleased, and it's beyond expression," Lee Ah-na, the wife of the boat's captain, told the Associated Press from the eastern port of Geojin, just south of the border.

Negotiations to resume the family reunions after a two-year hiatus led to an agreement to hold six days of temporary reunions involving 200 families beginning Sept. 26, according to a joint statement.

Both sides said they would seek families that have been divided for the last 56 years without mail, telephone or e-mail exchanges.

One North Korea expert said Saturday that North Korea's gestures signal a new policy toward the outside world.

Bombs kill 18 in Iraq, mostly in remote villages

By Sameer N. Yacoub
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — Bombs struck a cafe in Baghdad and remote communities in northern Iraq on Saturday, killing at least 18 people, as the visiting Iranian foreign minister warned that Iraq's instability affected the whole region.

The blasts came just over a week after suicide truck bombers devastated the foreign and finance ministries in Baghdad, killing about 100 people and dealing a blow to confidence in the Iraqi government's ability to protect the people as U.S. forces scale back their presence.

Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki called on neighboring countries to play a positive role in helping stabilize Iraq. His comments took on added significance amid a diplomatic dispute between Iraq and Syria over demands that Damascus extradite suspected Saddam Hussein loyalists blamed for the Baghdad ministry bombings.

"The lack of stability and security in Iraq will definitely affect the region," Mottaki said at a news conference with his Iraqi counterpart, Hoshiyar Zebari. "All of Iraq's neighbors should work seriously and help Iraq in providing security and stability."

The Iraqi government has blamed an alliance of

al-Qaida in Iraq and Saddam loyalists it says are based in Syria for the Aug. 19 bombings and demanded that Damascus hand over two suspected plotters, raising tensions between the two countries.

Iraqi forces have stepped up security in Baghdad and other cities since the truck bombings.

But attackers were still able to detonate an explosives-laden motorcycle near a cafe in an eastern section of the capital at about 8 p.m. on Saturday, killing at least two civilians and wounding 12, according to police and hospital officials.

Saturday's deadliest attack was a truck bombing targeting a small police station in the Sunni village of Hamad north of Baghdad, killing at least 12 people, including six policemen, and wounding 15, according to Iraqi officials.

Such remote villages often depend on a small security force for protection. Bombers have been exploiting that vulnerability in villages surrounding Mosul, in particular. They have mainly targeted ethnic minorities.

In Hamad, police attempted to stop the truck, opening fire and forcing the attacker to change direction and slam into a concrete barrier near a market, the officials said.



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Petersen, BSU prep for matchup with Oregon

By Dustin Lapray
Times-News correspondent



BOISE — It's Oregon week. No. 14 Boise State hosts No. 16 Oregon under the lights at Bronco Stadium Thursday night (8:15 p.m., ESPN). The build-up for the game moved BSU head coach Chris Petersen to break his silence on the matchup.

"It's like starting out with a bowl game," Petersen said on Saturday. "It's a top-ranked team. Usually what you like to do is build through the year and end up with a team like this, not have to coming out of

the gates." The gates at Bronco Stadium will swarm with the largest crowd ever to witness a game in Boise. Fifteen hundred seats were added to the south end zone as the Broncos bring in the highest-ranked opponent to ever play a regular-season game on the Blue.

"One game is not going to make or break a season as much as people make that a case, that's just not going to be our mindset."

— Chris Petersen, Boise State football coach

"I don't think we've ever had this much buzz generated about any team coming in here," Petersen said. "It's great for Boise and Idaho, the program, all those things that go with it."

Petersen sat stoic in his Saturday press conference, applauding the success Oregon brings to the table.

No. 16 Oregon at No. 14 BSU

8:15 p.m., Thursday
TV: ESPN
Radio: 98.3 FM



said. "(Last year's Broncos) were really excited about the game and by the time we got back to Boise, they came in, we watched the tape and moved on to the next opponent."

Petersen said his staff looked at some Oregon film in the spring and a bit more during fall camp. But now they are, "delving in pretty deep." He said they get to look more at Oregon because it's the first opponent and they have more time to plan.

Although the hype for the game has the Bronco faithful on edge,

See **BSU**, Sports 2

Rough opening

"It's been a while since we've lost our first football game of the year, but it's something that we've got to handle."

— Tim Perrigot, Minico coach



RYAN HOWE/Times-News

Minico's Pete Coats tries to escape the tackle of Bishop Kelly's Dominic Chumich (2) and Jake Hardee Saturday at Bishop Kelly High School.

Bishop Kelly blanks inexperienced Minico

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

BOISE — Bishop Kelly didn't allow Minico's offense to even sniff the end zone in the Knights' 24-0 win Saturday.

The past four years, the Spartans won Great Basin Conference West championships due in large part to their potent offense. But on Saturday, Minico never found a rhythm.

In fact, the Spartans looked very much like the inexperienced team that they are, with a junior quarterback, a sophomore run-

ning back and an entire offensive line making their first varsity starts.

"We couldn't find our groove offensively," said Minico head coach Tim Perrigot. "Up front, physically, (Bishop Kelly) handled us. They gave us the (seven-man) front that we thought they would give us. Unfortunately we were unable to move the football."

The Knights held Minico to 31 yards rushing. The Spartans never drove inside the BK 40-yard line and entered BK territory just once in the second half. Whenever Minico made a big play on

offense, it would shoot itself in the foot with a penalty or quarterback sack.

Minico QB Kade Miller completed 20 of 29 passes for 152 yards and two interceptions. He was sacked six times. Most of his throws were dinks and dunks down the field, led by Mark Leon's eight catches for 62 yards and Pete Coats' six grabs for 37 yards.

Knights QB Jake Wylie completed 8 of 18 for 133 yards. BK rushed for 216 yards, led by bruising running backs Nik Buich and Matt Sato, who are each listed over 6-foot and 200 pounds. The

Knights sustained lengthy drives, wearing down the Minico defense.

"It was tiring because they're big boys," said strong safety Keelan McCaffrey. "They were tough to tackle and they ran hard. We worked hard all week, but we weren't prepared. We didn't know what Bishop Kelly was going to do. People said they weren't good, but they're a good football team."

After BK scored on its first drive, the next three quarters were a battle of field position, which Minico suffered

See **MINICO**, Sports 2



DOUG GASKILL/For the Times-News

College of Southern Idaho outside hitter Elisa Brochado, left, smacks the ball against Salt Lake Community College on Saturday during the Outback Invitational at CSI.

Eagles stumble, still win invite

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

It wasn't the way the College of Southern Idaho volleyball team wanted to win its own Outback Invitational, but the Golden Eagles will take it nonetheless and use it as a platform to launch into their 2009 campaign.

No. 14 CSI blitzed No. 8 North Idaho College in four sets in the opening match of Saturday's seeded pool play, before falling to No. 5 Salt Lake Community College in five in the tournament's final match.

CSI (3-1) claimed first place in the tournament by virtue of overall games won on Saturday. The Golden Eagles won five to just four for both of their opponents.

Salt Lake beat CSI 25-19, 20-25, 23-25, 25-21, 15-11 by extending points and wearing down the tiring Golden Eagles.

"I'm not really sure what happened," said CSI sophomore middle Torrey Hulsey, who had eight kills despite hurting her ankle after landing awkwardly in warm-ups. "I guess they just pushed the points a little harder than we did when they needed to."

Jessica Peacock had a match-high 21 kills for CSI, while Elisa Brochado had 13. Whitney Nilson led the Bruins with 14 kills, while Shelbi Zaldain had 12 and Ame White added 10.

CSI head coach Heidi Cartisser declared the weekend a success, despite seeing her team's 22-match home win streak snapped by its most bitter rival.

"The starting seven (six plus libero) have only had 2, 2 1/2 hours on court together. I'm pleased with how we played, even though I hate to lose — I hate it more than I like winning," Cartisser said. "We just ran out of gas in the last match. We need to work on our conditioning a little more and get feeling a little better about going to our bench to relieve the starters. But we'll get there."

CSI OUTBACK INVITATIONAL

Friday's matches

Crossover matches
No. 14 CSI def. Colorado Northwestern CC 25-8, 25-14, 25-13
Snow College def. Western Wyoming College 25-16, 13-25, 15-25, 25-17, 15-10
No. 8 North Idaho College def. Montana State Univ.-Northern 25-21, 25-20, 24-26, 25-23
Preliminary pool play
Pool A
North Idaho def. College of Eastern Utah 25-11, 20-25, 25-14, 25-19
Eastern Utah def. Western Wyoming 29-27, 25-20, 6-25, 25-21
North Idaho def. Western Wyoming 25-16, 25-20, 25-13

Pool B

No. 5 Salt Lake CC def. Colorado Northwestern 25-8, 25-13, 25-14
Northwest College (Wyo.) def. Colorado Northwestern 25-5, 25-22, 25-9
Salt Lake def. Northwest 25-20, 23-25, 25-16, 25-8

Pool C

CSI def. Snow 25-18, 25-21, 25-12
Snow def. MSU-Northern 25-21, 25-19, 19-25, 25-17
CSI def. Montana St. Northern 25-9, 25-9, 25-12

Saturday's matches

Seeded pool play
Pool A
MSU-Northern def. Western Wyoming 25-21, 22-25, 25-17, 19-25, 15-12
Western Wyoming def. Colorado Northwestern 25-11, 25-19, 25-12
MSU-Northern def. Colorado Northwestern 25-9, 25-15, 25-12

Pool B

Eastern Utah def. Snow 15-25, 25-18, 19-25, 25-19, 15-11
Northwest def. Eastern Utah 25-17, 25-15, 20-25, 25-21
Northwest def. Snow 22-25, 25-17, 25-23, 25-21

Pool C

CSI def. North Idaho 25-20, 24-26, 25-21, 25-18
North Idaho def. Salt Lake 25-18, 19-25, 25-23, 25-23
Salt Lake def. CSI 25-18, 20-25, 23-25, 25-21, 15-11

CSI had four players reach double-digit kill

See **CSI**, Sports 2

Big names coming to 2009 Stampede

Brazile, Mauney headline PRCA event

By Diane Philbin
Times-News writer

There will be big names aplenty when the Magic Valley Stampede PRCA rodeo begins Thursday at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer.

Trevor Brazile, the 2008 PRCA All Around Cowboy, and J.B. Mauney, one of the young superstars on the Professional Bull Riders tour, headline the annual event.

Thursday's "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" night kicks off three days of riding and roping, beginning at 7:30 p.m. each day.

A slack for the timed events will follow Friday's performance. This year's event offers competitors a chance to move up in the world standings with an extra incentive purse that has been increased \$5,000 per event with equal money in team roping.

The list of competitors for this year's Stampede is arguably the best ever as leaders in the world standings in all events except steer wrestling and bareback riding will be in action.

Brazile, a six-time world champion All Around Cowboy from Decatur, Texas, leads the world standings in tie-down roping and is first in the all around. Brazile and heeler Patrick Smith of Midland, Texas, are in the top five of the world standings in team roping, with Brazile third

among team roping headers and sixth in steer roping.

His total earnings of \$200,463 puts him \$12,993 ahead of the pace he set in 2007 when he broke the single-season earnings record with \$425,115. He has a \$94,164 lead over second-place Clint Robinson in the all-around world standings and leads the tie-down roping standings by \$20,806 over Ryan Watkins. Any money he earns in Idaho will only improve his bid for a

See **STAMPEDE**, Sports 2

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

AL Boxes
YANKEES 10, WHITE SOX 0
Chicago ab r h bi New York ab r h bi

Toronto IP H R ER BB SO
R.Ronero L11-6 51-3 7 3 3 4 5

ATHLETICS 4, ANGELS 3
Oakland ab r h bi Los Angeles ab r h bi

Friday's Late AL Boxes
MARINERS 6, ROYALS 3
Kansas City ab r h bi Seattle ab r h bi

Los Angeles IP H R ER BB SO
Los Angeles ab r h bi Oakland ab r h bi

INDIANS 5, ORIOLES 3
Cleveland ab r h bi Baltimore ab r h bi

ANGELS II, ATHLETICS 7
Oakland ab r h bi Los Angeles ab r h bi

RED SOX 6, BLUE JAYS 5
Toronto IP H R ER BB SO
Toronto ab r h bi Boston ab r h bi

RAVENS 3, TIGERS 1
Tampa Bay ab r h bi Detroit ab r h bi

GIANTS 5, ROCKIES 3
Colorado ab r h bi San Francisco ab r h bi

GIANTS 5, ROCKIES 3
Colorado ab r h bi San Francisco ab r h bi

RANGERS 3, TWINS 0
Texas ab r h bi Minnesota ab r h bi

GIANTS 5, ROCKIES 3
Colorado ab r h bi San Francisco ab r h bi

TEXAS 2, TWINS 0
Texas ab r h bi Minnesota ab r h bi

GIANTS 5, ROCKIES 3
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GIANTS 5, ROCKIES 3
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GAME PLAN

TV SCHEDULE

12:30 p.m.
ESPN2 - NASCAR, Nationwide Series, NAPA Auto Parts 200

1 p.m.
SPEED - American Le Mans Series, Grand Prix of Mosport

12:30 p.m.
NBC - Crocs Cup Tour Championship, women's championship match

7 a.m.
TGC - European PGA Tour, Johnnie Walker Championship, final round

10 a.m.
TGC - PGA Tour, The Barclays, final round

Noon
CBS - PGA Tour, The Barclays, final round

2 p.m.
ESPN - LPGA, Safeway Classic, final round

5 p.m.
TGC - Champions Tour, Boeing Classic, final round

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

9 a.m.
ESPN - World Series, third place game, Mexico vs. San Antonio, Texas

1 p.m.
ABC - World Series, championship game, Chinese Taipei vs. Chula Vista, Calif.

11 a.m.
TBS - Chicago White Sox at N.Y. Yankees

12:10 p.m.
WGN - N.Y. Mets at Chicago Cubs

2:10 p.m.
FSN - Kansas City at Seattle

6 p.m.
ESPN - Atlanta at Philadelphia

MOTORSPORTS
1 p.m.
FOX - MotoGP World Championship, Indianapolis Grand Prix

4 p.m.
SPEED - MotoGP 250 (same-day tape)

6 p.m.
NBC - Preseason, Chicago at Denver

3:30 p.m.
FSN - Women's Professional Soccer, All-Star Game

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Atlanta Philadelphia
D.Lowe (2), DP-Atlanta 1, LOB-Atlanta 6

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Newspaper: Michigan football regularly violating NCAA rules

DETROIT - Several Michigan football players have told the Detroit Free Press that the program regularly violates NCAA rules limiting how much time they can spend on training and practice sessions.

Players from the 2008 and 2009 teams talked to the newspaper for a story published on its Web site on Saturday. They spoke to the newspaper on condition of anonymity because they feared repercussions from coaches.

Coach Rich Rodriguez and the university's compliance director, Judy Van Horn, both denied that the football program was violating NCAA rules. Those rules allow eight hours a week for mandatory workouts during the off-season.

However, players told the newspaper that they spent two to three times that amount on required workouts.

NASCAR
Ambrose wins Nationwide pole
MONTREAL - When it rained yet again at Circuit Gilles Villeneuve, Marcos Ambrose was in the driver's seat.

The hard-charging Ambrose, who grew up in rainy Tasmania, turned a fast lap of 80.905 mph over the rainswept 2.7-mile street course on Saturday to capture the Nationwide series pole. He easily beat Carl Edwards, whose best lap was 80.116 mph

Sports Shorts

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Formula One star Jacques Villeneuve, who made a gallant run on the track named after his father despite standing water all around the course, was sixth. Series points leader Kyle Busch will start 12th.

MAGIC VALLEY

Ross sinks hole-in-one
Fred Ross made a hole-in-one Thursday on the 153-yard No. 6 hole at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course. The shot, made with a 5-iron, was witnessed by Rick Powell and Sherri Powell.

- Staff and wire reports

2009 NFL SEASON PREVIEW

2009 power rankings

Scale of one to five, with five being the best ranking:

Teams listed in order of 2008 finish with regular-season record

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

	EAST				NORTH				SOUTH				WEST			
	Miami 11-5	New England 11-5	N.Y. Jets 9-7	Buffalo 7-9	Pittsburgh 12-4	Baltimore 11-5	Cincinnati 4-11-1	Cleveland 4-12	Tennessee 13-3	Indianapolis 12-4	Houston 8-8	Jacksonville 5-11	San Diego 8-8	Denver 8-8	Oakland 5-11	Kansas City 2-14
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Total (out of 20)	13	16	13	13	17	15	9	9	16	12	12	10	15	8	8	10
	The return of Jason Taylor could ramp up the defense. QB Chad Pennington has shown he is a winner.	Tom Brady is back, looking healthy and ready to dominate again. Secondary has been renovated.	Enthusiastic Rex Ryan is a coaching upgrade; receiving corps is problematic. Early schedule difficult.	After a steady flow of 7-9 records, coach Dick Jauron needs better; too many holes to contend.	Defending champs need a healthy Ben Roethlisberger; might be deeper and better than last season.	Well-coached, efficient on offense, dynamic on defense. Watch Ravens' running game dominate.	If QB Carson Palmer's arm isn't fully recovered, not even the offense gets a decent grade.	Dickey QB situation, unreliable receivers, spotty O-line. And not much is better on defense.	Great balance; losing DT Albert Haynesworth could hurt. Might have best running in league.	Coaching mark could go up if Jim Caldwell is somewhat comparable to Tony Dungy. O-line must show consistency.	Don't be misled by the same total number as Colts, Texans not nearly as good as Indy.	Not much offensively other than Maurice Jones-Drew, and defense lacks play-makers.	Shawne Merriman is back, which could mean lights out for opposing offenses. Division should be romp.	House-cleaning under Josh McDaniels left more questions than answers; several unhappy Broncos.	Team Turmoil might be outdoing itself this year. How long before roster makes Jeff Garcia replace QB JaMarcus Russell?	Todd Haley's coaching approach, upgraded roster makes respect-able, if not winners.

After 18 months in federal prison on dogfighting charges, Michael Vick tries to resurrect his career in the 'City of Brotherly Love' with the Eagles and a ...

Chance for redemption



As one of the NFC favorites, the Philadelphia Eagles were willing to take a gamble on the former Atlanta Falcons QB based on his big-play potential alone. In what seems like an ideal situation for Vick, he'll back up All-Pro Donovan McNabb and continue to be advised by highly revered former Colts coach Tony Dungy. Strategically, look for head coach Andy Reid to incorporate some wildcat into an already potent offense and for Philadelphia's famously fanatic fans to forgive and forget if Vick becomes the difference-maker in their quest for a first Super Bowl title. It won't be the same case for animal rights groups. His presence has already been a distraction and he probably won't play in a regular-season game until mid-October. Looking at the bigger picture, what is a second chance for Vick, may be a last one for Reid and this particular cadre of Eagles.

Dolphins 90

Browns 29

Falcons 15

Chiefs 13

49ers 13

Raiders 12

Bills 11

Panthers 11

Rams 9

Jets 8

Eagles 5

Cardinals 4

Bears 4

Patriots 3

Bengals 2

Texans 2

Chargers 2

Buccaneers 2

Jaguars 1

Giants 1

League goes 'wild' over offense

The wildcat formation, used by the Miami Dolphins with much success last year, will likely continue to be incorporated into NFL schemes this season.

Number of times wildcat formation used, 2008

Team	Plays	YDS	Comp %	TD
Overall	237	1,375	5.8	13
Rushing	220	1,243	5.7	10
Passing	17	132	7.8	3

New faces in the coaching ranks

Of the record-tying 11 new head coaches this season, nine will be top dog for the first time.

Past 10 seasons

Year	New Coaches	Total
1999	6	9
2000	5	7
2001	6*	8
2002	4*	8
2003	2	5
2004	3	7
2005	3	7
2006	7	10
2007	4	6
2008	4	6
2009	9*	11

*Includes those who served as interim coaches at the end of the previous season.

Decades' best

The top five regular-season records of the past 10 years (1999-08):

TEAM	W	L	T	PCT	PLAYOFF	SUPER BOWL
Colts	114	46	0	.713	9	1
Patriots	110	50	0	.688	6	4
Steelers	100	59	1	.628	6	2
Eagles	97	62	1	.609	7	1
Titans	96	64	0	.600	6	1

Everything's bigger in Texas



Cowboys Stadium, the team's new venue in Arlington, will play its first regular-season game against division rival Giants on Sunday, Sept. 20.

- Capacity:** 80,000 regular season; expandable to 100,000
- Amenities:** Retractable roof; world's largest HD video screen; 60 yards long, stretching from 20-yard line to 20-yard line
- Construction cost:** \$1.15 billion
- Super Bowl host:** 2011

Marquee matchups

Some interesting games worth watching:

- Titans at Steelers (Week 1)**
Thursday-night opener features 2008 champs (Pittsburgh) and AFC's No. 1 seed (Tennessee)
- Giants at Cowboys (Week 2)**
Boys open new stadium hosting division rival on Sunday night
- Colts at Titans (Week 5)**
Showdown between AFC South rivals in primetime on Sunday night
- Patriots at Buccaneers (Week 7)**
London's Wembley Stadium hosts NFL's third regular-season game overseas
- Cardinals at Bears (Week 9)**
Can Chicago's stingy D stop Arizona's high-powered offense?
- Falcons at Giants (Week 11)**
Atlanta QB Matt Ryan looks to shine on Broadway versus Eli Manning and the Giants
- Vikings at Panthers (Week 15)**
Carolina's rushing attack faces Minnesota's run-stuffing defense
- Eagles at Cowboys (Week 17)**
Final weekend features these division rivals. Will a playoff berth be on the line?

Team rankings compiled by AP Football Writer Barry Wilner

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

	EAST				NORTH				SOUTH				WEST			
	N.Y. Giants 12-4	Philadelphia 9-6-1	Dallas 9-7	Washington 8-8	Minnesota 10-6	Chicago 9-7	Green Bay 6-10	Detroit 0-16	Carolina 12-4	Atlanta 11-5	Tampa Bay 9-7	New Orleans 8-8	Arizona 9-7	San Francisco 7-9	Seattle 4-12	St. Louis 2-14
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Total (out of 20)	16	15	13	12	12	12	13	8	13	14	11	14	14	13	11	10
	Experienced, eager to atone for late-season bust in 2008. Excellent running game and pass rush.	Death of defensive coordinator Jim Johnson opens unit to questions. And what will Michael Vick's effect be?	Head coach Wade Phillips needs a breakthrough season. Free agent DT Albert Haynesworth must make huge impact.	QB Jason Campbell needs a breakthrough season. Free agent DT Albert Haynesworth must make huge impact.	Brett Favre's impact could lift them to elite, or also-rans, depending on whether they get the legend or injured vet.	Maybe Devin Hester should be used on kick returns more and as a wideout less. His impact has been diminished.	Switch to 3-4 defense could take some adjustment, but talent is there.	New coach Jim Schwartz has to be an improvement; unlikely to go winless again.	LB Jon Beason's injury and DE Julius Peppers are discontent raise flags about a usually solid defense.	Offense figures to be among best in NFC, and Falcons are riding wave of confidence after last season's turnaround.	Changes everywhere, most particularly in leadership and experience.	Could be as good as division rival Atlanta with the ball, but need Reggie Bush to be consistent all-around threat.	If running game produces and the D has a slight upgrade, another Super Bowl trip not out of the question.	Frank Gore will be relied on to carry the offense, and Patrick Willis to anchor defense—same as last year.	Injuries plaguing Seattle, which was destroyed by them last year. Jim Mora replaces Mike Holmgren.	RB Steven Jackson raises mark on offense. New coach Steve Spagnuolo will succeed in time.



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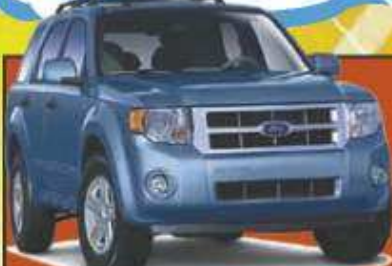
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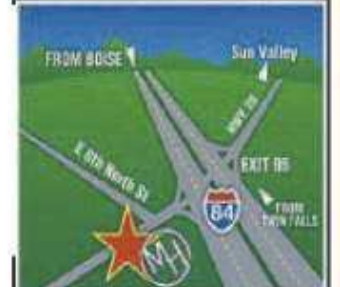


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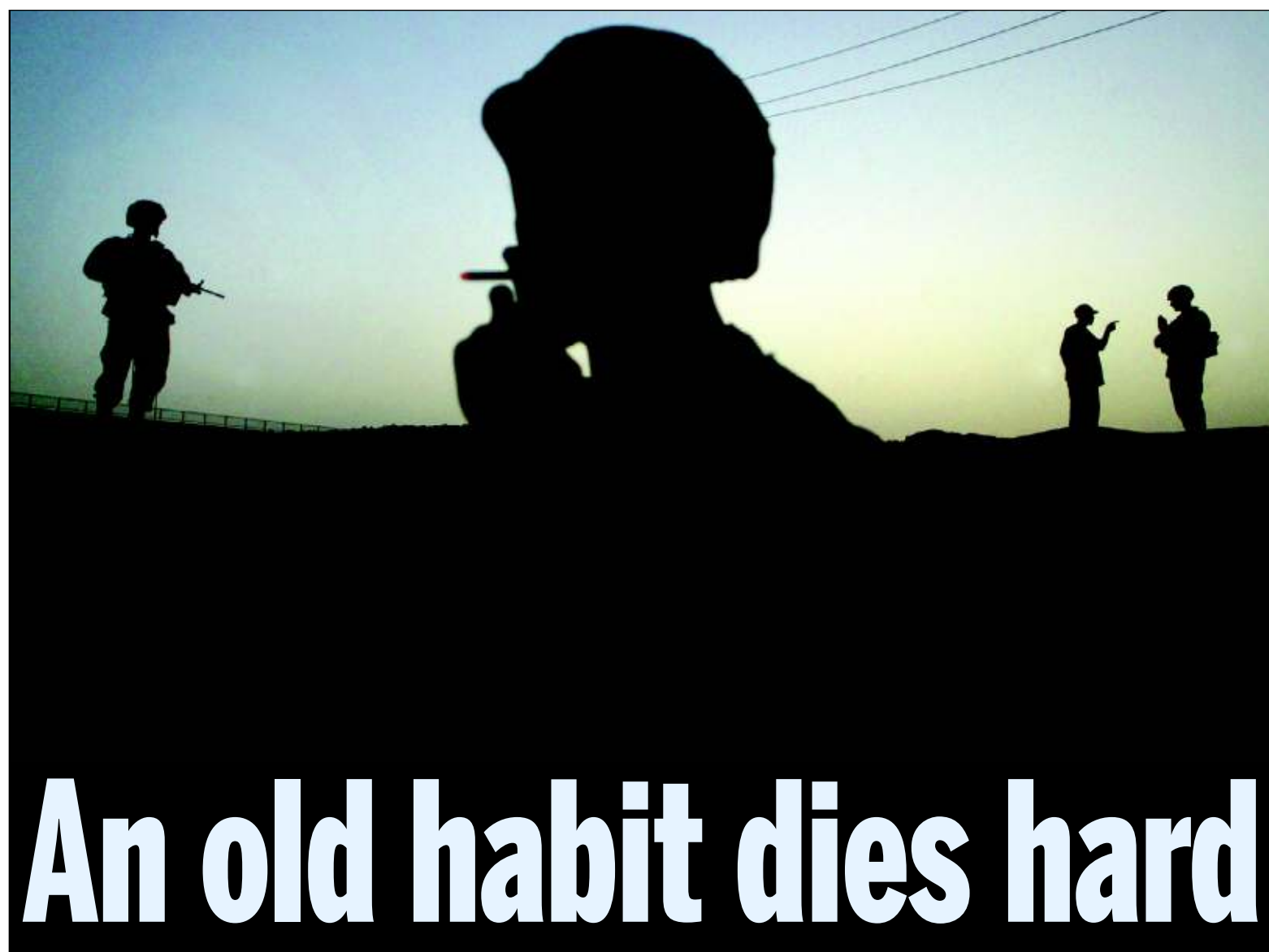
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An old habit dies hard

Proposal for smoke-free military draws fire

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press writer

FORWARD OPERATING BASE FALCON, Iraq — Gen. Douglas MacArthur had his signature cornob pipe. Soldiers got cigarettes in their C-rations during World War II. Even today, America's war on tobacco seems to have largely bypassed the military.

Now a proposal to make the forces smoke-free is drawing strong reactions from troops who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, even though the Pentagon itself says any ban is a long way off.

The troops' fears — and, in some cases, hopes — were triggered by a study commissioned by the Pentagon and the Veterans Affairs Department that recommends moving toward a tobacco-free military, perhaps in about 20 years.

"Your nerves get all rattled and you need something to calm you down," said Staff Sgt. Jerry Benson of San Bernadino, California, with the 5th Stryker Brigade in southern Afghanistan.

Benson, a tall, thin redhead with a buzz cut, said his first attempt to quit smoking was foiled by stress from a roadside bombing in Iraq.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates seems to agree.

"He knows that the situa-

A LOOK AT SMOKING IN THE MILITARY

Highlights of a study commissioned by the Pentagon and the Veterans Affairs Department to combat tobacco use in the military:

- Tobacco is used by fewer than 20 percent of Americans compared with more than 30 percent of active-duty military personnel and about 22 percent of veterans.
- Tobacco use in the military has risen since 1998, threatening to reverse steady declines for several decades.
- The rate of smoking among military personnel returning from Iraq and Afghanistan may be 50 percent higher than the rate of those who didn't go there.
- The Defense Department spends more than \$1.6 billion a year on tobacco-related medical care, increased hospitalizations and lost days of work.
- In 2008, the Veterans Affairs Department spent more than \$5 billion treating veterans with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, which is linked to tobacco use.

Recommendations

- Establish a timeline to ban all tobacco use on military installations, starting with military academies and officer training programs in both universities and the military, followed by new recruits and then active-duty personnel.
- Stop discounting tobacco products in military commissaries and exchanges and eventually stop selling them altogether.
- Prohibit tobacco use anywhere on military installations.
- Remove federal legislation that requires VA facilities to set up designated smoking areas, allowing them to become smoke-free.
- Engage top officials at the Defense and Veterans Affairs departments to implement and enforce comprehensive tobacco-control programs.

Source: June 2009 report, "Combating Tobacco In Military and Veteran Populations," by the Institute of Medicine in Washington. The institute was chartered in 1970 as part of the National Academy of Sciences.

tion they are confronting is stressful enough as it is," said his press secretary, Geoff Morrell. "I don't think he is interested in adding to the stress levels by taking away one of the few outlets they may have to relieve stress."

He said Gates is not planning any ban, but is reviewing the study by the Institute of Medicine, which provides independent advice to policymakers, health professionals and the public, to see if steps can be taken toward having a smoke-free force some day.

U.S. military personnel and veterans interviewed by The Associated Press had

strong opinions about life in the military without cigarettes, cigars and chewing tobacco.

Some said it would cut medical costs and make the force healthier, while eliminating smoking breaks would increase productivity. Others said it would dampen morale and reduce recruitment to the all-volunteer military.

Nearly all, however, said it was impractical and probably would never happen.

"It's an outrage," said Staff Sgt. Joe Dunn, 32. "I've been smoking for about 15 years and being forced to stop — not on my own terms — is something I'd

have a hard time dealing with."

Dunn, of Gastonia, North Carolina, spoke during a cigarette break at the dusty Forward Operating Base Falcon south of Baghdad.

"I'm a fairly high-strung individual to start with," Dunn said. "If I were forced to quit, I'd probably be unbearable."

While smoking has declined in the U.S. civilian population, it remains high in the military despite various measures such as designating smoking areas.

In 2005, a third of the active-duty military smoked compared with a fifth of the adult U.S. popu-

U.S. Army Pfc. Luis Livargas of Somerville, Mass., smokes as an Iraqi civilian talks with another soldier of A Company 3rd Battalion 7th Infantry Regiment while on patrol in Habaniyah, Iraq, in July 2003.

lation, the Institute of Medicine study said. Tobacco use in the military declined overall from 1980 to 2005, but is now reflecting the effects of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

Smoking rates among military personnel returning from both war zones may be 50 percent higher than among those not deployed, according to the study, which argues that the military has not tackled the problem as a priority.

Smokers are easy to find at the Falcon base, perched on railings in the designated smoking areas, using soft-drink cans for ashtrays.

"Smoking has been proven bad for your health, but it's a choice. It's not illegal. Drunk driving is illegal," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Alexander Roehm, 23, of Cincinnati, Ohio, who smokes 10 to 20 cigarettes a day and also chews tobacco.

"Look at the movies. Smoking is one of the things you always see with Vietnam and World War II films. In World War II, smoking was a big thing. My grandpa used to say that cigarettes were one of the big things that they were real happy to get. It was just something to do."

For intelligence officers, a Wiki way to connect dots

By Steve Vogel
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Intellipedia, the intelligence community's version of Wikipedia, hummed in the aftermath of the Iranian presidential election in June, with personnel at myriad government agencies updating a page dedicated to tracking the disputed results.

Similarly, a page established in November immediately after the terrorist attack in Mumbai provided intelligence analysts with a better understanding of the scope of the incident, as well as a forum to speculate on possible perpetrators.

"There were a number of things posted that were ahead of what was being reported in the press," said Sean Dennehy, the CIA officer who helped establish the site.

Intellipedia is a collaborative online intelligence repository, and it runs counter to traditional reluctance in the intelligence community to the sharing of classified information. Indeed, it still meets with formidable resistance from many quarters of the 16 agencies that have access to the system.

But the site, which is available only to users with proper government clearance, has grown markedly since its formal launch in 2006 and now averages more than 15,000 edits per day. It's home to 900,000 pages and 100,000 user accounts.

"About everything that happens of significance, there's an Intellipedia page on," Dennehy said.

Intellipedia sprung from a 2004 paper by CIA employee Calvin Andrus titled "The Wiki and the Blog: Toward a Complex Adaptive Intelligence Community?"

Dennehy listened to a presentation by Andrus and recalled the skepticism among colleagues about adapting Wikipedia to the intelligence community. He shared their skepticism. "But something he said interested me enough to look into it further," Dennehy said.

Context was also a factor. After the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, intelligence agencies had come under intense criticism for failing to pull together disparate strands of information pointing to the possibility of a major incident.

"We were all doing it in stovepipes," Dennehy said.

Dennehy described 9/11 not so much as a catalyst but as a selling point to explain how Intellipedia could help collate information. "Cal used 9/11 as a backdrop," said Dennehy. "It was really more about what was happening on the Web."

In 2005, Dennehy was given the job of leading the effort and persuading the intelligence community to use it, a task likened to "promoting vegetarianism in Texas" by the Partnership for Public Service, a non-profit group devoted to improving the federal government.

Cultural resistance to Intellipedia includes concerns that foreign intelligence agents could hack into the system. Many intelligence officers, particularly of the older generation, simply do not trust it.

"There isn't any one agency that is more or less prone to use it. It's really a product of individuals," said Don Burke, a fellow CIA officer who helps promote the Intellipedia initiative.

Mexico's drug violence spills into U.S. suburbia

By William Booth
The Washington Post

EL PASO, Texas — Jose Daniel Gonzalez was living the sweet life in America. He bought the \$365,000 two-story Mediterranean with the tile roof and swimming pool. He started a trucking company, was raising a family. But on a Friday night in May, he was executed in his front yard — eight shots, tight pattern, close range.

According to police detectives, Gonzalez knew the man who ordered his killing. He also knew the man who stood on his lawn and watched him die. These things are often personal, especially among high-level drug traffickers.

A gangland-style slaying is no big news across the river in Ciudad Juarez, the bloodiest city in Mexico, where more than 1,300 peo-



ple have been killed in 2009, and only a handful of cases have been solved despite the presence of 10,000 soldiers and federal police officers in President Felipe Calderon's war on drug cartels.

But in El Paso, where local leaders boast how safe their city is and the 12 homicides this year have almost all been solved, the Gonzalez killing was as disturbing as it was sensational. For people here, the blood splashed

on a pretty American street was a jarring sign that Mexico's drug violence is spilling across the border into U.S. suburbia.

Most unsettling for many, especially El Paso police officials, was that both Gonzalez and the man accused of ordering his killing turned out to be ranking drug traffickers from the notorious Juarez cartel, as well as informers for the U.S. government.

"So this is how these people end up in our country," said El Paso police Lt. Alfred Lowe, the lead homicide detective and 29-year veteran whose team made the arrests in the Gonzalez case. "We bring them here."

As a spectacular wave of drug violence washes over Mexico, the Obama administration, the U.S. Congress and leaders in the southwest states are spending billions

of dollars and massing thousands of agents to keep the chaos from crossing the border.

But in order to fight the drug traffickers, federal anti-narcotics agents have brought Mexican cartel members north of the border, to use them to gather intelligence and build cases.

That has led to friction between U.S. law enforcement agencies. In meetings with federal counterparts, El Paso Police Chief Greg Allen, who lives close to the Gonzalez home and heard the shots the night of the slaying, said he has complained about a lack of cooperation and information sharing. Allen told reporters he raised those complaints in meetings with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency, known as ICE, which, according to police

and charging documents, arranged for Gonzalez's visa to live in the United States.

Lowe said ICE agents were uncooperative during the investigation, misleading El Paso officers by failing to provide accurate names, photographs of suspects and timely intelligence that might have helped solve the homicide more quickly.

"We've never worked well with ICE," Lowe said.

ICE officials declined to comment on the specifics of the Gonzalez case or the conduct and cooperation of their agents. "As a matter of policy, we don't confirm or deny confidential sources or sources of information," said Richard Rocha, spokesman for ICE in Washington. "All allegations of misconduct are taken seriously and if reported will be fully reviewed."

Poles remember the first bombs of WWII

By **Monika Scislowka**
Associated Press writer

WIELUN, Poland — Just before dawn on Sept. 1, 1939, 13-year-old Eugeniusz Kolodziejczyk stood on a train station platform, fidgeting with his father's watch.

Amid mounting saber rattling from Nazi Germany, his father had been called away to defend Poland's borders in case of war.

The war came to them instead — fierce, quick and dealing destruction in minutes: The opening salvos of World War II in Europe.

The boy heard a roaring sound above and looked up to see squadrons of planes — low slung Stuka dive bombers, the black cross of Germany's Luftwaffe visible.

The bombs began to fall. Kolodziejczyk looked at the watch: 4:40 a.m. The explosions set off a worldwide conflict that would rage for more than half a decade and leave more than 40 million military and civilian dead.

"I saw smoke and fire, I heard explosions and ... screaming," said Kolodziejczyk, now 83, his voice quavering as he recalled the day 70 years ago Tuesday. "I was in shock."

Wielun was the first victim of the war in Europe, even before the tiny Polish military outpost on Westerplatte, some 250 miles to the north on the Baltic Sea, shelled by the German battleship Schleswig-Holstein five minutes after Wielun.

Westerplatte is the site of state ceremonies marking the 70th anniversary of the start of the war, to be attended by German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Russia's Prime Minister Vladimir Putin.

But Wielun defends its place in history and will hold its own anniversary ceremonies with the participa-

tion of President Lech Kaczynski.

Last year it nominated itself for the Nobel Peace Prize arguing its wartime past qualifies it — along with Guernica, the Spanish town that was severely bombed during that nation's Civil War and became a symbol of war's barbarity — to carry a message of pacifism.

The attack on Wielun was a harbinger of what Poland and the rest of Europe had in store for them as the continent faced total war: some 1,200 of the town's 15,000 citizens were killed and more than 70 percent of its downtown turned to rubble.

During the Nazi occupation, Poland lost some 6 million citizens and more than half its national wealth in destroyed factories, burned

down museums, libraries and villages. The country was also to be used as base for the occupying Nazis' genocide machinery, home to Auschwitz, Majdanek, Sobibor and other death camps built for the annihilation of Europe's Jews.

It is not entirely clear why Germany chose Wielun, just 12 miles from the border, as its first target.

"There were no troops or commanders stationed here, there was no key industry," said Jan Ksiazek, head of the town's history museum. "Probably, it was to provoke panic among the civilians."

In a book published in Berlin in 1939 Luftwaffe officers said they believed Polish troops were stationed in the city.

Today, the main square is



Museum of Wielun/AP file photo

Destroyed houses are seen in the center of Wielun, Poland, after it was bombed by the German Luftwaffe Sept. 1, 1939. Tuesday is the 70th anniversary of the start of World War II.

framed by low, modern houses that filled in the void left after the old, historic buildings were demolished. There are no reminders of the bombings except for the stone foundations of a 14th century church in the town center.

As the bombs fell,

Kolodziejczyk remembers running to help a small girl who was lying on a heap of rubble, her face covered in blood.

But when he lifted her "her hands ... dropped lifelessly."

With his father, he helped bring two other injured girls

and two injured women to medical assistance, then fled to his home on the outskirts of town and told his grandmother what had happened.

"I don't believe that the Germans, such a cultured and educated nation, could do something like this," he recalled her saying.

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Digging up the Saudi past: Some would rather not

By Donna Abu-Nasr
Associated Press writer

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Much of the world knows Petra, the ancient ruin in modern-day Jordan that is celebrated in poetry as “the rose-red city, ‘half as old as time,’” and which provided the climactic backdrop for “Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade.”

But far fewer know Madain Saleh, a similarly spectacular treasure built by the same civilization, the Nabateans.

That’s because it’s in Saudi Arabia, where conservatives are deeply hostile to pagan, Jewish and Christian sites that predate the founding of Islam in the 7th century.

But now, in a quiet but notable change of course, the kingdom has opened up an archaeology boom by allowing Saudi and foreign archaeologists to explore cities and trade routes long lost in the desert.

The sensitivities run deep. Archaeologists are cautioned not to talk about pre-Islamic finds outside scholarly literature. Few ancient treasures are on display, and no Christian or Jewish relics. A 4th or 5th century church in eastern Saudi Arabia has been fenced off ever since its accidental discovery 20 years ago and its exact whereabouts kept secret.

In the eyes of conservatives, the land where Islam was founded and the Prophet Muhammad was born must remain purely Muslim. Saudi Arabia bans public displays of crosses and churches, and whenever non-Islamic artifacts are excavated, the news must be kept low-key lest hard-liners destroy the finds.

“They should be left in the ground,” said Sheikh Mohammed al-Nujaimi, a well-known cleric, reflecting the views of many religious leaders. “Any ruins belonging to non-Muslims should not be touched. Leave them in place, the way they have been for thousands of years.”



A visitor looks at a bronze head and claw of a lion from the 1st century B.C. in an exhibit at the Saudi National Museum in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, July 12.

In an interview, he said Christians and Jews might claim discoveries of relics, and that Muslims would be angered if ancient symbols of other religions went on show. “How can crosses be displayed when Islam doesn’t recognize that Christ was crucified?” said al-Nujaimi. “If we display them, it’s as if we recognize the crucifixion.”

In the past, Saudi authorities restricted foreign archaeologists to giving technical help to Saudi teams. Starting in 2000, they began a gradual process of easing up that culminated last year with American, European and Saudi teams launching significant excavations on sites that have long gone lightly explored, if at all.

At the same time, authorities are gradually trying to acquaint the Saudi public with the idea of exploring the past, in part to eventually develop tourism. After years of being closed off, 2,000-year-old Madain Saleh is Saudi Arabia’s first UNESCO World Heritage Site and is open to tourists. State media now occasionally mention discoveries as well as the kingdom’s little known antiquities museums.

“It’s already a big change,” said Christian Robin, a leading French archaeologist and a member of the College de France. He is working in the southwestern region of Najran, mentioned in the Bible by

the name Raamah and once a center of Jewish and Christian kingdoms.

No Christian artifacts have been found in Najran, he said.

Spearheading the change is the royal family’s Prince

Sultan bin Salman, who was the first Saudi in space when he flew on the U.S. space shuttle Discovery in 1985. He is now secretary general of the governmental Saudi Commission for Tourism and Antiquities.

Dhaifallah Altalhi, head of the commission’s research center at the governmental Saudi Commission for Tourism and Antiquities, said there are 4,000 recorded sites of different periods and types, and most of the excavations are on pre-Islamic sites.

“We treat all our sites equally,” said Altalhi. “This is part of the history and culture of the country and must be protected and developed.” He said archaeologists are free to explore and discuss their findings in academic venues.

Still, archaeologists are cautious. Several declined to comment to The Associated Press on their work in the kingdom.

The Arabian Peninsula is rich, nearly untouched territory for archaeologists. In

pre-Islamic times it was dotted with small kingdoms and crisscrossed by caravan routes to the Mediterranean. Ancient Arab peoples — Nabateans, Lihyans, Thamud — interacted with Assyrians and Babylonians, Romans and Greeks.

Much about them is unknown.

Najran, discovered in the 1950s, was invaded nearly a century before Muhammad’s birth by Dhu Nawas, a ruler of the Himyar kingdom in neighboring Yemen. A convert to Judaism, he massacred Christian tribes, leaving triumphant inscriptions carved on boulders.

At nearby Jurash, a previously untouched site in the mountains overlooking the Red Sea, a team led by David Graf of the University of Miami is uncovering a city that dates at least to 500 B.C. The dig could fill out knowledge of the incense routes running through the area and the interactions of the region’s kingdoms over a 1,000-year span.

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Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My neighbors and I are extremely concerned about my next-door neighbor of 38 years, "Anne." She was always somewhat of a narcissist, and her husband has always been an unsociable, passive-aggressive bore who thinks he's always right.

Since he retired, Anne has been drinking. She even asked one of our neighbors' sons if he had any marijuana. She seems to live in a fantasy world and tells stories that aren't true.

Anne never talks to anyone on the phone anymore and has become isolated from most of her former friends. When people ring her doorbell, she pretends she isn't home. She is always with her husband and only expresses his likes, opinions and thoughts. He apparently likes these changes in his wife, but the rest of us find them alarming.

When we ask Anne if anything is wrong, she says "everything is fine." Do you think there is anything we can do to help her?

— SAN CARLOS NEIGHBOR

worried about her.

However, if she doesn't, and because she insists that everything is fine, make sure she knows that you and her other friends care about her. Tell her you are concerned because you rarely have contact with her, but will be there for her as always if she needs you.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I live and work in a delightful resort town. Lately, we have noticed a trend among our friends and family who are traveling to our town. Instead of calling in advance, many of them call us on the day they hope to see us. In the last two weeks, it has happened three times.

These are people we like and would enjoy seeing, but we work full-time and we usually need a little more advance notice.

We know our friends make plans well in advance to book airline reservations, so we're baffled that they don't contact us while they are making their travel plans. What can we say when our friends call hoping to see us and then are

disappointed when we already have plans?

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DEAR BEACH DWELLERS: Tell them that you are disappointed, too, and the next time they plan to be in the area to please call sooner because you make your plans in advance and can't cancel the ones you already have.

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend, "Ashley," and I have been dating exclusively for about two years. Last week, her boss asked her to be his friend's date so he and his girlfriend and the friend could attend a concert for which he had tickets.

I was upset about it, but Ashley said that because I couldn't afford tickets she was going to take the opportunity and go. In other words, she accepted the offer to be his friend's date in order to attend.

Am I right to be upset with my girlfriend for being her boss's friend's date?

— HURT IN INDIANA

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You could easily be caught up in misunderstandings during the week ahead. You may misinterpret someone's actions and spoil your chances.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

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In 1989, a federal jury in New York found "hotel queen" Leona Helmsley guilty of income tax evasion, but acquitted her of extortion. (Helmsley ended up serving 18 months behind bars, a month at a halfway house and two months under house arrest.)

In 1991, Azerbaijan declared its independence, joining the stampede of republics seeking to secede from the Soviet Union.

In 1997, Americans received word of the car crash in Paris that claimed the lives of Princess Diana, Dodi Fayed and their driver, Henri Paul. (Because of the time difference, it was Aug. 31st where the crash occurred.)

Ten years ago: Residents of East Timor voted for independence from Indonesia in a U.N.-sponsored ballot. (Afterward, pro-Indonesia militiamen reacted by going on a violent rampage that ended when international forces were sent in.)

Five years ago: Republicans opened their national convention in New York, with speakers belittling Democratic Sen. John Kerry as a shift-in-the-wind campaigner unworthy of the White House and lavishing praise on President George W. Bush as a steady, decisive leader in an age of terrorism. President Bush ignited a Democratic inferno of criticism by suggesting on NBC's "Today" show that an all-out victory against terrorism might not be possible.

One year ago: Hurricane Gustav slammed into Cuba as a monstrous Category 4 storm, damaging 100,000 homes and causing billions of dollars in damage, but no reported fatalities. Pro wrestling pioneer Walter "Killer" Kowalski died in Everett, Mass., at age 81.

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By Melissa Davlin • Times-News writer

James Kellis rested in his armchair in his Jerome home, wearing a Harley-Davidson shirt that matched his decorated prosthetic leg. The leg stood a few feet away — Kellis had just received it the day before and couldn't wear it for more than two hours a day.

His wife, Robin, sat nearby, ready to answer the door or help Kellis put on his leg. For the past four years, she has helped him with everything from getting glasses of water to getting into the bathroom — actions Kellis took for granted before his injury.

After 29 years in the National Guard, Kellis is now unemployed and on Social Security. The couple hopes that his new prosthetic will make him less dependent and help him return to the athletic, active mechanic he was just five years ago.

Kellis was a maintenance officer with the National Guard's 116th when the unit was deployed to Iraq in late 2004.

While he walked to work in Kirkuk one day in May 2005, Kellis' ankle starting aching. Army doctors couldn't pinpoint a reason, so he just hobbled on.

"I spent my life as a mechanic," he said. He was used to broken fingers and sores. "You just deal with it and go on."

But the pain continued. When his unit came home in November 2005, he saw a local foot doctor.

"All anybody came up with, really, was that I had partially torn my Achilles tendon," he said.

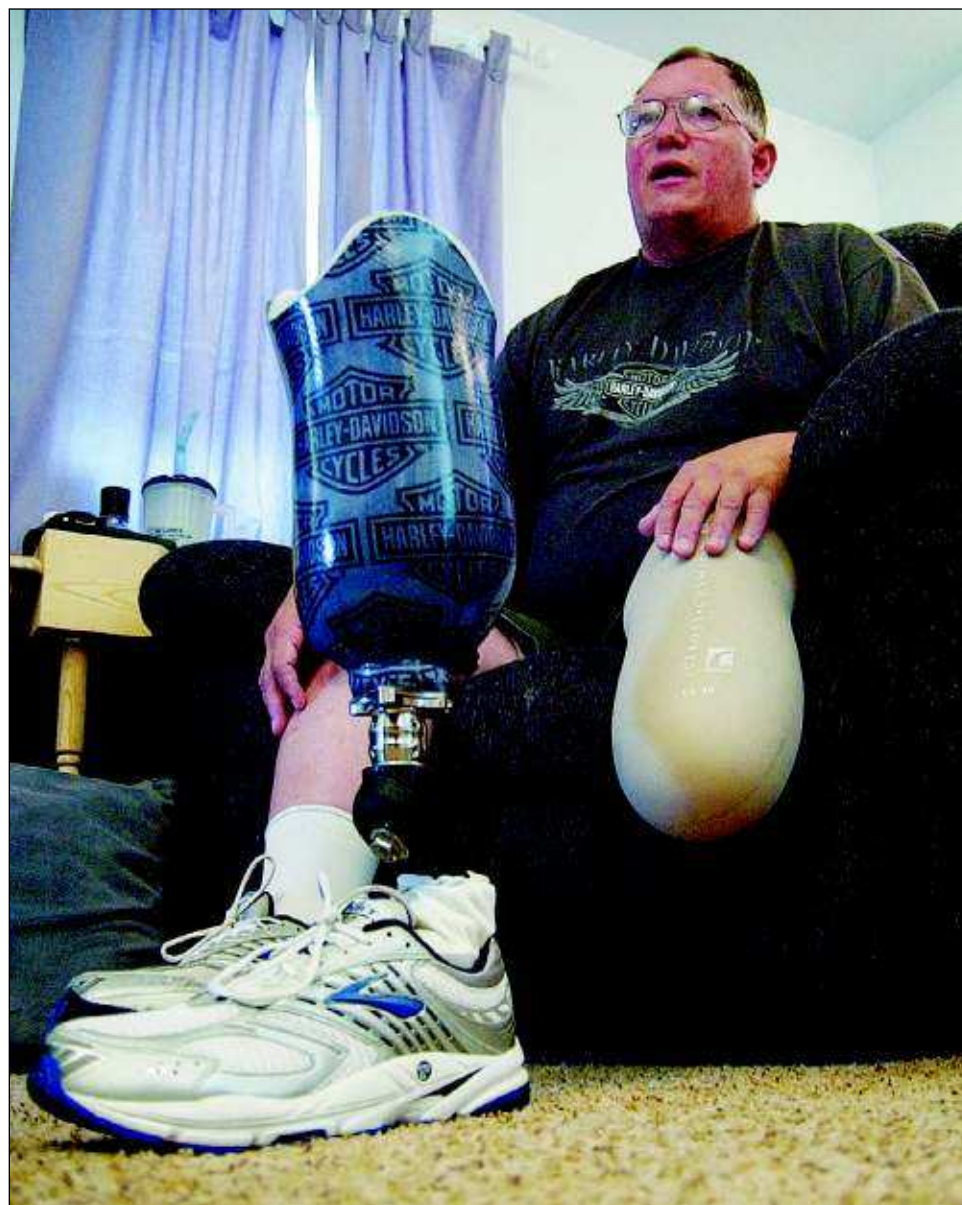
He spent a few months in a boot but still had problems with pain and mobility. In August 2006, a surgeon told him he needed surgery. Because Kellis had been paying for procedures out-of-pocket, he decided instead to go back on active duty.

Doctors at Fort Lewis in Washington agreed that he needed surgery, so in December 2006, they sent him home for physical therapy and the first surgery. Surgeons cut away at the scar tissue and damage in his Achilles tendon.

That didn't work. In July 2007, they cut a tendon from his big toe and transferred it to his ankle to allow dorsiflexion, the movement of the foot up toward the shin. (It also rendered his big toe immobile.) The surgery was only marginally successful — Kellis could then flex his foot at 4 degrees, compared with the normal 20 degrees.

Kellis' story continues on *Family Life 3*

Injured veteran makes a difficult decision and learns to live with the consequences



DREW GODLESKI/for the Times-News

Jerome resident James Kellis talks about his time with the National Guard and the extent of his injuries at his home Aug. 7. Kellis was injured in May 2005 in Kirkuk, Iraq.

"Now that (my foot is) gone, I can tell how much it really bothered me."

The big chill: Now in your family freezer

In an economy like this one where families start relying more on food storage, it's time for some cold hard truth.

I'm talking about your freezer. It's time to thaw out your kitchen's biggest embarrassment.

SPILT MILK

David Cooper



First off, I'm not really targeting young families, new couples or singles. No, I'm specifically mentioning older families, empty-nest parents and grandparents. You people are getting out of control. Be honest now. Your freezer probably has the tidiness of a Mexican cantina.

Frozen foods are a modern dietary idea that provides twice the convenience and half the taste. Thanks to the freezer section of your grocer, a full week of meals can be stored in half the space as fresh foods, be cooked in an eighth of the time, and be gobbled up and disposed of before the end of "Wheel of Fortune."

But somehow the freezer has become the stowaway closet for all meals. And if you're one of the many Americans who have storage freezers in the garage, well, I'm willing to bet a box of Hot Pockets that you've got serious clutter issues.

For those who are over 50 and were raised by parents of the Depression, you're partly to blame for this. That generation taught us to conserve, to preserve and not to waste, but some of the items you're keeping in the freezer wouldn't belong in a nuclear fallout shelter.

Take my mother for instance. Three years ago when she sold her house in Salt Lake to move to Twin Falls, one of the biggest chores was cleaning out older goods from her freezer. One of the items was a fryer chicken from Safeway.

Safeway left the Salt Lake market around 1988. I'm guessing that frozen bird was probably older than most of her grandkids.

When she moved into a new home — equipped with a double-door fridge — it was only a matter of weeks before the freezer was crammed full. And last year, she insisted on buying another storage freezer for the garage.

Apparently this trend is popular among older mothers, who have always bought in bulk with the expectation that the family reunion will drop in at any time.

In Albert Brooks' all-too-realistic film "Mother," Debbie Reynolds plays a mom who keeps what her son calls a "food museum" in her freezer. Among the never-perishables is a frozen 10-pound block of cheese.

"I like my cheese in the ounces," Brooks' character says to Reynolds. "When they start weighing as much as a Fiat, I get worried."

This leads me to believe that as much as we Americans love our freezer food, we just don't love it enough.

So if you're in a household with a freezer jammed with crystallized ice cream, forgotten elk meat, once-melted popsicles and half-empty Cool Whip containers that smell like scallops, be aware: That's not food storage. That's a Superfund site.

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Riding tall Where kids' frustrations melt away on horseback

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

Sporting tennis shoes, basketball shorts and a bright blue helmet, Zachery Woolley, 12, is ready for his weekly therapeutic riding session inside the Stargazer Arena south of Twin Falls.

Before it begins, Woolley is content standing next to Gypsy and stroking the Missouri Fox Trotter's mane. His movements are a little rough, but his smile, though faint, comes easily.

Woolley was born with cerebral palsy and faces challenges every day with balance and moving his body. Understandably, the preteen gets frustrated. But his mom, Tina Woolley, said the Rising Stars Therapeutic Riding Program this summer has been a boon for her son.

"I see the benefits almost immediately. He isn't as frustrated, and when he does

INTRIGUED?

Want to help the Rising Stars Therapeutic Riding Program? It needs volunteers, with or without horse knowledge. Information: Marni Porath at 404-2418.

this therapy his balance gets better," she said.

It's time for Zachery Woolley's session with Gypsy to start, and a crew gathers around a set of steps. The youngster is aided up the stairs by Tara Parsons, an occupational therapy assistant with Primary Therapy Source, and helpers assist the mount.

Woolley doesn't seem to notice the people around him, checking straps and taking position around the horse. He's mounted, sitting as tall as he can and smiling broader than before. When Gypsy breaks into a slow, even gait, Woolley focuses on riding.

Helpers lead the horse slowly around the arena and give Woolley instructions. While mounted he performs other therapy drills, like hanging plastic rings on PVC pipe mounted on the arena wall.

"They enjoy the horses and riding so much; the kids don't realize how hard they're actually working," Parsons says.

Rising Stars is a pilot program developed cooperatively by Primary Therapy Source and parents Marni and Cody Porath so kids can get speech and physical therapy on horseback.

Rising Stars is seeking

See RIDING, FL 3



BLAIR KOCH/For the Times-News

Hunter Swenson is all smiles during an Aug. 19 therapeutic riding session at Stargazer Ranch in Twin Falls. The youngster is one of about a dozen kids to participate in the pilot Rising Stars Therapeutic Riding Program this summer. The program is seeking nonprofit status and hopes to get the local horse community and volunteers involved to make therapeutic riding available, free, to children with disabilities throughout southern Idaho.

KIDS' BIRTHDAYS – ON A BUDGET

By Aisha Sultan
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

When Chris and Brian Gesme of Wildwood, Ill., asked their daughter what kind of party she wanted for her fourth birthday, Lauren had a surprising answer.

She wanted her friends to come to grandma's house and ride their bikes on the driveway. Her parents offered her big, fancy parties they've done before, like a Chuck E. Cheese bash, but Lauren remained true to her idea, adding that she would like face painting, too.

Now, Lauren may simply be a sweet little girl with simple taste, but she's also unwittingly picked a party that's very in-the-moment. Forget the over-the-top, rented limos and lavish parties for tots. That's so 2006. Homemade, simple birthdays on a budget are back.

And as Chris discovered, creating a homespun birthday with a little spray paint and a lot of ingenuity can often create the most memorable party of all.

THE CARNIVAL'S COMING

Chris decided to develop Lauren's face-painting request into a carnival theme. She created six stations outside, mostly from items she found in her garage. She recruited baby sitters and family friends to run the "booths."

Chris spray painted a thick cardboard box glossy blue and poked holes on top to create a "Sucker Pull." A child gets three chances to pull out a lollipop, and if they get one with a colored tip, they get to pick a prize from a bucket. Chris loaded up on little trinkets from a carnival supply store.

At the second station, kids could try their hand at the "Ring Toss." Chris lined up two boxes of bottled water and bought small plastic rings that fit over the tops. Each child got five chances to get a ring over a bottle.

For the third station, Chris found an old piece of plywood in the garage and asked her husband to use the jigsaw to cut holes out of it. She painted the front and created a ball toss game.

Another station had a bucket filled with water and a water gun children could use to play "Water Golf." They had to try to spray the water to knock lightweight ping pong balls off tees stuck in a piece of green foam.

For the "Can Tower," Chris spray painted Diet Pepsi cans blue. They were stacked into a pyramid on a small table, and each child had a chance to throw a ball and see how many they could knock over.

The final station featured a "Dunk the Duck" game the Gesmes already owned.

As per Lauren's request, her friends were asked to bring their bikes and helmets. "Grandma Bubble's" long driveway was transformed into an obstacle course with boxes, and the bikes had balloons tied to the backs.

When the children arrived at the party, they each got a carnival bag with 10 tickets they could use to play the games. Chris also included "coupons" for popcorn (popped at home and poured into carnival bags) and snow cones (made the night before on a \$10 Walmart snow cone maker) in each bag. At every station, the children got to pick a prize from a bucket to put into their goody bags.

Homemade signs on poster boards marked the various activities set up in the backyard. And, Chris strategically picked the shady spots under trees,



Photos by ERIK M. LUNSFORD/St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Chris Gesme, left, and Debbie Larson dole out cake at Lauren Gesme's (center) fourth birthday party. The birthday included activities built around a budget to keep the guests active and entertained.

"The kids and I had so much fun all week, coloring, making up games, blowing up balloons and painting signs. This is one for the record books. ... We won't soon forget it."

— Chris Gesme of Wildwood, Ill.

knowing it would be a scorching summer day.

She also kept two activities inside the house. A family friend offered to do face-painting, and another helped with cookie decorating. Chris also offered hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and fruit for lunch for the children and their parents.

"A carnival theme, you can do for practically no money or you can spend a fortune," she said.

And, the family realized that half the fun came from the labor-intensive preparation.

"The kids and I had so much fun all week, coloring, making up games, blowing up balloons and painting signs," Chris said. "This is one for the record books. ... We won't soon forget it."

When planning a party on a budget, it is important to stick to free (or very low-cost) locations — a backyard, a park or swimming pool. Combine the party entertainment and activities into something the children can make or win, which also becomes their treat to take home. Try to keep the party to a manageable number of children, between eight and 12, and try to divide up the group into different activities to avoid chaos in one area.

Forget the licensed character decorations. Use solid color balloons and streamers, which can be purchased in bulk from a dollar store and create a festive atmosphere. Recruit your children to help make decorations and invitations.

Here are some other popular themes that can be pulled off on shoestring budget:

DINOSAUR DIG

You can use a sandbox in a park or invent a makeshift one of your own to create an archaeological site. Buy a pack of small dinosaurs and bury the "fossils" in the sand. Hand the children a bucket, a shovel and strainer and see who can find the most dinosaurs.

Cut out large orange and green Dino footprints or tracks and tape them up your

walkway or driveway leading up to the party. Use green and orange streamers and balloons and whatever dinosaur toys your child already owns to decorate the room.

If your child has a favorite dinosaur stuffed animal or large toy, place it on a small table with a red "lava" cover and let children try to throw rings over its head. Have prizes handy for the "Dino toss" game.

Buy small round hard candy and freeze into blocks of ice. Have the children excavate these frozen dinosaur eggs (from the Ice Age) using small plastic hammers and tools. They will love pounding away at the ice. Small plastic dinosaurs can also be frozen into a large tray of ice for a similar activity.

You can also create a simple dinosaur egg pinata out of latex balloons covered in papier-mache and painted.

Let the kids blow off steam by playing a game of dinosaur Musical Chairs. Let them they march around a ring of chairs, pretending to be a T. Rex. When the music stops, each child grabs a chair. Take one chair out in each round, and the last one standing wins.

PRINCESS TEA PARTY

Ask each guest to bring her favorite doll and come in party dress. (Be sure to keep extra dolls on hand for guests who forget). Use your china or other pretty plates to set a fancy table. Inexpensive tulle and lace can be used as decorations.

Write each child's name in bubble or block letters on construction paper or cardboard and let them decorate their own name with glitter, feathers, colored "gems" and markers. Use these as place cards for the tea party.

Then, let the girls accessorize themselves for the party. Scour your closet or the local thrift shop for hats, gloves, necklaces, scarves, glittery tops and boas the guests can use to dress up.

Take pictures of each girl and their doll when they are ready to attend the tea.

Make a very weak, sweet



Guests at Lauren Gesme's fourth birthday party compete in a homemade bicycle and scooter course complete with cardboard boxes as obstacles.

tea that the girls can take turns pouring for themselves and their dolls. Offer small mini sandwiches, and let the children assemble their own fruit kabobs.

They can decorate their own cupcakes with frosting and sprinkles.

Play fun games such as stacking sugar cubes to see who can make the tallest tower in a set amount of time. Or try a coin toss into tea cups, using styrofoam, plastic or paper cups that will not break.

Let the girls see how quickly they can pass a sugar cube around the table using only a spoon. Give all of them a prize if they can do it quickly without dropping the sugar cube.

We found this great tea party game, "Set the Table," on the amazingmoms.com site:

Place an X on the ground to mark a starting line. Place a kid-sized table a reasonable distance away from the "X." A cloth-covered box will also work. Gather a proper tea setting; plastic tea cup, saucer, teapot, spoon, sugar bowl, creamer, dessert fork, etc. Place all of the items into a box or basket and place at the starting line marked "X." All of the girls will begin at the starting line. When you say "Go!"

you can handle a long night of giggles and shrieks, this is a sure-fire hit. Recruit a few teenage girls or moms to help provide the "spa" treatments.

Let the girls choose a nail polish for a homemade manicure and pedicure.

Have a "hair" salon, where the girls can get their hair braided with ribbons or set in curlers.

To create a relaxing wrap, give each girl a clean (unused) sock. Let them fill the sock with uncooked rice and tie the open end securely. Warm each sock in the microwave for a minute (make sure it is not too hot to the touch), and let them place it on their neck and shoulders.

Set up an "aromatherapy" station, where the girls can smell four or five different scented lotions or oils and let them vote on the best one.

Consider a "green" spa theme, where you use household items to create beauty treatments.

We found a wonderful homemade facial mask idea on the Martha Stewart Web site (marthastewart.com). Mash a quarter of an avocado with a tablespoon of yogurt. Spread the mixture on your face, while avoiding the eyes. Wash off the mask after 15 minutes. Make sure no child has any food allergies to any of the ingredients.

Another trick is to use cut lemons to scrub rough elbows, knees and ankles. Be sure to wipe off residue with a wet washcloth. Other popular foods that can be used to create a scrub are oatmeal and honey.

Be sure to keep the kids' favorite music and movies on hand.

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CLEANING

Question:

I'm a bit embarrassed asking you this question, but desperation overrides my pride! I have five boys in my house and my bathrooms always smell like urine! I've cleaned with bleach and baking soda to no avail. We even repainted and put in new tile. But it still smells! I can't stand even going in. Besides converting my boys to become sitters, what's a mother to do?



Lori Chandler
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Web site helps show you how to move with pets

The Washington Post

Relocating Americans also have to move their pets. PetRelocation.com was founded to provide custom services and consumer information to those moving with four cats, one Newfoundland or 16 para-

keets. And yes, the site will help you move your turtle to Tallahassee and make sure it's legal to do so, too.

The interactive site lists its services of door-to-door transportation, both national and international, including flight bookings, customs clearance and

delivery. There are also personal experiences and tips on a blog, and the site can alert you to issues such as helping pets cope with the stress of moving and finding a pet-friendly airline.

You can watch a YouTube video about picking out your pet's airline-approved

travel crate, sign up for Twitter updates from @petrelocation (including insider info such as where to find a good pet-relief area outside LaGuardia Airport in New York) or link up with other pet owners on the move at a social networking site.

Medical mystery: Time was running out for 'rag doll' baby

By Sandra G. Boodman
Special to The Washington Post

During the awards banquet honoring her father, Terri Sebelin grew increasingly uneasy. The first-time mother had her 3-month-old son, Garrett Perschy, in tow, and he was sick. The baby had a slight fever and seemed restless. He was also drooling, which the pediatrician told Sebelin, a registered nurse, meant that he was teething. Sebelin thought that odd because she couldn't feel any tooth buds. Her mother, a retired nurse who had raised seven children, was skeptical, too.

"All during dinner people kept coming up and asking me what was wrong with the baby," Sebelin recalled of the events of the Memorial Day weekend in 1999. She watched closely as friends and relatives passed her son around, noticing at one point that "it looked like they were passing around a rag doll." She tried not to overreact; she had talked to the doctor several times that day and had been assured the problem didn't sound serious.

A few hours later, after another call to the pediatrician, who instructed Sebelin to take the baby to a nearby emergency room, the family arrived at Lehigh Valley Hospital in Allentown, Pa. Garrett was admitted, and the ER doctor told her he probably had croup. Sebelin and her mother doubted that, too: Garrett wasn't coughing. "I know you don't have croup," Sebelin wrote that night in her journal.

She was right. Less than 24 hours later, her baby was gravely ill, and doctors were frantically ruling out one diagnosis after another. It took an astute specialist to figure out what was wrong, a cause so unlikely that the doctor who made the diagnosis had never seen a case before — and hasn't since. But diagnosis was only part of the problem. At the time there was only one experi-



TARA WARGO

At the recent celebration of his 10th birthday, Garrett Perschy shows no effects of the extremely rare illness that threatened him as an infant.

"Recovery is 100 percent if this is diagnosed and treated early, and babies don't suffer brain damage."

— Pediatric neurologist Martha Lusser

mental drug to treat Garrett's illness, and getting it to Allentown required the approval of federal officials. That process would take days — time the baby clearly did not have.

Ten years later, pediatric neurologist Martha Lusser vividly remembers her tiny patient. Lusser said she believes Garrett's ailment is "clearly less well recognized than it should be" and remains easily overlooked by pediatricians. She is convinced that some fatalities attributed to sudden infant death syndrome were probably caused by the extremely rare problem she diagnosed in Garrett.

Until that weekend, Garrett had been a normal, healthy baby, according to Sebelin, who lives in Palmerton, a small town about 30 miles north of Allentown.

The day before the Sunday banquet, she had noticed he was constipated; she had taken him to a local mall in the morning, where

he began to seem out of sorts. She later discovered he was running a slight fever, common when babies are teething. By the time she got to Lehigh Valley Hospital 36 hours later, his fever was gone but he seemed utterly wrung out.

At the hospital doctors ran some tests and, after listening to his lungs, decided he didn't have croup. The staff thought he might have a virus and told his parents he would probably be discharged the next morning.

By then, Sebelin remembered, he was much sicker. His respiratory rate had increased, he had stopped nursing and he was so alarmingly limp that "if you didn't support his arms, they just flopped," his mother said. He was so weak his eyelids drooped.

The hospital staff began an urgent search for a cause. A spinal tap ruled out meningitis. Garrett showed no signs of child abuse, such as retinal hemorrhages or broken bones. Toxicology

tests to check for the presence of drugs or poisons came back negative. Both a CT scan and an MRI showed nothing wrong with Garrett's brain, such as a tumor. He no longer had a fever, his blood counts were normal and there were no signs of an infectious disease. One doctor said he suspected Garrett might have a rapidly progressive neuromuscular disorder but had no idea what the disease might be.

"We thought he was going to die," Sebelin recalled. Mystified, the staff called in Lusser.

She examined the baby, noting his floppiness, the way his pupils reacted to light, the reports of drooling and the history of constipation — the last scarcely unusual, but an important clue.

In Lusser's opinion, all signs pointed to infant botulism, a malady she had never seen in more than 20 years of practice. The only way to be sure was through a



Family photo

At 3 months old, Garrett Perschy suddenly became very ill.

stool test that had to be sent to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The more immediate problem was treatment. In 1999, the only drug for infants with the illness was a tightly controlled investigational compound called BabyBIG (Botulism Immune Globulin Intravenous). Garrett's best hope for survival was an immediate transfer to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, which could get the drug on an expedited basis and had treated other victims of infant botulism. Lusser quickly arranged it, and the baby was whisked away by ambulance, accompanied by his terrified parents.

Infant botulism occurs when a baby less than a year old ingests spores of *Clostridium botulinum* bacteria, which is present in honey — the reason it should never be fed to babies younger than 12 months. The bacteria produce a toxin that breeds rapidly in an infant's immature digestive tract, impairing the ability to move, eat or breathe, according to a 2002 article in the journal *American Family Physician*. (The other form of botulism, which can occur from home-canned foods, affects older children and adults.) BabyBIG, developed by researchers at the California Department of Public Health, was approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 2003 and is administered to about 100 victims of infant botulism

each year in the U.S.

Although doctors kept asking Sebelin if she or anyone had given Garrett honey, she was adamant that he'd never ingested it. The only other way he could have been exposed was through soil containing the bacteria. Pennsylvania, Lusser knew, is a hot spot for botulism, as are Arizona, California and Utah.

She concluded he was probably exposed when he came in contact with his father, a telephone lineman, before he showered after work, or with his grandfather, an avid gardener.

Lusser said her suspicions the baby had infant botulism, later confirmed by the CDC, were bolstered by the pattern of weakness and droopy eyelid; the drooling, which indicated a loss of muscle control, not an incipient toothache; and constipation, which is among the first signs of the illness.

"Recovery is 100 percent if this is diagnosed and treated early, and babies don't suffer brain damage," she said.

One of Sebelin's most vivid memories occurred in the intensive care unit at Children's Hospital after her son got his first intravenous dose of BabyBIG. "He got it at 10 a.m., and by 1 p.m. he opened his eyes and then raised his little arm," she said.

After eight days, the baby was transferred back to Lehigh Valley Hospital for a week, then discharged.

His extremely unusual illness did not affect his development, his mother said. He recovered fully without incident and recently celebrated his 10th birthday.

Sebelin, who works in the emergency room of a small hospital, said she regards the experience as "a total freak incident."

"My mother and I both knew something was wrong," she said. "But we certainly didn't think it was this."

Who's that girl? Facebook entries stir jealousy

By Michael Hill
Associated Press writer

ALBANY, N.Y. — Alice Connors-Kellgren was surprised by her boyfriend's new Facebook profile picture a few weeks ago: He was kissing another girl on the cheek.

The picture was up only briefly. And she figures it was just a friend. But she plans to discuss it with him when they're back together this fall at Cornell University.

"We trust each other. Deep down, I know nothing is going on. But when you first see it, it's like 'Oh my goodness! What's going on here?'" says the college student from Westchester County, N.Y.

All this friending, poking and picture-posting on Facebook can get you in trouble with your significant other. Couples are finding that old flames and flirty friends on the social networking site have a unique ability to stir jealousy and suspicion.

Jealous types now have to deal with brand-new kinds of provocations, such as a comment on their partner's wall from a possible romantic rival, or their loved one getting tagged — identified — in a picture from an old relationship. Boyfriends and girlfriends can view all of this on their partners' walls.

"It seems like Facebook is creating jealousy even where there was not jealousy to begin with," said Amy Muise, a doctoral candidate at the University of Guelph's psychology department who led a recent study on how Facebook can spark jealousy in romantic relationships among college students.

She said Facebook doesn't necessarily make people more jealous than they would be normally. But all the information divulged on Facebook — those answers to "What's on your mind?"



AP photo

Dan Fitzsimmons poses with his Facebook page displayed in Albany, N.Y. Researchers in Ontario, Canada, found the ubiquitous social networking site can spark more jealous feelings in romantic relationships.

and reactions to those posts — can increase "triggers" for jealousy.

"Part of the issue with information on Facebook is that it lacks certain context," Muise said, "so there could be things posted on your partner's wall that you really don't know what it means."

The study was based on anonymous online survey data from 308 undergraduate Facebook users, three quarters of them women. The study, published in *CyberPsychology & Behavior*, found Facebook users can get snagged in a "feedback loop": Their interest piqued by a cryptic wall comment, they become suspicious and start monitoring their partner's pages, thus finding even more suspicious information.

Dan Fitzsimmons, a 21-year-old University at Albany student, said he has had to explain Facebook photos to girlfriends in the past.

Samantha Siciliano, an incoming freshman at Quinnipiac University from North Adams, Mass., said she has become jealous over the back-and-forth on her old boyfriend's wall, espe-

cially from too-friendly comments like "You look cute."

"If your boyfriend is calling or texting another girl, you can't really see it. But on Facebook, you can see it and so can everyone else," Siciliano said. "So in a way, you do get jealous because he might be hanging his dirty laundry, and not only are you seeing it, but other people are, too."

Colin Booth of West Virginia University said he is not the jealous type, but finds it a strange, modern phenomenon to watch your girlfriend develop other relationships in real time on Facebook.

"It's been happening forever. You're with a girl, she meets a guy, they're friends

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at first," Booth said. "But it's the way you see it and what you see. And then you think: What's going on under the surface if this is what's going on in public?"

Laney Cohen, a 24-year-old who works in public relations in New York City, has a longtime boyfriend now in law school in Florida. She began noticing last year that her boyfriend was being tagged in photographs with a female friend who "kind of rubs me the wrong way." One picture in particular upset her: The pair were in a bar, and the woman was looking up at Cohen's boyfriend.

"I felt that it was a very couple-y picture to be in, and I freaked out and I called him and said, 'This is disrespectful to me and our relationship. What if people start asking questions about why you're always hanging out with her?'" Cohen recalled.

This is not just a problem for young people, especially as more middle-aged people get on Facebook. Cohen said her father, after 29 years of marriage, was tagged in a 32-year-old photo by a former girlfriend. Cohen's mother was amused, not upset.

Muise said researchers are just beginning to learn all the ways social networking sites

are changing the way couples relate. She cited the case of a young woman who found out her boyfriend broke up with her when she noticed he had changed his relationship status to "single."

For her part, Cohen said she and her boyfriend worked out their photo-tagging issue.

"He's either untagging photos or not showing up in the photos anymore," she said. "Either way is fine."

ENGAGEMENTS

Korth-Woodward

Brian and Leslie Korth of Paul, announce the marriage of their daughter, Jessica Korth, to Eric Woodward, son of Rodger and Ruth Woodward, also of Paul.

Jessica is a 2004 graduate of Minico High School. She is also a graduate of the baccalaureate nursing program at Brigham Young University-Idaho. She is working as a registered nurse on the medical-surgical floor at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

Eric is a 2005 graduate of Minico High School. He attended a year of college at Idaho State University before serving an LDS mission in Cincinnati, Ohio, and surrounding areas. He



Eric Woodward and Jessica Korth

is now studying for a career in radiology at the College of Southern Idaho. He also works for Rodney Hansen farms.

The wedding is planned for Sept. 5, in the Twin Falls LDS Temple. A reception in their honor will be held the same day from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Paul LDS Stake Center.

ANNIVERSARIES

The Seeleys



Vern and Pat Seeley

Vern and Pat Seeley celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday.

E. Vern Seeley married Patricia Sullivan at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert on August 29, 1959.



The couple has five children and grandchildren: Mark, Julie, Jim, Dan and Joe.

Vern is a retired attorney and Pat is a retired teacher. They are now residing in Modesto, Calif.

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THE TOUGHEST TITLE

Garnering 'best ever' title no easy task in sports

By Fred Bowen
Special to The Washington Post

Did you see the lightning bolt? No, not the flash during a summer thunderstorm. I mean Usain "Lightning" Bolt, the Jamaican sprinter who broke his own world record in the 100-meter dash at the recent world championships.

Bolt shattered his old record by running the distance in an unbelievable 9.58 seconds. That means Bolt is the best ever — by far.

Bolt's record-setting race has me thinking about which other athletes competing today can claim they are the best ever.

It's easier to say someone is the best ever in individual sports, such as track and field and swimming, which have clear world records. Michael Phelps can say he's the best swimmer ever because he has the Olympic medals, world championships and world records to back it up.

But saying who is the best ever is trickier in sports where athletes compete on teams or against other players. Maybe an athlete wins

because his teammates are great or because her opponent isn't so hot. Still, it's fun to talk about which athletes may be the best ever.

Some say Roger Federer is the best male tennis player ever. He has won a record 15 titles in the four major tournaments: Wimbledon and the French, Australian and U.S. opens. And Federer is one of a few male players who have won each of the major titles at least once.

Others claim tennis legend Rod Laver is the best ever. Laver won the Grand Slam (winning all four major tournaments in the same year) twice, in 1962 and 1969.

Tiger Woods may be the best golfer ever, even though he lost the PGA championship on the same day that Bolt set his record. No one has won as many PGA tournaments (70) and major tournaments (14) as Woods by age 33. But he still has a way to go to catch Jack Nicklaus' record of 18 major championships.

So maybe Nicklaus is the best ever.

I hate to admit it because I am a Boston Red Sox fan, but I think Mariano Rivera of the New York Yankees is the best relief pitcher ever. Trevor Hoffman of the Milwaukee Brewers has more saves, but no one has saved as many big games as the hard-throwing Rivera.

Some of today's young athletes may become the best ever someday. Marta Vieira da Silva, 23, has a chance in women's soccer. I know Mia Hamm scored a record 158 goals in international play, but no one plays the beautiful game with the flair of the attacker from Brazil.

LeBron James, 24, and Candace Parker, 23, have a shot at being the best male and female basketball players ever. And hockey's 23-year-old Alexander Ovechkin, if he keeps scoring as he has for the Washington Capitals, may become the best left wing ever.

In sports, it's tough to be great. But it's really tough to be the best ever.

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Corals are animals? You bet

By Margaret Webb Pressler
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You have probably seen or held a piece of coral, either in or out of the ocean. You may even have heard that coral is threatened by global warming and pollution. But most people don't know much more about these vital ocean-dwelling creatures.

"People don't realize that corals are really animals — they think about corals ... as rocks or boulders or tree trunks," said Dawn Martin, who runs SeaWeb, an organization that works on protecting the oceans and ocean life. Since corals don't have the adorable faces of some endangered critters, it has been difficult for them to win the kind of protection — and awareness — that other threatened species have.

But it's important to protect coral, because a quarter of the fish species in the ocean depend on coral to live. Coral reefs provide these fish with food, shelter from predators and a place to spawn (produce young).

The main threats to coral are rising ocean temperatures, which can kill the algae that coral eat, and pollution. Other kinds of man-made damage also are harmful, such as fishing practices that break up coral on the sea floor and turning coral into jewelry.

SeaWeb has started a campaign called "Too Precious to Wear," designed to get out the message that buying coral items at the beach contributes to the destruction of reefs. More than 3 million pounds of living coral are removed from the ocean each year for use in these decorative products, Martin said.

When coral is destroyed, it can take hundreds, even thousands, of years to grow back. The hard coral that builds into huge, rocklike formations started out as a single coral polyp. The polyps grow a calcium skeleton and thousands, even millions, of additional coral polyps grow on the skeleton, each one a separate animal. As older generations die off, newer generations continue to build on the hard, old coral.

Damaging such coral beds "is like clear-cutting an old-growth forest," Martin said. "We will certainly not be able to replace them in our lifetime."

CORAL Q&A

- Q. What type of animal are they?
A. Invertebrate.
- Q. How many kinds are there?
A. About 700.
- Q. What do they eat?
A. Algae.
- Q. How long do they live?
A. A few years to hundreds of years.
- Q. What is a group of coral called?
A. A colony.



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Get wet and wise about dolphins

By Margaret Webb Pressler
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At the National Aquarium in Baltimore, the excited members of the audience carefully choose their seats as they file into the auditorium for the dolphin show. It's well known that if you sit in the first few rows, you are almost guaranteed to get wet as the playful dolphins use their powerful tails to splash the audience.

But beyond that, most visitors to the show don't know much about dolphins or the ocean world they live in. And that's what the aquarium staff is trying to fix with its latest show, called "Our Ocean Planet."

"We wanted to take people under the water," said Allison Ginsburg, manager of dolphin training for the National Aquarium. "Dolphins spend so much of their life under

MEET THE DOLPHINS

The dolphins at the National Aquarium have distinctive personalities. Here are three of them:

- Nani, 37, is the leader in the group. She is protective of her children, cooperative, calm and friendly with trainers.
- Spirit is 8 years old and a little nervous. She loves learning new things and is often first to try out new toys!
- Bayley, 1, is the youngest and smallest in the pod. She likes to blow bubbles and play with them.

the surface."

The show's creators hope that interest in dolphins will cause more people to think about the ways that oceans are being harmed by pollution, the warming climate and other global changes.

Dolphins are great ambassadors for the ocean because people love them: They are cute, curious, friendly and great performers. But how much do you really know about dolphins?

Here are some cool facts that will help you appreciate these amazing animals even more:

- It is believed dolphins can see in color as we do, and their hearing is far superior to ours.
- Dolphins can reach speeds up to 25 miles per hour!
- Dolphins make five sounds to communicate with one another: whistle, squeak, click, jaw pop and



Photos by the National Aquarium

The latest dolphin show at the National Aquarium in Baltimore is called 'Our Ocean Planet.' In this show, Allison Ginsburg, manager of the aquarium's dolphin training, mimics the dolphin's trick.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT DOLPHINS

- Dolphins are what type of animal? They're mammals, not fish.
- How many kinds are there? 32 ocean dolphins, five river dolphins.
- What do they eat? Fish.
- How long do they live? 45 to 50 years.
- What is a group of dolphins called? A pod.



The dolphins at the National Aquarium in Baltimore have distinctive personalities. From left, Spirit, 8, loves learning new things; Bayley, 1, likes to blow bubbles; and Nani, 37, is the leader.

splash. Scientists are trying to "decode" the dolphin language to understand what they are saying.