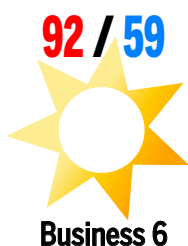


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GOING UP?

Otter assures confidence as revenue falls

State shortfall at about \$173M

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

Officials said Thursday this year's state tax revenue estimate is running about \$173 million lower than projected but Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter said the state's fiscal responsibility will prevail in maintaining public services.

The forecasts were made in February during the legislative session. Rather than finishing the 2010 fiscal year next summer with a nearly \$50 million surplus, depressing revenues are expected to leave the state more than \$151 million short, according to the monthly Economic Outlook report from the Division of Financial Management. The fiscal year began July 1.

"We have been here before," Otter said in a statement. "We have the experience, the tools and the commitment needed to address this situation while maintaining necessary public services. We are fortunate to be far better off than most other states, thanks to sound, conservative fiscal management and a strong understanding of government's limited role in people's lives."

Otter plans to meet with legislators and other officials later this month to discuss what options might be necessary, including potential mid-year budget cuts or whether measures could wait until the 2010 Legislature. Last year, Otter issued mid-year budget cuts.

"But I want to remind you, it is much easier to make a

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Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Riders take a wild ride Thursday afternoon on the Zipper at the Twin Falls County Fair. Carnival rides are a major attraction of the fair, which runs through Monday.

Carnival rides a big, sometimes messy, part of fair time

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

Every ride at the Twin Falls County Fair has a simple sign to notify children they have to be a certain height to come aboard.

But there's no warning about whether to eat — and the result can sometimes be, well, messy.

After animals and the rodeo, no image perhaps defines the fair more than carnival rides. Kids race toward them in anticipation and circle toward lines for repeat tours. But every once in a while, children over estimate what they — or at least their stomachs — can

sustain and the corn dog they scarfed down ends up on their sister's flip-flops after a spin on the Gravitron.

Parents and carnival ride experts — a few dozen children — agreed Thursday on three rides as being those most likely to lead to sickness: Kamikaze, Round Up and the Zipper.

At the Kamikaze — two subway-like cabs that swing upside down like clock hands — a group of kids enjoyed snow cones and recalled when their lunch came up with the tone of grizzled veterans.

"Where to start, where to

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Annalese Andersen, 5, left, and her friend Ahliah Dewitt, 7, enjoy a ride on a roller coaster Thursday at the fair.



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TWIN FALLS COUNTY FAIR

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8 a.m. — 4-H green horse competition followed by barrel and poles, ZeBarth Arena

9 a.m. — FFA senior and 4-H junior division beef showmanship, Southwick beef show ring; 4-H/FFA swine show, Quesnell swine show ring

10 a.m. — Jersey, Holstein and dairy

replacement heifer shows, dairy show ring; 4-H/FFA premium breeder, McCoy sheep show ring

1 p.m. — Junior division market lamb show, McCoy sheep show ring; All breed horse show,

ZeBarth Arena

4 p.m. — Open pygmy goat show, goat show ring

7:30 p.m. — PRCA rodeo, Shouse Arena (\$11 reserved seats, \$9 general seats)

Idaho hunter bad-mouthed after wolf kill

The Associated Press

LEWISTON — The first hunter to report a wolf kill in Idaho says he's been flooded with nasty messages.

Robert Millage of Kamiah said he's been called a wolf murderer, a fat redneck and other names in

about 50 phone calls and hundreds of e-mails.

"I have a thick skin and a good sense of humor," he told the Lewiston Tribune in a story published Thursday. "What am I going to do, yell back at them? I obeyed the law."

He said he's asked law enforce-

ment officials to keep an eye on his business and home, just in case.

"People are loons," he said. "If they want to call up and have a discussion, I'm all about having a discussion. But they call me a fat redneck and a wolf killer and

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Millage

Neighbor raises concerns about Jerome feedlot with local, state officials

County agrees to check on South View property

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Jerome County officials said this week they are checking whether the new owners of a permit for a controversial feedlot are following all of the requirements placed upon the land.

Early last year, South View Dairy bought nearly all of the 1,200-acre

property that Big Sky Farms had applied to turn into an 8,000-animal-unit operation just more than a mile west of the Minidoka National Historic Site. County commissioners granted the application in September 2008.

Early Monday morning, Dean Dimond — a neighbor of the site and longtime critic of the application — e-mailed Jerome County officials, Idaho State Department of Agriculture Director Celia Gould and Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, concerned that South View is violating the site's permit and county ordi-

nance. Pointing to photos he took Sunday, Dimond argued that the dairy is piling manure right up against a property line, and has also built two rough access roads off of 1250 East Road that weren't allowed in the permit — one at the foot of a hill in a curve.

County Code Enforcement Officer Bob Wright agreed to look into the matter, and Planning and Zoning Administrator Art Brown confirmed Wednesday that the investigation was ongoing.

Dimond told the Times-News that he first noticed the alleged

problems two to three weeks ago. Trucks driving on 1250 East have "tore the hell out of that road," Dimond said, something the Hillsdale Highway District was concerned would happen when the feedlot was first proposed.

The highway district doesn't seem worried about the current matter, though. Rod Rudolph with the district said he isn't aware of any issues at the moment, and that the dairy owners are simply stockpiling compost to spread on farm fields this fall. Trucks entering 1250 East will become an issue to

the district once a dairy is up and running at the site, Rudolph said.

Representatives of South View Dairy could not be reached for comment Thursday.

Dimond is also one of several individuals and groups who asked a 5th District judge in October to review the decision granting the permit. That challenge has slowly crawled through the courts this year and is still in the early stages. A hearing on a motion to supplement the record of the case is scheduled for Sept. 25 in front of Judge Robert Elgee.



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The wreck of the I.B. Perrine

Drought and economic turmoil couldn't sink I.B. Perrine, but the Germans did.

A year after the founding father of Twin Falls and of the Magic Valley died, the U.S. Navy decided to name a boat after him. It was a Liberty ship, the cargo vessel widely credited with helping the Allies win World War II.

Liberties were named after famous dead people. Brigham Young, William Borah, Joseph Smith, Chief Joseph, Davy Crockett, Annie Oakley, Betsy Ross, Calvin Coolidge, Samuel Colt, Zane Grey and Knute Rockne, among many others, had maritime namesakes.

The keel of the *Perrine* was laid at the Todd Shipyard Corp. in Houston on Oct. 18, 1944, completed a month later, launched on Nov. 30, christened with water from Blue Lakes, and promptly turned over to the Greek Navy — remarkable, since there was no actual Greece at the time (the country had been overrun by Germany in 1941).

The *Perrine* and 12 other Liberties were given Greek names — the *Perrine* became the *Eleftheria*, which means "freedom."

The exchange was part of a wartime program called Lend Lease, which channeled American military supplies to allied nations.

YOU DON'T SAY

Steve Crump



A few days before the *Perrine* was launched, the Canadian troops cleared the Scheldt Estuary — the strategic neck of water that connects the strategic Belgian port of Antwerp with the North Sea. Liberty ships began ferrying reinforcements and military supplies from London to Antwerp to support the Allied assault on Germany.

The *Perrine* joined the shuttle, but on March 23, 1945, she struck a German mine, ran aground at Ostend, Belgium, and broke in two. None of the crew was killed, but the Greeks wrote the ship off.

Had she survived the war, the *Perrine* may have helped make the fortune of Greek shipping tycoon Aristotle Onassis, the future husband of Jacqueline Kennedy. Onassis bought hundreds of Liberties and used them to become the world's richest man.

Perrine, on the other hand, died with little money. And it's uncertain whether the Indiana-born entrepreneur even saw the ocean.

Steve Crump is the Times-News Opinion editor.

A shorter lunch, and more study time at TFHS

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

Gage Rolph, a sophomore at Twin Falls High School, has learned an important lesson since starting class: Don't dawdle on the way to lunch.

This year, there's only a half hour instead of a full hour for lunch. In the same period that students have lunch, there's also a 25-minute advisory session at both high schools for students to get help with their homework. Rolph said the schedule doesn't give him much time for eating.

"It's really busy; you have to hustle to get from your advisory class to your lunch so you're not last in line," he said.

Other students agree. Mackenzie Ogden, also a sophomore, said that lines in the cafeteria have been 20 minutes long at times, leaving students with little time to eat.

In her case, her advisory period comes before lunch, she said, adding that it's dif-



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READ School Zone, an education blog by reporter Ben Botkin.

ficult to pay attention then, knowing that lunch will be a rush.

"Honestly, when you're sitting there starving and thinking about food and being mad about lunch, we can't focus," she said.

Twin Falls High School Principal Ben Allen said there are three reasons for the change this year.

The school district switched this year from a block schedule of to a seven-period class schedule, making the change a necessity, Allen said.

For students, it means 30 minutes for lunch, a 25-minute advisory period and five minutes in between in the same hour. The high school historically had 35-minute lunches before switching to a block schedule several years ago, Allen said.

The advisory periods will

provide an opportunity for students to get mentoring and encouragement from teachers, Allen said, adding that the district's goal is to lower its dropout rate.

The third reason is that parents and others in the community have indicated that an hour of lunch in which students can go off campus is too long, Allen said, noting that there were cases of students getting into trouble during lunch hour last year.

In his observation, students at the end of the lunch line still have 15 minutes left when they get their food, Allen said.

"It's like any lunch line through a school," he said, adding that he understands it's a difficult change for some students.

Despite the shift, the students still have half a minute longer for lunch break com-

pared to the national average of 29.5 minutes of lunch for high school students reported in the School Nutrition Association's survey of 1,207 school districts nationwide.

Alexis Steines, a spokeswoman for the association, said the organization recommends a "reasonable" length for lunch, but not a specific length because of variables on the local level.

Students can still go off campus during lunch. But Rees Atkins, a senior, said there's little time for that. Because of a long line at the Arctic Circle, he was late for class, despite eating lunch in his car on the way back to school.

Brianna Davis, another senior, said it was easier to go off campus last year with an hour.

"Last year it was fine," she said. "We were back in time."

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T.F. Co. adopts budget

Times-News

Twin Falls County commissioners on Wednesday adopted next year's \$36.9 million budget.

There were two public hearings held. The fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

The budget, a 1.8 percent drop from this year, is

decreasing, mainly due to a decline in revenue, including from a drop in building permits. But the drop would have been nearly 4 percent if not for the 25 percent spike in indigent health care costs, commissioners have said. Indigent costs are budgeted to cost the county \$3.74 million.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Twin Falls County Thursday arraignments

Justin Dee Fredrickson, 29, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, Nov. 3 pretrial, \$1,500 bond, public defender appointed, Nov. 3 pretrial Benjamin Everett Kohnke, 21, Oakley;

driving under the influence, Nov. 3 pretrial, recognizance release, Nov. 3 pretrial, public defender appointed Michael Brian Livingston, 19, Twin Falls; petit theft, Nov. 3 pretrial, public defender appointed, \$1,000 bond

Hailey airport board begins search for project managers

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — Wanted: A project manager to oversee the construction of Blaine County's new airport, and a financial consultant to guide local authorities through the financial maze.

Only experts familiar with airport construction need apply.

The Friedman Memorial Airport Authority voted unanimously Tuesday night to begin the process of assessing qualifications for both positions in order to move airport construction ahead in a timely fashion.

"We either start moving forward or we start falling behind," said board member Len Harlig.

Peter Kirsch, the authority's Environmental Impact Statement counsel, told the board that the consultants will set a timeline detailing by what dates projects need to be accomplished.

The authority needs to know how much the project will cost before it starts building, he added.

"We need to move forward with selecting a financial consultant to start putting this together," agreed Airport Manager Rick Baird.

Kirsch suggested the board look at consultants who have helped build airports such as those in St. George, Utah, and Denver.

Couple refuse to plea in boy's death

BOISE (AP) — The mother of an 8-year-old boy found dead in an Idaho canal and her live-in boyfriend refused to enter pleas to first-degree murder charges during an arraignment Thursday.

Thirty-year-old Melissa Jenkins and her boyfriend, 36-year-old Daniel Ehrlick Jr., were arrested last month in the death of her son, Robert Manwill.

Fourth District Judge Darla Williamson entered not guilty pleas on their behalf.

An Ada County grand jury indictment says the boy was tortured, beaten repeatedly and killed by Ehrlick Jr.

The indictment accuses Jenkins of hiding her son's injuries from government officials who could have intervened, as well as aiding and abetting her boyfriend in the death.

There should be a half-dozen to 10 qualified consultants, he added.

"I think you will get a lot of interest and a lot of free information, too," he said. "Building a new airport is sufficiently unique and exciting that when you go to bid you'll get the best in the world."

Kirsch also told the board that a private airport is likely not feasible. It's also risky because a private owner might not preserve some facets of the airport the way the community would like.

Representatives from the city of Hailey and Blaine County planned to create an advisory committee this week to help move the process forward.

Hailey and Blaine County both shoulder responsibility for Friedman Memorial Airport. Blaine County plans to take sole responsibility with the replacement airport.

Baird also emphasized that airport staff wants to

build a first-class airport that meets all aviation needs. He said he is continually hearing that the board doesn't want general aviation at the replacement airport, which he said is not the case.

Board member Ron Fairfax responded that he would be surprised if local operations don't decrease by at least half when the airport moves to a new location south of Bellevue.

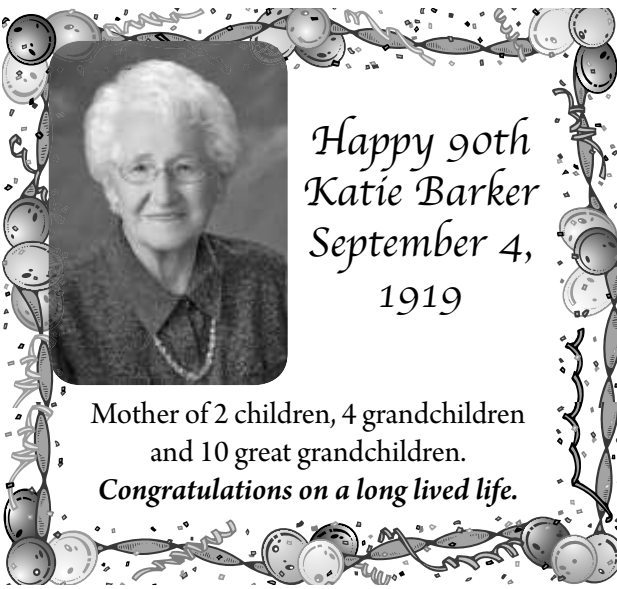
By the time pilots from Ketchum and Sun Valley drive 35 miles to the new location, they'll figure they might as well drive all the way to Boise, he said.

"If you live in Hailey and ski Sun Valley and all of a sudden the mountain moved to Galena, you would probably ski less, especially if you

were just going to ski for an hour," he said.

A lot of pilots would love to see the current airport remain a small general aviation airport, he added.

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Rep. Simpson visits T.F., talks issues

Times-News

Idaho Congressman Mike Simpson said Thursday that some form of health care reform is inevitable, but it won't fall under a single big fix that forces everyone into a government health care plan.

Aside from the hot topic of health care, the Republican congressman also talked about wide-ranging national issues during a meeting with the *Times-News* editorial board Thursday on the tail end of the congressional Summer District Work Period.

"Everybody wants people to have access to health care," Simpson said. However, a July 14 proposal called America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009, or H.R. 3200, should be scrapped, he said.

Simpson said he supports giving health care access and affordability to America's uninsured masses, but he wouldn't want private insurers to be driven out of the market.

He believes that most people that are already cov-

ered by health insurance "like the coverage that they've got."

H.R. 3200 proposes to govern health insurance plans and issuers by providing guaranteed coverage to all people and employers with automatic renewal of coverage, according to a July summary of the bill in the Library of Congress.

President Obama said last month that under the bill "those who prefer their private insurer would be under no obligation to shift to a public plan," the Associated Press reported.

The bill seeks to prohibit pre-existing condition exclusions, an idea that Simpson said Thursday he would support. Simpson said he would also like to see tort reform, with allowance for associated health care plans, and possibly the purchase of insurance across state lines.

H.R. 3200 also pushes to require certain coverage services, and limits out-of-pocket expenses to \$5,000 for an individual and \$10,000 for a family.



Simpson

Simpson was critical, though, Thursday of Obama in regards to H.R. 3200, saying the president "should have had a plan out there to start with."

Overall, Simpson said he believes in compromise and is optimistic that elected leaders will agree on at least some health care reform.

On another issue, Simpson says his Central Idaho Development and Recreation Act, which would create 318,765 acres of wilderness in the Boulder and White Clouds mountains, has become hostage to another, much more ambitious wilderness proposal backed by singer/songwriter Carole King, an environmental activist who owns a ranch near Stanley.

According to Simpson, King has the support of Rep. Nick Rahall, D-W. Va., the powerful chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources, for the Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act that would transform 24 million acres of

Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming into wilderness.

King, Simpson says, fears passage of CIEDRA would harm prospects of NREPA getting through Congress. So Simpson is working with David Brooks, the senior counsel for the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to get CIEDRA taken up by the Senate first.

Senate passage, Simpson believes, would give Rahall the political cover he needs to allow CIEDRA to be considered by the House.

After years of negotiations, Simpson struck a bargain with stakeholders on legislation creating wilderness near the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. It passed the House in 2006, but has stalled in subsequent congresses.

While creating wilderness, CIEDRA would also guarantee permanent motorized recreation access in some areas. It would also transfer several thousand acres from federal oversight to local and state government.

Plugging in to Idaho schools

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

Two Magic Valley schools are making preparations as they plug into the Idaho Education Network this school year.

Funded by nearly \$3 million in federal stimulus funding, the state network is starting off with 12 Idaho schools, which have a high-speed broadband connection. Shoshone School District and Jerome High School are among those schools, which are in every region of Idaho.

The 12 schools are part of the first phase now hooked up, and the goal is for all Idaho high schools to be part of the network within the next two years.

Jerome and Shoshone school officials stress that the network is there to benefit the entire community, not just students. For example, police and firefighters could receive online virtual training in a scheduled session.

For now, both schools are making plans for training the staff and spreading community awareness.

Shoshone Superintendent Mel Wiseman said that the school district will have a meeting on Sept. 23 with community members and area government agencies to show them the technology.

"It is certainly a privilege to be in the first go around," he said. "The potential of the connectivity is huge and our vision here in Shoshone is the connectivity will become a basis for community as well as school use. We're just getting it figured out."

While the network is in high schools, in Shoshone's case, it will benefit all grades because the district has kindergarten through 12th-grade students in one building, Wiseman said.

The technology will allow two-way video connection over the Internet, allowing virtual classes taught elsewhere or even virtual field trips to distant locations.

Jerome High School Principal Eric Anderson said staff will be trained today, adding the school and College of Southern Idaho will work together on providing dual credit courses.

John Miller, CSI's instructional dean overseeing off-campus education, said the network will provide a great way for students to receive classes, adding that the college already has technology that reaches schools beyond the college's service area.

Besides dual-credit classes, there are other opportunities such as courses and training for adults, Miller said.

Idaho schools field questions about Obama's speech

By Jessie L. Bonner
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The state Department of Education is fielding questions about a back-to-school speech President Obama plans to make to students nationwide next week.

Obama plans to speak directly to students Tuesday about the need to work hard and stay in school.

Conservative columnists and talk-radio hosts have criticized the address, calling it an attempt to indoctrinate children.

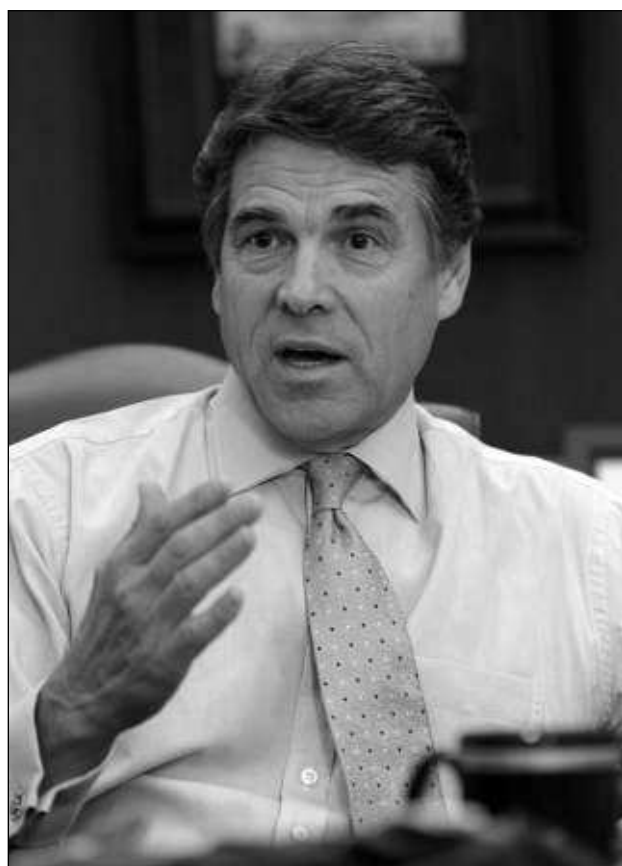
Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna requested additional information from the U.S. Department of Education earlier this week before offering guidance to schools and notifying parents.

"Ultimately the decisions will be made at the local level," said Luna, a Republican who has held Idaho's top elected education post for two years.

Obama's address will be sent out on the White House Web site and on C-SPAN at 10 a.m. MDT, a time when classrooms across the country will be able to tune in. Schools don't have to show it.

But districts across the country have been inundated with phone calls from parents and are struggling to address the controversy that broke out after U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan sent a letter to principals urging schools to watch.

Nampa parent Laurie Boeckel said she was surprised that the president's



AP photo

Texas Gov. Rick Perry responds to a question during an interview in his Capitol office Thursday, in Austin, Texas. Perry says he understands the concerns of parents who don't want their children listening to President Obama's school-time speech next Tuesday on the importance of education, aimed directly at the nation's school children.

address resulted in criticism. "This shouldn't be such a big deal, it's amazing to me how everything is so political," said Boeckel, who has two children in the Nampa School District and often lobbies legislators on education issues.

"If districts decide they have the capability and opportunity to make the broadcast available and give parents an opportunity to opt out if so desired, I see no

problem with it." In a Sept. 2 letter to Duncan, Luna asked federal education officials to explain the purpose of the speech, offer details about the content of the president's remarks and clarify whether materials provided teachers in advance of the speech were mandated, or highly recommended, for use in the classroom after the president's speech.

In a letter to Idaho school

superintendents and principals Thursday, Luna said he believes the address will be a unique opportunity for students to hear from the country's highest elected official.

Luna told schools they could decide at the local level whether to air the speech or use the provided lesson plans.

Luna encouraged Idaho schools showing the speech during class time to invite families to join students as they watch.

"As with all matters of education, whether your child watches the broadcast is ultimately up to you," Luna told parents in a letter that also went out Thursday. "If you'd rather your child do something else during the time the speech is aired, you can ask your child's teacher for a comparable assignment."

Idaho wildlife managers say chukars on the rebound

BOISE (AP) — The state Department of Fish and Game says Idaho's chukar population appears to be on the rebound.

For more than two years, the birds declined in southwest Idaho because of harsh winters and drought, prompting state wildlife managers to predict it could

take years for the chukar population to recover.

Wildlife biologist Jake Powell says hunters should be encouraged, though, because the Department of Fish and Game counted nearly 900 of the birds in the highlands along Brownlee Reservoir in central Idaho last month.

Plastic bags are only onboard bathroom, Florida pilots say

By Travis Reed
Associated Press writer

MIAMI — Flying a Boeing 727 around the world might sound like a dream. But pilots for a Florida air cargo company claim their job is a nightmare that includes no sick pay, shrinking wages and no place to use the bathroom on flights but a plastic bag.

Sixty-two pilots and flight engineers for Fort Lauderdale-based Amerijet International Inc. went on strike on Aug. 27. Among their demands is flushable toilets on board. Their union has been trying to negotiate a new contract the past five years.

On the picket line in heavy rain Thursday, pilot Dawn Leschinski held up an 18-inch green plastic bag.

"This is actually the bathroom that we're expected to use on Amerijet airplanes," she said.

Because full bags can't be easily discarded, they accumulate on longer flights,

leaving a heavy stench. About 20 braved the downpour outside Miami International Airport on Thursday, wearing their black uniform ties and golden wing pendants while carrying protest signs.

"It doesn't make you feel like you're a professional at all," said Kamal Patel, a 37-year-old pilot who has been with Amerijet 5 years. "You're treated like we're working in a third-world country."

Amerijet spokeswoman Christine Richard declined to comment on the claims, but said the company's cargo service to cities around the world hasn't been affected by the strike.

The privately owned company has 550 U.S.-based employees, but it's not clear how many pilots that includes.

Workers say they're working under dangerous conditions. They said their days can last 18 hours, with only small periods between shifts, and that they suffer

hefty financial penalties for calling in sick.

Amerijet is controlled by a private equity company called H.I.G. Capital, which bought two-thirds of the cargo company in 2002 from founder David Bassett. The Miami-based H.I.G. has \$7.5 billion in assets under management.

Amerijet's pilots and support staff recently had their payroll cut by 10 percent.

Lately, Amerijet has been expanding into new ventures, according to company news releases. In June, it became majority stockholder in the Charlotte, N.C., trucking company Nations Express. Earlier this year, Amerijet inked five new Boeing 767 leases and bought a company that specializes in ground handling.

Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen said there were no federal requirements for airlines to provide working restrooms.

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Gates: It's not time to leave Afghanistan

By Lara Jakes
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Faced with waning public support for the military escalation in Afghanistan, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Thursday that the war is worth fighting and signaled for the first time he may be willing to send more troops after months of publicly resisting a significant increase.

Gates urged patience amid polls showing rising disenchantment among the public with the war effort, saying the American military presence in Afghanistan was necessary to derail terrorists.

At a Pentagon news conference, Gates said efforts by President Obama — including ordering an additional 21,000 U.S. troops to Afghanistan this spring — are “only now beginning” and should be given a chance to succeed.

“I don’t believe that the war is slipping through the administration’s fingers,” Gates said. Later, he added: “I absolutely do not think it is time to get out of Afghanistan.”

Both Gates and Joint Chiefs Chairman Adm. Mike Mullen declined to talk about any of the recommendations contained in a new review of Afghanistan strategy sent

this week to them and the president. Gates said only he could consider a major increase in combat troops under certain conditions.

Gates said he would be comfortable with a larger U.S. military presence in Afghanistan as long as the increase reassured the country’s citizens that the Americans were there for the benefit of Afghans.

“If they interact with the Afghans in a way that gives confidence to the Afghans that we’re their partners and their allies, then the risks that I have been concerned about the footprint becoming too big and the Afghans seeing us in some role other

than partners I think is mitigated,” Gates said.

A separate recommendation on troop increases is expected in the coming weeks from the top commander in Afghanistan, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, who wrote the new review, but how many troops McChrystal wants is unclear. There could be as many as 20,000, but in recent days military officials have predicted it will be far less, closer to or fewer than 10,000.

Mullen said the question of a new jump in troop deployments is just one element of a larger plan that the Pentagon will soon ask Congress to authorize.



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Defense Secretary Robert Gates, left, and Joint Chiefs Chairman Adm. Michael Mullen, hold a news conference at the Pentagon, Thursday.

Spacewalk performed despite approaching space junk

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Two astronauts stepped out on a spacewalk to install a new tank of space station coolant Thursday as a large piece of orbiting junk headed their way.

The old rocket part was expected to pass within two miles of the shuttle-station complex late Friday morning, considered a safe distance by NASA specialists. Managers decided there was no need to move the linked spacecraft out of the way and proceeded with the spacewalk as planned.

Danny Olivas and Christer Fuglesang were nearly an hour late heading out the hatch because of minor spacesuit problems. It was the second spacewalk in three days for the Discovery and space station crews.

Their main job 220 miles up was to collect the new fully loaded ammonia tank from Discovery and hook it up to the space station. The old tank, launched seven years ago, was removed during Tuesday night’s spacewalk. It will be returned to Earth next week aboard Discovery.

The tanks are big and awkward for spacewalkers to handle: nearly 5 feet long, 7 feet wide and 4 feet high. The new one weighs 1,700 pounds.

Both men are experienced spacewalkers. Fuglesang is Swedish.

At one point Wednesday, NASA considered moving Discovery and the space station into another orbit because of the space junk, and possibly even delaying this spacewalk. But by Thursday morning, the track of the debris became clearer and experts were able to say with certainty that the two spacecraft and 13 astronauts were safe where they were.

A third and final spacewalk is scheduled for Saturday.

Discovery is scheduled to undock from the space station Tuesday.



AP photo
California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, right, and Matthew Bettenhausen, acting secretary of the California Emergency Management Agency, tour a neighborhood hit by wildfires in Big Tujunga Canyon in Tujunga, Calif., Thursday.

Schwarzenegger gets a look at fire ruins

By Greg Risling and Raquel Maria Dillon
Associated Press writers

LOS ANGELES — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger toured a fire-ravaged community Thursday where a wildfire left dozens of homes in ruins, encountering piles of twisted metal and rubble as firefighters began to bring the blaze under greater control.

The blaze was 38 percent contained Thursday, up from 28 percent the previous day. The fire now measures 147,440 acres, or 226 square miles, and is one of the largest wildfires in Southern California history.

Schwarzenegger talked to residents about their losses and later thanked firefighters for all of their work in putting out the flames. At one point during the tour, the former

bodybuilder picked up a 30-pound barbell located amid the wreckage.

“Even though we are still battling those fires, we are now trying to help get people’s lives rebuilt,” Schwarzenegger said. “When you see this kind of devastation, it’s horrible to lose your home, your personal belongings.”

Despite the overall progress against the fire, firefighters dealt with a flare-up overnight in a remote canyon as strong downslope winds “just kind of blew the fire up,” said U.S. Forest Service official John Huschke. Twenty-five people in 11 homes were evacuated in the canyon area.

The wildfire, now in its eighth day, has destroyed 64 homes, burned three people and left two firefighters dead. During the night, a firefighter injured his leg when he fell 20

feet from a cliff and was taken to a hospital by a medical helicopter, officials said. He was in stable condition.

Full containment was expected Sept. 15, meaning fire officials expect that they will have the blaze completely surrounded by then.

Firefighters have been conducting an aerial assault on the fire to complement efforts on the ground. Helicopters have doused the fire with 1.7 million gallons of water — enough to fill about three Olympic-sized swimming pools — while airplanes have dropped 670,000 gallons of retardant on the fire.

“We’re changing the pace and treating this as a marathon,” U.S. Forest Service incident commander Mike Dietrich said. “If it were a 26-mile race, we’d only be at mile six.”

AROUND THE NATION

Vice President cheers stimulus progress, but doesn’t mention problems

WASHINGTON — Vice President Joe Biden proclaimed success beyond expectations Thursday for the \$787 billion economic stimulus, but his glowing assessment overlooks many of the program’s problems, including delays in releasing money, questionable spending priorities and project picks that are under investigation.

In a speech aimed squarely at Republican criticism and public skepticism over the costly program’s effectiveness, Biden said accomplishments over the past 100 days provide proof of promises kept when he and President Obama began rolling out the plan earlier this year.

“The Recovery Act is doing more, faster and more efficiently and more effectively than most people expected,” he said.

The stimulus program includes tax cuts, billions for Medicaid and unemployment benefits, and a massive federal investment in education, environmental projects, technology and traditional infrastructure work. The administration has struggled to make the case that the huge spending program has delivered real economic recovery at a time when the nation’s unemployment rate threatens to top 10 percent.

Biden, Obama’s chief stimulus cheerleader, proudly pointed to more than 2,200 highway projects Thursday funded by the program, but didn’t mention the growing frustration among contractors that infrastructure money is only trickling out and thus far hasn’t delivered the needed boost in jobs.

Kennedy denies affair with Kopechne in new memoir

WASHINGTON — Sen. Edward M. Kennedy said in a new book that he was not romantically involved with young Mary Jo Kopechne and that he never escaped the despair he felt after she died in the 1969 car crash that has been seared into the national consciousness as “Chappaquiddick.”

He acknowledged that he enjoyed women and drink — sometimes too much so — but said reports of wild Kennedy excesses were exaggerated. He said he always has accepted the conclusion that a lone assassin killed his brother John and that Kennedy family members had worried about the emotional health of his brother Robert following John’s death in Dallas in 1963. He said it “veered close to being a tragedy within a tragedy.”

Yet it was the specter of Chappaquiddick that Edward Kennedy, the youngest brother, never could shake.

“That night on Chappaquiddick Island ended in a horrible tragedy that haunts me every day of my life,” Kennedy wrote in a memoir, “True Compass,” to be published posthumously on Sept. 14. The Massachusetts senator died last week at 77 following a yearlong battle with brain cancer.

Police: Garrido arrested in 1972 on suspicion of raping teen

SAN FRANCISCO — Another allegation of sexual abuse emerged Thursday against kidnapping suspect Phillip Garrido, when Antioch police disclosed he was arrested nearly 40 years ago on suspicion of drugging and raping a 14-year-old girl.

Garrido was accused of sexually assaulting the girl at an Antioch motel in April 1972 after giving her barbiturates, Antioch police Lt. Leonard Orman said.

Garrido was set to be prosecuted in the case but the charges were dropped when the girl refused to testify, Orman said.

The girl and a friend met Garrido, then 21, and another man near the public library and joined them in a car, where they were given drugs, he said.

Details on the case were spotty because so much time had passed.

CDC study: Swine flu deaths higher in older kids

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press writer

ATLANTA — The first detailed study of U.S. children killed by swine flu found the outbreak differs from ordinary flu in at least one puzzling respect: It appears to be taking a higher toll on school-age youngsters than on babies and toddlers.

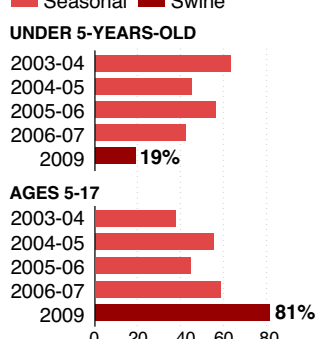
At least 40 children have died, accounting for about one in 13 U.S. swine flu deaths, scientists with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday. Two-thirds of those already had high-risk health problems, confirming what officials have been saying about who is most vulnerable to swine flu.

It is not clear whether the new virus is more dangerous than ordinary seasonal flu for kids, though some health officials suspect it is. But the analysis shows some preliminary and

Young victims

A government study shows more than 80 percent of children who have died from swine flu were age 5 or older.

Children influenza deaths



NOTE: Years 2007-08 and 2008-09 were not part of this study.

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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important differences:

- Normally, half or more of the children who die of the flu are 4 and under. But more than 80

percent of the kids who died with swine flu were 5 through 17. Dr. Beth Bell, a CDC epidemiologist, said that may be because older children spend time at school and summer camp, exposed to more people than younger children kept at home.

- Almost two-thirds of the children who died with swine flu had epilepsy, cerebral palsy or other neurodevelopmental conditions. In a previous flu season, only a third of the children who died had those conditions.

- Other germs, working with swine flu in a one-two punch, were a big danger. A bacterial infection on top of the flu virus played a role in most of the deaths of otherwise healthy children.

Swine flu was first identified in April and is now responsible for almost all flu cases in the United States. It has caused more than 1 million illnesses so far, though most were mild and not reported, the CDC esti-

OPINION

QUOTABLE

"It's like, is this really our house? Is it really still here? Because we had made peace with the fact that we'd never see our stuff again."
 — T.J. Lynch about returning to his home in the Tujunga neighborhood north of Los Angeles as residents were allowed to survey the damage from wildfires

EDITORIAL

Proposed T.F. budget isn't a china doll; stop treating it as such

Twin Falls City Manager Tom Courtney has written 30 city budgets. He can handle last-minute changes.

So we're puzzled why some members of the Twin Falls City Council are so upset that Councilman Will Kezele would suggest additional cuts up until the moment the budget is approved.

And we're not alone. "I think it's unusual because there's been largely too much rubber-stamping in the past and City Council people that don't speak up are abdication their sense of leadership," said Chris Talkington, who served from 1994 to 2006 and 1976 to 1983, including a stint as mayor.

Kezele, who's in his first term on the council, says the city should dial back some of its spending because of the recession. He's earmarked about 150 line items he would like to have researched by city staff, and has criticized spending proposed by other council members.

That's OK. It's what we elected him to do. Some of his colleagues, however, are appalled, seeming to believe last-minute cuts are a slap in the face to Courtney and his staff.

We don't see their logic. Let's say you're a homeowner who's lived in the same house for 25 years. It needs a new roof, and you've been saving and figuring on having it replaced in 2010.

But money's tight, so after your spouse sees the bids he or she suggests waiting a year.

How is that disrespectful? It's difficult to escape the conclusion that some council members are far too caught up with process, to the point that a city spending blueprint must be locked in weeks in advance.

That may be OK when times are good, but they're not good now.

Tweaking the budget isn't just desirable; it's necessary. So is examination of every possible way to do the public's business at less cost.

Look, Twin Falls is a well-run city that gets by on a lean budget. Courtney deserves much of the credit for that.

But it's his job to propose; it's the council's to set public policy.

Kezele is not only well within his rights; he's doing his job.

Our view: Consensus is fine, but sometimes it gets in the way of good government.

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Keep your self-righteous fingers off my low-cost processed food

Just in time for the worst economic downturn since the Depression, here comes a new crop of social critics to inform us that we're actually spending too little for the food we eat, the clothes we wear, the furniture we sit on and the gasoline that runs our automobiles.

Never mind that U.S. job losses these days range from 200,000 to 500,000 a month, that foreclosures are up 32 percent over this time last year and that people are re-learning how to clip newspaper coupons so as to save at the supermarket.



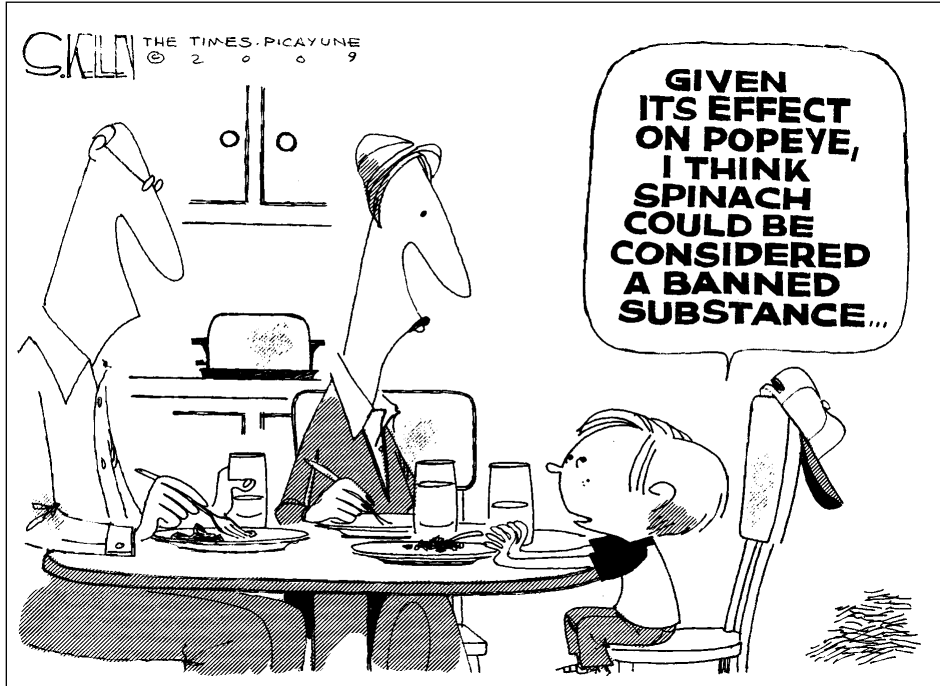
Charlotte Allen

Dire economic circumstances don't seem to faze these spending enthusiasts, who scold us for shopping at supermarkets instead of at farmers' markets, where a loaf of "artisanal" (and also "sustainable") rye bread sells for \$8, ice cream for \$6 a cup and organic tomatoes go for \$4 a pound.

The latest cheerleader for higher prices is Ellen Ruppel Shell, a professor of science journalism at Boston University who has just published a book titled "Cheap." It's not a guide to bargain-hunting. The theme of Shell's book, subtitled "The High Cost of Discount Culture," is "America's dangerous liaison with Cheap."

Shell's argument goes like this: Shopping at discount stores, factory outlets and, of course, Wal-Mart (no work of social criticism is complete without a drive-by shooting aimed at that chain) exploits Chinese factory workers (who would much rather be back on the collective farm wearing their Mao suits) and degrades the environment because much of the low-price junk wears out and ends up in landfills.

Even IKEA comes in for a



America's poorest people nowadays can afford automobiles, cell phones and TVs. Yet a significant number of social critics wish they couldn't.

drubbing in Shell's book. Yes, the Swedish chain's inexpensive, assemble-yourself furniture may look tasteful, but behind every Billy bookcase lies a gruesome tale (in Shell's view) of Siberian forests ravaged for all that pine veneer and gallons of fossil fuel burned by couples motoring to IKEA's remote store locations, strategically chosen for their rock-bottom land values. Most damaging of all, says Shell, is the cost to America's soul.

"The economics of Cheap cramps innovation, contributes to the decline of once flourishing industries, and threatens our proud heritage of craftsmanship," she writes. In her view, we should all save up for "responsibly made quality goods," preferably from shops accessible by "public transit."

What's wrong with low prices? If you don't care for the quality, well, as my mother always says, you get what you pay for.

In an online debate with the *Atlantic's* economics

writer, Megan McArdle, Shell observes with disapproval that, when prices are adjusted for inflation, Americans today spend "40 percent less on clothes, 20 percent less on food, more than 50 percent less on appliances, about 25 percent less on owning and maintaining a car" than they did during the early 1970s. Over that same period, Census Bureau tables show, U.S. median household income rose by at least 18 percent in constant dollars — despite the much-lamented (by Shell and others) decampment of "once flourishing" manufacturing jobs to China and elsewhere. That's why even America's poorest people nowadays can afford automobiles, cell phones and TVs.

Yet a significant number of social critics wish they couldn't. Robert Pollin, an economics professor at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst — cited approvingly by Shell — has argued for higher clothing prices and steep taxes on

fossil fuels in the name of various social and green causes, even though, as he conceded in a January article in *The Nation*, the latter measure would "impose higher energy prices on businesses and individuals."

Those who think there is something wrong with owning more than two pairs of sneakers or that exquisite fastidiousness about what you put into your mouth equals virtue need to be teleported back to, say, the Depression itself, when privation was in earnest and few people had telephones, much less cell phones. Read some 1930s memoirs: Back then, people who couldn't afford "quality" furniture slept on mattresses on the floor and hammered together makeshift tables out of orange crates. They went barefoot during the summer and sewed their children's clothes out of (non-organic) flour sacks. That was what "cheap" meant then — not today's plethora of affordable goods that the social critics would like to take away from us.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lenkersdorfer violates journalistic codes

Burley City Councilman Jay Lenkersdorfer believes that all Americans are entitled to invoke their Constitutional right to freedom of speech. The councilman exercises this First Amendment right in City Council sessions and more extensively in two weekly publications which comprise his business, *The Weekly Mailer*, distributed free of charge to all Burley residences, and a subscription-only publication, *The Weekly Journal*.

Invoking this rationale, Lenkersdorfer justifies the frequent appearance of unsigned letters to the editor in his publications as a medium for all citizens to speak their minds without retaliation. This practice is not sanctioned by the journalistic code of ethics published by the American Society of Professional Journalists. The code

specifically states that journalists should remain free of associations which compromise their integrity, including any which would create a conflict of interest. In other words, journalists must accept accountability for their publications. By occupying his position on the city council and by publishing a locally distributed newspaper, Lenkersdorfer is violating both of these codes.

The line in the sand is accountability. Lenkersdorfer should be accountable to both his profession and to his commitment to the city of Burley. We think that the use of his publication to further his own political agenda, specifically on his editorial page, is an ethical violation and can be rectified in only one way, by recusing himself from either the city council or from his journalistic pursuits until his term on the council is completed. In this way, he can

avoid both conflict of interest and compromised integrity. Continuing with "business as usual" is not an option.

SARAH M. BLASIUS
JOHN H. BLASIUS
 Burley

Rammell's comment brings up trust issues

If Rammell does not have respect for Obama as his president, how can you trust him with anything else?

RALPH B. PETERS
 Jerome

BID parking plan isn't surprising

With a typical display of its usual clear-headed thinking, the Twin Falls Historic Business Improvement District Board is recommending that the way to increase customer turnover in downtown parking is to allow downtown business

owners and their employees to take up parking spaces in front of downtown businesses.

Why is this not surprising?
JACK GOODMAN
 Buhl

Article gave too much info on making drugs

In regard to the article, "Meth made easy" in the *Times-News* on Aug. 26, about meth use:

Wow, we are trying to keep our teens away from drugs and you print an article on how to make the drug in a bottle and also show the chemicals in a photo. What is that telling our teens? That it is OK for them to make it as they drive down the road.

I can't believe what I really read that day. I hid the paper from my teenager, and I hope that other parents did also.

KIM RAGAINS
 Kimberly

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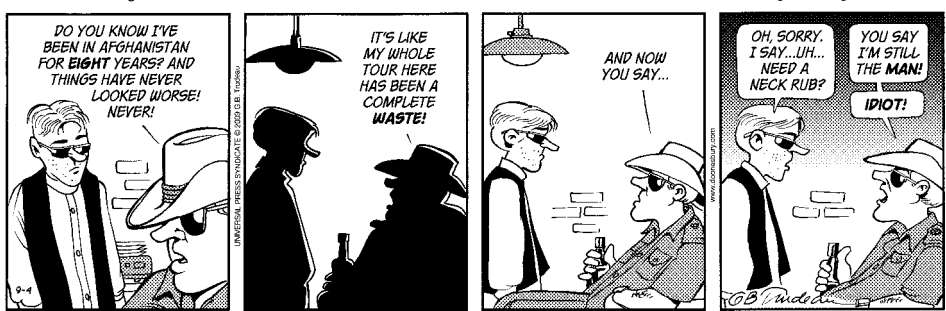
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THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

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Mallard Fillmore



"The existing system doesn't just break up families, it also costs lives. A 2004 study by the Institute of Medicine, a branch of the National Academy of Sciences, found that lack of health insurance causes 18,000 unnecessary deaths a year. That's one person slipping through the cracks and dying every half an hour."

Until medical bills do us part

Critics fret that health care reform would undermine American family values, not least by convening somber death panels to wheel away Grandma as if she were Old Yeller.

But peel away the emotions and fearmongering, and in fact it is the existing system that unnecessarily takes lives and breaks apart families.

My friend M. — you'll understand in a moment why she's terrified of my using her name — had to make a searing decision a year ago. She was married to a sweet, gentle man whom she loved, but who had become increasingly absent-minded. Finally, he was diagnosed with early-onset dementia.

The disease is degenerative, and he will become steadily less able to care for himself. At some point, as his medical needs multiply, he will probably need to be institutionalized.

The hospital arranged a conference call with a social worker, who outlined how the dementia and its financial toll on the family would progress, and then added, out of the blue: "Maybe you should divorce."

"I was blown away," M. told me. But, she said, the hospital staff members explained that they had seen it all before, many times. If M.'s husband required long-term care, the costs would be catastrophic even for a middle-class family with savings.

Eventually, after the expenses whittled away their combined assets, her husband could go on Medicaid — but by then their children's nest egg would be gone, along with her 401(k) plan. She would face a bleak retirement with neither her husband nor her savings.

A complicating factor was that this was a second marriage. M.'s first husband had died, leaving an inheritance that he had intended for their children. She and her second husband had a prenuptial agreement, but that would not protect her assets from his medical expenses.

The hospital told M. not to waste time in dissolving the marriage. For five years after any divorce, her assets could be seized — precisely because the government knows that people sometimes divorce husbands or wives to escape their medical bills.

"How could I divorce him? I loved him," she told me.

"I explored a lot of options with an attorney here in town," she added. "The attorney said, 'I don't see any other options for you.' It took about a year for me to do the divorce, it was so hard."

So M. divorced the man she loves. I asked him what he thought of this. He can still speak, albeit not always coherently, and he paused a long, long time.



Nicholas Kristof

All he could manage was: "It's hard to say."

Long-term care constitutes a difficult and expensive challenge in any health system. But the American patchwork, full of cracks through which people fall, has a special problem with medical expenses of all kinds bankrupting couples.

A study reported in *The American Journal of Medicine* this month found that 62 percent of American bankruptcies are linked to medical bills. These medical bankruptcies had increased nearly 50 percent in just six years. Astonishingly, 78 percent of these people actually had health insurance, but the gaps and inadequacies left them unprotected when they were hit by devastating bills.

M. still helps her husband and, quietly, continues to live with him and care for him. But she worries that the authorities will come after her if they realize that they divorced not because of irreconcilable differences but because of irreconcilable medical bills. There were awkward questions from friends who saw the divorce announcement in the newspaper.

"It's just crazy," she said. "It twists people like pretzels."

The existing system doesn't just break up families, it also costs lives. A 2004 study by the Institute of Medicine, a branch of the National Academy of Sciences, found that lack of health insurance causes 18,000 unnecessary deaths a year. That's one person slipping through the cracks and dying every half an hour.

In short, it's a good bet that our existing dysfunctional health system knocks off far more people than an army of "death panels" could — even if they existed, worked 24/7 and got around in a fleet of black helicopters.

So, for those of you inclined to believe the worst about President Obama, think it through. Suppose he is indeed a secret, foreign-born Muslim agent who is scheming to undermine American family values while killing off as many grandmothers as possible.

If all that were true, why on Earth would he be trying so hard to reform our health care system? We already know how to prod families into divorce and take a life unnecessarily every 30 minutes — all we need to do is reject reform and stick with exactly what we have.

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Hunting wolves, and men

They started hunting gray wolves in the high reaches of the Rocky Mountains on Tuesday, the first time in years that people have been allowed to shoot for sport this genetic cousin of man's best friend.

For those who hate wolves and long for the era when they were wiped off the map, and for those who welcomed back this call of the wild, the last few days have revealed some dark feelings in the changing West — and some strength of character as well.

A Republican candidate for governor of Idaho, Rex Rammell, was at a political barbecue last week when somebody brought up the tags used by wolf hunters, and then made a reference to killing the president of the United States.

"Obama tags?" Rammell replied, to laughter, according to an account in the *Times-News* of Twin Falls. "We'd buy some of those."

In the Idaho of the past, jokes about shooting a president could sometimes be dismissed without consequence. Indeed, the comment was buried in an initial news story about the gathering, and Rammell sloughed it off later, saying on his Web site that "Obama hunting tags was just a joke! Everyone knows Idaho has no jurisdiction to issue tags in Washington, D.C."

Ha-ha. What a knee-slapper, these assassination jokes. And besides, he



Timothy Egan

couldn't hunt down Obama with out-of-state tags. Get it?

This episode was not unlike a town hall meeting last month in the Northern California district of Wally Herger, a Republican congressman. When people show up at an event that is supposed to be about health care, and get their applause by proclaiming themselves to be "a proud, right-wing terrorist," as one man did in front of an approving Herger, you know they could care less about defined insurance benefits.

As with wolves, the fear has many faces, and the true source of it is seldom clear.

But what followed in Idaho was rare in a year of endangered civility. The Idaho Republican establishment came down hard on Rammell, condemning the comments of a fringe candidate who channels voices that have found a wide airing in the YouTube age.

Of course, the reaction could be driven by self-interest. For years, Idaho officials have been trying to convince businesses that their state is not a hotbed of hate-filled rubes, gun-toting racists and assorted nut

jobs getting their information from Glenn Beck. Tech companies that thrive in the New West metro area of Boise and the outdoor paradise of the north say the state's reputation has severely hurt efforts to recruit ethnic minorities.

But this is a changed state in a quick-stirring part of the country — not necessarily less Republican, but certainly less tolerant of the kind of hate speech that used to flow with warm beer on late nights at the wacko corral. Obama, the candidate, drew about 14,000 people in his appearance in Boise last year — putting it among the largest political gatherings in state history. He got just under 47 percent of the vote in Ada County, the state's most populous.

The wolf hunt has brought out feelings that have less to do with *Canis lupus* than with something more deep-seated. Gray wolves were exterminated long ago in most Western states, a campaign of blood lust, terror and bounty kills. In some counties it was against the law not to put wolf poison on the fence post. Their return by federal wildlife officials has been such a success that two states, Montana and Idaho, have authorized hunting to keep the numbers in check.

Whether the reintroduced wolf packs — which feast on elk, deer and occasional domestic livestock — can still flourish even with

the hunt is an issue now before the courts. But this call to arms against an animal that has been historically misunderstood by most anyone whose name is not St. Francis of Assisi is in part a fear of letting the wild back into Western lands.

Rammell himself is a prime exhibit of a nature-phobe. Until 2007, he made his living in elk ranching, which he calls "a novel agricultural enterprise." Imagine this majestic creature at dawn in a high mountain meadow, in all its glory. Now imagine it inside a fenced-off plot while someone tries to domesticate it into stupidity. That's elk ranching.

As for wolves, Rammell wants them all dead, dead, dead. "I believe wolves need to be eliminated," he says on his Web site. Does it matter to him that they roamed every Western state long before Rex Rammell starting tossing one-liners to red-faced Republicans blowing on their soup at the diner?

Probably not. But judging by the success of tourism built around wolf sightings, the four-legged hunter is back in the West to stay. Still, it would help all concerned if what we talk about when talking about wolves was just that.

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No junior lobbyist left behind

"ABC" stands for All Barack's Children. On Tuesday, young students across the country will be watching television. Yes, they'll be parked in front of boob tubes and computer screens watching President Obama's address on education.

Instead of practicing cursive, reviewing multiplication tables, diagramming sentences or learning something concrete, America's kids will be lectured about the importance of learning. And then the schoolchildren, from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, will be exhorted to Do Something — other than sit in their seats and receive academic instruction, that is.

Education Secretary Arne Duncan dispatched letters to principals nationwide, boasting, "This is the first time an American president has spoken directly to the nation's schoolchildren about persisting and succeeding in school." But the goal is not merely morale boosting. According to White House event-related guides developed by the U.S. Department of Education's Teaching Fellows, grade-school students will be told to "listen to the speech" and "think about the following":

- What is the president trying to tell me?
- What is the president asking me to do?
- What new ideas and actions is the president challenging me to think about?



Michelle Malkin

Students can record important parts of the speech where the president is asking them to do something. Students might think about: What specific job is he asking me to do? Is he asking anything of anyone else? Teachers? Principals? Parents? The American people?

After the speech, teachers will ask students:

- What do you think the president wants us to do?
- Does the speech make you want to do anything?
- Are we able to do what President Obama is asking of us?

Obama's White House Teaching Fellows include Chicago high-school educator Xian Barrett, a fierce opponent of charter schools who founded a "Social Justice Club" and bussed students to protests, and Michelle Bissonette, a Los Altos, Calif., teacher who is "focused on developing my leadership as a more culturally and racially conscious educator."

The activist tradition of government schools using students as junior lobbyists cannot be ignored. Zealous teachers unions have enlisted captive schoolchildren as letter-writers in their campaigns for higher education spending. Out-of-control activists have enlisted

their secondary-school charges in pro-illegal immigration protests, gay marriage ceremonies, environmental propaganda stunts and anti-war events.

And last year's presidential campaign saw disgraceful abuses of power by pro-Obama instructors. In New Rochelle, N.Y., elementary students were given an in-class assignment to color in drawings of Obama — including a picture of a campaign button featuring his face and the slogan "Students for Obama 2008." In Cumberland County, N.C., a fifth-grade teacher turned a "civics" discussion into an unhinged harangue against a girl who said her family supported John McCain.

Nor can the Democrats' strategy of using kiddie human shields to advance their legislative agenda be overlooked in the context and timing of Obama's speech. Children have been front and center of the left's push for an ever-increasing government role in health care — from Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's use of Baltimore seventh-grader Graeme Frost to push for the massive S-CHIP entitlement expansion to Obama's none-too-coincidental choice of Massachusetts 11-year-old

town hall questioner Julia Hall (the daughter of a prominent Obama activist and organizer who assailed Obamacare critics' "mean" signs) to the Kennedy family's decision to put grandson Max Allen on center stage to pray for health care reform at his uncle's funeral last week.

So when the Department of Education directs schools to gather children 'round the TV monitors for Obama's pep talk and then have them do this:

• Create posters of their goals. Posters could be formatted in quadrants or puzzle pieces or trails marked with the labels: personal, academic, community, country. Each area could be labeled with three steps for achieving goals in those areas. It might make sense to focus on personal and academic so community and country goals come more readily.

*Write letters to themselves about what they can do to help the president. These would be collected and redistributed at an appropriate later date by the teacher to make students accountable to their goals.

Parents have every right to worry about their children being used as Political Guinea Pigs for Change.

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MONDAY IN HEALTHY & FIT

North Korea says uranium enrichment nearly finished

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea said today that it is in the final stages of enriching uranium, a process that could give the nation a second way to make nuclear bombs.

The official Korean Central News Agency said in a report early Friday that North Korea informed the U.N. Security Council it is forging ahead with its nuclear program in defiance of international calls to abandon its atomic ambitions.

The dispatch said plutonium "is being weaponized," and that uranium enrichment — a program North Korea revealed in recent months — was entering the "completion phase." Experts had long suspected the existence of a hidden uranium enrichment program, which would give the regime a second source of nuclear material.

North Korea called the decision to push ahead with its nuclear programs a reaction to the Security Council's moves to tighten sanctions against the regime for testing a nuclear bomb in May. The report called the resolution a "wanton violation of the DPRK's sovereignty and dignity." DPRK stands for the country's official name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Drug treatment center targeted in Mexico, 18 dead

By Olivia Torres and Alicia A. Caldwell
Associated Press writers

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico — Neighbors mopped blood from the sidewalk outside a drug rehabilitation center Thursday, cleaning up the carnage after gunmen lined up patients against a wall and then riddled them with bullets, killing 18.

It was the third attack on a drug treatment center in Ciudad Juarez. Chihuahua state authorities said Thursday they were investigating reports that the centers have turned into hide-outs for drug smugglers being sought by police and hit men from rival gangs.

Public Safety Secretary Genaro Garcia Luna, Mexico's top law enforcement official, said rehab clinics were also being used as recruiting and training centers by drug cartels.

He told The Associated Press in an exclusive interview that a recently detained drug suspect belonging to the La Familia cartel oversaw various private, nonprofit drug rehab centers across western Michoacan state. The suspect Rafael Cedenos claimed to have trained 9,000 recruits for the cartel in 2008.

"We're checking to see if there is a link with what we've found (in Michoacan)," Garcia Luna said.

Garcia Luna said in Michoacan, Cedenos's rehab



Emergency workers and army soldiers attend a wounded man outside the El Aliviane drug rehabilitation center after gunmen broke in, lined people against a wall and shot 18 dead, in Ciudad Juarez on the Mexico's border with the U.S., late Wednesday. Authorities had no immediate suspects or information on the victims.

centers held retreats to train members, and if addicts did not cooperate, they were executed. He said the La Familia gang preferred recovered addicts because they were less likely to touch the drug loads.

Mexico's burgeoning drug trade has fed a growing drug abuse problem, particularly in border cities where gangs

have a heavy presence. Scores of rehabilitation centers have opened their doors in recent years, some out of the homes of recovered drug addicts with checkered pasts.

Most of the centers are not guarded or regulated.

Patricia Gonzalez, the prosecutor of Chihuahua state, where Ciudad Juarez is

located, said Thursday that the centers have become hide-outs from police or rival gang members.

Bloody footprints tracked from the door of the humble cinderblock Aliviane center remained on Thursday, as federal police and soldiers stood guard. El Paso can be seen just across the U.S. border.

At 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, about eight gunmen broke down a door at the center, lined their victims against a wall and shot them dead, authorities said. Gonzalez said one man died Thursday and another remained hospitalized.

Little information about the victims was available. Sobbing mothers and wives gathered outside the prosecutors' offices to demand answers and find out whether their loved ones were among the dead.

Elisabeth Quintero, 32, said she lost her son, 16; her younger brother, 28; and her cousin, 21. Another woman gently braided her hair, comforting her outside the

Chihuahua state prosecutor's office.

"They have said nothing," Quintero said. "Just that somebody killed them?"

Quintero declined to give details about her relatives' addiction problems, saying only that the men checked in to straighten themselves out. She called her teenage son "delinquent."

Jaime Valle was at a loss as to why his 17-year-old son, Jaime Saul Perez, was gunned down just as he was trying to turn his life around by seeking help for marijuana abuse.

He said his son had never been in trouble, except for smoking pot, and had been expected to finish his treatment and return home this weekend.

"I want justice!" Valle yelled. "Kill those ungrateful dogs that are going around killing innocent people. Justice! I want justice!"

Ciudad Juarez, Mexico's deadliest city, has seen the worst of the nation's drug violence with more than 1,300 deaths this year.

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The coin is part of a program authorized by Congress after the 50-state quarter program proved to be so popular and profitable.

Brunhart said Thursday that the coin honoring American Samoa's "vibrant traditional culture and rugged beauty is a welcome addition to American coinage."

One side of the coin depicts an ava bowl, which is used in a ceremony to welcome guests and visitors and bears the inscription "Samoa Muamua Le Atua," which in Samoan means, "Samoa, God is First."

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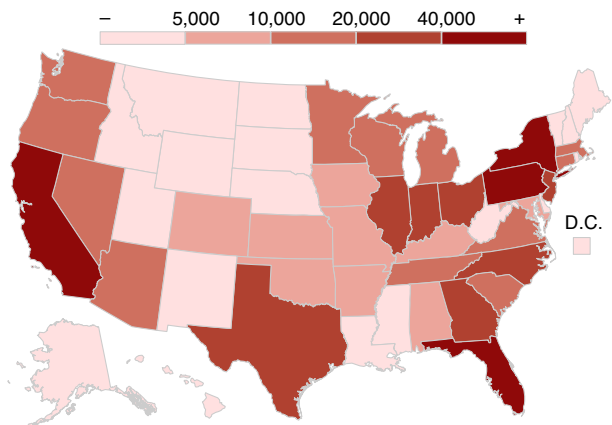
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1.3M to lose jobless benefits by year's end

Hundreds of thousands losing benefits

More than 700,000 people have exhausted their unemployment benefits. By the end of the year, the number will exceed 1.3 million.

People who exhausted their unemployment benefits



SOURCE: Department of Labor

AP

By Tamara Lush
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — More than 1.3 million Americans' unemployment insurance benefits will run out by the end of the year, placing extra strain on an economy that is just starting to recover from the worst downturn in a generation.

They may be the most unfortunate of America's 14.5 million jobless: the ones whose benefits are drying up — in some cases after a record 18 months of government support.

With savings depleted and

job opportunities scarce, people are living with relatives and borrowing cash from friends. They are even skipping meals. Through it all, they are trying to stay positive through exercise and prayer.

The government said Thursday that 570,000 laid-off workers filed new claims for unemployment benefits last week, bringing the number of people receiving benefits to 6.23 million. The Labor Department is expected to report Friday that the August unemployment rate rose to 9.5 percent, up from 9.4 percent in July.

People who lost white-

collar jobs seem most surprised by the dire circumstances they are finding themselves in as unemployment benefits dry up. Before the recession and financial crisis, it had always been easy for them to find work.

In the past year, nearly 5.5 million people exhausted their 26 weeks of standard benefits without finding work. The government says the "exhaustion rate" is the highest on records dating from 1972.

Some 3.4 million people now depend upon extended benefits approved by Congress lasting anywhere

from 20 weeks to a year — the longest period of extensions ever added.

The length of these extensions vary by state, depending on the unemployment rate. More than half of all states have unemployment rates that triggered 53 weeks of extended benefits.

The government does not track how many jobless Americans have exhausted both their standard and extended benefits, but experts estimate the figure to be nearly 100,000 — and rising.

See **BENEFITS**, Business 2

Natural gas prices plunge

Prices hit new seven-year lows

By Chris Kahn
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Natural gas prices tumbled again Thursday, hitting new seven-year lows as the U.S. pares down on energy usage and more unused supply is put into storage.

In other trading, benchmark crude for October delivery fell 9 cents to settle at \$67.96 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. In London, Brent crude dropped 54 cents to settle at \$67.12 on the ICE Futures exchange.

The Intermountain Gas Company recently filed for a 21.6 percent decrease in prices with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. If approved, it would be effective Oct. 1.

Residential customers using natural gas for space heating and water heating will save an average 22.2 percent or \$16.23 a month, the company said.

On Monday, Spokane, Washington-based utility Avista Corp. said it wants to reduce natural gas prices for its Oregon customers to the lowest levels in five years. And in the Midwest, Alliant Energy Corp. and Wisconsin Public Service Corp. both predicted heating bills would drop around 20 percent.

That will mean huge savings for a lot of Americans this winter when the heating bill arrives.

"Any savings we get, they

See **GAS**, Business 2



Natural gas is flared from an oil well near Parshall, N.D. Declining natural gas prices may mean lower prices for consumers this winter.

AP photo

"CONSUMERS DON'T UNDERSTAND WHERE THEIR FOOD COMES FROM"

Ag Pavilion at fair pays dividends

By Cindy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

FILER — With less than 2 percent of the American population involved with agriculture today, many consumers have lost their connection to food.

"Consumers don't understand where their food comes from," Cheri Storey, communications director for the United Dairymen of Idaho. "They don't understand the value of food and I believe that has led to poor choices about eating nutrient dense foods."

Even in a state like Idaho, where agriculture generated 11 percent of the state's total sales in 2006 and paid more than 4 percent of the state's total wages, school children visiting a dairy can be heard asking which cows give chocolate milk.

To help consumers make a connection to their food, a group of about 25 commodity groups and other agriculture-related organizations have put together the Ag Pavilion. For the last 15 years, the pavilion has been at the Western Idaho Fair annually and then rotates between the Twin Falls County Fair and the Eastern Idaho Fair.

While it seems logical to reach the growing metro area served by the Western Idaho Fair, bringing the Ag Pavilion to Twin Falls or Blackfoot seems somewhat ironic. But Candy Fitch, co-chairperson of the 2009 Ag Pavilion, says even consumers in the traditional agricultural regions of the state have a lot to learn about today's agriculture.

Visitors are asked to complete a quiz, really more like a scavenger hunt, to find 10 of 25 red barns tucked in among the displays and booths. Each barn has a fact

See **AG**, Business 2

INTERESTED?

To learn more about Idaho agriculture, visit the Ag Pavilion at the Twin Falls County Fair. The pavilion is located near the south end of 4-H sheep and pig barns and is open daily until 10 p.m.

New jobless claims dip less than expected to 570,000

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — New jobless claims fell slightly last week while the number of Americans receiving unemployment benefits rose, a sign the job market's recovery will be long and bumpy.

While most economists believe the recession has ended, they predict the jobless rate will keep rising until at least next summer as the country struggles to mount

a sustained recovery. The worry is that household incomes will remain depressed and consumer spending, which accounts for 70 percent of the total economy, will continue to lag.

Most retailers posted sales declines last month as shoppers restrained back-to-school purchases to focus on necessities. Discounters did better than upscale chains, but the results Thursday

See **JOBS**, Business 2

Retail sales

Same-store sales fell in August as shoppers held back on back-to-school purchases. Percent change in major retailers' sales compared to August 2008:

August 2009	Change
Kohl's	+0.2%
Costco Wholesale	-2.0
Target Corp.	-2.9
BJ's Wholesale Club Inc.	-6.0
J.C. Penney	-7.9
Macy's Inc.	-8.1
Abercrombie & Fitch Co.	-29.0

NOTE: Sales include those from stores opened for at least one year. Reporting periods vary slightly.

AP

Gun manufacturer opens

Deal will breathe new life into Meridian shop

Times-News

A new line of shotguns will roll off the assembly line for the first time Thursday in Meridian, boosting a business that has lost jobs and work hours in the recession.

Advanced Precision Machining, 180 S. Adkins Way, founded in 1981, makes proprietary precision medical and semiconductor parts and prototypes

for other companies. It recently began making parts for the shotguns and for rifles.

After losing a major semiconductor client, founder and owner Nick Brackus was forced to cut back to a staff of 13.

"I have employees who have worked here 22 to 25 years," Brackus said. "We relied on attrition to reduce our work force, and then I had to cut employees down to 30 hours."

Now he hopes to restore his staff to full-time work and hire new people.

Brackus retooled his machine shop to make the shotguns. If sales go well —

projections call for 5,000 a month — "we have the potential of actually increasing jobs here by double, up to about 30 jobs," he said.

The shotguns were Jim Bentley's idea. Bentley is president of Krow Innovation, a Boise marketing firm. He said he thought of assembling a shotgun in the United States when he was in Ismir, Turkey, visiting Hatsu Arms Co., an accessory manufacturing plant.

He arranged for Advanced Precision to make the guns and for

See **GUNS**, Business 2

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Con Agra	20.02	▲ .10	Dell Inc.	15.25	▼ .10	Idacorp	28.09	▼ .07	Int. Bancorp	2.05	▲ .05
Lithia Mo.	12.36	▼ .20	McDonalds	55.57	▲ .20	Micron	7.17	▲ .18	Supervalu	14.33	▲ .31

COMMODITIES

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Live cattle	86.73	▼ .50	Oct. Oil	67.98	▼ .07
Oct Gold	994.70	▲ 16.20	Dec. Silver	16.17	▼ .80

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE			AMEX			NASDAQ					
MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)			MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)			MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)					
Name	Vol(00)	Last Chg	Name	Vol(00)	Last Chg	Name	Vol(00)	Last Chg			
Citigrp	5598529	4.77 +21	Sinovac	280445	9.39 +86	SunMicro	905200	9.15 -17			
FannieMae	h2088411	1.64 +27	EldorGld g	118132	11.11 +39	PwShs QQQ685622	39.51 +26				
BkofAm	1696391	16.84 +57	Rentech	98890	2.01 +09	Intel	471389	19.42 -05			
SPDR	1262811	100.65 +83	GoldStrg	81118	3.12 +18	Sepracor	438738	22.85 +05			
FredMac h	943289	1.87 +23	NovaGld g	76441	4.42 -20	ETrade	427053	1.51 +02			
GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)			GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)			GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)					
Name	Last Chg	%Chg	Name	Last Chg	%Chg	Name	Last Chg	%Chg			
FredM pFt	2.91	+50	+20.7	MinesMgt	2.48	+58	+30.5	WideEnSol n	3.01	-89	-22.8
OxfordInds	16.93	+2.83	+20.1	PolyMet g	2.05	+26	+14.5	Amedisys	34.04	-9.42	-21.7
XinyuanRE	4.76	+7.7	+19.3	ACmtPT	6.76	+7.6	+12.7	Osiris	11.52	-2.49	-17.8
Mechel	12.60	+1.80	+16.7	GreenHnr	2.00	+2.2	+12.4	WHeart rs	3.37	-7.3	-17.8
FredM pF	2.79	+3.9	+16.3	IntTower g	3.83	+3.9	+11.3	InnerWkgs	4.68	-9.8	-17.3
LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)			LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)			LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)					
Name	Last Chg	%Chg	Name	Last Chg	%Chg	Name	Last Chg	%Chg			
KV PhnB If	3.44	-5.4	-13.6	VirnetX	2.78	-3.9	-12.3	WideEnSol n	3.01	-89	-22.8
HovnanE	4.05	-6.0	-12.9	Velocity rs	2.60	-2.8	-9.7	Amedisys	34.04	-9.42	-21.7
McGrwH	29.01	-3.30	-10.2	B&H	3.50	-2.9	-7.7	Osiris	11.52	-2.49	-17.8
E-TrcEngy	13.52	-1.39	-9.3	EngySvcs	2.80	-2.2	-7.3	WHeart rs	3.37	-7.3	-17.8
ProSUSSilv	5.96	-6.1	-9.3	OrleansH	2.90	-2.3	-7.3	InnerWkgs	4.68	-9.8	-17.3
DIARY			DIARY			DIARY					
Advanced	2,361		Advanced	344		Advanced	1,792				
Declined	699		Declined	195		Declined	858				
Unchanged	95		Unchanged	57		Unchanged	146				
Total issues	3,155		Total issues	596		Total issues	2,796				
New Highs	76		New Highs	24		New Highs	15				
New Lows	...		New Lows	1		New Lows	5				
Volume	4,715,070,606		Volume	183,699,375		Volume	1,793,794,155				

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11,790.17	6,469.95	Dow Jones Industrials	9,344.61	+63.94	+69	+6.47	-16.48
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AmCasino	.42	...	16.56	+52	+91.7	LeeEnt h	1.67	+03	+307.3
Aon Corp	.60	22	41.50	+28	-9.2	MicroTn	7.17	+18	+171.6
BallardPw	...	...	1.74	-03	+54.0	OfficeMax	...	...	11.29	+50	+47.8
BkofAm	.04	46	16.84	+57	+19.6	RockTen	.40	10	48.02	-02	+40.5
ConAgra	.76	9	20.02	+10	+21.3	Sensient	.76	14	26.36	+18	+10.4
Costco	.72	22	54.99	+4.34	+4.7	SkyWest	.16	9	15.21	+23	-18.2
Diebold	1.04	25	30.69	+66	+9.3	Terady n	...	...	7.79	+18	+84.6
DukeEngy	.96f	16	15.31	+16	+2.0	Tuppwr	.88	15	37.65	+67	+65.9
DukeRily	.68	44	10.54	+03	-3.8	US Bancrp	.20	25	20.95	+29	-16.2
Fastenal	.74f	24	36.39	+1.79	+4.4	Valhi	.40	...	9.85	+1.06	-7.9
Heinz	1.68	13	37.76	-03	+4	WalMart	1.09	15	51.74	+82	-4.7
HewlettP	.32	14	44.45	+20	+22.5	WashFed	.20	...	14.26	...	-7.7
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Idacorp	1.20	12	28.09	-07	-4.6	ZionBcp	.04m	...	16.39	+11	-33.1

HOW TO READ THE REPORT

Name: Stocks are listed alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Company names made up of initials appear at the beginning of each letters' list. **Div:** Current annual dividend rate paid on stock, based on latest quarterly or semiannual declaration, unless otherwise footnoted. **Last:** Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day. **Chg:** Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ... mark.

Fund Name: Name of mutual fund and family. **Sell:** Net asset value, or price at which fund could be sold. **Chg:** Daily net change in the NAV.

Stock Footnotes: cc - PE greater than 99. dd - Loss in last 12 mos. d - New 52-wk low during trading day. g - Dividend in Canadian \$. Stock price in U.S.\$ n - New issue in past 52 wks. q - Closed-end mutual fund; no PE calculated. s - Split or stock dividend of 25 pct or more in last 52 wks. Div begins with date of split or stock dividend. u - New 52-wk high during trading day. v - Trading halted on primary market. Unless noted, dividend rates are annual disbursements based on last declaration. pf - Preferred. pp - Holder owes installment(s) of purchase price. rt - Rights. un - Units. wd - When distributed. wi - When issued. wt - Warrants. ww - With warrants. xw - Without warrants.

Dividend Footnotes: a - Also extra or extras. b - Annual rate plus stock dividend. c - Liquidating dividend. e - Declared or paid in preceding 12 mos. f - Annual rate, increased on last declaration. i - Declared or paid after stock dividend or split. j - Paid this year, dividend omitted, deferred or no action taken at last meeting. k - Declared or paid this year, accumulative issue with dividends in arrears. m - Annual rate, reduced on last declaration. p - Init div, annual rate unknown. r - Declared or paid in preceding 12 mos plus stock dividend. t - Paid in stock in last 12 mos, estimated cash value on ex-dividend or distribution date. x - Ex-dividend or ex-rights. y - Ex-dividend and sales in full. z - Sales in full. vj - In bankruptcy or receivership or being reorganized under the Bankruptcy Act, or securities assumed by such companies.

* Most active stocks above must be worth \$1 and gainers/losers \$2.

Mutual Fund Footnotes: e - Ex-capital gains distribution. f - Previous day's quote. n - No-load fund. p - Fund assets used to pay distribution costs. r - Redemption fee or contingent deferred sales load may apply. s - Stock dividend or split. 1 - Both p and r. x - Ex-cash dividend.

Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

COMMODITIES REPORT

CLOSING FUTURES

Mon	Commodity	High	Low	Close	Change
Oct	Live cattle	87.15	86.60	86.73	- .10
Dec	Live cattle	87.10	86.60	86.88	- .13
Sep	Feeder cattle	98.90	98.25	98.50	- .12
Oct	Feeder cattle	98.95	98.25	98.38	- .12
Nov	Feeder cattle	99.60	98.80	98.85	- .30
Oct	Lean hogs	51.08	49.23	49.78	+ .80
Dec	Lean hogs	48.60	47.10	47.65	+ .95
Feb	Pork belly	81.00	79.40	80.88	+ 1.88
Mar	Pork belly	80.70	xx xx	80.70	+ 1.80
Sep	Wheat	452.00	448.25	451.25	- 5.75
Dec	Wheat	488.00	476.00	478.75	- 7.00
Sep	KC Wheat	xxx xx	xxx xx	483.75	- 7.50
Dec	KC Wheat	509.00	497.00	499.25	- 7.75
Sep	MPS Wheat	500.00	491.75	491.75	- 7.75
Dec	MPS Wheat	518.00	503.75	505.75	-10.50
Sep	Corn	315.00	307.25	311.00	- 2.25
Dec	Corn	320.00	311.50	315.75	- 3.50
Sep	Soybeans	1018.00	970.00	982.25	- 27.25
Nov	Soybeans	957.00	930.00	941.50	- 9.50
Aug	BFP Milk	11.20	11.20	11.20	- .02
Sep	BFP Milk	12.34	12.17	12.18	- .01
Oct	BFP Milk	12.49	12.30	12.40	+ .05
Nov	BFP Milk	13.25	13.00	13.06	+ .06
Dec	BFP Milk	13.34	13.19	13.34	+ .19
Oct	Sugar	23.85	22.78	23.14	- .54
Jan	Sugar	xxx xx	xxx xx	24.08	- .43
Sep	B-Point	1.6415	1.6238	1.6234	+ .0046
Dec	B-Point	1.6410	1.6238	1.6314	+ .0037
Sep	J-Yen	1.0877	1.0789	1.0806	- .0045
Dec	J-Yen	1.0882	1.0798	1.0811	- .0047
Sep	Euro-currency	1.4350	1.4237	1.4252	- .0020
Dec	Euro-currency	1.4349	1.4236	1.4250	- .0022
Sep	Canada dollar	.9118	.9029	.9061	+ .0019
Dec	Canada dollar	.9118	.9033	.9061	+ .0018
Sep	U.S. dollar	78.58	78.03	78.57	+ .13
Oct	Comex gold	999.6	976.1	994.7	+ 16.2
Dec	Comex gold	998.0	974.9	993.2	+ 16.1
Sep	Comex silver	16.26	15.38	16.12	+ .78
Dec	Comex silver	16.31	15.36	16.17	+ .80
Sep	Treasury bond	122.10	121.18	122.50	- .6
Dec	Treasury bond	121.40	120.10	120.30	- .7
Sep	Coffee	122.00	119.65	119.80	- .60
Dec	Coffee	122.40	120.10	120.80	- .35
Sep	Cocoa	1910	1861	1862	- .28
Dec	Cocoa	1923	1885	1885	- .25
Oct	Cotton	57.52	56.83	57.15	+ .26
Dec	Cotton	59.49	58.53	59.24	+ .33
Oct	Crude oil	69.40	67.66	67.98	- .07
Oct	Unleaded gas	1.8301	1.7852	1.7955	- .0131
Oct	Heating oil	1.7767	1.7311	1.7375	- .0130
Oct	Natural gas	2.739	2.500	2.511	- .204

Quotations from Sinclair & Co. 733-6013 or (800) 635-0821

BEANS

Valley Beans
Prices are net to growers, 100 pounds, U.S. No. 1 beans, less Idaho bean tax and storage charges. Prices subject to change without notice. Producers desiring more recent price information should contact dealers.
Pintos, no quote, new crop great northern, no quote
pinks, no quote, new crop small reds, no quote, new crop.
Prices are given by Rangens in Buhl. Prices current Aug. 26.
Other Idaho bean prices are collected weekly by Bean Market News, U.S. Department of Agriculture. Pintos, not established great northern, not established small whites, not established pinks, not established small reds, not established. Quotes current Sept. 2.

GRAINS

Valley Grains
Prices for wheat per bushel: mixed grain, oats, corn and beans per hundred weight. Prices subject to change without notice.
Soft white wheat, \$3.77 barley, \$6.20 oats, \$6.50 corn, \$6.90 (15 percent moisture). Prices are given daily by Rangens in Buhl. Prices current Aug. 26.
Barley, \$5.75 (48-lb. minimum) spot delivery in Twin Falls and Gooding; corn, no quote (Twin Falls only). Prices quoted by Land O'Lakes Inc. in Twin Falls. Prices current Aug. 26.

POCATELLO (AP) - Idaho Farm Bureau Intermountain Grain Report on Thursday.
POCATELLO - White wheat 4.20 (up 5) 11.5 percent winter 3.86 (down 13) 14 percent spring 4.59 (down 5) Barley 5.20 (steady)
BURLEY - White wheat 4.10 (up 1) 11.5 percent winter 3.99 (down 8) 14 percent spring 4.40 (down 11) Barley 4.75

(steady)
OGDEN - White wheat 4.30 (steady) 11.5 percent winter 4.12 (down 8) 14 percent spring 4.70 (down 10) Barley 5.25 (steady)
PORTLAND - White wheat 4.80 (up 5) 11.5 percent winter 5.03-5.27 (steady top down 8) 14 percent spring 5.91 (down 10)
NAMPA - White wheat cwt 6.42 (steady); bushel 3.85 (steady)

CHEESE

Cheddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange
Barrels: \$1,250.00. Blocks: \$1,280.00. .0250

LIVESTOCK

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls Livestock Commission Co. reports the following prices from the livestock sale held Wednesday, Sept. 2.
Steers - Under 400 lbs. \$106.50-\$115.50 400 to 500 lbs. \$96.50-\$114.50 500 to 600 lbs. \$96-\$104.75 600 to 700 lbs. \$94-\$99 700 to 800 lbs. \$93-\$97.50 over 800 lbs., \$90-\$94
Heifers - Under 400 lbs. \$96-\$112 400 to 500 lbs. \$96-\$100.50 500 to 600 lbs. \$90.75-\$96 600 to 700 lbs. \$88-\$91 700 to 800 lbs. \$89-\$91.50 over 800 lbs. \$86-\$89.25
Commercial/utility cows: \$39-\$49
Canners/cutters: \$31-\$39
Heiferettes: \$55-\$71
Buller's bulls: \$50-\$57.75
Feeder bulls: \$47-\$54
Cows are \$2-\$3 lower; calves and feeders are steady
Saturday sale, Aug. 29
Livestock: baby calves, \$3-\$47.50 head started calves, \$90-\$260 head horses, \$10-\$150 head goats, \$15-\$100 head
Hogs: weaners, \$17-\$65 head feeders \$50-\$100 head fats, \$65-\$70
Sheep: feeders, \$83-\$88 fats, \$80-\$89 killer ewes, \$15-\$35

JEROME - Producers Livestock Marketing Association in Jerome reports the following prices from the dairy sale held Wednesday, Sept. 2.
Top springers: \$1,570 head
Top 10 springers: \$1,519 head
Top 50 springers: \$1,335 head
Top 100 springers: \$1,150 head

METALS/MONEY

By The Associated Press
Selected world gold prices, Thursday.
London morning fixing: 982.50 up \$17.75.
London afternoon fixing: 983.00 up \$18.25.
NY Handy & Harman: \$93.00 up \$18.25.
Copper: \$2.4745 up \$0.0164 up \$0.971.
NY Enghard: \$985.52 up \$18.28.
NY Enghard fabricated: \$1059.22 up \$19.65.
NY Merc. gold Sept. Thu. \$995.80 up \$19.20.
NY HSBC Bank USA 4 p.m. Thu. \$996.00 up \$19.00.

NEW YORK (AP) - Handy & Harman silver Wednesday \$15,770 up \$0.790.
H&H fabricated \$19,110 up \$
The morning buying price for silver in London \$1

COMMUNITY

Twin Falls

Covering the communities of Buhl, Castleford, Filer, Hansen, Hollister, Kimberly, Murtaugh, Rogerson, Twin Falls.



FAIR FASHION



Taylor Stark, left, and Morgan McInnes were among the number of fairgoers trying to look their best at the Twin Falls County Fair, which runs through Monday. From traditional western wear to open-class sewing projects, fashion is a bigger part of a county fair than many fairgoers may realize.

BLAIR KOCH/
For the Times-News

Fairgoers try to look their best for annual event

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

FILER — As likely as you are to run into a friend you haven't seen in five years while browsing the grounds of the Twin Falls County Fair, it's just as likely that friend will be dressed a tad nicer than if you bumped into that friend at say, the grocery store. The fair seems to have a dress code all its own.

Dark-wash jeans, lacy camisoles and princess-cut, cowboy-styled plaid shirts are worn by countless women, topped off with wrap-around shell sun glasses and silver hoop earrings. Chances are high said women will be sporting new highlights and maybe a tan.

Morgan McInnes, 13, of Twin Falls, took a little extra time in putting her fairworthy ensemble together for Wednesday night's Rodney Atkins concert, as did her group of friends.

It was hot so she traded jeans for dark-brown cotton shorts to go with a cream tank top detailed with a single ruffled neck line and topped with a trendy neutral colored plaid blouse, rolled to a three-quarter sleeve.

"I thought, I'm going to a country concert and this is a bit country," McInnes said. "Last year my flip-flops broke so I got a sturdier pair for this year."

McInnes insists she didn't purchase the plaid specifically for the fair but her friends questioned that, saying they'd never seen it before.

For McInnes' friend Taylor Stark, 13, it was all about the "cute jeans" which many women wear at fairtime. You know the pair: dark wash, sandblasting optional, boot-cut but always having back pockets emblazoned with heavily stitched embroidery.

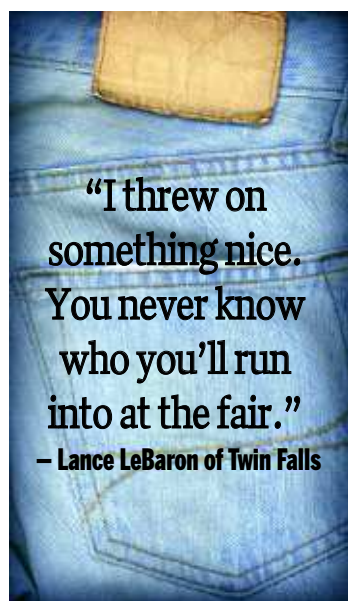
"You have to wear cute jeans," Stark said.

Even the girls' chaperone, Lance LeBaron of Twin Falls, said he threw something a bit special on for the evening out.

Sporting flat-front, newer-looking jeans and a striped shirt, with double-breasted detail, LeBaron said "I threw on something nice. You never know who you'll run into at the fair."

From the care most fairgoers take in gussying up for the event, it's pretty clear that fairgoers sporting sleeveless T-shirts or mid-rift tops accessorized only by muffin tops should put down the corn dog, go home and change.

Blair Koch may be reached at blairkoch@gmail.com or 208-316-2607.



"I threw on something nice. You never know who you'll run into at the fair."

— Lance LeBaron of Twin Falls

COMMUNITY NEWS

CSI Community Ed. offers Website building class

The College of Southern Idaho Community Education Center is offering a class on building Web sites.

The class, which will inform participants how to create a Web page and learn the fundamentals of Web design, will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday to Oct. 7 in Room 101 of the CSI library. Instructor Scott Henscheid, is the Web programmer and developer for the College of Southern Idaho. The cost is \$89 and the course number to register is XCMP 167 C01.

For more information or to register: 732-6442 or <http://communityed.csi.edu>.

Model airplane builders hold fun fly

The Magic Valley Aeromodelers will hold a fun fly from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 12.

The public is invited to the free event which will start with model airplane and helicopter flying activities. Anyone age 9 and up can register to participate. A paintball shoot-out to see if participants can hit a flying plane will be held from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is 50 cents. Flying events will continue until a 2 p.m. raffle for three model airplanes.

Hamburgers, hot dogs and sodas will be sold on site at the flying field, 3100 North Road. Take Blue Lakes Boulevard south to 3100 North, then turn west and watch for the signs.

Stricker Ranch fish fry draws near

The Friends of Stricker will hold a fish fry and membership drive from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 19 at the Rock Creek Station and Stricker home site, 3715 E., 3200 N., near Hansen. Follow Rock Creek Road south of Hansen, turn east on 3200 North and travel about one mile.

Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Live music by Ethan Tucker will be featured.

Nipper is on ISU dean's list

Jacquelyn Nipper of Twin Falls has earned a place on the Idaho State University summer 2009 dean's list for the Kasiska College of Health Professions, announced Stephen S. Feit, interim dean of the college.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must complete at least six credits and receive a grade-point average of 3.66 or higher.

Silver attends democratic caucus

Twin Falls County Democratic Chairman Deborah Silver attended the Democratic National Committee's Western Caucus in Worley, Aug. 7-9.

This is the first time Idaho has hosted the caucus, which drew delegates from 13 western states. Among topics discussed was how to maintain

Democratic successes.

Delegates also learned about effective communication on ballot issues and political campaigns, and discussed environmentalism, budget deficits and health care. Among the speakers were Boise physician Ted Epperly, who called this the time to implement health care reform.

Silver said the information gleaned from the caucus will be implemented into the planning process Twin Falls County Democrats will undertake in September.

Dixon completes Army basic training

U.S. Army National Guard Pfc. Clayton D. Dixon has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

He is the son of Phil and Shannon Dixon, of Buhl, and Janice Musick, also of Buhl.

He is a 2007 graduate of Highland High School in Pocatello.

Rotary seeks exchange students

The Rotary Clubs of District 5400 in southern Idaho are seeking young people interested in attending high school overseas for one year as part of the Rotary international student exchange program.

To qualify, students should be: 15-19 years old; in the upper third of their academic class; of good character; in good physical health; willing to be an ambassador for Rotary and their country.

Travel and insurance costs, paid by the student or family, are approximately \$4,250 plus spending money. Room, board and education are provided by the host Rotary club and host family.

Annually, 8,000 students from more than 80 countries take part in exchanges sponsored by Rotary clubs worldwide. Currently, there are students from Europe, South America, and Asia in southern Idaho. The Rotary Clubs of District 5400 are also seeking families interested in serving as host parents for inbound exchange students.

Applications, available at local Rotary Clubs, are now being accepted.

Final applicant interviews will be held Nov. 10, at Buhl High School. Students accepted will begin their academic year exchange in August 2010 and return in early summer 2011.

Newkirk completes Air Force training

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Matthew W. Newkirk recently graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

He is the son of Deborah Phillips of Ripley, Okla., and grandson of Sue Newkirk of Murtaugh.

Newkirk graduated in 2003 from Murtaugh High School, and received a bachelor's degree in 2008 from Idaho State University.

— Staff reports

Reader questions value of osteopenia medications

DEAR DR. GOTT: I read your column every day and have learned many helpful things, but I've never written before. I am concerned about a decision I have to make soon regarding Reclast or Forteo for my osteopenia. I'm not sure I want to take either one, but my DEXA (dual energy X-ray absorptiometry) scan indicates I should.

ASK
DR. GOTT
Dr. Peter Gott



I've always taken calcium with vitamin D and magnesium. I've also taken Evista and calcitonin daily.

I take Protonix for reflux, and I learned from your

column that acid pills affect absorption. I have no major health problems, but I do have allergies to antibiotics, some foods and trees. Therefore, I'm afraid of all the chemicals in allergy shots.

I am 88 and still walk on my own. What would you suggest? I've talked to an endocrinologist once. Thanks for any help you

can provide.

DEAR READER: Bone-mineral-density testing measures the level of minerals in bones. Readings classify how strong and dense bones are. The DEXA scan you refer to is a bone-mineral-density test similar to an X-ray. Some individuals have osteopenia (loss of bone calcium and phosphorus) without a loss

of bone density because of disease, specific treatments or other conditions.

Osteopenia itself refers to levels lower than the normal range, but not low enough to be classified as osteoporosis. If osteopenia is diagnosed, the probability of advancement to osteoporosis is likely. Bones don't reach their greatest density until about the age

of 30. As we age, our bones lose density naturally, become thinner and weaken, thus increasing the risk of fracture.

Proper diet begun at an early age is vital. Consuming foods with vitamin D and calcium, weight-bearing exercises and the avoidance of

See **DR. GOTT**, Business 4

Idaho courthouse won't remove pre-Nazi swastika tiles

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Images of red swastikas built into tiles in the early 1920s in the Bonneville County Courthouse won't be removed during a remodel of the building, officials said.

The swastikas are at intersections of a much larger geometric pattern comprised of small red, white and black tiles put in place in 1921, well before the rise of the Nazi party in Germany in the 1930s, the Post Register newspaper said in a story published Thursday.

"When you take something out of historical context, you can argue that it was bad," said Julie Braun, a local historian. "But it wasn't bad at the time."

The courthouse is on the National Register of Historic Places, and the tiles are mentioned in the building's entry on that list.

Dave Radford, a Bonneville County commissioner, said the county was told by the National Register about seven years ago that the courthouse should be maintained as closely as possible to its original design to remain on the register. Commissioners decided



AP photo

A tile design featuring a swastika is shown on the floor of the Bonneville County Courthouse in Idaho Falls. The tile floor was installed in 1921, more than a decade before Adolf Hitler took power in Germany and adopted the swastika as the Nazi symbol.

to keep the tiles in place but paint over them, though sometimes the paint wears off in high-traffic areas, he said.

"Most people who see that are offended, and I understand that," he said. "Mostly it's been to maintain the history of the courthouse because it's the jewel of the county."

The swastika was a symbol of good fortune from early Byzantine and Christian civilizations to the Mayan and Navajo people of the Americas and the Hindus and Buddhists, according to Encyclopedia Britannica.

However, the symbol is now associated with the Nazi party.

Some say the tiles should be removed.

"Which is stronger — the need to protect the image of the state now or to preserve the history?" said Idaho Falls attorney Reginold Reeves, who wants the tiles taken out. "Suppose a Holocaust victim walks into the court, what is she going to think?"

The building was designed by local architects Lionel Fisher and Charles Aitken and built in 1921. Braun said it's not known who designed the floor or who installed the swastika tiles.

Swastikas have appeared in other parts of the state where they are clearly associated with white supremacists.

The small town of Hayden in northern Idaho was for 30 years an outpost of the white separatist group the Aryan Nations.

Residents largely rejected the group, and a \$6.3 million civil judgment against the Aryan Nations in 2000 over a violent attack forced the group's leader, Richard Butler, to liquidate the compound.

AROUND IDAHO

Search begins for missing Boise hiker

CASCADE — A search is under way in Valley County for a 52-year-old Boise man who has been missing since going on a hike earlier this week.

Authorities have not released the man's name.

But they say he left for a hike Monday and was due to return Tuesday. Family members reported him missing on Wednesday afternoon.

The search effort is being focused around the Pistol Creek area east of Cascade.

Man who struck ex with skillet appeals

SANDPOINT — A man who is serving a minimum

of 10 years in prison for breaking a cast-iron skillet over his former wife's head says he should get a new sentence because his defense attorney was ineffective.

Jeffrey Paul Favreau, 41, has appealed to the 1st District Court to overturn his sentence, the Bonner County Daily Bee reported. Favreau says he was assured that the court would retain jurisdiction when he was sentenced for the 2005 attack, giving him a shot at just six months in prison followed by probation.

But 1st District Judge Steve Verby sentenced Favreau to 10 to 15 years in prison after he pleaded guilty to aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Bonner County Deputy

Prosecutor Phil Robinson has asked the court to throw out Favreau's request, saying his claims are rebutted by Favreau's signed, written plea agreement.

Financial aid delayed for some NIC students

COEUR D'ALENE — College students in northern Idaho facing a delay in financial aid because of a computer glitch will be able to get information on local food banks.

North Idaho College officials in Coeur d'Alene told more than 450 students that their financial aid disbursements will be a week late because of a problem in the college's loan processing

software. The money was originally expected to be released Thursday. Classes started Aug. 24.

"I'm extremely disappointed that so many students will need to wait a week to receive their aid," Eric Murray, NIC's vice president for student services, told the Coeur d'Alene Press. "This is not acceptable as a standard for NIC; we expect to be able to provide better service."

Murray said the school has gathered food bank information for students in dire need. He said in extreme cases, the school will guarantee to landlords that students will have their financial aid next week.

— The Associated Press

EARS FOR KIDS



BLAIR KOCH/Times-News

Buhl Kiwanis Club President Gary Winn sorts a box of peaches at the club's corn wagon in the Valley Country Store parking lot. The club is selling ears of corn as a fundraiser but is selling, for a limited time, peaches raised by a local couple who need a little extra help.

Kiwanis corn sale raises funds for philanthropy

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUY CORN, HELP KIDS

The Buhl Kiwanis Club is selling ears of corn in the Valley Country Store parking lot in Buhl from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, through harvest.

BUHL — Like many Buhl residents Larry Anderson can't wait for the Kiwanis tent to pop up in the Valley Country Store Parking lot in the late summer.

When the tent comes up, out go the signs informing folks whether there will be fresh corn sales that day or not.

On Saturday the stars aligned, like most days, and a wagon of freshly picked local corn ears was under the tent as customers came and went all day.

"I like to come over here because it's good corn, in general," Anderson said. "It's cheaper than the store, better corn, and I'm helping the community."

The corn is sold five ears for \$1, 12 ears for \$5, 50 ears for \$7 or 100 ears for \$10.

"Sales are great," said Kiwanis Club President Gary Winn.

The money raised will go directly back into the com-

munity, he said.

"Kiwanis programs are for kids. We have the clubs within the schools and provide scholarships, the Coats for Kids program, youth baseball and soccer, it's all for the kids," Kiwanis said.

Winn and his wife, Linda Winn, will man the booth daily, except Sunday, through corn harvest. Daily sales are dependent on the availability of ears from Seneca, which Kiwanis is purchasing the product from.

"It's fun because we meet a lot of people and see people all day," she said.

SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

Volunteers/lift chair — Hospice Visions needs a lift chair and volunteers for its hospice home, Visions of Home. Volunteers will assist patients with letter writing, reading, visiting and playing cards or be a friend during a difficult time in their lives. Information: Flo, 735-0121.

Volunteers — Alliance Home Health and Hospice needs motivated volunteers committed to the support of patient care. Volunteers are important members of the hospice team who can provide compassionate care and service to patients, families and the team. Opportunities include: preparing meals, companionship, telephone calls, clerical work, light housekeeping, respite, visiting, fundraising, shopping, emotional support, doing laundry and yard work. Information: Tracy, 733-2234, or stop by 218 Falls Ave., Twin Falls.

Volunteers/donations — The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center needs volunteers to befriend newly arrived refugees; tutors for the Newcomer Center; Burmese and Vietnamese interpreters (paid or volunteer); and donations of clothes and shoes in good condition, Hide-a-Beds, and washers and dryers. Donated items can be taken to the center, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed noon to 1 p.m.), Monday through Friday, at 1526 Highland Ave. E., Twin Falls. Information: Michelle, 736-2166.

Donations — Safe Harbor needs good, used blankets and sleeping bags to give to people for winter. Donated items can be taken to 269 Filer Ave., Twin Falls, or contact Phyllis, 735-8787.

Drivers — Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

WANT TO HELP?

This public service column is designed to match needs in the Magic Valley with volunteer help. If you need a volunteer, contact the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) at 736-4764, before noon Wednesday for Friday publication. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho.

needs drivers to deliver hot meals to the homebound. Volunteers can drive one day a week or more. Information: Karen, 734-5084.

Volunteers — Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, a local nonprofit organization, needs volunteers in Twin Falls, Buhl, Kimberly and Filer to assist individuals with transportation, home-maker services, visiting and monitoring, respite and other tasks. Mileage reimbursement is available. Information: Karen, 733-6333.

Volunteers — Idaho Home Health and Hospice needs volunteers to help in the office, provide respite care, be companions and read to patients in the Twin Falls, Gooding, Wendell, Jerome, Burley, Rupert and Buhl areas. Information: Nichole, 734-4061, ext. 117, or nichole@idahohomehealth.com.

Drivers — Retired and Senior Volunteer Program at College of Southern Idaho's Office on Aging needs volunteer drivers, age 55 and older, to take senior citizens to doctors' appointments and for grocery shopping. Volunteers are needed in Twin Falls, Gooding, Wendell and Jerome.

Mileage reimbursement and covered by excess insurance. Information: Edith, 736-4764.

Respite — Retired and Senior Volunteer Program at CSI's Office on Aging needs respite volunteers to sit with the elderly homebound clients so the main caregivers can take a break for two to four hours once a week. Volunteers are needed in Twin Falls and Jerome. Mileage reimbursement and covered by excess insurance. Information: Edith, 736-4764.

Drivers — Retired and Senior Volunteer Program needs volunteer drivers, age 55 and older, in the Mini-Cassia area to take senior citizens to medical appointments and for grocery shopping. Mileage reimbursement and covered by excess insurance. Information: Kitty, 677-4872, ext. 2.

Mentors — Retired and Senior Volunteer Program at CSI's Office on Aging needs volunteers in Twin Falls and Jerome counties to mentor children with a parent in prison. Volunteers must undergo a complete FBI background check and be willing to mentor a child for a minimum of four hours each month for one year. Information: Ken, 736-2122, ext. 2394, or kwhiting@oaa.csi.edu.

Wheelchairs — LINC needs good, used wheelchairs, preferably with foot rests. The nonprofit group takes used medical equipment and gives or loans it to people in need of assistance. To donate: Julie, 733-1712.

Volunteers — Respite providers are needed to help provide foster parents a one- to 10-day break. Provide care as you are able to, for whom you want, but the greatest need is for

respite for 6- to 17-year-olds. Information: 734-4435 or 880-ID-HEROES.

Volunteers — St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center has several volunteer positions available on a regular or project basis. Information: Kim, 737-2006, kimpa@mvrnc.org; or Linda, 933-4844, lindat@mvrnc.org.

Volunteers — St. Luke's Volunteer Services needs volunteer golf cart drivers to shuttle patients to and from the parking lot at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center. Flexible hours. Information: Kim, 737-2006, kimpa@mvrnc.org; or Linda, 933-4844, lindat@mvrnc.org.

Volunteers — St. Luke's Volunteer Services needs accomplished musicians willing to volunteer time and talent to bring comfort and entertainment to patients and their families at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center. Two pianos are available and the group is open to other musical options. Information: Kim, 737-2006, kimpa@mvrnc.org; or Linda, 933-4844, lindat@mvrnc.org.

Volunteers — Twin Falls County Historical Museum needs volunteers with carpentry or handyman skills. Call Mychel Matthews, 736-4675 or stop by the museum, 21337 U.S. Highway 30, at Curry crossing three miles west of Twin Falls. Museum hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Volunteers — Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors program needs volunteers willing to counsel Medicare beneficiaries in all aspects of Medicare benefits. Full training will be provided. Information: Tamara or Nora, 736-4713.

Dr. Gott

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excessive alcohol and cola begun at an early age will work toward maintaining healthy bones. The condition is not confined to women. Males are also susceptible; however, they are generally diagnosed at a later age.

Reclast is administered intravenously on a yearly basis. If diet is inadequate, the medication should be supplemented with calcium and vitamin D. Common adverse reactions include headache, arthralgias, pain in the extremities and fever.

Forteo is administered as an injection under the skin of the stomach or thigh. It should not be used for longer than two years without specific advice from your physician. Common adverse reactions include nausea, vomiting, constipation, muscle weakness, rapid heartbeats and a feeling of lightheadedness during the administration. The FDA placed a black-box warning on this product a few years ago because of the prevalence of an increase in malignant bone tumors performed on rats.

These, as with all medications, run the potential of unwanted side effects. Therefore, I recommend

you have a frank discussion with your physician regarding both drugs. Express your concerns, and listen carefully to the responses. I don't want you to suffer any fractures, but quite frankly, at your wonderful age of 88, I would be surprised if he feels strongly that you should take medication to ward off osteoporosis. My recommendations would be to eat well, continue to take calcium supplements with added vitamin D, and exercise to the extent you are capable. Then tell him you will discuss the issue again in five years.

To provide related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Osteoporosis." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed stamped No. 10 envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

Peter Gott is a retired physician and the author of the book "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Diet," available at most chain and independent bookstores, and the recently published "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Cookbook."

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DEATH NOTICES

Kathryn A. Lynes

BOISE — Kathryn Ann Lynes, 64, of Boise, died Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009, at St. Luke's Medical Center in Boise.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, at the Pleasant View Cemetery, 1645 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

Thelma Eberlein

BOISE — Thelma Eberlein, of Boise, died Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009, at the Life Care Center of Boise.

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

James Budd

James Budd, 82, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009, at Rosetta Assisted Care Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be

announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Helen Hollifield

HANSEN — Helen Hollifield, of Hansen, died Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009, at her home.

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

C.F. Chatfield

C.F. "Fay" Chatfield, 94, of Twin Falls and formerly of Richfield, died Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009, in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Melvin F. Meyer

HAZELTON — Melvin Frederick "Mel" Meyer, 52, of Hazelton, died Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009, at his home.

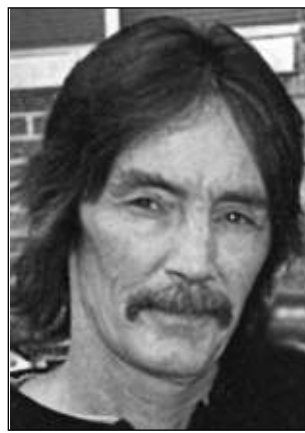
Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

BURLEY — Michael Gail Thurston, age 57, of Burley, died Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2009, at his home.

He was born Feb. 19, 1952, in Burley, the son of James Lester and Ethel Hunter Thurston. He received and completed his education in Burley. He married Karen Sue Wageman on March 28, 1970, in Burley. They later divorced. He married Laurie Briggs on Dec. 15, 1995, in Burley, and they also divorced.

Mike farmed for many years and later retired as a heavy machine operator in road construction. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by his children, Michelle (Curtis) Gallegos and Jody Thurston, both of Boise, Emily Thurston of Heyburn, Autumn (Blake) Eppers of Rupert, and Austin Briggs of Heyburn; seven grandchildren; and his siblings, Jim Thurston



of Burley, Jean (Chris) Christensen of Juneau, Alaska, Ann (Dave) Odekirk of Henderson, Nev., and Garna Smith and ReNee Miller, both of Rupert. He was preceded in death by his parents; and one sister, Phyllis Thurston.

Mike's life will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7, at Emerald Lake (Freddy's Pond) in Heyburn.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Robert William Story

BURLEY — Robert William Story, 91, of Burley, passed away peacefully with family members present on Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009, less than two hours from his 92nd birthday, at Highland Estates.

Robert was born Sept. 3, 1917, in Ogden, Weber County, Utah, the son of Robert William and Mollie Toponce Story. He was an engineer for the Union Pacific Railroad for 45 years where he started as a call boy.

He is survived by his children, Larry Jay Story of Burley, Jerry David Story of Biloxi, Miss., Joseph Lyle Story of Cheyenne, Wyo., Marie Annette (Gary) Naisbitt of Cedar Hills, Utah, Lars Christian Story of Cheyenne, Wyo., Barbara Joy (Vic) Watson of Castle



Rock, Colo., and Danny Ray Story of Eagle River, Alaska; 21 grandchildren; 52 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by

his wife, Lilly Marian Larsen Story; a son, Robert William Story III; a sister, Wahnita (Story) (Marriott) Alvarez; and a granddaughter, Deborah Ann Story.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 4, at Hansen-Payne Mortuary, 321 E. Main St. in Burley. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Burial will be held at 2 p.m. at the Lindquist's Memorial Gardens of the Wasatch, 1718 Combe Road in South Ogden, Utah. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Terry Duane Budd

Terry Duane Budd, 60, of Twin Falls, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

He was born July 25, 1949, in Twin Falls, the son of Dale

and Lois Fairbanks Budd. On Oct. 11, 2008, he married Paula Cole (Knopp). In 1967, Terry graduated from Hazelton High School. He became owner of Greenwood Service, worked for Ketcher's Farms in Burley, Bill's Automotive and the owner of the Shaft Shop.

Terry had a love for the mountains, hunting, camping mud racing, four-wheeling and partying with his friends. His friends knew him as "Terrible Terry." Terry always stood up for the little guy; he will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Surviving is his wife, Paula of Twin Falls; his par-



ents, Dale and Lois Budd of Jerome; children, Eric Budd of North Dakota, Mike Ehrmantraut of Twin Falls, Adrian Ehrmantraut of Twin Falls, Lynette Knopp of Tucson,

Ariz., Rhonda Petersen of Twin Falls and Shamae Patchett of Twin Falls; brother, Ron Budd of Jerome; sister, Diane Cooper of Hazelton; along with three grandchildren, Dillon Budd, Conner Budd and Ian Patchett.

A visitation will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. The funeral will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, at the River Christian Fellowship, 4002 N. 3300 E. in Twin Falls. Services and arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Illusionist and pickpocket David Avadon, 60, dies

By Valerie J. Nelson
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — David Avadon, a professional illusionist who wrote a 2007 book on pickpocketing, which was his trademark theatrical act, has died. He was 60.

Avadon, who had a recent history of heart problems, had a heart attack while exercising and died Aug. 22 at a fitness club in Santa Monica, said his brother, Joe Hutchins.

For more than 30 years, Avadon had regularly presented his pickpocket act at the Magic Castle in Hollywood. He also had entertained throughout the United States, in Japan, Canada and Britain and served as a technical consultant on TV and film productions.

His "performances included an equal balance of mystery and comedy," Mark Nelson, chairman of the board of the Academy of Magical Arts, which occupies the Magic Castle, said in a statement. "David always gave a polished, assured performance, drawing laughter and amazement."

He was born David Hutchins on Dec. 11, 1948, in Inglewood. His mother had been an acrobatic dancer in vaudeville, and his father was an engineer.

Avadon boasted in school that he could do magic. When a teacher called his bluff and booked him to perform the next week before the school, he holed up in the library, poring over magic books, said Sid Fleischman, a longtime friend and fellow magician.

After the 12-year-old debuted onstage, he was "baffled" by the applause of classmates — and hooked on magic as a career, his friend said.

In his 20s, he adopted "Avadon" as his stage name.

He discovered the allure of what he called "theatrical thievery" at a magic show in 1973 that featured Vic Perry, a British pickpocket.

"Spectators weren't entertained; they were riveted," Avadon wrote in his book, "Cutting Up Touches: A Brief History of Pockets and the People Who Pick Them."

The book, a study of the art of the pickpocket in history and entertainment, includes a profile of John Giovanni, a noted performance pickpocket. Avadon had tracked down Giovanni in Beverly Hills in the 1970s and convinced him to mentor him.



AP file photo

One of three loggerhead sea turtles swims in the Mediterranean sea after they were set free by Spanish Queen Sofia and her granddaughter Victoria Federica on the Spanish Balearic island of Cabrera on Aug. 7. A new federal study says most of the world's loggerhead turtle populations are at risk of extinction. Loggerheads have been listed as a threatened species since 1978. An upgrade to endangered could lead to more conservation measures, including curtailing fishing in certain seasons or requiring turtle-safe fishing gear.

Report: Loggerhead turtles at risk of extinction

By Ben Evans
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — It's a scene that scientists say is all too common: A commercial fishing boat pulls in a net full of shrimp or tuna and finds a loggerhead sea turtle mixed in with the catch.

Biologists like Matthew Godfrey say one or two such takings can happen every day among fishing fleets off the Southeast coast. Those numbers can add up to thousands annually for a turtle species that has traveled the oceans for 200 million years but now faces a growing array of threats.

Godfrey is among the authors of the latest federal report on loggerheads that says most groups of the ancient reptile are at risk of extinction — in large part due to increased commercial fishing.

The study, released last month, predicted broad population declines across the globe in the coming years, including in a nesting area along the southeastern United States that is one of the world's largest.

"Unfortunately, a lot of times the target fish habitat and the turtle habitat overlap," said Godfrey, of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. "The turtles are air breathers, so they need to get to the surface, but if they're tangled up in the net, they can't get to the surface, and they essentially drown."

Loggerheads have been listed as a threatened species since 1978. This latest report puts new pressure on the government to upgrade their status to endangered and further

restrict commercial fisheries.

But even the increased awareness that an endangered listing would bring might not save the turtles, which migrate thousands of miles through the sea.

Meaningful protections require broad global cooperation given the turtles' far-flung travels. Fishing operators already are chafing under regulations aimed at protecting the animals, and further restrictions could draw strong opposition and fresh concerns about hurting coastal economies.

"These trends are very difficult to reverse. It's like turning a big battleship," said Blair Witherington, a research scientist with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission who helped write the report. "We really ought to be doing it now."

The report was commissioned by the National Marine Fisheries Service as a result of petitions from environmental groups, who say the government is moving too slowly to protect loggerheads and have sued to force stronger actions. Many of the study's authors work for the federal agencies that will decide whether to change its status to endangered.

For the first time, the study called for dividing loggerhead populations into nine distinct global populations, a potentially key recommendation that would allow each to be studied and protected as a separate species.

It said seven of those nine populations are in danger of extinction, including two along U.S. coasts: the major population in the Atlantic

Ocean, which has nesting concentrated along the coasts of Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas, and a smaller population that migrates through Pacific waters off the West Coast and Hawaii.

Aside from fishing, the report said other major threats include coastal development that disrupts nesting, such as erosion-control barriers and other structures that prevent mothers from nesting and bright lights that can disorient hatchlings. The animals and their eggs are also still hunted for consumption in some parts of the world, the report said, and will probably be threatened by changing sea levels from climate change, which could wash away nesting habitats.

The U.S. and other countries already have adopted a number of protections, but the report said their effectiveness has been incomplete.

Since the mid-1990s, shrimp trawlers have been required to use gear that allows turtles to escape, for example. But the National Marine Fisheries Service has estimated that nearly 650 turtles a year are still killed by shrimpers in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico.

In April, federal regulators restricted the use of long fishing lines for catching red grouper off Florida's western coast after studies showed that as many as 800 loggerheads were caught by the lines every 18 months. The temporary ban, from mid-May to mid-October — when sea turtles feed in the warm Gulf waters — angered fishing operators, who said it could kill their business.

SERVICES

Jeannie T. Terry of Twin Falls, funeral at 10 a.m. today at the Butler LDS 17th Ward Church, 7035 S. Nutree Drive (3360 E.) in Salt Lake City, Utah; visitation from 9 to 9:45 a.m. today before the funeral (Holbrook Mortuary in Salt Lake City, Utah).

Vicki Rae (Klingenberg) Melugin of Rupert, funeral at 10 a.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

Terry Bowlin of Kimberly, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Twin Falls Cemetery (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Dora Daw Anderson of Twin Falls, graveside service at 1 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Bunny Sue Hieb of Burley, memorial service at 3 p.m. today at the Eternal Life Christian Center, 541 Orchard Drive in Twin Falls (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Helen Marie Matney of Twin Falls, celebration from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls.

Verna Lucy Reddington Olson, funeral at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Clifton LDS 2nd Ward Chapel in Clifton; visitation from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Saturday at the church (Webb Mortuary in Preston).

Patricia Ann Mills Cahoon of Albion, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Albion LDS Ward Chapel, 889 S. Main St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen-Payne Mortuary, 321 E. Main St. in Burley, and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church.

Lester "Ed" Joslin of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Filer Ave. E., in Twin Falls; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551

Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Edwin (Ed) Lee Kimball Jr. of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Marjorie Pearl (Stone) (Gill) Clark, formerly of Gooding, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at Demaray Funeral Chapel, Gooding Chapel on Main Street; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Robert K. Brulotte of American Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 656 Tyhee St. in American Falls; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Davis Mortuary, 170 Idaho St. in American Falls.

Larry Dean Church of Woodland, Calif., and formerly of Twin Falls, celebration of life from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday at the Yolo Fliers Golf and Country Club in Woodland, Calif.

Lee E. Chojnacky of Jerome, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome; vigil service at 7 p.m., with visitation at 6 p.m., Sunday at the church; graveside committal service at 9 a.m. Tuesday at the Jerome Cemetery, 900 W. Ave. I in Jerome. (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome)

Adeline Haag of Heyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; visitation one hour before the service Tuesday at the church.

Etta Mae Reynolds of Burley, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St. in Rupert; rosary at 6:30 p.m., with vigil service at 7 p.m., Monday at the church; visitation one hour before the rosary Monday and one hour before the funeral Tuesday. (Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley)

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Warm with a mix of sun and clouds overhead. Highs upper 80s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy. Lows low to middle 50s.
Tomorrow: Thunderstorm chances are slim. Highs upper 80s.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Temperature		Precipitation	
Yesterday's High	88	Yesterday's	0.00"
Yesterday's Low	52	Month to Date	0.00"
Normal High / Low	82 / 47	Avg. Month to Date	0.06"
Record High	97 in 1998	Water Year to Date	12.11"
Record Low	35 in 1975	Avg. Water Year to Date	9.74"

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
More warm sunshine	Patchy cloudy	Slight cooling, increasing clouds	Comfortable, little to no rain	Rain chances remain slim	Cool sunshine
High 92	Low 59	88 / 58	83 / 54	75 / 51	74 / 49

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prep
Boise	95	68	0.00"
Challis	87	48	Trace
Coeur d'Alene	75	59	0.00"
Idaho Falls	90	47	0.00"
Jerome	90	59	0.00"
Lewiston	79	64	0.00"
Lowell	88	55	0.00"
Malad City	not available		
Matta	91	55	n/a
Pocatello	91	50	0.00"
Rexburg	89	47	0.00"
Salmon	86	48	0.00"
Stanley	78	37	0.00"
Sun Valley	82	45	0.00"

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 Warm and generally rain free today and for most areas on Saturday. Noticeably cooler and cloudy with a small chance of rain falling on Sunday and Monday.

BOISE
 Today Highs 75 to 81
 Tonight's Lows 37 to 51
 Mostly sunny, warm and dry weather will finish out the week. The weekend is anticipated to be cooler. At this time, not much in the way of rain is likely.

NORTHERN UTAH
 Warm and mostly dry today. An incoming weather system will result in cooler and potentially stormy weather this weekend.

YESTERDAY'S STATE EXTREMES: High: 97 at Mountain Home Low: 36 at Dixie

weather key: su-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, mc-mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, th-thunderstorms, sh-showers, r-rain, sn-snow, fl-furries, w-wind, m-missing

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature		Precipitation		Humidity	
Yesterday's High	92	Yesterday's	Trace	Yesterday High	40%
Yesterday's Low	61	Month to Date	Trace	Yesterday Low	13%
Normal High / Low	79 / 47	Avg. Month to Date	0.06"	Today's Forecast High	25%
Record High	92 in 2007	Water Year to Date	13.04"	Today's Forecast Low	14%
Record Low	35 in 1964	Avg. Water Year to Date	10.50"		

Temperature and precipitation valid through 5 p.m.
 A water year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30

Moon Phases and Moonset

Today	Moonrise	Moonset
Today	Moonrise: 7:54 PM	Moonset: 7:09 AM
Saturday	Moonrise: 8:15 PM	Moonset: 8:13 AM
Sunday	Moonrise: 8:37 PM	Moonset: 9:18 AM

Barometric Pressure

Barometric Pressure
 5 p.m. Yesterday 30.05 in.

Sunrise and Sunset
 Today Sunrise: 7:06 AM Sunset: 8:06 PM
 Saturday Sunrise: 7:07 AM Sunset: 8:05 PM
 Sunday Sunrise: 7:08 AM Sunset: 8:03 PM
 Monday Sunrise: 7:09 AM Sunset: 8:01 PM
 Tuesday Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 7:59 PM

Pollen Count
 TF pollen count yesterday:
 28 (Mod.) Sagebrush, Kochia

U. V. INDEX
 Low Moderate High
 The higher the index the more sun protection needed

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Sunday
Boise	92 59 su	89 54 pc	76 47 pc
Bonnars Ferry	82 50 pc	84 48 th	63 45 sh
Burley	87 54 pc	88 55 pc	77 48 pc
Challis	88 52 pc	87 49 mc	74 47 th
Coeur d'Alene	81 52 pc	82 51 sh	66 44 sh
Elko, NV	87 49 th	89 49 pc	86 46 th
Eugene, OR	75 46 pc	77 52 pc	69 47 r
Gooding	88 57 su	84 54 pc	78 52 pc
Grace	86 55 pc	84 53 pc	79 43 pc
Hagerman	93 59 su	91 58 pc	84 58 pc
Hailey	83 55 pc	81 50 mc	73 46 th
Idaho Falls	88 53 pc	87 51 pc	78 48 pc
Kalispell, MT	82 52 pc	85 50 mc	64 43 sh
Jerome	90 59 su	86 55 pc	80 53 pc
Lewiston	93 61 pc	94 59 mc	77 55 sh
Malad City	90 51 pc	87 55 pc	80 45 pc
Malia	88 54 su	89 53 pc	79 47 pc
McCall	81 48 pc	77 44 mc	63 39 th
Missoula, MT	85 56 pc	87 50 mc	69 44 sh
Pocatello	90 56 pc	89 56 pc	82 50 pc
Portland, OR	75 58 pc	76 59 r	69 56 r
Rupert	89 55 su	89 55 pc	82 49 pc
Rexburg	86 51 pc	85 48 pc	75 46 pc
Richland, WA	83 59 pc	85 57 pc	79 55 th
Rogerson	80 50 su	81 47 pc	77 42 pc
Salmon	87 53 pc	86 48 mc	82 45 th
Salt Lake City, UT	92 68 pc	93 68 th	87 64 th
Spokane, WA	82 61 th	82 60 pc	80 63 pc
Stanley	80 40 pc	78 38 mc	62 34 th
Sun Valley	78 51 pc	76 46 mc	65 42 th
Yellowstone, MT	73 39 pc	75 41 mc	70 39 sh

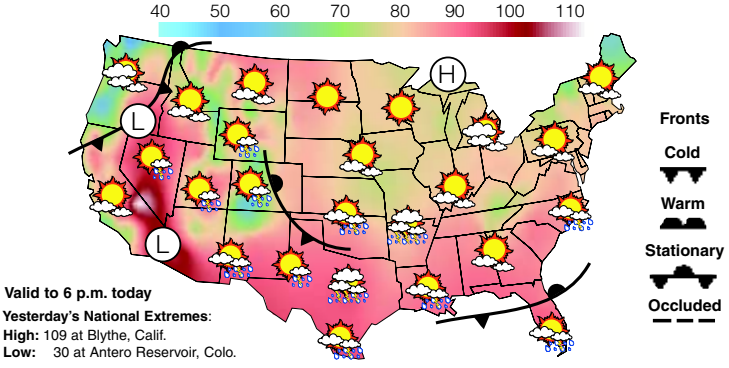
NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	83 63 pc	84 62 pc
Atlanta City	79 64 sh	79 64 sh
Baltimore	79 58 pc	82 61 pc
Billings	95 60 su	89 58 pc
Birmingham	80 60 mc	82 65 pc
Boston	78 60 su	76 63 pc
Charleston, SC	80 70 sh	83 71 sh
Charleston, WV	79 53 pc	81 57 pc
Chicago	76 62 su	74 62 su
Cleveland	77 52 su	78 54 su
Denver	82 54 pc	81 54 th
Des Moines	74 54 sh	77 56 pc
Detroit	78 57 su	79 59 pc
El Paso	84 67 th	93 67 th
Indianapolis	89 56 pc	81 58 pc
Jacksonville	84 70 th	88 71 th
Fargo	79 56 pc	79 54 pc
Honolulu	87 75 sh	87 74 sh
Houston	93 71 pc	89 70 th
Las Vegas	104 81 th	103 82 th
Little Rock	83 64 th	83 64 th
Los Angeles	78 63 su	74 62 pc
Memphis	85 66 pc	85 67 th
Miami	93 78 th	89 78 th
Milwaukee	70 56 su	71 54 su
Nashville	83 61 th	84 63 pc
New Orleans	88 72 th	89 75 th
New York	78 62 pc	80 65 r
Oklahoma City	89 66 th	83 64 th
Omaha	76 56 pc	77 58 pc

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Acapulco	82 78 r	87 79 sh
Athens	91 73 su	93 75 su
Auckland	54 39 sh	55 41 pc
Bangkok	86 76 th	88 77 th
Beijing	82 62 sh	75 58 pc
Berlin	70 52 sh	60 55 sh
Buenos Aires	55 45 sh	65 51 pc
Cairo	97 66 pc	95 64 pc
Dhahran	108 89 pc	108 89 pc
Hong Kong	86 83 th	85 82 sh
Jerusalem	95 68 pc	92 66 pc
Johannesburg	79 50 pc	79 51 pc
Kuwait City	110 88 pc	111 87 pc
London	62 50 pc	64 45 pc
Mexico City	59 49 sh	56 47 sh
Moscow	72 54 pc	71 58 pc
Nairobi	63 54 r	70 54 r
Oso	57 52 sh	62 50 sh
Paris	66 49 sh	66 44 sh
Prague	68 50 sh	61 52 pc
Rio de Janeiro	90 62 th	75 60 sh
Rome	85 71 th	84 66 pc
Santiago	65 47 pc	68 48 pc
Seoul	81 62 pc	79 63 pc
Sydney	72 48 th	65 45 pc
Taipei	84 81 pc	83 79 pc
Tokyo	75 66 pc	82 68 sh
Vienna	72 54 r	68 52 pc
Warsaw	70 53 r	65 53 pc
Winnipeg	84 68 pc	85 65 th
Zurich	67 38 sh	54 30 sh

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
 Problems do not go away. They must be worked through or else they remain, forever a barrier to the growth and development of the spirit.

-M. Scott Peck

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	77 38 pc	75 48 pc
Crabrook	68 40 pc	40 pc 76
Edmonton	72 43 pc	75 49 pc
Kelowna	69 48 pc	70 37 pc
Lethbridge	81 49 pc	87 55 pc
Regina	86 56 sh	85 69 pc
City	Today	Tomorrow
Saskatoon	78 57 pc	83 63 pc
Toronto	74 53 pc	76 51 sh
Vancouver	66 53 pc	69 51 sh
Victoria	67 53 pc	64 55 r
Winnipeg	84 66 pc	85 65 th

Valid to 6 p.m. today
 Yesterday's National Extremes:
 High: 109 at Blythe, Calif.
 Low: 30 at Antero Reservoir, Colo.

Obama seems open on health – to liberals' dismay

By Charles Babington and Jennifer Loven
 Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — Even as liberals urge President Obama to demand bold, far-reaching changes to the nation's health care system, the White House signaled openness Thursday to compromises that might attract moderate congressional Democrats as well as some Republicans.

Obama believes in "fundamental principles" about overhauling health care, top presidential adviser David Axelrod told The Associated Press, but "he's not dogmatic about how we get there."

Axelrod's comments did not definitively answer how hard Obama will push for the most ambitious parts of his proposal, including health insurance for virtually all Americans and a government-run plan to compete with private insurers. But his diplomatic tone was in keeping with the administration's approach of refusing to flatly demand several parts that are dear to Democratic activists who helped elect him.

Those are the type of con-



AP photo
 Vice President Joe Biden listens to a question as he speaks about the economy and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Thursday at the Brookings Institution in Washington.

cessory hints that frustrate many liberals. They fear Obama will dilute the bold health care proposals he campaigned for, even though Democrats control the House, Senate and White House. One group, the Progressive Change Campaign Committee, sent a mass-distributed e-mail quoting a Texas man saying he is "dropping out of political activism" because of his disillusionment with Obama over health care.

Axelrod's cautious answers Thursday might offer little comfort to those seeking forceful signs from the administration.

Asked if Obama might accept a Republican senator's idea for creating a public health insurance option only if private insurers prove unwilling or unable to meet certain affordability targets, Axelrod replied: "We need choice and competition within the pool that's created."

Many Democrats want prompt creation of a government-run program to compete with private insurers, who stand to gain millions more customers if Congress mandates coverage of the nation's uninsured. Obama has often said he favors such a "public option." But he and his aides have repeatedly stopped short of saying he would sign no bill without it.

Obama's pollster Joel Benenson sent new survey findings to Democratic lawmakers Thursday in an apparent bid to reassure them that support for health care changes can be politically popular. The somewhat lukewarm support for

Obama's initiatives, his memo said, is "based in large part on a lack of awareness of the details of the plan."

"When voters learn about the composition of the plan, support grows considerably," the memo said.

Liberals hope the administration's conciliatory words will eventually give way to a forceful move to enact a far-reaching bill, even if it draws no GOP votes. Some are warning Obama not to take them for granted.

The Congressional Progressive Caucus, comprised of 83 liberal lawmakers, sent Obama a letter Thursday saying a health bill "without a robust public option will not achieve the health reform this country so desperately needs. We cannot vote for anything less."

But some moderate Democrats in the House and Senate are wary of a government-run insurance plan. It might amass enough leverage over doctors, drug companies and others to eventually drive private insurers out of business, they say.

The Congressional Black Caucus called on Obama

Thursday to show "unwavering support" for "a strong public health option" and the full funding of health care expansions included in a pending House bill.

Vice President Joe Biden said Thursday the administration is fiercely determined to get a health care overhaul, although he conceded it probably won't happen without "an awful lot of screaming and hollering."

Appearing at a Brookings Institution gathering, Biden said it will be difficult to find a consensus on remaking the health care system. But he also predicted that "we're going to get something substantial." He declared that "we're going to get there."

Meanwhile, a top Republican player in the health care debate said Americans should expect a rather modest bill from Congress this fall. Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa, one of three GOP negotiators seeking a bipartisan bill in the Senate Finance Committee, told Iowa radio station KMCH, "It may be a scaled-down bill. It may be kind of miniature to what we're talking about."

Arctic is warmest in two millennia

By Randolph E. Schmid
 Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Arctic is warmer than it's been in 2,000 years, even though it should be cooling because of changes in the Earth's orbit that cause the region to get less direct sunlight.

Indeed, the Arctic had been cooling for nearly two millennia before reversing course in the last century and starting to warm as human activities added greenhouse gases to the atmosphere.

"If it hadn't been for the increase in human-produced greenhouse gases, summer temperatures in the Arctic should have cooled gradually over the last century," said Bette Otto-Bliesner, a National Center for Atmospheric Research scientist and co-author of a study of Arctic temperatures published in today's edition of the journal Science.

The most recent 10-year interval, 1999-2008, was the warmest of the last 2,000 years in the Arctic, according to the researchers led by Darrell S. Kaufman, a professor of geology and environmental science at Northern Arizona University.

Summer temperatures in



AP photo
 This undated handout photo provided by Northern Arizona University shows sediment collected at Sunday Lake in Alaska. To collect sediment from lakes in Alaska, researchers often travel by floatplanes and spend days working from a floating platform, using hand-operated weights to tap collection tubes upward of 20 feet into the lake bottom.

the Arctic averaged 2.5 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than would have been expected if the cooling had continued, the researchers said.

The finding adds fuel to the debate over a House-passed climate bill now pending in the Senate. The administration-backed measure would impose the first limits on greenhouse gases and eventually would lead to an 80 percent reduction by putting a price on each ton of climate-altering pollution.

It is the latest in a drumbeat of reports on warming conditions in the Arctic, including:

- A marine scientist reports that Alaskan waters are turning acidic from absorbing greenhouse gases faster than tropical waters, potentially endangering the state's \$4.6 billion fishing industry.
- NASA satellite measurements show that sea ice in the Arctic is more than just shrinking in area, it is dramatically thinning. The volume of older crucial sea

ice in the Arctic has shrunk by 57 percent from the winter of 2004 to 2008.

- Global warming effects in Alaska also include shrinking glaciers, coastal erosion and the march north of destructive forest beetles formerly held in check by cold winters.

And with the melting of land-based ice, such as the massive Greenland ice cap, sea levels could rise across the world, threatening millions who live in coastal cities.

The new report is based on a decade-by-decade reconstruction of temperatures over the past 2,000 years developed using information from ancient lake sediments, ice cores, tree rings and other samples. The findings were then compared with complex computer climate model simulations created at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo.

"This study provides us with a long-term record that reveals how greenhouse gases from human activities are overwhelming the Arctic's natural climate system," commented NCAR scientist David Schneider, a co-author on the study.

Number of Americans on food stamps rises

WASHINGTON (AP) — More Americans than ever before received food stamps in June, the Department of Agriculture said on Thursday, with more than 35 million Americans receiving assistance.

The numbers are 22 percent higher than in June 2008. The number of Americans receiving food stamps rose by more than 700,000 people compared to May.

The USDA administers the food stamp program, which was renamed in

October as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, through its Food and Nutrition Service. The program helps to cover grocery costs for poor Americans.

The food stamp program was established by Congress in 1964, which was then revised by the Food Stamp Act of 1977.

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LAYING DOWN TRACKS

PUBLIC RECORDING STUDIOS SERVE LOCAL AMATEURS AND PROS ALIKE

Story and photos by Ariel Hansen • Times-News

Kim Stocking accompanies herself on the guitar during her first recording session at the new Aaron Baker Recording Studio in Ketchum on Sunday. The studio was built on a shoestring budget in a warehouse building in the city's industrial district.



An unassuming location and inexpensive construction solutions — like free wooden pallets as baffles on the walls and a sliding glass door as the control booth window — help Aaron Baker make his new recording studio affordable for nearly any artist, including high school senior Sean Dahlman, left, bassist for the Wood River Valley band Toast.

KETCHUM — The baffles on the walls are screwed-in wooden pallets, the control booth window is a sliding glass door installed sideways, and in the soundproof room, one of the light bulbs flickers out when it gets hot.

But the mics and the control board are professional-quality, and the software that pops up on the wide Mac computer screen is

state-of-the-art. At Aaron Baker's new recording studio in Ketchum, results are a lot more important than looks.

The studio opened last week, filling a need in the Wood River Valley that had previously been met mostly by private studios owned by artists like Steve Miller and Bruce Innes. The Magic Valley doesn't have many studios, either.

Aside from a few that specialize, like one that records only rap, Midnight Productions owner Luis Vargas says his is the only operating recording studio in the area that he's aware of.

"Those who know me are glad I'm here," Vargas said. "The talent we have in this town, they can leave behind for posterity their music."



His mixing equipment on the desk in front of him, Aaron Baker relaxes back into his chair as he listens to the lyrics sung by the artist in the recording booth of his new Ketchum studio.

Making records, making a livings

Vargas charges about \$65 an hour for his services in the studio, nearly double Baker's fees of \$35 an hour. Both owners say they want to make recording affordable for local musicians, from a garage band making a demo to music students who want to give CDs of their work as family gifts. Baker's studio is also available several hours a day to students at a new music school that will share his industrial-district space.

"Now our kids in Hailey and our kids in Ketchum can go right in there and make CDs of all their work," said Mitzi Mechem, who owns the new K-Town school in Ketchum as well as Music N Me in Hailey. "I've just been amazed at the people who have come up and said, 'I want to book time at that studio!'"

The love of producing and the satisfaction of saving the travel time for artists who would otherwise go to Boise or farther to record inspires both owners to keep their rates as low as they can while still earning a living for themselves and their families.

"If the other (artist) is happy, that's when the satisfaction comes," Vargas said. "If I had money, I'd keep doing what I'm doing for free."

In addition to students and casual groups, the studios also



Luis Vargas poses in his Twin Falls studio amid the state-of-the-art computer and recording equipment he uses to put out albums for artists like The Standards and Jaime Thietten.

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See **RECORD**, Entertainment 2

Record

Continued from Entertainment 1 serve professional musicians. Vargas has recorded hometown brothers The Standards and Christian artist Caleb Collins, as well as rising star Jaime Thietten. He produced the official recordings for the Twin Falls Centennial, "Just Add Water," and "The Living Waters" DVD commemorating the opening of the Twin Falls LDS temple.

Last Sunday, Baker welcomed Wood River Valley favorite Kim Stocking, who was beginning to make solo recordings to promote her songwriting talent. Nervous about accompanying herself singing, Stocking fiddled with her guitar's tuning, stopped and started repeatedly as she warmed up her voice, and with a laugh wished aloud for a beer. Baker listened from the control booth, then emerged to adjust a microphone or reassure Stocking that she was sounding great.

"He makes the environment so comfortable. It's low-key, it's laid-back, and he does an awesome job," Stocking said. The group she fronts, The Kim Stocking Band, hasn't yet produced a CD because of the time and expense involved, but having Baker's studio right there in Ketchum may make it easier to do so in the future.

"This is something I can afford, to be creative. This would be so convenient, because it's local and reasonable. You can't beat it," she said. Stocking, who has

recorded elsewhere before, lauded Baker's services as excellent.

His studio is also a great place to learn the techniques of recording, said Sean Dahlman, one of three high school seniors who make up the Wood River Valley band Toast.

"Aaron is a magnificent producer. He has one of the best ears I know, and he makes sure our band is beyond the call of perfect," said bassist Dahlman. "I feel very blessed, very lucky. It was either going to be this professional-level quality, or my bedroom with a condenser mic."

Recording vs. Producing

One of the biggest misconceptions about recording studios, said both Baker and Vargas, is that an artist can come in, record for a few hours and have a fully produced, excellent-sounding result.

"People come over here and expect it to be done when they walk out that door," Vargas said, gesturing toward the door to his recording booth. "It's possible, but they're not happy with it, they don't get a good product."

That's why Vargas always sits down with potential clients to outline what the process is, how many takes of each song might be needed to get a good track, and what his part is in production and post-production.



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— Sean Dahlman, bassist for the band Toast

"I don't want them to feel I'm taking advantage of them," he said. "I want them to see me as a friend, not a money-taker." To that end, he will sometimes negotiate a project price rather than an hourly price, to be entirely up-front about total cost.

Dahlman said a friendship has definitely evolved between his band and Baker, and he appreciates what the studio owner has been able to provide for artists like Toast.

"We noticed our music is

getting better, it's tighter," Dahlman said. "Aaron offers us that opportunity to follow our dreams."

Toast is close to finishing its first demo record, Dahlman said, and with it they hope to book gigs and maybe even find a label. Sounded, that demo, recorded in a tiny, pallet-baffled studio in Ketchum's warehouse district, could be the record coveted by millions of rabid fans. Or maybe not.

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Baker's and Vargas' are giving experience and an opportunity to local artists that they would likely not otherwise get. And that sounds good to everyone.

Ariel Hansen may be reached at ahansen@mag-icvalley.com or 208-788-3475.

In a recording studio, adjusting equipment to get the best sound often seems a never-ending chore, but it's part of how producers create the best possible recordings for their clients. Here, studio owner Aaron Baker, left, works with singer/songwriter Kim Stocking.

Caritas Chorale goes cowboy for dinner

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

The Caritas Chorale is about to shed its Baroque robes for cowboy duds.

The elite chorale is holding its 10th anniversary celebration benefit dinner on Sept. 13 at the Cove Ranch south of Bellevue.

And in keeping with the theme, "It's a Grand Night for Singing Under the Western Stars," they'll serve up Western tunes like "Shenandoah" and a medley from "Paint Your Wagon" along with the chuckwagon dinner.

"Usually, we have the benefit dinner in several private homes. But we thought since this was our 10th anniversary we wanted to have everyone together," said singer Rae DeVito. "It's a beautiful ranch and it should be an absolutely gorgeous evening."

Choir member John Miley offered up the ranch, which sits seven miles south of Bellevue on the east side of Gannett Road. The ranch, which dates back to the 1800s, is comprised of 4,600 acres — 13,000 acres including state and Bureau of Land Management land.

Miley is offering to take those who show up with horses at noon on Sept. 13 on a trail ride of the ranch, which includes three springs, rock outcroppings, 1,100 acres of alfalfa and 400 acres of grass hay for the Black Angus raised there.

"I wish it were spring when we were branding. But we will be cutting our third crop of hay so we'll have the nice smell of alfalfa. The only thing missing will be a full moon — we'll just have a half moon that night," Miley said.

Those who don't have horses are invited to show up at 3:30 p.m. for lawn games like bocce and croquet.

Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5 p.m., and the dinner and performance will start at 6 p.m.

Judith McQueen, who was director of catering at Universal Studios before moving to the Wood River Valley, will cater a spread that will include kielbasa sausage, homemade mini-quesadillas, cowboy cobb salad, steak, a black bean and rice dish and fruit cobbler. She'll be joined by Chef Brent Rasmussen.

Sixty members of the Caritas Chorale will not only serve the dinner but they'll also serenade diners with



Members of the Caritas Chorale are going Western for their annual fundraising dinner Sept. 13. From left to right: Director Dick Brown, Laine Hubbard, John Miley, Ann Taylor, Janete Dunbar, Rae DeVito, Rebecca Waycott and Lynn Bockemohle.

KAREN BOSSICK/
For the Times-News

such songs as "Buffalo Gals," "Goodbye, Ol' Paint," "Home on the Range," "Tumblin' Tumbleweeds," "Oh My Darling, Clementine," "The Streets of Laredo," "Red River Valley" and others.

Diners are welcome to don their cowboy hats, boots and other Western attire to complete the mood.

But the valley's ubiquitous Hawaiian shirts will be acceptable, too — after all, the ranch's previous owners "escaped" to the Wood River Valley from Hawaii, according to Miley.

There'll be plenty of parking at the ranch. Or diners can ride buses, which will leave St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Sun Valley Road in Ketchum at 2:30 p.m. and 4:15 p.m., with stops at the Park and Ride lot on River Street in Hailey at 2:45 and 4:30 p.m.

The buses will return about 8:30 p.m., said Rebecca Waycott, chairman of the Dinner Committee.

Tickets are \$150 per person, available by calling 726-5349, ext. 25.

Proceeds from the event will help the Caritas Chorale pay orchestra members who typically come from Boise to accompany the choir's free concerts.

"It'll be a lot of fun having all of us together in one place

in a beautiful Western setting," said Waycott. "And

the music will be perfect for that setting."

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BOOK AS ART

Alterations to basic books create unique exhibit

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

A book on Native American Indians has received new life as an Indian headdress. The Yellow Pages have been made over into a head full of curls for a mannequin.

And pages from "The Endurance," the story of Shackleton's legendary Antarctic expedition, and Robert Frost's "The Road Less Traveled" are now the billowed masts of a model clipper ship.

They're altered books — the basis for a unique art exhibition opening at The Community Library in Ketchum on Wednesday. The exhibit will open with a reception, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, at the library at 415 Spruce Ave. N. The show will continue through the end of October.

"It's simple, really," said Ketchum artist Judy Whitmyre. "An altered book is a work of art that originates as a book. You can do anything you want to the book ... cut it, paint it, collage it, shred it ... The key thing is that you alter it so it becomes something else."

Whitmyre instigated the exhibit after she and East Fork resident Gay Weake saw a similar exhibit at a library in Palm Springs.

"We were trying to think of a different way to engage the library," said Weake. "It's a liberating experience — a different way to breathe life into discarded books. Thinking out of the book is



Courtesy photos

From left: Fourteen-year-old Joanna Whitmyre created a handbag out of books; Diane Myerson crafted a wig out of the Yellow Pages and called her creation 'One Ringing Dingy'; and Nineteen-year-old Andy Whitmyre used adventure books as the basis for his ship.

thinking out of the box."

The two put the word out to friends, who put the word out to still more friends. More than two dozen people created submissions over six weeks and many more said

they would be happy to pitch in if the library does it again.

Among those who contributed was Diane Myerson of Sun Valley, who crafted the mannequin, which she called "One Ringing Dingy?"

Gimlet resident Skip Nalen made a shadow box of miniature books.

And Sun Valley actuary Bill Pihl created a 2-foot-tall head of an Indian chief, which he has dubbed "Chief

Pink Feather."

"I'm a fly tier so I thought maybe I could put those skills to use making the feathers," he said. "We won't talk about how many hours I put into it."

Three of Whitmyre's grandchildren also contributed pieces. Andy Whitmyre, 19, who is studying aeronautical engineering at Cal Poly, made the ship. JoAnna Whitmyre, 14, made a handbag. And Kaitlyn Hill, a 20-year-old art student at Chico State University, made a piece she calls "Thrilling Cities."

"We've been doing art together since they were toddlers. They look forward to projects when they come visit," said Whitmyre. "But like everyone else, they had no idea what we were talking about initially. It turned out to be such a creative project."

T.F. Music Club begins with piano

Times-News

Are you feeling blue? If so, put on something in that color and head over to the CSI Fine Arts Recital Hall, Room 119, at 4 p.m. Sept. 12.

The Twin Falls Music Club will be inaugurating its 2009-2010 season with free piano performances, including featured act "Rhapsody in Blue" with Susan and Sue."

Susan Spelius Dunning, a resident of Sun Valley and Perugia, Italy, and worldwide chamber music performer, will be joined by Sue Miller, an associate professor of music at CSI.

And that blue? They're serious — show up wearing it if you can. The performance will be followed by a meeting of the club.

Information: Sarah Coley, music club president, 736-7181.



Miller and Dunning

Haunted mansion seeks actors

Times-News

The Haunted Mansions directors in Albion are seeking "scary" actors and actresses.

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Three artists, endless works

Story and photos by Blair Koch
For the Times-News

A bouquet of beauty from Blakeslee Breen

One glance into a large blooming flower of Ginny Blakeslee Breen's and you're drawn in, held captive by her art's strong sweeping lines and petals that seemingly stretch beyond the canvas.

Blakeslee Breen is the guest artist at the Full Moon Gallery in Twin Falls through September. The showing gives area residents the chance to see artwork from the career painter who has had gallery displays in Ketchum, Boise, Santa Fe, Seattle and Jackson Hole.

"Flowers are for enjoyment, they are the fairy dust for this planet," Blakeslee Breen said.

She said flowers inspire her not just because of the beauty they provide but for their pragmatic values — from producing pollen to their life-sustaining abilities for insects and other animals.

The Hailey painter hopes her art offers balance and hope to a world of hurting people. While not religious, Blakeslee Breen said she's very spiritual and has come to reflect on a few words spoken by Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount, "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow, they toil not...."

"I truly think the world is in a precarious place. People are scared, hurting and concerned about what's coming next," Blakeslee Breen said. "I feel that for

me, too, but I happened on those words and it's a great message."

She toils not but considers the flowers of the world, for now.

"The great thing about art is that it is always changing," she said. "I'm a changing person. I love change and love art because it's always something different."

Blakeslee Breen's sojourn into art began after moving to Hailey in 1981, where she still resides with her husband of more than 20 years, Michael Breen, and their teenage son Ryan.

She first studied pottery at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts' Pottery Center and fine art classes at the College of Southern Idaho.

She's ventured into watercolor and checked out painting portraits, landscapes and more.

"As with most artists, you always start somewhere else," she said. "I never saw myself as a floral painter."

Blakeslee Breen said that while studying under Claudette Bray of the Springdale School of Art, she was told she was a floral painter, it was her path.

"When she said it I knew it, I could feel it," Blakeslee Breen said.

Hundreds of pieces later she's still producing brilliant oil works.

"I'm driven by the spirit...when the colors come out it's a gift," she said.



Blakeslee Breen



'Simple Pleasures,' by Ginny Blakeslee Breen, is oil on canvas, and will be on display at the Full Moon Gallery in Twin Falls through September.



Filer's Sandy Wapinski fell in love with glass almost 30 years ago, when she ventured into stained glass artwork. A little more than five years later she learned the art of lampworking and found her passion.

"I took a class five years ago and that got me started," Wapinski said. "I've taken classes all over: Portland, California and discovered a teacher in Elko."

The process of lampworking is when an artisan heats colored glass rods to fluidity and, in the case of beadmaking, winds the molten glass around lengths of specially-coated steel wire, or mandrels.

Wapinski's latest glass creations are in the form of beads and vessels individually sculpted from molten glass. Each bead is skillfully torched using special equipment, techniques and colorful Italian, German or American glass.

She said the combination of molten glass, precious metals and other high quality inputs makes each bead a miniature work of art.

"The challenge is in the process. You have to stay focused. You can't get distracted because it can get dangerous. You're working with extremely hot glass and torches," Wapinski said.

Colors are hand-mixed for realism or special effects. A bead can evolve into a stunning delicate and realistic encased flower, a whimsical frog, or even a mini-universe complete with space dust.

"Everything inspires me, even a chance comment," she said. "Someone mentioned 'opening a can of worms,' and I had to do it. I'm also inspired by the glass itself."

Wapinski has lived in Filer for 18 years and has two grown sons. She works as the Public Services Manager for the College of Southern Idaho's library.

She says everyone has a creative outlet and hers just happens to be glass.

"That's the one that talks to me the most. I'm satisfied to create something that turns out beautiful."

Inspiration between the beads



Sandy Wapinski's art is full of detail, shown in this necklace that contains little frogs on lily-pads and a large frog with lifelike features. Her artwork on display at the Full Moon Gallery of Fine Art and Contemporary Craft in Twin Falls.

View the trio

Oil paintings by Ginny Blakeslee Breen and lampwork glass beads by Sandy Wapinski are on display at through Sept. 30 at the Full Moon Gallery of Fine Art and Contemporary Craft. "Beyond the Beaten Path," oil paintings by John Pitts, is on display in Galeria Pequena, 132 Main Avenue South, in Main Street Plaza. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Both galleries are free and open to the public.

'Beyond the Beaten Path'

Inside his home studio in Twin Falls, John Pitts holds a large photo — it's darkness and light, tall trees and shadows.

Pitts has drawn a grid over the photo that helps him proportion the piece he wants to transpose into an oil painting.

"This one is all trees and the grid helps me get the details I want through," Pitts said recently in his studio he shares with wife and fellow painter, Judy Pitts. "The trees and darkness but light streaming in, it kind of plays into a mystery. It's morning and a magical situation. It's kind of shaking off night-time."

The work in progress is in the same genre of those now on display at the Galeria Pequena in Twin Falls, works of art depicting scenes from the great outdoors. Pitts hopes his art shares his passion about nature.

"Hopefully people will learn my appreciation for God's creation and the beauty of the outdoors," Pitts said.

Pitts, 63, has only been painting for nine years, a



hobby picked up after retiring from a long Air Force career. Since he paints from photos his work is often dismissed, but he's a beginner and he knows it.

"I take photos to capture the light and need it at this stage," Pitts said. "My art is dismissed all the time but really, I paint for myself. Would I like to reach that level, where I'm not painting from photos? Sure. But right now it they like a painting of mine, great. If not, that's OK."

His gallery display has scenes from Jackson Hole, Wyo., the Teton mountains and Yellowstone, and closer destinations including Caudron Lynn and the South Hills.

John Pitts' oil paintings are on display at the Galeria Pequena through September. The display is called 'Beyond the Beaten Path,' and is filled with paintings taken from Pitts' ventures into the great outdoors.



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Whimsy on the walk

Ketchum galleries share new artists

By Karen Bossick • Times-News correspondent

Robin Reiners deals in sophisticated art created by artists from around the world.

But the Ketchum gallery owner spills over with the enthusiasm of a kid scoping out the toys under a Christmas tree as she shows off French artist Gerard Cambon's whimsical "locomobiles."

The works will be featured in an exhibition that opens tonight during the town's Gallery Walk, 5-8 p.m.

She picks up one of them, which resembles a fantastical automobile you might see in a Disney movie populated with tiny papier-mache creatures.

"You can see them peeping out," she said, pointing out the creatures. "My husband Michael and I were really drawn in by the little people living in their own little worlds which are made up of colorful found objects, such as marbles, old tins and shotgun shell casings. They have the richness of treasures found in the flea markets of southern France and the creativity of a very ingenious mind."

Cambon's locomobiles will be on display at Gallery DeNovo, Sun Valley Road and First Avenue, during Ketchum's Gallery Walk. About two dozen galleries will show off new exhibitions, most of which will be on display for the next

month, amidst wine, sparkling water and tasty hors d'oeuvres.

Cambon, who is self-taught, began making his "locomobiles" and bas reliefs out of found materials such as old iron he found around his family's farm and winery in the south of France and various flea markets.

The bas reliefs are dark, representing everyday difficulties and the impact of society on individuals. The locomobiles illustrate the joy of movement, the freedom of dreams and escape.

"It's some of the most unique work I've seen in the last few years," said Reiners.

A block away, art strollers can see somewhat abstract but very recognizable works depicting Silver Creek by painter James Cook.

Cook will be present for the opening of the Silver Creek exhibition at Gail Severn Gallery. He also will participate in a free Artist Chat at the gallery at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Cook's interest in trout and water goes back to the early 1970s when he did a series of paintings based on the limestone streams of Pennsylvania. When assembled, the large paintings created a long stream on the wall.

He became mesmerized by Idaho's water gems about 15 years ago and comes to the state at least once a year

to paint on location along Silver Creek and the Salmon River.

"Silver Creek in general is, of course, one of the most beautiful spring-fed streams that I am familiar with in the world," says Cook. "The elegant curve of the meandering water flowing through farmland with its hard-edged fields and the colors of the crops in different seasons is a never-ending source of beauty."

Stefanie Weber will be present during the gallery walk to discuss her new works on aluminum, which she has titled "Illuminate," at Gilman Contemporary, 661 Sun Valley Road.

Weber alternates painted panels next to scrapped metal and photo plates, creating colorful, richly textured pieces.

"I love the color," said gallery owner L'Anne Gilman.

And Bozeman, Mont., artist Jennifer Lowe-Anker will be on hand during the gallery walk to discuss the colorful, sometimes whimsical art she does of cowgirls and magpies, black bears and the northern lights.

One of the most poignant is "Mountain Monarchs," which depicts a Mama bear and her cubs surrounded by monarch butterflies.

The butterflies represent the spirit of her late husband Alex Lowe, a celebrated mountain climber who died

Here's some of the other work you can see during Gallery Walk:

Gail Severn Gallery, 400 1st Ave. N., will show the "Watercolor Diaries" of British artist Tony Foster and the encaustic and mixed media works of Chris Reilly and Michelle Haglund, in addition to the work of James Cook.

Foster, who always spends part of his summers painting in the Sun Valley area, and Reilly and Haglund will join Cook for the exhibition opening tonight. And they'll join him for the free Artist Chat at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Kneeland Gallery, 271 1st Ave., N., is showing whimsical works of Gen. George Armstrong Custer playing croquet, among other historical Western scenes, courtesy of Thom Ross, who set up a Custer battlefield scene made out of his art a few years ago along Sun Valley Road.

Jean Richardson will display equine motifs in acrylic. And Linda St. Clair will present several of her "Barnyard Beauties" in oil on canvas.



Kneeland Gallery

Hughes Jewel Gallery, 360 East Ave., is hosting its last Gallery Walk after almost 14 years in business. The reception will feature a unique mineral show, including a 30,000-year-old woolly mammoth ivory from the Ice Age Museum in Moscow, Russia. The gallery also will be showing mineral prints from Fredrick Wilda, a renowned watercolor artist from Maryland.

Friesen Gallery, at Sun Valley Road and First Avenue, is celebrating a new body of work by Portland, Ore., painter Jeff Fontaine.

Fontaine's indoor-outdoor paintings are based on photography of old signs, rusting train cars and crumbling architecture. His "quilted" and painted metal panels—often made of salvaged steel—are collaged together and play on colors and balance, as well as texture, lines and geometrical juxtapositions. Fontaine will be in attendance for the gallery walk.

Sun Valley Center for the Arts, at the corner of Fifth



Gail Severn Gallery

and Washington streets, is showing big, bold, geometric shapes in an exhibition titled "Modern Parallels: The Paintings of Mary Henry and Helen Lundberg." The two are 20th century American painters who grew up in California, came of age as artists during the Great Depression and devoted major portions of their careers to geometric abstraction.

The Open Room, 680 Sun Valley Road, and the Sun Valley Spiritual Film Festival are joining together to present a special exhibition and silent auction titled "Celebrating the Human Spirit." Sales will benefit the film festival and the artists.

Refreshments will be provided by CIRO and entertainment by Art Wallace.

Zantman Art Gallery, 360 East Ave., will feature the somewhat cubist oil portraits of sailboats and landscapes by Italian artist Pietro Piccoli. Piccoli weaves together an engaging mix of style, realism and abstraction into his brightly colored landscapes.

Broschovsky Galleries, 360 East Ave., will have a "Best of the West" exhibition featuring historic paintings by the likes of Edward Curtis and contemporary Western paintings, sculpture and photographs by such artists as William Matthews, Russell Chatham, Michael Coleman, Brandon Cook, J.C. Dye, Glen Edwards, Jan Grotenbreg, Tom Howard, Gordon McConnell, Theodore Villa and Andy Warhol.

Toneri Hink Gallery, 400 Sun Valley Road, will display whimsical barstools with cowboy boot legs and other creatively endowed log creations of R.C. Hink.

Will Caldwell Gallery, 400 E. Sun Valley Road, will display the colorful paintings of local wildflowers and Mexican street scenes.

David Stocklein Gallery, at the corner of Second and Main streets, will feature Western photographs the Sun Valley photographer has shot throughout the West.

And Frederic Boloix Fine Arts, 320 1st Ave., will display work by some of the masters, including Picasso.



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— Robin Reiners, Gallery DeNovo owner

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Gallery DeNovo Owner Robin Reiners examines some of the little people with which Gerard Cambon populates his fantastical locomobiles.

in an avalanche on the Himalayan mountain Shishapangma, said Lowe-Anker, who recounted the story of love lost and love found in the book "Forget Me Not."

The livestock markers that Lowe-Anker uses are the same ones cattle ranchers use to brand cattle in the place of branding irons, said Kneeland Gallery Director Carey Molter.

"They're called the 'poor man's pastels,' she said. "They come in a limited number of colors but Jennifer hasn't let that stop her when it comes to creating her colorful works."

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EVENTS CALENDAR

4 FRIDAY

Planetarium/Twin Falls

Faulkner Planetarium at Herrett Center for Arts and Science presents "Here Comes the Sun" at 2 p.m.; "Two Small Pieces of Glass" with live sky tour at 7 p.m.; and "Space Jammin'" at 8:15 p.m. Education-show tickets are \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors and \$2.50 for students. Tickets for the 8:15 p.m. entertainment show are \$4.50 for all ages.

First Friday/Twin Falls

Watercolor artist Joyce Deford shows her art and painting, 6-9 p.m. at the First Friday event at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W. This month's music is by **Kenny Saunders, Joel Casserman, and Brett Dewey** with acoustic folk. No cover. Also part of First Friday are paintings by **John Pitts** at Galeria Pequena, 132 Main Ave. S., and paintings by **Ginny Blakeslee Breen** and glasswork by **Sandy Wapinski** at Full Moon Gallery of Art and Contemporary Craft, 132 Main Ave. S. At Jensen Ringmakers, 109 Main Ave. E., there will be a continued exhibit of work by **Colleen Robison, Chuck Manning and Marcus Washburn**.

Classic rock/Twin Falls

Armageddon, featuring Steve Hardrock from the movie "Wayne's World," 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road. No cover.

Music/Twin Falls

Live music, 7-9 p.m. at Moxie Java Tuscany, 430 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. No cover.

Country, rock/Twin Falls

Wild Nights, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive. No cover.

Jazz/Twin Falls

Great Riff Jazz combo, 7-10 p.m. at Pandora's restaurant, 516 Hansen St. No cover.

County fair/Filer

Twin Falls County Fair continues all day at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, with several 4-H, FFA and livestock events, a carnival, entertainment on the free stage, exhibits in the merchants buildings; and PRCA rodeo, 7:30 p.m. at Shouse Arena (tickets: \$11 for reserved seats and \$9 for general admission; prices include fair admission and are before sales tax). Admission to the fair is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors 65 and over, and \$3 for children 6-12. Children 5 and under admitted free. Purchase tickets at 326-4398 or tfcfair.com.

Art/Filer

Lion's Gate Gallery, 229 Main St., will showcase new works by local artists during the fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Shoshone artist **Ann Parker** will have Western sculp-



KAREN BOSSICK/For the Times-News

Saturday's Wagon Days parade features museum-quality — and sometimes rare — buggies, carriages, carts, buckboards, surreys, delivery wagons and stages. Here, an entry in the 2008 parade.

tures, and **Beverly Bray** introduces mixed media drawings and pencil renderings of Western places, people and animals. Free admission and refreshments; register to win a Western print.

Antique shows/Ketchum, Hailey

Several **antique fairs**, as part of Wagon Days celebration: **Ketchum Art and Antique Show**, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at nexStage Theatre, 120 S. Main St., Ketchum; **Wagon Days Antique Show**, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Forest Service Park, at First and Washington streets, Ketchum; **Hailey's Antique Market**, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Roberta McKercher Park 350 W. Cedar St.; and **Hailey's Main Street Antique and Art Show**, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 730 N. Main St.

Gallery walk/Ketchum

Gallery Walk, hosted by Sun Valley Gallery Association, 5-8 p.m., featuring exhibitions at several art galleries in Ketchum and Sun Valley. Free admission. Information and for a map: svgaleries.org or 726-5512.

Festivity/Ketchum

Wagon Days celebration includes a **Grand Marshal Reception** honoring the Atkinson family, 5:30-7 p.m. at Memory Park on Main Street, between Fifth and Sixth streets; and **Blackjack Ketchum Shoot-Out Gang**, 7 p.m. on Main Street, in front of Casino Club.

Bluegrass, folk/Ketchum

Hat Trick with bluegrass, folk and Grateful Dead music, 6:30-

9:30 p.m. at Papa Hemi's Hideaway, 310 S. Main St. No cover.

Musical, barbecue/Sun Valley

Wah Hoo Revue!, featuring the **Wild West Players**, 7:30 p.m. at Sun Valley Opera House, with singing, dancing, comedy and audience involvement. The musical revue includes original script by Jan Benson and Derek Furch, with music arrangements by Furch. Chuckwagon-style barbecue starts at 6:30 p.m. on the lawn near the opera house, with barbecued ribs or chicken, baked beans, corn on the cob, salads, Dutch oven cobbler and beverages. Tickets for dinner and show: \$40 for adults, \$35 for senior citizens and \$30 for children 12 and under; for show only: \$20 for adults and \$15 for senior citizens and children 12 and under. Reserve tickets at Sun Valley Recreation Center at: 622-3135, 888-622-2108 or seats.sunvalley.com.

Jazz/Sun Valley

Joe Fos, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Duchin Lounge at Sun Valley Lodge. No cover. 622-2145.

Country/Jerome

Country Classics, 8 p.m. to midnight at Snake River Elks Lodge, 412 E. 200 S. Open to the public; \$5 per person or \$9 per couple. Dinner available 6-9 p.m.

Music/Burley

Kroakers DJ, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside, 197 W. U.S. Highway 30. \$2 cover.

Country, rock/Declo

The Fugitives, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers, 826 Idaho Highway 81. No cover.

5 SATURDAY

Planetarium/Twin Falls

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Reptiles display/Twin Falls

Annual Creepy Crawly Day, hosted by Herrett Center for Arts and Science and Idaho Herpetological Society, 1-5 p.m., in and around the Herrett building. The event features reptiles and other exotic pets, including snakes, iguanas, tarantulas, giant millipedes and emperor scorpions. Free admission and open to the public.

Rehearsals/Twin Falls

Magic Valley Youth Orchestra and Chamber Ensemble rehearsals, 9:30 a.m. Saturdays, at College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Center. Music selections include Handel's "Water Music," "Dance of the Comedians" by Smetana, "Salute to the Cinema" and "Scenes from the Old West." Student musicians playing strings, winds, brass and percussion invited. Concert is scheduled for 3 p.m. Nov. 7 at CSI Fine Arts Center. Session fee is \$20. Information: Linda Seaman, 948-9898, or Kathy Harris, 735-0223.

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Dinner, music/Buhl

Holesinsky Certified Organic Vineyard and Winery's grand opening celebration, 3-9 p.m., with dinner served 5-7 p.m. at 4477 Valley Steppe Drive. Features music by Thomas Paul of Boise, wine, keg beer, appetizers and a dinner of ribs and/or brisket from Smokin' Cowboys. Tickets are \$20 per person (includes drinks, appetizers and entertainment); \$35 per person or \$65 per couple (with dinner). Tickets available at Holesinsky Winery in Buhl, holesinsky.com, Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise in Twin Falls, Holesinsky Winery booth at Capitol City Market in Boise or Boise Co-Op Wine Shop. Dinner reservations required by Aug. 31. Free for children under 5.

Country, rock/Declo

The Fugitives, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers, 826 Idaho Highway 81. No cover.

Festivity, parade/Ketchum

Wagon Days celebration continues with several events: **Papoose Club Flapjack Breakfast**, 8 a.m. to noon at Town Plaza, with live musical performances (cost: \$8 adults, \$7 senior citizens 65 and older, \$7 youth 13-18, \$5 children 4-12 years, free for children 3 and under); proceeds benefit local youth-oriented charities. **Silver Car Auction**, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Sun Valley Resort, cars displayed and auctioned off beginning at 10:30 a.m., 800-255-4485 or silver-auctions.com. **Children's Carnival**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Giacobbi Square, Fourth and Washington streets, with mini-train rides, astro-jump, climbing wall and bungee run (unlimited all-ride pass: \$10). **Eh-Capa Bareback Riders**, 10:30 a.m. at Performance Festival Meadows on Sun Valley Road, **Blackjack Ketchum Shoot-Out Gang**, 12:15 p.m. on Main Street, in front of the Pioneer Saloon. **Big Hitch Parade**, 1 p.m. with nearly 100 museum-quality wagons, hitches, buggies, carriages, stages and carts, including six Lewis Ore Wagons (known as the Big Hitch), pulled by a 20-mule jerkline; and after the parade, **Damphools** play bluegrass and country folk music at The Casino (no cover); and **tour of the ore wagons**, with local historian **Ivan Swaner**, 4 p.m. outside the Ore Wagon Museum.

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Folk/Ketchum

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Jazz/Sun Valley

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Figure skating/Sun Valley

Melissa Gregory and Denis Petukhov, four-time U.S. silver medalist, performs at the Sun Valley Ice Show, 9:15 p.m. at the Sun Valley Ice Rink. Tickets are \$32 to \$52 for bleacher seats and \$62 for dessert buffet and ice show, at seats.sunvalley.com, 622-2135 or 888-622-2108.

Calendar continued on Entertainment 7



4, 5 Wah Hoo Revue!

Art/Ketchum
"The Container Show — Installation Two," presented by Sun Valley Center for the Arts, on display through Saturday, in storage containers on the center's new property (corner of Second Avenue and Fourth Street). Featured artists are Jan Cox, Amanda Hamilton, Megan Murphy and Angela Tsai. Containers are unlocked from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. Information: sunvalleycenter.org or 726-9491.

Photography exhibit/Twin Falls
"Rock Art," featuring photographs by **Al Weber**, one of America's masters of black-and-white photography, opens with a reception for the artist, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the Jean B. King Gallery in the Herrett Center for Arts and Science. The exhibit is on display through OCT. 10, featuring many of Weber's photographs of paintings and etchings put on rocks by indigenous peoples of ancient America. Photographing rock art in the desert southwest and parts of Mexico is a recent pursuit for Weber. He lives in California and has traveled for nearly 50

Ginny Blakeslee Breen



years conducting photography workshops. His career started as a commercial photographer focusing on color before he became associated with legendary black-and-white artist Ansel Adams. Weber ran Adams' photography

workshops in Yosemite, Calif., for many years. Contributing to the show is **Doug Maughan**, College of Southern Idaho public relations director and amateur photographer, who has taken photographs of many rock art sites in Idaho

and Nevada for the last five years. Some of Maughan's photographs and accompanying statements are displayed in the Herrett Center's Rick Allen Community Room. Gallery hours: 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 1-9 p.m. Saturdays. Free admission. 732-6655 or csi.edu/Herrett.

Art/Twin Falls

Oil paintings by **Ginny Blakeslee Breen** and lampwork glass beads by **Sandy Wapinski**, on display through Sept. 30 at Full Moon Gallery of Fine Art and Contemporary Craft; and "Beyond the Beaten Path," with oil paintings by **John Pitts** (pictured), on display in Galeria Pequena, 132 Main Ave. S. in Main Street Plaza. Gallery hours: noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Free and open to the public.

Art/Ketchum

"Modern Parallels: The Paintings of Mary Henry and Helen Lundeberg" exhibition, on display through OCT. 2 at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts, 191

Fifth St. E. Features more than 40 paintings, drawings and lithographs of West Coast artists Mary Henry (1913-2009) and Helen Lundeberg (1908-1999), illuminating the parallels between the women's work and the meandering path of modernism in the 20th century. Regular hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. Free exhibition tour at 2 p.m. Sept. 8, led by a trained volunteer docent, and free guided tour with curator Courtney Gilbert at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 10. Gilbert conducted extensive research on both Henry and Lundeberg and has written a brochure that accompanies the exhibition. Free admission. 726-9491 or sunvalleycenter.org.

Art/Buhl

Buhl residents **Leo and Jennie Lortz' First Art Show**, with watercolor and oil paintings, on display through Nov. 30 at Eighth Street Center, 200 Eighth Ave. N. Leo Lortz is a watercolor artist, and Jennie Lortz is an oil artist. Gallery hours: noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday or by appointment. 543-5417.

ONGOING EXHIBITIONS

EVENTS CALENDAR

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Entertainment 6

6 SUNDAY

County fair, concert/Filer

Twin Falls County Fair continues all day at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, with several 4-H, FFA and livestock events, a carnival, entertainment on the free stage, exhibits in the merchants buildings; and Reckless Kelly concert at 8 p.m. at the Twin Falls County Fair in Shouse Arena. The Texas-based, alternative-country band released their latest album "Home Run EP" in April to coincide with the start of baseball season, and their album "Bulletproof" was released last year. The group won top honors at the Austin Music Awards in April for best country band. Concert tickets are \$13 for reserved seats and \$10 for general admission; prices include fair admission and are before sales tax). Admission to the fair is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors 65 and over, and \$3 for children 6-12. Children 5 and under admitted free. Purchase tickets at 326-4398 or tfcfair.com.

Festivity, parade/Bellevue

Bellevue Labor Day Shootout and Parade, as part of Wagon Days celebration Shootout starts at 12:30 p.m., with parade at 1 p.m., followed by music, food, antiques and crafts at the park.

Festivity/Ketchum

Wagon Days celebration continues with **Papoose Club Flapjack Breakfast**, 8 a.m. to noon at Town Plaza, with live musical performances (cost: \$8 adults, \$7 senior citizens 65 and older, \$7 youth 13-18, \$5 children 4-12 years, free for children 3 and under); proceeds benefit local youth-oriented charities. **Silver Car Auction**, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Sun Valley Resort, 800-255-4485 or silverauctions.com; and **karaoke** and **MC Spice Train**, 9:30 p.m. at The Casino (no cover).

Fundraiser/Ketchum

Great Wagon Days Duck Race begins with a party with music and kids activities, 1-4 p.m. at Rotary Park, followed at 3 p.m. with thousand of rubber ducks released in the Big Wood River from the Warm Springs Bridge and finishing at Rotary Park. Each adopted duck is numbered and entered into the race, with top-placing ducks eligible to win prize packages. The community can adopt ducks with adoption papers at Atkinsons' Market in Ketchum and Hailey, Clearwater Nursery in Ketchum and Bellevue, Towne & Parke Jewelers in Sun Valley, and The Visitors Center in the park across from Giacobbi Square in Ketchum, or from any Ketchum/Sun Valley Rotarian or Realtor. Race is organized by Ketchum/Sun Valley Rotary Club and Sawtooth Board of Realtors Charitable Foundation, and benefits students, charities and Blaine County Search and Rescue. 721-7481 or rotaryduckrace.org/index.htm.

Antique shows/ Ketchum, Hailey

Several **antique fairs**, as part of Wagon Days celebration: **Ketchum Art and Antique Show**, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at nexStage Theatre, 120 S. Main St., Ketchum; **Wagon Days Antique Show**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Forest Service Park, at First and Washington streets, Ketchum; **Hailey's Antique Market**, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Roberta Mc Kercher Park 350 W. Cedar St., and Hailey National Armory; and **Hailey's Main Street Antique and Art Show**, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 730 N. Main St.

Jazz, blues/Ketchum

Mr. Cappi with jazz, blues and rockabilly guitar, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Papa Hemi's Hideaway, 310 S. Main St. No cover.

Music/Sun Valley

Pianist and singer **Leana Leach**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. during Sunday brunch in the Lodge Dining Room at Sun Valley Resort. No cover. 622-2800.

Music/Stamley

Music From Stanley concert series, featuring Idaho musicians **Bill Coffey and friends**, 4-8 p.m. at Redfish Lake Lodge. Free admission. Concert recordings to be aired in radio series on KBSU and KISU in the fall. musicfromstanley.com.

7 MONDAY

County fair/Filer

Twin Falls County Fair continues all day at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, with 4-H/FFA Junior market animal sale, 10 a.m. at fair sale barn; and Destruction Derby, 7 p.m. at Shouse Arena, along with



Courtesy photo

Reckless Kelly will return to the Filer fairgrounds with a Sunday show at Shouse Arena.

a carnival, entertainment on the free stage and exhibits in the merchants buildings. Destruction Derby tickets are \$11 for reserved seats and \$8 for general admission; prices include fair admission and are before sales tax). Admission to the fair is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors 65 and over, and \$3 for children 6-12. Children 5 and under admitted free. Purchase tickets at 326-4398 or tfcfair.com.

Art, antique show/Ketchum

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Festivity/Bellevue

Bellevue's Labor Day celebration, as part of Wagon Days, 1-5 p.m. at City Park, with music, food and crafts.

Jazz/Sun Valley

Bruce Innes, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Duchin Lounge at Sun Valley Lodge. No cover. 622-2145.

8 TUESDAY

Auditions/Twin Falls

Magic Valley Little Theatre's auditions for "Jekyll and Hyde," 7-9 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone St. E. No roles for children in this show. The production, directed by Lori Henson, will be on stage *OCT. 29-31* at College of Southern Idaho. Information: Stacie at 420-4169.

Planetarium/Twin Falls

Faulkner Planetarium at Herrett Center for Arts and Science presents **"Two Small Pieces of Glass"** with live sky tour at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors and \$2.50 for students.

Art/Twin Falls

Family art, 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays at Twin Falls Creative Arts Center, 249 Main Ave. W. Learn a variety of art media, including painting, drawing, sculpting and other creative arts. Cost is \$120 per family (up to four; and \$10 per person for additional family members). tfcreativeartscenter.com or 737-9111.

Painting/Twin Falls

Acrylic Painting I for Beginner Adults, 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays through December, at Twin Falls Creative Arts Center, 249 Main Ave. W. Learn to paint with acrylics on canvas. Cost is \$50 per month.

Comedy/Albion

Comedy Night, 7 p.m. at Sage Mountain Grill, 251 N. St. Seating starts at 6:30 p.m. \$10 cover. 673-6696.

Jazz/Sun Valley

Joe Fos, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Duchin Lounge at Sun Valley Lodge. No cover. 622-2145.

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Music/Twin Falls

Open Mic Night with Josh Summers, 9 p.m. in the Blue Room at Woody's, 213 Fifth Ave. S. No cover.

Folk/Ketchum

Fred Crabtree with Americana and Idaho cowhand folk music, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Papa Hemi's Hideaway, 310 S. Main St. No cover.

Jazz/Sun Valley

Joe Fos, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Duchin Lounge at Sun Valley Lodge. No cover. 622-2145.

10 THURSDAY

Live music/Ketchum

Thursday Plaza Nights, a free concert series, 6-8 p.m. in Town Plaza across from Atkinsons' Market. Ice cream and crepes will be for sale, benefiting Wood River Valley nonprofit organizations.

Jazz/Sun Valley

Joe Fos, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Duchin Lounge at Sun Valley Lodge. No cover. 622-2145.

NEXT WEEK

Country, rock/Twin Falls

Magic Valley Concert Events presents **The Stimulus Package concert**, featuring **Marshall Tucker Band**, at 7 p.m. *SEPT. 11* at Magic Valley Speedway. Opening band is **Renegade** of Twin Falls. Gates open at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for stage-front seats and \$20 for bleacher seats, at magicvalleyspeedway.com and all Oasis Stop N' Go locations.



Joyce Guyer

Music/Twin Falls

College of Southern Idaho's Music Department presents **"Stories of Love and Loss"** concert with Twin Falls native **Joyce Guyer**, one of America's leading sopranos, and accompanied by pianist **Mark Neiwirth**, 7:30 p.m. *SEPT. 11* at College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Theater, 315 Falls Ave. The concert features literary selections on the theme by Heinrich Heine, Emanuel von Geibel, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe and Nikolaus Lenau set to the music of Mendelssohn-Bartholdy. Guyer has been a principal artist for 16 seasons at New York's Metropolitan Opera, with roles such as Susanna in "Le Nozze di Figaro,"

Rock/Hagerman

"Friday Night Party," featuring **Fastback**, 7:30-9:30 p.m. *SEPT. 11* at the Rock'n H Resort, 18022 U.S. Highway 30. Admission is \$10. hagermanidea.org.

Festival/Twin Falls

Perrine Bridge Festival, with motto "A Bridge To Success For Kids," *SEPT. 11-12* at Twin Falls Visitors Center at the I.B. Perrine Bridge. Proceeds donated to St. Luke's Magic Valley Health Foundation for Magic Valley children who have special needs. Highlights on *SEPT. 11*: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., lunch with the athletes at Outback Steakhouse, plus raffles (tickets: \$15 at Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce or at the door); and 6 p.m., juried art exhibition and auction at Premier Insurance, 157 River Vista Place, with art, music, hors d'oeuvres and wine, also meet some of the BASE jumpers; preview 6-7 p.m., art auction closes at 7:45 p.m. and silent auction closes at 8:15 p.m. (free; open to public). *SEPT. 12*: 8 a.m., 5k Fun Run and 5k Walk, and 10k Fun Run, starts at Twin Falls Visitor Center; check-in begins at 7 a.m. (\$25 early registration donation, \$30 race-day donation); 10 a.m., Parachutes for Kids opening ceremonies, including skydive demonstration by Snake River Skydiving, welcoming speech by Mayor Lance Clow, speech by a recipient of funds from Children with Special Needs Fund, the National Anthem and BASE jumping exhibition begins; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., festival activities including Parachutes for Kids exhibition at Perrine Bridge; kids carnival, face painting and petting zoo; kayak and canoe rentals at Centennial Park (\$20 per hour); and entertainment and food vendors at visitor center; and 11 a.m., Kids Fun Run at visitor center; check-in before 10 a.m. (\$12.00 pre-registration fee and \$15 race-day fee). perrinebridgefestival.com.

Country, rock/Twin Falls

Mixed Emotions, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. *SEPT. 11-12* at Montana Steakhouse, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive. No cover.

Fundraiser/Twin Falls

The 18th annual Epicurean Evening, presented by St. Luke's Magic Valley Health Foundation and *Times-News*, 6 p.m. *SEPT. 12* at Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center, 330 Canyon Crest Drive. Features wine tasting, gourmet food by chefs around the region, live and silent auctions, and entertainment by local pianist Andrew Bortz and lively dance hits by High Street Combo. Dr. Richard Miranda, a local St. Luke's oncologist, discusses new developments in cancer care for Magic Valley patients, and Larry Flynn highlights the Epicurean's unique live auction packages. Chefs also compete to win the Judges' Award and a People's Choice Award. Proceeds benefit local cancer care at St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute. Tickets are \$100 per person, at 737-2480 or stlukesonline.org/magic_valley/ways_to_give/epicurean.php.

Bodybuilding contest/ Twin Falls

NGA-AFBB Flex Fitness Natural Bodybuilding and Figure Contest, starts at 4 p.m. *SEPT. 12* at College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Center auditorium, 315 Falls Ave. Bodybuilding competition, including pre-judging of athletes and a final show for the public. Athletes compete in different classes and categories, and bodybuilding judges assess poise, symmetry and development. General admission is \$25 (includes pre-judging and night show), \$12 with a valid school identification (any level), and free for children 8 and under. myflexfitness.com.



Monthly Karaoke CORNER

DAILY

Twin Falls

Karaoke, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sundays through Thursdays, at Klover Klub Lounge, 402 Main Ave. N. No cover.

DAILY

(except Sundays)

Twin Falls

Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Sidewinder Saloon, 233 Fifth Ave. S. No cover.

FRIDAYS

Burley

Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club, 1054 Overland Ave. No cover.

Rupert

Kroakers Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Melody Bar, 502 Sixth St. No cover.

SATURDAYS

Burley

Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club, 1054 Overland Ave. No cover.

Rupert

Kroakers Karaoke, 9 p.m. until closing at the Blue Room, 613 Fremont Ave. No cover.

Karaoke Corner, a roundup of regularly scheduled karaoke, is published on the first Friday of each month; one-time karaoke events are in the main events calendar. Send submissions to Ramona Jones at ramona@magicvalley.com.

Monthly Karaoke CORNER

Declo

Miller Time Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Big Kahuna, 9 E. Main St. No cover.

TUESDAYS

Burley

Kroakers Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Cheers, 163 W. U.S. Highway 30. No cover.

WEDNESDAYS

Twin Falls

Kroakers Karaoke, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steak House, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive. No cover. Lone Wolf Entertainment, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road. No cover.

Paul

Kroakers Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Red's Bar, 6 E. Idaho St. No cover.

THURSDAYS

Twin Falls

Lone Wolf Entertainment, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road. No cover.

Kroakers Karaoke, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steak House, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive. No cover.

Rupert

Kroakers Karaoke, 9 p.m. until closing at the Blue Room, 613 Fremont Ave. No cover.



Destruction Derby

ENTERTAINMENT AROUND THE VALLEY

'To Kill a Mockingbird' opens Arts on Tour season

With a rendition of the story that won the 1960 Pulitzer Prize for fiction, Montana Repertory Theater will be bringing "To Kill a Mockingbird" to Twin Falls this month.

Billed as "a classic American tale of justice, acceptance, growing up and forgiveness," the action takes place in a town in the 1930s South, where a widowed lawyer stands against his fellow townspeople to defend a young black man falsely accused of raping a white woman.

The production is the first in this season's Arts on Tour. Additional performances this year include Bellydance Superstars, Montreal Guitar Trio, Improvised Shakespeare Company, Laura Love, Steve Lippia's Simply Sinatra, and the Edlos in A Capella Broadway.

"To Kill a Mockingbird" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 22 at the College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$21 for students high school and under.

Tickets may be purchased at the Fine Arts box office, www.csi.edu/artstour, or 732-6288.

Writer's league hosts conference

The Twin Falls Chapter of the Idaho Writers League will present a Writers Conference Sept. 25-26 at the Red Lion Canyon Springs Hotel and Convention Center.

This public conference will provide the opportunity to learn from experts how to write better fiction, nonfiction and poetry, and for the screen and television.

Experienced writers will demonstrate the tools that make them successful. Find out how to use the writer's senses, conduct interviews, become an organized writer

and get published.

Prices for non-members: Full conference, \$150. Friday is \$85; Saturday is \$95. Each individual session is \$20.

Screen writer Lance Thompson, who wrote for the TV series "Mr. Belvedere" and has been a script doctor for movies – including "The Two Jakes" and "The Honeyymooners" – will be a featured speaker in screenwriting, story structure and writing successful query letters.

Several local writers will share the podium, including College of Southern Idaho professors Judy Hansen and Russ Tremayne.

Kitty Fleischman, the publisher of Idaho Magazine, will talk about writing for magazines today.

A bus to Jackpot, Nev., for dinner and entertainment will be available on Sept. 25. To register, contact Sherri George at 736-6797 or e-mail twinfallswriters@yahoo.com.

Feature film casting locals

Morman Boling Casting is looking for local actors for the feature film "Buhl, Idaho."

Scott Glenn ("The Bourne Ultimatum," "Silence of the Lambs")

and Alison Elliot ("The Assassination of Jesse James," "The Spitfire Grill") have been cast in the lead roles. Most of the other roles will be cast locally. Idaho natives Heather Rae ("Frozen River") and Jaffe Zinn will produce and direct the movie, respectively.

The casting company is looking for young children ages 4 to 12, teenagers ages 13 to 19 and adults ages 25 to 80. Send a current photo and contact information to buhlcasting@gmail.com. Auditioners must be available for filming between mid-October and mid-November.

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Hicks returns to Burley in first-ever CRHS game

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

BURLEY — It's been 15 years since the Burley Bobcats played for a state football championship. The coach who took them there returns to his old stomping grounds tonight.

Bill Hicks, who coached at Burley from 1990-96, will lead the Canyon Ridge Riverhawks onto the field for their first varsity football game in school history as the teams tangle in a Great Basin Conference battle at 7 p.m. "It will be nice to go back

to Burley," Hicks said. "There are a lot of neat people there. I sure had some good times while I was there. My time in Burley is why I'm back here now, so it'll be fun to go back."

After seven years at the Burley helm, which included an appearance in the 1994 Class A-1 Division II state title game, Hicks left for a job in Washington. Canyon Ridge officials announced last winter that he'd be coming back to the Magic Valley as the new school's athletic director, vice principal and head football coach.

Ironically, Hicks' final year in Burley was Eugene Kramer's first as an assistant. Kramer is now Burley's head coach.

"Knowing Coach Hicks, they're going to be a good football team coming in here," Kramer said. "It will be a good test for both teams."

It's the type of football game that would cause headaches for odds makers in Las Vegas. There are too many unknown variables. How good will Canyon Ridge be in its inaugural season? Is Burley better than its 52-6

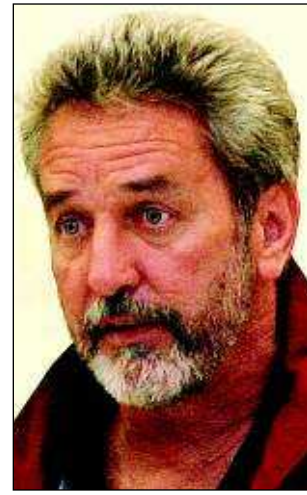
Tonight's Burley vs. Canyon Ridge football game may be heard on both 1270 AM KTFI and 1230 AM KBAR.

loss to Century last week?

One thing is for certain, however: whoever wins tonight will have the inside track to a spot in the Great 8 playoffs.

"I don't care if this is their first game ever," said Kramer, downplaying the historical significance of tonight's contest.

See **GAME**, Sports 2



Canyon Ridge coach Bill Hicks



Burley coach Eugene Kramer

Silencing the quacks

Broncos win in ugly battle of Top 25s

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

BOISE — The Boise State Broncos offered up one of their gutsiest performances on the night in which they played their biggest home football game in school history.

In front of a record crowd of 34,127 at Bronco Stadium, No. 14 Boise State solidified its standing in the Top 15 with a 19-8 win over No. 16 Oregon on Thursday.

Kellen Moore passed for 197 yards and a touchdown, and D.J. Harper carried 19 times for 88 yards and a score. It got dicey toward the end, similar to last season, but again the Broncos delivered the plays they needed.

The Boise State offense, dynamic and dominant in the first half, was sloppy and sluggish in the second. But it was the Bronco defense that rose to the occasion, allowing nothing to Oregon's usually explosive spread-option offense outside of one third-quarter scoring drive.

The Broncos reached Oregon territory on four of their five first-half possessions and earned 18 first downs before Oregon recorded its first, which came with 7:07 left in the third quarter. The Broncos didn't go three-and-out until midway through the third quarter, their eighth

See **BSU**, Sports 4



Boise State's Kyle Efav (80) lands on the 1-yard line after being upended by Oregon's Javes Lewis (14) during the first half Thursday in Boise.

AP photo

Bronco defense fierce against Ducks

BOISE — Chalk this one up to the Boise State defense.

And how couldn't you? They forced two turnovers and twice stopped the vaunted Oregon run game on fourth down in Thursday's 19-8 win. When the Bronco offense tried and tried to fumble the ball away (four total), the BSU defenders bowed their necks and fought back everything the Ducks ran and threw at them.



Dustin Lapray

During a tumultuous second half, the Bronco defense never sweat the details, never let down despite the lead. Seriously, Oregon was supposed to come in here and run all over BSU's defense. The Ducks were bigger, faster, more talented. That's not what I saw

Thursday at Bronco Stadium and its striped grandstands.

"Our defense rose to the occasion," said BSU head coach Chris Petersen. Indeed.

The Oregon offense did not record a single first down until the 7:07 mark of the third quarter. By that point, the Broncos had already manufactured drives to take the only lead, the only points they would need.

The Bronco defense simply gave no ground in the first half. Oregon gained 14 yards on 16 plays before the break. Oregon QB Jeremiah Masoli was 2-for-10 for eight yards in the first half, looking tentative and way off target.

The BSU student section chanted "overrated," but I disagree. I don't think the Oregon offense is overrated. They just ran into one

See **LAPRAY**, Sports 4

CSI VB heads to Ariz. for tourney

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

It might not be quite as heavy a field as last week's CSI Outback Invitational, but the College of Southern Idaho volleyball team headed to Prescott, Ariz., on Thursday more than ready for whatever it will face at today's Roughrider Volleyball Tournament.

"I think we're just excited to see more competition," said CSI head coach Heidi Cartisser, while the team was on its way to Yavapai Community College, host for the tournament.

A week ago CSI won its home tournament despite seeing its home win streak snapped at 22 matches. This week the goal is a perfect two-day stay.

CSI (3-1), ranked No. 14 in the nation, starts off against Glendale Community College at 11 a.m., followed by a match at 5 p.m., against

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ROUGH RIDER VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

At Prescott, Ariz. CSI matches only Today's matches
CSI vs. Glendale (Ariz.) CC, 11 a.m.
CSI vs. Chandler-Gilbert (Ariz.) CC, 5 p.m.
Saturday's matches
Seeded pool play, TBA

Magic Valley Stampede off to rocking start

By Diane Philbin
Times-News writer

FILER — With a stellar lineup including defending PRCA world champion bull rider J.W. Harris, the 2009 Magic Valley Stampede kicked off Thursday night at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds.

Harris, of May, Texas, finished second in Thursday's bull riding, while the top-ranked team roping pair of Chad Masters (Clarksville, Tenn.) and Jade Corkill (Fallon, Nev.) took first place with a time of 5.6 seconds.

Each of the seven PRCA categories had cowboys and cowgirls competing, including the crowd favorite of bull



riding as contestants look to climb in the world standings with sights set on a trip to the National Finals Rodeo and a world title.

After being out since June after injuring his knee, Steven Dent of Mullen, Neb.,

scored 86 points on Firecracker to record the top score in the bareback riding event.

"It was a good horse for my first ride back," said Dent. "She kicked and felt good."

Dent currently sits 30th in the world standings and needs to climb into the top 15 to make it to the NFR.

The Nebraska cowboy believes if it continues to go like it did for him on Thursday, he will be able to

qualify for the finals.

Matt Shiozawa of Chubbuck turned in the fastest time in tie-down roping with an 8.3-second run and Masters and Corkill clocked 5.6 seconds in team roping.

Nancy Hunter from Neola, Utah, ran the barrels in 17.44 seconds and Kali Jo Parker of Wendell recorded the fourth best time of 18.45 seconds. Shawn Greenfield won steer wrestling with a 3.5-second effort.

Action continues tonight at 7:30.

Magic Valley Stampede Thursday results

(Times/scores provided by PRCA secretary)
Bareback riding: 1. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb., 86 points on Firecracker; 2. Kaycee Field, Elk ridge, Utah,

82; 3. Jessy Davis, Payson, Utah, 79; 4. Jerad Schlegal, Burns, Colo., 78; 5. Tilden Hooper, Clathage, Texas, 76; 6. James Sursa, Bluebell, Utah, 75.
Tie-down roping: 1. Matt Shiozawa, Chubbuck, Idaho, 8.3 seconds; 2. J.C. Malone, Hooper, Utah, 9.1; 3. Chad Masters, Clarksville, Tenn., 11.5; 4. Trevor Thiel, Greeley, Colo., 9.3; 5. Cory Solomon, Prairie View, Texas, 12.2; 6. Nate Baldwin, Blackfoot, 21.1.
Steer wrestling: 1. Shawn Greenfield, Lakeview, Ore., 3.5 seconds; 2. Travis Carmine, Stanfield, Ore., 3.9; 3. Sean Mulligan, Coleman, Okla., 4.0; 4. Dane Harina, Starkville, Miss., 4.2; 5. (tie) Cole Edge, Durant, Okla., and Wyatt Smith, Rexburg, 4.7; 7. Stockton Graves, Newkirk, Okla., 5.1; 8. Tommy Cook, McAlester, Okla., 6.2; 9. Stan Branco, Chowchilla, Calif., 13.5.
Saddle bronc: 1. Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M., 86 points on Robin Mountain; 2. Bryce Miller, Buffalo, S.D., 83; 3. J. J. Elshere, Quinn, S.D., 81; 4. Wyatt Smith, Rexburg, 77; 5. Jake Wright, Hurricane, Utah, 76; 6. Travis Darling, Mills, Wyo., 75; 7. Bold Butler, Leamington, Utah, 61.
Barrel racing: 1. Nancy Hunter, Neola, Utah, 17.44 seconds; 2. Katie E. Torgerson, Koosharein, Utah, 17.79; 3. Sierra Dawn Thomas, Roy, Utah, 18.23; 4. Kali Jo Parker, Wendell, 18.45; 5. Mary Jo Carlson, Big Piney, Wyo., 23.28; 6. Lindsay Black, Marsing, 28.36; 7. Lori Papageorge, Fallview, Utah, 27.67.
Team roping: 1. Chad Masters, Clarksville, Tenn., and Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev., 5.6 seconds; 2. Wes Tinsley, Bellevue, and Quinn A. Mori, Tuscarora, Nev., 5.9; 3. Terrie Powell, Stephenville, Texas, and Travis Graves, Jay, Okla., 7.4; 4. Shane Philipp, Washington, Texas, and Brock Hanson, Casa Grande, Ariz., 7.9; 5. Casey Brunson, Gooding, Matt Azevedo, Fairfield, 8.2; 6. Max Hansen, Dillon, Mont., and Dustin Hulme, Mendon, Utah, 14.1; 7. Dillon Lufkin, Lemhi and Carl Lufkin Lemhi, 14.4.
Bull riding: 1. Steve Woolsey, Payson, Utah, 86 points on Brass Monkey; 2. J.W. Harris, May, Texas, 82; 3. Tyler Smith, Fruita, Colo., 81.

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Records through Sept. 3

Team	All Conf.
Class 4A	
Great Basin Conference	
Jerome	1-0 0-0
Canyon Ridge	0-0 0-0
Twin Falls	0-0 0-0
Wood River	0-0 0-0
Burley	0-1 0-0
Minico	0-1 0-0

Class 3A	
Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference	
Buhl	0-0 0-0
Gooding	0-0 0-0
Kimberly	0-0 0-0
Wendell	0-0 0-0
Filer	0-1 0-0

Class 2A	
Canyon Conference	
Glenns Ferry	1-0 0-0
Declo	0-0 0-0
Valley	0-0 0-0

Class 1A	
Division I	
Snake River Conference	
Castleford	1-0 0-0
Hansen	1-0 0-0
Lighthouse Chr.	1-0 0-0
Oakley	1-0 0-0
Raft River	0-0 0-0
Sho-Bar	0-0 0-0
Challis	0-1 0-0
Hagerman	0-1 0-0
Shoshone	0-1 0-0

Division II	
Sawtooth Conference	
Carey	1-0 0-0
Mackay	1-0 0-0
Murtaugh	1-0 0-0
Richfield	1-0 0-0
North Gem	0-0 0-0
Rockland	0-0 0-0
Camas County	0-1 0-0
Dietrich	0-1 0-0
Jackpot, Nev.	0-1 0-0

Coaches: To report game results, call 208-735-3239 or 1-800-658-3883, ext. 239. Games need to be reported by 10:30 p.m. for inclusion in the following day's edition of the *Times-News*.

Idaho High School Football Media Poll

Week 1	2, Nampa 1.	Side 1, North Fremont 1.	Poll voters
Records through Sept. 2			
Class 5A		Class 3A	
Team (1st-place) Rec. Pts.			
1. Eagle (5) 0-0 41	1. Salmon (7) 1-0 45	Class 1A	
2. Capital (3) 0-0 34	2. Shelley (3) 1-0 36	Division I	
3. Lewiston (2) 0-0 34	3. Fruitland 0-0 33	1. Prairie (7) 0-0 43	
4. Highland 0-1 14	4. Snake River 1-0 11	1. Oakley (3) 1-0 43	
5. Vallivue 0-0 9	5. Timberlake 1-0 10	3. Raft River 0-0 25	
Others receiving votes:	Others receiving votes:	4. Council 1-0 24	
Coeur d'Alene 7, Idaho Falls 6, Mountain View 2.	Buhl 8, Weiser 3, Priest River 2, Marsh Valley 1, Homedale 1.	5. Potlatch 1-0 8	
Class 4A		Division II	
1. Hillcrest (9) 1-0 49	1. Parma (7) 1-0 43	1. Carey (8) 1-0 48	
2. Jerome 1-0 38	2. Declo (3) 0-0 31	2. Kootenai (2) 1-0 38	
3. Sandpoint 1-0 20	3. Aberdeen 1-0 31	3. Salmon River 1-0 27	
4. Blackfoot (1) 1-0 17	4. New Plymouth 1-0 16	4. Mackay 1-0 19	
5. Bishop Kelly 1-0 12	5. Grangeville 1-0 12	5. Richfield 1-0 14	
Others receiving votes:	Others receiving votes:	Others receiving votes:	
Pocatello 5, Minico 3, Mountain Home 2, Century	Glenns Ferry 11, West Jefferson 2, Firch 2, West	Genessee 5, Lighthouse Christian 3, Lakeside 2, Notus 2, Idaho City 1.	

High School High five

A look at five of this week's biggest high school football games.



TWIN FALLS AT NAMPA

7 p.m.

Radio: MIX 103 (102.9 FM)

The skinny: Despite losing to the Bulldogs in 2007 and 2008, Bruin players like senior defensive back Grady Hepworth said the team has unlimited potential with plenty of returning players like quarterback T.J. Ellis and linebacker Zak Slotten.

Twin Falls coach Allyn Reynolds:

"We lost some decent skills kids (running backs D.J. Gilbert and Braden Box graduated). T.J. (Ellis) is back. He ended last year with over 300 yards against Idaho Falls. We've made some adjustments to fit him."



NO. 2 JEROME AT MIDDLETON

7 p.m.

Radio: 1400 AM KART

The skinny: The Tigers have a leg up as this is Middleton's opener, but the Bill Brock-led Vikings are not to be overlooked. This is the fourth game in as many years between these teams, and Middleton leads the series 2-1.

Jerome coach Gary Krumm:

"I was pleased with the defensive effort (against Mountain Home). We need to straighten some things out on offense. We were in the red zone, but we didn't cash in as much as we wanted to."



WENDELL AT VALLEY

7 p.m.

The skinny: Last year, Wendell thumped Valley 46-6 to start strong, but the Trojans faltered in October while the Vikings captured a share of the Canyon Conference championship.

Wendell coach Brad Neuendorf:

"They're an improved team (from 2008). The front line was our Achilles' heel last year, but we're much improved."

Valley coach Brian Ayers:

"Opening games are opening games. It doesn't matter who you play. All coaches, all kids have questions. If you're going to win, you have to play mistake-free."



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PARRY'S POWER GUIDE

Idaho High School football power ratings

Today's games		Home team in CAPS		Underdog	
Favored Team	Rating	Diff.	Rating		
ABERDEEN	60.7	5.0	55.7	Declo	69.1
Asotin, WA.	57.1	3.8	53.3	OROFINO	69.1
BEAR LAKE	48.0	18.4	29.6	Soda Springs	69.1
BLACKFOOT	87.4	6.8	80.6	Madison	69.1
Buhl	68.2	28.8	39.4	WOOD RIVER	69.1
BURLEY	48.6	7.7	40.9	Canyon Ridge	69.1
Capital	94.7	29.9	64.8	BOISE	69.1
Carey	57.1	42.0	15.1	NORTH GEM	69.1
Cheney, Wash.	62.5	4.7	57.8	LAKE LAND	69.1
Council	46.9	14.9	32.0	RIMROCK	69.1
Deary	30.9	8.9	22.0	KENDRICK	69.1
Dietrich	12.1	14.1	-2.0	MURTAUGH	69.1
EAGLE	93.8	1.9	91.9	Centennial	69.1
ELGIN, ORE.	36.0	14.5	21.5	Marsing	69.1
Firch	60.5	12.5	48.0	MALAD	69.1
Fruitland	80.8	23.7	57.1	EMMETT	69.1
Garden Valley	44.6	35.0	9.6	CASCADE	69.1
GLENN'S FERRY	41.1	18.5	22.6	Gooding	69.1
GRANGEVILLE	45.4	11.1	34.3	Kellogg	69.1
Highland	104.0	29.5	74.5	JUDGE MEM., UT.	69.1
HILLCREST	88.3	3.5	84.8	Idaho Falls	69.1
HORSESHOE BEND	5.2	13.1	-7.9	Meadows Valley	69.1
IDAHO CITY	29.0	36.6	-7.6	Greenleaf Friends	69.1
Jerome	79.2	18.4	60.8	MIDDLETON	69.1
KAMIAH	49.1	8.6	40.5	McCall-Donnelly	69.1
Kimberly	65.6	13.2	52.4	AMERICAN FALLS	69.1
KOOTENAI	56.4	36.7	19.7	Lakeside	69.1
LAPWAI	14.4	17.1	-2.7	Timberline-W	69.1
Lewis & Clark, WA.	96.2	6.0	90.2	LAKE CITY	69.1
LEWISTON	92.3	27.7	64.6	Clarkston, WA.	69.1
LIGHTHOUSE CHR.	37.8	27.6	10.2	Hansen	69.1
MERIDIAN	89.8	20.8	69.0	Rocky Mountain	69.1
Minico	76.1	17.7	58.4	COLUMBIA	69.1
Moscow	69.1	13.1	56.0	TIMBERLAKE	69.1
Mountain View	92.0	19.3	72.7	BISHOP KELLY	69.1
MOUNTAIN HOME	67.5	2.5	65.0	Caldwell	69.1
Mullan 1	3.0	4.3	8.7	CLARK FORK	69.1
NAMPA CHRISTIAN	52.2	9.4	42.8	Homedale	69.1
NAMPA	72.8	4.8	68.0	Twin Falls	69.1
New Plymouth	34.5	3.5	31.0	NYSSA, OR.	69.1
NORTH FREMONT	27.6	17.8	9.8	Grace	69.1
NOTUS	8.0	8.6	-0.6	Wilder	69.1
Oakley	71.4	32.5	38.9	HAGERMAN	69.1
PARMA	56.4	37.8	18.6	Butte County	69.1
Payette	43.4	13.8	29.6	MELBA	69.1
POCATELLO	87.8	14.7	73.1	Preston	69.1
POST FALLS	81.3	9.7	71.6	Borah	69.1
POTLATCH	4.8	15.5	-10.7	Clearwater Valley	69.1
Prairie	65.6	67.1	-1.5	LEWIS COUNTY	69.1
Priest River	37.9	8.2	29.7	MEDICAL LAKE, WA.	69.1
Raft River	56.1	36.8	19.3	CASTLEFORD	69.1
Richfield	26.3	27.8	-1.5	CAMAS COUNTY	69.1
Rockland	-13.5	10.6	-24.1	JACKPOT, NV.	69.1
ROCKLAND	-13.5	10.6	-24.1	Jackpot, NV.	69.1
Salmon River	46.5	13.8	32.7	LACROSSE-WASH.	69.1
Salmon	80.8	21.7	59.1	MARSH VALLEY	69.1
Sandpoint	78.5	7.7	67.8	COLVILLE, WA.	69.1
Shelley	84.6	16.8	67.8	RIGBY	69.1
SHOSHONE	25.5	10.4	15.1	Challis	69.1
SKYLINE	76.3	1.0	75.3	Bonneville	69.1
South Fremont	57.1	1.5	55.6	WEST JEFFERSON	69.1
SUGAR-SALEM	54.2	24.4	29.8	Filer	69.1
TIMBERLINE-B	73.5	24.4	49.1	Kuna	69.1
Troy	42.4	15.9	26.5	GENESEEE	69.1
VALLIVUE	91.2	29.4	61.8	Skyview	69.1
Wendell	38.9	17.4	21.5	VALLEY*	69.1
West Side	49.8	15.5	34.3	RIRIE	69.1

Top 5				
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Game

Continued from Sports 1
 "This is just another football game for us. It's our first biggest game of the year. It's a conference game and our first chance to show our home fans what we really have — not what happened last Friday."
 Last Friday, Burley suffered a deflating blow, giving up two touchdowns in the game's first 28 seconds. Take away the early miscues, and it would have been an entirely different ballgame.
 "We need to come out stronger and with more intensity than we did last game," said Bill Blauer, who had 10 receptions for 64 yards and a touchdown. "Last game we didn't have a very good start."
 Burley quarterback Jake Mills completed 35 of 58 passes for 297 yards against Century. Hicks won't mind if Burley continues to throw the ball.
 "We still have a real big question mark on whether or not we can stop

the run," Hicks said. "If we can rally to the football and stop the run and make people throw the football we'll be OK. Of course, Burley comes out and throws the ball anyway. I think teams will see us and want to run a little bit. That's a big key for us — minimize on mistakes, execute on offense and really step up and play the run hard."
 Canyon Ridge has recently been hit with key injuries, including a season-ending knee injury to starting tailback Sawyer McMillen.
 "We've lost a few players, so it's kind of hard," said CRHS quarterback Tyler Myers. "But we've put some players in their positions that are working hard. They're all great tailbacks, great hands. They run awesome, so we're not really worried about it. We're getting ready to go."
Times-news writer Bradley Guire contributed to this report.

Schroeder ready to shine at Linn-Benton

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

The A.J. Schroeder baseball tour consisted of three workouts. It yielded three offers. But one stood above the rest. The former Kimberly High School standout recently signed a letter of intent to play for the Linn-Benton Community College Roadrunners in Albany, Ore.
 "I think it's a great opportunity for him to show his talent at the next level," said Kimberly coach Darin Gonzales.
 Schroeder had an offer from Colorado Northwestern Community College, but wanted to expand his options. He headed to Oregon where he worked out for Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, Southwestern Oregon CC in Coos Bay and Linn-Benton. All three schools offered him scholarship money, but the Roadrunners had the most to offer.
 Schroeder said Linn-Benton was the best situational academically and that head coach Greg Hawk "seemed like a good guy that knew baseball."
 Schroeder said the Roadrunner coaches had plenty of praise after his workout.
 "They liked how I swung it and how I fielded the ball," said Schroeder.
 A three-year varsity starter

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— A.J. Schroeder, former Kimberly High School baseball player
 at Kimberly, Schroeder hit .429 as a senior with 10 doubles. He played shortstop his final two seasons, after playing third base as a sophomore. He hit .400 or better in all three seasons.
 While he was also part of Kimberly's varsity basketball and football teams, baseball is No. 1 in his eyes.
 "I've played baseball since I was little," he said. "I've always liked it. It's been with me longest, and I've worked the hardest with it."
 All that work means a chance to play at the collegiate level. After two seasons with Linn-Benton, which competes in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges, Schroeder hopes to earn a shot at a four-year school.
 The dream begins Sept. 17 when he heads to Albany to begin fall ball practice.



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NFL says Vick eligible to play in 3rd game

NEW YORK — Michael Vick got the green light for full reinstatement in the NFL on Thursday when commissioner Roger Goodell said the disgraced quarterback could play later this month instead of waiting until October.

Vick, recently signed by the Philadelphia Eagles, will now be able to play in the Sept. 27 game at home against the Kansas City Chiefs. It would be his first regular-season game since he was sent to prison for his role in operating a dogfighting ring. The former Atlanta Falcons star was released from federal custody July 20 after serving 18 months of a 23-month sentence.

"I've been doing everything I could, just trying to do all the right things and make sure I just stay on course," Vick said. "I'm happy with the decision."

GOODSELL SEES NFL WITH UNCAPPED 2010 SEASON

NEW YORK — NFL commissioner Roger Goodell foresees an uncapped 2010 season as the league and the players' union negotiate a new collective bargaining agreement.

Goodell said Thursday owners are preparing for no salary cap next season, citing the lack of progress in talks with the NFLPA. Last year, owners opted out of the CBA that was reached in 2006. That agreement included no salary cap in its final year, which both sides believed

would spark serious negotiations toward a new contract.

"Because of the timing, we recognize there's a strong reality there will be an uncapped year, and the owners have planned for it," Goodell said.

BUCCANEERS FIRE OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR JAGODZINSKI

TAMPA, Fla. — Former Boston College coach Jeff Jagodzinski was fired Thursday as offensive coordinator of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who have been unhappy with the progress of their passing game.

First-year coach Raheem Morris offered a vague explanation for the abrupt move on the eve of the team's preseason finale against the Houston Texans. Quarterbacks coach Greg Olson was promoted to Jagodzinski's role and will take over playcalling.

Jagodzinski was hired in January, three weeks after being dismissed by Boston College for pursuing an NFL head coaching job.

JETS 38, EAGLES 27

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Michael Vick was hardly dynamic in his first significant action in three years, just hours after the Philadelphia quarterback found out he'll be fully reinstated in Week 3.

Vick scored on a 2-yard run, but was sacked four times, lost a fumble and threw an interception in the

New York Jets' 38-27 victory Thursday night.

PATRIOTS 38, GIANTS 27

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Patriots rookie Brian Hoyer helped his chances to become Tom Brady's primary backup, throwing a scoring pass and leading three drives that BenJarvus Green-Ellis finished with rushing touchdowns.

Brady and nearly all of the usual starters sat out the exhibition finale for New England (3-1).

STEELERS 21, PANTHERS 10

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Pittsburgh's first-team defense forced a three-and-out, Stefan Logan returned a punt for a touchdown, and the Steelers' second unit made Carolina punt before Ben Roethlisberger hit the field. Roethlisberger threw one swing pass for 7 yards on third-and-9 and called it a night for the Super Bowl champion Steelers (3-1).

BENGALS 38, COLTS 7

CINCINNATI — Bengals backup quarterback J.T. O'Sullivan capped his only series with a 14-yard touchdown pass to Andre Caldwell.

Colts starter Peyton Manning and Cincinnati's Carson Palmer, recovering from a sprained left ankle, didn't play.

JAGUARS 24, REDSKINS 17

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. —

David Garrard led the Jaguars to a touchdown and two field goals in four possessions, and receiver Mike Sims-Walker looked sharp in his first action in nearly a month, catching four passes for 64 yards and a TD.

Garrard completed 10 of 13 passes for 95 yards, teaming with Sims-Walker for a 10-yard scoring play late in the second quarter.

BEARS 26, BROWNS 23

CHICAGO — Robbie Gould kicked two of his four field goals in the fourth quarter for Chicago, and Caleb Hanie went 9 of 13 for 119 yards and a touchdown.

Johnny Knox had a 50-yard kickoff return for the Bears (3-1), setting up an 18-yard TD pass from Brett Basanez to Brandon Rieau that tied it at 20 in the third.

TITANS 27, PACKERS 13

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Vince Young ran for a touchdown and threw for another in his strongest performance this preseason for Tennessee (3-2).

Green Bay had a handful of players injured with the most worrisome rookie defensive tackle B.J. Raji. Raji hurt his ankle. Glens Ferry graduate Korey Hall had one reception for 6 yards.

RAVENS 20, FALCONS 3

ATLANTA — John Beck was 16 of 28 for 232 yards and two touchdowns to help Baltimore finish the presea-



Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Michael Vick (7) runs against the New York Jets during a preseason game at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey on Thursday.

AP photo

son 4-0. Demetrius Williams caught five passes for 77 yards, and Eron Riley had five receptions for 62 yards and a touchdown.

DOLPHINS 10, SAINTS 7

NEW ORLEANS — Patrick Cobbs rushed for 54 yards, including a 6-yard touchdown run, and Miami had eight sacks and an interception to complete exhibition play 4-0.

Dolphins starter Chad Pennington was 8 of 11 for 57 yards and set up Dan Carpenter's 41-yard field goal.

LIONS 17, BILLS 6

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Tristan Davis scored on a 79-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter for Detroit (3-1). Detroit rookie quarterback Matthew Stafford, the No. 1 draft pick out of Georgia, made his second start and finished 5 of 9 for 81 yards

with two drive-killing turnovers — a fumble and interception.

RAMS 17, CHIEFS 9

ST. LOUIS — Quincy Butler returned an interception 28 yards for the go-ahead score late in the third quarter, and the Rams forced three turnovers.

St. Louis (3-1) had 12 takeaways in the preseason under new coach Steve Spagnuolo after totaling one takeaway in the 2008 preseason.

BRONCOS 19, CARDINALS 0

DENVER — Rookie quarterback Tom Brandstater completed 16 of 30 passes for 187 yards, and led the Broncos to scores on four of their first five possessions.

The only blemish for the sixth-round pick out of Fresno State was Michael Adams' interception just before halftime.

— The Associated Press

Tigers slip past Cleveland

DETROIT — Placido Polanco hit a sacrifice fly in the 10th inning to give the Detroit Tigers a 4-3 victory over the Cleveland Indians on Thursday.

The Tigers completed a three-game sweep and increased their lead in the AL Central to five games over the idle Twins.

Ryan Raburn led off the Detroit 10th with a double. Rafael Perez (4-3) then intentionally walked Miguel Cabrera and issued an unintentional free pass to Magglio Ordonez. Polanco followed with a fly ball to center and Raburn scored.

YANKEES 10, BLUE JAYS 5

TORONTO — Jorge Posada homered and drove in four runs, Alex Rodriguez also homered and the Yankees beat the Blue Jays for their seventh straight victory.

The AL East leaders won for the 14th time in 17 road games. Toronto lost its fourth in a row.

RED SOX 6, RAYS 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Clay Buchholz pitched six effective innings, Jason Bay drove in two runs and the Red Sox hurt Tampa Bay's playoff hopes with a win over the Rays.

The Red Sox took 2 of 3 from the Rays — Boston's first series win at Tropicana Field since Sept. 21-23, 2007 — to extend their AL wild-card advantage over Tampa Bay to six games. Texas trails Boston by three games.

NATIONAL LEAGUE PHILLIES 2, GIANTS 1

PHILADELPHIA — Pedro Martinez tossed seven impressive innings to outpitch Tim Lincecum, Ryan Howard doubled in the tiebreaking run and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the San Francisco Giants 2-1 on Thursday night.

Martinez (3-0) struck out a season-high nine in his fifth start since signing with the Phillies during the All-Star break, allowing one run and five hits. He didn't walk a batter and threw just 87



Detroit Tigers player Placido Polanco, center, is surrounded by teammates and Curtis Granderson after hitting a sacrifice fly ball in the 10th inning to score the game-winning run against the Cleveland Indians Thursday in Detroit. The Tigers defeated the Indians 4-3.

AP photo

pitches in his longest outing since last Aug. 21 with the New York Mets.

METS 8, ROCKIES 3

DENVER — David Wright drove in three runs and Pat Misch pitched seven solid innings to earn his first major league win, leading New York to the victory.

Wright went 3 for 4 in his second start since coming off the 15-day disabled list after being sidelined with a concussion courtesy of a Matt Cain fastball on Aug. 15. He went back to his old batting helmet, too, ditching Rawlings' bulky, new \$100 batting helmet that made him look like a bobblehead running the bases earlier in the series.

BREWERS 4, CARDINALS 3

ST. LOUIS — Rookie Casey McGehee hit a two-run homer off John Smoltz after St. Louis failed to turn a double play, and the Brewers avoided a three-game sweep.

Manny Parra (10-10) allowed two runs and five hits in 6 1-3 innings for Milwaukee, which has won four of six.

MARLINS 8, BRAVES 3

MIAMI — Hanley Ramirez hit a tying, pinch-hit single and scored the go-ahead run in his first game since teammate Dan Uggla publicly challenged his effort, lifting Florida over Atlanta.

Hanley's single in the sixth off Kris Medlen (3-5) made it 3-all. The NL batting leader easily made it to second on the play when right fielder Matt Diaz let the ball skip by him for an error, then scored on Cody Ross' double to highlight a six-run inning.

INTERLEAGUE WHITE SOX 5, CUBS 0

CHICAGO — Rookie Carlos Torres threw seven crisp innings, Dewayne Wise made a great throw to cut down a runner at the plate and the White Sox won a makeup game between two city rivals whose seasons have gone awry.

Torres (1-0) earned his first major league win in his third career start. He allowed five hits, walked none and struck out six.

— The Associated Press

Teen from Georgia stuns Dementieva

NEW YORK (AP) — It's not quite the case that 17-year-old Melanie Oudin and her family knew for sure she would get this far, this fast.

Not when Melanie was 7, hitting buckets of tennis balls with Grandma Mimi back home in Marietta, Ga. Not a couple of years later, when Melanie and her twin sister began taking lessons together. And certainly not when Melanie lost her first two Grand Slam matches.

Still, there was Oudin at the U.S. Open on Thursday, ranked all of 70th, dealing with a painful leg and an overwhelming occasion on a supersized stage — and stunning No. 4-seeded Elena Dementieva 5-7, 6-4, 6-3 to set up a third-round match against 2006 champion Maria Sharapova.

All the while, Oudin sported this word stamped near the heel of her pink-and-yellow sneakers: "BELIEVE." The idea for that bit of inspiration came from her boyfriend, Austin Smith, a 15-year-old who helped Melanie prepare for her Arthur Ashe Stadium debut by practicing together in the 23,763-seat arena at 9:30 a.m. Thursday.

"During the match, I had confidence, and, I mean, I was right there with her the entire time," Oudin said. "She wasn't blowing me off the court. She wasn't hitting winners left and right on me."

Don't, though, get the mistaken idea that Dementieva played poorly or showed the sort of nerves she has in the past. Dementieva played rather well — displaying the stinging groundstrokes that carried her to two Grand Slam finals and an Olympic gold medal — and graciously gave credit to Oudin, who now will face the scrutiny that comes with being the "Next Great American Hope."

After the Williams sisters at No. 2 and 3, you have to scan all the way down to Oudin to find the next U.S. woman in the WTA rankings.



Melanie Oudin celebrates her 5-7, 6-4, 6-3 victory over Elena Dementieva during the second round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York, Thursday.

AP photo

Losses by Dementieva and No. 1 Jelena Jankovic mean half of the top 20 seeded women are out of the draw. No. 23 Sabine Lisicki also is gone, having left in tears as she was taken away in a wheelchair after injuring her ankle at the end of a 6-3, 3-6, 7-5 defeat against Anastasia Rodionova.

Andy Roddick has powered into the U.S. Open's third round, one of five American men who won Thursday.

The 2003 champion at Flushing Meadows pounded 13 aces, didn't face a break point until the final game and easily eliminated 81st-ranked Marc Gicquel of France 6-1, 6-4, 6-4 at night. Roddick improved to 4-0 against Gicquel, winning all 11 sets they've played.

Fifth-seeded Roddick will next take on 55th-ranked John Isner in an all-American matchup. The 6-foot-9 Isner beat Marsel Ilhan of Turkey 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (1).

Other U.S. men advancing Thursday: No. 21 James Blake, No. 22 Sam Querrey and 276th-ranked qualifier Jesse Witten.

Woods on a roll at TPC Boston, except for his putting

NORTON, Mass. (AP) — Tiger Woods created a slight stir Thursday morning on the TPC Boston when a Nike representative approached him on the first tee carrying two putters.

One was the Scotty Cameron model that Woods has used in 72 worldwide victories and 13 majors over the last 11 years. That's the putter he was using when he missed one crucial putt after another on the back nine at Hazeltine to lose the PGA Championship, the same one in his hands when

he missed a 7-foot birdie putt on the final hole last week at The Barclays.

The other putter that Rick Nichols brought him was a Nike model. Woods studied it with a meticulous eye, leaning the putter on its toe as he looked down the shaft.

Is the world's No. 1 player so frustrated that he is willing to finally change putters? Is he fed up with missed putts that cost him a chance to win the last two tournaments?

Not quite. Woods was only checking

Rawson leads Canadian Women's Open

PRIDDIS, Alberta (AP) — Anna Rawson shot a course-record 7-under 64 to take a one-stroke lead over Suzann Pettersen in the Canadian Women's Open. Rawson, the 28-year-old Australian who has missed nine cuts in 13 starts this year, had nine birdies and two bogeys Thursday to break Dawn Coe-Jones' course mark by a shot. Top-ranked Lorena Ochoa, the 2007 winner at Royal Mayfair in Edmonton, was two strokes back along with Amanda Blumenherst. Michelle Wie opened with a 76.

the alignment of the grip on his backup putter. He prefers it to be 1 degree to the right, which slightly

closes the blade on impact. This grip was too square, and the glue had already dried before Woods could

twist it where he wanted it.

He has several backup putters, which hardly anyone ever mentions.

"That's because I haven't needed it," Woods said.

Woods is nowhere near panic mode with his putting. Even though he didn't win his last two tournaments, he still has 12 top 10s in his 15 starts on the PGA Tour. Besides, Woods felt more at home during his pro-am round at the Deutsche Bank Championship on a course where he has won and finished sec-

ond twice.

The greens at TPC Boston do not have poa annua, the strain of grass found at Hazeltine, which gets bumpy in the afternoon. The subtle breaks do not confound him like the ones at Liberty National a week ago.

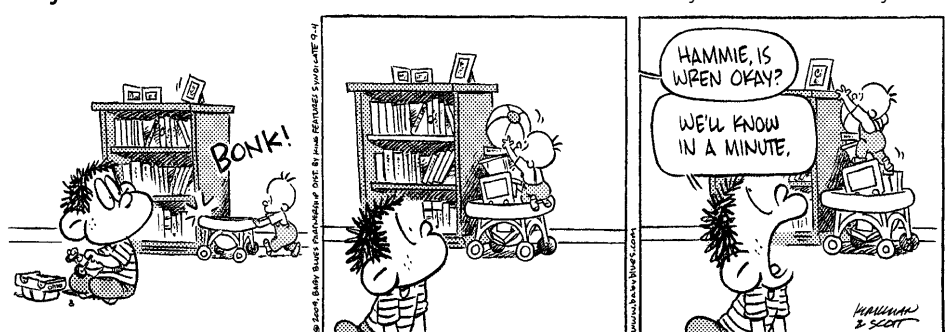
"They're rolling perfect," Woods said.

"They're rolling great. I was telling Stevie (Williams), 'Every time we come here, we think the greens are undulating.' Not after last week."

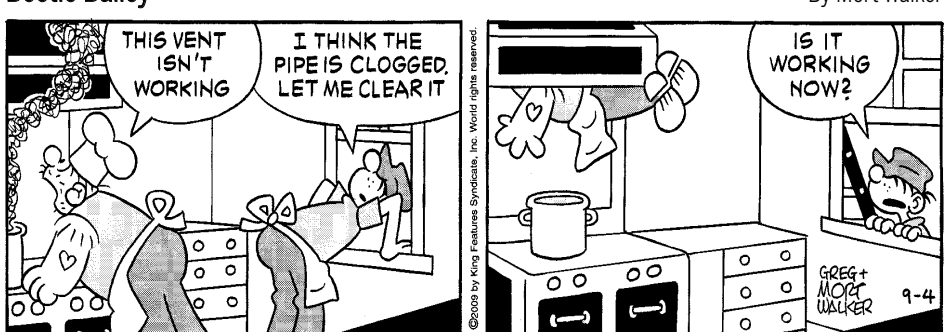
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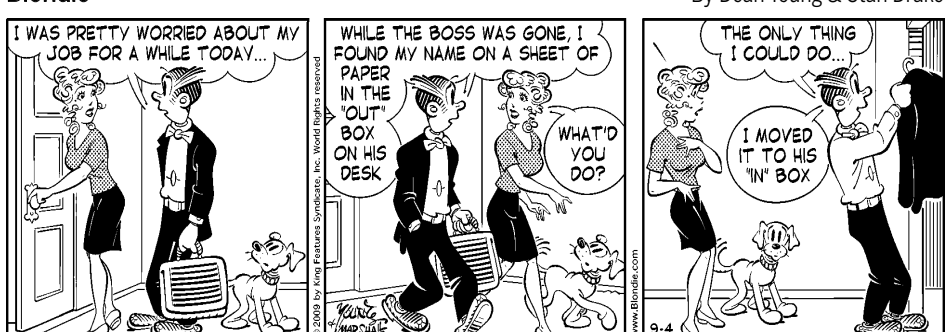
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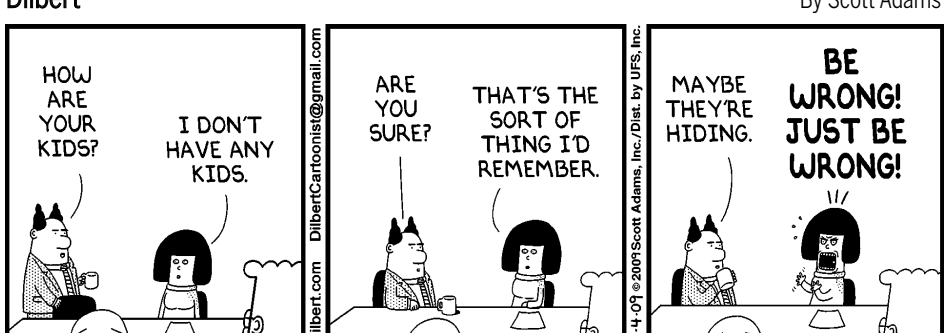
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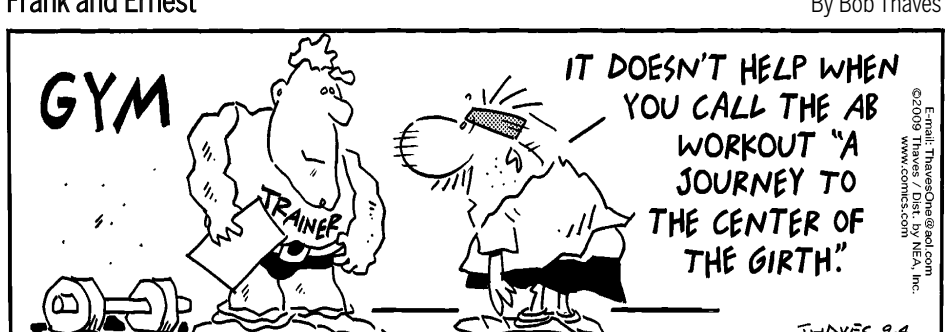
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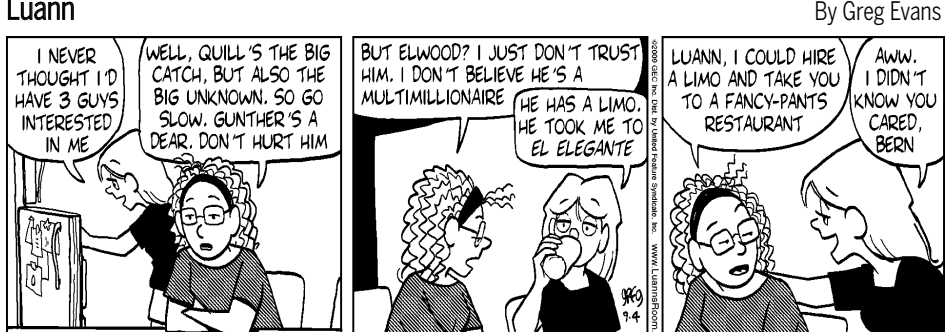
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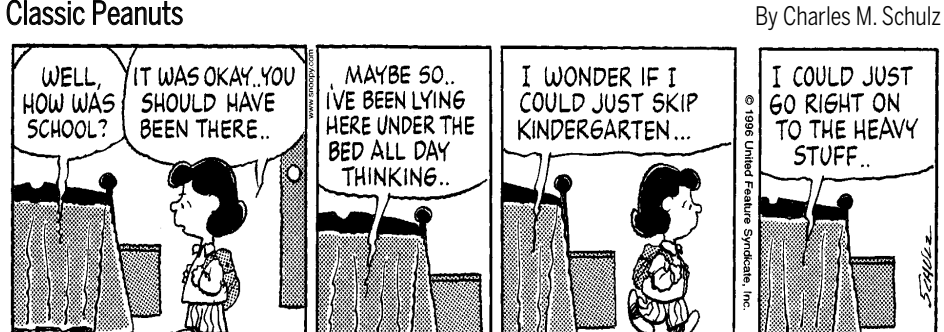
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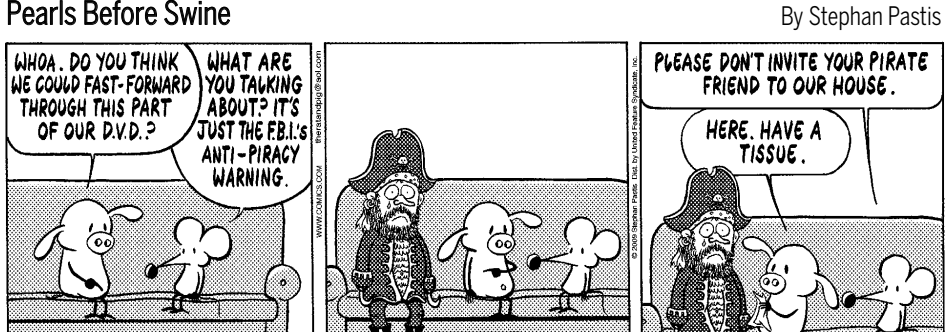
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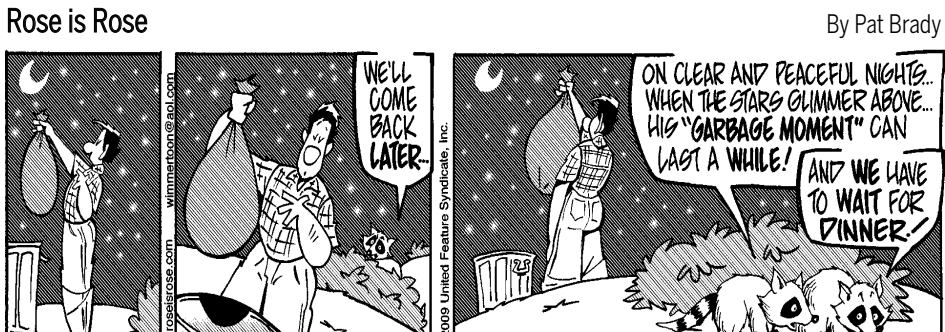
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First Look
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In sync with consumers' mindset-change toward affordable, efficient, yet high-quality automobiles, Mazda presents the all-new 2010 MAZDA3. This redefined, reengineered, and restyled sport compact climbs atop its predecessor's tall shoulders to deliver improved appearance and performance, fresh features, and an unmatched level of refinement.

Like all Mazdas, the 2010 MAZDA3 has the soul of a sports car, ensuring that driving enjoyment is a top priority. In response to the rising expectations of a dedicated sport-compact customer base and new consumers attracted to a fuel-efficient yet highly versatile 4-door sedan, this second-generation model also offers: a more sophisticated and exciting exterior hinting at Mazda's Nagare (motion and flow) design philosophy; elevated driving dynamics attributable to comprehensive body, chassis, and powertrain enhancements; key safety and environmental upgrades; a higher level of standard and optional equipment; and an overall sophistication that ventures beyond the sport-compact segment to rival import models costing thousands more.



The MAZDA3's styling begins with a bold grille that is purposely polarizing. The combination of the two medium-sized grille openings used previously into one larger opening also pays functional dividends.

Designer Jonathan Frear said, "Shifting the air-intake lower on the car increases the pressure of the flow. As a result, the actual grille opening is 20-percent smaller than what was necessary with the previous generation MAZDA3. Most of the air is routed over the hood or around the sides of the car, yielding a significantly

lower drag coefficient. Cars equipped with an automatic transmission have a second driver's-side inlet opening that routes air through a heat exchanger."

Base power for the MAZDA3 is generated by the MZR 2.0L four-cylinder engine, while "s" models are equipped with a more powerful 2.5L prime mover (up in displacement from last year's 2.3L engine). Two transmissions are offered in the MAZDA3: a smooth-shifting manual box or a sophisticated, electronically controlled automatic with a manual-shift mode. Both

are fitted with five forward speeds.

The MZR 2.5-liter engine is available with a six-speed manual transmission or a five-speed electronically controlled automatic with manual shift control, borrowed from the larger, up-market MAZDA6.

Inside the passenger cabin, the new MAZDA3's cockpit is configured to support the driver in a more dedicated manner than any sport-compact competitor. Two large instrument clusters are carefully positioned and clearly marked to deliver engine and road speed

information. Key controls are located in the steering wheel spokes where they can be reached with minimum distraction.

A new Multi-Information Display screen containing navigation, audio, and trip information is positioned high on the instrument panel to avoid the need for the driver to refocus vision off the road ahead. A second screen slightly to the right provides station frequency and climate control setting information.

The new instrument panel top cover is a padded, seamless, and elegantly

grained surface that sweeps from the center console to both A-pillars. The center console provides two cupholders, a sliding armrest, and a roomy storage box, before blending in a continuous curve into the instrument panel, HVAC and audio controls are large, properly textured and illuminated to provide a visual feedback that a command has been received. A damper is included to smooth the opening and closing of the small compartment built into the instrument panel, the overhead sunglasses storage box and the roomy glove box.

2010 MAZDA3
 Body style: four-door sedan
 Trim levels: "i", "s"

Dimensions & specifications
 Wheelbase: 103.9; overall length: 180.9; width: 69.1; height: 57.9 -- all vehicle measurements are in inches.
 Engine: 2.0L four-cylinder -- 148 hp at 6,500 rpm and 135 lbs-ft of torque at 4,500 rpm; 2.5L four-cylinder -- 167 hp at 6,000 rpm and 168 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm.
 Transmission: five-speed manual, six-speed manual or five-speed automatic.
 EPA fuel economy: 2.0L -- 25 city/33 hwy. (manual), 24 city/33 hwy. (automatic); 2.5L -- 21 city/29 hwy. (manual), 22 city/29 hwy. (automatic).
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In today's deal South responded three spades to his partner's double, thinking that if he was forced to bid again, it would be more economical to have bid the higher suit first. However, it is surely better to bid hearts first, as partner might now conveniently introduce a spade suit, whereas it would be much harder to introduce hearts over three spades.

Against three spades West led the club ace, on which East dropped the king as suit-preference. West obediently switched to the heart jack, ruffed by East, who continued with the club queen.

South ruffed in dummy and played the ace and queen of spades. West won the king and played a diamond won by dummy's queen. Now a heart to the ace was the entry to draw West's last trump. Another heart was played, South eventually disposing of his losing club on dummy's long heart. So three spades came home.

After the top club lead and heart shift, there are two implausible ways to set the hand: East can refuse to ruff the heart jack, or equally curiously, West can duck the spade queen.

In the other room South played in three hearts and received the lead of ace and another club. He ruffed, played the heart ace, and now instead of taking the diamond finesse, led another heart. West ducked, locking the lead in dummy. West could win his spade king to draw trumps, then collect a minor-suit winner at the end for down one.

NORTH 09-4-A
 ♠ A Q 7
 ♥ Q 7 6 4 2
 ♦ A Q 8 4
 ♣ 10

WEST
 ♠ K 8 2
 ♥ K J 10 8
 ♦ K 9 7 6
 ♣ A 7

EAST
 ♠ 10 6 4
 ♥ —
 ♦ J 10 5
 ♣ K Q J 8 5 3 2

SOUTH
 ♠ J 9 5 3
 ♥ A 9 5 3
 ♦ 3 2
 ♣ 9 6 4

Vulnerable: North-South
 Dealer: East

The bidding:
 South West North East
 Pass Pass Dbl. Pass
 3 ♠ All pass

Opening lead: Club ace

BID WITH THE ACES 09-4-B

South holds:
 ♠ A Q 7
 ♥ Q 7 6 4 2
 ♦ A Q 8 4
 ♣ 10

South West North East
 1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

ANSWER: You can simply raise to two spades, suggesting three or four spades and a minimum hand. Alternatively, bid two diamonds, planning to convert a preference to two hearts to two spades. That shows this pattern but guarantees a nonminimum opening bid. You could sell me on that action with a little extra as the heart jack, but as it is, I prefer the simpler choice of raising spades directly.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolf," contact kuy19075@aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com.

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Woman lacks the gumption to come to her own defense



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am 23 and have never been able to stand up for myself. I have an extremely sloppy roommate whom I always have to clean up after, a former fiancé I want to cut ties with, and an overbearing mother who treats me like a child.

I know I'm in these situations because I have allowed them to happen. I'd like to be able to speak my mind without fear of what will happen, but it's almost as if I feel blackmailed, and sticking up for myself will make them angry. Any advice you can offer will be much appreciated.

— WANTS TO SPEAK UP
 ST. LOUIS, MO.

DEAR WANTS TO SPEAK UP: Stop for a moment and look at what being a people-pleaser has gotten you — a roommate who takes advantage, a former fiancé who won't stop clinging, and a mother you're afraid of having a frank talk with. Are you afraid if you have an unpleasant conversation that they won't "like" you?

By refusing to speak up, what you're doing is encouraging more of the same. However, if you draw the line with your roommate and stop acting like her maid, she might straighten up — or move — which would free you to find someone with better personal habits. If you tell your former fiancé it's time to hit the road, you will free

him to find someone else, which would actually be doing him a favor. And as for your mother, wouldn't it be healthier to air your feelings than harbor the resentment you're nursing?

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to a wonderful man for 28 years. My problem is his mother, "Hildegard," has always been overly attached to him, so much so that we moved out of state to get away from her.

Hildegard has now not only moved to our same small town, but to a home just up the street! My husband works long hours, and his mother expects him to visit her daily. If he gets a day off and we do something together, she cries to anyone who will listen that her son "never comes to see her." This is affecting our marriage. Hildegard acts like a jilted lover, and I am considering divorcing him to get away from her. Can you please help me?

— TRAPPED LIKE RATS
 IN COLORADO

DEAR TRAPPED: Nowhere in your letter have you mentioned your husband's feelings about his

mother's antics. Surely he must have known she was considering the move. Was he afraid to discourage her?

If ever I heard of a couple who needed couples counseling, it's you two. You must stick together and form a united front. Hildegard may also need a therapist to help her understand that her neediness is over the top. But exit the marriage only as a last resort, because if you do, you'll be leaving him to her, and she is insatiable.

DEAR ABBY: Ever since 2/02/02 I have created dinner parties or luncheons to celebrate days with unique numbers. On 5/05/05 (Cinco de Mayo) I had Mexican food with my family. On 6/06/06, six of us went out to lunch. The opening night of the Beijing Olympics was on 8/08/08, so eight of us had Chinese take-out while watching the event.

I plan to continue this tradition until 12/12/12. With 9/09/09 coming up, my daughter suggested "Dress to the Nines" as the theme. Isn't that cute? One of life's greatest pleasures is to share a meal with friends.

— CLAIRE IN BETHLEHEM, PA.

DEAR CLAIRE: I agree. While food fills the stomach, the company of friends and loved ones can be more gratifying because it fills the heart and feeds the soul.

P.S. I hope that 13/13/13 isn't a Friday.

IF SEPTEMBER 4 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: This fall you might emerge from your private cocoon ready to tackle life with a more vibrant attitude. Look for significant opportunities in February and March when you can climb to a higher rung on the ladder of success. The blessings you find then could create a permanent improvement in your life — even if you must give up one dream to handle new responsibilities. Keep heading in the right direction and a special someone will give you a leg up when you need it after the New Year.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): This is a great time to mend fences, but if the coin lands on the wrong side beware: You might be forced to accept an apology.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Old friends might brighten your day and help you remember why they became friends in the first place. Value these relationships.

GEMINI (May 21-June

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20: Gather a bouquet for a lover or plan outings that sweep you away on glamorous flights of fancy such as a concert under the moonlight.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Let tonight's full moon illuminate more than the landscape so you can easily share your goals and dreams with a very special someone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): With Venus in your sign, you may look forward to some pampering during the holiday weekend with a favorite partner. Trust your feelings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Put your feet on the street, follow the beat and don't retreat. Once you have set plans in motion, don't hesitate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Someone close to you may know just the right thing to

say or do when comforting words are most needed and appreciated.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your sympathy and understanding is better than a bandage if you get a chance to come to the rescue of a friend or romantic partner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Romance could be at the top of your personal agenda. You are more attractive than usual today, but don't let your guard down.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Small gifts or acts of kindness can make a key relationship just a bit sweeter. A special someone might want to know every detail.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Sympathy and understanding can quickly put a tired relationship back on track. Don't forget to give hugs and pats on the back.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): There is a tendency to try to win popularity through generous gestures, but others might show precious little appreciation.

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Clerical

CLERICAL
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General

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Medical

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Today is Friday, Sept. 4, the 247th day of 2009. There are 118 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:
 On Sept. 4, 1781, Los Angeles was founded by Spanish settlers led by Gov. Felipe de Neve.

On this date:
 In 1886, a group of Apache Indians led by Geronimo surrendered to Gen. Nelson Miles at Skeleton Canyon in Arizona.

In 1888, George Eastman received a patent for his roll-film box camera, and registered his trademark: "Kodak."

In 1893, English author Beatrix Potter first told the story of Peter Rabbit in the form of a "picture letter" to Noel Moore, the son of Potter's former governess.

In 1917, the American Expeditionary Forces in France suffered their first fatalities during World War I when a German plane attacked a British-run base hospital.

In 1948, Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands abdicated after nearly six decades of rule for health reasons.

In 1951, President Harry S. Truman addressed the nation from the Japanese peace treaty conference in San Francisco in the first live, coast-to-coast televi-

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sion broadcast.

In 1957, Arkansas Gov. Orval Faubus used Arkansas National Guardsmen to prevent nine black students from entering all-white Central High School in Little Rock. Ford Motor Co. began selling its ill-fated Edsel.

In 1969, the Food and Drug Administration issued a report calling birth control pills "safe," despite a slight risk of fatal blood-clotting disorders linked to the pills.

In 1971, an Alaska Airlines jet crashed near Juneau, killing all 111 people on board.

In 1984, Canada's Progressive Conservatives, led by Brian Mulroney, won a landslide victory in general elections over the Liberal Party of Prime Minister John N. Turner and the New Democrats headed by Ed Broadbent.

Ten years ago: Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat signed a breakthrough land-for-security agreement during a ceremony in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. Martin Frankel, a Connecticut money manager accused of cheating insurance companies in five

states out of more than \$200 million, was arrested in Germany. (Frankel was later sentenced to nearly 17 years in a federal prison.) Anti-independence militias in East Timor went on a rampage, hours after the United Nations announced that residents had overwhelmingly voted for independence from Indonesia.

Five years ago: Slow-moving Hurricane Frances snapped power lines and whipped the Atlantic coast with winds over 90 miles-an-hour as it neared Florida. A shaken President Vladimir Putin made a rare and candid admission of Russian weakness after more than 330 people were killed in a hostage-taking at a southern school.

One year ago: With a pledge that "change is coming," Sen. John McCain accepted the Republican presidential nomination at the party's convention in St. Paul, Minn., vowing to vanquish what he called the "constant partisan rancor" gripping Washington. The Dow industrial average fell 344.65 points to 11,188.23 on gloomy economic data. Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice in a sex scandal, forcing the Democrat out of office after months of defiantly holding onto his job.

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