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“Do bicyclists ... demand more bike paths or does the city get bike paths out there and then we'll get more bicyclists out there?”

—Dennis Bowyer, T.F. Parks and Recreation director



SHARING THE ROAD?



Photos by MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

ABOVE: The sign on the memorial built to a bicyclist reads 'In memory of David Webster, Struck Down June 25, 2009'. The memorial is located along Falls Avenue East several miles past the spot where a bike lane to Shoshone Falls ends. Webster died after a car hit him while he was riding his bicycle.

TOP: A bicyclist rides against the flow of traffic Thursday evening along Washington Street in Twin Falls. This busy street in Twin Falls is well used by motorists and bicyclists alike. The latter must use makeshift dirt paths or sidewalks to get out of the way of vehicles traveling 35 mph.



Graffiti obscures a bicycle path sign near Shoshone Falls in Twin Falls.

Lacking trails and facing safety concerns, area bicyclists find progress slow going

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

The midday traffic in Twin Falls on Washington Street North rumbled past 21-year-old Bostin Thacker as he pedaled his bicycle toward the College of Southern Idaho. Part of his route to class includes a weathered dirt trail a few feet off one of the busiest roads in town.

It's a well-worn sign that Thacker isn't the only cyclist forced to improvise when a paved road ends in Twin Falls.

“There's not always sidewalks,” said Thacker, who bicycles to school and work every day.

“Sometimes there's just dirt paths and you get a lot of flat tires.”

Until Washington Street is widened to five lanes with a detached bike lane, it's a trek he'll have to keep following. And even after the project is complete, Twin Falls' bicycle options will be few and far between for a city of more than 40,000 inhabitants.

A growing demand for bike paths is seen elsewhere in Magic Valley, yet local governments have been slow to respond as their planned bike paths sit idle due to a lack of movement or funding.

Concerns for safety have also increased. Magic Valley has seen three bicycle-related deaths during the past 14 months — including two in Twin Falls — as the Magic Valley has joined an even larger statewide debate on cyclist safety.

BIKING IN THE BIG CITY

Currently, there are three official bike paths in Twin Falls, built in the late-1990s with the assistance of federal funding: one begins on Locust Street and heads to Shoshone Falls; on the west side of town, one starts at Sparks Street, loops near Shoup Avenue and ends at Harrison Elementary School; and one on Washington Street South runs past Oregon Trail Elementary School.

Despite those trails, Twin Falls is not bicyclist friendly.

“If it was really a bicyclists' town you'd probably see more bike paths,” said Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Bowyer. “But do bicyclists, do they demand more bike paths or does the city get bike paths out there and then we'll get more bicyclists out there?”

In recent years, the city has focused on the Snake River Canyon Rim, and there's no funding for bike paths sought at the state or federal level, Bowyer said.

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Parents, kids face choice on Obama's speech

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

To watch, or not to watch, that is the question.

In one of the reddest states in the union, area school districts face a choice this Tuesday as President Obama gives a live “back to school” speech to challenge the nation's children in their education endeavors.

While districts vary slightly in their approach, this much is the same: No youngsters will be forced to watch their commander-in-chief's 15- to 20-minute speech if their parents have a problem with that.

At the same time, schools aren't all uniformly planning to air the speech in every classroom and auditorium.

Obama's speech has captured attention and political controversy, with Republicans criticizing

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ON THE WEB

If you miss the speech, you can watch it online at www.whitehouse.gov

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Obama's message is responsibility — for parents as well as students.
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Ag industry defends itself over grisly chick video

By Nigel Duara
Associated Press writer

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Paul Lasley cringed when he heard about an undercover video showing unwanted chicks being tossed alive into a grinder at an Iowa hatchery.

The images were upsetting, to be sure, but as someone who grew up on a farm, Lasley knows that bringing meat and poultry to America's dinner table is often a grisly business.

“When our parents made the decision to send this cow or pig or lamb to market, it was a sad day,” he recalled. “But it would be sadder if we couldn't make the payment on the farm.”

Lasley, a sociologist at Iowa State University who specializes in rural issues, and others argue that most Americans in this

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Wrasslin' alligators

T.F. County Fair show attracts a large crowd

By Laurie Welch
Times-News writer

FILER — It's not an uncommon sight to see all types of animals wrangled at a county fair, but when David Castillo started splashing around in a pool Saturday with an 8-foot long, 200-pound reptile at the Twin Falls County Fair, the audience quickly became standing room only.

As Castillo, whose stage name is Kachunga, splashed and circled and lunged for a hold on the alligator, several dozen

wide-eyed children who were gathered in front of the stage pressed as close as they dared.

“What are you going to do if you find a big gator in your back yard?” said Castillo's partner and big brother, Gil Castillo. “You sneak up and grab it by the tail and drag it to your neighbor's yard.”

David Castillo deftly demonstrated the feat by snatching the leathery alligator's tail, which flashed its 80 teeth, some up to an

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Dave Castillo wrestles a 200-pound alligator during the Kachunga Alligator Show Saturday at the Twin Falls County Fair in Filer.

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MORNING BRIEFING

Pat's Picks

Three things to do today

Pat Marcantonio



• Enjoy art and antiques at the Ketchum Art and Antique Show from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at nexStage Theatre, 120 S. Main St., Ketchum. There's also the Wagon Days Antique Show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Forest Service Park; Hailey's Antique Market from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Roberta McKercher and Hailey's Main Street Antique and Art Show from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 730 N. Main St.

• For more of the Old West, the Bellevue Labor

Day Shootout and Parade starts at 12:30 p.m., with parade at 1 p.m., followed by music, food, antiques and crafts at the park.

• Texas-based Reckless Kelly performs at 8 p.m. at the Twin Falls County Fair in Shouse Arena in Filer. Tickets start at \$13.

Have your own pick you want to share?

Something that is unique to the area and that may take people by surprise?

E-mail me at patm@magicvalley.com.

PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY



Photo courtesy Twin Falls Public Library



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Up until 1952, the Department of Health was located on Third Avenue East in Twin Falls. When City Hall was built, the department moved in. During its years there, several people headed the department, including Hubert Post, Margaret Pickard and Luther Thompson. The two longest-serving directors were Keith Harvey, who served from 1957-67, and James R. Ingalls, who took over in 1971. In 1974, the Department of Health once again had its own offices, this time on Second Street East.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Music from Stanley concert series, features Idaho musicians Bill Coffey and friends, 4 to 8 p.m., Redfish Lake Lodge, Stanley, no cost, 208-484-9117 or musicfromstanley@gmail.com.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Great Wagon Days Duck Race fundraiser, includes party with music and children's activities, 1 to 4 p.m., Rotary Park; and release of 1000 "adopted" rubber ducks, 3 p.m., in the Big Wood River from the Warm Springs Bridge, finishing at Rotary Park; top-placing ducks eligible to win prize packages, race organized by Ketchum/Sun Valley Rotary Club and Sawtooth Board of Realtors Charitable Foundation to benefit students, charities and Blaine County Search and Rescue, 721-7481 or rotaryduckrace.org/index.htm.

CHURCH EVENTS

Life Church of the Magic Valley in Jerome healing service, open to the general public and anyone who needs to be healed, 5 p.m. pre-service prayer with service at 6 p.m. (public may attend both services), Life Church, 425 E. Nez Perce (100 South), Jerome, LIFECHURCH-MV.COM or 208-324-5876.

FESTIVALS AND FAIRS

Bellevue Labor Day Shootout and parade, part of Wagon Days celebration, 12:30 p.m. start with parade at 1 p.m. followed by music, food, antiques and crafts, at the park, Bellevue, www.bellevueidaho.com.

Twin Falls County Fair continues, with several 4-H, FFA and livestock events, a carnival, entertainment on the free stage, exhibits in the merchants buildings, all day, Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filer, fair admission: \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors 65 and over, and \$3 for children 6-12 (no cost for children age 5 and under); and Reckless Kelly concert, 8 p.m., Shouse Arena, fairgrounds, concert tickets: \$13 for reserved seats and \$10 for general admission (prices include fair admission before sales tax), 326-4398 or tfcfair.com.

Wagon Days celebration continues with several events: Papoose Club Flapjack Breakfast, with live musical performances, 8 a.m. to noon, Town Plaza, proceeds benefit local youth-oriented charities, cost: \$8 adults, \$7 senior citizens 65 and older, \$7 youth 13-18, \$5 children 4-12 years, no cost for children 3 and under; Silver Car Auction, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sun Valley Resort, 800-255-4485 or silverauctions.com; and Karaoke and MC Spice Train, 9:30 p.m., The Casino, no cover, Ketchum, www.visitsunvalley.com.

MARKETS/ANTIQUES

Ketchum Art and Antique Show, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., nexStage Theatre, 120 S. Main St., Ketchum, www.visitsunvalley.com.

Wagon Days Antique Show, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Forest Service Park, at First and Washington streets, Ketchum, www.visitsunvalley.com.

Hailey's Antique Market, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Roberta McKercher Park, 350 W. Cedar St., Hailey, www.haileyidaho.com.

Hailey's Main Street Antique and Art Show, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 730 N. Main St., Hailey, www.haileyidaho.com.

SPORTS

Wild West Motocross races, Rupert Fairgrounds, 208-436-9748.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magicvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

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CORRECTION

The headline on a letter to the editor Sept. 1 mischaracterized Solfrid Oie Hartvigsen. She is not a College of Southern Idaho student.

The Times-News regrets the error.

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Body of missing Gooding man found

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The body of a Gooding man who had been reported missing since Sunday was found Saturday afternoon in western Twin Falls County, authorities confirmed Saturday night.

Preliminary reports indicate that Chester King, 29, likely died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, according to Twin Falls County Undersheriff Sam Walker.

King's body, discovered by family members when

they went searching for him Saturday afternoon, was found a little before 4 p.m. not far from where his pickup was parked in the desert near 878 E. 4500 N. in western Twin Falls County, Walker said.

"His body had been

there about as long as he'd been missing," Walker said.

King was last seen by family members on Sunday, and later was reported missing.

The incident is still under investigation.

Obama

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the speech as a way for the president to deliver his political agenda in schools. On Friday the White House defended the speech, saying the president's words will follow common education themes appropriate for the start of a school year.

"I think we've reached a little bit of the silly season when the president of the United States can't tell kids in school to study hard and stay in school," said presidential spokesman Robert Gibbs.

In Twin Falls School District, for example, teachers are given the option of whether to air the speech in their class, and students can opt out of watching the speech, said Beth Pendergrass, district spokeswoman.

Forms were sent home with students this week for parents wishing to opt their children out of watching the speech. But not every classroom is showing the

speech, either, depending on the school's schedule and teacher's plans. Some teachers, for example, are recording the speech and saving it for a future lesson, she said.

"We're getting a lot of calls," Pendergrass said, adding that the callers tend to have questions more than negativity and "want to know if we're showing it or not."

In Cassia County School District, officials are recording the Tuesday speech and then reviewing it before planning its use. Parents with concerns were encouraged to contact their school's administration.

"The broadcast will stream into our schools but will not be shown in mass to students," a message sent to parents says.

"The address will be captured and viewed by teachers to determine the appropriate use of the material at each grade level and class."

Jerome School District is

also planning to record the speech Tuesday instead of showing it to students, said Superintendent Dale Layne. That way, teachers can review the speech and play it at a later date, which also gives parents time to see it before deciding what's best for their children, Layne said.

"We thought it was best to give them the chance to review it," he said.

Kimberly School District Superintendent Kathleen Noh said that showing the speech Tuesday will be up to individual teachers, who will determine if it fits into their lesson plan.

"If parents have an objection to that, they can call the principal and talk to the principal about it," she said.

In Richfield School District, informational notes were sent home with students on Friday explaining that watching Obama's speech is an option, but not mandatory, said Mike

Smith, principal of Richfield School, which is for students in grades k-12.

Blaine County School District plans to show the speech. If parents have a problem with it, the district will accommodate their wish, but no parents have been calling with concerns, said Laurie Kaufman, board clerk.

"If any parents would call we would certainly honor their decision," she said.

In an open letter to parents, Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna described the speech as a "unique opportunity for all Idaho students to hear from our country's highest elected official," adding that it's also a local decision for schools and up to parents.

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The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Grisly

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age of supermarkets, suburbanization and multinational agribusinesses know little about farming and how animals raised for food are treated and why.

They contend that videos like the one in Iowa stir up people's emotions without addressing important business considerations — in this case, the need to dispose of male chicks that have little value because they can't lay eggs or grow large enough or fast enough to be raised profitably for meat.

"Part of that I think is the disconnect that many consumers have with agriculture," Lasley said. "Fewer people actually grow up on a farm and kill animals."

Animal rights groups, for their part, say the industry needs to change its ways and treat chickens, hogs, cattle and other animals with more care.

"There's a real disconnect between our love for animals in society and these practices that are hidden largely from the public," said Michael Markarian, chief operating officer of the Humane Society of the United States.

"We believe that all animals should be treated humanely, including animals raised for food. That's a mainstream American value."

The video was filmed with a hidden camera at a hatchery in Spencer owned by Hy-Line North America. It shows several chicks dying on the factory floor

and male ones being tossed into a grinder, a standard industry practice that was adopted just after World War II, when farmers began raising some hens for the meat and others for just the eggs.

Nationally, chicks also are killed on electrically charged plates and by suffocation with carbon dioxide.

The images in the video aren't pretty, but industry groups said the chicks die instantly. And they said the footage belies an overall trend of improved treatment of animals in the past decade. The poultry industry, for example, has abandoned forced molting, in which hens are starved for a week or two to get them to lay more eggs.

Last year, California voters approved a measure that bars farmers from confining veal calves, pregnant pigs and egg-laying hens in spaces so small that they can't turn around, lie down or extend their limbs. The major elements of the law will take effect in 2015 over the objections of farmers, who worry it will be costly to expand henhouses and buy more land.

Hens often are kept in small cages because it is cheaper. The hens take up less space, and because they can't move around and expend energy, they eat less.

Animal rights groups also oppose a variety of hog lot practices, particularly the castration of hogs and the removal of their tails without anesthetics.

Uncastrated hogs produce

meat with a revolting urine taste known as "boar taint." And farmers clip hogs' tails because in tight spaces, the animals will chew each others' tails and can bleed to death. The industry says anesthetizing the animals would be too expensive.

"Most people think their food comes from a grocery store," said Dave Warner, spokesman for the National Pork Producers Council. "In processing food animals, there are things that you have to do to get them there."

Some producers, such as Sun Ray Chicks Hatchery in Hazelton, have found other options. Owner Elaine DeGraw said her small operation, which raises 8,000 to 9,000 chicks a week, gives the male ones to raptor conservation groups. They feed the chicks to injured birds of prey.

"They get the benefits of it, so we don't have to throw them away," DeGraw said. "It's putting it back into the food chain."

Emily Patterson-Kane, an animal welfare scientist with the American Veterinary Medical Association, said she worries that public revulsion to the grinding up of live chicks could force a shift to techniques that would be worse for the animals. Gassing male chicks, for example, might appear more humane, but chicks are resistant to the sedative effects and might suffer more than if they were quickly ground up, she said.

Nathan Runkle, executive

director of Mercy for Animals, the Chicago organization that shot the video, said his group wants federal laws regulating treatment of farm animals, something now left largely to the states.

In 30 states, including Iowa, anything considered standard agricultural practice is exempt from prosecution, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

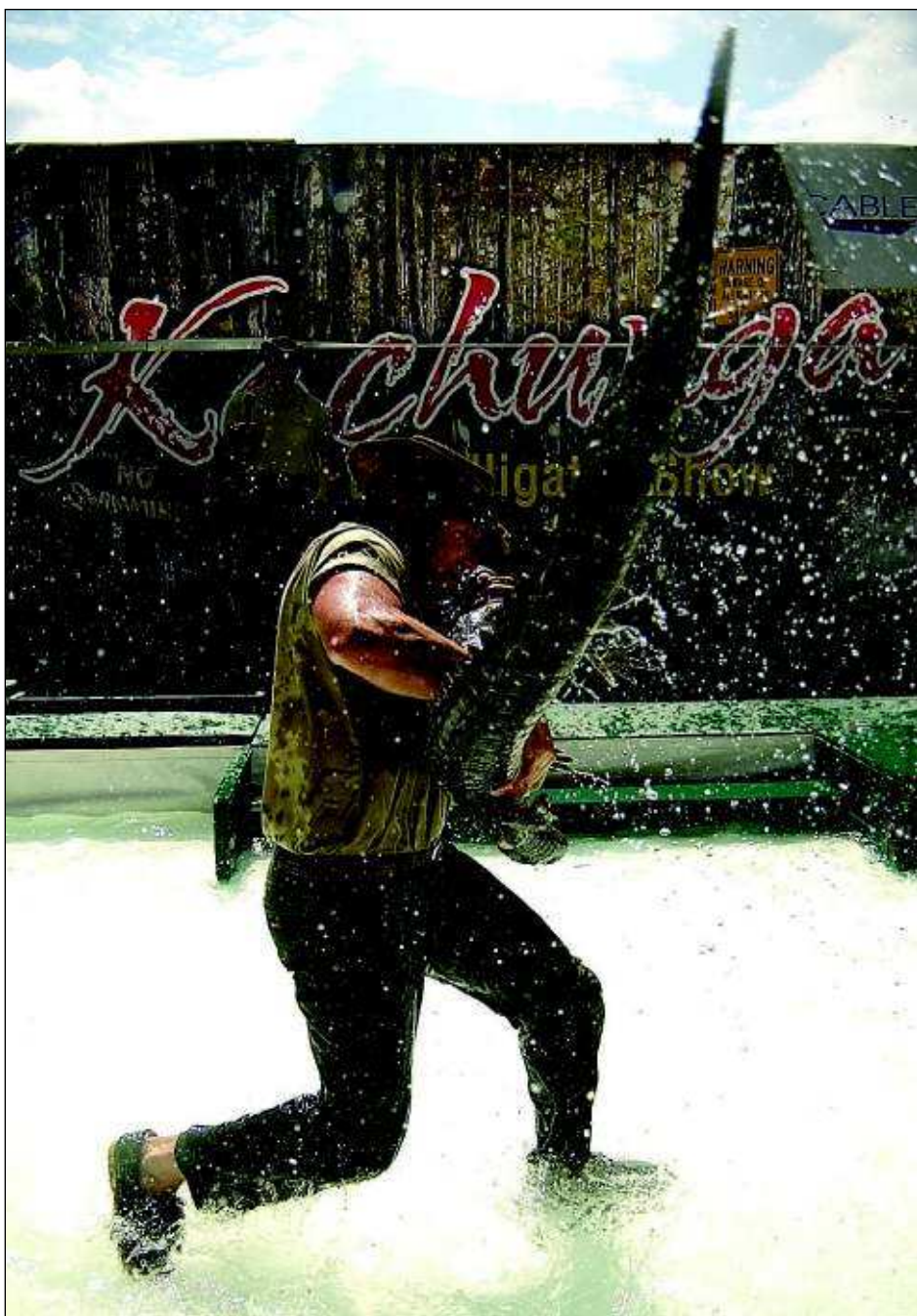
"It would be the same as handing over power and authority to chemical companies to decide what is an appropriate level of toxic waste to dump into nearby streams and groundwater," Runkle complained.

Hy-Line North America said it will investigate the Iowa hatchery but emphasized that "instantaneous euthanasia" is a standard practice.

The United Egg Producers, a trade group, said it, too, would investigate Hy-Line. In a statement, it also said the industry is researching methods for breeding primarily female chicks, though it noted that "the work is very preliminary and could present other barriers."

In the meantime, animal rights activists consider it their duty to expose the way the industry works.

"Most people don't know how animals are raised for food and how their animals get to their plate," Markarian said. "The more that we can pull the curtain back on these practices, the more we can have support for reasonable reforms."



Photos by DREW GODLESKI/For the Times-News
 Dave Castillo wrestles a 200-pound alligator as his brother Gil Castillo narrates in the background during their Kachunga Alligator Show Saturday at the Twin Falls County Fair in Filer.

Gators

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more than a million alligator and a half long, and towing it across the pool.

When the two gator wrestlers called for a bite-sized child to volunteer to help out in the show, Twin Falls fourth-grader Sydney Ewaniuk was called up on stage.

"I was a little bit scared," Ewaniuk said after she posed for a picture sitting on the alligator's tail, while David Castillo held the business end of the reptile.

Ewaniuk's mother, Kim Ewaniuk, said she was a little uneasy when her daughter entered the fenced enclosure, although the alligator was securely held down.

"You could tell she was nervous," Kim Ewaniuk said. "But she played along with them very well."

Castillo said there are

more than a million alligators in the state of Florida, and if they are left undisturbed they are generally shy, although an alligator, which can reach up to 14 feet in length and weigh up to 2,000 pounds, will attack if it is protecting its eggs, if it is a male protecting its territory or if people try to feed them.

"They don't run as fast as you've been told; we clocked one at 13 mph hour last week," Castillo said. "We clocked Dave running at 14 mph. That was a good race."

Spectator Linda Lytton of California, who is in the Magic Valley visiting family, said she enjoyed the show.

"I liked the humor and the way he threw his brother under the bus," Lytton said about the way Gil Castillo teased his brother.

David Castillo said while the wrestling draws the crowds, the main point of the show, which they started in 1982, is educating the public about the reptiles. Castillo said the reptiles are never harmed, although the show is not without some danger for the handlers.

"I've come close to losing both thumbs," David Castillo said. "I've had bites on my arms and my shoulder and numerous other bites."

Audience member Dennis West said he learned quite a



Sydney Ewaniuk, 9, nervously holds on to an alligator during the Kachunga Alligator Show Saturday.



Dave Castillo shows the inside of an alligator's mouth

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— Gil Castillo

few things about alligators that he did not know before the show, like how an alligator's eyes can sink back into its skull when it is threatened.

"It was very entertaining," West said. "They did a good job."

Law & Disorder...

... in Cassia County

From Aug. 31 police reports:

Vandalism, et cetera:

A Declo woman reported that her sister-in-law, who was kicked out of the complainant's yard a month earlier for trespassing, was standing in her yard with a male later identified as Christopher Shane Tucker, 20, who was "kicking her sprinkler head, and it was now damaged."

According to the report, Tucker "also had a lighter and was attempting to light a tree on fire."

The complainant's allegedly trespassing sister-in-law lives across the street, where Deputy Terry Higley questioned her. She denied trespassing, but officers found Tucker, who, according to the report, "said he was standing there waiting for his girlfriend." Higley asked him, "So there was nowhere else to stand?" Tucker reportedly said he didn't know whose property it was.

The report notes that he became "very belligerent" and was taken to jail on charges of malicious injury to property and minor consumption. On the way to jail, according to Higley's report, Higley had to stop the car three times and search the suspect.

"I did not search him prior to placing him in the patrol car. Tucker kept telling me he had cigarettes in his pocket and I had not searched him. I stopped the patrol car and searched him," the report reads. "Tucker kept telling me that he had more contraband on his person. I stopped, again. Tucker kept saying he had a lighter and was going to light the cigarette that was in his pocket, and asked if that was going to be a felony."

Higley explains in the report that he didn't see the lighter in Tucker's hand when he handcuffed him or when he pulled over and searched him.

The third time he stopped the car and came back to Tucker, according to the report, occurred when Higley saw a flash from a lighter. He took the lighter. "I left the cigarette in his mouth," the report reads.

A breath test at the jail indicated Tucker's blood-alcohol content to be .075.

Times-News columnist Steve Crump is on vacation. His column will return on Wednesday.



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Bikes

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Some of the city's canyon trails are 10 feet wide, so they accommodate bikes well, and the city has moved forward with the Centennial Trail along the rim, which will finish at nearly six miles long. But that process has involved negotiating with private developers and property owners, which has slowed progress. Bowyer added that the city's 1.6-mile trail in Rock Creek Park is also 10 feet wide.

The city plans for more bike paths, which are included in the new comprehensive plan.

"Anytime anything that does with parks and recreation, bikes and trails, to me it's a high priority," said Bowyer, who bikes to work in the summer. "I provide that quality of life for people for why they want to move to Twin Falls."

Ultimately, Bowyer said, he'd like to create a bike path that surrounds the central parts of the city, links parks and connects existing bike paths — potentially 20 years from now. But no money has been set aside for bike paths, including in next year's budget. Bowyer said the work is expensive, and a lot of his time is spent improving and upgrading parks for the growing city.

Some Twin Falls City Council members agree there's a growing need for bike paths, but said more study on the issue is necessary. They concede they haven't given Bowyer direction to proceed.

Councilman Greg Lanting, who often rides his bike to meetings, said there probably aren't enough bike paths but existing sections of the city are difficult to safely design bikes into.

"I think we need to explore more throughout Parks and Recreation Department," he said. "I think we need to explore more safety things."

BIKING IN BURLEY

Meanwhile, Burley doesn't have a single bike path, which is ironic considering the town hosts two triathlon events that include cycling stages.

But City Administrator Mark Mitton said the city's been working for a decade to create a three-mile biking and hiking connection across the city along the Snake River.

The effort, in conjunction with the Oregon Trail Recreation District, has stalled due to a lack of funding. But Mitton said it's under way and the city hopes to have a small portion finished next year.

"We want to preserve the riverbank and let people enjoy and walk and bike on it," he said. "We've been working on this project for over 10 years. We've just finally gotten far enough along to start building on it."

But Mitton didn't have a reason for Burley's current lack of bike paths. He said the city would probably have one if not for funding issues. One potential site for more paths is between the Overland Drive Bridge and Exit 208 of Interstate 84 once it's redone because the federal government required the paths.

THE CONTRAST IN KETCHUM

Efforts to accommodate bicyclists aren't always so sparse in south-central Idaho.

About 25 years ago, Mary Crofts spearheaded the idea at the Blaine County Recreational District, working with public officials, residents and other parties. For most of the



A note to David Webster is written on the right brake handle of a bicycle that is part of a memorial to Webster, who was struck and killed by a vehicle on June 25, 2009 along Falls Avenue outside of Twin Falls.

"You just have to pay attention. A lot of times (motorists) don't see you. I know they don't always see you."
— Bicyclist Chris Stephens

area's history, cyclists shared Idaho Highway 75 and the main thoroughfares.

Today, there are more than 30 miles of paved bike paths and another 20 of unpaved paths in the Wood River Valley.

"There was just a dream, a vision," Crofts said. "It was just the most rewarding project."

The initial effort — coordinated with the federal and state governments — took around eight or nine years, and Crofts said it wasn't easy. Homeowners were resistant to the concept, securing right-of-ways and easements was tough, and federal approval didn't come easy.

But she noted local public officials were supportive and commended those involved, and the progressive nature of Blaine County added momentum. Now residents would oppose removing any of the bike paths.

"They did see the necessity of getting people off the highway and creating a link," said Crofts, 60, who left the BCRD five years ago.

Crofts said Twin Falls probably doesn't have a great bike path system because there has been so much development in the last couple of decades.

"Now everything is so developed. It's tough to get people to give up their privacies. It's hard to get the land."

AN ISSUE OF SAFETY

As government lags behind in accommodating bicyclists, the issue of safety has started to reach higher gear statewide.

In June David Webster, 57, was killed east of Twin Falls when a truck that was trying to pass another vehicle struck him. In August, Laurence M. Kelly, 67, of Twin Falls, was killed when he collided with a semi-trailer at the Twin Falls intersection of Main Avenue and Shoshone Street.

Safety issues have even sparked discussion in Boise, where three bicyclist fatalities came during a one-month span this summer.



A worn symbol on the asphalt signifies a bicycle route near Shoshone Falls along Hankins Road in Twin Falls.

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forward will be to protect everyone's safety."

Among his ideas are increasing fines for infractions to bicyclists and motorists; mandating vehicles stay at least three feet from a bicyclist to pass; and an anti-harassment law against motorists.

"The really nice one is when they throw something at you like a beer can," said Werk, an avid cyclist who bikes to the Legislature when it's in session.

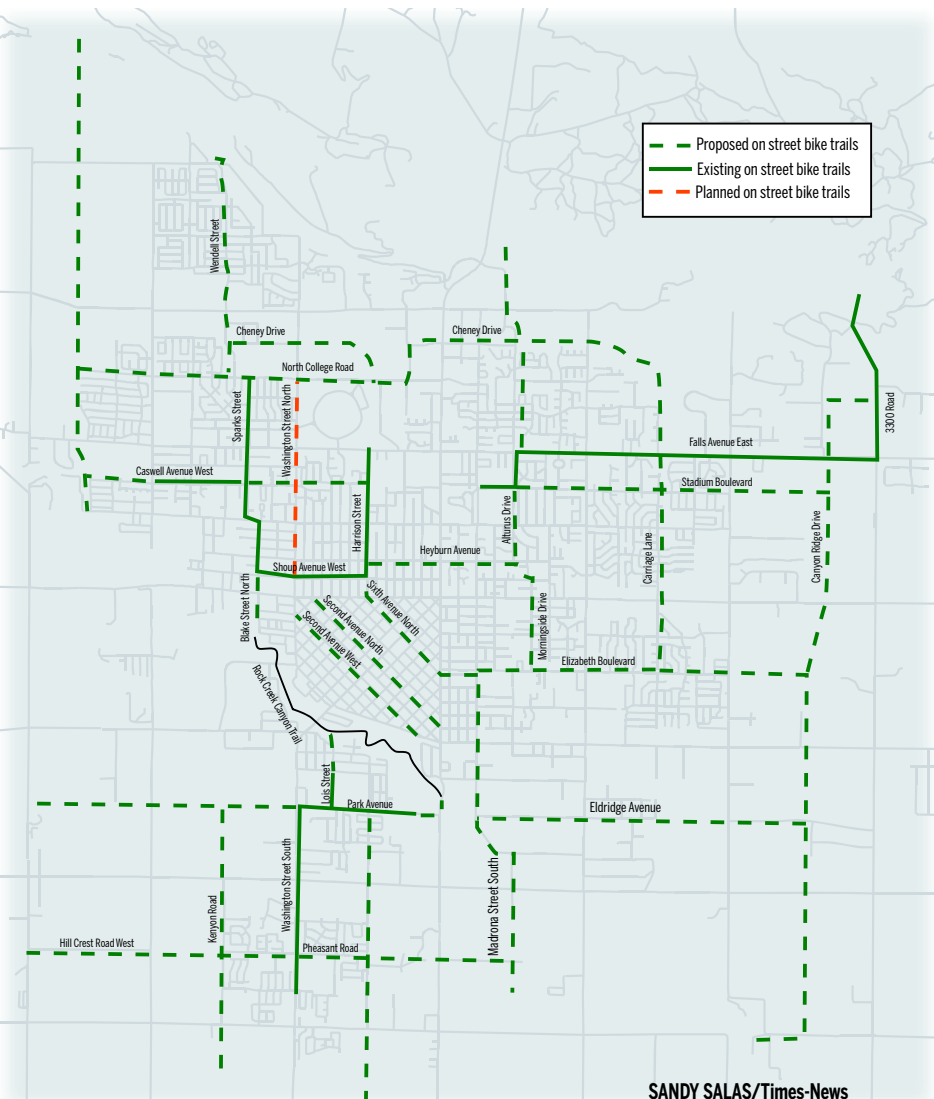
But other lawmakers are skeptical about blaming motorists. Putting more restrictions on where cyclists can ride might be a better alternative, said Rep. Stephen Hartgen, R-Twin Falls.

"To lay all of the responsibility on motorists doesn't strike me as completely fair," he said. "Motorists are pretty good when it comes to cyclists. Nobody wants to hit a cyclist."

For bicyclist Chris Stephens, who rides mostly to work in Twin Falls, traffic deters him from the heart of town. He feels safer on bike lanes, but when he leaves them he knows he has to look out.

"You just have to pay attention. A lot of times (motorists) don't see you," said Stephens, 32, a rider since he was 6. "I know they don't always see you."

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State Sen. Elliot Werk, D-Boise, has held public forums and is working with bicycle groups and law-

makers on legislation. He said the idea is not only to protect people riding bikes, but also motorists.

"We want to avoid collisions between motor vehicles and cyclists," he said. "The effort we'll be putting

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The welcoming wagon

Wagon Days events draw big crowds

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

You could've gotten a 1947 fire engine once used to ferry skiers to Bald Mountain for a mere \$5,500 Saturday.

Or a covered wagon, provided you didn't need to know how many miles its steel-rimmed tires had. Or even a 1953 Willys, which, as Jerome owner Tom McCully pointed out, was "the original Hummer."

Classic T-Birds, Model Ts, a 1965 Pontiac GTO muscle car and even a 1949 Woody drew hundreds of people to the Silver Collector Car Auction during the annual Wagon Days celebration in Ketchum and Sun Valley.

Meanwhile, wagons from a different era — from a 1905 antique hearse made in Vienna, Austria, to a vis-avis made by the Amish and pulled by Percheron horses — drew an estimated 17,000 people to Wagon Days' Big Hitch parade.

Among them, Craig Manning of Twin Falls, along with his wife and five children.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Wagon Days celebration continues today. Here's the schedule:

8 a.m.-noon. Papoose Club's Flapjack Breakfast across from Atkinsons in Ketchum.

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Hailey's Antique Market, Roberta McKercher Park.

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Hailey's Main Street Antique and Art Show-9 a.m.-7 p.m. Main Street.

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Ketchum Labor Day Weekend Antiques Show-9 a.m.-5 p.m. nexStage Theatre in Ketchum.

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wagon Days Antique Show, Ketchum's Forest Service Park.

10:30 a.m. Silver Car Auction, Sun Valley Resort.

1 p.m.-9 p.m. Bellevue Labor Day Parade, followed by music, food and crafts at City Park. Music features Spare Change, Four Stroke Bus, Kim Stocking Quartet and Hoodwink.

1-4 p.m. Great Wagon Days Duck Race, Rotary Park in Ketchum. Race begins at 3 p.m.

Monday
9 a.m.-5 p.m. Ketchum Labor Day Weekend Antiques Show, nexStage Theatre in Ketchum.
Noon-7 p.m. Bellevue Labor Day Celebration, featuring food, crafts and music by Up a Creek, Johnny Neale and Friends and the Mark Slocum Band.

"I haven't been to this in 20 years, so I thought it was time to come back and see the wagons and the classic cars," he said.

Lee Dabney said the Papoose Club served up several hundred pancake, sausage and egg breakfasts to raise money for children's projects. And booths serving up everything from hot dogs

to Indian cuisine seemed to do a brisk business, as well.



Charro horse riders from Caldwell and Nampa made their horses dance down Sun Valley Road in Ketchum Saturday during Wagon Days.

KAREN BOSSICK/
For the Times-News

Terry Tracy, who used to oversee the city's recreation program at Atkinson Park, honored Don and Judy Atkinson and their family as grand marshals of the parade. The recreation department's inventory could be counted on one hand until the Atkinsons, who own three supermarkets in the Wood River Valley, began to pick up the bill for such things as tennis nets, she said.

"As a youngster growing up in the valley, I can't recall a softball game or some other activity that the Atkinsons didn't provide popsicles for," added Heather LaMonica Deckard. "They've always given to the community."

As always, Wagon Days sported both the new and the old. Among the new was a white stallion accompanied by a POW/MIA flag to remind spectators that

Hailey soldier Bowe Bergdahl is still being held hostage in Afghanistan.

Among the old: a 1910 wooden Olympic bobsled at the Ketchum Art and Antique Show at Forest Service Park.

"I can't imagine how the athletes sat on that thing," said Jeni Ramey, eyeing the slim wooden apparatus with slats placed high on the side. "I just can't imagine."

Lineups announced for Ketchum city races

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

Ketchum Council President Baird Gourlay will have a crowded field of candidates to contend with as he vies to keep his City Council seat in the Nov. 3 election.

Six other Ketchum residents are running for two seats: Gourlay's and a seat vacated by Charles Conn, according to Ketchum City Clerk Sandra Cady.

The six other candidates are former Ketchum Mayor Ed Simon, Clarion Inn owner Peter Lewis, Rickshaw restaurant owner Nina Jonas, computer consultant Lee Chubb, Carter Ramsey and Cavallino Lounge manager Jan Hegewald.

Mayor Randy Hall will have two challengers: Phyllis Shafran, the mother of former City Councilman Steve Shafran, and Mickey Garcia, who not only has run for Ketchum mayor before but has attended more City

Council meetings as an interested observer than any other resident of Ketchum.

Sun Valley Councilman Nils Ribi will face four challengers for two open seats. Retired scientist Bob Youngman has filed, along with Stephen Poindexter, a desk clerk at Sun Valley Resort.

Late filers were architect David Barovetto and retiree Milt Adams, who ran during the last election.

In Hailey, Anthony St. George will challenge incumbent Martha Burke for seat No. 1. Incumbent Don Keirn will run unopposed, according to City Clerk Mary Cone.

Four men will be vying for two alderman's positions on the Bellevue Common Council, according to Bellevue City Clerk Dee Barton.

Incumbent Gene D. Ramsey will vie to keep his seat, along with Brett K. Gelskey, Dave Hattula and Tom Perry. Incumbent Larry Plott is stepping down.



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An area that authorities believe to be the origin of the wildfires in the Angeles National Forest is seen Aug. 29. The wildfire has killed two firefighters and burned nearly 242 square miles of the forest.

AP photo

Fire no longer threatening LA-area communities

By James Beltran
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — The Western flank of the deadly wildfire north of Los Angeles was under control Saturday, sparing foothill communities further threat as it burned east into a large wilderness area.

Investigators, meanwhile, were trying to determine who ignited the blaze that killed two firefighters, destroyed at least 76 homes and burned nearly 242 square miles of the Angeles National Forest.

The fire's origin near Angeles Crest Highway remained cordoned off as authorities sought more clues in the case, but they were hesitant to release any findings to the media.

"Arsonists are not stupid. They can read," said U.S. Forest Service Cmdr. Rita Wears, who supervises federal agents investigating the fire. "I have to be very careful."

Los Angeles County firefighters Tedmund Hall and Arnaldo Quinones were killed Aug. 30 while seeking an escape route for their inmate fire crew after flames overran their camp on Mount Gleason.

Sheriff's detectives opened a homicide investigation after the fire was ruled arson earlier this

week, and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has offered \$100,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the culprit.

The fire, one of the largest in Southern California history, was 49 percent contained Saturday night after crews built protective lines on the northwestern flank near Santa Clarita, said incident commander Mike Dietrich.

"We're making tremendous progress," Dietrich said, "but we have not turned the corner on this fire. I keep seeing that it's out there, but we have not turned the corner yet."

Dietrich said about 400 firefighters assigned to protect structures had been dismissed because of the reduced threat. About 4,800 firefighters remained.

Despite the gains, two new flare-ups presented challenges.

The fire jumped a closed section of the closed Angeles Crest Highway and burned about 500 new acres in the Pleasant View Ridge Wilderness Area, Dietrich said.

Flames were within about five miles of the community of Juniper Hills and firefighters were to make the area their primary focus into the night.

Coming back to hell

L.A. man left 'piece of heaven,' returned to inferno

By Allen G. Breed
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — After five grueling days in bush planes and on horseback, 74-year-old Lew Johnson was returning from the forests of British Columbia with his prize — a cooler full of meat from a 43½-inch spread moose in the bed of his pickup.

For those blissful few days, he'd had no communication with civilization whatsoever. He'd no idea that his world was in flames.

Tuesday morning, when he finally got back into cell phone range, the retired real estate broker called his 94-year-old mother in Pasadena. He could sense immediately there was something she didn't want to tell him.

"You might as well tell me now," he said. "I'm going to find out sooner or later."

He had left Big Tujunga Canyon for Canada on the evening of Aug. 28, the day before the so-called Station Fire struck. He had no idea that the blaze — the largest in Los Angeles County history — had destroyed more than six dozen homes and claimed the lives of two firefighters.

"Well," she replied. "You know your ranch? It's not there any more."



AP photo

Lew Johnson, 74, holds coins that have melted together, which he found in the ruins of his home Friday in the Angeles National Forest. He had left on a hunting trip to Canada on Aug. 28, the day before the Station Fire struck.

It wasn't until Friday morning around 11 that the rugged septuagenarian was able to reach the remote community of Vogel Flats, the place he's called home for four decades. With its canopy of oak and pines, his late 19th century home sat on an island of private land surrounded by the Angeles National Forest and the San Gabriel Mountains.

It was what Johnson called his "little piece of heaven." Only now, it looked like a suburb of hell.

As he walked up the driveway, he stepped over silvery rivulets of molten aluminum that had flowed like lava from his prized 1962 Porsche. Scattered about the yard were the charred skeletons of a half-dozen cars and trucks, a boat-shaped mass of melted fiberglass and the remains of a fully stocked motor home.

Six days after the fire, smoke still belched from the hollow of a white pine in what had been Johnson's front yard. Nearby, deflated cacti drooped over walls like surrealist Salvador Dali's famous clocks.

Though he had not been able to prove it, Johnson's house was reputed to have been a Wells Fargo stagecoach stop when two-lane Stonyvale Road was the main thoroughfare to Palmdale. All that remained of his 3,000-square-foot home was the sturdy stone chimney.

Somewhere in the ruins were the remains of his many hunting trophies, including the mounted heads of a 7-by-8 elk and a 2,000-pound buffalo that had returned from the taxidermist just a few months ago. Mounting the buffalo alone had cost \$3,500.

In the wreckage of his garage, Johnson found the barrel of the Browning 264 Magnum deer rifle he'd owned for about a quarter century. Its wooden stock had burned away, and Johnson held onto the breach end, using it like a walking stick as he picked his way through the rubble.

Besides the chimney, the tallest thing left standing was a nearly 6-foot-high gun safe that was supposed to be able to withstand three hours of intense heat. The door was buckled and blocked by ashen debris, leaving Johnson to wonder what had become of the two dozen guns inside.

"It can be fried inside," he says, his face and its day's growth of white stubble smudged with the ubiquitous ash. "But it's one of the best safes you can buy. See? It held up, and it's got insulation. But I won't know until I get it open."

Here and there, Johnson found little irregular pancakes of metal — coins that had melted and fused. Then his bleary blue eyes turned to a ledge behind the home where a concrete block shell stood.

The small structure had housed a tiled Jacuzzi with a

faux cement waterfall in one corner.

When Johnson departed for Canada, he was not leaving the house unguarded. His housemate of six years, Jules Goff, and Peter Loretta, an employee who was living in a trailer on the property, were there keeping an eye on Johnson's four dogs.

Despite having a motor home stocked with food, the two men had decided to stay and hope the fire would not reach this far. Besides, there was a Forest Service fire station less than a mile up the road.

But when the fire did come Aug. 29, it came with a speed and ferociousness that could not have been imagined.

As the flames bore down on the house, the two men decided their best bet was to jump into the Jacuzzi. As they opened the door, three of the dogs — Girl and Princess, miniature Doberman Pinschers, and Ammo, an abandoned chow mix Johnson had taken in — scattered.

Johnson's favorite, a 4-year-old fox terrier named Rocky, went with the men. Although he "hates water with a passion," the little dog jumped into the small pool with the men.

The three stayed in the tiny outbuilding until the roof began caving in on top of them. They could hear a truck coming down the road, and they decided to make a run for it.

Loretta scooped up Rocky. With the dog cradled in his arms, he tripped and was unable to catch himself — falling face first into some burning debris.

The three made it to the truck and drove out of the canyon. Goff and Loretta were later airlifted to a burns unit in Sherman Oaks, where Johnson says Loretta was undergoing skin grafts.

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Hagerman man decorates front yard with dinosaurs

By Tim Woodward
Idaho Statesman

HAGERMAN — Most people with a yard as big as Kenny Crist's would have trouble keeping it mowed. He turned his into a dinosaur park.

If Crist Dinosaur Park were a tourist attraction, it would be one of the more unusual ones around — dinosaur replicas, a one-hole golf course, a fishing pond filled with sturgeon.

But it isn't a tourist attraction, at least not yet.

"It's just outside Hagerman, and people who live in Hagerman don't know it's there," Mario Delisio said. "I asked the Hagerman Chamber of Commerce, and they didn't even know about it."

Delisio, a Boisean, discovered the park in his travels as a tour-group leader. Like many visitors, he was struck by its eclectic beauty.

A concrete brontosaurus, a miniature Easter Island statue and a T-rex and cow made of discarded farm-machinery parts beckon from a rocky hillside. They aren't huge — the T-rex is 9 feet tall — but they're so odd and unexpected that they stop traffic — what little there is of it.

Scientifically, the location makes sense.

"The Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument is right across the river," Crist said, "so I decided I'd build some dinosaurs."

The dinosaurs overlook a rolling lawn shaded by elm trees and dotted with park paraphernalia from picnic tables to an ancient teeter-totter. The Crists have reserved it for weddings, reunions and other functions, free of charge.

"Two elderly women stopped for a picnic one day and asked who I was," Crist said. "They were surprised when I said I was the owner."



AP photo

Kenny Crist of Hagerman has set up this private park just below the famous Hagerman Fossil Beds. His granddaughters Brienne Crist, 12, and Mackenzie Crist, 10, left, play on a cement brontosaurus.

They thought it was a public park."

A short walk from the picnic area, the spring-fed fishing pond is filled with trout, koi, blue gills, catfish, bass, crappie and other fish in addition to sturgeon.

"The biggest sturgeon is 6 feet 4 inches long and takes up to an hour to catch on 10-pound test line," Crist said. "I don't allow heavy line. I take reservations to fish here, but I've never charged anybody. I let people take fish home, but not the sturgeons. They're my pals."

The one-hole golf course is a recent addition.

"My son's a golfer, and I'm going to be."

Crist, 59, apologizes for the course not being in better shape and other projects not being finished. He and

his two sons run a construction company and a tree service, so he doesn't have the time he'd like to spend on the dinosaur park.

The park started 20 years ago, when the Crists needed more room for gatherings and cleared some pasture for a picnic area. Kenny's father-in-law, Gene Padgett, was born there. Now 77, he's lived his whole life there.

"I spent thousands of hours working this land," he said. "It used to be isolated. Now we have neighbors."

Crist and his wife, Ronda, have spent the last 36 years there. They hope to have all the projects, including eight more dinosaurs and a landscaped beach and pontoon-boat dock on the Snake River, finished in two years.

Idaho hunters continue to buy up wolf tags; more than 12,000 sold

BOISE (AP) — Hunters continue to buy permits to hunt wolves in Idaho.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game says more than 12,300 wolf tags were sold by the end of business Friday.

The state's wolf hunting season started Sept. 1, and hunters bagged three wolves on opening day. So

far no other kills have been reported.

But it remains to be seen how long the season will last.

A federal judge in Montana is still considering an injunction to stop the hunts in Idaho and Montana sought by environmentalists.

The federal government

removed wolves from the endangered species list in May and handed over management of the predators to both states.

Idaho set a quota of 220 wolves during its first public hunt.

Montana set a limit of 75 wolves.

Montana's wolf season opens Sept. 15.

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Mortgage giants struggle a year after takeover

By Alan Zibel
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A year after the near-collapse of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the mortgage giants remain dependent on the government for survival and there is no end in sight.

The companies, created

by the government to ensure the availability of home loans, have tapped about \$96 billion in government aid since they were seized a year ago this weekend. Without that money, the firms could have gone broke, leaving millions of people unable to get a mortgage.

Many questions remain

about Fannie and Freddie's future, but several things are clear: The companies are unlikely to return to their former power and influence, the bailout is sure to cost taxpayers even more money and the government will have a big role in the U.S. mortgage market for years to come.

Fannie Mae was created in 1938 in the aftermath of the Great Depression. It was privatized 30 years later to limit budget deficits during the Vietnam War. In 1970, the government formed its sibling and competitor Freddie Mac.

The companies boomed over the past decade, buying

mortgages from lenders, pooling them into bonds and selling them to investors. But critics called them unnecessary, arguing that Wall Street could support the mortgage market itself.

That argument has faded in the wreckage of the failed loans that led to the housing bust. Investors have fled any

mortgage investment that doesn't have the government standing behind it.

"No longer is anyone arguing that the private sector can handle this on its own," said Jaret Seiberg, an analyst at Washington Research Group.

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RUM STIMULUS

Controversial deal that gives billions in U.S. tax dollars to producer of Captain Morgan rum fails to gin up much furor

By Tom Hamburger and Peter Wallsten • Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum.

With little fanfare, a deal is moving forward to direct billions in U.S. tax dollars to an unlikely beneficiary — the giant British liquor producer that makes Captain Morgan rum.

Under the agreement, Diageo PLC in London will receive tax credits and other benefits worth \$2.7 billion over 30 years, including the entire \$165 million cost of building a state-of-the-art distillery on the island of St. Croix in the Virgin Islands, a U.S. territory.

Virgin Islands officials say the arrangement complies with the letter and spirit of tax law and will help the islands' sagging economy.

Captain Morgan is now produced in the U.S. commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and critics say the Virgin Islands' subsidy for the new distillery, along with the other benefits, are so generous that they practically guarantee a profit on every gallon of rum produced there by

Diageo, the biggest distilled spirits maker in the world.

"The U.S. taxpayer is basically being asked to line the pockets of the world's largest liquor producer," says Steve Ellis, vice president of Taxpayers for Common Sense, a nonpartisan watchdog organization.

With the exception of Ellis and a handful of lawmakers, however, the deal has attracted little opposition in Congress or elsewhere. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner has said he does not have authority to block or investigate the project. Criticism on Capitol Hill has been confined to a small group that includes Republican Congressmen Dan Burton of Indiana and Darrel Issa of California, plus a handful of Democrats with large Puerto Rican constituencies.

The key to the deal is a tax collected on every bottle of rum sold in the United States — some \$470 million a year. The tax was first imposed in 1917, and most of the money is funneled back to the governments of rum-producing U.S. islands in the Caribbean to help create jobs, pay for local government services, and promote consumption of rum.

Puerto Rico, which requires that 90 percent of its rum tax money be used for the public welfare on the island, says it has had as many as 300 workers making Captain Morgan and many if not all those jobs will disappear if Diageo moves its operations to the Virgin Islands.

"It's insulting that the money we give is essentially paying for a foreign corporation to move from one U.S. location to another, while cutting jobs," Ellis complains.

Virgin Islands officials, on the other hand, say the deal, while consuming a good portion of its rum tax dollars, will bring 40-70 jobs and some much needed financial stability to their suffering economy.

The Washington lawyer who helped Diageo negotiate the Virgin Islands agreement, John Merrigan of the DLA Piper firm, says government inducements are often provided to attract a new employer to a location needing economic development. He cited concessions granted by Tennessee and South Carolina to encourage foreign automakers to locate plants in their states.

And Diageo officials say that,

See **RUM**, Business 2

So you just squandered billions ... take another whack at it

You've probably never heard of Jay Levine, Chris Ricciardi, John Costas or Stanford Kurland, but they are charter members of Wall Street's Mulligan Club.

Back during the heyday of the credit bubble, they were the financiers who earned huge bonuses for creating, trading and investing other people's money in those complex securities that resulted in trillions of dollars in losses and brought global financial markets to their knees. And now they're out there again hustling for investors and hoping to make another score buying and trading the same securities.

PEARLSTEIN

Steven Pearlstein



Like golfers who treat themselves to a second drive after hooking the first one deep into the woods, these guys play on without apology or penalty. The maddening thing is that they're getting away with it and nobody seems to care.

Consider the case of Jay Levine, once the co-chief-executive of RBS Greenwich Capital, the American investment banking arm of the Royal Bank of Scotland. Under Levine's direction, RBS Greenwich went from the bottom of the "league tables" in terms of issuance of asset-backed securities to a perch near the top — right up there, one industry publication wrote at the time, with Bear Stearns and Lehman Brothers as one of the "best mortgage-backed houses" in the business.

At the height of the mortgage frenzy, Levine's group generated more than \$350 million in profit annually for RBS and Levine was reportedly RBS' highest paid employee, earning more than \$60 million during the three years before his departure at the end of 2007.

Now, two years later, RBS is a financial ward of the British government, which has had to put in more than \$30 billion to keep it from collapsing. RBS' biggest mistake was an ill-timed and overpriced purchase of a Dutch bank, but there were also tens of billions of dollars in U.S. credit losses, many of them attributable to RBS Greenwich.

Levine, meanwhile, left RBS at the end of 2007 to take the top job at Capmark Financial Group, a spinoff of GMAC that had become one of the country's biggest commercial real estate lenders. Since then, of course, things have only gone from bad to worse in the world of commercial real estate finance, forcing Capmark to post more than \$2 billion in operating losses before it stopped filing public reports this spring. Its biggest shareholder, the buyout firm KKR, has now written off its entire investment in the company. Levine volunteered to reduce his base salary from \$5 million to \$4 million.

But don't shed too many tears for Jay. Even while remaining at Capmark, he's reassembled some of the old team from RBS Greenwich at a new firm, CRT Capital Group, a small trading house in Stamford, Conn., that he bought in July with former RBS Greenwich co-chief-executive Ben Carpenter and Ron

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A makeover for the smutty image of diesel fuel

By Dan Neil
Los Angeles Times

Imagine trying to market a product that most Americans regard as old and obsolete, that is remembered — if at all — as low-class and low-tech, noisy and noisome.

Diesel, the oilier cousin of gasoline, dominates the European auto market, where fuel prices hover around \$7 per gallon. Diesel is about 25 percent to 40 percent more fuel-efficient than

gasoline, with commensurate per-mile reductions in carbon. The German luxury automakers — Mercedes-Benz, Audi, Porsche and BMW — are masters of turbo-diesel technology and have long asserted that it is, on balance, superior to hybrid technology.

Now a confluence of factors — the availability of ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel in the U.S., the emergence of California-legal exhaust-scrubbing technologies, higher fuel economy standards

and spiraling fuel costs — has set the stage for diesel's triumphant return to the U.S.

Only problem? No buyers. For many Americans, diesel is simply smut.

Audi and BMW are determined to change those perceptions with big, shiny ad campaigns to promote diesel. In August, BMW sponsored the season premiere of AMC's "Mad Men" and purchased a slew of cable and print ads to promote its branded diesel technology called "Efficient

Dynamics." BMW also sponsored a splashy homepage takeover of the New York Times Web site and MSN.com with ads featuring spokesman Brian Unger.

The TV and Web ad creative duties were handled by Dotglu of New York.

To provide a visual counterpoint to the notion of dirty diesel, the BMW ads are stark white and dazzlingly lighted like a surgical theater, with the professorial

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— Steve Ellis, vice president of Taxpayers for Common Sense

YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES

Service offers to answer veterans' questions

Steve Teague, state service officer with the Idaho Division of Veterans Services will be available to answer question about current veterans benefits, assist with ongoing claims and take new claims, from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday at the American Legion Hall, 610

W. Main St., Wendell. For more information contact Jim Benson (208) 536-6358.

Pair undergo training for new program

Deb Annest and Jan Mittleider recently completed training at Stanford University. It is the prelude to a new program that they are offering at the College of Southern Idaho for credit called Living Well in Idaho.

It is supported by a grant from Idaho Health and Welfare. The class begins Oct. 7.

Insurance agencies honored for growth

Auto-Owners Insurance is please to announce Obenchain Insurance, Inc. and Starley-Leavitt Insurance Agency Inc. of Twin Falls have been named in the top 10 growth agen-

cies for the company in the Westminister region (Colorado and Idaho) for 2008. The agencies were recognized at a luncheon meeting at the regional office in Westminister, Co., where they and other recipients were presented with a plaque commemorating their accomplishment. Obenchain and Starley-Leavitt Insurance have both represented Auto-Owners since 2007.

CAREER MOVES

Randy Andrus

John V. Evans, Sr., former governor of Idaho and president of D.L. Evans Bank, is pleased to announce the appointment of Randy Andrus to vice-president and commercial loan officer of the Jerome Branch located at 980 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

Randy graduated from Jerome High School and also the Western Agricultural Banking School in Pullman, Washington. Randy started his banking career in 1977 with Idaho First National Bank, which is now known as US Bank, working in branches in Jerome, Twin Falls and Wendell. He has been in banking for 32 years.



Andrus

Randy is committed to the communities he serves by being a current and past chairman of the Idaho Bankers Association Agricultural Committee. He is a current member of the Magic Valley Stampede Rodeo Committee and Youth Sports Program Manager for the Wendell Recreation District. Randy is also a former assistant football and girl's basketball coach for Wendell High School.

Michael D. Harris

Army National Guard Pvt. Michael D. Harris has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and Army history, core values and tradition. Additional training included development of basic combat skills, battlefield operations, tactics and experiencing the use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

His is the son of Jayne and Bill Harris of Twin Falls.

Jeremy Bastow

McKibben + Cooper Architects (Boise) congratulates Jeremy Bastow, Assoc. AIA, LEED AP, for capturing first prize in the Eco-House Natural Talent Design Competition, sponsored by Emerging Green Builders Idaho and Boise Valley Habitat for Humanity. The competition was to design an attractive and environmentally responsible Habitat home for the Treasure Valley.

Students and young professionals within five years of graduation were eligible. Along with a cash prize, Bastow received sponsorship to attend Greenbuild, the United States Green Building Council annual conference in Phoenix, Ariz., to compete at the national level with other winning entries. Jeremy is a 1997 graduate of Twin Falls High School and holds bachelor's and master's degrees in architecture from the University of Idaho. He resides in Boise with his wife Melissa and their four children.



Bastow

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South Central Community Action Partnership (SCCAP) would like to thank Magic Valley Bank (MVB) for their generous contribution of \$1,000 to support ongoing assistance with SCCAP's 3rd Annual 'Community Partnerships In Action' event that will take place Sept. 19 at the Twin Falls City Park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in coordination with MVB Powered by Community www.poweredbycommunity.com which is their own home-grown stimulus plan, engaging local leadership to create community based economic prosperity. It was developed as a collaborative effort between the financial community, civic and social development, and business. Intermountain Community Bancorp and Magic Valley Bank are sponsoring this project by providing seed funding, a communications hub, administrative support, and the full commitment of its leadership and staff. "Engaging local leadership to create community-based economic prosperity."

Pictured: Sonya Black-Haines, loan officer; Sarah Nielson, loan officer; Bobbie Smith, compliance administrative assistant; Ken Robinette, executive director of SCCAP.



Courtesy photo

Members of Chapter D, Twin Falls, of the P.E.O. sisterhood recently presented a scholarship grant to Danyel Williams of Kimberly. Those pictured are from left; Jane Miller, projects committee member; Williams, Alice Anderson, projects committee chairman and Helen Iverson-Metzger, Chapter D president. Williams is continuing her education in early childhood education.

We welcome announcements about new businesses as well as employee changes or advancements. To submit contributions to YourBusiness, send announcements and photographs to Times-News Business Editor Joshua Palmer at jpalm@magicvalley.com. The deadline to submit an announcement for the following Sunday is Wednesday at noon. Announcements must be 150 words or less. The Times-News reserves the right to edit content.

Diesel

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Unger — also rather stark white, if you ask me — standing under a ceiling of compact-fluorescent light bulbs. The message comes through loud and clear: Diesel is cleaner and more efficient.

"This is the big push," Patrick McKenna, manager of marketing communications for BMW, told AdWeek. "For us, it's about changing the perception that diesel is still that noisy and smelly (technology) many people remember from the '70s."

BMW offers two diesels in the market: the 335d and the X5 xDrive 35d.

In June, Audi staged homepage takeovers of huffingtonpost.com, Slate.com, Politico.com and other newsy progressive sites. Its diesel cam-

paign (Venables Bell & Partners, San Francisco) memorably features rusty oil drums rolling down streets, seemingly being repatriated onto tankers. The ad imagery was based on a factoid derived from an estimate by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: According to Audi, if one-third of U.S. drivers drove clean diesels it would mean the U.S. could "send back" 1.5 million barrels of imported oil per day.

And yet there was little mistaking a satisfying undertow of nationalism in the ads, if not xenophobia, as they seem to push back against the malign effects of "foreign" oil.

Audi disavowed any nationalistic subtext.

"We looked at it as a political campaign," says

Scott Keogh, chief marketing officer for Audi USA. "We wanted to make diesel a much bigger idea that people could rally around."

The initial stage of Audi's diesel campaign scored big. The company got more than 300,000 Facebook visitors in the first month and traffic to the brand's U.S. Web site jumped 267 percent, with a total of 120 million media impressions, according to Keogh.

It's interesting that the Audi Web site mentions its diesel competitors and the tenor of the campaign is generally more about supporting diesel per se.

"We're OK with that," Keogh says. "Anything that says that diesel is the right thing to do we're in favor of. Later, in late fall 09, when the A3 TDI (a premi-

um hatchback) comes out, then we'll get into 'Why Audi?'"

All this leaves the other two high-end German carmakers on the sidelines, comfortably. Mercedes-Benz was the first company to offer a 50-state clean diesel two years ago (E320 BlueTec) and now sells three diesel models. The company has done some diesel-specific marketing but, according to Mercedes-Benz spokeswoman Donna Boland, "The most effective way to convince someone that diesel is right for him or her is to get them behind the wheel."

Meantime, says Boland, "The (diesel) advertising has a cumulative effect in creating positive interest in diesel and therefore more floor traffic."

Struggle

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The government stepped in to take control of the two companies on the weekend of Sept. 6, after they were unable to raise money to cover soaring losses and their stock prices plunged.

A year later, the government controls nearly 80 percent of each company, and their problems are growing as defaults and foreclosures continue to skyrocket.

The percentage of homeowners who have missed at least three months of payments is normally under 1 percent for both companies. Now it's nearly 4 percent for Fannie and 3 percent for Freddie.

Fannie had nearly \$171 billion in troubled loans as of June and had set aside \$55 billion to cover those losses, while Freddie had nearly \$78 billion in troubled loans and reserves of only \$25 billion.

"It's much worse than anybody thought," said Paul Miller, an analyst with FBR Capital Markets.

It could be another year before the final taxpayer tab for Fannie and Freddie is known, and that outcome will depend on when delinquencies and foreclosures finally crest.

Barclays Capital predicts the companies will need anywhere from \$160 billion to \$200 billion out of a potential \$400 billion lifeline, which the Obama administration expanded from the original \$200 billion set last fall. Most analysts don't expect the money to be returned anytime soon, if at all.

"What will ultimately end up happening," said Barclays analyst Ajay Rajadhyaksha, "is that the U.S. taxpayer swallows the bill."

Despite federal control, Fannie and Freddie have recently surged on Wall Street. The companies said Friday that they now comply with New York Stock Exchange requirement for an average closing price of \$1 a share or more. But most analysts still say the compa-

nies' stocks will be worthless in the long term.

The Obama administration doesn't expect to announce its plans for the two companies until early next year, but powerful interest groups aren't waiting until then. The Mortgage Bankers Association on Wednesday offered a detailed plan to replace Fannie and Freddie with several federally-regulated private companies.

That proposal still retained a big government role, giving those companies the ability to issue mortgage bonds formally guaranteed by the federal government.

In the meantime, both Fannie and Freddie have been drafted to implement the Obama administration's effort to attack the foreclosure crisis. Freddie Mac now has about 600 workers either modifying loans or monitoring compliance with the program's rules. Fannie Mae said it has added hundreds of employees to work on foreclosure preven-

tion efforts.

The early results have been disappointing. For example, while Fannie or Freddie refinanced 2.9 million loans from January through July, only about 60,000 were taking advantage of an Obama administration plan to help "underwater" borrowers who owe more than their homes are worth.

At the same time, nearly 70 percent of U.S. mortgages made in the first half of this year went through Fannie or Freddie, up from 62 percent last year, according to Inside Mortgage Finance, a trade publication. That's a big change from three years ago, when the risky lending market was still alive and Fannie and Freddie's share was down to 33 percent.

"We've been the mortgage market," said John Koskinen, Freddie Mac's chairman. "Without that financing availability, people would not have been able to get a mortgage."

Rum

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April by Puerto Rico's representative in the U.S. Congress, Rep. Pedro Pierluisi. But his proposal, which would cap subsidies to the industry at a maximum of 10 percent of total rum tax revenues, has picked up only a handful of co-sponsors.

Roberto Serralles, whose family owns the Puerto Rico distillery that currently produces Captain Morgan under contract to Diageo, said other brands will find it hard to compete with Captain Morgan on price: "We're going to be competing with producers in the Virgin Islands that will have no cost," he said.

In the end, said Javier Vazquez, executive director of the Puerto Rico Industrial Development Company, the two Caribbean territories could get into a trade war over who can give rum makers the biggest rewards. Bacardi, another huge producer, still has a large operation in Puerto Rico.

"This is going to be a race to the bottom," he said.

Legislation to limit the agreement was offered in

the Virgin Islands government will finance the new \$165 million distillery by issuing bonds that will be paid off with future rum tax dollars. In addition, the 30-year agreement provides almost \$2 billion in marketing subsidies and a break on property and income taxes, though the company will accept reduced subsidy payments until the construction debt is repaid, Merrigan said.

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Pearlstein

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Kripalani, who once headed the capital markets group at none other than Countrywide Financial. In a statement announcing the purchase, the new managers suggested that with so much of Wall Street operating under government-imposed pay caps, it was a perfect time to lure away the industry's "best producers."

Then there is Chris Ricciardi. In the world of finance, nothing has proved more toxic than collateralized debt obligations, or CDOs, and no one did more to expand their reach than Ricciardi. He pioneered them at Credit Suisse First Boston, then was lured away to Merrill Lynch, where he expanded the CDO business from less than \$4 billion in new issues underwritten in 2003 to \$28 billion in just the first half of 2007. That's when the music stopped and the venerable brokerage house found itself with \$41 billion in CDOs and nobody to buy them.

By then, however, Ricciardi had already left Merrill and an \$8 million-a-year pay package for what looked to be even better opportunities at Cohen & Co., a big Merrill client. Under Ricciardi as chief executive, it became a big CDO issuer in its own right, pumping out \$25 billion of the stuff before the market collapsed.

Cohen & Co. is still limping along, but the publicly traded real estate investment trust that it manages — and with which it merged — now trades as a penny stock after its holdings lost more than \$5 billion in value. Last month, its auditors cited material weaknesses in the company's internal controls.

There was a time when Swiss banks were known as much for their conservative investment strategy as for their secrecy and discretion. But that was before John Costas showed UBS how to turn its small American investment bank into one of the five biggest on Wall Street and the source of nearly half of its profits.

Then, UBS asked Costas to open a hedge fund with \$3 billion of the bank's capital, \$1.1 billion raised from the outside and lots of borrowed funds. And, indeed, over the next two years, the hedge fund, Dillon Read Capital Management, bragged of gains of \$2.5 billion, even after paying generous bonuses to Costas and his team. But when the market turned in the spring of 2007, UBS found itself hip-deep in soured U.S. real estate investments. UBS rushed to close Dillon Read and took its assets onto its own books. But when the dust finally settled, UBS was forced to recognize \$37 billion in credit losses and write-downs, including \$3 billion directly attributed to Dillon Read.

Costas, however, seems to have landed on his feet at 623 Fifth Ave., where he and a few partners used their bubble earnings to open the PrinceRidge Group, which provides trading and investment banking services to institutional investors. Company officials say their aim is to fill the vacuum left by the disappearances of Lehman, Bear Stearns and Merrill.

And then there is Stanford Kurland, who helped turn Countrywide Financial into the biggest mortgage lender in the United States, rising to chief operating officer and heir apparent to founder Angelo Mozilo. Kurland helped to create the growth-oriented culture at Countrywide and oversaw the introduction of new loan products that would later land the company in trouble. In late 2006, Kurland was forced out, reportedly in a dispute with Mozilo over succession and declining lending standards.

Not long after a failed Countrywide was forced into the arms of Bank of America, however, Kurland was back in action. Starting with some of the \$140 million he had earned from Countrywide stock sales, he earlier this year put together a \$600 million war chest and began buying up mortgages and securities backed by mortgages that were just like the ones he used to write back at Countrywide. And at the end of July, Kurland raised an additional \$300 million from an initial public offering for his PennyMac Mortgage Investment Trust.

I contacted Kurland, Costas, Ricciardi and Levine, along with a number of other, less prominent members of the Mulligan Club, to talk about their attempts to cash in on the crisis they helped to cause. Some declined to talk, while others spoke only on the condition that they wouldn't be quoted. The message that came through in those conversations, and in comments made to other news outlets, was remarkably consistent:

(begin ital) The bad stuff happened after I left. ... The losses that occurred on my watch were more than offset by our profits during the boom. ... I saw it coming and sold off most of it before the crash. ... Our securities performed better than most. (end ital)

There is probably some truth to these excuses, but taken as a whole, they are really nothing more than a cop-out. It's hard to believe that large organizations could really go from being smart and honest one day to being stupid and deceitful a year later. Nor is it credible that the money they earned during the good years was the result of individual brilliance while the money lost in the bad years was the result of uncontrollable market forces. It is also a peculiar moral code that says it is okay to traffic in crappy securities, just as long as you don't get stuck with them in your own portfolio when the market finally craters.

What's most curious, however, is why anyone would want to invest new money with people whose record is so tarnished. And then the answer hits you right between the eyes: The money isn't coming from outsiders; it's coming from other members of the Mulligan Club — members who are lucky enough to still have money to manage and clever enough to know that some day they, too, might be looking for a second swing at the ball.

Steven Pearlstein is a columnist for *The Washington Post*.

Electricity bills may fall as consumer demand sputters

By Mark Williams
Associated Press writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Consumers and businesses may finally be seeing some relief from rising utility bills, thanks to the biggest decline in U.S. electricity demand in decades.

Prices on wholesale markets are expected to decline for the rest of 2009, according to the Energy Information Agency. While rates will probably begin edging up again in 2010, it will likely be less than half the 6.2 percent jump recorded last year.

For decades as Americans bought more electronics, more appliances, air conditioners and other gizmos, energy demand has only moved in one direction and prices have followed suit.

The decline in power usage over the past year is a rarity and also an indication of how badly the recession has jolted the economy and changed the way Americans spend.

The shift began last year, when power consumption fell 1.6 percent. Government forecasters see consumption falling another 2.7 percent this year. That would mark the first time since 1949 that the nation has seen energy demand fall in consecutive years.

Given the broad apprehension over the economy, any money consumers can keep in their pockets may help.

"You might see a decrease in your bill or, at the very least, less of an increase. And these days that's not bad," said Charlie Acquard, executive director of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates.

You can trace the shift from major industrial power users all the way back to individual consumers to see what has happened.

The number of unemployed Americans is nearing 15 million and prospects for the job market remain gloomy. Retailers just reported their 12th straight month of declining sales and many people are buying only what they must.

Power consumption by the industrial and manufacturing companies that make everything from cars to cotton swabs has fallen faster than anywhere else — 10 percent this year by government estimates. Industrial consumption fell about 20 percent in parts of the Midwest, Carolinas and the South during the second quarter, utilities say.

This pullback by some of the biggest energy users in the U.S. may provide a silver lining for millions of people and businesses in the form of declining or flattening utility bills.

The recession has sup-



AP photo

A carbon dioxide capture system is seen under construction April 30 at American Electric Power's Mountaineer Plant in New Haven, W.Va. Consumers and businesses may finally be seeing some relief from rising utility bills, thanks to the biggest decline in U.S. electricity demand in decades.

pressed demand for coal, natural gas and oil. This has sent a ripple through wholesale electric markets, where fossil fuels are turned into energy.

In the PJM wholesale market that coordinates prices in all or parts of 13 states in the eastern half of the country, prices are down about 40 percent from a year ago.

The weather is helping as well.

After a very mild summer in which it made more sense to open the windows of your home rather than crank up the air conditioning, most meteorologists see a relatively warm winter on the way.

How much of a break you get in your bill, if any, and for how long comes down to where you live.

If you reside in the Northeast, West or in a central state like Texas where rates are based on spot prices, you stand a good chance of getting some relief.

Customers in more regulated markets or in spots where utilities calculate bills based on long-term contracts will not benefit

so much. In those markets, rates tend to be more stable.

In Texas, about 250,000 of the 2.2 million customers of TXU Energy saw monthly rates fall 15 percent in August. In the Washington, D.C. area, prices for Pepco's 750,000 customers are up this summer.

The difference is that TXU buys power based off spot natural gas prices, down about 80 percent in the past year; Pepco buys power on wholesale markets with a three-year time horizon that is designed to eliminate roller-coaster like swings in prices.

"Nobody wants that when you're budgeting energy for home or business," Pepco spokesman Clay Anderson said.

He expects prices to begin dropping gradually.

If you are getting a break from your power provider already, enjoy it while you

can. There are many factors that affect your bill and most of them tend to drive it higher.

A rebounding economy will certainly give energy prices a boost.

What's more, the U.S. power infrastructure is aging and new plants and transmission lines must be built or replaced. That is going to cost businesses and consumers in the years ahead.

The big wild card is the legislation pending in Congress that may require utilities to cut emissions of carbon dioxide to address global warming.

Utilities, especially those that rely on coal, will spend tens of billions of dollars to come up with ways to remove carbon dioxide from emissions.

They are going to want to recoup some of those costs. Customers will feel it in their wallets when they do.

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Seattle-based co-op mentioned as potential model for health reform

Company serves nearly 600,000 people in Idaho and Washington

By Rachel La Corte
Associated Press writer

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Group Health Cooperative was created in Washington state more than six decades ago, started up by members of local granges, unions and cooperatives who were inspired by a physician who had established America's first cooperative hospital in Elk City, Oklahoma.

Now, the Seattle-based co-op that serves nearly 600,000 people in Washington state and Idaho is being mentioned as a potential model in the national health care reform debate. Group Health officials, while not taking an official stand in the debate, welcome the national discussion centered on their model of care.

"It's patient-focused. What the founders of Group Health wanted was prepaid care that was affordable and patient-centered," said Pam MacEwan, who is responsible for communications and public policy for the cooperative.

The cooperative is a consumer-governed, nonprofit health care system that coordinates care and coverage, which means not only is it the insurance company, but also the health care provider.

Group Health runs its own medical centers, and employs its own doctors, but contracts out hospital care and some specialized care. HealthPartners of Bloomington, Minn., is the other major nonprofit health cooperative in the nation.

So unlike a private physician, who may be covered by private insurers like Aetna or United Health, doctors at Group Health are only seeing patients who are covered under the Group Health plan.

Group Health says that the focus on preventative care, combined with the fact that doctors are salaried — instead of paid based on the number of tests they order or office visits they have — helps make them more cost efficient.

"There's no incentive to encourage doctors to do tests," said Dr. Barbara Detering, a family medicine

doctor at Group Health's Capitol Hill campus in Seattle. Instead, the focus is on keeping patients "as healthy as possible so we're avoiding high cost situations."

The company hasn't escaped financial challenges. It closed a hospital in Redmond last year, and to deal with rising health costs, Group Health raised its premium rates by 13 percent this year, after a 9.7 percent rate increase last year. Private insurers in the state also spiked their rates — Regence raised its rates nearly 17 percent this year, and Premera's increased by about 6 percent.

"We're subject to the market just like everyone else is," MacEwan said.

The Senate Finance Committee has been negotiating for months to come up with a health care bill that could garner bipartisan support, and the idea of nonprofit co-ops, being pushed by moderate Democratic Sen. Kent Conrad of North Dakota, is one that has been mentioned.

Under Conrad's proposal, co-ops could be formed statewide or in geographic regions. They would be the insurer that would contract directly with health care providers, and like Group Health, would be self-governed by an elected board. Startup money could come from the federal government through grants or loans.

While some Democrats, like Conrad, see the co-op as the compromise on a government-run plan that can get support from moderate Republicans, unions and others have said the government option is the only way to bring real competition to the private insurance industry.

And some aren't convinced the co-op model will offer enough competition to bring down health costs.

"If we want to have co-ops in addition to the public plan and in addition to private insurance, that's great, let's see if it works," said Timothy Stoltzfus Jost, a law professor at Washington and Lee University who has written on health care policy, including health insurance co-ops. But if co-ops are the only alternative to private insurance, "then essentially what we have will be private insurance."

"They just won't prove to be an acceptable alternative," he said.

MacEwan said she thinks the reason that health co-ops haven't sprouted up

across the country is because the market doesn't generally support the co-op model.

"If we do more for our patients, we don't get compensated more. In fact we get less money," she said. "There's a reason we've been able to dig in our roots and be able to thrive. But we've been going against the grain and what the market rewards."

MacEwan said that while she does believe that the co-op system can be duplicated, "I don't know that it's the total answer for health care nationwide."

Jost said that one challenge in the market is that many doctors are already locked into agreements with the major insurance companies, and are well compensated under the private insurance fee-for-service system, which may make them less likely to jump at the idea of a getting a flat fee salary in a co-op situation.

"Fee-for-service, if you're a provider, is great," he said. "Who wouldn't want an arrangement where the more you do, the more you get paid?"

Group Health is among the three largest insurance companies in Washington state and holds about 20 percent of the market. According to the state insurance commissioner's office, there have been just 69 complaint claims filed against Group Health in the past three years, a fraction of the combined more than 700 filed against private insurers Premera and Regence during that same timeframe. In its September edition, Consumer Reports ranked Group Health the No.1 HMO health plan, based on reader responses.

State Insurance Commis-

sioner Mike Kreidler, who was a Group Health optometrist for 20 years, said that much of the group's consumer satisfaction comes from the fact that Group Health patients are the ones serving on the company's board.

"It has an influence on the nature of how they conduct business, their sensitivity to consumer complaints," he said. "They're driven a great deal by the fact that these are people who have a vote in their organization."

Ann Daley, a Group Health member since 1978 who has been on the company's board of trustees for the past nine years, said the board's goal is to keep costs low without affecting quality.

"We're very conscious of the quality of care delivered because we're all Group Health members," said Daley, who will be getting knee replacement surgery in November.



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Lisa Eastman, a medical assistant, removes stitches from the cheek of Winona Smith at a Group Health facility in Olympia, Wash., on Aug. 24.

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Copper thieves strike E. Idaho polysilicon plant

POCATELLO (AP) — Copper thieves have struck an unfinished polysilicon plant in eastern Idaho, officials with Hoku Scientific Inc. said.

Plant Manager Ed Church said somebody cut a whole in a barbed wire fence big enough to drive a truck through to get to the plant and remove copper grounding wires that service cooling towers.

Church said the thieves on Thursday removed just the portions of the wires that extend above the ground but that repairs will require digging up the rest of the wires that are buried in the ground.

"We're still trying to build a plant here, and I don't need people coming in and stealing things," Church told the Idaho State Journal. "If we find out who did it, we will go to the full extent of the law. We are going to build this plant, and what may seem little to some cost us a lot of money to rework putting the wire back in the ground."

Hawaii-based Hoku wants to manufacture and sell polysilicon for the solar market at its Pocatello plant.

Church said the company has not yet fully deter-

mined the damage or estimated how much repairs will cost. The general contractor for the plant, JH Kelly, LLC., plans to examine the damage on Tuesday.

Church said he has notified Hoku's insurance company.

"It's not something I'd think we'd have in a small town like this," Church said.

The company has asked local salvage businesses to be on the lookout for individuals selling copper wire. When completed, the \$390 million factory will employ 200 workers.

Construction at the plant nearly came to a standstill earlier this year because the company still needs to come up with more than \$100 million of the \$390 million cost of the plant.

Contractors have filed about \$16 million in liens against Hoku Scientific. JH Kelly LLC filed the largest lien in July of just under \$13 million.

However, officials with both Hoku and the contractors say the moves are a normal part of doing business when there are financial problems, but still want to see the plant completed.

Obama's school message to focus on responsibility

By Libby Quaid
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Classrooms are filling up as kids head back to school, and Education Secretary Arne Duncan's two children are among them.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Duncan said students should take more responsibility for doing well in school, and he called on their parents to step up, too.

Duncan said that is the message of President Barack Obama's address to students on Tuesday. He also thanked teachers for being "unsung heroes."

Highlights from the interview:

Q: What was your favorite thing about going back to school as a kid?

A: I love this time of year. I remember there was almost a smell of new school — new pencils, new erasers, new magic markers. There's something magical about it.

Q: What's different for kids today than when you were a kid? They face bigger challenges than when you were a kid.

A: I actually think there's more at stake than ever before. It's almost a life-or-death issue today.

For students that don't have a great education, students that don't really apply themselves — those that do have a whole series of doors continue to open for them as they get older. And those who don't see doors start to close on them very, very quickly.

There's also a lot more temptation than ever before. I'm not that old, but I didn't have MTV. We didn't have video games. There's a whole bunch of things today that can get in the way of students really applying themselves academically.

The flip side is, there's a whole set of opportunities, the Internet, chances to learn in ways that just didn't exist before.

Q: What's different about

the back-to-school time now that you're a parent?

A: It's super exciting. I have an incoming second-grader and a kindergartner. I can't believe they're that old. As a parent, you just want time to stop.

It's the first time our kids are going to be at the same school together. They're really looking forward to that. My daughter's being a great elder sibling, figuring out how she can take care of my son on the first day and walk him into class. She's a good big sister.

Q: The president is making an address to the nation's school kids on Tuesday. You've encouraged schools to watch the speech. What ideas, broadly speaking, do you expect him to talk about?

A: What's so fun about working for the president is this is so personal for him. He did not grow up with a silver spoon in his mouth. His father wasn't around much. There were times when his family was on welfare.

And here he is, the president of our country, the leader of the free world, because he received a great education and worked so hard.

He's challenging all of us, but he is absolutely going to challenge students and parents to take their education seriously, to really have personal responsibility.

He really is asking students think about how critically important it is that they do well, that they take advantage of those opportunities and they apply themselves and they work hard.

Q: The one idea kids might not want to hear about is more time in school.

A: This is not my most popular line when I've talked to young folks. But I think the idea of schools being open five days a week, six hours a day, nine months of the year just doesn't work



Duncan

for families in our country anymore.

Families are working one and two and three jobs now to make ends meet. Schools are safe havens. We want to make sure those are open longer hours, after school, weekends, throughout the summer.

I also want to make sure that our students can compete in an international economy. They're competing for jobs against children in India and China. And the fact is that many of those young people in other countries are going to school 25, 30 percent longer than our students here.

I think our students are smarter than anyone. I just want to give them a chance to be successful.

Q: What's different for schools this year, especially with the recession? How are schools, kids, teachers most commonly seeing the impacts of the money from the stimulus?

A: The biggest thing you'll see is hundreds of thousands of teachers in buildings who wouldn't have been there without the stimulus package. We averted an education catastrophe. We were on the verge of just a total disaster, seeing class size go from 25 to 40.

So a second-grader or a third-grader won't know, necessarily, that their teacher may not have been there, had it not been for this package.

That just is so important. We have to get dramatically better. We couldn't afford to take a step backward.

Q: What's your message to teachers as the school year begins?

A: I just want to say thank you. Teachers are the unsung heroes in our society.

In so many other professions, you're measured by what you get, what you accumulate. Wealth and power and prestige and fancy titles.

Education, teaching, is

totally different. It's all about what you give, not what you get. Helping students learn. Giving students a sense of self-esteem. Giving them a vision of what they can accomplish.

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Q: What about for parents?


A: Parents are always going to be our students' first teachers. The most important thing I can do is to read to my children every night, to not have them watching TV and to really be a partner with that teacher.

Parents have to step up. I know it's tough. People are working several jobs now.


They've never been under more financial stress.

But there is nothing more important any of us can do than to help our students be successful academically, to really let our children know how important school is, how much we value education, and how much teachers and principals are our partners in helping our students fulfill their potential.

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Actress Jessica Biel is portrayed as Pocahontas in an image titled 'Where Dreams Run Free,' created by photographer Annie Leibovitz. The famous photographer is in danger of losing the copyright to her vast body of work if she doesn't pay back a \$24 million loan by Tuesday.

Debts closing in on photographer Leibovitz

NEW YORK (AP) — Annie Leibovitz's artsy, provocative portraits of celebrities regularly grace the covers of Vanity Fair and Vogue, images that have made her as famous as her subjects and earned her millions.



Leibovitz

Now Leibovitz risks losing the copyright to the images — and her entire life's work — if she doesn't pay back a \$24 million loan by Tuesday. Art Capital Group, a New York company that issues short-term loans against fine and decorative arts and real estate, sued her in late July for breach of contract.

"We have clear contractual rights and will protect them in any scenario," said ACG spokesman Montieth Illingworth on Friday. "Our preference is for this to be resolved."

Some experts say filing for bankruptcy reorganization could be the best option for Leibovitz, 59, who has put up as collateral her three historic Greenwich Village townhouses, an upstate property and work.

She bought two of the townhouses in 2002, embarking on extensive renovations to combine them into one property. That spurred protests from historic preservationists and a \$15 million lawsuit by a neighbor.

"Based on the magnitude of her obligations and the facts as they are publicly known, that would be the best option," said art lawyer Peter Stern.

Leibovitz's images of musicians, presidents and Hollywood glitterati are cultural touchstones.

One of her earliest photos is of John Lennon curled up naked in a fetal position with Yoko Ono, taken just hours before he was assassinated in 1980.

So to many, her decision to gamble the rights to her work seems inexplicable. "Jaw-dropping," Stern said.

Her spokesman, Matthew Hiltzik, has accused ACG of harassment.

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Helen Bernice Hollifield

HANSEN — Helen Bernice Hollifield passed away at her home on Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009, just as the sun was warming the fields surrounding the farm house, where she had lived for over 50 years.

Helen was born in Rockland, Idaho, on Dec. 11, 1920, to Oakley and Sarah Hartwell Barnard. The family moved several times during the early years of Helen's life. She rode her horse "Donuts" to and from school and to pick huckleberries. Eventually the family settled in Hansen, Idaho, where Helen finished high school as valedictorian of the Class of 1939. An advocate for higher education, Helen earned a "life certificate" from the teacher's college in Albion, Idaho, and taught school in Heyburn. Helen was teaching in Burley when she became engaged to Clarence Hollifield, a classmate from Hansen High School. Clarence and Helen were married on June 13, 1943, and together the pair took on the challenge of farming in Southern Idaho for the next 65 years, until C.W.'s death in July of 2008.

Helen carried her load of the work on the farm. She served homemade meals noon and night with fruits and vegetables from her garden and fresh bread kneaded with her own hands. If need be, Helen carried meals into the fields to make sure the men were well-fed and she often invited others on the farm to join the family for "supper." Helen milked cows, raised lambs and fed the animals in need of extra attention during the early years. As the farm prospered, Helen was responsible for "keeping the books."

As farming responsibilities passed to the next generation, Helen and Clarence traveled, stayed involved in the community and enjoyed the company of family and one another. Helen remained always the matriarch of the family.

Helen's greatest interest (aside from antiques, jewelry, fine clothing and ripe tomatoes) was her three children, Bill, Terry and



Nancy. She encouraged them to be involved in school and community activities and led the way through substitute teaching and helping to start a hot lunch program in Hansen's schools. Helen viewed education as a way to achieve independence and was proud of her children's and grandchildren's academic accomplishments.

Helen is survived by her son, William (Karla) Hollifield of Twin Falls; son, Terry (Carol) Hollifield of Hansen; daughter, Nancy (Kent) Taylor of Twin Falls; seven grandchildren, Analise (Fadi) Taylor of Beruit, Lebanon, Anne (Steven) Pitts of Twin Falls, Paige (Brice) Dietzel of Boise, Larry (Christi) Hollifield of Kimberly, Meredith Taylor of Boise, Margi (Clint) Gunter of Sagle, and Matthew Taylor of Albany, N.Y.; and three step-grandchildren, Jason Kitley, Stefani Kitley and Megan (Paul) Rasmussen. She is survived by seven great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Her sister, Hazel Mae McIntyre, survives her.

The family would like to thank her care providers, Dr. Victorija Laucius, Jovita, Esmeralda and Lorena for their years of faithful caring, and Travis and Rick of St. Luke's Hospice.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Twin Falls Public Library Foundation to purchase books for the pre-school and elementary school reading sections.

A visitation will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, with interment immediately following at Sunset Memorial Park.

Lloyd G. Hann

Lloyd G. Hann, 87, of Twin Falls, went to be with his loving wife, Priscilla, who passed away in 2005 and his son, Lloyd G. Hann Jr., on Friday, Sept. 4, 2009, at a Twin Falls care center.



A memorial gathering for friends and family will be held from 2 until 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, at his daughter, Colleen Latham's home at 383 Ridgeway Drive in Twin Falls.

Etta M. Reynolds

BURLEY — Etta Mae James Reynolds, beloved wife, mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully in her home on Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009, at the age of 86.

Etta was born on Feb. 25, 1923, to Holister and Laural James in Buhl, Idaho. She was the second youngest child of four brothers and one sister. She attended school and lived in Buhl, until she met her lifelong mate and love of her life, Thomas G. Reynolds. They were married on Oct. 16, 1945, and were blessed to be together for 64 years. They had six children, Doug (Darleen) Reynolds of Hazelton, George Reynolds of Wendover, Nev., Jerry Reynolds (deceased), Paullette (William) DeNaughel of Rupert, Sandra Murphy (deceased), and Deborah (James) Hondo of Burley; 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Etta was a wonderful homemaker and care giver to her family. She was always there to worry and care for everyone. She retired from the Minidoka Memorial Hospital after 14 years of service.

Following retirement, Mom and Dad enjoyed traveling. They were active members of the Good Sams Club, where they met and enjoyed many years of trav-



eling with lifelong friends.

Mom was preceded in death by her parents; two children, Jerry and Sandy; one grandson, Mark Reynolds; one great-grandson, Jady Smith; and all of her brothers and sister.

The recitation of the holy rosary will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7, followed by a vigil service at 7 p.m., both at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St. in Rupert. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, also at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, with the Rev. Father Justin Brady as celebrant. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. A visitation for family and friends will be held one hour prior to the rosary on Monday evening and one hour prior to the funeral Mass on Tuesday morning.

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

Helen Poulsen Anderson

ALBION — Helen Poulsen Anderson was born Nov. 28, 1915, in Liberty, Idaho. She passed away on Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009, in Rupert.

Helen was the fourth child of George Lorenzo and Suzie Amelia Smith Poulsen. There were four other children born to this marriage, Reed, Daisy who died at birth, Norma and Susie. Her mother died on April 9, 1918, when Susie was born. In the summer of 1918, her father was married again to Selma Christina Sorenson Jensen. She had one boy at that time, Leonard. Another son was born in April 1919, Cyril Jay who died a few weeks later of the flu. This union also produced five more children, Theone, Ezma, EuVada, Udell and VellaDee. Her father had a farm in Liberty, and worked it with his brother, Alma. The family later moved to the Jackson area and then to Rupert. The family lived in the American Falls area for a while, while her father worked on the dam. Helen attended schools in Rupert and graduated from high school there. Her real education was growing up and enduring the hard times of that era.

Helen met Richard Storey Anderson on the 4th of July at the Rupert Rodeo. They were married on Oct. 8, 1935, in Kemmerer, Wyo. They moved to Albion into one of the first framed houses in Cassia County and started ranching on 160 acres that belonged to Dick's mother. Helen has spent her entire life on this ranch. On Oct. 21, 1937, a son was born, which they named Oliver George. She didn't like either one of those names and forever after called him Dickie. Darla was born on Feb. 19, 1939. Dr. Sater delivered her and was paid a quarter of beef for his services. They had a cattle ranch and also raised and trained thoroughbred race horses. She always said her greatest achievement was serving as Dick's hired hand for 55 years. She claimed that if he had only known what a great hand she really was, he would have looked her up when she was 12 years old.

Helen was very active in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints most of her life, serving as Primary president, was a teacher in the nursery for six years, Young Women's president for five years and Relief Society president. She was president of the 4-Leaf Clover Club and has held many positions in the Albion Grange. She was also the Noble Grand in the Rebekah Lodge, served as the district deputy president and received many other honors



for her civic duties in her community. She was Grandma Queen for the Rupert Fair, and with Dick, the Grand Marshals of the Cassia County Fair. They were also inducted into the Southern Idaho Livestock Hall of Fame. She was a great story teller and loved to perform in plays and do readings. She supported everything her children were involved in, both in school and in family life.

Helen said she could never remember when she didn't have to work hard and growing up was very tough. She remembers that the whole family must have been a tough bunch because they all survived and none were really sick or had much wrong with them. She was always grateful to her parents for making her work hard, to accept responsibility, to be honest, to pay her debts, to contribute to society, and to always be concerned and compassionate to others.

She is survived by her son, Dick (Janice) Anderson, and daughter, Darla (ODEen) Redman, both of Albion; eight grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; a brother, Udell Poulsen; and sisters, Susie Larson, Ezma Pearson and VellaDee Spencer. She also has many very special nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dick; four brothers, Cyril Poulsen, Leonard Poulsen, Theone Poulsen and Reed Poulsen; and sisters, Daisy Poulsen, Norma Lloyd and EuVada Carver.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, at the Albion LDS Church, with Bishop Randy Brackenbury officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from noon until 12:45 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

The family suggests that memorials be directed to the Albion Senior Citizens Center, Shriners Hospitals for Children or to a charity of choice in care of the Rasmussen Funeral Home.

Adeline Haag

HEYBURN — Adeline Haag, 80-year-old, longtime resident of Heyburn, Idaho, passed away of natural causes on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009, in Platts-mouth, Neb., where she had been residing since 2004.

Adeline was born on Aug. 20, 1929, in Fredonia, N.D., to Daniel and Carolina Oberlander Moldenhauer. Adeline attended school in Fredonia, N.D. She married Lawrence "Larry" Haag on Sept. 19, 1947, in Aberdeen, S.D. After their marriage, they resided in Fredonia, N.D., for one year. They moved to Hansen, Idaho, where they lived for 10 years. They moved to Heyburn, Idaho, in 1959. Larry continued farming until his retirement in 1971. Adeline worked for the state of Idaho as a potato inspector for 15 years.

Larry and Adeline established Haag's Country Court, which they owned and operated for many years. Adeline was a member of the Paul Congregational Church. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, fishing and camping.

Adeline is survived by three children, son, Richard and spouse, Marsha Haag of Platts-



mouth, Neb.; daughter, Carol and spouse, Gary McConnell of Eugene, Ore.; and son, Ronald and spouse, Latisha Haag of Ellis, Kan.; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, both parents and four brothers.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, with Pastor Gary McConnell officiating. Services will conclude with burial in Paul Cemetery. Friends may call one hour prior to the service at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Friends and family may view and sign her memorial at www.hansen-mortuary.com.

SERVICES

Larry Dean Church of Woodland, Calif., and formerly of Twin Falls, celebration of life from noon to 3 p.m. today 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; with vigil service at 7 p.m., with visitation at 6 p.m., today at the church; graveside committal service at 9 a.m. Tuesday at the Jerome Cemetery, 900 W. Ave. 1 in Jerome. (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Michael Gail Thurston of

Burley, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Monday at Emerald Lake, Freddy's Pond, in Heyburn (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Martha Jane (Perry) Turner of Boise, vigil at 7 p.m. Monday and funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Tuesday, both at St. Mark's Catholic Church, 7960 W. Northview in Boise; burial at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Morris Hill Cemetery (Accent Funeral Home in Meridian).

Mel Meyer of Hazelton, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the mortuary.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day.

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DEATH NOTICES

Jacky C. Bess

BUHL — Jacky C. Bess, 54, of Buhl, died Saturday, July 18, 2009.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, at the Jarbidge Cemetery in Jarbidge, Nev.

Lola M. Crawford

SHOSHONE — Lola M. Crawford, 79, of Shoshone, died Friday, Sept. 4, 2009, at her home.

A memorial service will

be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, at Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

Samuel L. Morse

MEAD, Wash. — Samuel L. Morse, 40, of Mead, Wash., and formerly of Hansen, Twin Falls, Bellevue and Shoshone, died Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Hailey officials consider murals to highlight region's history

HAILEY (AP) — The Hailey Arts Commission wants public murals to be painted in the former mining town to highlight the region's past and to bring in visitors interested in cultural tourism.

Hailey Arts Commissioner Mark Johnstone presented a slide show last week to the Hailey City Council touting the murals.

"Murals tell a story and teach at the same time," Johnstone told commissioners, who also saw a slideshow of murals from around the Northwest.

He said the city would benefit if it featured large paintings from the area's colorful past.

"Along with the other art

events in the valley, murals will draw people from out of town and generate business for hotels, restaurants and other businesses," he said.

The city council has to approve guidelines for the murals before the commission starts developing projects, the Idaho Mountain Express reported.

The current draft excludes advertising from public murals in the city. Councilman Fritz Haemele said that could be problematic.

"If I was a business paying for a mural, I'd want some opportunity to advertise with it," he said.

The council plans to meet next month to work out details of the ordinance.

Teen says brother innocent in Ga. slayings



AP photo

Tyler Heinze, 16, the brother of Guy Heinze, Jr., who is charged with killing eight people in a Brunswick, Ga. mobile home park, leaves the funeral of his father, Guy Heinze Sr., and six other victims Saturday in Townsend, Ga. The eight were killed Aug. 29 in a mobile home park in southeast Georgia.

By Russ Bynum
Associated Press writer

TOWNSEND, Ga. — The brother of a Georgia man charged with slaying his father and seven others in a mobile home insisted Saturday that the suspect would never harm his family, and he also speculated that a dispute over drugs could have prompted the killings.

Family members spoke to reporters outside a graveside funeral for seven of the victims slain a week ago in the home they shared near the Georgia coast.

Their grief was mixed with shock after police charged 22-year-old Guy Heinze Jr. on Friday with eight counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of his father, uncle, aunt and four cousins. The eighth victim was a boyfriend of one of the cousins, and his funeral arrangements are pending.

"I know my brother didn't do this. My brother has a conscience," 16-year-old Tyler Heinze said outside the rural cemetery where

seven caskets topped with roses were resting atop freshly dug graves.

"I can say there was drug involvement in the house, and I think somebody ripped somebody off and somebody needed to get their money back," said Tyler Heinze, who once lived at the mobile home but had moved in with his stepfather before the killings.

"Maybe somebody in the house double-crossed someone. It could've been my brother who double-crossed somebody, and it could be part of his fault that somebody came in there and did this."

Police have refused to say how the victims died or what evidence they have against Guy Heinze, who reported the gruesome scene to authorities Aug. 29 in a chilling 911 call. He frantically told a dispatcher "My whole family's dead!" and said they appeared to have been beaten to death when he found them.

Heinze had been jailed soon after the slayings on

charges of illegal possession of prescription drugs and marijuana, as well as lying to police and evidence tampering.

Tyler Heinze declined to speak in detail about drug use at the mobile home.



Guy Heinze Jr.

The suspect worked construction jobs hanging drywall and wanted to be a truck driver like his father, said his grandfather, William Heinze. The family called the suspect "Little Guy," until he outgrew his father.

"He loved his dad. I know in that 911 call that we heard on the news, he was devastated to find his dad dead like that," the grandfather said. "I just can't believe it, unless they really had some proof!"

Dozens gathered for the funeral at the Young's Island Community Church of God in McIntosh County, about 20 miles

west of the mobile home park where the slayings occurred in neighboring Glynn County.

The copper-colored casket of the family patriarch, 44-year-old Rusty Toler Sr., sat beneath a green tent with the coffins of his two sons — Russell Jr., 20, and Michael, 19 — on either side. In front of them were two white caskets containing Toler's daughters, 22-year-old Chrissy and 15-year-old Michelle.

Beside the Toler men sat the caskets of Toler Sr.'s sister Brenda Gail Falagan, 49. Draped in an American flag, a nod to his prior Army service, was Guy Heinze Sr. He and Toler Sr. had been inseparable since childhood and referred to each other as brothers, though they were not blood relations, said Heinze Sr.'s father, William Heinze.

One victim, identified by police as Chrissy Toler's 3-year-old son, Byron Jimerson Jr., survived with critical injuries and remained hospitalized in Savannah.

Abandoned mines threaten homes, schools, roads

By Jim Suhr
Associated Press writer

BENLD, Ill. — The way a few teachers tell it, the elementary school in the central Illinois farming town suddenly started giving off freakish cracking and popping sounds on a Saturday not too long ago. Walls sprouted lightning bolt-shaped cracks and floors buckled, dooming the building on a day no students thankfully were inside.

The culprit: A long-abandoned coal mine hundreds of feet below whose pillars had given way. It's a wildly unpredictable phenomenon all too common across coal country, where over the years scores of homes, schools, businesses and roads have cropped up over closed mines and threatened their stability.

The problem, called subsidence, has been around for more than a century, though recent figures pinpointing its national scale are lacking. Comprehensive federal reports often are decades old. One report dated 1979 estimated that more than eight million acres of U.S. land had been burrowed out by mining, with subsidence affecting about one-fourth of it. Those numbers are certain to be stale.

Subsidence experts say the problem has been documented in more than 30 states and on lands belonging to six American Indian tribes, creating costly headaches for folks like Jerry Niswonger.

Just last month, the auto body shop owner in Hopkins County, Ky., was forced with his wife from their decade-old, three-bedroom home when it dropped 17 inches on one side within days after the mine below settled. "It's just like it's running downhill," Niswonger said of the house.

Niswonger, 57, always assumed a mine lurked nearby but never knew for sure until calamity came. "That's the chance you take," he shrugged. He expects to salvage the home, covering some of the expense through his subsidence insurance but knowing "I'll have to dip into my own pocket." An early estimate put the damage at \$150,000.

On a road in Pennsylvania's Washington County, subsidence Aug. 6 caused anything but a pothole. The 12-foot-wide, 20-foot-deep sinkhole blamed on a mine below opened up on the state's Route 88, forcing continued detours for motorists as crews try to mend the crater.

In Illinois, more than a million acres — 3 percent of the state — have been mined out for coal as of 2007, including 827,000 acres of underground burrowing, according to the Illinois State Geological Survey. More than

178,000 acres of that is occupied by homes or industry, according to state figures dating to 1991. Those numbers are the latest available and certain to be outdated as urban sprawl gobbles up one-time mine lands.

Avoiding those mines in central and southern Illinois is very difficult, said Bob Gibson, a subsidence expert with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' abandoned mine lands unit. His team has monitored every subsidence event in southern Illinois since the late 1970s.

They haven't been in short supply around suburban St. Louis. In 1998, Collinsville closed a sinking, 29,700-square-foot elementary school. Operators of a sagging 96-bed nursing home in Maryville are scrambling to build a replacement. That's not far from where subsidence doomed an Illinois State Police district headquarters in the 1980s. A Belleville elementary school is slipping into a coal mine shuttered in the 1950s, forcing staggered closures of some classrooms.

In the 1,500-resident town of Benld, the district's leaders knew the school sat above a mine even before it was built seven years ago to replace an 82-year-old school next door also damaged from a mine below. But they didn't hire collapse-predicting specialists, buy extra insurance or backfill the mines with non-compressible waste material or concrete, a very pricey proposition.

In fact, they're not required to. Illinois has no state building regulations that mandate a complete study of the prospect of mine collapse.

Then on March 28, pillars in what had been Superior Coal Co.'s No. 2 mine collapsed and filled in those tunnels with tons of soil and rock, dooming the elementary school.

Such collapses frustrate property owners left holding the bag because the companies that created the underground honeycombs often have long faded away.

In Illinois, homeowners in 34 counties where there's undermining automatically are insured through private carriers for subsidence damage up to \$750,000 while commercial buildings are covered for up to \$350,000. Claims are underwritten by the privately run Illinois Mine Subsidence Insurance Fund, which has paid out \$108.7 million in claims, including \$42 million in the past five years alone.

While seeking a \$350,000 insurance payout, the Benld school's district is suing Union Pacific Railroad, which in the mid-1990s swallowed up the former railroad company whose holdings included Superior Coal Co. The suit, also tar-



AP photo

Gillespie School District superintendent Paul Skeans shows cracks in the wall and floor in Benld Elementary School that resulted in the 7-year-old school being condemned, Aug 27 in Benld, Ill.

geting architect Wight & Co. that designed the school, seeks damages of \$22 million — the district's estimated cost of tearing down and replacing the ruined school.

Union Pacific isn't commenting. Wight said the district knew the risks of subsidence before pressing ahead with the new school and that it stands behind its 70-year track record of designing safe schools.

After last spring's collapse, the Benld school's nearly 700 students finished the school

year at the district's secondary school and headquarters. The district is hustling to finish erecting modular units to house the displaced students.

All the while, the ruined school is on borrowed time.

In the gymnasium, a 2-inch-wide crack zigzags along the floor, then juts outside and across the parking lot. Red circular metal posts shoring up some entryways are the only things keeping the roof from caving in, said Paul Skeans, the district's

superintendent.

"The entire frame of the building is being twisted. At

some point, it's all gonna come down," Skeans said, shaking his head.

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Today: Partly cloudy. Highs around 80.

Tonight: Partly cloudy. Lows near 50.

Tomorrow: Cooler and partly cloudy. Highs near 70.

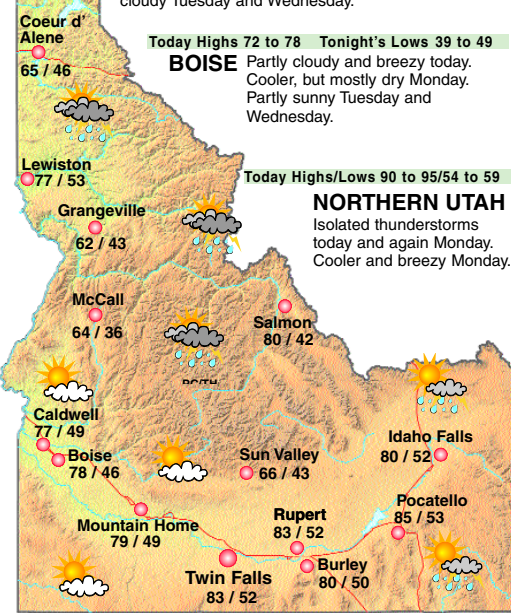
ALMANAC - BURLEY

Temperature		Precipitation	
Yesterday's High	86	Yesterday's	Trace
Yesterday's Low	59	Month to Date	0"
Normal High / Low	80 / 47	Avg. Month to Date	0.10"
Record High	96 in 1955	Water Year to Date	12.11"
Record Low	35 in 1964	Avg. Water Year to Date	9.78"

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

A few showers and thunderstorms possible today. Cooler Monday with a slight chance of showers. Partly cloudy Tuesday and Wednesday.



Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 94 at Mountain Home AFB Low: 33 at Dixie weather key: su-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, mc-mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, th-thunderstorms, sh-showers, r-rain, sn-snow, fl-furries, w-wind, m-missing

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy and cooler	Mixed clouds and sunshine	Warmer	Mostly sunny
High 83	Low 52	74 / 45	75 / 48	81 / 55	87 / 55

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature		Precipitation		Humidity	
Yesterday's High	93	Yesterday's	Trace	Yesterday High	47%
Yesterday's Low	67	Month to Date	0"	Yesterday Low	17%
Normal High / Low	80 / 48	Avg. Month to Date	0.10"	Today's Forecast High	39%
Record High	91 in 2003	Water Year to Date	13.04"	Today's Forecast Low	16%
Record Low	36 in 1994	Avg. Water Year to Date	10.54"	A water year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30	

Moon Phases and Moonset

Last Sept. 12	New Sept. 18	First Sept. 26	Full Oct. 4
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REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Boise	78 46 pc	72 44 pc	75 48 pc
Bonnerville	65 45 sh	62 38 sh	71 39 th
Burley	80 50 pc	71 41 pc	72 37 pc
Challis	76 48 th	70 37 pc	70 40 pc
Coeur d'Alene	65 46 sh	60 42 sh	68 40 pc
Elko, NV	82 40 pc	71 38 pc	72 37 pc
Eugene, OR	65 44 sh	71 43 sh	77 49 pc
Gooding	78 48 pc	72 42 pc	73 45 pc
Grace	81 48 th	73 40 pc	68 37 th
Hagerman	84 52 pc	76 44 pc	77 48 pc
Hailey	73 47 pc	67 38 pc	67 39 pc
Idaho Falls	80 52 th	72 39 pc	70 43 th
Kalispell, MT	65 47 sh	60 38 sh	68 37 sh
Jerome	80 50 pc	72 44 pc	74 46 pc
Lewiston	77 53 th	72 51 pc	81 50 su
Malad City	84 50 th	77 40 pc	72 39 th
Malia	83 50 sh	74 40 pc	73 39 th
McCall	64 36 sh	61 34 sh	64 38 pc
Missoula, MT	69 48 sh	65 36 sh	68 43 sh
Pocatello	85 53 th	77 45 pc	74 42 th
Stanley	62 35 th	59 28 pc	62 31 pc
Portland, OR	66 52 sh	70 49 sh	76 56 pc
Rupert	83 52 pc	75 43 pc	76 56 pc
Rexburg	78 50 th	70 36 pc	67 41 th
Richland, WA	72 50 pc	72 47 pc	75 50 pc
Rogerson	76 39 pc	67 38 pc	67 42 pc
Salmon	80 42 th	70 33 pc	71 37 pc
Salt Lake City, UT	87 65 th	84 60 pc	78 57 pc
Spokane, WA	82 63 th	82 63 th	83 62 th
Stanley	62 35 th	59 28 pc	62 31 pc
Sun Valley	66 43 th	59 34 sh	60 34 pc
Yellowstone, MT	71 37 th	62 31 sh	59 29 th

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	82 67 pc	80 65 sh	Orlando	91 74 th	90 73 th
Atlantic City	78 62 sh	78 62 sh	Philadelphia	82 65 sh	81 65 pc
Baltimore	83 64 pc	82 63 pc	Phoenix	100 81 th	100 79 th
Billings	97 55 th	78 49 th	Portland, ME	66 48 su	72 56 pc
Birmingham	83 69 th	84 67 th	Raleigh	85 64 pc	84 64 pc
Boston	68 52 pc	73 60 pc	Rapid City	91 61 pc	86 55 th
Charleston, SC	82 71 th	81 70 th	Reno	80 51 pc	83 50 pc
Charleston, WV	83 63 th	81 61 th	Sacramento	83 55 pc	87 59 su
Chicago	78 63 pc	73 64 pc	St. Louis	76 67 th	80 65 th
Cleveland	79 59 pc	78 59 th	St. Paul	80 59 pc	81 62 pc
Columbus	83 55 th	85 56 th	Salt Lake City	91 72 th	94 74 pc
Des Moines	79 57 pc	80 59 pc	San Diego	79 67 su	76 67 su
Detroit	80 61 pc	80 63 pc	San Francisco	63 54 su	69 56 su
El Paso	92 68 th	92 67 th	Seattle	85 63 th	86 50 sh
Fairbanks	87 45 pc	83 45 pc	Seattle	85 63 th	86 50 sh
Fargo	82 58 pc	83 59 pc	Tucson	92 70 th	92 70 th
Honolulu	87 75 sh	87 75 sh	Washington, DC	84 64 pc	82 64 pc
Houston	90 71 th	92 72 th			
Indianapolis	81 62 th	82 62 th			
Jacksonville	86 71 th	86 72 th			
Kansas City	78 59 pc	81 62 pc			
Las Vegas	100 75 pc	100 75 pc			
Little Rock	86 66 th	86 68 th			
Los Angeles	78 63 su	74 63 su			
Memphis	83 67 th	85 67 th			
Miami	89 77 th	89 77 th			
Milwaukee	73 57 pc	73 58 pc			
Nashville	83 66 th	83 65 th			
New Orleans	84 73 th	86 75 th			
New York	75 63 pc	74 64 pc			
Oklahoma City	87 65 pc	89 67 pc			
Omaha	80 60 pc	82 63 pc			

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	67 41 pc	62 42 pc	Saskatoon	90 58 sh	75 57 pc
Cranbrook	53 39 sh	39 sh 42	Toronto	71 54 pc	64 53 sh
Edmonton	72 46 sh	66 40 pc	Vancouver	54 50 sh	60 45 sh
Kelowna	49 35 sh	50 25 sh	Victoria	60 54 sh	65 45 sh
Lethbridge	74 47 pc	64 45 pc	Winnipeg	88 65 pc	86 57 pc
Regina	93 61 sh	78 58 sh			

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prep
Boise	92	66	0.00"
Challis	82	46	0.00"
Coeur d'Alene	81	54	0.00"
Idaho Falls	83	47	0.00"
Jerome	88	61	Trace
Lewiston	84	58	0.00"
Lowell	82	53	0.00"
Malad City			not available
Malia	75	61	7/8
Pocatello	85	50	Trace
Rexburg	81	48	0.00"
Salmon	84	46	0.00"
Stanley	77	34	0.00"
Sun Valley	74	48	0.00"

Barometric Pressure

5 p.m. Yesterday 29.86 in. Today Sunrise: 7:08 AM Sunset: 8:03 PM

Monday Sunrise: 7:09 AM Sunset: 8:01 PM TF pollen count yesterday: 74 (High) Sagebrush, Kochia

Tuesday Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 7:59 PM

Wednesday Sunrise: 7:12 AM Sunset: 7:58 PM Mold: 7652 (High) Cladosporium, Smuts, Alternaria

Thursday Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 7:56 PM Courtesy of Asthma and Allergy of Idaho Dr's Kadlec and Henry

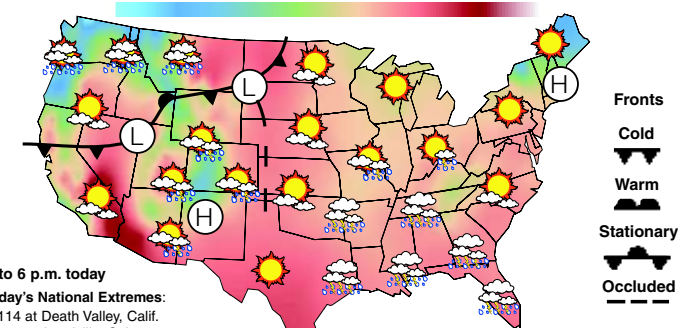
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Low Moderate High The higher the index the more sun protection needed

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Acapulco	90 77 pc	89 75 pc	Moscow	71 56 pc	66 56 r
Athens	91 75 su	78 73 mc	Nairobi	73 54 r	73 53 pc
Auckland	59 37 pc	61 41 pc	Oso	62 48 sh	60 48 sh
Bangkok	86 77 th	82 76 th	Paris	71 52 pc	78 56 pc
Beijing	64 52 r	64 52 r	Prague	87 47 sh	73 49 pc
Berlin	66 49 pc	68 54 pc	Rio de Janeiro	78 68 sh	85 69 th
Buenos Aires	69 49 pc	62 42 sh	Rome	84 63 sh	82 63 pc
Cairo	96 68 pc	98 68 pc	Santiago	51 40 sh	53 33 ls
Dhahran	109 86 pc	108 86 pc	Seoul	79 63 pc	75 54 pc
Geneva	65 46 pc	72 48 pc	Sydney	66 52 pc	67 52 th
Hong Kong	86 82 sh	85 82 sh	Tel Aviv	82 80 th	83 80 th
Jerusalem	90 66 pc	91 67 pc	Tokyo	79 63 pc	80 66 pc
Johannesburg	79 49 pc	79 51 pc	Vienna	66 49 pc	70 48 pc
Kuwait City	109 87 pc	110 87 pc	Warsaw	60 54 sh	68 49 pc
London	67 58 r	70 58 sh	Winnipeg	88 65 pc	86 57 pc
Mexico City	66 54 sh	63 52 sh	Zurich	60 39 pc	68 44 pc

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Valid to 6 p.m. today Yesterday's National Extremes: High: 114 at Death Valley, Calif. Low: 31 at Leadville, Colo.

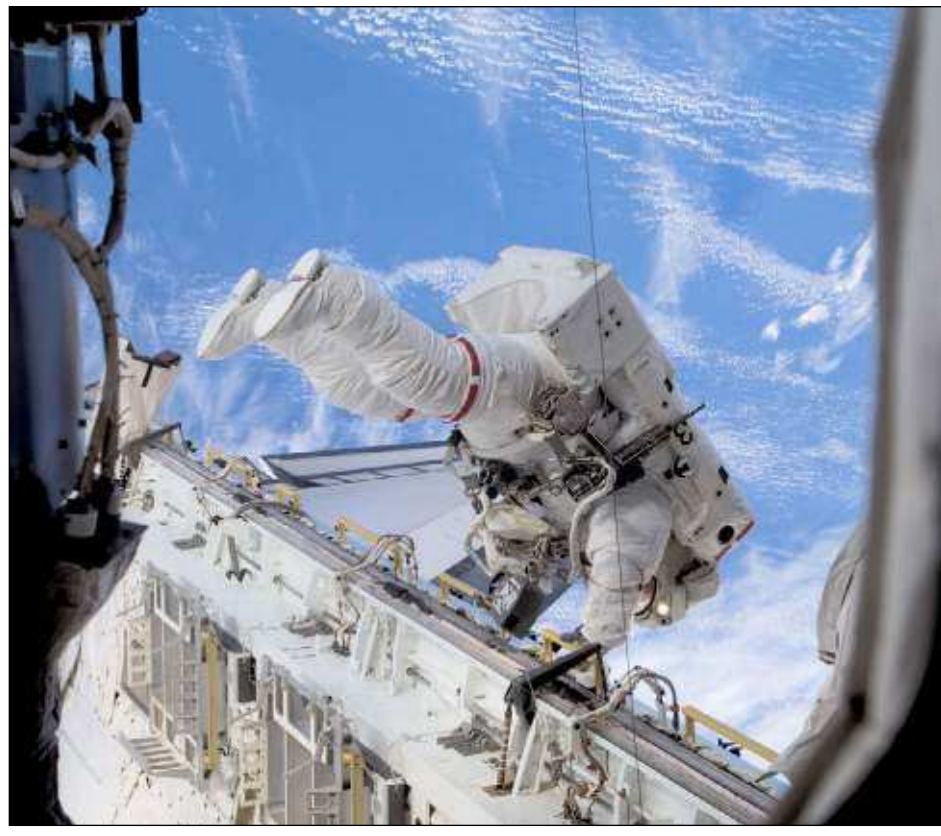
GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
 "Our ultimate freedom is the right and power to decide how anybody or anything outside ourselves will affect us."
 Stephen R. Covey

Discovery astronauts take mission's final spacewalk

By Marcia Dunn Associated Press writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Two spacewalking astronauts took on cable and antenna work at the international space station Saturday in their final trek outside, but encountered last-minute difficulty with a connector and had to leave one job undone. Lead spacewalker Danny Olivas and his partner Christer Fuglesang unreeled 60 feet of cable for a new room that will be added to the orbiting complex early next year. The pair also hooked up a couple of Global Positioning System antennas and replaced some electronic equipment in their second excursion in three days. Everything went well until near the end of the seven-hour spacewalk, when Fuglesang had trouble hooking up one of the cable connectors to a panel on the space station. What's more, his helmet camera came loose and it was difficult for flight controllers to watch him work, given the wobbly, upside-down pictures. "We thought you were

doing tremendous acrobatics," Mission Control radioed. Mission Control told Fuglesang to wrap insulation around the loose power connector and leave it like that. But then the camera and light assembly on his helmet came off entirely. Olivas removed the assembly for him — it was still tethered — and packed it away. With darkness looming, Fuglesang was ordered back to the space station's air lock, while Olivas took over the insulating job late Saturday night. "Christer, no need to rush but hurry every chance you get. Sunset in about six minutes," astronaut Patrick Forrester urged from inside. Fuglesang made it back safely. The cables were routed in advance of the Tranquility live-in chamber that's supposed to be launched in February aboard shuttle Endeavour. Mission Control said another effort to plug in the primary power connector would be made on a future mission. Earlier in the evening,



Astronaut Nicole Stott participates in the Discovery mission's first space walk Tuesday to perform construction and maintenance on the International Space Station.

the two spacewalkers got off to a fast start, making their way out along a girder and pulling open a shelf that will be used to store big spare parts later this

year. Olivas helped install the framework on the right side of the space station two years ago. "It's like old times, huh, Danny?" Forrester asked

from inside. "You're right, Pat, this is like being at home," Olivas replied. An identical shelf on the opposite side of the space

station jammed when astronauts tried to pull it open back in March. It took a special tool and another mission to get the shelf open. Olivas and Fuglesang had the tool with them in case they ran into trouble, but the job went smoothly. NASA loaded Saturday night's spacewalk — the third and final one of Discovery's space station visit — with all sorts of odds and ends, most of them mundane. During the first two spacewalks, astronauts gave the orbiting complex a fresh tank of coolant. Fuglesang, a Swede, is the only non-American on Discovery's seven-person crew. But the space station has one Belgian, one Canadian, two Russians and two Americans living on it. The combined crews make for a record-tying crowd of 13 in space. Saturday night's spacewalk was the last major job for the seven shuttle astronauts before they depart Tuesday. Their 13-day flight is scheduled to end with a landing back in Florida on Thursday.

Small plane crashes in Oklahoma, killing 5

By Tim Talley Associated Press writer

OKLAHOMA CITY — A small aircraft plummeted into an Oklahoma park and burst into flames on Saturday after hitting a guy wire from a communications tower, killing all five people on board, investigators said. The six-passenger plane was on its way to Dallas when it crashed amid heavy fog near a baseball field in Tulsa, said Oklahoma Highway Patrol Lt. George Brown. "The wings came off. The engine came off," Brown said. "When it hit, it rolled. It did catch fire. It rolled at least a couple of times, ejecting the occupants." Brown said the victims, who all died at the scene, were pilot Dr. Stephen Lester, 48; his wife Dana, 48; daughters Laura, 16, and Christina, 13; and Dr. Ken Veteto, 50. All were from Tulsa. No one on the ground was injured. Lester's uncle, Mike Lester, said the couple had two other children who weren't on board the plane. He said family and friends were distraught. "It's really difficult,"



The remains of a small aircraft are seen Saturday in Chandler Park in Tulsa, Okla. The small aircraft plummeted into the park and burst into flames after hitting a guy wire from a communications tower, killing all five people on board, investigators said.

Lester, his voice shaking, said during a phone interview. The Piper PA-32 took off for Dallas Love Field from Jones Riverside Airport in Tulsa at 10:37 a.m. It crashed about 30 minutes later into Chandler Park, a recreation area with athletic fields and picnic facilities. The tower in the park was between 150 feet and 200 feet tall, Brown said. "Because of weather conditions, there was a low cloud ceiling that obscured the communications tower," he said. "It's apparent that the

pilot did not see this tower?" Jeremy Richards said he was at the park for a motorcycle rally when he heard the crash. Richards said it sounded like the crack of a whip. "I never heard that noise before," Richards told the Tulsa World. "I turned around to look and I see something flying through the air. I realized later that it was a body." He and a friend, Mike Walker, were only about 100 yards away and ran to the plane, the front of which was engulfed in flames, he said.

"Nobody was able to be saved. Nothing could be done," Richards said. "It's just insane. It's not something that was expected at all. I don't know how to explain it." FAA records indicate the aircraft was manufactured in 1976 and registered to Stephen Lester of Tulsa. Lester, an anesthesiologist, was a devoted father who was involved in all aspects of his children's lives, his uncle said. "They took family vacations several times a year," Mike Lester said. The doctor was heavily involved in his church and recently returned from a mission trip to Africa. He purchased the aircraft to deliver seminars on pain medication to other doctors across the country, Mike Lester said. He said the family was traveling to Dallas to watch the University of Oklahoma kick off its football season against BYU at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas. "They were both avid OU fans," he said. Veteto specialized in internal medicine at the Warren Clinic in Tulsa, according to the clinic's Web site.

Great white sharks tagged for first time off Mass.

BOSTON (AP) —

investigating sightings off Massachusetts officials are using high-tech tags to track the movements of two great white sharks near Cape Cod — the first time the fearsome fish have ever been tagged in the Atlantic Ocean. The electronic tag uses satellite technology to record the travels of the sharks, allowing scientists to better understand their migratory patterns. The sharks were spotted Saturday by scientists

Monomoy Island in Chatham. Officials say a harpooner tagged them with help from a state shark expert. Sharks are common in Cape waters during summer, though great white sharks are relatively rare around New England. State officials have warned area swimmers to be on the lookout for sharks this weekend, and state environmental police are patrolling the area as a precaution.

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EDITORIAL

No deep-pocketed investors? Hanford, Calif., does fine without them

The highway passed Hanford, Calif., by. Twice. Turned out to be two of the best things that ever happened to the central California community of 50,103. In 1920, California highway engineers decided State Route 4 — which was to link Sacramento with Los Angeles — didn't need to go through Hanford, then a 23-year-old sheep-ranching railroad. Now known as California Highway 99, it runs 15 miles to the east. Then in 1964, federal highway planners steered Interstate 5 away as well. It's 30 miles to the west.

So all those local shoppers who might otherwise have made the 30-mile trip to Fresno or the 75-mile trek to Bakersfield stayed home.

And downtown Hanford evolved a 21st century phenomena — a vibrant and commercially viable city center.

What lesson does Hanford have to share with downtown Twin Falls? Two, actually.

A downtown doesn't have to be near a freeway — central Twin Falls is six miles from Interstate 84 — to flourish, and there are distinct economic advantages to being a county seat.

"Especially in smaller cities, downtowns often thrive if they are the county seat," said the 2008 California Development and Planning Report. "In the old days, county seats were usually the regional center of commerce and culture, leaving behind a legacy of both architecture and activity. That's what makes Hanford a great downtown. Hanford has only 50,000 people, (it's the county seat of extremely poor Kings County), and it's not on the freeway. Yet the downtown goes on for blocks, stretching from the old commercial core — which also features an opera house — to the governmental core that revolves around a town square that contains the old Kings County Courthouse."

Hanford, which is 39 percent Latino, has had to live by its wits for awhile now. The city made a nice living for years at the center of California oil patch, but the local refinery eventually closed, followed by a Pirelli tire plant. Hanford's largest employer now is the county, and the biggest private-sector employer — a Del Monte tomato cannery — uses three-quarters of its 2,000 workers only seasonally.

Unemployment is running 12.7 percent and the median household income is one-fifth less than the average in California.

So Hanfordians innovated. The 1896 courthouse is now used as an office building; the 1898 jail is now a restaurant — The Bastille. To the north is the new courthouse — architecturally similar. Just to the west of the old courthouse is the 1929 Hanford Fox Theater, which now features live musical acts. The 1901 Star Restaurant opposite the old Southern Pacific Railroad depot is still doing well.

Like many downtowns across America, Hanford bought into a program run by the National Trust for Historic Preservation called the Main Street Approach. It emphasizes comprehensive planning but incremental development.

Main Street Hanford, its local affiliate, uses business taxes — and revenue from events it sponsors — to support development projects.

"Special promotional events such as Thursday Night Market Place which includes a Certified Farmers' Market, the Blues and Roots Festival and Wine and Chocolate Tasting bring thousands of people to the downtown area for family fun, dining and shopping," said Shelley Talbert, Main Street Hanford's director. "These events bring positive focus to the downtown area and enhance a sense of community."

Among other things, the money goes toward grants to help businesses fix up their storefront facades and, in partnership with the city, to buy trees and tree grates.

And the city itself offers low-interest loans of up to \$50,000 for businesses that expand, renovate or relocate in the city's core.

Downtown Hanford isn't without its challenges. There's a Super Wal-Mart in town, and a 64-store suburban shopping mall. Earlier this year, some downtown merchants organized their own development group because they didn't think Main Street Hanford was aggressive enough in finding ways to combat the recession.

But compared with other California communities, there are a few vacant storefronts. As ever, downtown Hanford prospers a little bit at a time.



5 lessons from Hanford

1. Think big, but start small

Comprehensive downtown revitalization is a complicated process and can't be done through a single development, now matter how ambitious. Incremental small projects and simple activities help downtowns develop skills that will help solve more complex problems and difficult projects.

2. If you've got it, flaunt it

Business districts must capitalize on the assets that make them unique. Distinctive buildings and human scale give residents and visitors a sense of belonging.

3. Take care of business

Quality must be emphasized in every aspect of the revitalization program, from marketing materials and promotional events, to public improvements and window displays.

4. Define yourself

For redevelopment to work, downtowns must change public perceptions about the commercial district. What use is downtown? What's its purpose? What's its future?

5. Make discernible progress

Create visible change and activity from Day 1. Small improvements at the beginning of the program can gain public support and foster community pride.

"... the work of any governing body, is best realized when political posturing and rhetoric are laid aside and solutions are sought by all in an ethical and sincere manner."



AND NOW FOR THE REST OF THE STORY

Frugality the rule in Twin Falls' budget decision-making

(Editor's note: The Twin Falls City Council member to whom Johnson refers in the second paragraph is Will Kezele).

By David E. Johnson

Perhaps you've read articles in the paper, or have tuned in to local talk radio or have simply heard that some members of the Twin Falls City Council "are just not paying attention," especially in regards to the budget for our upcoming fiscal year.

One council member recently went on the air and stated that, if given the opportunity, he could still cut an additional \$1.5 million of "nonessential" expenses out of the budget. Sincere cheers to anyone who can accomplish this task. Every member of council would jump on board to assist him but, even though we have been through hours and hours of budget sessions, over the past few months, we have yet to see a proposal or receive any information from him to support his claim.

Early in the last budget year, the council directed city staff to "proceed with caution" and hold back on any spending that was not absolutely necessary. This they did. They put a freeze on hiring and slowed down some purchases that the city will eventually need to make in order to continue to provide services.

The council also directed staff to forgo the collection of \$450,000 in additional property taxes that the city could rightfully collect in the upcoming budget year. The fact is the budget proposed to council by city staff in July, was already reduced \$7.5 million from the initial staff budget requests submitted in June. It was also \$1.4 million below the previous year's budget, due to Tom Courtney's cautious approach to the budgeting process. The additional items, that have been discussed and cut from the budget (by the entire council) since the introduction of the preliminary budget, total about \$350,000 approaching a \$2 million dollar reduction from the previous year's budget, reflective of a council that is engaged and is paying attention.

The city's mission is to provide needed and expected services for its residents, while enhancing the quality of life within its borders. While most citizens expect to pay for the goods and services they receive, they also want assurances they are getting the best deal for their money.

APPROPRIATING AND SPENDING

Twin Falls city budget, fiscal years 1998-2007

Year	Budgeted	Spent
1998	\$23.7 million	\$21.9 million
1999	\$25.5 million	\$23.7 million
2000	\$27.9 million	\$26.1 million
2001	\$28.1 million	\$26.9 million
2002	\$30.9 million	\$29.7 million
2003	\$31.1 million	\$31.1 million
2004	\$34.8 million	\$33.9 million
2005	\$35.7 million	\$34.9 million
2006	\$37.6 million	\$33.5 million
2007	\$42.9 million	\$36.5 million

— Source: City of Twin Falls

Many social issues fall under the label of "quality of life" and are debated as to their appropriateness (at the city level), affordability and value but fire and police protection are obvious needs. Transportation, sanitation, safe drinking water and a functional sewer system are all critical too and city government must maintain a competent level of service in each one of these areas.

Then there are federal mandates that must be weaved into the fabric of our delivery system. Often, the stroke of a pen in Washington, results in new found responsibilities at home, without any additional funding to meet these new requirements.

We must continually seek to minimize costs while ensuring we are still able to fulfill our mission. It behooves us to seek out appropriate federal and state funding and explore sharing resources with other government entities (as appropriate) or privatization of services wherever possible. We should invest in appropriate levels of training and always check that we are delivering the "best bang for the buck," continually monitor our trends, not just at budget cycles, but year round.

Depoliticizing the business of managing the city's day-to-day operations (city manager form of government), has been of great benefit to the citizens of Twin Falls. In this form of government, the council acts much like a board of directors of a large corporation, setting policies and expectations, while providing guidance to the CEO, who in turn provides oversight and leadership to the organization.

At the council level (governance), there are a myriad of issues which come before us and

no one person can be the expert in every area. Solutions are often found with those who possess the knowledge and experience in a given area and willingly give of themselves for the betterment of the community. It's been said "many hands make light work" and nowhere is it more true, than in city government. Commissions and committees provide an opportunity to educate our citizens on the issues and engage them in the solutions, often providing for a more focused perspective than is possible at the council level.

I believe our council and our citizens would benefit greatly by the expansion of our recently formed finance committee, made up of concerned and intelligent volunteers with various financial backgrounds, who will act as advisors to the council on financial matters.

This Financial Oversight Committee's charter would be to look into various aspects of the city's financials and make observations and/or recommendations (to council) for improvements, as well as provide insight for budgeting and the pursuit of additional funding for desirable projects. For example, this committee could spend quality time delving into "employee benefits," and bring its findings and recommendations to the council, way ahead of the budgeting process. This committee could also delve into public transportation funding issues that are sure to surface in the next few years, getting ahead of the curve and assisting smooth, affordable delivery.

It is still however, incumbent upon every council member to engage in the process and vote his or her own conscience ensuring balanced leadership and a sound decision-making process. When disagreements arise or committees fail to deliver, the council is still responsible to make the final determination. At the end of the day, it is the seven members of council who alone will bear the political consequences of their actions, or inactions.

Truly, the work of any governing body, is best realized when political posturing and rhetoric are laid aside and solutions are sought by all in an ethical and sincere manner.

David Johnson is the vice mayor of Twin Falls. He is serving the second term on the City Council.

A tale of 2 cities

	Hanford	Twin Falls
Population	50,103	42,197
Annual population growth	2.5%	2.8%
Median age	31	34
Median household income	\$49,143	\$37,100
Median home value	\$251,425	\$137,961
Unemployment	12.7%	7.6%
Home ownership	59%	62.5%
Daytime population change (commuting)	-3.7%	+18%
Residents below poverty level	17.3%	14.1%
Retail sales per capita	\$11,135	\$22,469

Reporter got it right on Rammell coverage

I'm willing to lay odds that Rex Rammell isn't going to be the next governor of Idaho even if C.L. "Butch" Otter is caught cavorting naked with underage timber wolves at the HotPillow Hotel.

But Rammell, whose constituency can carpool to the polls in a VW Bug, is enjoying 15 minutes in the national spotlight because he shot from the lip during a recent Twin Falls County Republican Central Committee picnic in a local park.

For those who managed to miss it, here's the blow-by-blow:

Rammell, who like any candidate was allowed to make a speech, used his 10 minutes to slam Idaho's mainstream Republican Party, saying it's gone squish liberal.

At one point he mentioned the sale of wolf hunt tags, which prompted a woman in the crowd to shout something about "Obama tags."

"The Obama tags? We'd buy some of those," answered the former elk rancher and veterinarian from Rexburg. Then he went back to bashing the Idaho GOP in general.

Times-News reporter Jared Hopkins was there, and later called Rammell for a follow-up. In that interview, Rammell questioned Otter's sincerity and manhood because he once said he'd like to get the first wolf tag issued, but instead chose



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to go to the funeral of a friend on the day the tags went on sale.

"Lame excuse," Rammell said.

Hopkins then wrote a short article that focused on the tacky comments about Otter and mentioned the "Obama tags" at the end.

With all the restraint of starving Mexican grays in a bunny hutch, Democrats coast-to-coast used Rammell's bonehead *bon mot* to paint all Republicans and most Idahoans as gun-toting low-IQ extremists, fascists, racists and members of the Aryan Nations. Never mind that Rammell was criticizing the GOP and last ran for the U.S. Senate as an independent, taking home a whopping five percent of the vote in this reddest of red states.

Julie Faselow, communications director for the Idaho Democratic Party, also took a poke at the Times-News, crowing to The New York Times that she had forced mainstream Idaho Republicans to apologize for the remarks of the man who had attacked them.

"I... noticed it and sent it to other reporters, suggesting that the Times-News had buried the lead.

"It was national news by

that afternoon." To "bury the lead" means that the author failed to mention the most interesting or attention-grabbing element of a story in the first paragraph.

Hopkins says he led with Rammell's cheap shot at Otter because that's who Rammell is running against.

And it's not like Rammell was waving a gun around and calling for armed jihad. The reference to "Obama tags" was more like a "yeah, sure, whatever... now about these liberals who call themselves Republicans..."

It's no surprise that Faselow considered the reference to her own party's headliner as the most interesting thing Rammell had to say, and correctly recognized the opportunity to use it for political gain.

Each party likes to hold up the most outrageous members of the opposition to cast their entire party in the worst possible light. That's why Republicans tend to mention folks like Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts when they want to make a point about the other team, not someone politically comparable but far less controversial such as Oregon Rep. Earl Blumenauer.

The Times-News didn't miss the boat in leading with Rammell's premeditated attack on his actual opponent and then reporting the bit about Obama tags. Both made the paper.

Had it gone the other way,

we'd be hearing complaints from Republicans that we overreacted to a verbal shot at a Democrat while downplaying insensitive comments about their party and its state leader.

There's no one way to write any news story. And especially when it comes to political coverage, you can also lay odds that no matter what you do one side or the other is going to be unhappy.

Hopkins, by the way, will soon shake off the Idaho dust and start a new life as a member of the Chicago Tribune's investigative unit. That's a big jump for a young man who started his journalism career as a Times-News government reporter in 2006, and it speaks volumes about the quality of his work.

In addition to surviving three sessions covering the Legislature, Hopkins has produced award-winning investigations that exposed

questionable deals by the city's urban renewal agency; wasteful police overtime practices at the airport; a sheriff's credit card bungling at the expense of taxpayers and other assorted mismanagement and misdeeds.

A number of local officials will be happy to see Hopkins go.

Draw your own conclusions from that.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wolf kill story didn't need the photo too

I'm writing to express how appalling it was to read Wednesday's (Sept. 2) paper and see the "First wolf kill" here in Idaho.

How cruel and brutal to display a photo of a dead animal right on the front page — as if killing a wolf is something to be proud of. It was completely insensitive and gruesome.

While the news must be reported, an accompanying photo is not necessary to tell the story. Shame on you for your lack of civility. You folks really need to get out of the dark ages.

SUZANNE GEORGE
Twin Falls

A big thanks to Cassia County Fair Board

To the Cassia County Fair Board:

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the fair board members for the honor of being selected as the grand marshals for the 2009 Cassia County Fair, Rodeo and Parade. The week of the 99th Cassia County Fair was one of the most memorable and exciting events

that we have ever been a part of, and we want to sincerely thank you for this wonderful and never-to-be-forgotten experience. It was an honor we never expected and we were truly humbled by your selection.

Our thanks also go to Blair and Lana Bowers for the wonderful buggy ride down Overland and Main and to "Daisy" for providing the "horse power" for the 12th consecutive year. And our thanks to Chick Cameron of Bonanza Motors for our rides in that new Dodge pickup around the arena at the rodeo every night.

A great number of the people who attend the Cassia County Fair and Rodeo every year are unaware of the amount of blood, sweat and tears that go into producing this annual event. Those of you

who serve on the Cassia County Fair Board without compensation or monetary reward and with such dedication and zeal do not receive the recognition you truly deserve. In addition, the hundreds of volunteers who perform behind the scenes do an amazing job to make this week in Cassia County a huge success year after year.

Our congratulations to you and all those people who were involved in this year's Cassia County Fair for an outstanding week for all of us who attended.

Again, our sincere thanks and appreciation for this wonderful honor and we look forward to another great Cassia County Fair and Rodeo in 2010.

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Independent voters moving away from Obama

WASHINGTON — Summer is not the only thing sliding away.

When Congress returns next week, Democratic leaders will get an earful of advice from rank-and-file members about how to stop their political slippage.

But it's unclear whether much can be done. That's because independent voters are the catalyst behind Democrats' falling numbers. And these Americans are on the move — away from the Democrats — due to several reasons difficult for party leaders to control.

The recent shift should shake Democrats to their core. Winning this group in American politics today is critical. People who call themselves "independents" represent about one-third of the electorate. After closely dividing their votes between the two parties in 2000, 2002, and 2004, independents gave Republicans the cold shoulder in 2006, beginning a two-election cycle ice age with this critical electoral bloc. The big chill cost the GOP its congressional majority three years ago and helped elect Barack Obama president last fall.

But this summer, independents have started to thaw. Consider some recent polling. Obama's overall approval slumped below 40 percent among independents in mid-August, according to a Rasmussen survey.

The generic ballot looks even worse for Democrats. During most of 2008, they led among independents on a pivotal question: If the election were held today would you vote for a Republican or Democrat for Congress?



Gary Andres

But support for the GOP jumped once Democrats controlled all levers of power following the presidential election. In the most recent Rasmussen poll, Republicans led by an overwhelming 27 points among independents.

Shifts among independents are even more dramatic at the sub-national level. Virginia, a state Obama put into the Democratic column for the first time since 1964, is a good example. Obama prevailed narrowly among independents in the Old Dominion (49 percent to 48 percent) in 2008. But less than a year later, his approval among independents in a Public Policy Polling survey slumped to 38 percent.

Obama's numbers among independents have also slumped in other key states where Democrats won last year. The same polling organization reports his numbers below 50 percent among independents in a series of summer polls in states like New Jersey, Ohio and North Carolina.

Even on an issue where Democrats historically dominate — health care — Republicans now hold a double-digit lead with independents on the question of "Which party do you trust more?" after years of lagging.

Why are these voters warming to Republicans again? Their preference for divided government is one reason. Surveys consistently show a majority of inde-

pendents prefer divided government as a "check on the other party" rather than one-party control to "get things done."

While many still hold out hope for the success of the Obama presidency, they get squeamish about power concentrated in the hands on one party.

Independent voters are also among the most concerned with fiscal issues such as deficits and debt. And the policies of the Obama administration and Democrats in Congress provide little relief to solve these concerns. In fact, apprehension has grown throughout the year.

In January, 11 percent of registered voters in the Rasmussen tracking said "fiscal issues" were most important. By August, that had risen to 18 percent. More significant, however, is how closely independents track Republicans.

According to August Rasmussen data, 24 percent of Republicans and independents said fiscal issues

were most important, compared to just 8 percent of Democrats. Such similarities between Republicans and independents flow through all of the 2009 Rasmussen tracking surveys.

The issue matrix that animates these swing voters has shifted. For many independents, unified Republican control of Congress and the White House led them to turn against the GOP in 2006. Obama's post-partisan promises also resonated with them two years later. But today we're back to unified government, only with the Democrats now in control. Also, much of the president's rhetoric sounds less believable now that it's been road tested. Experience trumped hope. As a result, Democrats will find it challenging to win back these voters.

Independents seem determined to do whatever they can to institute balance between branches and support candidates committed

to more fiscal restraint — preferences the current majority in Congress cannot fulfill. The real question for the Democrats is whether the summer slippage be-

comes an autumn free fall.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Cassia County should start recycling program

In New York it is real, so relaxed. I have been astounded recently with the amount of waste a single household produces in the course of one week. Planning about reducing waste and reusing materials as recyclable is a new household responsibility. As an ecologically aware family unit, we need to make sure everything that can be recycled should be.

I would like to put forth a plea for the beginnings of a numbered plastic recycling program here in Cassia County.

I have observed that nearly 80 percent of my own household's waste can be recycled. Plastics consume a great deal of space and take years to biodegrade.

As well, batteries need to be recycled as potential threats to our water sources. Let us take heed of our duties as responsible citizens and ecologically friendly stewards and

begin to recycle on a large scale to reduce our human footprint and keep up with modern standards.

If we all believe in a new energy plan of renewable energy and hydrogen cars where applicable whose only by-product is water, then we should begin to put more emphasis upon our own ability to consume recyclable materials.

It is our honest conscience that allows us to insist upon higher standards of cleanliness and accountability for ourselves and others when it comes to environmental issues and resource extraction, not only in the United States but throughout the world and in China, too.

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Missing boy found alive, hidden at grandma's home

By Jim Suhr
Associated Press writer

ST. LOUIS — A boy allegedly abducted in a custody dispute nearly two years ago has turned up alive, hiding with his mother in a small, specially built secret room at his grandmother's Illinois home, investigators said.

Richard "Ricky" Chekevdiya, who turns 7 on Sept. 14, was in good spirits and physically fit after being found Friday by investigators with a court order to search the two-story rural home in southern Illinois' Franklin County, about 120 miles southeast of St. Louis.

The boy's mother, 30-year-old Shannon Wilfong, is charged with felony child abduction. The grandmother, 51-year-old Diane Dobbs, is charged with aiding and abetting. Wilfong remained jailed Saturday on \$42,500 bond in Benton, Ill., where Dobbs was being held on \$1,000 bond. The women did not have attorneys listed Saturday in online court records.

The boy was staying Saturday with one of his father's relatives while state child-welfare workers



Chekevdiya Family/AP photo

Richard Chekevdiya, right, poses with his father Michael Chekevdiya at a wedding in West Frankfort, Ill., in August 2007.

investigated claims the father abused the child before his disappearance — allegations rejected by the dad, who's thrilled the agonizing search has ended.

"Two years? You have no idea," Mike Chekevdiya, a 48-year-old former police officer who's a lieutenant colonel in the Illinois National Guard, told The

Associated Press by telephone Saturday from his house in Royalton, Ill., some three miles from the home where his son turned up. "I've lost sleep. I've lost weight. I've gained weight. I wouldn't wish this on anybody."

After hearing his son had been found, Chekevdiya said, "you could have knocked me

"We let him out of the (patrol) car and he ran around like he'd never seen outdoors."

It was actually very sad."

— Illinois State Police Master Sgt. Stan Diggs, on the reaction of Richard Chekevdiya after he was released from a secret room at his grandmother's home

his mother in a hideaway roughly 5 feet by 12 feet and about the height of a washing machine.

"We let him out of the (patrol) car and he ran around like he'd never seen outdoors. It was actually very sad," Illinois State Police Master Sgt. Stan Diggs said. "He was very happy to be outside. He said he never goes outside."

over with a feather."

Chekevdiya won temporary custody of his son shortly before the boy and his mother — Chekevdiya's former girlfriend — disappeared in November 2007. Chekevdiya said he long suspected his son was being stowed by Dobbs, although there were no signs of the boy at her home when it was searched with her consent after his disappearance. Wilfong was charged in December 2007 with abducting the boy but couldn't be found.

For much of the time since, Chekevdiya said, the windows of Dobbs' home were blocked off by drawn shades or other items, presumably to prevent anyone from peeking inside.

"I had a firm belief he was in there, and yesterday it was confirmed," Chekevdiya said.

Investigators, during a news conference Friday, did not detail what led sheriff's deputies and federal mar-

shals with a search warrant to Dobbs' house Friday, when they found the boy and

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Science brings N.C. Wyeth painting out of hiding

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Just beneath the surface of a painting of one of America's best known artistic families lies a dark tale that had been hidden for decades.

Thanks to a colossal X-ray machine, a magazine illustration by N.C. Wyeth has been reproduced in living color more than 80 years after the artist covered it with another work.

"It's really an exciting development in the study of objects of art," said Jennifer Mass, a scientist and art conservator at the Winterthur museum in Delaware. She and several colleagues presented their results at a conference last month of the American Chemical Society.

The soft-toned painting of Wyeth's family doesn't include much detail; it was meant only as a study for a living room mural the artist had once planned to paint in their suburban Chadds Ford, Pa., home. Under the serene "Study for Wyeth Family mural," however, lies an earlier composition that's menacing and dramatic.

The 1919 illustration was done for a periodical called "Everybody's Magazine." In a short story, a love triangle ends in the death of the vil-



Winterthur Museum/AP photo

This undated photo shows a 1919 magazine illustration by N.C. Wyeth that was done for a periodical called 'Everybody's Magazine.' The illustration was discovered underneath another painting by using X-rays.

lain, whom Wyeth depicts with clenched fists and an evil scowl as he charges his rival.

Wyeth turned the canvas upside down and painted his mural study around 1927. Included is his young son Andrew, who went on to become one of the most prominent American artists of the 20th century before his death earlier this year.

"Publishers sometimes returned the canvases after the magazine was published, so you can imagine they started to stack up after a while," said Christine Podmaniczky, associate curator for the N.C. Wyeth collections at the

Brandywine Museum in Chadds Ford. "It wasn't uncommon for him to reuse canvases."

A partial label stuck to the back of the canvas provided enough information to offer a clue of the under-image, Podmaniczky said. A basic X-ray in 1997 confirmed, albeit in fuzzy black and white, the hunch that it was the long-lost magazine illustration.

"What we didn't know was whether it had been painted in black and white or color," Podmaniczky said. "The image (in the magazine) was black and white, and N.C. Wyeth, for a time, did paint in black and white

as well as color."

Enter the synchrotron — Cornell University's high-intensity X-ray. Housed in a circular underground tunnel that's a half mile in circumference, the device creates X-rays with up to a million times the intensity of what dentists use.

When the thin beam hits part of a painting, it creates a phenomenon called fluorescence. Naturally occurring elements both have unique fluorescence fingerprints and correspond to certain paint colors: white contains zinc or titanium, green contains cadmium, blue contains cobalt, and so on.



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David O'Bryan uses the computer to search for jobs Friday in Barre, Vt. The nearly 15 million unemployed Americans won't enjoy Labor Day as a relaxing respite from work. Instead, it's just another day struggling with emotional and economic distress.

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For the jobless, Labor Day is anything but a holiday

By Jeannine Aversa
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Every day it's a battle.

The nearly 15 million unemployed Americans won't enjoy Labor Day as a relaxing respite from work. Instead, they'll once again need to prepare to get up, hit the pavement and keep hunting for a job.

As the jobless rate nears 10 percent, even those fortunate enough to be employed fret about keeping their jobs. But for those without them, it's a daily struggle with emotional and economic distress.

"It's hard to maintain your focus that you're a valuable member of society when you go three months and nobody really wants to employ you," says David O'Bryan, 59, of Barre, Vt.

To cope with the stress, O'Bryan jots down his thoughts in a journal he carries around. He's seeking a new career in the education field. In one recent entry, he wrote:

"I'm finding the process of trying to get into schools both tedious and frustrating. I wish I could have some concrete feedback on why I'm not being hired. Overweight? No para-educator certificate in effect? No confidence in my ability to perform the job?"

The economy is showing signs of being on the mend. Yet that's hardly reassuring to the unemployed this Labor Day weekend. The job

market is in lousy shape and will stay that way for a while.

The nation's jobless rate jumped to a 26-year high of 9.7 percent in August from 9.4 percent in July. It's expected to top 10 percent this year and keep climbing into part of next year before falling back. The post-World War II high was 10.8 percent at the end of 1982.

And it could take four years or more for the unemployment rate to fall back down to a normal level of about 5 percent.

Gregory Przybylski, 46, of suburban Milwaukee has grown increasingly anxious since losing his job as a machine operator in March 2008.

"It's getting scary," said Przybylski, a bachelor who has spent the past several months studying for a high school equivalency degree. "I'm just hoping to be working by Christmas."

Przybylski said he's using his time to study and improve himself so he'll be ready once the economy turns around. But he fears being thrust into a new career after spending so many years as a machinist.

"I've been doing this since 1980 — that's what I know," he said, slowly shaking his head.

"It's stressful whether you have a job or not," says Patricia Drentea, associate professor of sociology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. "If you are out of a job, it can be demoraliz-

ing to know that the tide has not yet turned. For those still in jobs, there is the constant worry that there is going to be more layoffs."

The worst recession since World War II has claimed a net total of 6.9 million jobs — and more losses are expected, casting a pall over this year's Labor Day.

The strains of rising unemployment are making people — those with jobs and those without — more frugal. And they're likely to remain cautious spenders in coming months, crimping the budding economic recovery.

Ethan Fierro of Chicago has managed to survive a round of layoffs at his accounting firm.

But he's not taking his job for granted and is clamping down on the household budget, and cutting out the little extras.

"Now, movie nights have to be Netflix nights," says Fierro, 33, who has a wife and a 1-year-old son.

Chrysanthemum Dickens, 43, of Tampa, a church pastor who also works in sales at an information technology company, shops at a Salvation Army store for school clothes for her sons.

"It's a different age now, and you never know what's going to happen," she says.

Jobseeker Ileen Goldberg of Tampa stopped scheduling doctor's appointments and sold her car to save money and help make ends meet.

"It's horrible out there,"

says Goldberg, 48, who lost her job as an administrative assistant in June. "I have no prospects, so every day it's a mental battle when you get up."

Laid off eight months ago from her secretarial job at a health clinic, Mary Pat Didier, 60, is preparing her five grandchildren for the possibility she might have to move away from her home in Rockford, Ill., in hopes of finding employment.

Didier has begun applying for jobs in Chicago and in Milwaukee. So far, no luck. Her unemployment benefits are set to expire in January, but she hopes to qualify for extended aid. She's burned through her retirement savings.

"There's no place to go from here," Didier said. "I'm too young for Medicare, but I ended up with no health (insurance). I get frustrated, but I can't give up, so I try to not to dwell in it," she adds. "I finally know what it's like to live in the moment."

Time to act on health care, Dem negotiator says

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Senate's chief Democratic negotiator on a health care bill is indicating it's time to act and has told his colleagues he won't wait much longer for a Republican compromise.

"I am committed to getting health care reform done — done soon and done right," Montana Sen. Max Baucus said in a statement.

He is considering making a formal proposal soon to the small group of Senate negotiators who call themselves the "Bipartisan Six." Baucus held a nearly two-hour teleconference on Friday with the other five negotiators from his committee. The group has struggled for months to come up with an acceptable bipartisan bill.

While careful to leave the door open to a long-sought deal, Baucus clearly signaled the time has come for him to move ahead.

President Barack Obama plans to address a joint session of Congress on Wednesday to boost health care reform, a key element of his ambitious domestic agenda.

The president, meanwhile, is trying to placate some unhappy House members who fear he's too eager to compromise with Republicans and conservative Democrats to get a bill.

In a call from Camp David, the presidential retreat in the Maryland, Obama spoke to leaders of the Congressional Progressive Caucus and other liberal-leaning House groups.

The caucus leader, Rep. Lynn Woolsey, D-Calif., said the lawmakers expressed their commitment to creation of a government-run plan to com-

pete with private health insurers. On Thursday, they sent Obama a letter saying they could not support a health bill that lacked such a public option.

Woolsey said Obama listened, asked questions and said discussions should continue. She said a follow-up meeting will occur next week at the White House. Another participant said the president was non-committal about the government-run plan.

The Senate Finance Committee is the only one of five congressional committees with jurisdiction over health care that has yet to produce a bill.

On Friday, Baucus said the members of his group agree on several big-picture items, including the need to control costs, provide access to affordable coverage for all Americans and ensure that health care fixes don't add to the deficit. The negotiators have been working on a pared-back bill that would cost under \$1 trillion over 10 years and drop contentious components, such as the government-sponsored insurance plan that liberals insist must be in the legislation.

But with Republican leaders solidly opposed to Obama's approach, the GOP negotiators are under tremendous pressure not to cooperate. In the last few weeks, two GOP negotiators — Chuck Grassley of Iowa and Mike Enzi of Wyoming — have made harsh public statements about the Democrats' approach.

The third Republican, Olympia Snowe of Maine, has been circumspect.

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U.S. general: Civilians wounded at bombing site

By Jason Straziuso
Associated Press writer

KUNDUZ, Afghanistan — The top NATO commander confirmed Saturday that civilians were wounded by a devastating airstrike targeting insurgents in northern Afghanistan, a major test of his policy to curb airpower to reduce civilian casualties and win over Afghans to the war against the Taliban.

Gen. Stanley McChrystal waded through a knee-deep river to inspect the charred remains of two fuel tankers destroyed in the Friday attack, which Afghan officials say killed about 70 people. It was unclear how many were Taliban and how many were villagers who rushed to the scene to siphon fuel from the stolen trucks.

McChrystal visited the site about 100 miles north of Kabul as European leaders already nervous about the escalating war demanded answers.

Some called the airstrike — requested by the Germans and carried out by U.S. jets — “a tragedy” and “a big mistake” that must be investigated.

The bombing also sent shock waves through Germany ahead of national elections Sept. 27. Opposition politicians called for a thorough investigation, even as the defense minister insisted all the dead were militants.

After touring the bomb site — where villagers’ yellow fuel cans still littered the river bank — McChrystal paid a somber visit to the Kunduz hospital, where he stooped low to talk with a 10-year-old boy whose arms and legs were swathed in gauze.

“While I was going to get the fuel, on the way I heard a big bang, and after that I don’t know what happened,” said the boy, Mohammad Shafi.



AP photo

U.S. Gen. Stanley McChrystal, left, commander of U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan and U.S. Rear Admiral Gregory J. Smith, center, NATO's director of communications in Kabul, are surrounded by Afghan and German soldiers Saturday as they visit the site where villagers reportedly died when American jets bombed fuel tankers hijacked by the Taliban, outside Kunduz, Afghanistan.

McChrystal whispered “tashakor,” — thank you in the Afghan language of Dari — to the boy and left the room.

“Anytime anybody is hurt it is something that gives pause to everybody, particularly when they’re young people, still children. And so you take it very seriously,” McChrystal said. “So I take this entire effort as something that is a responsibility of our command, and a responsibility of mine, to try to protect Afghans.”

Civilian casualties have dogged the U.S. and NATO mission in Afghanistan since the 2001 invasion.

When McChrystal took command in June, he immediately issued orders aimed at reducing such deaths, and asked his troops to concentrate on protecting and understanding Afghan villagers.

The new approach appeared to help, but Friday’s bombing threatened a major

setback to McChrystal’s goals. “From what I have seen today and going to the hospi-

tal, it’s clear to me that there were some civilians that were harmed at the site,” McChrystal told reporters. He did not say if any civilians were killed.

“I think it’s a serious event that is going to be a test of whether we are willing to be transparent and whether we are willing to show that we are here to protect the Afghan people,” McChrystal added. “And I think that it’s very important to me that we follow through on that.”

German officials have insisted everyone killed in the attack were militants. Other NATO officials, though, have conceded that civilians likely died as well.

“There is no reliable information on numbers, but there’s a good sort of a gut sense that there had to have been civilians that made their way just based on the anecdotal conversations we’ve

been hearing,” said U.S. Rear Adm. Gregory J. Smith, McChrystal’s top spokesman.

During his visit to the site, McChrystal asked Smith how many people could be seen on the riverbank through the video feed from U.S. F-15E fighter jets that carried out the attack.

“We could see from the downlink about 120 people?” McChrystal asked.

“It was ebbing and flowing,” Smith said.

Afghan officials at first said as many as 90 people died in the bombing, though the Kunduz governor lowered his estimated toll on Saturday to about 70.

Smith said a preliminary review of surveillance video showed that 56 people died in the blast. But no U.S. or NATO official would say how many might have been civilians.

Mousavi urges more civil disobedience

By Borzou Daragahi
Los Angeles Times

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Iran’s leading opposition figure Saturday called on his supporters to continue acts of peaceful civil disobedience, in his first major statement in weeks.



Mousavi

Mir-Hossein Mousavi also demanded that authorities launch an independent probe of Iran’s disputed presidential election and punish people who allegedly abused protesters and detainees in the unrest that followed.

“We shouldn’t leave any stone unturned and live to up to our commitments in our struggle against cheaters and liars,” he said in a statement on his Web site, kaleme.com.

“In pursuing our cause, we should brave all the accusations, and we shouldn’t duck any act of courage or daring.”

Mousavi, a former prime minister, ran and lost against President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in the June 12 election, which was marred by allegations of massive vote-rigging. Although Mousavi’s deputies have been hauled before televised mass tribunals for questioning the election results, he has remained unbowed.

The announcement came two days after Parliament voted to approve a Cabinet dominated by hard-line loyalists to Ahmadinejad, disappointing opposition figures who had hoped that the battered president would be further weakened in a lengthy brawl over the formation of his government.

Mousavi unveiled no new strategy for his Green Path of Hope, the grass-roots political movement he formed in mid-August. But he implicitly called for a continuation of nightly rooftop anti-government chants and demonstrations.

“There is no way but praying to God and calls (of Allahu akbar, “Great is great”) in small and big gatherings,” he said in the statement.

Earlier in the week, Maj. Gen. Mohammad Ali Jafari, commander of the hard-line Revolutionary Guard, delivered a speech labeling reformists such as former President Mohammad Khatami as enemies of the state.

Their refusal to back down in the face of such threats and pressure suggests there will be no quick resolution of Iran’s greatest domestic political crisis since the early years after the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

“Despite the smear campaign of the state-run propaganda machine, it is we who are calling for the restoration of confidence and peace in society,” Mousavi said in his statement. “It is we who want to avoid any kind of extremism and violence.”

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G-20 countries to maintain economic stimulus measures

By Jane Wardell and Aoife White
Associated Press writers

LONDON — Top finance officials from rich and developing countries agreed Saturday to curb hefty bankers' bonuses, but the proposed crackdown on excessive payouts so far falls short of European demands after the U.S. and Britain shied away from imposing a cap.

The Group of 20 finance ministers also pledged to maintain stimulus measures such as extra government spending and low interest rates to boost the global economy, warning that the fledgling recovery that provided the backdrop to their meeting here is by no means assured.

"The financial system is showing signs of repair," said U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner. "Growth is now under way. However, we still face significant challenges ahead."

The G-20 joint statement issued at the end of their London meeting said that fiscal and monetary policy will stay "expansionary" for as long as needed to reduce the chances of a double-dip recession.

The International Monetary Fund has said that the global economy is beginning a sluggish recovery from its worst recession since World War II, raising its estimate for global economic growth in 2010 to 2.5 percent, from an April pro-



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U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, left, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer Alistair Darling, center, and France's Finance Minister Christine Lagarde pose for a 'family photograph' at the G20 Finance Ministers meeting Saturday in London.

jection of 1.9 percent.

But the IMF also downgraded its forecast for this year, saying it would shrink by 1.4 percent, instead of 1.3 percent.

The group also pushed ahead with plans to reform the financial system, including tougher action against tax havens and giving developing countries a greater say in global governance.

French Finance Minister Christine Lagarde said this ensured that "things will not go back to business as usual ... that there are no dark areas anymore to hide."

But while the gathering — a preparatory session for the G-20 leaders' summit in Pittsburgh later this month — reached agreement on the need for ongoing growth-boosting measures and some regulatory reform, it

compromised on the hot topic of bankers' bonuses.

Curtailing bankers' pay and bonuses has been seen as key by some countries after the risk-promoting payment culture was blamed for fueling the current financial crisis.

British Treasury chief and meeting host Alistair Darling said that there must be no more cases in which "people are being rewarded for reckless behavior."

Heading into the talks in the British capital, European countries had pushed for the G-20, which represents 80 percent of the world's economic output, to enforce an official cap on both individual payouts and collective bonus pots at financial institutions.

Britain supported the general effort to reign in

bonuses, but not the cap, while the United States was more intent on pushing its proposal for a global accord to force banks to hold more capital reserves.

In the event, the G-20 agreed to give the Financial Stability Board, an international body established at the London Summit of G-20 leaders in April, the task of drawing up practical proposals that the Sept. 24-25 leaders meeting in Pittsburgh could agree on.

Suggested measures that countries could take included proposed clawback mechanisms to ensure that bonuses are linked to the long-term success of deals and could be forfeited if they fail to deliver over a period of years.

Lagarde insisted that this would mean real change by limiting bonuses, playing down differences, while Darling again stressed that a straight cap was impractical.

"If you try to cap individual bonuses it would be easy for people to invent exotic products — which we've seen — to get their way around a rather crude mechanism like that," he said.

The G-20 communique failed to directly address a proposal from Geithner for a new international accord to increase bank's capital reserves, but he said he was encouraged by "support around the room."

"Capital is critical" as a shock absorber to cover

potential loan losses, Geithner said.

Going into the meeting, Geithner wanted to reach agreement on an accord by the end of 2010, with implementation by the end of 2012.

The communique did not directly address that plan,

but called for rapid progress in developing stronger regulation, including a requirement that banks hold more and better capital once recovery is assured.

Offbeat views of Japan's new first lady draw attention

By John M. Glionna
Los Angeles Times

SEOUL, South Korea — She's a quasi political player, an eccentric former entertainer whose intense spirituality is ripe for tabloid fodder. She claims she knew actor Tom Cruise in a former life and once visited the planet Venus in a triangular spaceship.



Miyuki Hatoyama

Miyuki Hatoyama, the wife of newly elected Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama, is a free-spirited woman whose views are drawing Western attention since her husband's Democratic Party of Japan swept into power in a historic leadership change last weekend.

The former singer-dancer in an all-female theatrical troupe and the ex-wife of a Japanese restaurateur in California, Hatoyama (who is 66; her husband is 62) met the new prime minister while he was studying engineering at Stanford University.

In Japan, she established herself as a "life composer" or lifestyle consultant who makes her own clothes, including a dress fashioned from hemp coffee bags. On the campaign trail, she demonstrated a passable Michael Jackson moon walk.

Despite her recent high profile, few Japanese know much about her. Still, she has been busy.

She has written several books, including "Top of Form Bottom of Form Miyuki Hatoyama's Spiritual Food" and "Miyuki Hatoyama's Have a Nice Time."

There was a collection of celebrity interviews called "Amazing Events I Have Encountered" in which Hatoyama discussed an extraterrestrial jaunt she says she took during her first marriage.

"While my body was sleeping, I think my spirit flew on a triangular-shaped UFO to Venus," she said. "It was an extremely beautiful place and was very green."

Her book editor said in an interview with the Los Angeles Times that Hatoyama was misunderstood. Shunsuke Tsuchiya said the incident "happened while she was sleeping. It was just a vivid dream."

He described Hatoyama as a very social and straightforward woman with a wide range of interests, including spirituality.

"She does tend to like spiritual topics. She says things like, 'If you're with me, it won't rain.' She can be misunderstood. When you see what she has said in writing, it might be surprising."

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McCarty guides Idaho past New Mexico St.

The Associated Press

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — Nathan Enderle threw two touchdown passes and Princeton McCarty got most of his 96 yards rushing on one play as Idaho beat New Mexico State 21-6 on Saturday night to spoil DeWayne Walker's coaching debut with the Aggies.

McCarty had the highlight of the game late in the first quarter, but he probably won't advertise it.

With the Vandals (1-0, 1-0 Western Athletic Conference) at their own 32, McCarty broke free up the middle, burst



past the linebackers into open field with no defenders anywhere nearby. As he sprinted untouched toward the end zone, he tripped at the 5 and put his face mask into the turf at the 1.

McCarty, who had a career-high 160 yards rushing in last season's 20-14 win over the Aggies, scored on the next play to put Idaho up 14-0, then got a bear hug on the sideline from coach Robb Akey.

New Mexico State (0-1, 0-1) has been one

of the nation's worst programs for decades and Walker got off to a rough start in his bid to turn things around. The Aggies had a touchdown overturned by an officials' review, missed a field goal and PAT kick and lost two fumbles.

Enderle completed 11 of 21 attempts for 179 yards with one interception. He threw a 6-yard TD pass to Daniel Hardy to cap Idaho's first drive, then found Max Komar on a 38-yard catch-and-run that helped the Vandals to a 21-0 halftime lead.

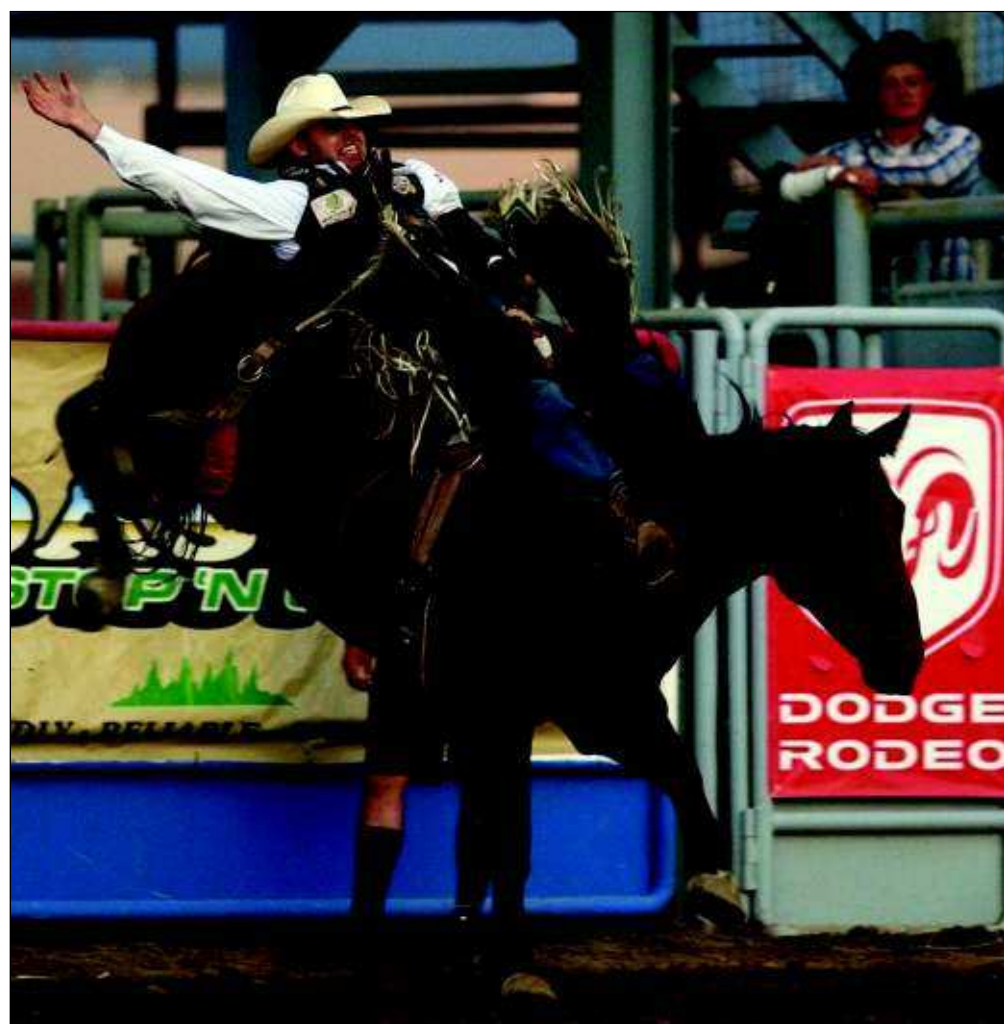
Idaho has beaten New Mexico State five of the past six years. The Aggies ended last sea-

son on a seven-game losing streak, which led to the firing of former coach Hal Mumme, and things didn't look much better much of the night even with a new coaching staff.

New Mexico State struggled to find an offensive rhythm but avoided a shutout on Tony Glynn's 3-yard TD run late in the third period. Jeff Fleming, a junior college transfer to win the quarterback job in fall workouts, threw a fourth quarter interception that ended any hope for a rally.

Fleming was 21-of-33 for 230 yards.

WRAPPING UP



Kimberly cowboy Josi Young scores an 83 during the 2009 Magic Valley Stampede Rodeo in bareback bronc riding Saturday at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer.

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Arizona State's Ryan McFoy, bottom, stops Idaho State running back Clint Knickrehm at the line of scrimmage during the first quarter of Saturday's game in Tempe, Ariz. Arizona State led the game 43-3 in the fourth quarter at press time Saturday evening. Check Monday's edition of the *Times-News* for a full recap.

Brady's back — time for the NFL to rock

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press writer

The Boss is back. Time for the Patriots — and the NFL — to rock again.

Tom Brady, the NFL's version of Springsteen/Bono/Petty, is throwing passes and avoiding paparazzi, and pro football is the better for it. This guy is no halftime act at the Super Bowl. He's the reason New England again is favored to play in the big game.

The expectations are only high until you consider what Brady has done this decade — aside from marrying a supermodel and becoming fodder for the entertainment tabloids and TMZ.

The superstar quarterback has guided New England to three NFL championships in four Super Bowl appearances. Two years ago, he put together the greatest season any passer has compiled, resurrecting Randy Moss' career in the bargain. The guy hasn't lost a regular-season game since the 2006 season, having gone down with a knee injury in last year's opener after directing the Patriots to a 16-0 record in 2007.

When he was knocked out by the Chiefs, the NFL lost



AP photo

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady stretches before the NFL preseason football game against the New York Giants, Thursday, in Foxborough, Mass.

some pizzazz. While New England didn't exactly misplace its mojo without Brady — the Patriots did go 11-5 — there were no playoffs for the Matt Cassel-led team. More significantly, there was no Brady Watch: no chase for more records; no political candidates knocking down his door for endorsements; no flood of TV commercials. Pretty much no Brady sightings as he recuperated.

Is he fully recovered? The

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Magic Valley Stampede comes to a close

By Diane Philbin
Times-News writer

FILER — With only about a month left in the 2009 regular season, a few cowboys and cowgirls have already wrapped up spots in the National Finals and just need to stay injury free. But there are still those on the bubble who are taking advantage of every opportunity to go and make some money.

The increase of a better payday and a chance of winning drew many to the weekend's Magic Valley Stampede in Filer, but there is only so much each cowboy or cowgirl can do regarding the draw and the variables they can't control.

The superstar of the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association, Trevor Brazile entered the Stampede

because of the equal money to be paid out in team roping, which gave him a great chance to win the all-around.

Brazile ended up winning the tie-down with a three day best time of 8.1 seconds. But as luck would have it, Brazile and partner Patrick Smith recorded a no time in team roping.

Brazile was still upbeat after the setback.

"Hard work pays off," says Brazile, the six time all-around cowboy of the PRCA regarding his success. "The longer I rodeo, the more I realize you have to look at the season as a whole. You can't take it day-to-day because sometimes you'll have a good week and then a bad week."

Josh Peek won the all-around title at this weekend's rodeo.

After suffering an injury at the National Finals Rodeo last year and taking nine months to recover, Kimberly cowboy, Josi Young says the fire is still there and it is good to be back riding. Young remembers breaking his pelvis in the middle of his first ride at the NFR but still rode three more horses.

"It's been a long road back," said Young, who placed fourth in the bareback with an 83 in only his second weekend back in competition. "I've placed once and won one event on (Freak Show, Young's ride)."

The top saddle bronc rider, Jesse Kruse, scored 86 points on Shining Mountain and finished tied for third place with Taos Muncy.

Why was he in Filer at the Stampede?

"My traveling partner

entered us here," said Kruse with a smile.

He will add \$1,037 to his 2009 total of \$119,453. Last year the Montana cowboy only made \$53,467.

"This year, I've been more consistent and had better draws," Kruse said.

Magic Valley Stampede final results

All-around cowboy: Josh Peek, \$3,904.50.
Bareback riding: 1. (tie) Steven Dent and Tim Shirley, 86 points, \$1,827.77; 2. Jason Havens, 84, \$1,178.95; 3. Josi Young, 83, \$762.85; 4. Kaycee Felid, 82, \$485.45.
Steer wrestling: 1. Josh Peek, 3.3 seconds, \$2,337.95; 2. Shawn Greenfield, 3.5, \$2,033.00; 3. Gabe Ledford, 3.7, \$1,728.05; 4. Matt Goins, 3.8, \$1,423.10; 5. Travis Carnine, 3.9, \$1,118.15.
Team roping: 1. (tie) Waylon McCurley and Brandon Bates, Ty Blasingame and Cody Hintz, 5.2 seconds, \$3,753.45; 2. (tie) Brandon Beers and Mike Beers, Jolielmond and Randon Adams, 5.3, \$2,919.35; 3. Travis Tryan and Jimmie Cooper, 5.4 seconds, \$2,293.78.
Saddle bronc: 1. Jesse Wright, 88 points, \$2,223.00; 2. Justin Arnold, 87, \$1,704.30; 3. (tie) Taos Muncy, and Jesse Kruse, 86, \$1,037.40; 4. Jesse James Kirby, 85, \$518.70.
Tie down roping: 1. Trevor Brazile, 8.1 seconds, \$2,119.45; 2. Matt Shiozawa, 8.3, \$1,843.00; 3. Josh Peek, 9.0, \$1,566.55; 4. J.C. Malone, 9.1, \$1,290.10; 5. Trevor Thiel, 9.3, \$1,013.65.
Bull riding: 1. Steve Wooley, 86 points, \$2,488.50; 2. J.W. Harris, 82, \$1,907.85; 3. (tie) Tyler Smith and Luke Haight, 81, \$1,161.30; 5. Michael Serr, 71, \$580.65.
Barrel racing: 1. Nancy Hunter, 17.44 seconds; 2. Sherry Cervi, 17.49; 3. Shelley Morgan, 17.65; 4. (tie) Megan McLeod and Layna Kight, 17.68.

Boise State's Ames takes over at right tackle position

By Dustin Lapray
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — The Boise State football team recruits traditional students, straight out of high school, with nothing but football on their minds. But the team also snags non-traditional students like Michael Ames, a 22-year-old red-shirt freshman.

Ames was a late arrival to the Bronco squad because he spent two years on his LDS mission to North Carolina.

"I learned a lot about myself as a person," Ames said. "It was a lot of fun, but I missed football. I had the

opportunity to come back and talk to (offensive coordinator Brian Harsin and (head coach Chris Petersen, and they were nice enough to give me a chance to come back and play."

Ames walked on and took a red-shirt season in 2008. Although he never hit the field last season, his work on the scout team helped him get ready to start in 2009. The scout team prepares the defensive starters for games by replicating



Ames

offenses they will face week to week. Ames spent all last season battling against Mike T. Williams and Ryan Winterswyk, two of the best defensive ends in the Western Athletic Conference last season.

"It was a good opportunity to get better," Ames said. "A lot of people think I just popped out of nowhere."

That's true. Ames came into spring camp third on the O-line depth chart. But as fall camp began, he emerged as a bona fide prospect in the starting five.

Now, Ames has the high-pres-

sure task to protect Kellen Moore's blind side.

"I understand that I'm right there and he's a left-handed quarterback," Ames said. "It's just going to take me to be smart, not get beat inside and kind of stud up at that position. It's a big deal not to get Kellen hit."

Ames did give up a little pressure in the Oregon game, and also limped around a little bit, but he remained in the game and proved he can do the job.

"He's kind of that guy who came in unexpected," Moore said. "He came in light, now he put on the

weight and now he's kind of come full circle and he's ready to roll."

When Ames came to BSU he weighed a paltry 235 pounds. After 13 months of weight-room work later he has bulked up to 285, adding 50 pounds of muscle. He has the build to put on more.

"I'm still a little undersized," Ames said. "But it's something I've continually worked for, getting bigger, getting to that O-line size, but trying to get there the right way, by eating smart, eating a lot."

Ames was a 2-year starter at Centennial High School in Boise,

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YOUR SPORTS



Courtesy photo

Minico High Spirit blanket

The annual Spirit blanket for Minico High School fall sports is available. Raffle tickets are three for \$1, or 50 cents each. Proceeds benefit the Minico Spartan Dance Force to help pay for team uniforms. The blanket will be given away during half time of Minico's Sept. 25 homecoming game against Wood River. Tickets may be purchased from any dance team member or coach. Information: Sandee Nelson at 208-731-3214.

MARTIAL ARTS

Getting the third degree

Lisa Farnsworth, front right, recently tested for her third-degree black belt, while Neka Bethke, front left, midtermed for her third-degree black belt. The two-day test concluded Aug. 29. Back row: Master Bill Fulcher and Chief Master Jay Hartwell.

Courtesy photo



Your Scores

BOWLING

Start of the 2009-10 season. **BOWLADROME, TWIN FALLS MONDAY FOLLIES**

MEN'S SERIES: Bill Boren 578, Dave Wilson 575, Rick Rulter 555, Rick Morrow 554.
MEN'S GAMES: Al Anglin 224, Rick Morrow 224, Doug Hamrick 218, Bill Boren 209.
LADIES SERIES: Ann Shepherd 522, Sylvia Wood 518, Stacy Hodges 506, RaeNae Reece 502.
LADIES GAMES: Stacy Hodges 247, Sylvia Wood 200, Leslie Hamblin 194, Jeannine Bennett 193.

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MEN'S SERIES: Tom Smith 610, Ed Dutry 568, Eddie Chappell 561, Maury Miller 560.
MEN'S GAMES: Eddie Chappell 244, Tom Smith 225, Maury Miller 214, Mac Brown 208.
LADIES SERIES: Jeane Miller 526, Kim Leazer 508, Char DeRoche 469, Margie Howard 469.
LADIES GAMES: Kim Leazer 190, Char DeRoche 189, Jeane Miller 182, Bonnie Draper 174.

TUES. A.M. TRIOS

SERIES: Londa Stout 512, Jackie Bressette 503, Jean McGuire 480, Edith Sutherland 469.
GAMES: Londa Stout 179, Barbara Pidgeon 173, Gail McAllister 171, Edith Sutherland 170.
MEN'S CONSOLIDATED SERIES: Kelly Jeroue 703, John Bonnett 659, Matt Olson 652, Jon Powlus 636.
GAMES: Matt Olson 276, Kelly Jeroue 258, Denny O'Brien 255, John Bonnett 255.

M.V. SENIORS

MEN'S SERIES: Ed Dutry 609, Bob Chalfant 532, Victor Hagood 532, John Johnson 500, Tom Draper 500.
MEN'S GAMES: Ed Dutry 214, Tom Draper 205, John Johnson 204, Victor Hagood 186.
LADIES SERIES: Shirley Kunsman 480, Barbara Frith 456, Nadine Koepnick 415, Jean McGuire 406.
LADIES GAMES: Shirley Kunsman 181, Barbara Frith 161, Nadine Koepnick 158, Jeannine Bennett 145.

FRI. P.M. SENIORS

MEN'S SERIES: Tom Smith 612,

Dave Wilson 592, Blaine Ross 589, Bob Chalfant 578

MEN'S GAMES: Bob Chalfant 257, Keith Kulm 230, Dave Wilson 230, Blaine Ross 223.
LADIES SERIES: Dawn Kulm 514, Gail McAllister 494, Sondra Hill 481, Sandy Schroeder 475.
LADIES GAMES: Dawn Kulm 202, Jean McGuire 184, Sondra Hill 181, Sandy Schroeder 181.

MOOSE

SERIES: Jon Powlus 757, Bob Leazer 728, Tom Smith 700, Kerry Klassen 679.
GAMES: Tom Smith 259, Bob Leazer 257, Jon Powlus 257, Cory Moore.

MAGIC BOWL, TWIN FALLS FIFTY PLUS

MEN'S SERIES: Jim Vining 537, Blaine Ross 513, Roy Couch 501, Howard Harder 500.
MEN'S GAMES: Blaine Ross 213, Felix McLemore 211, Maurice Fuller 202, Jim Vining 195.
LADIES SERIES: Barbara Frith 575, Margie Howard 503, Linda Vining 487, Joan Leis 470.
LADIES GAMES: Barbara Smith 201, Margie Howard 186, Shirley Kunsman 178, Joan Leis 170.

BURLEY SELLING SEASON PASSES

BURLEY — The Burley Booster Club is selling season passes for Burley High School sports. A family pass is \$185, while a century pass (two people) is \$100. A single pass is \$75 and a senior pass (60 years and over) is \$25. A punch card (allows you into 20 events) is \$60. Make checks payable to the Burley Booster Club and mail c/o Ann Garn 1000 Sandy Glen Lane, Burley, ID 83318. Info: 878-1324.

Adult sports

SHERYL DEAN CLASSIC SCHEDULED

BURLEY — McCain Relay for Life will host the inaugural Sheryl Dean Classic Saturday at Burley Golf Course. Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by a 10 a.m. shotgun start. The cost is \$60 per person and includes green fees, cart rental, lunch and prizes. Hole sponsorships are also available. Information: 678-6719 or celeste.christiansen@mccain.com.

MVTA HOLDS TOURNEY AND MEETING

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Tennis Association's 2009 annual social tournament and meet-

MAGIC VALLEY SPORTS BRIEFS

Times-News

Following are area sports announcements submitted to the Times-News.

Youth sports

BUHL YOUTH FOOTBALL HOLDS PPK COMPETITION

BUHL — Buhl Youth Football will hold its NFL Punt, Pass and Kick competition at 4 p.m., Saturday at the Buhl High School football field. This national event tests skills and accuracy of youth football players.

Boys and girls must be 8 to 15 years old as of Dec. 31, 2009, and must show a valid birth certificate at the event in order to compete. Participants cannot wear cleats for the competition. Pre-registration forms can be filled out at <http://www.ppk-nfl-youthfootball.com>. The top scorer in each age division for boys and girls advances to the sectional competition. Information: Brad Crossland at 435-8750 or Mark Lively at 435-8552.

T.F. HOLDS YOUTH PROGRAMS

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Parks and Recreation will offer athletic programs for

ages 2-3 and 4-5 this fall. Tyke Time for ages 2-3 will introduce fundamentals of soccer, T-ball and track and field. Parent participation is required. The program will run from 4 to 4:45 p.m. on Wednesdays from Sept. 2-23 at Harmon Park.

Preschool fall soccer for ages 4-5 will run from 10 to 10:45 a.m. or 11 to 11:45 a.m. on Saturdays from Sept. 12 to Oct. 3 at Sunway Soccer Complex.

The cost of each program is \$23 for those inside the city and \$33 outside the city. Information: 736-2265 or <http://www.tfid.org>.

High schools

FUNDS SOUGHT FOR JHS FIELD

JEROME — Jerome High School senior Mackenzie Ingraham is leading a project to raise money to install artificial turf at the Tigers' football stadium to benefit the football and soccer programs. Donations may be made to the Jerome School District Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 140, Jerome, ID, 83338. Construction donations are also welcome to keep costs down. Information: E-mail ingraham2010@hotmail.com.

CSI spikers win Ariz. tournament

Times-News

The College of Southern Idaho volleyball team wrapped up a perfect weekend in Prescott, Ariz., by defeating Casper (Wyo.) College and the New Mexico Military Institute to win the Roughrider Volleyball Invitational at Yavapai Community College on Saturday.

The tournament win is CSI's second in as many weeks.

CSI (7-1) defeated Casper 25-21, 25-20, 25-18 and beat NMMI 25-21, 25-23, 25-17. The Golden Eagles rode the hitting prowess of left-sided hitter Elisa Brochado and right-sider Jessica Peacock. Brochado had 27 kills over the two matches while Peacock had 31.

Setter Barbara Alcantara dished out 62 assists over the two matches.

The No. 14 Golden Eagles return to action this Friday when they travel to Pasadena, Texas, for a tournament at San Jacinto College. There they will face five teams over two days, including No. 1 and defending national champion Blinn College.

TWIN FALLS SIXTH AT PEG PETERSON

The Twin Falls High School volleyball team won five of its seven matches, including wins over Blackfoot, Shelley, Bishop Kelly and Skyline, as it finished sixth at the Peg Peterson volleyball tournament in Pocatello on Saturday.

Cheltzie Williams had 51 kills over the weekend, Mallory Junck had 88 digs, and Allie Johnson dished out 105 assists over the weekend.

The five wins left Twin Falls with a 6-5 record over the two days.

"Last night we kind of had a breakdown, but the girls all got together and decided they really wanted to play as hard as they could and take ownership," said Twin Falls coach B.J. Price. "I can't tell you how impressive their play was today, across the board. I think we just ran out of a little gas at the end, just couldn't finish them off."

The Bruins are at Burley on Tuesday.

Boys Soccer

JEROME 4, MIDDLETON 1

Sergio Madrigal scored

twice in the second half to lift Jerome to a 4-1 win over visiting Middleton on Saturday.

Saul Diaz scored in the first for Jerome, while Sergio Martinez scored the fourth goal for the Tigers (6-0-0).

Jerome will travel to Twin Falls on Wednesday.

Cross Country

JEROME GIRLS SIXTH AT CARDINAL CLASSIC

Mikesell Clegg, Mackenzie Chojnacky and Jasmine Nesbitt all finished in the top 10 as the Jerome girls cross country team finished sixth at the Cardinal Classic in Soda Springs on Saturday.

The Jerome boys, led by Eriberto Escobedo's 16th-place finish, were seventh.

Cardinal Classic At Soda Springs

Team scores plus top 10 and locals only

Boys
Team scores: 1. Bingham, Utah 56 points; 2. Highland 64; 3. Hillcrest 103; 4. Green River, Wyo. 147; 5. Teton 151; 6. Idaho Falls 183; 7. Jerome 192; 8. Preston 179; 9. Rock Springs, Wyo. 199; 10. Skyline 219; 11. Centura 23; 12. West Side 310; 13. Soda Springs 320; 14. Bear Lake 354; 15. Jackson, Wyo. 423.
Individual results: 1. Caden Portela, Firch, 16 minutes, 32 seconds; 2. G. Zans, Rock Springs, 16:35; 3. Dallin Farnsworth, Highland, 16:49; 4. Tyler Crofts, Hillcrest, 17:29; 5. Austin Kuntz, Idaho Falls, 17:38; 6. Bryson Wintch, Bonneville, 17:48; 7. Jeremy Troff, Bingham, 17:48; 8. Austin Smith, Bingham, 17:49; 9. Jeff Hymas, Bingham, 17:55; 10. Jacob Hall, Highland, 17:55; 16. Eriberto Escobedo, Jerome, 18:12; 32. Austin Clegg, Jerome, 18:49; 39. Eric Tolman, Jerome, 18:57; 49. Ethan Lopez, Jerome, 19:11; 66. Blake Orchard, Jerome, 20:04; 74. Matt Ahrens, Jerome, 20:21; 89. Logan Somerset, Jerome, 21:18.

Girls

Team scores: 1. Bingham, Utah 69 points; 2. Soda Springs 124; 3. Hillcrest 124; 4. Preston 135; 5. Green River, Wyo. 157; 6. Jerome 159; 7. Rock Springs, Wyo. 178; 8. Century, 195; 9. Idaho Falls 210; 10. Teton 246; 11. Jackson, Wyo. 248; 12. Firch 276; 13. Bear Lake 299; 14. Skyline 297.
Individual results: 1. Hannah McInturf, Century, 20 minutes, 16 seconds; 2. Mikesell Clegg, Jerome, 20:21; 3. Laura Young, Bingham, 20:38; 4. Heidi Free, Preston, 20:47; 5. N. Peterson, Rock Springs, 21:00; 6. Callie Evans, Hillcrest, 21:05; 7. Kylie Hutchison, Highland, 21:10; 8. Mackenzie Chojnacky, Jerome, 21:23; 9. Jasmine Nesbitt, Jerome, 21:29; 10. Ashley Annable, Green River, 21:31; 65. Nichole Chojnacky, Jerome, 25:09; 86. Brittani Walter, Jerome, 26:56; 93. Kara Waymet, Jerome, 27:38; 100. Aimee Ploss, Jerome, 29:53.

Golf

KUHN LEADS M.V. AMATEUR

Darren Kuhn of Pocatello shot a 68 to hold a one-shot lead after Saturday's opening round of the Magic Valley Amateur, held at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

Roger Wallock of Battle Mountain, Nev., is second with a 69, while two Twin Falls golfers follow. Chris Roland carded a 70 and Colt Jones shot 71.

The action continues today.

2009 Magic Valley Amateur At Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course

Hometowns listed where provided
Championship Flight
Darren Kuhn, Pocatello 35-33-68
Roger Wallock, Battle Mountain, Nev. 35-34-69
Chris Roland, Twin Falls 36-34-70
Colt Jones, Twin Falls 36-35-71
Jamie Perilinski 35-36-71
Sam Davis, Council Bluffs 35-36-71
Victor Velasquez, Twin Falls 37-35-72
Carl Sklavos, Twin Falls 37-35-72
Corky Federico, Twin Falls 38-34-72

Alan Ward, Burley 35-38-73
Sevy Fisher 37-36-73
Chase Schaniel 41-34-75
Darren Coats, Elko, Nev. 38-39-77
Bruce Nerpin, Elko, Nev. 45-46-91

First Flight

Gary Paulsen, Kuna 34-33-67
Doug Mackay, Buhl 36-32-68
Eric Schultz, Twin Falls 37-36-73
Jeff Rolig 38-35-73
Dan Schnoebelen, Filer 40-35-75
Gary Burkett, Twin Falls 37-38-75
Jack M. Shetler, Filer 39-36-75
Steve Nelson, Boise 40-45-75
Brad N. Greene 35-41-76
Matthew Frank, Twin Falls 41-25-76
Ken Boer, Jerome 40-38-78
Blake Fischer, Twin Falls 42-37-79
Gary Jenkins, Twin Falls 40-39-79
Maury Hardman, Bend, Ore. 39-41-80
John Essma, Twin Falls 42-39-81

Second Flight

Coby Magee, Twin Falls 35-35-70
Brad Smith 35-37-72
Ricky Woods, Elko, Nev. 36-37-73
Randy Miller, Wendell 36-38-74
Steve Hoffman, Filer 39-35-74
Chris Schmalz, Filer 39-36-75
Conrad Stribakos 40-40-80
Terry Walls 39-37-76
Wes Startin 38-38-76
Lee Koch, Elko, Nev. 39-38-77
Anthony Wallock, Battle Mountain, Nev. 40-38-78
Larry Amen, Twin Falls 43-35-78
Scott Smith 43-44-83
Gary Krist, Twin Falls 44-40-84
Jim Kielen, Bliss 40-44-84

Third Flight

Gus Stribakos 39-39-78
Rich Birrell 37-41-78
Mike Hunzeker, Kimberly 41-38-79
Ron Boyd, Twin Falls 37-42-79
Dwight Sandmark 42-38-80
Mike Helsey 40-40-80
Travis Janiszewski 43-39-82
Blaine McAllister, Twin Falls 42-42-84
Harley Cambridge 43-41-84
Doug Alley, Hazelton 42-43-85
Wally Wahlstrom, Elko, Nev. 46-39-85
George Anderson 43-41-86
Joe Akker, Boise 47-40-87
Paul Clark, Elko, Nev. 45-42-87
Braiden Luper, Filer 49-48-97

Fourth Flight

Salvador Acevedo, Twin Falls 35-37-72
John Reitsma, Twin Falls 41-35-76
Jason Harris 39-40-79
James Baker 42-39-81
Jerry Thompson 41-40-81
Todd Rehben, Twin Falls 42-39-81
Blaine Mai, Twin Falls 42-40-82
Jamen Painter, Twin Falls 42-40-82
Bill Schmalz 43-40-83
Jerrry McAllister, Buhl 42-42-84
Rex Silvers 43-41-86
Richard Jennings 42-42-84
Willie Dane, Twin Falls 42-42-84
Blaine Doney, Twin Falls 39-46-85
Shane Petersen 40-46-86
Alan Bernstein 45-43-88
Jason Simonton 44-44-88
Dave Anderson 41-48-89
Steven Bernstein 45-44-89
John Kauffman, Twin Falls 43-48-91
Paul Jenkins 44-47-91
Tyler Davis, Council Bluffs 46-45-91
Kevin Ranalli 42-50-92
Matt Carter 47-45-92
Paul Kay 45-48-93
Gerald White, Jerome 47-47-94
John H. Wilson, Twin Falls 46-48-94
Joseph D. Koch, Elko, Nev. 48-46-94
Gary Rene, Twin Falls 49-47-96
Bill Nelson 50-50-100
Doug Nichols 50-53-103
William Ewer 47-56-103
Michael Mcmasters, Twin Falls 50-58-108

Late results

Golf

CANYON SPRINGS MATCH PLAY RESULTS

Rick Burke and Tim Sterling won the PGA Flight of the Canyon Springs Match Play tournament, held Aug. 29-30. Carl Sklavos and Gary Burkett, who won the Masters Flight, were the Last Team Standing.

Results follow.

Canyon Springs Match Play At Canyon Springs Golf Course, Twin Falls

PGA Flight: 1. Rick Burke and Tim Sterling, 9 points; 2. (tie) Gordon Barry and Earl Molyneux, Chad Urey and Kevin Kelly, 6; 4. Craig Stotts and Jay Sheppard, 5; 5. Chris Roland and Gary Phillips, 3.
Masters Flight: 1. Carl Sklavos and Gary Burkett, 8 points; 2. (tie) Gary Krumm and Ted Black, Jay Bride and Ed Fuchs, 6; 4. Kevin Holcomb and Jim Astorquia, 5; 5. Dave McCallum and Tom Wray, 3; 6. Ryan Fala and Travis Price, 2.
U.S. Open Flight: 1. (tie) Bill Thomason and Mark Branham, Jim Ochster and Duane Schneberger, 7 points; 3. Steve Gentry and Randy Terney, 6; 4. Bill Saxton and Dan Grubbs, 5; 5. Andy Coats and Todd Rehben, 3; 6. Rob Grant and Dave Clark, 2.
British Open Flight: 1. Doug Freeman and Wayne Hafner, 9 points; 2. Paul Jenkins and Bill Schmalz, 8; 3. Larry Edridge and Paul Hash, 7; 4. Ron Tuttle and Bob Butler, 5; 5. Jaren Peay and Pat Barclay, 2; 6. Jason Jahn and Ed Reeves, 0.
Last Team Standing Championship: 1. Carl Sklavos and Gary Burkett; 2. Rick Burke and Tim Sterling; 3. Doug Freeman and Wayne Hafner; 4. Bill Thomason and Mark Branham.

members will also be waived for those who sign up from Sept. 20-27.

RIM 2 RIM RACE PLANNED

TWIN FALLS — The Rim 2 Rim race will be held Saturday, Sept. 19. Participants may walk or run the 7.5-mile route, or do the half race, covering three-plus miles going down the Centennial grade. No strollers are allowed. Entries forms are available at YMCA, Jerome Recreation Center, Gold's Gym, Curves or at <http://www.spondoro.com>. Proceeds help build homes for needy families in the Magic Valley.

T.F. HOLDS VOLLEYBALL MEETINGS
TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Parks and Recreation will hold an organizational meeting for its adult volleyball leagues on Tuesday at the recreation office (136 Maxwell Ave.).

The women's league will meet a 6 p.m., with the coed meeting at 6:30. League fees, rules and season length will be discussed and each team wishing to participate should be represented. Information: 208-736-2265.

improvements on the Jackpot Community Church and the Baptist Church Angel Fund, which helps travelers and less fortunate citizens in the community. Information: Sharon Feltman at 775-755-2351.

VANDYK MEMORIAL SCRAMBLE SET

JEROME — The 11th Annual Pete VanDyk Memorial Golf Scramble, hosted by the Jerome High School Booster Club, will be held Saturday at Jerome Country Club. All proceeds benefit the athletic programs at JHS. For team registration or sponsorship information, contact Kristi Patterson at 208-308-5929 or visit <http://www.d261.k12.id.us>.

YMCA OFFERS FREE WEEK

TWIN FALLS — The YMCA of Twin Falls will offer free access to all three of its facilities from Sept. 20-27 as part of American on the Move, a nationwide YMCA event invited people to incorporate healthy activities into their daily routines.

Free classes on health eating will be offered and three news classes, Power Pump, Kettlebells and Zumba will be available. The standard enrollment fee for new

JEROME SKATE PARK HOLDS GOLF TOURNEY

JEROME — The Jerome Centennial Skate Park will hold a fundraiser golf tournament Sept. 19 at 93 Golf Ranch in Jerome. The tournament begins with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Information: Sheryl at 324-6533.

JACKPOT CHURCH HOLDS GOLF TOURNEY

JACKPOT — Jackpot Community Church's 12th Annual Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, Sept. 26, with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. The cost for the four-person scramble is \$50 per player and includes green fees, cart, lunch and prizes. Proceeds benefit capital

SCOREBOARD

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Sprint Cup Pep Boys

Auto 500 Lineup
After Saturday Qualifying: Race Sunday
At Atlanta Motor Speedway
Hampton, Ga.
Lap Length: 1.54 Miles
(Car Number In Parentheses)

- (1) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 181,149.
- (9) Casey Kahne, Dodge, 183,497.
- (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 183,358.
- (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 182,994.
- (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 182,771.
- (5) Mark Martin, Chevrolet, 182,609.
- (83) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 182,500.
- (12) David Stremme, Dodge, 182,416.
- (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 182,213.
- (47) Marcos Ambrose, Toyota, 182,003.
- (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 181,804.
- (43) Reed Sorenson, Dodge, 181,848.
- (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, 181,675.
- (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 181,645.
- (6) David Ragan, Ford, 181,639.
- (21) David Gilliland, Ford, 181,449.
- (29) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 181,414.
- (52) Michael Waltrip, Toyota, 181,414.
- (30) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, 181,348.
- (19) Elliott Sadler, Dodge, 181,325.
- (42) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, 181,301.
- (39) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 181,248.
- (3) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 181,236.
- (71) Bobby Labonte, Chevrolet, 181,129.
- (6) Greg Biffle, Ford, 181,046.
- (26) Jamie McMurray, Ford, 180,651.
- (00) David Reutimann, Toyota, 180,522.
- (7) Robby Gordon, Toyota, 180,457.
- (77) Sam Hornish Jr., Dodge, 180,416.
- (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 180,369.
- (82) Scott Speed, Toyota, 180,152.
- (37) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 180,047.
- (34) Joey Logano, Toyota, 179,988.
- (44) A.J. Allmendinger, Dodge, 179,971.
- (67) R. Nemechek, Toyota, 180,110.
- (66) Dave Blaney, Toyota, 179,673.
- (9) Mike Bliss, Dodge, 179,586.
- (13) Max Papis, Toyota, 179,505.
- (34) John Andretti, Chevrolet, 179,400.
- (98) Paul Menard, Ford, 178,804.
- (56) Erik Darnell, Ford, Towner Points.
- (48) Terry Labonte, Toyota, Past Champion.

BASEBALL

AL BOXES

WHITE SOX 5, RED SOX 1

Boston	ab	r	h	bi	Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
Elliory cf	4	0	0	0	Podolski dh	4	1	1	0
Pedroia 2b	3	0	0	0	Bkchm 3b	0	0	0	0
VMrtnc zc	4	0	0	0	J.Nix ph-3b	2	0	0	0
Yokulis 1b	4	0	0	0	Pryncz c	3	1	0	0
D.Ortiz dh	3	0	0	0	Konerk 1b	4	2	2	3
Bay lf	3	1	1	0	Wise rf	0	0	0	0
Swell 3b	3	0	0	0	Kotsay rf-1b	3	1	1	0
J.Drew rf	3	0	0	0	Quentin lf	4	0	2	0
N.Green ss	2	0	1	0	Getz 2b	3	0	2	1
Ktchm ph	1	0	0	0	Almrnz ss	4	0	0	0
Wdrov ss	0	0	0	0	Rios cf	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	1	1	0	Totals	30	5	8	5
Chicago	300	000	010	0	Boston	300	001	010	5

LOB—Boston 3, Chicago 6. 2B—V.Martinez (28), HR—Bay (31), Konerko (25), Kotsay (3), SB—Podsednik (26), Getz 2 (22), CS—Pierzynski (1), S—Pierzynski (1).

TIGERS 8, RAYS 6

Detroit	ab	r	h	bi	Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi
Gdrnds cf	2	1	0	0	Bartlett ss	4	1	1	0
Raburn ph-cf	1	0	0	0	Crwrd lf	2	1	0	0
Polanc 2b	5	1	2	0	Zobrist rf	3	2	1	0
CGuillin lf	4	0	1	0	C.Pena lb	3	1	1	1
MCarr lb	4	0	1	0	Burrell dh	2	0	1	2
A.Huff dh	4	0	0	0	Longo 3b	4	1	2	3
Kelly pr-dh	1	0	0	0	Ortiz 2b	4	1	2	0
Ordorz rf	3	1	2	0	Zaun c	4	0	0	0
Thoms pr-1b	0	0	0	0	F Perez cf	3	0	1	0
Inge 3b	4	0	1	0	Wayer ph	1	0	0	0
Avila c	3	1	1	2					
Thams ph	1	0	0	0					
Lard c	1	0	0	0					
Santiaz ss	3	1	2	0					
WRmrz pr	0	0	0	0					
Everttt ss	0	0	0	0					
Totals	34	8	11	8	Totals	30	6	8	6
Tampa Bay	402	000	000	8	Detroit	402	000	000	8

DP—Detroit 2, Tampa Bay 1. HR—Detroit 5, Tampa Bay 5. 2B—Ordorz (18), Santiago (6), Iwamura (14), 3B—CGuillen (2), HR—Polanco (10), Avila (4), Longoria (2). SB—Kelly (1), Zobrist (6), CS—F.Perez (2), S—Everttt, SF—Burrell 2.

ANGELS 5, ROYALS 1, 11 INNINGS

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi	Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi
Figgins 3b	6	1	0	0	Deless lf	5	0	1	0
Mizurs 2b	5	0	1	0	Blmgst 2b	5	1	1	0
Bareu rf	3	0	1	0	Butler lf	4	0	2	1
Guerri dh	5	0	0	0	Jacobs dh	5	0	1	0
Trinfr cf	4	0	2	0	Taehsn 3b	4	0	1	0
K.Moris lb	5	0	2	0	Oliwo c	4	0	0	0
JRver lf	4	0	0	0	Maiet cf	4	0	0	0
Willits pr-1b	0	0	0	0	YBncr ss	4	0	0	0
Eayar ss	4	0	3	1	JAndrs rf	3	0	0	0
J.Maths c	5	0	1	0	P.Bena ph	3	0	0	0
Totals	42	5	10	2	Totals	39	1	7	1
Los Angeles	100	000	000	5	Kansas City	100	000	000	1

E—Bloomquist (10), DP—Kansas City 1, LOB—Los Angeles 11, Kansas City 6. 2B—Morales (38), E.Aybar (20), DeJesus (27), Jacobs (15), SB—Apreu (28), Bloomquist (19), CS—Apreu (7), J.Anderson (5).

MINNESOTA 9, INDIANS 1

Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi	Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi
Span cf-1b	2	0	1	0	Brantly cf	4	0	0	0
OCarer ss	3	0	0	0	J.Carrll lf	4	0	0	0
Mauer dh	4	0	2	0	ACarer ss	2	0	0	0
Mornea lb	5	0	0	0	J.Pherit 2b	3	0	0	0
Kubel lf	2	1	2	0	Hatner dh	3	0	0	0
Gomez pr-cf	0	0	0	0	LaPort rf	4	0	0	0
Cuddyr rf	4	0	0	0	Valuen 2b	4	0	0	0
BHarris 2b	2	0	0	0	AMarte lb	4	1	1	0
J.Morcs c	3	1	2	0	Torges c	2	0	1	0
Totals	29	4	8	3	Totals	31	1	4	1
Minnesota	000	200	011	9	Cleveland	000	000	011	1

E—Cabrera (21), Carroll (17), P—Cleveland 3, LOB—Minnesota 4, Cleveland 7. 2B—Kubel (27), Panto (10), J.Peralta (3), HR—A.Marte (5), SB—Span (2), S—Span, SF—Cabrera, B.Harris.

Guerrin H,27	1	0	0	0	0
Nathan S,36-41	1	0	0	0	0
Masteron L,47	6	5	2	1	5
C.Perez	2	3	0	0	1
R.Perez	1	3	1	1	1
Todd	11	3	2	1	0
Gosling	2	3	0	0	0

R.Perez pitched to 1 batter in the 8th. HBP—by C.Perez (Span), Balk—R.Perez. Umpires—Home, Rick Reed; First, Sam Holbrook; Second, Dan Iassogna; Third, Larry Vanover. T-3:09. A-19,455 (45,199).

YANKEES 6, BLUE JAYS 4									
New York					Toronto				
ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi	
Jeter ss	5	0	2	0	Scutaro ss	3	0	0	0
Swisher 1b-rf	1	1	0	0	A.Hill 2b	3	0	0	0
Teixer dh-1b	4	1	1	1	V.Wells cf	4	0	0	0
ADrgz 2b	4	0	2	1	Millar lb	4	0	0	0
Posada c	4	1	1	1	R.Ruiz dh	3	1	1	1
Canz 2b	4	2	3	1	Lind ph-1b	1	0	0	0
Hester lf-rf	4	0	0	0	Marks 1b	2	2	0	0
H.Matsu ph	1	0	1	0	J.Bautst rf	2	2	1	1
Cervelli pr	0	0	0	0	JMChnl lf	3	0	1	0
Hughes p	0	0	0	0	Snider ph-1f	1	0	0	0
McEarr cf	4	0	2	2	RChavz c	3	0	1	0
Hosker lf	4	1	1	0					
Damon lf	3	0	0	0					
Totals	40	6	14	6	Totals	31	4	4	3
New York	010	200	001	6	Toronto	000	202	000	4

E—Jeter (7), Encarnacion (4), DP—Toronto 1, LOB—New York 14, Toronto 7. 2B—Canz (41), 3B—T.Bautista (2), HR—Teixeira (3), Canz (23), R.Ruiz (6), SB—A.Rodriguez (10).

ORIOLES 5, RANGERS 4									
Texas					Baltimore				
ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi	
Kinsler 2b	4	0	0	0	Pie cf	3	1	1	0
Andrus ss	3	2	2	0	Reimid lf	4	1	2	1
M.Byrd cf	3	1	1	0	R.Ruiz 2b	3	1	0	0
N.Sury dh	4	0	0	0	Markis 1b	1	0	1	1
DWmrf lf	4	1	2	2	B.Scott 3b	3	0	0	0
lDRdz c	4	0	0	0	Wieters c	3	0	1	0
C.Davis 1b	3	0	0	0	Mora 3b	4	1	3	3
Cecil L,6-4	11	3	7	3	Wagnin lb	4	0	0	0
Baez 2b	4	0	0	0	C.Rios ss	3	0	0	0
Carson	4	0	0	0	CFlores ss	3	0	0	0
S.Downss	1	2	1	1					
Frasor	1	2	0	0					
S.Downs pitched to 1 batter in the 9th. HBP—by S.Downs (Teixeira), by Cecil (McCabrera). Umpires—Home, Tim Schird; First, Bob Davidson; Second, Mike Muchlinski; Third, Jeff Nelson. T-3:52. A-31,295 (49,339).									

TEXAS 7, BALTIMORE 4									
Texas					Baltimore				
ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi	
Millwood L,10-9	5	7	5	5	4	4			
Guardado	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
W.Yre	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Baltimore									
Matus W,4-2	7	6	4	4	1	4			
Baez H,10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Johnson S,8-12	11	6	4	0	1	0			
Umpires—Home, Paul Nauert; First, Joe West; Second, Ed Rapano; Third, Paul Schrieber. T-2:36. A-18,028 (48,290).									

Friday's Late AL Boxes									
MARINERS 6, ATHLETICS 3									
Seattle					Oakland				
ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi	
ISuzuki rf	5	0	2	1	Kenndy 3b	3	0	1	1
FGrrz cf	5	0	1	0	RDavis cf	4	0	0	0
JGonz 2b	5	0	1	0	KSuzuk lf	4	0	0	0
MSndrs pr-dh	0	0	0	0	Harsins lf	4	1	2	0
Beltre 3b	4	0	0	0	M.Grcr dh	4	1	2	2
Hal lf	4	2	2	0	M.Liib 2b	4	0	0	0
Carp lf	4	2	2	0	CRosby 1b	3	0	0	0
Hamm lb	0	0	0	0	W.Crow rf	3	1	1	0
Johin c	1	1	0	0	PMngts ss	3	0	0	0
JWlson ss	4	1	2	0					
Totals	36	6	9	6	Totals	32	3 </		



Stay tuned as baseball gears up for wild September

The Associated Press

This is all new for Matt Cain, and the right-hander is doing his best to soak up every minute of his first playoff race.

"It's fun, isn't it?" said Cain, a key reason why the San Francisco Giants are in the hunt for a postseason spot. "You really can't count anybody out, especially when you're playing those teams for the next month."

The surprising Giants trailed the Colorado Rockies by one game in the NL wild-card standings heading into Friday's action, just one of several intriguing races to watch in the final full month of the regular season. Both teams also were within striking distance of the West title, needing just one well-timed winning streak to take down the Dodgers.

In the American League, Detroit was trying to hold off the pesky Twins and fading White Sox in the Central, and the seasoned Red Sox had a whole host of challengers for the wild card.

Get ready for a compelling stretch run. These are some of the big series and important players to watch as October approaches:

GIANTS AT ROCKIES, SEPT. 14-16

San Francisco hosts Colorado for three games in the final series of the year between the two contenders. The Rockies visited the Giants' cozy waterfront ballpark last weekend and



AP photo

San Francisco Giants pitcher Tim Lincecum, pictured, and fellow righty Matt Cain have led the Giants to unexpected heights this season, carrying the team to within one game of the NL wild-card lead into September.

managed just eight runs while losing three straight and squandering their wild-card lead.

Part of the fun of this matchup is the contrasting styles of the hard-hitting Rockies, among the NL leaders in runs, and the pitching-heavy Giants, with one of the best staffs in baseball.

"Obviously our mettle is going to be tested but that's the interesting thing about a championship season," Rockies manager Jim Tracy said.

Don't forget: San Francisco also has six games left against the West-leading Dodgers and Colorado

travels to Chavez Ravine for a three-game series in October to close the regular season.

"There's a lot of games left," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "They're all big series."

TIM WAKEFIELD

One of the biggest questions for the wild card-leading Red Sox is the health of Wakefield, who was in the middle of one of his best seasons until being hampered by recurring back problems after making his first All-Star appearance.

The 43-year-old knuckleballer spent 5½ weeks on the disabled list before returning with seven sharp innings in Boston's 3-2 win over the Chicago White Sox on Aug. 26. He was scratched from his next scheduled start and got a cortisone shot Monday, leaving his future in question.

Wakefield is 11-3 with a 4.12 ERA this season, and the Red Sox are 14-4 in his starts.

JOSH HAMILTON

Texas is bidding for its first playoff appearance since 1999 despite a sluggish season from Hamilton, who has been hampered by injuries and recently had to answer questions about a setback in his recovery from alcoholism and drug abuse.

The Rangers' rejuvenated pitching staff has fueled their success this year but Hamilton is coming off his best month of the season,

batting .342 with 17 RBIs in August, and has the type of bat that can power a team to a long winning streak. He hit .366 with two homers and 13 RBIs in September last year.

Hamilton opened this month with a big day in Texas' doubleheader sweep against Toronto but had to leave the Rangers' 6-4 victory over the Blue Jays on Wednesday with a pinched nerve in his back.

"When he gets hot, it's fun to watch and he can put a team on his back," Texas outfielder David Murphy said.

TWINS AT TIGERS / RANGERS AT ANGELS, SEPT. 28-OCT. 1

The Tigers and Twins have seven games left, including this four-game set in Detroit. The Twins historically have closed well under manager Ron Gardenhire and went all the way to a 163rd game last year, a 1-0 tiebreaker loss to the division-winning White Sox.

"Timing is everything," All-Star closer Joe Nathan said. "We know what we've done to this point really means nothing. We're in a race and what we've done to this point has kept us in a race, but we know if we can get on a streak here and get on a run like we have lately, anything can happen."

Sliding Chicago also is in the Central mix, with six games left against Detroit and three against Minnesota.

Mora, Matusz carry Orioles

BALTIMORE — Melvin Mora homered and drove in three runs, rookie Brian Matusz (4-2) earned his third straight win and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Texas Rangers 5-4 Saturday.

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David Murphy homered for the Rangers, denied their first five-game winning streak since July 19-24. Texas did not get a hit after the third inning and remained two games behind Boston for the AL wild card.

WHITE SOX 5, RED SOX 1

CHICAGO — Gavin Floyd retired his first 17 batters, gave up only three hits in eight innings and struck out a career-high 11.



AP photo

Baltimore Orioles outfielder Felix Pie, foreground, slides safely across home plate as Texas Rangers catcher Ivan Rodriguez drops the ball in the first inning of Saturday's game in Baltimore.

Floyd (11-9), who issued no walks, had a perfect game going before Nick Green lined a single to center with two outs in the sixth on a 1-1 pitch.

After Green's clean single, fans gave Floyd a standing ovation. Once he retired the side, teammate Mark Buehrle, who pitched a perfect game against the Rays in July, went up and gave him a

hug in the dugout.

Floyd lost his shutout in the eighth when Jason Bay led off with his 31st homer to make it 4-1.

YANKEES 6, BLUE JAYS 4

TORONTO — Mark Teixeira and Robinson Cano homered and Andy Pettitte won his fourth straight start.

The AL East leaders, who had a seven-game winning

streak snapped Friday, have won 15 of 19 on the road.

Both homers came off rookie left-hander Brett Cecil (6-4), who allowed three runs and seven hits in 4-2-3 innings while losing for the third time in four starts.

Pettitte (13-6) extended his unbeaten streak to eight starts despite not making it past the sixth inning in this one.

TWINS 4, INDIANS 1

CLEVELAND — Scott Baker won his seventh straight decision and extended his mastery of the Cleveland Indians.

Baker, who gave up one run in six innings, is 4-0 with a 0.93 ERA in four starts against Cleveland this season. The right-hander hasn't lost since July 7, a span of 11 starts.

Andy Marte homered for the Indians in the third, ending Baker's consecutive scoreless streak against the Indians at 18 innings.

Baker (13-7) struck out

Major League Baseball

All times MDT										
American League										
EAST	W	L	Pct	GB	WCB	LIO	Str	Home	Away	
New York	87	49	.640	—	—	8-2	W-1	45-20	42-29	
Boston	78	57	.578	8½	—	6-4	L-2	45-21	33-36	
Tampa Bay	72	63	.533	14½	6	3-7	L-3	43-25	29-38	
Toronto	60	75	.444	26½	18	2-8	W-1	35-34	25-41	
Baltimore	55	81	.404	32	23½	4-6	W-1	33-37	22-44	
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB	WCB	LIO	Str	Home	Away	
Detroit	74	61	.548	—	—	7-3	W-5	45-22	29-39	
Minnesota	68	67	.504	6	10	6-4	W-1	39-30	29-37	
Chicago	68	69	.496	7	11	5-5	W-4	38-30	30-39	
Cleveland	56	76	.427	15	19	4-6	L-1	29-36	30-40	
Kansas City	51	84	.378	23	27	3-7	L-3	26-43	25-41	
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB	WCB	LIO	Str	Home	Away	
Los Angeles	80	54	.597	—	—	6-4	W-2	39-26	41-28	
Texas	76	59	.563	4½	—	7	L-1	44-25	32-34	
Seattle	72	64	.529	9	6½	7-3	W-4	39-30	33-34	
Oakland	59	76	.437	21½	19	4-6	L-2	32-36	27-40	
National League										
EAST	W	L	Pct	GB	WCB	LIO	Str	Home	Away	
Philadelphia	77	56	.579	—	—	5-5	L-2	36-31	41-25	
Florida	72	64	.529	6½	—	4-5	W-4	39-33	33-31	
Atlanta	70	66	.515	8½	6	4-6	L-4	35-32	35-34	
New York	61	75	.449	17½	15	4-6	L-1	35-33	26-42	
Washington	46	90	.338	32½	30	1-9	L-8	27-41	19-49	
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB	WCB	LIO	Str	Home	Away	
St. Louis	81	56	.591	—	—	8-2	W-2	43-26	38-30	
Chicago	68	66	.507	11½	7	5-5	W-1	40-27	28-39	
Houston	65	70	.481	15	10½	4-6	W-2	37-30	28-40	
Milwaukee	65	70	.481	15	10½	4-6	L-2	33-34	32-36	
Cincinnati	62	73	.459	18	13½	8-2	W-6	31-37	31-36	
Pittsburgh	53	81	.396	26½	22	1-9	L-9	35-31	18-50	
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB	WCB	LIO	Str	Home	Away	
Los Angeles	80	56	.588	—	—	6-4	L-1	42-28	38-28	
Colorado	76	64	.539	4	—	4-6	W-2	40-27	28-40	
San Francisco	75	61	.551	5	1	3-7	W-2	44-21	31-40	
Arizona	61	76	.445	19½	15½	6-4	L-3	31-35	30-41	
San Diego	60	76	.441	20	16	8-2	W-4	36-34	24-42	

American League

Friday's Games

Cleveland 5, Minnesota 2
Toronto 6, N.Y. Yankees 0
L.A. Angels 2, Kansas City 1
Seattle 6, Oakland 3

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 6, Toronto 4
Minnesota 4, Cleveland 1
Detroit 8, Tampa Bay 6
Seattle at Oakland, late

Sunday's Games

Minnesota (Blackburn 9-9) at Cleveland (D.Huff 8-7), 11:05 a.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Mitre 3-1) at Toronto (Tallet 5-9), 11:07 a.m.
Texas (Holland 7-9) at Baltimore (Guthrie 9-3), 11:35 a.m.
Detroit (E.Jackson 11-6) at Tampa Bay (W.Davis 0-0), 11:38 a.m.
Boston (Lester 11-7) at Chicago White Sox (Danks 12-8), 12:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (L.Saunders 11-7) at Kansas City (Hochevar 6-8), 12:10 p.m.
Seattle (Fister 2-1) at Oakland (G.Gonzalez 4-5), 2:05 p.m.

Monday's Games

Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, 11:05 a.m., 1st game
Minnesota at Toronto, 11:07 a.m.
Boston at Chicago White Sox, 12:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Kansas City, 12:10 p.m.
Texas at Cleveland, 4:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, 5:05 p.m., 2nd game

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Friday's Games

Florida 9, Washington 6
N.Y. Mets 6, Chicago Cubs 2
Houston 7, Philadelphia 0
Colorado 5, Arizona 4

Saturday's Games

Chicago Cubs 5, N.Y. Mets 3
Florida 9, Washington 5
St. Louis 2, Pittsburgh 1, 10 innings
Colorado 4, Arizona 1

Sunday's Games

Chicago Cubs (R.Wells 10-7) at N.Y. Mets (Pelfrey 9-10), 11:10 a.m.
Cincinnati (Cueto 9-10) at Atlanta (T.Hudson 1-0), 11:35 a.m.
Florida (A.Sanchez 2-6) at Washington (J.Martin 3-4), 11:35 a.m.
St. Louis (Pineiro 14-9) at Pittsburgh (Maholm 7-8), 11:35 a.m.
Philadelphia (Harnes 8-8) at Houston (Norris 3-3), 12:05 p.m.
San Francisco (J.Sanchez 6-11) at Milwaukee (Looper 11-6), 12:05 p.m.
Arizona (Petit 3-8) at Colorado (De La Rosa 13-9), 1:10 p.m.
San Diego (Stauffer 3-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Kuroda 5-5), 6:10 p.m.

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L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, 1:40 p.m.
San Diego at San Francisco, 2:05 p.m.

Cain pitches San Francisco past Brewers, 3-2

MILWAUKEE — Matt Cain outpitched Yovani Gallardo (12-11) for his first win in more than six weeks and the San Francisco Giants beat the Milwaukee Brewers 3-2 on Saturday.

Juan Uribe homered to spark a two-run rally in the fourth inning and San Francisco won for the sixth time in eight games. The Giants began the day one game behind Colorado for the NL wild card. The Rockies hosted Arizona later.

Cain (13-4) scattered four hits and pitched into the eighth inning, matching his career high for wins after going seven starts without one.

CUBS 5, METS 3

NEW YORK — Derrek Lee homered twice and drove in three runs in his return to the



AP photo

San Francisco Giants pitcher Matt Cain throws during Saturday's game against the Milwaukee Brewers in Milwaukee.

lineup.

Rich Harden struck out 10, all swinging, and Aramis Ramirez also had a two-run homer for Chicago, which scored its most runs since beating the Mets 11-4 last Saturday.

Harden (9-8) pitched five effective innings and the Cubs won for the third time in seven games. The right-hander allowed two runs, one earned, and seven hits to improve to 4-2 with a 2.40 ERA since the All-Star break.

CARDINALS 2, PIRATES 1, 10 INNINGS

PITTSBURGH — Albert Pujols lead off the 10th inning with his second career pinch-hit home run, and the St. Louis Cardinals withstood Ross Ohlendorf's dominating start.

Ohlendorf allowed only an unearned run over eight innings and became the 40th major league pitcher to strike out the side on nine pitches in an inning, but didn't figure in the decision.

ASTROS 5, PHILLIES 4

HOUSTON — Kaz Matsui's bases-loaded single drove in two runs in the bottom of the ninth.

With one out, Geoff Blum walked and Chris Voste singled. Jason Michaels then walked to load the bases. After Michael Bourn grounded out, Brad Lidge (0-7)

seemed as if he might escape, but Matsui sent the winning hit back up the middle to give the Phillies closer his 10th blown save of the season.

REDS 3, BRAVES 1

ATLANTA — Joey Votto hit a two-run homer and Kip Wells pitched six innings of one-hit ball to win his first game in more than 16 months.

The fading Braves, who began the night five games behind Colorado in the NL wild-card race, have lost four straight.

ROCKIES 4, DIAMONDBACKS 1

DENVER — Acquired on Monday from the Chicago White Sox for minor league pitcher Brandon Hynick, Jose Contreras pitched 6 2-3 solid innings.

Seth Smith homered and

scored three runs and Carlos Gonzalez also homered for Colorado, which maintained its one-game lead over the Giants in the NL wild-card race.

TIGERS 8, RAYS 6

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Pinch-hitter Marcus Thames came through with a tiebreaking single during a two-run eighth inning and Alex Avila had a two-run homer.

Detroit, which overcame a three-run deficit, went ahead 8-6 when Thames hit a bases-loaded single and Adam Everett drove in a run with a sacrifice bunt. The AL Central leaders, who also got a homer from Placido Polanco, have won five in a row.

Evan Longoria hit his 27th homer — matching the total from his AL Rookie of the Year season in 2008 — for the Rays, who have lost seven of 10. Tampa Bay remained six games behind Boston for the wild card.

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Morales, Matusz carry Orioles

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BYU stuns Bradford-less Oklahoma

Win could put QB Hall in Heisman race

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Coming off a trip to the national title game, and having Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford back under center, Oklahoma had grand expectations this season.

One jarring hit might've changed everything for the Sooners — and BYU.

Bradford sprained his throwing shoulder in the closing seconds of the first half. A mediocre performance by his backup, a questionable decision by coach Bob Stoops and a late meltdown by OU's defense let Max Hall and the 20th-ranked Cougars pull out a 14-13 victory Saturday night in the first college football



AP photo

BYU quarterback Max Hall (15) passes during the first half of the Cougars' game against Oklahoma in Arlington, Tex., on Saturday.

game at Cowboys Stadium.

The severity of Bradford's injury won't be known for days. But there's no doubt this dents his bid to repeat as the Heisman winner and it throws Oklahoma's championship hopes for a loop.

"This loss hurts," Sooners offensive lineman Brian Simmons said. "But the last

two or three years, the national champion has had one loss. There's still a chance for us to accomplish our goals."

For Hall and BYU, this victory could be a springboard for their most memorable season in decades. It turns them into a top candidate to be the latest BCS busters from the Mountain

West and it should shove Hall to the fringe of the Heisman discussion.

"Where it's going to rank and all that, I'm not certain, but I know there are a lot of people who are going to benefit from the way these kids played today," Cougars coach Bronco Mendenhall said.

Hall was 26 of 38 for 329 yards and two touchdowns, with two interceptions and four sacks. What matters most is that when he had a chance to win it, he pulled off a 16-play, 78-yard drive, converting on a fourth-and-4 and throwing for the touchdown right after being shoved back from the 2 on a delay-of-game penalty.

"Unbelievable," said Hall, a nephew of former Cowboys quarterback Danny White. "For us to come out and pull off a win is a special night. I'll never forget it."

Neither will Sooners fans.

They'll wonder if an offensive line featuring four new starters was to blame for BYU linebacker Coleby Clawson plowing into Bradford with a hard, clean hit that left them both landing on Bradford's shoulder.

And they'll wonder whether Stoops played it safe when — as it turns out — they needed him to get a little risky.

It was midway through the fourth quarter with Oklahoma leading 10-7 and backup quarterback Landry Jones had just gotten stuffed on third-and-goal from the 1. Stoops let Jones go for it on fourth down, but the redshirt freshman failed to get the snap off in time. The penalty pushed OU back to the 6, so Stoops opted for the field goal and a 13-7 lead, knowing a touchdown would put them behind.

"I did (think about going for it)," Stoops said. "That's

on us as coaches."

After BYU's go-ahead score, the Sooners still had a chance to win.

Jones got them to the Cougars' 32, then they were pushed back by a false start penalty on new right tackle Cory Brandon. It was his fifth penalty and the ninth of the game for the OU line, although two were declined.

Oklahoma was stuck with fourth-and-14 from the 37, with 1:23 left. Rather than ask Jones to turn that into a first down, Stoops asked punter Tress Way to try a 54-yard field goal because he'd seen the freshman bang it through from 53 in warmups.

The kick died in the end zone.

"I felt comfortable going out there in the second half," said Jones, who was 6 of 12 for 51 yards. "I thought we had a chance to win the game. We just came up short."

Alabama overcomes Beamer Ball, beats Hokies

ATLANTA — No. 5 Alabama overcame a 98-yard kickoff return, two costly turnovers and several silly penalties, finally wearing down No. 7 Virginia Tech in the final quarter for a 34-24 victory Saturday night.

It was another rousing start of a season at the Georgia Dome for the Crimson Tide, which began a national title run here last season by thumping Clemson.

Mark Ingram rushed for 150 yards and finished off Virginia Tech with two fourth-quarter touchdowns. Greg McElroy threw for 230 yards in his debut as Alabama's starting quarterback, taking quite a beating but standing tall at the end. Alabama held a staggering 498-155 edge in total yards, but this one wasn't decided until the final quarter.

NO. 1 FLORIDA 62, CHARLESTON SOUTHERN 3
GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Tim Tebow accounted for two touchdowns and Chris Rainey and Jeff Demps had scoring runs as No. 1 Florida overwhelmed a helpless opponent.

Florida, an overwhelming favorite to repeat as national champs, accomplished everything it wanted to in the opener.

The Gators unveiled some new wrinkles, won the game in convincing fashion and avoided any major injuries.

A better test comes in two weeks, when Tennessee visits Gainesville. The Volunteers beat Western Kentucky 63-7 in coach Lane Kiffin's debut Saturday.

NO. 2 TEXAS 59, LOUISIANA-MONROE 20

AUSTIN, Texas — Colt McCoy passed for 317 yards and two touchdowns and No. 2 Texas romped past Louisiana-Monroe.

Last season's runner-up for the Heisman Trophy connected with Jordan Shipley for a 78-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter. Cody Johnson scored Texas' first three touchdowns on short runs and freshman D.J. Monroe returned a first-half kickoff 89 yards for a TD.

NO. 4 USC 56, SAN JOSE STATE 3

LOS ANGELES — Matt Barkley passed for 233 yards after a slow start to his Southern California debut, and the Trojans' fleet of tailbacks ran for six touchdowns.

Barkley, the first non-redshirt freshman to start a season opener at USC, shook off a rocky first quarter to go 15 for 19 with no interceptions.



AP photo

Alabama's Roy Upchurch (5) reacts after scoring in the first half of Saturday's game against Virginia Tech in Atlanta.

He was at his best handing off to his fellow Trojans, who pounded the Spartans with six consecutive TD drives after trailing 3-0 early in the second quarter.

NO. 6 OHIO STATE 31, ARMY 27
COLUMBUS, Ohio — Brian Rolle intercepted a potential 2-point conversion in the closing minutes and returned it for two points the other way and Ohio State hold off pesky Navy.

A crowd of 105,092 — the largest ever to see the Buckeyes open a season — sat in stunned silence after the Midshipmen scored twice in just over 4 minutes to cut a 29-14 deficit to two points with 2:23 left in the game.

Navy went for the conversion and the tie, but Rolle stepped in front of Ricky Dobbs' pass and rumbled up the sideline to preserve the win in the Midshipmen's first trip to Ohio Stadium since 1931 — and keep the luster on next week's showdown between the Buckeyes and No. 4 Southern Cal.

NO. 9 OKLAHOMA STATE 24, NO. 13 GEORGIA 10

STILLWATER, Okla. — Zac Robinson threw two touchdown passes to star receiver Dez Bryant and also scored on a quarterback sneak as Oklahoma State proved itself deserving of its highest preseason ranking ever.

The Cowboys capitalized on a fourth quarter fumble by new Georgia starting quarterback Joe Cox to seal the season-opening win on a 12-yard touchdown pass from Robinson to Bryant.

The two also hooked up on an impressive 46-yard score in the first half that got Oklahoma State's offense going after a sloppy start.

NO. 9 PENN STATE 31, AKRON 7
STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Daryll Clark threw for 353 yards and three touchdowns, and Penn State celebrated coach Joe Paterno's return to the sideline with a win.

A tenacious defense overwhelmed the Zips' spread attack, holding Akron to 186 yards of total offense. Akron didn't record a first down until the third quarter, with Penn State leading by 31.

NO. 15 GEORGIA TECH 37, JACKSONVILLE STATE 17

ATLANTA — Jonathan Dwyer ran for two touchdowns, and Georgia Tech had 335 yards rushing.

The Yellow Jackets rested many of their starters in the second half of the opener with Clemson visiting Bobby Dodd Stadium on Thursday.

Dwyer, the 2008 Atlantic Coast Conference player of the year, scored on the first play from scrimmage, taking an option pitch for a 74-yard touchdown.

NO. 21 NORTH CAROLINA 40, THE CITADEL 6

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — T.J. Yates threw two touchdown passes in the decisive first half for North Carolina.

Ryan Houston had touchdown runs of 5 and 3 yards, and Shaun Draughn rushed for 118 while helping the Tar Heels roll up 375 yards total offense. They had a 261-30 advantage on the ground.

NO. 22 IOWA 17, NORTHERN IOWA 16

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Jeremiha Hunter made up for a mental mistake moments earlier by blocking Northern Iowa's second field goal try in the closing seconds.

The Panthers lined up for the potential winning field goal with 7 seconds left, but

Broderick Binns blocked Billy Hallgren's 40-yard attempt on a first down. Believing the game was over, Hunter and several Hawkeyes allowed UNI to recover the ball with a second left.

NO. 23 NOTRE DAME 35, NEVADA 0

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Jimmy Clausen threw for four touchdowns, including passes of 70 and 88 yards to Michael Floyd, to lead Notre Dame.

Clausen started the game by completing 10 of 11 passes for 184 yards and three touchdowns, highlighted by the 70-yard pass to Floyd. He later bettered that with the 88-yard score.

NO. 24 NEBRASKA 49, FLORIDA ATLANTIC 3

LINCOLN, Neb. — Roy Helu Jr. ran for 152 yards and three touchdowns and Zac Lee passed for 213 yards and two scores in his first start for Nebraska.

The Huskers won their 24th consecutive opener, the longest streak in the nation. The Owls fell to 1-16 against opponents from Bowl Championship Series automatic-qualifying conferences, including 0-7 vs. the Big 12.

NO. 25 KANSAS 49, N. COLORADO 3

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Todd Reesing sparked slow-starting Kansas with two rushing touchdowns, then passed for two more before the biggest home crowd in school history.

Reesing, who has virtually rewritten his school's passing records, took a seat on the bench midway through the fourth quarter with the Jayhawks holding a 35-3 lead. He hit 13 of 20 passes for 208 yards and two touchdowns and scored on runs of 2 and 13 yards.

— The Associated Press

College scores

FAR WEST

Air Force 72, Nicholls St. 0
E. Washington 35, W. Oregon 14
Idaho 21, New Mexico St. 6
Montana 38, Western St. Colo. 0
Oregon St. 34, Portland St. 7
Southern Cal 56, San Jose St. 3
Stanford 39, Washington St. 13
UCLA 33, San Diego St. 14
Wyoming 29, Weber St. 22

MIDWEST

Army 27, E. Michigan 14
Butler 42, Albion 3
Connecticut 23, Ohio 16
Drake 22, Grand View 0
Iowa 17, N. Iowa 16
Kansas 49, N. Colorado 3
Kansas St. 21, Massachusetts 17
Kentucky 42, Miami (Ohio) 0
Michigan 31, W. Michigan 7
Michigan St. 44, Montana St. 3
Missouri 37, Illinois 9
Nebraska 49, Florida Atlantic 3
Northwestern 47, Towson 14
Notre Dame 35, Nevada 0
Ohio St. 31, Navy 27
Purdue 52, Toledo 31
St. Joseph's, Ind. 31, Valparaiso 6
Wisconsin 28, N. Illinois 20

SOUTHWEST

Ark.-Monticello 27, Ark.-Pine Bluff 3
Arkansas 48, Missouri St. 10
Arkansas St. 61, MVSU 0
BYU 14, Oklahoma 13
Houston 55, Northwestern St. 7
Oklahoma St. 24, Georgia 10
Prairie View 17, Texas Southern 7
SMU 31, Stephen F. Austin 23
Texas 59, Louisiana-Monroe 20
Texas A&M 41, New Mexico 6
Texas St. 48, Angelo St. 28
Texas Tech 38, North Dakota 13

SOUTH

Alabama 34, Virginia Tech 24
Alabama A&M 24, Tennessee St. 7
Auburn 37, Louisiana Tech 13
Austin Peay 34, Newberry 23
Baylor 24, Wake Forest 21
Campbell 48, Methodist 28
Clemson 37, Middle Tennessee 14

East Carolina 29, Appalachian St. 24
Elon 56, Davidson 0
Florida 62, Charleston Southern 3
Florida A&M 21, Delaware St. 12
Furman 45, Presbyterian 21
Gardner-Webb 58, Mars Hill 14
Georgia Southern 29, Albany, N.Y. 26
Georgia Tech 37, Jacksonville St. 17
Hampton 31, N.C. Central 24
Jacksonville 40, Webber International 24

Louisiana-Lafayette 42, Southern U. 19
Louisville 30, Indiana St. 10
Marshall 31, S. Illinois 28
McNeese St. 27, Henderson St. 24
Mississippi St. 45, Jackson St. 7
Morehead St. 61, S. Virginia 10
N. Carolina A&T 19, Winston-Salem 10
Norfolk St. 28, Virginia St. 10
North Carolina 40, The Citadel 6
Old Dominion 36, Chowan 21
Richmond 24, Duke 16
SE Louisiana 41, Texas A&M Commerce 7

Savannah St. 34, Livingstone 12
Shaw 20, Bethune-Cookman 6
South Florida 40, Wofford 7
Southern Miss. 52, Alcorn St. 0
Tennessee 63, W. Kentucky 7
UAB 44, Rice 24
UCF 28, Samford 24
VMI 14, Robert Morris 13
Vanderbilt 45, W. Carolina 0
William & Mary 26, Virginia 14

EAST

Boston College 54, Northeastern 0
Bryant 19, S. Connecticut 10
Cent. Connecticut St. 28, Lehigh 21
Colgate 35, Monmouth, N.J. 23
Duchesne 24, Bucknell 19
Hofstra 17, Stony Brook 10
Holy Cross 20, Georgetown, D.C. 7
Marist 31, Sacred Heart 12
Minnesota 23, Syracuse 20, OT
New Hampshire 24, St. Francis, Pa. 14
Penn St. 31, Akron 7
Pittsburgh 38, Youngstown St. 3
Rhode Island 41, Fordham 28
Stonehill 45, Wagner 42
West Virginia 33, Liberty 20

Terry lifts Wyoming past Weber St.

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — Darius Terry rushed for two touchdowns in Wyoming's new no-huddle, spread offense to beat Weber State 29-22 Saturday and give former Missouri offensive coordinator Dave Christensen his first win as head coach of the Cowboys.

Christensen, who was hired last winter to rejuvenate an anemic Cowboy offense, didn't disappoint as Wyoming easily exceeded its 2008 per-game production for points scored and total yards.

The Cowboys (1-0) more than doubled last year's 12.7 average points per game —

worst among the 119 major college teams — and their 434 yards of total offense against Weber State surpassed the team's 296 yards in 2008.

Wyoming receiver David Leonard, who had seven catches for 87 yards, said he had a "great time" with the up-tempo offense.

"I think it wore down the defense quite a bit," he said.

Christensen said he was pleased with the win but thought the offense could have put more points on the board. Wyoming failed to convert on two possessions that started deep in Weber State territory.

Ames

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winning the state championship in 2003, his junior season. He was second-team All-State his senior season. His start against Oregon was his first game experience since November 12, 2004. You might think that time off would deteriorate his skills, but he kept in shape. He said those extra two years are actually a benefit.

"I've really learned to buckle down and focus on things," Ames said. "Offense and school, it's easy for me to buckle down and take those things serious."

He said some of the guys mess with him for being a 22-year-old freshman, but it doesn't bother him. He isn't the first Bronco to take a mission. Sherm Blaser, Brad Lau and Dallas Dobbs are a

few recent examples.

He is mature, but he is still kind of raw at the position. Ames has great foot speed, but he said he still needs to work on his punch.

"It's just getting your arms, your punch on them as soon as possible," Ames said. "It disables the defense. It's a quick game and whoever gets their hands inside first will win that block."

He follows the more-experienced linemen, most of whom are younger than he. He listens to his coaches and really just comes in to work with all the right attitudes. He sure sounds like he's having fun playing college football.

"I've been playing football all my life," Ames said. "It's played so fast. I just love the speed and the physicality of it, just hitting people."

Stewart: Danica has NASCAR plans

HAMPTON, Ga. (AP) — Tony Stewart expects to one day be trading paint with Danica Patrick.

While racing's most prominent female driver ponders her options for next year, Stewart said Saturday he has no doubts that Patrick will eventually make the jump to stock cars.

He should know: They've talked frequently about what it would take for Patrick to go from open-wheel racing to the heavier cars in NASCAR.

"I just know that she's excited about this and making this change," said Stewart, who leads the Sprint Cup standings heading into tonight's race at Atlanta Motor Speedway. "I can pretty much guarantee at some point she's going to be over here."

Stewart made the same jump himself more than a decade ago, leaving the Indy Racing League for a more lucrative deal in NASCAR. He's become something of a mentor to Patrick, who visited his racing shop and had a chance to talk with him further at sponsor appearances.

"She's looked me straight in the

NASCAR
Pep Boys Auto 500
5:30 p.m., ESPN



Patrick

eye and said, 'Hey, this is what I want to do. It looks like fun. It looks like a lot of work, but it looks like fun,'" Stewart said. "She doesn't have some misguided idea that it's going to be easy doing it. She wants to do it the right way. She has the intention of doing everything right."

He doesn't expect Patrick to follow the path taken by Dario Franchitti, an Indy car star who jumped straight to Sprint Cup in 2008 without any stock-car experience and didn't even make it through the season. He's now back in the open-wheel series.

Stewart said he believes Patrick will work out some sort of deal that allows her to stay in Indy cars for at least another year or two while she gets the feel of the bulkier machines running part-time in a lower series, such as the second-tier Nationwide.

"You've got to learn," Stewart said. "You've got to get used to the heavier race car, less downforce, smaller tires. There's a lot of race tracks you've got to get used to. It's sensory overload. That's why you've got to pay your dues before you get in this thing."

Patrick, the only woman to win a major-series race and the highest-finishing female in Indianapolis 500 history, has declined repeatedly to discuss her plans, saying she is focused on finishing this season. She's in the final year of her contract with Andretti Green Racing, but team owner Michael Andretti said two weeks ago they were close to an extension.

Still, a new deal wouldn't necessarily rule out the possibility of Patrick beginning her transition to NASCAR, where she would have a chance for a higher salary, more sponsorship and expanded marketing opportunities. There are

TRUEX WINS FIRST POLE AT ATLANTA

HAMPTON, Ga. (AP) — Martin Truex Jr. has won his first pole at Atlanta Motor Speedway, just in time for the track's first scheduled race entirely under the lights.

Truex won the pole for tonight's Pep Boys Auto 500 with his lap of 184.149 mph on Saturday. It is Truex's second pole of the season after qualifying first and finishing 11th at the Daytona 500.

Truex is leaving Earnhardt Ganassi Racing after the season to join Michael Waltrip Racing and said he wants to give his current team a win.

Kasey Kahne, who is 11th in the Sprint Cup standings, qualified second at 183.497 mph.

only 18 races on the 2010 Indy schedule, which would leave plenty of open weekends to try out stock cars.

Stewart said he knows Patrick already has talked with "a lot" of NASCAR teams about making the switch, and there's been plenty of speculation that Stewart-Haas Racing, a first-year operation, would be a good spot for her. Patrick would draw unprecedented media attention if she switched series and Stewart is one of the few guys unlikely to be bothered by all the hoopla.

"It would be awesome for our

sport if she was to come over here and be successful," he said.

Stewart, however, said there's no chance Patrick will be joining his Cup team in 2010. He has ruled out any possibility of adding a third car to race alongside him and Ryan Newman.

"It's too late to do something for next year," Stewart said. "We're just two weeks away from the Chase (for the Championship). We've got to be very focused on hopefully keeping two cars with a chance to win a championship. We just didn't get far enough to get something done for next year."

O'Hair, Furyk grab the early lead in Boston

NORTON, Mass. — Tiger Woods couldn't make enough putts to catch up with the players who couldn't miss.

Sean O'Hair and Jim Furyk set the pace Saturday at the Deutsche Bank Championship and brought Retief Goosen along for the ride. That threesome combined to make 17 birdies and one eagle, finishing two rounds at a combined 34-under par.

All that counted was the individual scoring, which wasn't bad, either.

O'Hair ran off six birdies and an eagle during an eight-hole stretch in the middle of his round for a 7-under 64, giving him a share of the lead with Furyk, who had six birdies to offset a few mistakes for a 67.

They were at 12-under 130.

"We saw a lot of good golf and a lot of good golf shots," Furyk said. "And obviously, I saw some putts go in."

Woods arrived later in the day, and instead of making a charge, he flirted with missing the cut. He was on the verge of going below the cut line when he faced a 12-foot par on No. 9, a tricky 5-foot putt on the 10th and a 20-foot par putt on the 11th after gouging a shot out of a plugged lie in the bunker. He made them all, then ran off four birdies over his final seven holes for a 67.

That left the No. 1 player still stewing over three birdies he missed inside 10 feet on the back nine, realizing that he needed to make up as much ground as he could. Woods was seven shots behind.

"They haven't been lipping in, they've been lipping out," Woods said. "That's about par for the course right now. Today is one of those days where I could have gone really low!"

That was left to just about everyone else.

Nearly half of the 99-man field shot in the 60s, with Marc Leishman improving his hopes of advancing in the FedEx Cup playoffs with a tournament-low 62 that left him



Tiger Woods hits out of the sand trap on No. 11 during the second round of the Deutsche Bank Championship golf tournament in Norton, Mass., Saturday.

AP photo

two shots out of the lead, along with Goosen.

Scott Verplank made an eagle for the second straight day on his way to a 68, leaving him in a group of players at 9-under 133 that included Justin Leonard, Mike Weir, Kevin Sutherland and John Senden, who recorded the rarest shot in golf. Senden made a double eagle on the par-5 second hole, holing out from 250 yards with a 4-iron. He shot a 64.

CANADIAN WOMEN'S OPEN

PRIDDIS, Alberta — Suzann Pettersen moved into position to end her 43-tournament winless streak, shooting a 5-under 66 at windy Priddis Greens to take a five-stroke lead into the final round of the Canadian Women's Open. The tall Norwegian had a 14-under 199 total after

opening with rounds of 65 and 68. She won all five of her LPGA Tour titles in 2007, and has six runner-up finishes since, including a playoff loss last week in Oregon.

Angela Stanford was second after a 69, and Karrie Webb (65) was another stroke back. Top-ranked Lorena Ochoa (72) and In-Kyung Kim (69) were 7 under. Song-Hee Kim followed her tournament-record 62 with a 77 to drop into a tie for 21st at 3 under.

WALMART FIRST TEE OPEN

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Loren Roberts closed on his second straight Champions Tour title, shooting a 6-under 66 at Pebble Beach to take a two-stroke lead over Mark O'Meara in the Walmart First Tee Open. Roberts, coming off a

one-stroke victory over O'Meara last week in the Boeing Classic in Washington, had a 12-under 132 total. He opened with a 66 on Friday at Del Monte. He also won The ACE Group Classic and Senior British Open this year.

OMEGA EUROPEAN MASTERS

CRANS-SUR-SIERRE, Switzerland — Sweden's Alexander Noren shot an 8-under 63 to take a two-stroke lead into the final round of the Omega European Masters, the first event in the 12-month European Ryder Cup points race.

Winless on the European tour, Noren had a 15-under 198 total. South Africa's Charl Schwartzel (65) was second, a stroke ahead of Wales' Bradley Dredge (68).

— The Associated Press



Melanie Oudin celebrates her 3-6, 6-4, 7-5 victory over Maria Sharapova, during the third round of the U.S. Open in New York, Saturday.

AP photo

Oudin stuns Sharapova; Roddick ousted

NEW YORK (AP) — Melanie Oudin's face was flushed from a mix of exertion and excitement and maybe even a bit of bewilderment — "Yes, I DID beat Maria Sharapova!" running through her mind — when she stepped out of the U.S. Open locker room and saw Mom.

The pair embraced, kissed each other on the cheek, and Leslie Oudin told her 17-year-old daughter: "I'm very proud of you." Then they hugged some more, holding tight.

Melanie Oudin is still very much a kid from Marietta, Ga., enjoying the trip of her life in the Big Apple, playing foosball in the players' lounge and using words like "amazing" and "cool" as she works her dizzying way through the draw at Flushing Meadows. Oudin's latest win was the biggest so far: She knocked off three-time Grand Slam champion and former No. 1 Sharapova 3-6, 6-4, 7-5 Saturday to reach the U.S. Open's fourth round.

"I just had a blast," said Oudin, who buried her face in a towel and sobbed on the sideline when the match ended.

Several hours later, on the same court, another unheralded American pulled off another upset of a past U.S. Open champion: 55th-ranked John Isner pounded 38 aces and eliminated No. 5 Andy Roddick 7-6 (3), 6-3, 3-6, 5-7, 7-6 (5) to reach

the fourth round at a major tournament for the first time.

Roddick is the first of the top 16 men to lose this week. He won the 2003 Open and came oh-so-close to winning Wimbledon in July, but he now must resume his pursuit of a second career major title next year.

Instead, it's the 6-foot-9 Isner who moves on, thanks to some outstanding serving and success at the net: He won 42 of 67 points when he pushed forward.

Sharapova, it bears noting, double-faulted 21 times, the most by a woman in any 2009 tour match. But the 5-foot-6 Oudin's solid groundstrokes and tremendous court coverage — all those small, squeaky steps — and veteran-like presence played significant roles, too.

So, perhaps, did the partisan fans, who began hootin' and hollerin' to celebrate their girl's victory right as her racket met the ball on the clinching forehand winner.

"I try to pretend that it's not, like, Arthur Ashe Stadium, playing Maria Sharapova. I try to just pretend it's any other match — even just practicing. Sometimes I tell myself I'm just practicing at my academy at home, and I'm just playing one of my friends," Oudin said. "So it's not a big deal."

U.S. in position for World Cup as Dempsey, Altidore lead team over El Salvador

SANDY, Utah (AP) — The United States moved into prime position to qualify for its sixth straight World Cup, rallying from an early deficit to beat El Salvador 2-1 Saturday night on first-half goals by Clint Dempsey and Jozy Altidore.

Christian Castillo gave El Salvador a surprising lead in the 32nd minute after a giveaway by Jonathan Bornstein, but Dempsey tied it with a

diving header in the 41st and Altidore scored on a leaping header in the second minute of injury time. Landon Donovan set up both goals, the first with a free kick and the second with a long cross.

Tim Howard made a point-blank stop on William Reyes in the 87th to preserve the win, which improved the U.S. to 4-0 at home in the final round of qualifying in North and Central America

and the Caribbean.

The United States (4-2-1) has 13 points with three games left: Wednesday at Trinidad and Tobago, Oct. 10 at Honduras and Oct. 14 against Costa Rica at Washington, D.C. Sixteen or 17 points should be enough to secure the berth.

Costa Rica (12 points), Honduras (10) and Mexico (9) played later Saturday. The top three teams in the six-

nation group qualify for next year's tournament in South Africa, and the No. 4 team advances to a playoff against South America's fifth-place finisher.

It was the second time the U.S. came from behind to win a home qualifier. Before defeating Honduras 2-1 at Chicago on June 6, the Americans hadn't won a qualifier in which they trailed since 1985. The United States

is 17-0-1 at home in qualifying since a 3-2 loss to Honduras in September 2001 at RFK Stadium.

The U.S. team was without defenders Oguchi Onyewu (one-game suspension for yellow cards) and Jay DeMerit (strained groin). In addition, forward Charlie Davies limped off in the 71st minute with what appeared to be a left calf injury.

Castillo, who scored for a

two-goal lead against the United States in the 2-2 qualifying tie at San Salvador on March 28, outjumped Jonathan Spector to score the first goal. Bornstein had given the ball away with an overhead clearance attempt that landed at the top of the penalty area.

Donovan played with swine flu in a 2-1 loss at Mexico last month, but was back to speed.



2009 NFL PREVIEW



At look at the the 32 NFL teams as they begin the 2009 season, in predicted order of finish:

AFC EAST

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

Patriots fans are a tad nervous these days that the league's best quarterback, Tom Brady, is getting brittle. The sight of Brady exercising his right arm and not returning to the preseason game with Washington after a hard tackle by Albert Haynesworth had to be alarming for all of New England.

If Brady is healthy, 2009 could have a very similar look to 2007. No, we're not predicting another perfect regular season, but the Patriots will be uncontaminable with the ball, and the Brady to Randy Moss connection could challenge some of the records set two years ago.

New England should cruise in the AFC East, even though there are some doubts about the linebacking and the secondary. There are better defenses throughout the conference (Pittsburgh, Baltimore and Tennessee come to mind), but nobody surpasses the Patriots on offense, in leadership and experience.

MIAMI DOLPHINS

Who else will new owner Stephen Ross bring in as minority owners now that Serena, Venus, J-Lo and Gloria are on board? Wonder if Tiger and D-Wade are interested? The Dolphins certainly are a better financial and artistic proposition than two years ago, when they went 1-15. The housecleaning under Bill Parcells went so well that Miami won the division in '08, and will be a formidable foe again this season.

Yet the Dolphins are underwhelming at wideout, need some serious work on their pass defense, and have a brutal opening three weeks. They could overachieve again, and QB Chad Pennington is a winner. But challenge the Patriots? Not with Brady around.

NEW YORK JETS

The Rex Ryan — or is it the Mark Sanchez — era begins. Ryan brings a gung-ho attitude the team desperately needs; he is the anti-Mangini, if you will. Some critics said the Jets quit down the stretch last year when it was apparent Brett Favre was ailing and coach Eric Mangini had no answers, falling from 8-3 to 9-7 and out of the playoffs.

Nine wins would be a major achievement this year. The schedule is particularly difficult early, when rookie QB Sanchez will be undergoing the toughest part of his adjustment to the NFL. The receiving corps is unproven. Two key defenders, LB Calvin Pace and DE Shaun Ellis, will miss the opener at Houston, and Pace will be suspended for three further games.

The running game with Thomas Jones and Leon Washington, and defense, bolstered by Bart Scott, must carry this team.

BUFFALO BILLS

After three successive 7-9 seasons, coach Dick Jauron needs a winning record and possibly a postseason berth to secure his job. He simply doesn't have the team to achieve that.

Sure, the addition of Terrell Owens will aid the offense, particularly when he's teamed with deep threat Lee Evans. There's also the potential, of course, that T.O. will split the team in half with the antics that have gotten him exiled from three other cities. Trent Edwards is still developing at quarterback, and with the offensive line a mess, his challenge is huge. Buffalo also needs to be stingier against the run, but it does have exceptional special teams.

AFC NORTH

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Coming off their second Super Bowl crown in four years, and a record sixth for any franchise, the Steelers look even better than in 2008. Except for the offensive line, there are virtually no weak spots in Pittsburgh.

Ben Roethlisberger chooses effectiveness over attractiveness, and there's not a better clutch quarterback in football. The running game should get a boost from '08 top pick Rashard Mendenhall to spell Willie Parker, and WR Limas Sweed should ably replace departed Nate Washington.

The defense simply is the best around. Pittsburgh has playmakers everywhere, led by Defensive Player of the Year James Harrison, budding star LBs LaMarr Woodley and Lawrence Timmons, and do-it-all safety Troy Polamalu.

Most impressive is the stability

under which this franchise always operates, something coach Mike Tomlin embraced when he replaced Bill Cowher two years ago.

BALTIMORE RAVENS (WILD CARD)

Baltimore might win any NFC division, but the Ravens again will have to settle for a wild-card berth in the AFC. Of course, that wasn't so bad last season, when the Ravens got to the conference title game before losing at Pittsburgh.

There will be some adjustment on a defense that lost coordinator Ryan, Scott and safety Jim Leonhard to the Jets. But the cupboard hardly is bare, and watch for a tremendous season from tackle Haloti Ngata. Ray Lewis and Ed Reed won't allow slippage. A three-pronged running game featuring the power of LeRon McClain, experience of Willis McGahee and breakaway threat of Ray Rice will help QB Joe Flacco build on an outstanding rookie year. The one big question is the receiving contingent.

CINCINNATI BENGALS

Typical preseason issues, mainly the inability to sign No. 1 draft pick tackle Andre Smith quickly, are causing many to peg the Bengals as a last-place team. Not in the AFC North, especially if QB Carson Palmer is relatively healthy. Unfortunately for Cincinnati, he's been plagued by an ankle injury this summer. Coordinator Mike Zimmer should improve a defense that has some experience and leadership, but needs playmakers. Perhaps LB Keith Rivers will be that guy.

CLEVELAND BROWNS

After the Browns fell from 10 wins to a total bust, owner Randy Lerner cleaned out the front office and quickly hired Mangini. The Jets did the same thing a few years ago, surprisingly made the playoffs, then fizzled as Mangini seemed outclassed in coaching matchups.

Not much looks better under the new regime, starting with a prolonged QB competition between Brady Quinn and Derek Anderson. Mangini brought in a bunch of his guys from New York, particularly on defense.

AFC SOUTH

TENNESSEE TITANS

The best record in the NFL a year ago got the Titans an unenviable matchup with Baltimore in the divisional playoffs. Had Pro Bowl RB Chris Johnson not gotten hurt in the first half, Tennessee might have backed up that 13-3 mark. Although the Titans aren't expected to win 13 again, they should repeat as division winner. A committee of talented performers replaces All-Pro DT Haynesworth, and the linebacking, led by Keith Bulluck, is strong. The secondary is exemplary, highlighted by CB Cortland Finnegan and safety Michael Griffin.

Kerry Collins has become as popular as Kenny Chesney and Brad Paisley in Music City and will remain so as long as he keeps throwing TDs and handing off to a terrific set of runners led by Johnson, LenDale White and rookie Javon Ringer. No NFL coach has been in his job as long as Jeff Fisher. There's a reason for that: Fisher is as good as they come.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (WILD CARD)

For the first time in a long while, the Colts have a bunch of questions to answer heading into a season. Will Jim Caldwell be an effective replacement for Tony Dungy, who retired as coach? Can the offensive line get it together and allow three-time MVP Peyton Manning to do his thing? How much will Marvin Harrison be missed at wideout? Will the retirement and subsequent return of offensive assistants Howard Mudd and Tom Moore cause problems?

Will the defense find a way to stop the run — finally? Can safety Bob Sanders, along with DE Dwight Freeney the star of this unit, stay off the injured list? Despite all those queries, this is a quality team fully capable of winning a title if it gets into the post-season.

HOUSTON TEXANS

A fashionable choice to sneak into the playoffs for the first time, the Texans have had some injuries in the preseason, and another .500 record might be all they can expect.

If QB Matt Schaub, WR Andre Johnson and RB Steve Slaton remain healthy, Houston will score. Its offensive line is better than in recent years, which should allow that trio to operate efficiently. So the onus to make the playoffs

falls on the D, which has stars in end Mario Williams and LB DeMeco Ryans, but not quite enough to surpass Tennessee or Indy.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

All the progress the Jaguars made earlier this decade under Jack Del Rio seemed to dissipate as they went 5-11 last year. It's difficult to picture them be a whole lot better in '09.

Maurice Jones-Drew is a dynamic force in the backfield, and WR Torry Holt has plenty left. The line is a weakness, though, and the rest of the receiving corps is mediocre.

A mere 17 takeaways hurt Jacksonville in '08 and is the opposite of what Del Rio preaches. Yet the defense doesn't look improved.

AFC WEST

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

Halloween or Thanksgiving? By which holiday will the Chargers have clinched this dismal division?

No team did less with more last year than San Diego, but a late, uh, charge got the Chargers to 8-8 and into the playoffs. Then they knocked off the Colts in overtime in a wild-card game and tested the Steelers.

This should be a 12-win club, particularly with brilliant LB Shawne Merriman healthy again, and with Philip Rivers not involved in any contract distractions. A dicey situation on the offensive line is worrisome for RBs LaDainian Tomlinson and Darren Sproles, and Rivers' targets: tight end Antonio Gates, WRs Vincent Jackson, Chris Chambers and Malcom Floyd.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

The leg injury to QB Matt Cassel is more than problematic. Any significant improvement for the Chiefs depends on Cassel being the quarterback — Brodie Croyle has proven to be brittle and Tyler Thigpen is suited for second string — and the defense finding a pass rush.

New coach Todd Haley will get the offense on track eventually, but firing offensive coordinator Chan Gailey on Monday is not a good sign. GM Scott Pioli will find the right players. They need time, yet in the pitiful AFC West, second place is conceivable.

DENVER BRONCOS

If it wasn't for the Raiders, the Broncos would have retired the dysfunctional franchise prize for 2009. Almost from the day Patriots offensive mastermind Josh McDaniels took over, the 33-year-old coach has been dealing with unhappy players, including star quarterback Jay Cutler, who forced a trade to Chicago, and wideout Brandon Marshall.

If Mike Shanahan is chuckling at all the discord in Denver, who would be surprised?

OAKLAND RAIDERS

And if Lane Kiffin is doing the same thing while he coaches the Tennessee Volunteers, again, it's no stunner. Whether coach Tom Cable slugged an assistant is almost irrelevant; that something divisive happened is the crux of the problem — one of many — in Oakland. Divisive things always happen there.

The Raiders have some promising playmakers, particularly RB Darren McFadden, but the roster is filled with holes.

NFC EAST

NEW YORK GIANTS

If you judge the Giants by coach Tom Coughlin's demeanor on the sideline, you'd mistake them for the Lions. Coughlin's facial expressions and body language belie the skill of his roster, although a lack of proven players at receiver and tight end could undermine their Super Bowl hopes.

Coughlin prefers to stuff the ball in the beefy arms of RB Brandon Jacobs and his collection of backups and run to victory. The offensive line is built perfectly to do that, but it has shown a few leaks when protecting Eli Manning, who will need a bit more time to get in sync with his wideouts. He'll also need to find someone who can replace Plaxico Burress as a deep threat.

New York will trouble and drop many quarterbacks, led by sack-masters Justin Tuck and Osi Umenyiora, who returns from a lost season (knee surgery) is so the outside linebacking. But so, and coordinator Steve Spagnuolo has taken his brilliant scheming to St. Louis.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (WILD CARD)

Michael Vick's new team needs a

calmer regular season than what it's experienced this summer. Aside from signing Vick with the hope he can recapture his unique quarterbacking skills after 18 months in prison for dogfighting, the Eagles were hit hard by injuries in the O-line and on defense.

This is, however, an extremely talented squad that came within a few minutes of making the Super Bowl last season. QB Donovan McNabb knows how to win big games — at least in the regular season — RB Brian Westbrook is as versatile and dangerous as they come, and the receiving unit is rapidly improving. Rookie running back LeSean McCoy could be a sensation; so might WR DeSean Jackson.

Of course, issues on the line could negate much of that.

Everyone in Philly is looking at how the defense performs under new coordinator Sean McDermott, who replaces the late Jim Johnson, one of the NFL's greatest coordinators. The linebacking group is an uncertainty, and team leader Brian Dawkins no longer anchors the secondary.

DALLAS COWBOYS

Jerry Jones desperately wants his Cowboys to christen their new palace with a coronation at the Super Bowl in Miami — one year before the game comes to Jones' billion-dollar stadium. While the Cowboys are good, they probably aren't that good. They might not even be playoff good.

The onus is on receiver Roy Williams to spark the offense the way Owens did. And for QB Tony Romo to make big plays down the stretch, which he stopped doing in Dallas' slide a year ago. He'll be helped by a strong running game paced by versatile RB Felix Jones, and the NFL's best tight end, Jason Witten.

Dallas was minus-11 in turnover margin in '08, a number that would doom it again if it happens this year. But LB DeMarcus Ware, with 20 of the team's 59 sacks, can turn around games by himself.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS

OK, they are the best fourth-place team in the league, possibly in all of pro sports. They should be 8-8 or better. But they also live in such a high-rent district that it could require 10 wins to stay out of the basement and qualify for the playoffs in the NFC East. Defensively, the Skins need more than the 18 takeaways of last year, and coach Jim Zorn believes the addition of Haynesworth will have a major effect on all defensive positions. The DBs need to upgrade their coverage and make more interceptions.

With the ball, so much depends on QB Jason Campbell's mastery of Zorn's schemes and RB Clinton Portis and the aging offensive line remaining upright for 16 games.

NFC NORTH

GREEN BAY PACKERS

Injuries, the Favre tumult, and upheaval at too many positions led to Green Bay's collapse last year. Through it all, Aaron Rodgers looked very capable as Favre's replacement and he's taken more big steps this year. Rodgers has a fine corps of receivers — watch Greg Jennings challenge for a Pro Bowl spot if he recovers well from a blow to the head against Arizona — and the Pack hopes RB Ryan Grant recaptures the touch he had in the 2007 run to the NFC title game.

Coach Mike McCarthy brought in Dom Capers to oversee the switch to a 3-4 defense, which better suits much of the personnel. No one knows the 3-4 better than Capers, and converted OLB Aaron Kampman could be a pass-rushing terror in this system if he also learns to drop in coverage. The division crown could come down to those two juicy meetings with Favre and the Vikings. Think the Packers will have some extra incentive for those matchups?

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Let's see: Minnesota has a veteran quarterback who never misses a game, owns all the key passing records and is headed for the Hall of Fame. It has a run defense the envy of everyone in the NFL. Its running back is a scoring threat on every play. And it comes off a 10-6 record and a division title. So what could keep the Vikings from taking the next step?

For one, Favre's arm is tender, and the way he finished last season with the Jets was downright ugly. For another, he's had very little time to get acquainted with his teammates, particularly the guys he must throw to regularly. Watch opponents gear for All-Pro RB Adrian Peterson early on, testing Favre to see what he has left. There's also the potential suspen-

sions of star DTs Kevin and Pat Williams for using a banned substance, a case still not settled in the courts.

CHICAGO BEARS

Finally, a big-time QB in the city of broad shoulders. And Cutler will be carrying a huge portion of Chicago's postseason hopes. Cutler has the right shoulder and arm to handle the burden, but he also has virtually no wideouts worth mentioning. Devin Hester probably should be returned to full-time duties on kick returns, where he is dynamic, and used sparingly as a receiver. But the tight ends are first-rate.

Chicago must shore up its defense and improve its pass rush, and there are several questions about the secondary.

DETROIT LIONS

It's unfathomable that the Lions won't win a game this season, right? Right?

Well, we think they will win, although there are office pools to pinpoint just when that might be, with lots of folks believing it won't happen before November.

New coach Jim Schwartz was a good choice by a franchise beleaguered through most of the decade by Matt Millen's mistakes. Top overall draft pick Matthew Stafford eventually will get in at quarterback, and he does have a standout target in Calvin Johnson. Schwartz's area of expertise is defense. He'll need to be positive-ly Einsteinian to make this unit formidable.

NFC SOUTH

ATLANTA FALCONS

Atlanta never has had consecutive winning seasons. Coming off an 11-5 record and wild-card berth, these Falcons are ready to end that ignominious streak, which dates back to the 1960s.

Matt Ryan, that rare quarterback to win Offensive Rookie of the Year, has skill, poise and lots of firepower around him. Michael Turner just might lead the league in rushing, and the addition of tight end Tony Gonzalez will open up the offense even more. Roddy White, with a lucrative new contract, should continue his rise, and the line is solid.

If the Falcons can improve against the run and force more turnovers — their 18 takeaways in 2008 tied for last in the NFC — a Super Bowl run is not an outrageous thought. But the defense might have a half-dozen new starters. Then again, is that bad considering its performance a year ago?

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (WILD CARD)

With an offense that could set records behind 2008 Offensive Player of the Year Drew Brees throwing to Marques Colston, Reggie Bush, Jeremy Shockey and company, the Saints will be fun to watch. If...

If all of those targets can stay healthy and remain productive — which has been problematic for each of them. Already, though, they've temporarily lost their best blocker, left tackle Jammal Brown, to a sports hernia. Crucial for New Orleans, as it is for Atlanta, is improved defense. Spirits are high that new coordinator Gregg Williams can make that happen. The prospects do seem bright with upgrades in the secondary and a return to full health by linebacker Jonathan Vilma, who can be a dominator.

CAROLINA PANTHERS

A repeat division crown would not be surprising for Carolina, but questions keep arising about the offense and defense. Injuries have damaged the Panthers' sturdy D, especially the run defense with tackle Maake Kemoatu (torn Achilles' tendon) gone. If LB Jon Beason is out for any length of time, it would be a critical loss. The offensive line also appeared to be a strength, but has looked spotty. The Panthers want to run as much as possible with DeAngelo Williams and Jonathan Stewart, but they need room to roam.

One positive for Carolina: a terrific coaching staff led by John Fox. And Fox is fully behind QB Jake Delhomme.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

A team ready for a big fall. The Bucs were in control of the division heading into December, then fell apart with four straight losses.

That spiral led to the firing of coach Jon Gruden and GM Bruce Allen — the guys who held everything together in Tampa. New coach Raheem Morris, at 33 the league's youngest head coach, is overseeing a total revamping that began with the front-office moves. It has included the purging of linebacker Derrick Brooks, one of the franchise's all-time top players, and quarterback Jeff Garcia. With holes everywhere, the Bucs don't figure to compete in a very tough division.

NFC WEST

ARIZONA CARDINALS

OK, take a deep breath and recite: The Arizona Cardinals are the NFC's defending champions and nearly won the Super Bowl in February.

Still difficult to believe? Well, breathe deeply again when you read this: It could happen again. Yes, the Cardinals have some flaws, especially on defense, where they must be more consistent rushing the passer. But they have playmakers there, particularly CB Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie and LB Karlos Dansby.

Arizona will prosper because of an offense that can be unstoppable. Critics point to QB Kurt Warner being 38, but he's a fresher 38 because he missed several seasons of physical contact as a backup during his well-traveled career. He'll throw to the game's best wideout, Larry Fitzgerald, and a superb No. 2 receiver, Anquan Boldin. Even Steve Breaston, the third receiver, had more than 1,000 yards catching the ball in '08. The running game needs an upgrade, though.

In the West, the Cardinals are the wildest. And the best.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

Make no mistake, the 49ers will play as hard as anyone, and will do so for four quarters. That's the Mike Singletary way, and it's how they performed when Singletary took over for the fired Mike Nolan and led them to a 5-4 record.

They probably won't play as well as everyone else, but this is a team on the rise. Patrick Willis is a powerful force and Parys Haralson could become one at linebacker. The secondary is the division's best, but needs to force more turnovers. The Niners will run the ball with Frank Gore and try to be efficient with Shaun Hill at quarterback. The Michael Crabtree holdout has hurt the entire passing game and the O-line is a mystery.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

Few teams were damaged as much by injuries in '08 as Seattle, which lost nearly its entire receiving corps and all of its offensive line. Adding wideout T.J.

Houshmandzadeh is a major upgrade, and if QB Matt Hasselbeck remains healthy, the Seahawks will test defenses through the air.

But the uncertainty surrounding star left tackle Walter Jones puts the entire OL in doubt again.

New coach Jim Mora is energetic for sure, and must make a difference in his specialty, defense. But he's no Mike Holmgren.

ST. LOUIS RAMS

Spagnuolo, who masterminded recent Giants defenses, takes charge in St. Louis, where the talent level doesn't come close to what he had in New York. But DE Chris Long and safety Oshiomoghe Atogwe are good places to start the rebuilding.

The offense is particularly problematic because QB Marc Bulger has been dinged, operates behind a porous line, and has mediocre receivers.

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left leg seems to be holding up, although former teammate Rodney Harrison, who had his share of knee surgeries, says anyone who has undergone a knee operation struggles to get past the doubts.

"I'm sure Tom has had some of that. It's only natural," Harrison says.

And when Brady was removed from last week's preseason game at Washington after massive defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth toppled him — Brady came away with a sore shoulder — many others wondered if, at 32, was Brady getting a tad brittle.

"I've been dealing with this for a long time, almost for the last year. I know where I'm at," he says. "I know how I feel, how comfortable I am back there, and I try to convey that I feel like that was part of last season. This season has been a different year for me. I've already missed a year. I've already paid the price for it.

"Moving forward, you've just got to try to work as hard as you can to get back to your normal self and I really feel like I am. ... I think if I make a poor play, I never have thought, 'Well, I wonder if it was because of my injury last year?' I think, 'Well, I've got to make improvements.' Just like every year where things don't really go your way?"

Given Brady's propensity for performing like, well, a Grammy winner, it might be wise to put all doubts aside and just tune in to what he does starting Sept. 14 against Buffalo.

Until then, there are plenty of other NFL story threads to follow.

Even before the season kicks off with the now-traditional Thursday night on Sept. 10 — defending champ Pittsburgh hosts Tennessee — the NFL has been a whirlwind, particularly off the field. Consider these sagas, all of which will continue being played out over the next five months, heading toward the Super Bowl in Miami.

Michael Vick in Philadelphia

After serving 18 months in prison for his involvement in dogfighting, the former Falcons star landed with the Eagles in mid-August. He has to be cleared for regular-season play by commissioner Roger Goodell, which could come by mid-October, probably sooner. In his first action for Philly, six plays mostly as a shotgun quarterback, Vick looked rusty. His impact could be minimal this season.

Brett Favre in Minnesota

The Favre circus — Cheesheads are calling it a fiasco (and worse) — finally set up its tent in the Twin Cities, weeks after the NFL's all-time leading passer said no (wink, wink) to the Vikings. Soon to be 40, with a damaged rotator cuff and, at least in some circles, a tattered legacy, ol' Brett is being counted on to lift the Vikings to a title.

If he is the Favre of the first 11 games of 2008 with the Jets, when he was healthy, Minnesota made a good decision. If he is the injured No. 4 of the final six weeks, Vikings coach Brad Childress might be joining Favre in retirement next year.

Who's that coach?

Let's see, there are 32 NFL franchises and 11 have new head coaches. Twelve also have new offensive coordinators with Monday's firing of Chan Gailey in Kansas City, and an almost unfathomable 22 have new defensive coordinators since the last preseason. Plus, 12 clubs changed special teams coordinators.

Two (San Francisco's Mike Singletary and Oakland's Tom Cable) moved up from interim positions after replacing fired head coaches last season. One (Seattle's Jim



Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Michael Vick (7) looks on during the fourth quarter of an NFL preseason football game at Giants Stadium Thursday in East Rutherford, N.J.



Minnesota Vikings quarterback Brett Favre (4) passes before an NFL preseason football game against the Dallas Cowboys, Friday at the Metrodome in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Cowboys won the game, 35-31.

Mora) was a coach-in-waiting last year.

Two others, Raheem Morris in Tampa Bay and Josh McDaniels in Denver, are 33 years old. Neither is off to a promising start. Morris' roster has been gut-

ted, including the purging of linebacker Derrick Brooks, one of the Bucs' all-time greats. McDaniels feuded with, then dealt away quarterback Jay Cutler — who was the last franchise QB in his prime to

be traded like that? — and still has turmoil on his hands with recalcitrant receiver Brandon Marshall and dozens of other questions.

On the eve of the season, the Chiefs' Todd Haley fired Gailey, never a good sign. Detroit's Jim Schwartz, well taught by Jeff Fisher in Tennessee, takes over a team that won all of zero games in 2008.

Rex Ryan got the position in New York when the Jets fired Eric Mangini, who promptly landed in Cleveland. Both of them have significantly rejiggered their rosters.

Steve Spagnuolo, who masterminded the Giants' brilliant defensive schemes the last two years, is in St. Louis, where there are few playmakers.

All the newcomers

should envy Jim Caldwell, who has three-time MVP Peyton Manning among his Colts. Of course, he's also replacing one of the NFL's most respected people, let alone coaches, Tony Dungy, adding plenty of expectations to Caldwell's plate.

Unsigned stars

Brooks has yet to catch on with anyone. Same for Marvin Harrison, who was not re-signed by the Colts. That's two likely Hall of Famers on the market.



Harrison

DeMaurice Smith. The owners opted out of the current agreement, which will end after the 2010 season. And if no new deal is reached before March, there almost certainly will be no salary cap in '10.

That isn't quite as ominous as it first sounds, because there will be further restrictions on free agency and player movement.

But it is ominous.

For now, there is anticipation of a new season, of finding that team which will go from stinker to contender (the Packers?) or plummet (Buccaneers?). Of discovering new stars (Baltimore RB Ray Rice? Pittsburgh LB Lawrence Timmons?) and feeling sorry for faded ones (Favre?).

And it's time to welcome back the biggest star in the NFL universe. Sure, Eli Manning and Philip Rivers recently received bigger contracts than Brady has. But they're still role players compared to the NFL's Boss.

Labor issues

Fans want to hear about TDs and shutouts, not CBAs and lockouts. But the next few months will include numerous negotiations between the league and the NFL Players Association, which has a new, aggressive executive director,

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209 General

DISPATCH

The City of Twin Falls is now hiring for the position of **COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST DISPATCH**. Apply immediately. The job description and employment application is available at www.tfid.org. For additional information contact the Human Resource Office at (208) 735-7268. The position closes **September 21st**. The City of Twin Falls is an Equal Opportunity Employer, Drug Free Workplace.

GENERAL
University of Idaho
Agricultural Seed Technician University of Idaho Research & Extension Center Kimberly, ID \$11.53-\$15.14/hr; #18103066454 www.hr.uidaho.edu AA/EEO

GENERAL
Elko County is seeking qualified candidates for the position of **Ambulance Director** Accepting applications through 9/18/09. Go to www.elkocountyrv.net "Employment Opportunities" for detailed position information, job description and application. Include a resume with your completed application. Applicants will be contacted by telephone or mail regarding interview status.

GENERAL
Interstate Feedlot has a position available for a **Mill Worker**. Full Benefits, 401k, insurance and housing available. Drug screen and Drivers License required prior to employment. Call 208-645-2221 EEO M/F

GENERAL MANAGER
Duties include: heavy customer interface and sales responsibilities; developing business plan objectives, organizational policies, budgets and sales forecasts; reviewing activity reports and financial statements; establishing all pricing and pricing guidelines; strong verbal and leadership skills as well as transportation knowledge. Successful candidate must have 3-5 years of experience in the transportation industry in a supervisory capacity. This person must be able to provide leadership, training and other opportunities for employee development, evaluate performance of management teams. Send resume, wage history and references to D&D Transportation PO. BOX 116 Gooding, ID 83330 or email to ckuntz@ddtransportation.com

209 General

GENERAL

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GENERAL

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GENERAL
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Work for a great, Idaho-based property management company. We currently have several positions available.

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209 General

RESTAURANT
Bartender/Server Experience required. Flexibility to work days or evening preferred. Apply in person at 496 Addison Ave W.

211 Medical

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MEDICAL
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MEDICAL

Come be a part of a caring environment! Idaho Home Health & Hospice is now accepting resumes for a Full-time Hospice RN in Twin Falls. If you are looking for a more flexible & caring work environment this is the place for you! Apply at 826 Eastland Drive or email resumes to heather@idahohomehealth.com. EOE

MEDICAL
Growing Skilled Nursing Facility is seeking RN's and LPN's 12 hr shifts, days and nights. CNA's 8 hr shifts, evening and nights. Must enjoy caring for the elderly. Call Jessie or Cindy 934-5601 or apply in person at 1220 Montana St. Gooding, ID

MEDICAL
Public Health Nurse FT SR RN needed for South Central Public Health District. \$21,70-\$37,80 hr. Apply at www.dhr.idaho.gov announcement #07574097150 by 9/11/09. Questions call 737-5975 EOE/AA, Vet's pref.

MEDICAL

Rupert, ID

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211 Medical

MEDICAL
Part time RN needed for In-Home Care. Must have at least 3 yrs experience working with children and adults with Developmental Disabilities. Send resume to P.O. Box 5946 Twin Falls, Idaho 83303

MEDICAL
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MEDICAL St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

- CNA (PT)
- LPN (PT)
- RN-Med/Surg (PRN)

For a complete listing of our jobs and application procedures please visit www.stbenshospital.com

709 Lincoln Ave. Jerome, ID 83338 EOE

213 Professional

PROFESSIONAL
Twin Falls County Treatment and Recovery Clinic has a career position for a FT DIA Case Manager. Must have an ACADC/CADC; licensed LCSW/MSW/BSW; LCPC; or an ISAS. Prefer a minimum 6 months treatment experience in a licensed facility. Competitive wages w/full benefits package. Job announcement and application available online at www.twinfallscounty.org or HR office, 1st floor Twin Falls County Courthouse. Application deadline is 9-18-09 EEO/VETS/Drug Free Workplace.

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3 Positions available. Come join a successful and proven team!



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SALES
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216 Trades

TRADES
Excavation and Utility Work Required. NOW HIRING Equipment Operators and Pipe Layers. Also needed Blue Top Grader Operator GPS experience pref. Send application or resume to fax number 208-726-1526 or email kim@kdxweb.com NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

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• Employee Stock Ownership Plan
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CLEAR SPRINGS FOODS, INC.
Processing Operations
1579-A Clear Lakes Grade Buhl, Idaho 83316
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Surveillance Observer
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 - Surgical
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 - Operating Room
 - Canyon View
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 - Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
 - Obstetrics
 - Pediatrics/ Women & Children
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- **HIM Manager** - Bachelor Degree in Health Information Management, preferred or equivalent experience. Current Registered Health Information Administrator or Registered Health Information Technician. Demonstrated progressive technical and management experience (5 years minimum).



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GENERAL
Sheepherder Needed 10/20/0910/19/10. Requires 3 months verifiable sheepherding experience. Attends & moves sheep on range. Assists in lambing, docking, shearing, tagging, feeding & medicating animals. Must be able to handle horses & dogs. \$750/mo. Employer guarantees 75% of contract salary & will provide tools & equipment. Housing provided to workers from out of area & transportation costs paid after 50% of work contract. 12 temporary positions-Robert Oxarango, Soda Springs, ID.
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Caring is the Key in Life

640 Filer Ave West, Twin Falls. Phone: 208-734-8645

Dental Assistant

Family Health Services has an opening for a **Dental Assistant** in our Twin Falls Dental Clinic.

This is a full time position with a Monday through Friday schedule. Prior experience preferred, along with a dental assisting certificate. Bilingual candidates encouraged to apply.

Family Health Services offers competitive wages and a full range of benefits including health insurance, short and long-term disability, life insurance, PTO, holiday pay and 401(k) retirement.

Applicants may fill out an application on-line at www.fhsid.org or send a cover letter and CV to:

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 HR Department • 794 Eastland Drive
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For a complete job announcement, see our website www.achd.ada.id.us

A completed application, along with a resume, is required and must be submitted to Human Resources. The position will remain Open Until Filled, with the first application review date on 9/17/09 and every two weeks thereafter.

Applications are available at **3775 N. Adams; Garden City, ID 83714** or from website. An AA/EEO/ADA Employer

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GRAPHIC DESIGNER

If you are interested in creating and designing ads for clients that fit those customer's needs, then we want to talk to you. The Times-News is looking for an individual with computer graphic designing experience skills to work in our Twin Falls office. Designer will help develop and produce advertising solutions for a wide array of clients. We need a team player with excellent communication skills and the ability to pitch in to help on projects wherever needed. The successful candidate will design advertisements on tight deadlines, and generate ad ideas and campaigns with their sales team. The applicant must possess the ability to maintain quality control of ad production from start to finish.

Qualified applicants will have an Associate Degree in Computer Applications, Computer Graphics, Graphic Arts or the equivalent in experience. Experience with Macintosh computers using Adobe Indesign®, Illustrator®, Photoshop®, and strong typing skills are essential.

This is a full time, temporary position that may develop into a permanent position. We offer health insurance, paid vacation, and competitive pay.

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 • 4th Ave. N.
 • Shoshone St. E.
 • 10th Ave. N.

Start Saving for your early Christmas Shopping!

TWIN FALLS 735-3346

• 9th Ave. E.
 • Shoshone St. E.
 • 2nd Ave. E.
 • Blue Lakes Blvd.

TWIN FALLS 735-3346

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Call now for more information about routes available in your area.

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 Gooding, Jerome, Filer, Buhl, Wendell, 735-3241

500 Real Estate

501 Open House

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BUHL
 11.3 acres with new 2600 sq. ft. home, 3 bdrm, 3 bath, pasture, water, corals, new shop, lawn shed, sprinklers, \$385,000. Call 208-543-8000.

BUHL
 LARGE FAMILY ROOM Roomy 3 bdrm, 2 bath on 3.66 country acres with a 32'x24' SHOP, canal water and a breathtaking view of the valley. Cool central A/C and so much more! Now \$177,000. Call Jim

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BARKER
 REALTORS
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GOODING

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502 Homes For Sale

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TWIN FALLS Great location, close to schools, hospital, service area. Fireplace, bay windows, built in 2006, 4 bdrm, split bdrm plan, 2 baths. Master bath with his/her closets, twin sinks, walk-in shower & bath. Professionally landscaped, full sprinklers, covered back porch, patio, 2 car garage. \$209,000. **208-733-9551**

TWIN FALLS Newer 3 bdrm, 2 bath, hardwood floors exc. cond reduced \$10,000. \$125,000. **308-1439**

513 Acreage and Lots

Amazing Waterfront Property
 45 Minutes from Twin Falls
 Year-round Recreation
 Limited number of lots avail.
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 1 acre on river. River access, great mt. & river views. **208-670-4194**

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TWIN FALLS DRAMATIC PRICE REDUCTION Excellent property on inside acre-room for 2-3 duplex's plus the existing home. ALL FOR ONLY \$117,500. Call Jim @ **Brawley Realty 731-4144**.

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SHOSHONE Health forces sale of this light industrial 4 lot subdivision, 6 acres, 500' Hwy 75 frontage. Half way between Twin Falls and Sun Valley. \$150,000. Call 208-538-0338

TWIN FALLS
 * 15 unit Motel, Realtor owned. \$445,000
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KIMBERLY

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521 Manufactured Homes

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 FOR SALE To be moved '94 Guardian 28x56 home good condition, no smoking/pets 2 bath, 3 bdrm. Call **Mark 308-6738 or 543-8795**

600 Rental Properties

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BUHL 3 bdrm, 2 bath, house, huge shop/garage, pasture, no smoking or pets. \$250 security deposit. \$1000 a month. Call B G Property Holdings at **208-736-8729**.

BUHL Between Filer & Buhl, 2 bdrm house in the country, stove & refrigerator incl., no pets. **543-4782**

BUHL New 3 bdrm, 2 bath, acreage, AC, scenic locale, well insulated. No water/sewer bill! No indoor pets/smoking. \$795/mo + dep. Call **208-312-5559**

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BURLEY 3 bdrm, 1 bath country home, no smoking. \$625 + dep. 678-8622 after 5:30pm or by msg.

BURLEY 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 year old home across from schools. \$895/mo. + dep. **208-423-4557**

DECLO 3 bedroom home newly renovated. \$650/mo. Stove, refrig, hookups. Call **541-608-0494**

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FILER 2 bdrm mobile, w/sun porch, \$535 + \$200 No smoking, 700 Union Ave. 320-0230 or 320-1441

FILER 2 bdrm, 1 pet allowed, \$550 + \$350 dep. \$100 pet allowance. Open immediately. **208-308-8533**

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TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath. New remodel! large basement, WD hookup \$575/mo. + \$525/dep. Quincy St. no pets! **308-3337**

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Unscramble these six Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form six ordinary words.

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WHAT SHE FOUND ON THE CRUISE SHIP.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

Find answers on Classifieds 7.

0602 Unfurnished Homes

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TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 1 bath \$625/mo + \$400 dep. 2 Falls Property Mgmt. 212-1678

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TWIN FALLS 4 bdrm 2 bath home, \$950. 3 bdrm 2 bath apt. \$650. 208-734-9704 or 208-320-7596

TWIN FALLS 4 bdrm., 2 bath newer home, in nice neighborhood, 2484 Paintbrush Dr. No pets/smoking. \$900 + dep. 510-853-4559.

TWIN FALLS Clean 3 bdrm house, lg kitchen, no pets/smoking. \$625 + dep 194 Flier Ave. 734-6230.

TWIN FALLS Cottage style home 1500 sq. ft., 3 bdrm, 2 bath, \$850/mo includes refrig., W/D, AC, wood floors & fenced back yard. 1 car garage & storage shed avail. 9/7 \$500 dep. Erin 208-420-7311

TWIN FALLS Fairly new 3 bdrm, 2 bath, office, complete kitchen, walk-in pantry, walk-in closet, \$995 mo. + dep. Call 420-3011

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Many are counting their pennies with the economy in the doldrums

DEAR ABBY: I would like to make the public aware of something that is the result of the poor economy. When someone who is hurting financially is invited out to a restaurant, bar, movie, etc., and the person declines your invitation, please don't take it personally. He or she may be watching every penny. Every cent matters if it's needed for food, shelter, bills, etc. A person in this situation simply cannot afford to "splurge" on these kinds of activities. Believe me, I know what I'm talking about. I have been invited to participate in various social events, and I can't afford to go. This is not something that I want to broadcast either. Some of us may be keeping quiet about it. Let's face it - it's an awful situation to be in, but one we hope will not last forever.



DEAR ABBY
Jeane Phillips

cate that he or she has become antisocial. It may mean the person is financially unable to do so.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Fred," sees absolutely nothing wrong with the fact that he did not take a day off from work to attend my 94-year-old mother's funeral. He stopped by the ceremony for the graveside service, then left immediately and returned to work. Fred is an independent traveling salesman who never works more than half a day, so it wasn't like he needed to hurry back to an office or place of business. He didn't even have enough love or respect for me or my mother's family to spend the day with us. Do you agree with me this was unkind? Fred thinks I'm the one who is being unreasonable.

- WOUNDED WIFE IN COLUMBIA, S.C.
DEAR WOUNDED: Of course his behavior was unkind. It was also insensi-

tive. Regardless of your mother's age, losing a parent is painful and his place was by your side offering emotional support. It appears you married someone who is usually centered on his own needs, and I'm willing to bet this incident isn't the only example. Please accept my sympathy on two counts: First for the loss of your mother, and second, for marrying someone who would be willfully absent when you needed him the most. Whatta guy.

DEAR ABBY: Cooking is my hobby. I enjoy hosting luncheons for my friends. I choose healthy, fresh ingredients, plan creative menus and presentation is important to me. However, it seems that someone at the table always pipes up with, "I don't eat THAT!" I think it is rude and guests should just place an unwanted item on the side of their plate. Am I right? I don't know how to respond to people who do that.

- ANNOYED HOSTESS IN NEW JERSEY
DEAR ANNOYED: Here's how. Smile and say, "If you don't like that, don't eat it!" Then pass the relish tray and say, "Would you like some crudites? Nuts?"

IF SEPTEMBER 6 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Between now and the end of November, if you apply yourself diligently to the job at hand, you can advance on the rungs of the ladder of success. Your business savvy will help you make money and gain respect. Next March and April are the very best months to make significant decisions, plan for the future or make viable commitments. People will find you more attractive than usual and your integrity will shine at its brightest, so that is a good time to change jobs or look for a permanent romantic partner.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): There could plenty of doubts and deterrents to deal with in the week ahead, but focus on what is true and stick to the facts. **TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** During the coming week keep your eyes firmly focused on the fine print and avoid anything that sounds too good to be true. **GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Even the smartest person can fall for a scam or feel pressured to act against their best interests in the upcoming week.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You know how to sidestep social mishaps. Avoid unpleasant undercurrents this week and take promises with a grain of salt. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Don't back down from challenges to your authority during the week to come. Remain vigilant about your finances and examine every offer. **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Make it your duty to be as fair as possible when dealing with others in the week to come. It is wise to question details. **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** There is a tendency for peo-

Today is Sunday, Sept. 6, the 249th day of 2009. There are 116 days left in the year. **Today's Highlight:** On Sept. 6, 1901, President William McKinley was shot and mortally wounded by anarchist Leon Czolgosz at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, N.Y. (McKinley died eight days later; he was succeeded by Vice President Theodore Roosevelt. Czolgosz was executed the next month.) **On this date:** In 1757, the Marquis de Lafayette, the French hero of the American Revolution, was born in Auvergne, France. In 1837, the Oberlin Collegiate Institute of Ohio went co-educational. In

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	3	1		8	6			
6			9	2				3
3					7		8	
9	7			6				4
7			8	3				9
	8	5		6	1			

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5	2	6	3	4	1	8	7	9
4	1	8	9	5	7	6	2	3
7	9	3	2	6	8	4	1	5
8	5	2	4	9	6	7	3	1
3	6	4	7	1	5	2	9	8
9	7	1	8	2	3	5	6	4
2	4	7	5	3	9	1	8	6
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Sandwich Spread, Hartford, Conn.

ANSWER: I recommend that fourth hand's bid of either his LHO's or RHO's suit be treated as natural. Since you have double and two no-trump for the unbid suits, you do not need a third such call. Thus suit-bids and one no-trump all remain natural, showing good hands.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
I bid one diamond over one club, holding ♠ A-J-3, ♥ K-Q, ♦ A-Q-7-3-2, ♣ 10-3-2. Could I have bid one no-trump instead? In any event, having bid one diamond, I now heard my partner respond one heart. What is the best way forward now, and does it depend on whether the one-heart response was forcing?
Making Haste, Phoenix, Ariz.

ANSWER: This is a complex hand, no matter what your agreements are. Either the diamond or no-trump overall is fine by me. (You do not need a club stop to overall an opening of one club if the rest of your shape is suitable.) I'd cue-bid two clubs at my second turn, hoping to reach game in diamonds, hearts or no-trump, depending on my partner's next action.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
Do you enjoy having your column on the Internet? Is it more work for you? And does the column change when you post it online?
Solicitous, Troy, N.Y.

ANSWER: Thank you for giving me the opportunity to mention again that my column now appears (almost) live on the Internet. You can read it at <http://aces.bridgeblogging.com/>. Yes there is some extra work, mainly finding any errors that crept past me the first time I reviewed the column. But it is certainly worth it to widen the column's readership and get responses from all over the world. And my wife, Judy, lightens the load too.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
If faced with the choice of a blind lead against either one no-trump or three no-trump, how do you feel about leading a major as opposed to a minor?
Major League, Boise, Idaho

ANSWER: When deciding on your lead, look at your suit quality first, then at whether it is a major or a minor. I'd lead from Q-10-x-x rather than A-9-x-x, no matter which was the major and which the minor. If it's a tie, pick the major.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
With ♠ —, ♥ A-Q-9-7-6-3-2, ♦ Q-9-7-6-5-3, ♣ —, I responded one heart to my partner's one-club opening bid. Now LHO joined in with one spade. My partner bid one no-trump, and after RHO's raise to two spades, I saw no future anywhere but four hearts. My partner had four small clubs and enough red-suit cards to have a play for six hearts. Should I have been more optimistic?
Falling Short, Jackson, Tenn.

ANSWER: Any time a freak hand comes up (and 0-7-6-0 certainly qualifies), do NOT worry about any normal action you took that could be improved on double dummy. If you plan to wait to see this hand again, don't hold your breath. You did sensibly enough here — and if I could bid all my balanced hands sensibly, I'd pay off to misgussing the freaks.

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8 1947 Tony-winning Arthur Miller play
9 Go after puppy-style static problem
10 Procter's creator
11 With 115-Across
12 1940 Tony-winning play starring Lee J. Cobb
13 Carbonist leane
14 Motional hunter
15 Unicorn feature
16 Abaze ___ French region
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22 See 42-Across
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26 "Of ___" ___
27 Boot add-ons
28 "___" ___
29 Ivy League city
30 Only clay
31 So yesterday
32 German posties
33 Head, in slang
34 1947 Tennessee
35 Wilms play
36 Patriotic women's org.
37 Rats
38 Pasty concern
39 Moe, a Marabelle
40 Emphasis
41 Disco guy on "The Simpsons"
42 Five Inch Nails
43 Frank Rector
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45 Layer
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47 Sinatra's repertoire
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49 '92S soap starring Marko Brandt
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77 First name in southern fiction
78 Cosby's "I Spy" costar
79 Largo, e.g.
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97 Cold, to Carlos
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Twin Falls patient fighting cancer with a little ...



help from her friends

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

On Monday morning, Trayci Ozuna sat in the chemotherapy room at St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute in Twin Falls.

Seniors filled the common room, most quietly watching soap operas and game shows with their spouses while hooked up to the fluid-filled bags. Machines beeped and nurses tended to patients, but the room sat mostly silent.

But Trayci had company. Her husband, Pete Ozuna, and friends Cora Thompson and Stacy Allen chatted to help Trayci keep her mind off the chemo drugs dripping into her veins.

Trayci's friends and family have adjusted their schedules and, in some cases, rearranged their lives to help the bubbly, lively mother of two. In Trayci's case, as in so many others, it's the person, not the disease, that inspires people to rally around their friends.

See **CANCER**, Family Life 3

Trayci Benefit

St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 2nd Ave. E., Jerome
5 p.m. Saturday
Donations accepted
Information: Jaclynn Vargas, 420-3068

At top: Trayci Ozuna, 28, kisses her four-year-old son, Ethan, last week at their home in Twin Falls. In June, Ozuna was diagnosed with breast cancer. She underwent a double mastectomy and had 11 lymph nodes removed.

Right: Cora Thompson, left, Stacy Allen and Trayci's husband, Pete Ozuna, keep her company Monday morning in the chemotherapy room at St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor center in Twin Falls.

Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News



A world away

T.F. doctor takes family on year-long volunteer trip

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

Three weeks after his return to Twin Falls, Dr. Rick Sandison is suffering from reverse culture shock.

Here, the grocery stores are packed with foods from around the world. There are dozens of distractions to grab his attention and chip away at his free time. The city isn't walkable, and the consumer aspect of American culture is overwhelming.

Last year, Sandison took his wife, Rebecca, and their three daughters to

Ecuador for a year to volunteer at a mission in the small village of Guadalupe. The 12 months in a small village on the edge of a jungle gave the family an education in South American living.

Rick and Rebecca had volunteered in Africa before their daughters were born and talked about doing it again, but with three daughters and Rick's career in Twin Falls, they put the plan on hold.

"For a number of practical reasons, it wasn't possible," Rick said.

See **VOLUNTEER**, Family Life 5



Rick Sandison checks a woman's ear in Loja, Ecuador. Sandison and his family recently returned from a year of volunteering in the South American country.

Photo courtesy of RICK SANDISON

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center

530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; lounge and pool rooms; bargain center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Daily lunches are available for take-out from 11 a.m. to noon; seniors 59 and under, \$5.50; seniors 60 and older, \$4.50. 734-5084.

MENUS:
Tuesday: Beef stroganoff
Wednesday: Ham and beans
Thursday: Spaghetti
Friday: Baked potato bar

ACTIVITIES:
Today: Unitarian Church service, 10 a.m.

Singles refresher, 6-7 p.m.; Dance, 7-11 p.m.

Monday: Center closed.

Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday at lunch

Duplicate bridge, 12:30 p.m. Bingo, 1:45-5 p.m.; \$1 per sheet

Oil painting by appointment, 734-0509

Let's Dance, 6 to 11 p.m.

Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls for sale, 8:30-11:30 a.m.; \$1.50 each

Quilting, 8 a.m. to noon

Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Blood pressure, 11 a.m. to noon

Duplicate bridge, 12:30 p.m.

Jack Pot, 3-9 p.m.

Pinochle, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Oil painting by appointment

Bingo, 6:45-10 p.m.; \$1 per sheet

Friday: Quilting, 8 a.m.

Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Bingo at lunch

Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1

Texas Hold'em, 1 p.m.

Saturday: Super Bingo

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60. Sunday buffet: 1 p.m.; \$5, seniors; \$6, under 60; \$4, under 12. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday.

MENUS:
Monday: Center closed
Tuesday: Chicken-fried steak
Wednesday: Mac and cheese
Thursday: Beef goulash

ACTIVITIES:
Today: Center closed
Monday: Center closed
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bus runs for lunch pickup, call

543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.

Bingo, 1-3 p.m.

Bingo with Hot Ball special, 7 p.m.

Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch and M-W-F full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; take-out; home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:
Sunday: No Sunday dinner
Monday: Center closed for Labor Day
Wednesday: Taco salad
Friday: Fried chicken

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: AA meeting, 8 p.m.

Al-Anon meeting, 8 p.m.

Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; every-one over 18 welcome

Wednesday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.

Friday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

Bingo, 11:50 a.m.

Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizen Center

308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Labor Day, no lunch
Tuesday: Grilled ham and cheese sandwiches
Wednesday: Roast turkey/dressing
Thursday: Swiss steak

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.

Wild card, 6 p.m.

Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.

Shoshone/Gooding Pinochle, 1:30 p.m.

Hand and foot, 6 p.m.

Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.

Board meeting, 1 p.m.

Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.

Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.

Pool, 9:30 a.m.

Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.

Saturday: Saturday night pinochle, 7 p.m.

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Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; thrift shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free high-speed Internet.

MENUS:
Monday: Closed for Labor Day
Wednesday: Pork chops
Friday: Chicken and mango sauce

ACTIVITIES:
Saturday: Blues in the Park, 1:30-8:30 p.m., Billingsley Creek State Park

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E., Jerome. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free transportation to and from center Wednesdays through Fridays, call center for information at 324-5642.

MENUS:
Monday: Closed for Labor Day
Tuesday: Chicken salad casserole
Wednesday: Meat loaf
Thursday: Sweet-and-sour chicken
Friday: Barbecue chicken

ACTIVITIES:
Tuesday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:15 a.m.

Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Snack bar, 6 p.m.

Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

Bridge, 12:30 p.m.

Dick and John Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Thursday: Board meeting, 10 a.m.

SilverSneakers exercise, 10:15 a.m.

Foot clinic, 1 p.m.

Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m.

Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Free blood-pressure clinic

Silver and Gold Senior Center

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

MENUS:
Monday: Closed for Labor Day
Tuesday: Spaghetti
Wednesday: Meat loaf

Thursday: Sweet-and-sour chicken

Friday: Barbecue chicken

Saturday: French toast buffet, 7:30-10:30 a.m.

ACTIVITIES:
Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.

MENUS:
Monday: Closed for Labor Day
Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce
Wednesday: Chili hot dogs
Friday: Fried chicken

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.

Coffee, 9:30 a.m.

Quilting, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday: Board meeting, 10:30 a.m.

Pinochle, 1:30 p.m.

Bingo

Wednesday: Black Out Bingo, 12:30 p.m.

Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Bingo

Carey Senior Center

Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

MENUS:
Tuesday: Meat loaf
Wednesday: Baked ham
Thursday: Roast beef

ACTIVITIES:
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11 a.m.

Bingo, noon, Idaho Food Bank, 1-4 p.m.

Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.

Board of Directors meeting, 1 p.m.

Thursday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.

Bingo, 1 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Closed for Labor Day
Tuesday: Walking Club, 9 a.m.

Knitters Anonymous, 10:30 a.m.

Blood pressure, 11:15 a.m.

Bingo, 1 p.m.

Wednesday: Fit and Fall-proof, 10 a.m.

Thursday: Walking Club, 9 a.m.

Friday: Tai chi, 7 a.m.

Table tennis, 9 a.m.

Fit and Fall-proof, 10 a.m.

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors; \$6, non-seniors; \$3, under 12; \$4.50, home delivery. Gift shop: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Closed for Labor Day
Tuesday: Finger steaks
Wednesday: Enchiladas
Thursday: Sweet-and-sour chicken

ACTIVITIES:
Wednesday: Pinochle, 1-4 p.m.

Thursday: SHIBA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwindeman at 436-9107 or Kitty Andrews at 677-4872 for appointments

Friday: Pinochle, 1-4 p.m.

Bingo, 7 p.m.

Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$6, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. For rides: 366-2051. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pool
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Exercise

Tuesday: Pool

Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.

Radio show, 9:06 a.m.

Exercise

Community bingo, 7 p.m.

Wednesday: Pool

Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Exercise

Thursday: Pool

Exercise

Movie, 9:30 a.m.

Community pinochle, 6 p.m.

Woodcarving, 6 p.m.

Friday: Pool

Exercise

Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Bingo, 1 p.m.

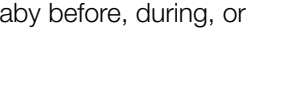
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SPILT MILK
David Cooper



They may be right. But I say education has nothing to do with it. It's just that kids in those countries know how to work. More specifically, they know how to wash dishes.

Dishwashing is a foundational household chore. Every kid should know how to clean a plate after eating their Chef Boyardee. But I'm starting to think American kids are failing the grade at the kitchen sink.

This became painfully obvious at my house after the electric dishwasher conked out. Having grown up in a house that never had a dishwasher, I insisted that we'd get along without it.

In fact, neither of my grandmothers ever had dishwashers, yet I never remember any dirty dishes in their sink. In those days a stack of dirty dishes was as shameful as milking a stolen cow.

So with those examples in mind, I made up dishwashing assignments for four kids optimistic that they'd master the art of a clean dish duty.

Less than two weeks later, I was doubting whether they could get the blue out of a Slurpee cup.

Some of the challenges were easily apparent. For starters, size does matter. Any pint-sized 4-year-old is going to struggle washing off a casserole dish. And boys, unless you drill it into them, are never going to care about dried formula stuck in the baby bottle.

In fact, putting boys together on any kitchen duty is almost a waste of time.

We then turned to coded dish duty shifts: one son with one daughter. This was slightly more effective, although always volatile. Eventually, creative differences would soon emerge over who washes, who dries and who puts away. Maybe that's where Ike and Tina Turner went wrong, with fights over the dishes.

Before long, the dishes were piling up in the sink — as was my frustration. Meanwhile, the losses were also starting to tally — with four broken glasses, a few lost Tupperware bowls, and a Dis-pos-al that was starting to smell like a zoo. Once my wife started buying plastic plates in bulk, I realized my project was crumbling like the Teton Dam.

And so, we came to the conclusion that the dishwashing experiment was over, and called the repairman to make the \$65 fix. Now my kids are loading dishes into the washer like a pit crew at Indy.

As for whether I've taught my children to appreciate chores of the past, the jury is still out. It reminds me of conversation years ago, eating cereal with my son in the dark hours of morning.

"You know, if you were born 100 years ago, you'd have to milk a cow for that cereal milk," I said.

Then he rolled his eyes and said, "Dad, if I were born 100 years ago, I'd be dead by now."

Excuses, excuses.

City Editor David Cooper is the father of five kids. E-mail him at dcooper@magicvalley.com.

Cancer

Continued from Family Life 1

On June 19, Trayci was diagnosed with breast cancer after finding a lump in her right breast. Within a week, she found herself on an operating table, facing a double mastectomy and removal of 11 lymph nodes.

Trayci expected to face the disease someday — many women in her family have had breast cancer — but not at 28. She has two sons, 4 and 2, and a 7-year-old stepdaughter who stays with Trayci and Pete part-time.

"I didn't want to be sick and lose my hair in front of my kids," she said. When she shaved her head after losing large chunks of her hair, her 4-year-old son, Ethan, started crying and rubbing her cheek.

When news got out that Trayci was sick, the outpouring of support overwhelmed the Ozunas. Ethan's school, Emmanuel Lutheran Child Development Center, had a "Pinkalicious Day" to show solidarity. Teachers wore pink wigs (the color of breast cancer awareness) and kids made pink handprints.

At home, Trayci's inbox filled with well-wishes and her freezer filled with frozen entrees (mostly lasagna) so she wouldn't have to cook. Friends and family cart the boys to and from school. After her surgery, the Ozunas' living room resembled a florist.

"I've never seen so many flowers in my life," said Jaclynn Vargas, Trayci's best friend.

Some gestures are more permanent. Vargas, Trayci and six other women got tiny pink ribbon tattoos. Vargas shaved her head, and Vargas' sons and brother dyed pink ribbons into their hair.

But Vargas still wasn't satisfied. In August, she decided to organize a benefit and silent auction for Trayci to help with medical bills. Even though the Ozunas have good insurance, they still have to pay for medication and co-payments. One of Trayci's prescriptions costs more than \$200 for seven days' worth of pills.

Vargas and Trayci toyed around with various names for the benefit, including



"Bald is Beautiful and 'F— You, Cancer.'" They settled on "Trayci Benefit" and set up a fund at First Federal Savings Bank.

Support from friends can't fix everything. Three days after her chemo sessions, Trayci becomes so sore that she can't get out of bed.

"I lay in that room for literally six or seven days solid," Trayci said.

During those times, Pete cares for the children and friends and family pitch in where they can, but they can't take away the pain, fatigue and nausea.

Losing her breasts and long, blond hair has also been hard on Trayci, but Pete has been supportive of her changing body, she said.

"He's like, 'I love you, not your boobs,'" Trayci said.

Vargas' shaved head helps, too — Trayci knows she isn't alone when strangers stare and ask why she is bald.

In the meantime, Trayci is looking forward. Monday marked her halfway mark for her chemotherapy sessions, and she has reconstructive surgery scheduled in mid-December. ("Yay, Santa Claus is bringing me boobies!" she said.)

And she knows when she has her chemo appointments every two weeks, she won't be alone.



Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News


Left: Pete Ozuna talks with his wife, Trayci, during her chemotherapy treatment Monday.

Above: Family friend Justin Vargas shows his new haircut to Trayci Ozuna. A number of friends and family have shaved their heads in support of Ozuna, who shaved her head after losing clumps of her hair from the cancer treatment.



Trayci Ozuna holds a handful of pills that she takes to battle cancer. Some of Trayci's pills cost more than \$200 for a seven-day supply. The financial strain prompted her friend Jaclynn Vargas to organize a fundraiser to offset some of Trayci's medical costs.

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Bedwetting treated as kids get older

By Gregory Ramey
Cox Newspapers

Q: My 5-year-old boy continues to wet the bed about three or four times a week. I'm told this is not uncommon, but I wonder when I should have this treated.

A: Bedwetting occurs in approximately 10-15 percent of children his age. It is twice as common in boys as in girls, and tends to occur where there has been a family member with a history of this problem.

Bedwetting is typically

not treated by either physicians or psychologists until your child is a bit older, somewhere between ages 7-10. The three main approaches to treatment involve use of a bedwetting alarm, behavior therapy or medication.

Many children outgrow this problem on their own. If this doesn't happen in the next few years, consult with your family doctor regarding what treatment options might be best for your child. In the meantime, please reassure your child that this is not his fault and that help is avail-

able if this problem continues.

Gregory Ramey is a child psychologist and vice president for outpatient services at The Children's Medical Center of Dayton, Ohio.

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A modern room for the modern baby

By Alexa Yablonski
The Washington Post

Sorry, Winnie the Pooh. These days, parents are as likely to deck out Junior's nursery with the jolly old bear as they are to get matching Barney tattoos.

"Clients aren't doing themes. They're doing rooms that mimic the rest of their homes," says Dana Evans, co-owner of Daisy Baby shop in Bethesda, Md.

"Baby rooms look less and less like baby rooms," says Tracy Hutson, a Los Angeles-based interior designer and author of "Feathering the Nest" (Stewart, Tabori & Chang, 2009).

Products for tots have changed, much in the way maternity fashions have evolved from muumuus to elastic-waist Seven jeans and pregnancy-cut Hanky Panky thongs.

"In the last few years, lots of imaginative people started having babies," says Tiffany King, owner of the Pajama Squid, a children's shop in suburban Washington. "They combined their experience and creativity. The cribs got better, the toys got better. Everything took a design-oriented turn."

You can also credit older, wiser parents for bankrolling the trend. "They're more likely to have their own aesthetic," says Ali Wing, founder of Giggle, a chain of children's gear stores. "They aren't putting in a nursery at the same time they are buying dishes. Their wallet isn't competing as much in the decor arena."

Though Janet Bloomberg decorated her son's nursery on a budget, she didn't sacrifice design. "Everything we pick for Ian has an aesthetic criteria, even the books," says Bloomberg, a partner at Kube Architecture in Washington. She chose timeless furniture, bright colors and minimalist toys from the Museum of Modern Art. "If he gets surrounded by quality stuff from Day One, he will understand good design," she says. It seems to be working: Bloomberg



Photo courtesy Lawrence Luk

Sandra Velvel, who owns a children's design boutique, Vivi, created a nursery with contemporary design for daughter Annabel Price at her Washington home. It includes the Netto glider (\$945), ottoman (\$385), crib and dresser (all from Daisy Baby); Dwell baby quilt, part of a linen crib set (\$385, Dwellshop.com); Dvider wall decals (\$33, Store.dvider.com); and a Jonathan Adler giraffe lamp (\$395, Vivi).



Aunt Bucky's Granny Garden crib bumper set is colorful and whimsical (\$225, The Pajama Squid). Aunt Bucky



Oeuf's Sparrow crib comes with a water-based finish (\$690, Giggle).



Bilbo is a rocker and a toy with as many uses as your child can imagine (from \$22, Amazon.com). Oiva Toikkal

Alvar Aalto's children's chair comes in four heights (\$385, Kidonyc.com).

Alvar Aalto

reports the toddler prefers simple wood cars to rolling plastic ones he was given as gifts.

Sandra Velvel, owner of Bethesda design boutique Vivi, wanted her daughter's

nursery to reflect her taste. "I didn't want to do something really specific, because you never know what your kid is going to be into," she says. "I wanted a room that could reflect

Annabel's interests as she got older."

The green movement has also invigorated and elevated kiddie design. Such thoughtful, progressive

products can come at a price. But when children's welfare is involved, some parents are willing to shell out. "If it just looks good, I'm not sure that's enough

Where to shop

Daisy Baby. This boutique specializes in custom linens and furnishings. Choose from 15 lines of bedding, plus furniture that's contemporary (Nurseryworks, NettoCollection) or traditional (Bratt Decor). www.shopdaisy-baby.com.

Dawn Price Baby. Known for trendy togs for those 6 and younger, this local chainlet also carries classic furniture from the likes of Newport Cottages and Serena & Lily. www.dawn-pricebaby.com.

Giggle. This national chain evaluates each product it sells against 10 criteria, including "innovative," "portable" and "space-saving." To be considered for store shelves, baby items must meet three of the criteria. www.giggle.com.

National Building Museum. Choose from wood blocks, a Bauhaus mobile and new toys from Active People. www.nbm.org.

The Pajama Squid. Find quirky wall decals, clothing and retro-cool throwbacks such as wooden phones. shop.thepajamasquid.com.

Vivi. You'll find cute lamps and kiddie tableware from Jonathan Adler and Alex Marshall Studios at this contemporary home accessories and tabletop store. www.vivionline.com.

to get people to spend their money," says Lisa Mahar, owner of Kid O, a children's store in New York. "If it looks good and it's beneficial to their children, they may be still willing."

The toys and furniture at her shop not only boast sleek lines, they also reflect progressive educational philosophies. "People like Maria Montessori really believed that an environment with well-made materials helps children understand the importance of craft and hard work," Mahar says.

Of course, that's not an endorsement of monogrammed cashmere blankets for your Baby Pukes-a-Lot. "If the nursery is a place you want to show off, then so be it," says designer Hutson. "Just don't expect the baby to appreciate it as much as you do."

'Thunderwear' among remedies for storm-phobic dogs

By Sharon Theimer
Associated Press writer

Dog owners who spend many a stormy night struggling to get some sleep while a panting, drooling, trembling pet climbs around on top of them know that the fear of thunder can be a tricky problem to solve.

Dogs with the condition often look to their owners for comfort, yet are in such a state of panic, they are inconsolable. And it can be hard to know how to soothe an upset dog without unwittingly reinforcing its anxiety.

Potential remedies include medication, desensitizing the dog to thunder and training it to retreat to a safe place when a storm hits. There is also canine "thunderwear" such as earmuffs, head halters and swaddling attire, including a snug leotard for animals called a sheep suit, that can help calm stressed-out dogs.

But there seems to be no single cause for the fear of thunder, and there also isn't any one guaranteed treatment, veterinarians who specialize in canine behavior say. Something that helps one dog might not help another; a method that works during one storm may not in another.

"Many dogs can be helped. But me, personally, I've never known of a dog that was cured of this problem," said Dr. Elizabeth Shull, a veterinary behaviorist and neurologist in Louisville, Tenn., and Southfield, Mich.

While some breeds have more of a reputation for fear of loud sounds such as thunder, "it certainly is not limited to any breed, any age, or any sex of dog," Shull said.

Researchers have yet to



AP photo

Baxter, an Australian shepherd who is afraid of thunder, is shown with some of the remedies his owner is trying to calm him during thunderstorms. They include Storm Stress and valerian, both over-the-counter products, and a prescription, the generic version of Xanax.

figure out exactly what's behind thunderphobia.

Among the theories: Some dogs may be genetically disposed; others may have learned to be afraid of storms after having a bad experience or seeing a person or dog in the household become anxious during a storm. Some may be anxious in other situations, such as when they are left alone; some may extend their fear of thunder to other aspects of a storm, such as rain and whistling winds; some may be acutely sensitive to any sudden, loud noise; some may fear thunder and no other sound.

Dogs' problems with thunder often do not become apparent until they are 4 or 5, said Dr. Victoria Lea Voith, a professor of animal behavior at the Western

University of Health Sciences veterinary school in Pomona, Calif.

"So in the beginning, owners don't notice a real phobia, until the dog is older," said Voith, adding that it's unclear whether owners fail to notice a small amount of anxiety building over time, or whether the phobia didn't actually start until the dog was several years old.

The severity of a fearful dog's reaction can also vary. Some are mildly anxious. Some pant, quake, drool or become almost catatonic. In the most severe cases, dogs become frantic and hurt themselves breaking through windows, clawing through paneling or running into traffic if left alone during a thunderstorm.

"It's a sound that is com-

ing from around and above and everywhere. It's a terrifying experience for a lot of animals who have a more sensitive temperament," said Dr. Michael Fox of Minneapolis, a veterinarian who writes the syndicated newspaper column "Animal Doctor."

Fox suggests trying to desensitize the dog to thunder by playing a tape or CD with storm sounds: Switch it on for a few minutes and let the dog "freak out" for about a minute, then switch it off. Let the dog settle down. A few minutes later, switch it on again for another 30 to 60 seconds, then switch it off. Repeat it about five times at intervals of 10 minutes for four or five days, then repeat it a week or two later, he said, adding that the timing can be flexible.

More than just the noise of the storm may be at work. Fox and others theorize that other aspects of a thunderstorm, such as static electricity and changes in barometric pressure, may also disturb dogs.

That may explain why some dogs seem to detect storms before humans can, and why some dogs who panic when it thunders at home are just fine in the car, or retreat to the bathtub or shower when a storm hits, said Dr. Nicholas Dodman, a veterinarian and head of the animal behavior program at the Tufts University veterinary school in North Grafton, Mass.

"They're like a barometer. Some people think it's barometric pressure. I think it might be static electricity," Dodman said. "Dogs get charged with static electricity and seek places where they won't get charge."

Dodman experimented with two capes on dogs: one with an antistatic lining, the other without. Owners reported that both capes helped their dogs, though the cape with the lining seemed to help more, he said, adding that too few dogs were in the study to achieve statistical significance.

Dodman suggests finding a safe place for the dog and training it to go there during storms, "almost like a bunker in a nuclear war." It could be a spot in the basement with the curtains drawn and lights on to mask lightning, a kennel with an open door and a comfortable dog bed in it, or a makeshift den in a closet with no windows.

The owner should initially stay with the dog and offer treats and training to rein-

force the idea that it's a pleasant, safe place, Dodman said.

Swaddling a dog can also help, calming it like a baby wrapped in a blanket. It can be as simple as wrapping the dog in a light blanket or towel. For a snugger fit, an animal leotard called a sheep suit — typically used on show animals to keep the coat tidy before competition — is an inexpensive option. Shull and Fox recommended an item called an Anxiety Wrap that comes in standard and custom-made versions.

Other things to try include anti-anxiety medications, either alone or in combination. It's becoming increasingly common for veterinarians to prescribe the generic version of drugs such as Xanax or Prozac for anxious dogs.

The natural herb valerian — the herbal form of Valium — can also be effective, Fox said.

"The trouble is that it takes a good 20 minutes before it has effect, so you're going to be doping your animal before the big storm comes," Fox added.

Other tips:

• **Turn up** the television or stereo to try to mute the sound of thunder.

• **It may help** the dog to be around calm dogs in the household.

• **Don't scold** the dog or discipline it when it's anxious.

• **Let** the dog stay close to you, but don't coddle it.

• **Try** to distract the dog with a fun activity and/or tasty treat, perhaps starting in overcast weather and gradually moving on to mild storms and then more severe storms, to get the dog to associate the weather with something good.

Here's some of the best from recent blog postings by the Times-News' mom bloggers. Read more at Magicvalley.com

MOM SPEAK

A BLOG BY SHELLEY BONNES

Visions of Grandeur

I guess that is what you would say I had when we headed to the mountains last Thursday night. You see, I took my laptop along thinking that I would find time to work on posts for on here. My laptop never came out of

its case. With making big breakfasts for the family, drinking my coffee, chasing my one-year-old around my in-law's cabin with some seriously steep stairs, entertaining the older two. You get the idea. I will share with you a really won-

derful and uncomplicated breakfast. This is how we like to make biscuits and sausage gravy:
Jimmy Dean's Sage sausage
2 packs of McCormick's Peppered Country Gravy
Bisquick.

Volunteer

Continued from Family Life 1

In 2008, Rick learned of an opportunity to volunteer at a Catholic mission in Ecuador. His wife and homeschooled daughters would be able to come.

The family talked it over and jumped on the chance. He got the OK from his work, Twin Falls St. Luke's Physicians Center, and in August 2008, the family boarded a plane to Ecuador.

"It was just kind of a quick decision," he said.

When they arrived in Guadalupe, the family moved into a small mission-owned apartment. They had many amenities, including a refrigerator and stove, and had access to television and, eventually, Internet.

Rick worked five days a week at the mission clinic, where patients would travel several hours to see him and take advantage of the clinic's affordable prescriptions. Everyone he saw, he said, had parasites and worms. Common ailments, like ear wax impactions, would go untreated for years until hearing loss compelled the patients to ask for help.

When Rick wasn't working, he often relaxed in the apartment. He woke up with the sun, never set the alarm clock, read books, and played backgammon.

"Time just goes away," he said.

The girls also benefitted from the experience. When they arrived in Guadalupe, the Sandison daughters — Sierra, 15, Hailey, 13, and Sydney, 10 — immediately made friends with the village children, even though they didn't speak Spanish right away. Sierra studied Spanish everyday, while Hailey and Sydney took a few months to catch on, Rick said. By the end of the year, all three girls were fluent.

When they weren't in school, the girls would help count pills in the pharmacy or assist the dentists and visiting surgeons. Rebecca also helped in the clinic, fitting patients with glasses or checking blood pressure. The all-volunteer clinic saw up to 100 patients a day when visiting surgeons came, so their help was essential, Rick said.

The village children loved Rebecca as much as they loved the Sandison daughters. Rebecca would make balloon animals for the kids,



Hailey Sandison assists a surgeon during a procedure in Ecuador. Hailey and her sisters regularly assisted their father and other doctors at the volunteer clinic.

IN HIS OWN WORDS

Excerpts from Rick Sandison's letters home

Jan. 19, 2009

"Many people here have medical beliefs that we would consider unusual. What is even more interesting is when doctors have those same unusual beliefs. For example, many people here believe that mechanical low back pain is from the kidneys. I have seen cases where the local doctors treat the low back pain with antibiotic injections. Placebo injections of any kind are effective for lots of things. But injecting sugar water would sure be a lot safer than injecting antibiotics. People believe that headaches are caused by cholesterol. The local doctor sometimes gives a 10-day prescription for cholesterol medication for the headache. For just about any condition difficult to diagnose or to treat a wide variety of pains, a series of vitamin B12 injections is given and sometimes intravenous infusions of vitamins or calcium. And people love them."

Jan. 19, 2009

"I saw a man today who had been deaf in his left ear for a year. He saw a doctor in Loja 6 months ago who found a huge wax blockage but who said that it looked too hard to get out — so he left it in and told him to use some drops, which did not work. I got the blockage out and, wala! Normal hearing again. ... We are going to have a team of ophthalmologists here in March to do eye surgery. Soooo.... here at the Guadalupe Mission, the deaf hear and, in March, the blind will see."

sometimes dropping them out of their second-story apartment window for children on the street.

Not all of the family's experiences were fun. In February, Rick and Sydney had a close call with a mudslide that nearly took out the bus they were traveling on, and the village was full of huge spiders and roaches.

The food was another issue. Although most of it

tasted good, the Sandisons quickly tired of chicken and rice. The alternatives weren't much better, either. One family gave him a live guinea pig for food as a payment.

"I am not a picky eater," Rick said. "I eat anything, but it was not good." By the end of the 12 months, all of them craved Taco Bell, even though they didn't like it before they left.

Monster spiders and unappetizing rodents didn't stop the family from enjoying their year. Rick said he and Rebecca hope to volunteer abroad again when the girls are older.

"I probably had 100 people come up to me and say 'I've always dreamed of doing —' whatever, fill in the blank," Rick said. "If you think too much... you'll never do anything."



Rick Sandison, second from left, poses with other volunteer doctors as they prepare for a medical outreach visit to a remote village in Ecuador.

Feb. 7, 2009

"Just now as I write this, a guy got on the bus at the bus station and began loudly begging everyone on the bus for money for medicine. He pulled up his shirt and he had a colostomy with about 10 inches of colon hanging out. How does a surgeon leave 10 inches of colon prolapsing out? I don't know. I am not a surgeon. But the surgeons in Twin Falls don't leave 10 inches of colon hanging out."

STORK REPORT

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

Skyler Dean Sharp and Tyler Hank Sharp, twin sons of Nickole Marie Walker of Jerome, were born July 14, 2009.

Kristian Lee Sterner, son of Nicole Mae Leeann Sterner of Wendell, was born Aug. 15, 2009.

Kolbahdia Lee Cox, son of Christina Destiney Rose Drake of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 19, 2009.

Alayna Selena Ramos, daughter of Gloria Marie Cater of Hansen, was born Aug. 20, 2009.

Baxten Abel Ortega, son of Sarah Armina Rasmussen of Jerome, was born Aug. 21, 2009.

Casen Mac Knight, son of Katie Lynn and Brandon Douglas Knight of Hagerman, was born Aug. 22, 2009.

Josie Brookie Albritton, daughter of Tammy Lynn and Arno Edward Albritton of Hazelton, was born

Aug. 23, 2009.

Sean Michal Conway, son of Jeanne Lee and Lucas Sean Conway of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 23, 2009.

Kara Caitlyn Adolfsen, daughter of Amy Jo and James Brian Adolfsen of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 25, 2009.

Constance Gray'C Maye Barks, daughter of Christina Maye Martinez of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 25, 2009.

Lexus Kate Eames, daughter of Amanda Lynn Mingo and Clayton Karl Eames of Eden, was born Aug. 26, 2009.

Marek Albert Gorski, son of Tara Nicole and Deon Glenn Gorski of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 26, 2009.

Kaden Blake Maki, son of Janel Louise and Craig Earl Maki of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 26, 2009.

Conley Tristan Rogers, son of Mona Linda and Tristan Kenneth Rogers of

Twin Falls, was born Aug. 26, 2009.

Sophia Lee Bird, daughter of Katharina Elaine and Nathan James Bird of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 27, 2009.

McKenzie Fay Lynne Rydalch, daughter of Renee Fay Rydalch of Jerome, was born Aug. 28, 2009.

Ainsley JoAnn Giles, daughter of Erika Dawn and Jared Craig Giles of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 29, 2009.

Ismael Sahagun Godinez, son of Teresa Sahagun

To submit engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements, contact Janet Cranney at 735-3253, or e-mail her at announcements@magicvalley.com.

Deadline is 5:00 pm Tuesday for the following Sunday.

Godinez and Jorge Sahagun Murillo of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 30, 2009.

Anthonee Duane Morrissey, son of Holly Ann Morrissey of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 30, 2009.

Luis Damian Lopez, son of Christina Marie Acevedo and Florencio Lopez of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 31, 2009.

RALLYING BEHIND THEIR CHILDREN

M.V. mom creates autism awareness community.

NEXT WEEK IN FAMILY LIFE

ENGAGEMENTS

Lowe-Ure

Rob and June Lowe of Twin Falls are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Robyn Lowe, to Brandon Ure, son of Jim and Janis Egbert of Kimberly.

Robyn served in the U.S. Navy and is a graduate of Idaho State University. Brandon and Robyn reside in Boise and are both employed by Treasure Valley YMCA. They will marry Sept. 12



Robyn Lowe and Brandon Ure

in the CSI Rose Garden, with a reception following.

Rawson-Whittekiend

Darrell L. Rawson of Rupert, and Belva Rawson of Boise announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharla K. Rawson of Idaho Falls, to Eric R. Whittekiend of Wendell, son of Allan and Peggy Whittekiend of Wendell.

Rawson is a graduate of Minico High School. She is employed at EZ Money in Jerome.

Whittekiend is a graduate of Wendell High School and Utah State Univ., Logan, Utah. He is employed with the State of Idaho, Parks and Recreation in Wendell.

The wedding is planned



Eric Whittekiend and Sharla Rawson

for Sept. 11, in Idaho Falls, at 5 p.m. A reception will be from 7 to 9 p.m. at 3700 E. Lincoln Rd. Idaho Falls. There will be an open house in Wendell, Sept. 12, from 3 to 6 p.m. at 1205 Thousand Springs Grade, Wendell.

Alexander-Malberg

Mark and Denise Alexander of Filer announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Alexander, to Cory Malberg, son of Philip Malberg of Pullman, Washington, and Mary Anne Malberg of Alamosa, Colorado.

Jessica graduated from Filer High School in 2004 and Idaho State University with her Bachelors in Communication Disorders in 2008. She is currently attending Eastern Washington University working on her Masters in Speech and Language Pathology.

Cory graduated from Alamosa High School in 2000. He is currently attending Spokane Falls Community College majoring in



Jessica Alexander and Philip Malberg

Elementary Education.

The wedding is planned for Wednesday, September 9, at Manito Park, Duncan Garden in Spokane, Washington at 5 p.m. with a reception immediately following. A reception will also be held at Alexander's Barn in Filer, ID on October 10th. The couple will reside in Spokane.

Ottman-Scott

Gary and Terri Ottman of Hazelton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda L. Ottman, to Skylar J. Scott, son of Daryl Scott and Kaylene Scott of Heyburn.

Ottman is a 2005 graduate of Minico High School, and a 2008 graduate of College of Southern Idaho, as a registered nurse. She is employed at Minidoka Home Health and Hospice in Rupert.

Scott is a 2001 graduate Minico High School and a 2003 graduate of Northwest Lineman College. He is employed at Probst Electric in Rupert.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, Sept. 12, at the



Amanda Ottman and Skylar Scott

Grave's residence in Burley. A reception will be held at 7 p.m., Sept. 12 at the Best Western Burley Inn.

We sincerely apologize if we overlooked anyone in the invitation process. We invite those who would like to join us for the reception at the Best Western Burley Inn.

ANNIVERSARIES

The Chapins



Harry and Marge Chapin

Harry and Marge Chapin of Kimberly will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday September 13. A reception hosted by their daughters Denise Beem and family, and Deanna Ulrich and family will be held from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Turf Club, 734 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho.

The Chapin's were married on September 12, 1959 at the First Christian Church in Jerome where they lived for 2 years. They moved to Twin Falls after living in

Germany for a year. Harry worked for Globe Seed and Feed for a few years and the Idaho Transportation Department for 32 years where he retired in 1999 but still goes back to work for them 5 months out of each year. Marge worked for First Security for 3 years, St. Benedicts for 2 years, and Alexander Martin Construction for 22 years where she retired. They now live in Kimberly and enjoy camping, snowmobiling, and spending time with their family.

Bridal Registry

Jayne Carter & Cody Searle
September 11th

Emily Hall & Jason Pollard
September 12th

Amanda Ottman & Skylar Scott
September 12th

Brittney Call & Zack Murphy
September 19th

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October 10th

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GIVING THE GIFT OF... HAIR?



Family photos
Evan Morris, 13, of Fairfax, Va., grew his hair long to donate it to Locks of Love, a charitable organization that collects real hair to make wigs for kids whose medical conditions or treatments cause their hair to fall out. On his birthday, May 30, Evan cut off his hair.

TEEN ENDURES HOT SUMMERS TO DONATE HAIR TO CHARITY

By Margaret Webb Pressler
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Thirteen-year-old Evan Morris, of Fairfax, Va., has always hated getting his hair cut. The automatic clippers, in particular, he just can't stand.

So about three years ago, Evan told his mom he wanted to skip his haircut and just let his hair grow for a while. Six months later, with red curls flopping around his face, he had an idea.

"I'd known some girls who had donated their hair to Locks of Love," Evan said, referring to a charitable organization that collects real hair to make wigs for kids whose medical conditions or treatments cause their hair to fall out. Evan decided to donate his own hair.

"I didn't think he would really follow through," said his mother, Sheila Morris. "I didn't think he understood how long this was going to take and how long the

hair would be. But as soon as he said, 'This is what I'm going to do,' he became very determined."

For years, Evan has asked friends and family to donate money to charity instead of giving him birthday and Christmas presents. "I already have way too much stuff," he explained. Growing his hair was another way to give something to people less fortunate than him.

"Many people do need these wigs, and it's an important thing," Evan said. "I'm glad that I'm healthy and I have a full head of hair."

In fact, his full head of hair got pretty hot in the summertime. And he suffered through some light teasing for "looking like a girl!" Older men, he said, never seemed to understand why he was doing it, but "old ladies loved it."

Finally, on his birthday, May 30, Evan cut off his hair before his friends came for a birthday party.

HOW YOU CAN GIVE OF YOURSELF

If you want to get involved, but don't know where to start:

- Think of a problem, then research it. What do you really care about? Animals? Climate change?
- Get help. Ask friends and adults to help you. A team can get more done.
- Raise money the old-fashioned way. Try lemonade stands, bake sales or yard sales, and make your cause known. Here are some books and Web sites to help you get started: "The Giving Book: Open the Door to a Lifetime of Giving," by Ellen Sabin, ages 4-8

"The Kid's Guide to Service Projects: Over 500 Service Ideas for Young People Who Want to Make a Difference," by Barbara A. Lewis, ages 9-12

"Take Action! A Guide to Active Citizenship," by Marc Kielburger and Craig Kielburger, age 12 and older
"A Kids Guide to Giving," by Freddy Zeiler, age 12 and older.
www.kidscanmakeadifference.org
www.childrenforchildren.org
www.dosomething.org

— The Washington Post

As gifts, Evan asked his friends to bring a donation for Locks of Love. He raised \$200.

And he earned a comfortable summer. "The back of my neck is much cooler now," he said.

Lauren Kukkamaa, a spokeswoman for Locks of Love, said most of the group's hair donations are from kids. This is the busiest time of year for the organization because kids cut

their hair for summer or before going back to school.

"It seems easy to them," she said. "It's an outlet for them to give back without having to have a checkbook."

These sisters know how to have a ball

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The Williams sisters, Venus and Serena, were the center of the tennis world once again as the U.S. Open tournament started.

Venus and Serena have dominated women's tennis for years. Venus has won 41 singles titles during her career, including seven in major tournaments. (The majors are Wimbledon, the French Open, the U.S. Open and the Australian Open.) Her younger sister, Serena, has won 34 singles titles,

including 11 majors.

At 29 and 27 years old, Venus and Serena are still playing and still having fun after many of their rivals have retired or left the game because of injury. Only three of the 50 top-ranked female players are older than Venus.

The Williams sisters are superb athletes, but they have had long tennis careers for other reasons, too: They always took time off from the game; they concentrated on the big tournaments and didn't burn themselves out flying around the world try-

ing to play every event; and they took time to recover from injuries.

In addition, both Venus and Serena developed interests outside tennis. They worked in fashion, interior design, modeling and even appeared on an episode of "The Simpsons." Recently, they said they wanted to become part-owners of a National Football League team, the Miami Dolphins. The Williams sisters seem to have fun even when they are not playing tennis.

I think Venus and Serena show that you can have fun

and be serious about your sport at the same time. It's good for kids (and their parents and coaches) to remember that enjoying a sport for a long time is important. That might mean not trying to be the best at 8, 10 or 12 years old.

One way to have fun with sports is to try different ones to see what you like. Any kid who plays only soccer or basketball year-round is bound to get tired of those sports. Why not mix in some baseball, tennis or golf? Or try lacrosse or swimming. Just always remember to



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give your body enough rest, especially if you get hurt.

It's also good to do other things besides sports. If you like to play guitar or draw pictures or appear in plays, don't give up those hobbies to play sports. Some coaches make their kids play year-round or never miss a practice to show they are "serious" about the sport. But that's not fair to the kids.

Kids should be able to try different things to find out what they like and what they are good at.

Look at the Williams sisters. Venus and Serena have been terrific tennis players for a long time, but they have always done other things, too.

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