

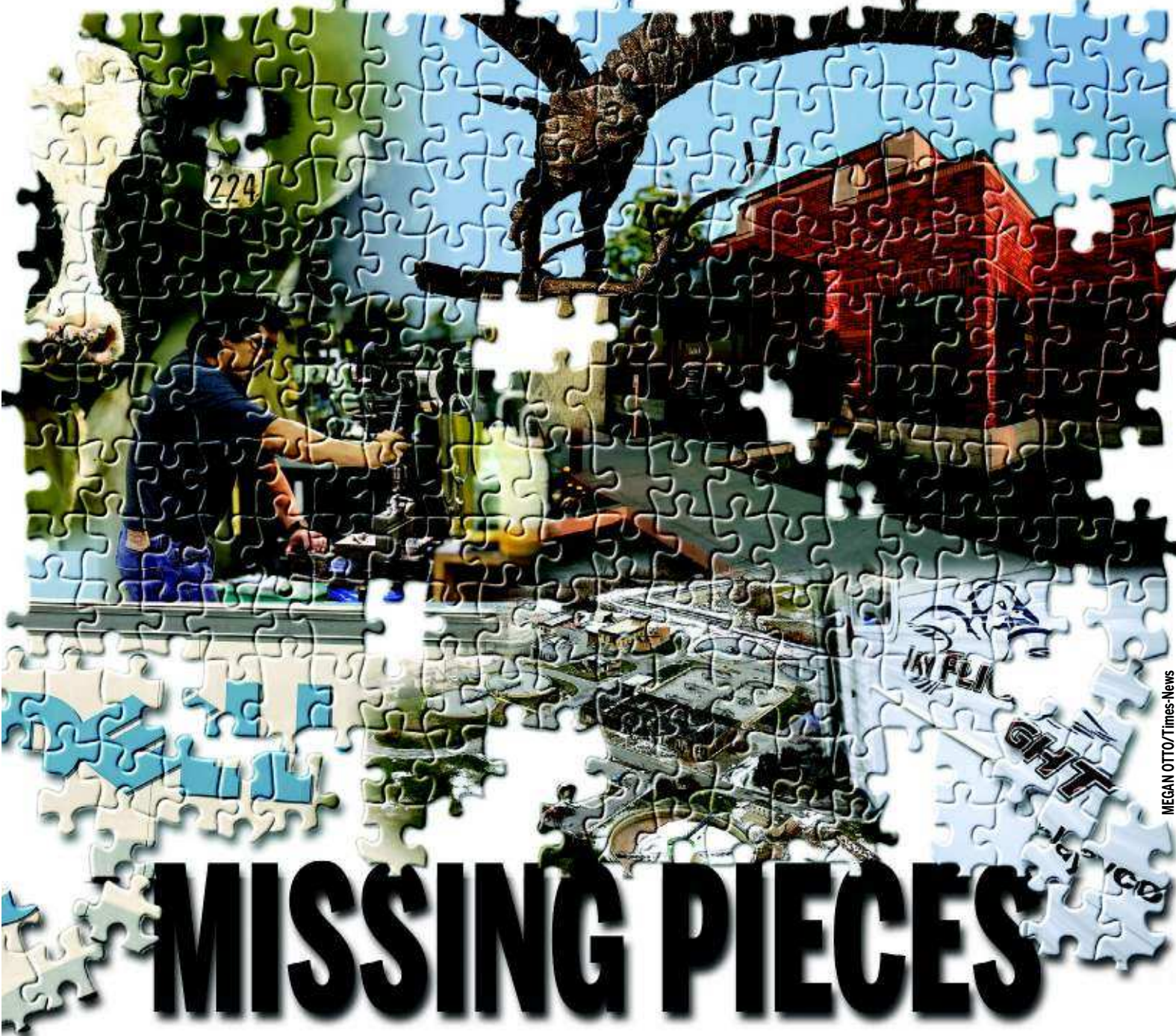


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## MISSING PIECES

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## Traffic tweets

States send mixed message on texting and driving

By Andrew DeMillo  
Associated Press writer

Fiddling with your iPhone behind the wheel can get you fined across much of the nation. But many states are more than happy to tweet you with up-to-the-minute directions on how to steer clear of a traffic jam.

It is a mixed signal that some safety experts and politicians say could be dangerous.

At least 22 states that ban texting while driving offer some type of service that allows motorists to get information about traffic tie-ups, road conditions or emergencies via Twitter.

"You shouldn't be fiddling around with any kind of electronic gadget in your car while driving," said Minnesota state Rep. Frank Hornstein, who helped write his state's no-texting-while-driving law.

Nineteen states and the District of Columbia have banned all texting while driving, and eight others prohibit texting by younger drivers only, according to the Governors Highway Safety Association.

Many of these laws essentially bar people from fooling with their smart phones in any way behind the wheel; in some cases, just reading from a mobile device is against the law.

Some supporters of text-messaging bans say that states that provide traffic information via

See **TEXTING**, Main 2

### INSIDE

Bills planned to prohibit texting while driving in Idaho.

See **Business 5**

After the loss of Dell and others, Twin Falls tries to put its economic development picture back together

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

Melinda Anderson, the Twin Falls economic development director, begins her presentations around town by joking that her predecessor filled all the city's large vacant buildings with businesses — leaving her with nothing to offer companies wanting to relocate or expand in the city.

"This has been a positive thing and a negative thing," said Anderson, who joined the city three years ago. "We haven't had a building like that available since I arrived here."

Now she does.

Last week, Dell Computer Inc. announced plans to close its call center on Pole Line Road in January, eliminating about 500 full-time jobs.

But that's just the latest hit to the local economy.

In addition to unoccupied downtown buildings, there's the former home of Jayco on Washington Street South, and a mostly-empty 100-acre industrial park in southeast Twin Falls.

While the 6.8 percent unemployment

rate in Twin Falls is two points below the state average, in the past few years no mid- or large-size company has relocated to or expanded in Twin Falls. And many already here have cut staff.

Meanwhile, Twin Falls' smaller

neighbors, Jerome and Burley, have racked up success in economic development.

Officials insist job creation in the Magic Valley is about regional collaboration, not competition between cities and counties.

And they say the city hasn't backed away from economic development.

"I believe there's a misconception that because we haven't found a big hit like Jayco — which was our last one — in the last two or three years, that we're not trying," said Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow. "But the fact is that our unemployment rates have been extremely low and now the whole country has vacant buildings and high unemployment and it's extremely competitive."

Twin Falls companies and the College of Southern Idaho have typically been the biggest pieces of the region's economic puzzle over the past few years.

But during that span, some of those pieces have fallen away.

See **PIECES**, Main 4

## Dueling 'racist' claims drain word of power, meaning

By Jesse Washington  
Associated Press writer

But if everybody's racist, is anyone?

Everybody's racist, it seems.

Republican Rep. Joe Wilson? Racist, because he shouted "You lie!" at the first black president. Health care protesters, affirmative action supporters? Racist. And Barack Obama? He's the "Racist in Chief," wrote a leader of the recent conservative protest in Washington.



Wilson

The word is being sprayed in all directions, creating a hall of mirrors that is draining the scarlet R of its meaning and its power, turning it into more of a spitball than a stigma.

"It gets to the point where we don't have a word that we use to call people racist who actually are," said John McWhorter,

See **RACISM**, Main 2

Dave Lohr of Filer, president of Magic Valley Antique Tractor Pullers, sits atop his 1954 McCormick Farmall Super M-TA tractor on Saturday morning. Tractor enthusiasts went on a 27-mile ride through rural Jerome County on Saturday in vintage tractors during the Magic Valley Antique Tractor Ride.

BEN BOTKIN/Times-News



## Valley tractor enthusiasts take to the road

By Ben Botkin  
Times-News writer

Amid the usual mix of semi-trucks and cars parked at a truck stop near Hansen off of Interstate 84, a group of aging green and red tractors from another era stood on the parking lot.

The seven tractors — and their drivers — weren't there to farm. Instead, they were there for the Second Magic Valley Antique Tractor Ride on Saturday. The event, sponsored by Magic Valley Antique Tractor Pullers, is an annual 27-mile journey through rural Jerome County for those with a love of vintage tractors.

"I grew up on a farm and like fixing them

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## Pat's Picks

Three things to do today

Pat Marcantonio



- Combine spirituality and film, and you have the Sun Valley Spiritual Film Festival at the Sun Valley Opera House. Visit [svspiritualfilmfestival.org](http://svspiritualfilmfestival.org) for the schedule. Individual movie tickets are \$8.

- If you want to travel, head up the road to the Sawtooth Mountain Mamas Quilt Festival from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Stanley Community Center. In addition to beautiful quilts, there will be a drawing and workshops.

- There's free swimming, fitness and healthy eating classes during the YMCA of Twin Falls Open House today through Sept. 27. The standard joiner's fee is waived for all new members during "America on the Move" week. Information: 734-9676.

*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](mailto:patm@magicvalley.com).*

## Tractors

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up," said Ben Pratt of Twin Falls, who brought a 1950 green John Deere R model tractor.

The tractors are reminders of the past, when farming was simpler. In past decades, the tractor was the workhorse of any farm, a simple but hardy diesel machine that was handy for a variety of tasks in the field.

These tractors were a stepping stone along the

path from horse and mule-powered farms of the early 20th century to modern farms with tractors that use satellite technology for planting, fertilizing and harvesting.

The tractors' age makes them easier to fix compared to their new-fangled counterparts.

A running red 1954 McCormick Farmall Super M-TA tractor represents about 300 hours of rebuild-

ing work for Dave Lohr, president of Magic Valley Antique Tractor Pullers.

But it's more than just a tractor — it's history.

"You bring it back to life so it's restored," Lohr said.

The old, strong machines quickly sputtered to life, leaving the Garden of Eden — a truck stop — and lumbered down rural roads through Hazelton and on to Eden.

A truck behind the pro-

cession reminded motorists to use caution when passing the tractors.

Magic Valley Antique Tractor Pullers looks to the future as well. The organization provides scholarships to college students studying diesel mechanics and agriculture.

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## TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

### ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

**Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center dance**, with music by Frank McCracken and the Lost Renegade Band, 6 to 7 p.m. singles refresher and 7 to 11 p.m. dance, at the center, 530 Shoshone St. W., \$4 per person, 734-5084.

### FESTIVALS AND FAIRS

**The Fifth annual Sun Valley Spiritual Film Festival** continues with "Footsteps in Africa," "Blessings," "Cracking the Cosmic Egg," "Cowboy Yoga," "Dr. Bronner's Magic Soap Box," "Sunshine for the Soul," "Dhamma Brothers" and "Yousoun N'Dour: I Bring What I Love," begins at 9:30 a.m. with last film at 8:30 p.m., Sun Valley Opera House, single-film showings: \$8 and \$15 for events featuring speakers, [svspiritualfilmfestival.org](http://svspiritualfilmfestival.org) or 726-2777.

**Sawtooth Mountain Mamas 25th annual Quilt Festival**, includes quilt show, workshops, a quilt block contest and quilt drawing, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Stanley Community Center, \$3 admission and no cost for children under age 12 or for workshop participants, 208-774-3629, 253-222-5342 or [doron221@msn.com](mailto:doron221@msn.com).

### MARKETS

**MV Flea Market**, variety of vendors and snack bar, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Twin Falls County Fairgrounds merchant building No. 1, Filer, free admission, 410-1738.

### SPORTS

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

### TODAY'S DEADLINES

**Attention for Oct. 16, 17 free Influenza vaccines**, Dr. Cole Johnson in conjunction with Mustard Tree Wellness Clinic and College of Southern Idaho Licensed Practical Nursing Program to administer 500 regular flu shots on first come, first served basis for ages 18 and older; certificate of vaccination provided, 6 to 8 p.m. (16) and 9 a.m. while supply lasts (17), at the clinic, 676 Shoup Ave. W., Ste. 2, Twin Falls, no cost (vaccines donated by Dr. Johnson), 733-1112.

**Reminder for Sept. 20 to 27 YMCA of Twin Falls Open House**, "America on the Move," open invitation to try out all three Twin Falls YMCA facilities, includes free swim, workout, and fitness classes Power Pump, kettlebells and Zumba; also free classes on healthy eating and successful goal setting, taught by Brian Higgins, free fitness "Quick Start Guide," and free pedometer while supplies last, standard joiner's fee waived, 734-9676.

**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](mailto: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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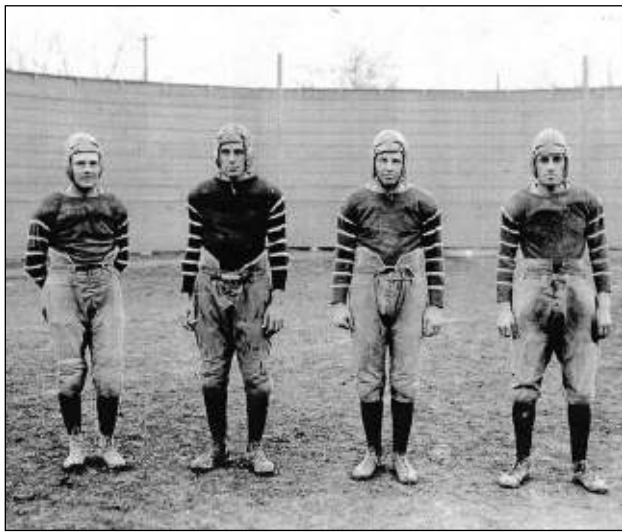


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If you have any information about these football players, please contact the Twin Falls Public Library.

## Texting

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Twitter are undermining these laws.

"I would guess that the states wouldn't intend to be sending a mixed message, but it sounds like it could be a mixed message," said Judie Stone, president of the Washington-based Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety.

State transportation officials say they are not encouraging people to get online behind the wheel. They say drivers should read their tweets before hitting the road.

In Washington state, for example, where citizens and transportation officials can exchange messages about the latest traffic, the feed includes regular reminders not to use the service while driving. "Know before you go," said one feed this week.

Drivers should "check our Web site before leaving. If you're at your office, before you leave and there's an issue on the roadway, it might alter your travel plans home," said Randy Ort, spokesman for the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department.

The Arkansas ban on texting while driving goes into effect Oct. 1; this week, the state became the latest to provide road conditions via Twitter, the microblogging service that lets people read and send messages of 140 characters or fewer.

Other places offering traffic information via

Twitter include: California, Colorado, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Virginia.

The apparent conflict results from two arms of government with seemingly good intentions: transportation departments that want to help motorists cope with traffic, and legislatures that are worried about the deadly consequences of distracted driving.

While Washington state lets motorists tweet about traffic conditions, in most states the flow of information is one-way — from state officials to drivers. Some states, such as New York and Indiana, send lots of up-to-the-minute information. Others just tweet intermittently, or reserve Twitter for emergencies. Mississippi, for example, intends to use its service during hurricane evacuations.

Maine has employed Twitter only to update drivers on an interstate highway project in the Portland area. Nebraska plans to use Twitter during winter weather emergencies. Oregon officials notify drivers about emergency road closings only.

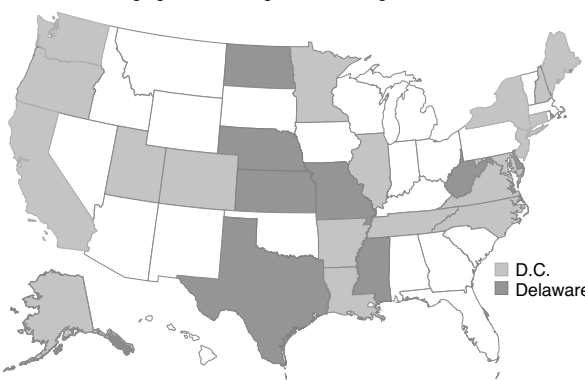
"We don't want people reading their tweets while they're driving," said Sally Ridenour, spokeswoman for the Oregon Department

## Most states regulate cell use on road

Twenty-seven states and the District of Columbia have some type of restriction on cell phone text messaging while driving.

States' driving laws that ban texting:

■ Text messaging ■ Young drivers texting



NOTE: Some state laws are waiting to go into effect.

SOURCE: Governors Highway Safety Association

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of Transportation.

In Washington state, the 6,200 users can also request estimated travel times, mountain pass reports and waiting times at the Canadian border. Some users apparently just want to chat.

"Got home, got changed, now heading back to Seattle for the Mariners game. Keep the roads clear for me on I90 (at)WSDOT :-)," one user posted in late August. The reply from transit officials? "No promises, but we will do our best :) Enjoy the game!"

Others want to know why traffic isn't moving. "wsdot any idea what's going on westbound on 520? it's worse than rush hour..." a user posted. Within a few minutes, officials responded: "Yes! There is a disabled vehicle just east of Lk Wash Blvd blocking right lane!"

That kind of exchange, if conducted by drivers behind the wheel, troubles some safety experts.

"If you're sitting there and trying to update the world on the congestion you're in, you could be part of a collision," said Fairley Mahlum, spokeswoman for the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. "Did it really matter that you needed to tell everyone and their brother what the situation is? It's just not really not worth it."

The dangers of texting and driving are well documented. The Virginia Tech Transportation Institute found in July that when truck drivers texted, their risk of a collision was 23 times greater. Dialing a cell phone and using or reaching for an electronic device raised the risk of collision about six times in cars and trucks.

## Racism

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who studies race and language at the conservative Manhattan Institute.

"The more abstract and the more abusive we get in the way we use the words, then the harder it is to talk about what we originally meant by those terms," said McWhorter.

What the word once meant — and still does in Webster's dictionary — is someone who believes in the inherent superiority of a particular race or is prejudiced against others.

This definition was ammunition for the civil rights movement, which 50 years ago used a strategy of confronting racism to build moral leverage and obtain equal rights.

Overt bigotry waned, but many still see shadows of prejudice across the landscape and cry racism.

Obama's spokesman has rejected suggestions that racism is behind criticism of the president. But others saw Wilson's eruption during the president's speech as just that, citing his past support of segregationists and his labeling the emer-

gence of Strom Thurmond's secret black daughter after the senator's death a "smear."

"I think (Wilson's outburst) is based on racism," former President Jimmy Carter said at a town hall meeting. "There is an inherent feeling among many in this country that an African-American should not be president."

That's an easy charge to make against the rare individual carrying an "Obamacare" sign depicting the president as an African witch doctor with a bone through his nose. But it's almost impossible to prove — or refute — assertions that bias, and not raw politics, fuels opposition to Obama.

"You have to be very careful about going down that road. You've cried wolf," said Sean Wilentz, a Princeton University professor who studies U.S. political and social history.

"It's a way of interpreting the world, where race runs through everything — everything is about race," said Wilentz, who supported Hillary Clinton in 2008 and claimed Obama's campaign falsely accused her of stoking racial fears.

"Everything is not about race," he said. "It's not Mississippi in 1965 any more. Even in Mississippi it's not Mississippi in 1965 any more."

Still, race remains a major factor in American life, said Brian D. Smedley, director of the health equity institute at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, which focuses on people of color.

"We know from a large body of social science that a

large portion of Americans harbor racial bias," Smedley said. "In the context of health reform, it's quite evident that race plays a very large role in helping shape public opinion."

Yet Smedley chooses not to deploy the R-word: "It's difficult to say racism is the reason (for objections to health care) because people don't believe they are racist."

Many, though, have no doubt that other people are racist — even when those other people are black.

The Manhattan Institute's McWhorter said that during the affirmative action battles of the 1990s, "racism" and "racist" began to be applied to liberal policies designed to redress past discrimination, then were extended to people who believed in those policies.

That's how they have come to be wielded against Obama.

"A racist is a person who discriminates or holds prejudices based on race. Discrimination is treatment based on category rather than individual merit," said Tom Molloy, a 65-year-old retired financial services executive from Brentwood, N.H. "Barack Obama favors policies that will give preference to groups based on race rather than individual merit. It's called affirmative action."

Mark Williams, one of the leaders of the Sept. 12 rallies in Washington, D.C., headlined a blog entry about the arrest of black scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr. at his own home by a white police officer, "Racist In Chief Obama Fanning Flames of Racism." And too many

bloggers to count are saying that Congressman Jim Clyburn, who marched with Martin Luther King Jr. and has called Wilson and other health care protesters racist, is the real racist himself.

One result of this infinite loop: Actual racists can get a pass simply denying it.

"Who does a guy have to lynch around here to get called a racist?" the writer Ta-Nehisi Coates asked in an article about charges and denials of racism in the Obama-Clinton primary.

The rise in whites accusing blacks of racism is the inevitable result of years of black identity politics, which created a blueprint for whites who feel threatened by America's changing demographics, says Carol Swain, a Vanderbilt University professor and author of "The New White Nationalism In America."

"We need to rethink what is racist and who can legitimately call whom racist," Swain said, citing the argument that blacks can't be racist because racism requires power.

"With a black president, a black attorney general, and blacks holding various power positions around the country, now might be a time when we can concede that anyone can express attitudes and actions that others can justifiably characterize as racist."

Perhaps this is a strange symbol of racial progress — equal-opportunity victimization, so to speak.

"In 100 years, when people chronicle how America got past race," said McWhorter, "the uptick in white people calling blacks racist is going to be seen as a symptom of the end."

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# Kids, others enjoy Buhl Trout Festival

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — With fishing pole in hand, 6-year-old Malliyah Cronmiller scanned the line of children gathered around a long, white tank set up at Buhl's Legacy Corner for Saturday's Trout Festival.

Her mother in tow, Cronmiller wiggled into an open space and cast her line into the tank stocked with rainbow trout. The youngster declined bait, but her line made a faint "plopp" as the red and white bobber hit the water.

While holding a plastic bag containing an earlier catch, her pole bent, and Cronmiller wailed in delight. A few moments later her mother, Kristin Morse, told her daughter that two fish is a good day's haul.

"Let someone else have a turn," she said.

Morse, a Buhl native, said the annual festival is a lot of fun, especially for kids.

"It's fun for the kids to do things like this," she said. "They always have toys for the kids to play on for free and then she saw this and wanted to try it out."

While some fished, other visitors browsed the booths of about 20 area artisans and vendors, peddling everything from homemade jams and jellies, jewelry, locally-grown cantaloupe and watermelon, and tie-dye shirts.

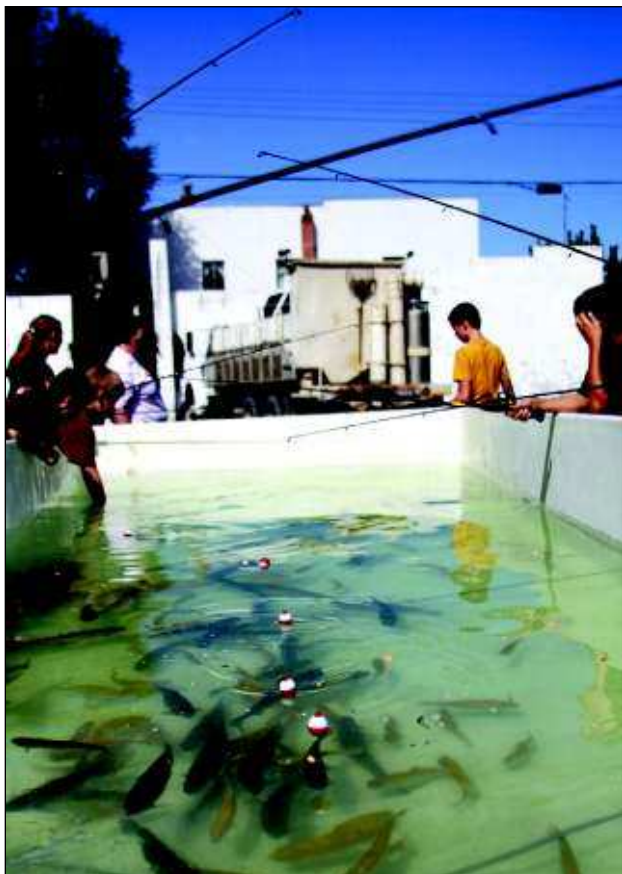
Trout Festival Chairwoman Holly Langdon said the event committee was nervous this year because of the economy, but was pleased with the early afternoon turnout.

"Vendors were a bit nervous coming and there aren't

as many as we've had in the past," Langdon said. "But there are quite a few people already here and the entertainment hasn't even started."

With dinner and non-stop music lined up, including area favorites Front Porch Flavor, Great Riff and Copperhead, a crowd was expected into the evening.

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Children cast their lines into a fish tank, a popular attraction for youngsters, at Buhl's Legacy Corner during Saturday's fourth annual Trout Festival.

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## Jerome Co. voters invited to jail information meetings

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Several informational meetings are scheduled to promote public awareness of the question on the Nov. 3 ballot to build the proposed Jerome County Justice Facility, which would include a new jail.

County officials have scheduled presentations to civic organizations, senior citizens and other groups before Election Day. Meetings will include short verbal presentations and provided informational materials.

Questions will also be heard.

Scheduled presentations include:

- Jerome Lions Club, Jerome Public Library, 7 p.m., Monday
- Jerome Rotary Club, no-host lunch at China Village, West Main Street next to the Judicial Annex, noon to 1 p.m., Sept. 29
- Jerome Senior Center, no-host lunch, at the Depot, 212 First Ave. E. (or in the new Senior Center on North Lincoln Street if open), 11:45 a.m., Oct. 2
- Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours, time and place to be announced, Oct. 7
- Jerome Judicial Annex on West Main Street, 6:30 p.m., Oct. 8
- El Sombrero Restaurant, taco bar (donations accepted to offset costs by El Sombrero), 143 W. Main St., 6:30 p.m. Oct. 15

There are also tentative plans for informational booths at Jerome High School football games.

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# Pieces

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The reasons appear to be rooted not in typical business cycles or the global recession, but rather changes initiated by government officials, a communication lapse between recruiting officials and a lack of available infrastructure.

## Building on positives

Even in hard times Twin Falls' economic base is still the envy of other Idaho cities. Unemployment is low, the College of Southern Idaho tailors job-training programs and its role as a networking hub is widely admired. Meanwhile, St. Luke's Health System has been a leading and expanding source for jobs, including a major new hospital that will open in 2011.

"That community has a tremendous amount to be proud of," said Don Dietrich, head of the Idaho Department of Commerce. "They've been one of our leading communities in our state. You have a very strong, supportive business community. There's a will and want to get things done. Don't think businesses don't pick up on that."

But as economic activity has remained steady in Twin Falls, other regional hubs have taken off.

Since 2006, Burley has seen at least seven major companies open their doors, and a 1,000-employee chicken processing plant is in the plans. In Jerome, at least two new businesses have arrived, including the Idaho Milk Products facility with more than 70 employees.

Burley's economic development director, Doug Manning, described efforts there as "proactive," starting a decade ago when the city recognized the need to expand its water and sewer capacity. It also created an urban renewal district, beefed up efforts with the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization and the state Department of Commerce, sought grants and offered incentives.

Much of that rise in activity happened in 2002 after the J.R. Simplot Co. closed its potato processing plant in Heyburn. Manning said the key to recovery was a skilled work force already in place and ready for a new employer.

The suspension of Pacific Ethanol's plant in Burley this year is the only blemish on an otherwise steady economic report, and Manning said that plant will soon reopen.

He also said Burley tries to take advantage of its existing work force.

"We have some of the best sheet metal workers in the world, but we know we're ag based. So we look for ag and value-added projects."

## Picking up the pieces

Most of the dozen business and civic leaders interviewed for this article cite standard business reasons for why Twin Falls hasn't landed a large employer in four years: low unemployment amid rising property values; businesses that seek communities to fit their plans; and a lending freeze because of the national recession.

But not everything was simply a product of supply and demand.

Twin Falls may not be offering what companies want. Anderson said companies look for two key things when looking for a new site: An empty 20,000- to 50,000-square-foot building for a quick move or a city with enough suitable land ready for construction.

Anderson said large plots of shovel-ready land aren't available within city limits. For one, developers are unwilling to donate land, which she said happens in places such as Oregon. City Council members said they don't anticipate making zoning changes or annexations to accommodate companies.

"Do I see annexation? No, not really, when I see annexation it's ... for a developer



The Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency has posted this sign along Eldridge Avenue in Twin Falls, highlighting the open multi-use space available to businesses.

who wants to develop it," said Councilman Trip Craig.

To address the lack of buildings, Anderson recently crafted a "virtual building" program. With this approach, the city identified a site in the Jayco Industrial Park and hired Starr Corp. to prepare plans for either a 20,000-square-foot or 50,000-square-foot building that can be built there within 120 days of a company's agreement to relocate.

While aimed at answering demand for available buildings, the program has yet to see a taker.

"The first filter is if there is a piece of property or a building. If there isn't then they move on," she said.

But prominent businessman Con Paulos said there are available areas in Twin Falls — and he cited the near-empty industrial park south of town with just one tenant, Robert Weed Plywood, a 20-employee organization.

"There's a whole industrial park area out there," said Paulos, a SIEDO board member.

## The downtown formula

Meanwhile, economic development groups are facing challenges of their own.

Jan Rogers, the head of SIEDO and a leading force in attracting jobs to the Magic Valley, was away from work for several months earlier this year, and in May suffered a serious illness that has kept her hospitalized.

"We probably are not running on all eight cylinders because of Jan's illnesses," Clow said. "We have relied a lot on (SIEDO) but, with that said, with the way the economy is nationally, there hasn't been a lot of expansion in most communities."

Arlen Crouch, a developer out of Jerome and the incoming SIEDO board chairman, said Rogers' absence has been felt.

"When you have the executive director out ... you just lose a little bit of the connections and you lose a little bit of momentum," he said. "I don't think there are any questions about that."

Rogers' relationship with Twin Falls also may have changed last year after the City Council directed city staff to focus its efforts on revitalizing the struggling downtown. Clow said the message was that the city should continue working on general economic development, but spend any free time on downtown.

"We have an effective ability to market our community," he said. "I don't believe our time spent trying to reenergize downtown had any impact on our effort to respond to new industry or business recruitment."

Councilman David E. Johnson said downtown and overall economic development aren't unrelated.

"If you agree a thriving downtown is an important part of your community, you'd also agree it's an important part of economic development," he said. "You can't just focus on bringing the jobs part here and let everything else go to hell, can you?"

Finally, the city has ruled out efforts to land certain heavy manufacturing plants.

Craig said the city cut off

talks with a dehydrated potato processing plant both because the city's infrastructure couldn't handle its water and wastewater needs and also because any new jobs would pay just minimum wage.

"We've kind of made it policy that we really don't want super-huge water users coming in anymore — and we might have enough already as it is," said Craig, noting that the city remains committed to retaining the current large industrial users.

Johnson, a business consultant by profession, said the city is simply more selective than in the past, when it was smaller.

"Twin Falls has become a little more careful about who we were inviting in or who we're looking at," he said. "Years ago, we just looked at anyone who wanted to relocate and say, 'Great, let's go.'"

But some concede the city's approach has holes. No public official foresaw Dell's closure despite occasional layoffs in the past two years. Johnson said the city bears some blame for that lack of a warning.

"We weren't really knocking on the door and saying, 'How's everything going?'" he said. "I have to say, I kind of blame us that maybe we weren't close enough to them. Obviously we weren't because we would've known (they planned to leave)."

## More duties for Anderson

The changes to the city's outlook and priorities came with the hiring of Anderson, who arrived in 2006 from Coos Bay, Ore., with a background largely in private industry — not public development. She replaced Dave McAlindin, a longtime city employee who handled deals that landed Seastrom, Solo Cup, Jayco and Dell.

Like other Idaho economic development directors, Anderson comes into the picture after the city becomes involved in a business' site-selection process.

Dietrich said the state handles the bulk of the work in dealing with businesses, and that Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter personally intervenes often — a role Otter, a former corporate executive, regularly acknowledges.

But once the company is put in touch with a city, local officials take over — to the point they're now handling 90 percent of the work, Dietrich said.

"As they narrow their search the communities play a stronger role," Dietrich said. "Ultimately we stand behind the curtain and play a secondary role."

But since her arrival, Anderson's job description has changed. She now runs the Historic Business Improvement District and is executive director of the Urban Renewal Agency in addition to handling general economic development.

Some say that's too much.

"I think she has a little more on her plate than just economic development and she's been challenged by the council to do other things," Paulos said. "But I don't think she's taken her eye off the ball."

Chris Talkington, who served nearly 20 years on previous city councils and who is running again this year, said Anderson's mission has been diluted.

"We need to let her shine in areas that are strongest and direct in the direction of recruitment of businesses," Talkington said. "I have great confidence in Melinda, but she has conflicting marching orders from the council or she is only listening to one person."

Anderson, however, said there's been little or no

impact to her job by having additional duties and cites an administrative assistant and parking attendant she supervises.

"I'm still very focused on economic development," she said.

## Into the future

Despite slow business growth and Dell's closure, officials remain confident and optimistic about the future. They cite past instances such as when Tupperware left Jerome and Simplot left Heyburn. Both cities recovered.

"You cannot think of economic development as only Twin Falls. You've got to think of it in terms of the Magic Valley," said Paulos, who estimated there are 14 current, active recruitment leads in south-central Idaho. "I think you have the model. It's in place, it's out there working."

Rep. Steve Hartgen, R-Twin Falls, was involved in the Dell recruitment. Because of Dell and the recession, he predicts a change in how local leaders seek companies that have more staying power.

He added that urban renewal law — which allowed the city to "shoestring" Dell into an urban renewal property, and which remains a controversial practice of extending URA boundaries — could be changed.

But while civic leaders, city officials and business

leaders remain optimistic and committed to finding good companies, their messages aren't consistent.

Crouch said he expects SIEDO to change its strategy.

"We're going to become more aggressive rather than respond to inquiries," he said. "I just feel this is the direction we talked a little bit about since Dell made their decision."

Meanwhile, Shawn Barigar, president and CEO of the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce, said he hasn't noticed a difference in the city's strategy toward economic development — or anyone suggesting an alternative.

"My personal opinion is our strategy of working together has worked very well for our region in the past," Barigar said. "In all the conversations this last week ... I haven't heard anyone jump up and say, 'Well obviously we're going at it wrong,' and say we need to change it."

Others disagree, and argued the changing global environment also warrants additional review.

"We can't do what we did before. It's a new era," Councilman Don Hall said. But when pressed, he didn't have specifics aside from saying strategies need to be reviewed and perhaps the city should flex its muscles a little more.

"We need to become more assertive, more aggressive," Hall said.



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# Rim-to-Rim Race draws hundreds of competitors

By Ben Botkin  
Times-News writer

They walked and ran on a 7.5-mile trek that took them up and down the Snake River Canyon.

Hundreds flocked to the 2009 Rim-to-Rim Race on Saturday, an event organized by Habitat for Humanity of the Magic Valley. An estimated 300 walkers and runners gathered for the annual event, which raises money for the local Habitat for Humanity organization.

"Runners have been doing it for many years," said Linda Fleming, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of the Magic Valley. "They love it."

In years past, walkers and runners would start at the same time, but this year, they began an hour apart. There was also a "half-rim" event this year — a shortened 3.5-mile version of the race down the canyon rim trail.

After gathering at Blue Lakes Country club and signing in, walkers and runners made their way up the steep road. From there, they went down Golf Course Road, across the Perrine Bridge, down the Snake River Canyon and crossed a foot bridge to return.

"It's pretty challenging, but it's fun," said Brooke Norman of Richfield, who was in her third year of participation in the event.



A pair of racers match stride for stride during the Rim-to-Rim Race Saturday.

## Twin Falls labor office extends its hours

Times-News

The Idaho Department of Labor will extend the hours of its office in Twin Falls to handle rising demand for services, according to a Department of Labor news release.

Beginning Monday, the office will be open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

According to the release, since April the unemployment rate in Twin Falls and Jerome counties has increased from 4.9 percent to 6.8 percent. Last week, Dell Computers, Inc. announced it will close its Twin Falls call center, laying off its 500 workers.

"The number of workers without jobs in these counties has jumped over 50 percent to more than 2,000 in the last year," Magic Valley Office Manager Chris Orders said in a written statement. "The department has a wide array of programs and services to help these workers collect the benefit checks they're eligible for and find new jobs that will get them back to work. With the number of people needing help rising rapidly, the normal workday just isn't long enough."

The office provides job seekers with access to computers and office machines, resume assistance and a job database.

Information: <http://labor.idaho.gov>

Jared Walker, a runner from Kimberly, described the event as "fun but grueling at times." The final uphill stretch is the most challenging, he said, because by then you're tired.

The event typically raises about \$20,000 each year for Habitat for Humanity of the

Magic Valley, Fleming said, adding that the organization appreciates the sponsors that help make the event a success.

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Runners in the 2009 Rim-to-Rim Race, an event organized by Habitat for Humanity of the Magic Valley, make their way up Blue Lakes Grade. About 300 walkers and runners gathered for the annual event Saturday in Twin Falls. Photos by ERIN MATHSON/For the Times-News

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## Cops with big needles and other nightmare scenarios

In the fall of 1970, Midshipman 4th Class Steven L. Crump, a freshman at nearby Stanford University, arrived at Moffet Field Naval Air Station in Sunnyvale, Calif., for a medical checkup.

An ROTC student, he confronted a 300-pound Navy corpsman who attempted to draw blood.

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Forty-five minutes and a dozen bruises later, the medical technician gave up.

"Man," he said, "you have no veins."

I thought about that the other day when I read that some Idaho police officers have received training in recent months from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on how to draw blood from those suspected of drunk or drugged driving.

As a guy with a long history of purple arms, I think that's a bad idea. And not because it might catch more drunk drivers; I'm all for that.

It's just that there's an art to drawing blood, and I don't see cops as artists.

There are practical concerns too — the risk of AIDS and hepatitis being two — but grotesque things can happen when venipuncture goes bad.

Especially in folks like me whose veins are hard to find.

Veins can blow up. They can collapse. Or they can seemingly disappear off the face of the planet.

Three years ago, I went to St. Luke's Magic Valley emergency room complaining of abdominal pain and was diagnosed with appendicitis. My wife, who was in Boise at the time, had to be summoned, and by the time she arrived and I was wheeled into the operating room, I was really hurting.

The surgical RNs couldn't raise a vein in my arms, so they tried my feet. They couldn't find one there either. By then, there were my teeth marks in the metal railings of the gurney on which I was lying.

Not that these medical professionals were unskilled; it just happens with veins sometimes. The anesthesiologist ended up putting in the IV.

So the specter of a cop trying to find a vein in the arm of a staggering drunk on a darkened street at 3 in the morning isn't sanguine.

Surely before it gets to that point, the lawyers for law enforcement agencies will figure out that the potential liability risks aren't worth it. Much better to haul the suspects to the hospital and have an expert draw blood, or to hire a med tech to come to the scene of DUI traffic stops.

Remember that 300-pound Navy corpsman with the really bad aim? I ran into him a couple of years later, and he wasn't a corpsman anymore.

I got pulled over for speeding. Guess who the cop was who wrote the ticket?

Fortunately for me, the most dangerous weapon he was packing was a gun.

Steve Crump may be reached at 735-3223. Hear him on KLIX-1310 at 8:30 a.m. on Fridays.

# Fire burns 1,500 acres near Gooding



AMY BALLARD/For the Times-News  
Crews work in a field north of Gooding where a fire burned more than 1,500 acres before it was contained Saturday night. The blaze was likely human-caused, according to fire authorities.

By Amy Ballard  
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — A fire that was called in to authorities at 2:40 p.m. Saturday spread to more than 1,500 acres by evening.

The fire began at milepost 23 on Highway 46, about two miles north of Gooding. The fire spread as moderate winds carried the blaze east over Bureau of Land Management land, mostly dry desert grass, according to BLM spokeswoman Barbara Bassler.

Crews had not determined Saturday how the fire started, but it was likely human-

caused, said Bassler, noting that there hasn't been any lightning strikes in the area.

No homes were threatened by the fire Saturday evening, according to Chris Hogan, a deputy with the Gooding County Sheriff's Office. Crews originally expected to have the fire contained by 8 p.m., but after running into heavy fuels they pushed back the estimated containment time

to midnight. They expect to have it controlled sometime today, Bassler said.

In addition to Gooding fire crews, BLM and the Wendell Fire Department contributed manpower to the blaze — about 40 firefighters in all, Bassler said — including seven engines, two helicopters and one dozer.

Andrew Weeks contributed to this report.

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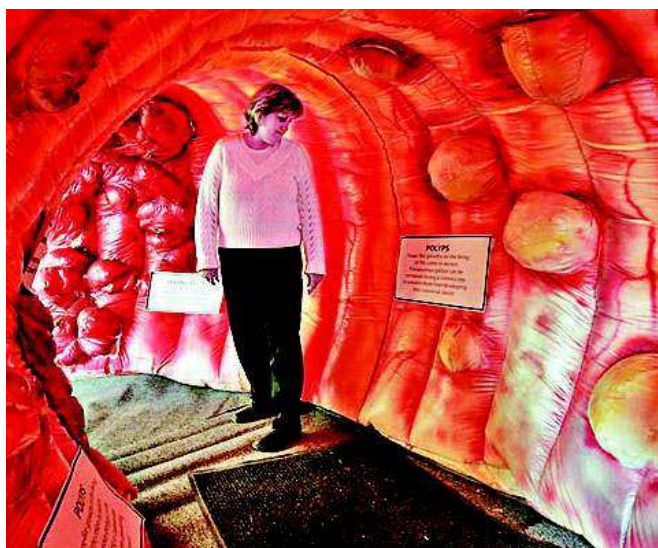
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# World's 2 most valuable brands: Coca-Cola, IBM

Consumers lose trust in brands for first time in 10 years

By Emily Fredrix  
Associated Press writer

Consumers lost trust in brands this year as the recession deepened, according to an industry report released Thursday, although longtime staples Coca-Cola and IBM retained their spots as the world's two most valuable brands.

This is the first time the combined value of the world's top 100 brands as ranked by Interbrand, a branding agency, has fallen in the 10 years Interbrand has assessed them.

The list's total value, including brands like Google Inc., Nintendo and Sony, fell 4.6 percent to \$1.15 trillion, Interbrand estimates.

"That says something about the environment that we're in, especially when you consider that brands are by nature less volatile than business valuations," said Interbrand CEO Jez Frampton, who called a company's brand its most valuable asset.

The environment — a recession the likes of which the world hasn't seen for decades — has eaten away at people's trust in specific brands, starting with financial companies, he said. Consumers even started to question retail brands as stores slashed prices to get sales, leading consumers to wonder about pricing, and why they had to pay so much before.

"All of these things lead you to re-evaluate the nature of the relationships that we have with brands and indeed how confident we feel in brands to live up to the promises they make," he said. "Brands are promises

which we value and are prepared to pay for and if we feel those promises have been broken we're less likely to trust."

Brands are more than just names, colors or logos — think Coca-Cola's red or McDonald's golden arches. A brand includes all the elements of a product or service from its design, ingredients and manufacture to its marketing, advertising and logo.

A well-honed brand evokes in consumers an emotion and a promise of what it will deliver, without the consumer having to do much — if any — research,

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AP photo

Coca-Cola bottles are shown at JJ&F Market in Palo Alto, Calif. on April 20. Consumers lost trust in brands this year as the recession deepened, according to an industry report released Thursday, although longtime staples Coca-Cola and IBM retained their spots as the world's two most valuable brands.

## THE WORLD'S 10 MOST VALUABLE BRANDS IN 2009

1. Coca-Cola Up 3% to \$68.73 billion	2. IBM Up 2% to \$60.21 billion	3. Microsoft Down 4% to \$56.65 billion	4. GE Down 10% to \$47.78 billion	5. Nokia Down 3% to \$34.87 billion	6. McDonald's Up 4% to \$32.28 billion	7. Google Up 25% to \$31.98 billion	8. Toyota Down 8% to \$31.33 billion	9. Intel Down 2% to \$30.64 billion	10. Disney Down 3% to \$28.45 billion
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Sources: Interbrand's Best Global Brands report (including details on methodology) is at <http://www.interbrand.com>; previous years's ranks at <http://www.interbrand.com/best-global-brands.aspx>

# FEE FIGHT

## Retailers battle fees added to credit card purchases

By Nancy Trejos • The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A battle is brewing over the processing fees that banks charge merchants each time a customer uses a credit or debit card.

Congress is considering three bills that would regulate the so-called interchange fees — which generally amount to 1 to 2 percent of a total sale and totaled \$48 billion in 2008. Meanwhile, the Government Accountability Office is doing a study of the fees, as required by a law signed by President Obama in May that bans many unfair credit card industry practices.

Merchants across the country and the card industry are waging a fight for public support. The merchants say the fees are excessive and eat into their already small profit margins, forcing them to pass on the cost to consumers. The card issuers say they are providing merchants a much-needed service as more Americans choose to pay for their purchases with plastic. Both sides have created YouTube videos, bought newspaper ads and released studies to prove their points. Large national chains such as 7-Eleven have embarked on petition drives.

The Merchants Payments Coalition will release a study this week of how European countries, Canada and New Zealand handle interchange fees. Merchants in those countries generally pay lower interchange fees. The

study found that if American merchants paid the same swipe fees as those in Australia the past four years, the net savings would total \$125 billion.

"It's the number two cost, behind labor, in our industry, and it's nonnegotiable," said Lyle Beckwith, a senior vice president with the National Association of Convenience Stores. "And as more and more people are using plastic for payment, it's getting increasingly problematic for our industry."

The merchants want the right to band

See **FEES**, Business 3



## SWIPE FEES OVERSEAS

The Washington Post

How other countries have dealt with swipe fees:

### Australia

In a 2007-2008 review, the Reserve Bank of Australia estimated that the reduction in swipe fees saved merchants \$1.1 billion in Australian dollars (or \$960 million in American dollars) in the previous year.

### European Union

Cross-border swipe fees have been the focus of attention. MasterCard agreed to reduce its cross-border rates by about half, to a cap of 0.3 percent — less than one-sixth the average U.S. rate.

### New Zealand

Merchants can now apply surcharges to payments made by specific types of credit cards.

SOURCE: Merchant Payments Coalition

## What kind of judge stands up for truth and justice?

WASHINGTON — I don't know about you, but I've had it up to here with activist judges who think they can overturn decades of legal precedent and ignore well-established norms of legal behavior in the pursuit of vague ideals like "justice" and "morality."

Steven Pearlstein



The latest example comes from the U.S. District Court in Manhattan, a hotbed of judicial promiscuity, where earlier this week Judge Jed S. Rakoff refused to go along with a perfectly good settlement that had been carefully worked out between Bank of America and the Securities and Exchange Commission — an agreement no different from thousands of similar deals approved by courts over the years. In a brief order brimming with outrage and common sense and references to Oscar Wilde, he rejected the proposed \$33 million settlement as "neither fair, nor reasonable nor adequate" and ordered that the case go to trial.

I'll go into the details of the case in a moment, but even without them it should be obvious that this is a flagrant case of judicial overreaching.

A trial? Does Rakoff expect the \$750-an-hour lawyers at Cleary Gottlieb to actually go into court and try a case on behalf of the bank rather than simply string things along with endless motions and depositions until they wear down the other side?

And what does fairness — or as Rakoff defined it, "elementary notions of justice and morality" — have to do with securities law? Hasn't he learned that securities law is supposed to be about the triumph of form over substance, about generating endless paperwork for lawyers while giving shareholders the illusion of knowing what management is up to?

See **PEARLSTEIN**, Business 2

# Media group calls for cleanup of TV sports ads

By David Crary  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Ads for erectile dysfunction drugs, beer and not-for-children films abound on pro football and baseball telecasts, upsetting parents and politicians worried about harm to young viewers — though a new wave of complaints doesn't seem to be

swaying the leagues, networks or advertisers.

Earlier this year, a national media monitoring group urged the leagues to "clean up their act" after reporting that half the ad breaks during National Football League telecasts showed at least one ad featuring sex, drugs or alcohol. A congressman concerned about the issue even introduced

bill that would limit ED ads to nighttime.

The San Francisco-based monitoring organization, Common Sense Media, this week provided The Associated Press with preliminary results of a similar ad study on Major League Baseball daytime telecasts — it found the rate of ads for alcohol and ED drugs at least as high as for NFL, and

said there were even more ads for junk food.

The leagues, however, don't seem inclined to disrupt the status quo.

"We follow the lead of our broadcasters as it relates to ads, yet we are always sensitive to the opinions of our fans," said MLB spokesman Matt Bourne.

NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy, in an e-mail after

the league's opening week, wrote that "we are comfortable with our policies and those of our network partners."

The CEO of Common Sense Media, James Steyer, said the profitable ad policies are unlikely to change without political or regulatory pressure.

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# YOUR BUSINESS

## MILESTONES

### Parrot Head Club cuts red ribbon

The Southern Idaho Parrot Head Club cut the red ribbon along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors at O'Dunkens, 102 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls, celebrating their club's Chamber membership.

The club meets twice monthly on the second and last Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. at O'Dunkens. Parakeets are always welcome, too.

They helped O'Dunkens with the St. Patricks Day Parade and food drive, raising \$1500 for the food bank. They also volunteered Saturday for the Rim To Rim Race which benefits Habitat for Humanity.

Information: Darlene McDonald (208) 720-8001

### Red's sales manager completes course

Calvin Scott, sales manager at Red's Trading Post, recently successfully completed the Smith & Wesson M&P Armorers Course that was held in Twin Falls. Calvin is also a certified Armorer for Glock, Sig Sauer and the TDI KRISS Super V system.

Red's Trading Post is an authorized Smith & Wesson Law Enforcement dealer and is located at 203 5th Avenue South in the Historic Warehouse District of downtown Twin Falls.

## CAREER MOVES

### Craig Lookingbill

Lytle Signs, Inc. is pleased to announce the promotion of Craig Lookingbill as sales manager. Craig brings 17 years of successful sales and project management experience to the company. As sales manager, Craig will direct a sales staff to provide a variety of products both locally and nationally. This includes servicing several national accounts, and manufacturing and shipping signage from Alaska and Hawaii to Florida and all points between.



Lookingbill

Craig is a southern Idaho native, graduating from Filer High School and attending the College of Southern Idaho and Boise State University.

### Karen Keady

Karen Keady, RN of Tranquil Touch Skincare in Twin Falls, has received an associate membership in the Society of Dermatology Skincare Specialists. Achieving national skin care certification in April 2009, made Keady eligible for this honor. The SDSS is an organization which aims to develop and foster the highest standards of skin care in the Dermatology setting. As a former dermatology nurse, Keady's background in skin care enhances her current role as a licensed esthetician. The Facial Salon is located on Hankins Road North in Twin Falls. Information: 420-2558.



Keady

## CONTRIBUTION

### ARTS ENDOWMENT



Courtesy photo

Entertainer Danny Marona, center, joined CSI Foundation Executive Director Curtis Eaton, left, and CSI President Jerry Beck recently to establish the Danny Marona Performing Arts Endowment at CSI. The fund, which started with a \$10,000 donation, will set up an endowment that will eventually provide up to \$2,500 per year to performing arts students at CSI.

# Brands

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said Allen Adamson, managing director at branding firm Landor Associates. Brands are important for all businesses, and critical in categories that have direct consumer contact, like autos, he said.

"In a cluttered world where people are time-compressed, brands are short cuts to help them make decisions," he said.

Each year, Interbrand ranks companies by the amount of their revenue that is attributable to their brands, using a formula that takes into account the brand's future strength and its role in creating demand, whether among consumers or business customers or both.

The firm assigns a monetary value to each brand and measures annual growth, in this case from July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009.

Given the recession, it was not surprising to see financial companies posting the steepest decline in their brands' values this year, with drops by American Express (now number 22, down from 15), HSBC (now 32, down from 27), Citi (now 36, down from 19), and UBS (now 72, down from 41). Merrill Lynch and AIG both

## On the Web:

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dropped off the list.

Automakers also dropped in the rankings as their sector's sales slumped in the recession. In addition, major U.S. automakers General Motors Corp. and Chrysler Group LLC received government aid to stay afloat, which generated negative feelings among consumers. Neither of those brands made the top 100 Interbrand list.

Even Toyota's brand — top-ranked among auto companies at number eight, down from 6 in 2008 — suffered, while BMW went from 13 to 15, and Ford was unchanged at 49. Honda edged up two slots to 18.

Despite the economic uncertainty, the top 10 brands this year stayed relatively stable, with Coca-Cola Co. in the first slot, a place it has held since the rankings started in 2000. The soft-drink maker retains its recognition around the world, Frampton said, and it has been releasing new products as it hopes to woo consumers shifting to healthier juices and teas.

Coca-Cola's brand value rose 3 percent in 2009 to \$68.73 billion, while IBM's gained 2 percent to \$60.21 billion.

The technology giant, often known as "Big Blue," also rolled out new products that increased the value of its brand in 2009, according to the report. The company — which sells computer servers, software and technical services to businesses — received more than 4,000 U.S. patents during the period, marking the 16th straight year it has received the most.

Rolling out new products keeps customers interested and spending, even in a recession, Frampton said. Companies can't be idle when times are tough, he warned.

"Innovation is the bedrock of any successful company in the future," he said. "Nobody can stand still nowadays."

The remaining brands in the top five all lost value but retained their ranks from last year. Microsoft's brand value fell 4 percent to \$56.64 billion to take third, while General Electric's value fell 10 percent to \$47.77 billion for fourth. Nokia lost 3 percent to place fifth at \$34.86 billion.

The value of online giant

Google's brand grew the fastest in the world again, rising 25 percent to \$31.98 billion to place seventh, up from 10th place last year and 20th the year before. Frampton said the company's brand growth is "miraculous," though the report notes that as it gets bigger, "it has to deal with the inevitable mistrust and ugliness ascribed to being a very large, diversified and very profitable company."

But Deborah Mitchell, executive fellow at the Center for Brand and Product Management at Wisconsin School of Business, thinks Google already has found balance by earning consumers' trust even as it becomes nearly omnipresent in their lives.

That's partly due to Google's value statement — "Do no evil" — which resonates with consumers, especially in a downturn, she said. Mitchell said consumers are increasingly focusing on a company's values and don't want to associate with businesses whose values they question.

"There's been a shift in the focus on values and not just economics to consumers," she said. "They're looking more closely at who is selling them what?"

# Pearlstein

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And can you believe the total lack of judicial decorum in declaring, in simple English, that the largest bank in the America had "lied" to its shareholders? Any first-year law student knows that what he really meant was that there was "a failure to disclose material information in accordance with SEC Rule 10(b)-5?"

Bank of America, of course, doesn't see it that way at all. Just because it told its shareholders that, in connection with its purchase of the failing brokerage Merrill Lynch, no bonuses would be paid to Merrill directors, officers and employees without its written consent, that didn't really mean there would be no bonuses. After all, the proxy also had a passing reference to the possibility of an exception to this statement, which could be found in Section 5.2 of something called the Company Disclosure Schedule. All a diligent shareholder had to do was read Section 5.2 to learn that, in fact, Bank of America had already approved \$5.8 billion worth of Merrill bonuses. Then again, getting hold of the aforementioned Disclosure Schedule would have been quite a challenge, because,

(Judges) embrace the legal notion of immaculate conception, which holds that there can be corporate wrongdoing without there necessarily being any wrongdoers.

according to common corporate practice, the schedule was never actually disclosed.

Unfortunately for Bank of America, this is one of those subtleties of securities law that even the securities lawyers at the SEC had trouble grasping, particularly after the Merrill bonuses became public and a political firestorm ensued. An investigation was launched, and the SEC decided to bring civil charges against the bank for knowingly misleading its shareholders.

Rather than fight the charges, the bank opted to settle, explaining to the judge that it just wasn't worth the legal expenses and all the attendant bad publicity to establish its innocence at trial. As is customary when entering into such settlements, the company refused to either admit or deny that it had done anything wrong, even while promising never to do it again. It's the sort of logical sleight of hand that judges overlook every day, but this time Rakoff would have none of it. He went so far as to call the injunction

against future infractions a "pointless exercise."

Rakoff also balked at imposing the agreed-on \$33 million fine on Bank of America. As he explained it to incredulous lawyers from both the bank and the SEC, he just couldn't see the logic of imposing a fine that would effectively be paid by the very shareholders who had been lied to, even as those responsible for the lie got off scot-free. Instead, he embarked on a quixotic campaign to find out who exactly was responsible for the lie, only to meet resistance from both the bank and the SEC. Bank officials had told the SEC that it was their lawyers at Wachtell Lipton who were responsible for preparing the proxy documents, but when the SEC asked Bank of America to waive its attorney-client privilege to interview the lawyers and find out if that was true, the bank refused. It was a legal Catch-22. In the end, the SEC told Rakoff that there was simply insufficient evidence to bring charges against any individuals.

Most judges, of course,

have long since come to accept and even embrace such ambiguities, which to those outside the legal system may seem absurd. They embrace the legal notion of immaculate conception, which holds that there can be corporate wrongdoing without there necessarily being any wrongdoers. They hold sacrosanct the attorney-client privilege, particularly when it protects the reputation and livelihood of other lawyers. They understand that their job is not to get to the bottom of things, only to the bottom of their own docket.

But not Jed Rakoff. Despite decades on the bench, he's still naive enough to believe that the laws mean what they say, and that just because everyone does it doesn't mean it's right. He refuses to allow his court to be used to burnish the public reputations of the parties, especially when it comes at the expense of the truth. He cares about outcomes more than process.

Come to think of it, maybe Rakoff is exactly the kind of activist judge we need more of, not less.

# Ads

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Steyer, who has taught law at Stanford University, said the leagues, networks and advertisers all share responsibility for the situation, "but none of them are being held accountable."

After the NFL study was released in January, Steyer said he wrote to commissioner Roger Goodell urging the league to consider changes, while Common Sense Media supporters sent hundreds of e-mails expressing similar concerns. Steyer says the NFL never responded; McCarthy says the NFL is not aware of any letter from Steyer but would be willing to talk with him now.

In May, Rep. Jim Moran introduced a bill that would limit TV ads for erectile dysfunction drugs to between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. — not expecting it to pass any time soon but hoping it would send a warning to the drug makers. The Virginia Democrat had withdrawn a similar bill in 2005 after the

companies offered to change their ad policies, but said the ads now "appear to have become even more pervasive and explicit."

"Many parents I talk with are frustrated and annoyed by the overwhelming presence of these ads during programs they watch with their children," Moran wrote to the makers of the three main ED drugs. "Parents should be able to watch a football game with their kids without having to either mute the television or explain the side effects of a life enhancement drug."

Pfizer Inc., which makes Viagra, responded that it only places ads for the drug on TV shows, including sports events, which have a viewership that's at least 90 percent adult. According to the NFL, the average age of its TV viewers is 45 and only about 9 percent are under 18.

"Our goal in advertising our products is to reach patients who would most likely benefit from them,"

Pfizer's CEO, Jeffrey Kindler, wrote to Moran.

Kindler also noted that the ads' graphic discussion of possible side effects — including long-lasting erections — is mandatory.

There's no comparable move to legislate changes in beer advertising, which constitutes a huge portion of broadcast revenue for many professional sports. Nonetheless, many parents and health experts worry that children are adversely influenced by the drinking-is-fun message implicit in beer commercials.

After the latest Super Bowl, the Drug-Free Action Alliance in Columbus, Ohio, surveyed 8,400 teens, and found that three of their five favorite ads during the telecast were for beer. The alliance said the result is an added inducement for young people to start drinking at an early age and an increased risk of problems with alcohol later in life.

The NFL has detailed rules about types of ads it

prohibits on its telecasts — taboo products include hard liquor, condoms, strip clubs, firearms and casinos, as well as movies, video games and other media that contain "objectionable material or subject matter." Wine, beer, oral contraceptives and erectile dysfunction drugs are on the acceptable list.

The networks say they take advertising content seriously, vetting commercials for objectionable and unsuitable content, and often rejecting them altogether or for certain time slots.

"Every network ad and promo is placed based on a program's typical demographics," said Fox Sports spokesman Lou D'Ermilio. "The audience composition for NFL games is overwhelmingly adult."

Yet those demographics don't make it easier for parents of the throngs of children who do tune in.

Lisa Hoover, a single mother from Sarasota, Fla.,

says she and her three sons are devoted NFL fans who watch many games.

"All the while, I have to explain terms like 'erectile dysfunction' to my kids, remind them that drinking beer isn't as cool as all the ads make it seem, and distract them from Go Daddy commercials that border on soft porn," Hoover wrote last month on her blog.

"While I don't hold the NFL responsible for the juvenile advertising, I'm sure a few pointed comments from Commissioner Goodell to sponsors about

respectability wouldn't hurt."

But not all adults see the situation as dire.

Joanne Cantor, a former University of Wisconsin professor who writes about media issues, said on her blog that she shares concerns about the beer ads on NFL telecasts, but has mixed feelings about the ED ads.

"These ads show a side of sexuality rarely seen on television — that is, not-so-young couples in apparently committed relationships," she wrote. "So maybe that part isn't all bad?"

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# Fees

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together to negotiate the fees with the banks, which they say they are currently not able to do.

One bill before Congress, introduced by House Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers Jr., D-Mich., would allow merchants to enter into collective bargaining agreements with banks when setting fees. Sen. Richard J. Durbin, D-Ill., has introduced a similar companion bill.

A third bill, by Rep. Peter Welch, D-Vt., would make it easier for merchants to steer customers to other forms of payments and let them set minimum and maximum amounts for credit card purchases.

Industry representatives say the merchants do have the ability to negotiate but that most choose to go with a default nonnegotiable rate.

They also point to other studies showing that lowering interchange fees in Australia forced card issuers to raise other fees and scale back on rewards programs.

They say the merchants are trying to get for free services that allow them to accept credit cards, which is the preferred mode of payment for many consumers.

Among the services the interchange fees cover are guaranteed payment to the merchant, risk management protection and better record-keeping.

"Retailers in particular benefit from the value electronic payments deliver," said Denise Dunckel, a spokeswoman for Visa. "Unfortunately some retailers don't want to pay for the benefits of electronic payments and instead have joined their large trade associations and are backing legislation that will significantly and negatively impact consumers, especially those struggling in this time of economic uncertainty."

Even if the merchants do gain the ability to negotiate lower fees, there is no guarantee that consumers will benefit, the banks said.

"The merchants appreciate that benefit, but some of them, the more vocal ones, don't want to pay for it. Who's going to pay? The customers," said Trish Wexler, a spokeswoman for the Electronic Payments Coalition, which represents the banks.

Keith Lipert, owner of Keith Lipert Gallery, a gift shop in Georgetown, said the fees hurt both merchants and customers.

"I feel it's grossly unfair that I have to give 2 percent of the whole thing to an outside company," he said. "At the end of the day we're all struggling to make ends meet. It's a hell of a lot of money you're seeing going out of your bank account every month!"

# Gov't helps keep loans cheap – if you can get one

By Stevenson Jacobs  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — It's a good time to borrow money for a home, car or small business.

A year after a global freeze in the credit markets prompted massive government intervention to prevent the financial system from collapsing, interest rates remain at historic lows. But banks are demanding more collateral, bigger down payments and detailed financial histories from borrowers.

And that's for people with good credit. Everyone else need not apply.

The stingy lending is likely to last.

"Banks are going to be in a defensive posture for several years. Most borrowers can't meet their criteria," says Christopher Whalen, managing director at research firm Institutional Risk Analytics.

No segment of borrowers has been spared:

- Nearly seven of 10 mortgage applications were approved and financed during the housing boom five years ago. At the end of 2008, the number was down to five.

- Revolving credit, which is primarily made up of credit card debt, declined by \$6.1 billion, or 8 percent on an annualized basis, in July. That's a sign consumers are having difficulty obtaining credit and are cutting back on spending.

To be sure, it is cheaper for businesses and consumers to take out a loan today than it was at the height of the crisis last fall.

The average 30-year mortgage rate stands at 5.04 percent, after falling to a record low of 4.78 percent in April. The overnight rate that banks charge each other to borrow money — a key indicator of the credit markets' overall health — has plummeted. The London Interbank Offered Rate, or LIBOR, stands at 0.29 percent today. It soared



A sign advertising a 30-year fixed rate mortgage of 4.875 percent is displayed at the entrance of a Northeast Bank branch office in Brunswick, Maine on March 19. The 30-year mortgage rate fell to a record low national average of 4.96 percent earlier this year and now stands at 5.07 percent.

above 6 percent last September when fear threatened to choke off lending throughout the financial system.

But those improvements are somewhat misleading. Lending — especially for homes — is being greased by trillions of dollars the federal government has made available to banks.

The Federal Reserve has provided nearly \$340 billion in low-cost loans for banks. It has purchased \$625 billion worth of mortgage-backed securities to drive down interest rates on home loans. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. is guaranteeing about \$300 billion in bank debt, which enables banks to borrow at lower rates.

No one wants to see a return to the easy credit that led to the financial crisis. The question is when will credit return to normal — not too loose, not too tight and not propped up by the government?

Not soon, financial analysts and government officials say.

"We will not make the mistake of prematurely declaring victory or prematurely withdrawing public support for the flow of credit," says Lawrence Summers, the White House's top economic adviser.

Some analysts think it could take four or five years for the Fed to withdraw the money entirely and shrink a balance sheet that is now about \$2 trillion, more than double what it was when the financial crisis struck.

Stapley, chief fixed income officer at Fifth Third Asset Management in Grand Rapids, Mich.

If not, the nascent economic recovery could be cut short. Weak lending and borrowing would limit corporate and consumer spending, which accounts for 70 percent of economic activity.

The incentives are especially important these days, lenders say, because the habits of borrowers have changed.


In a sign that the recession and rising unemployment have made people leery about taking on more debt, the national savings rate was 4.2 percent in July. It dipped to a low of 0.8 percent in April 2008.

Big banks are not risk averse. Rather, their reluctance to lend reflects the fact that they must conserve cash to absorb billions in losses still expected to occur

from bad loans that were made before the crisis. FDIC-insured banks cumulatively lost \$3.7 billion in the second quarter, dragged down by growing numbers of bad loans. These banks set aside nearly \$67 billion in the quarter in anticipation of future losses from soured loans.

Another factor sapping their appetite for lending is their diminished ability to pool loans into securities for sale to investors, a process known as securitization. This secondary market allows banks to reap fees when they sell the securities, as well as get cash to make more loans.

At its zenith, the securitization market funded \$9 trillion in loans. The collapse of Lehman Brothers led panicked investors to pull their money out of the marketplace virtually overnight, wrecking the securitization business.




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# Ticketmaster finds another way to cut out scalpers

By Ryan Nakashima  
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Ticketmaster Entertainment Inc. has developed a new way to resell tickets that shuts out the brokers and scalpers it has long scorned, and instead keeps the profits for itself, musicians and venue owners.

The system relies on Ticketmaster's "paperless" ticketing platform, which makes customers prove their purchase by showing a credit card and ID when they arrive at an event. Without paper tickets, there's nothing for scalpers to resell.

Now with its new exchange system, Ticketmaster has come up with a way to let buyers resell a paperless ticket, while still cutting out ticket-resale leader StubHub and other brokers. That gives Ticketmaster a chance to capture more of the so-called secondary market, which generates greater fees and profits per ticket, although fans sometimes feel ripped off.

Paperless tickets still account for fewer than 1 percent of all ticket sales, said analyst Brett Harriss of Gabelli & Co.

But that could be changing. Prominent musicians, such as Miley Cyrus and even



AP photo

A Penn State student checks in by swiping their student IDs before the Penn State-Akron NCAA college football game in State College, Pa. on Sept. 5. This is the first season Penn State has used a paperless ticket system.

former Ticketmaster critics Bruce Springsteen and Nine Inch Nails' Trent Reznor, have taken up Ticketmaster's paperless tickets. Nine Inch Nails' Web site called the move "an effort to keep tickets in the hands of the fans and out of the hands of brokers/scalpers."

The resale system debuted this month at Penn State's college football season opener and is likely headed for other collegiate stadiums.

The university's trial of the system cut reselling dramatically, partly because a cap was put on the price for which tickets could be resold.

The system involved 21,000 season tickets for the Nittany Lions' eight home games, which for years have been reserved for full-time Penn State students. The tickets are highly prized because they come at a big discount and Beaver Stadium is usually packed to its capacity of 108,000.

Students can buy season tickets for about \$240, or \$30 per game (counting Ticketmaster fees), and up until a couple weeks ago, there had been a profitable market for reselling that package to other students for as much as \$1,400.

Penn State capped the number of games students

could resell at six. It also limited the resale price per game to \$60, or about twice the face value and fees on the original tickets. That capped a reseller's potential profit at \$120, counting fees paid to Ticketmaster, as opposed to nearly \$1,200 in the past.

Just 965 students chose to resell their tickets for the season opener against Akron on Sept. 5, and the average resale price was just \$39.61, said associate athletic director Greg Myford.

"The students seem to be grateful for that," Myford said. "They can get a ticket and they don't have to worry about really being gouged. We've largely eliminated those only interested in scalping from the process."

The new limits helped Mike Elia, a Penn State senior who was tossing around a football in the student tent

city of "Paternoville," which honors coach Joe Paterno, on the Friday before the game.

"I like it. I think it's a step in the right direction," he said. "My sophomore year, I didn't get student tickets, so

I think this system will better ensure that students will be able to get tickets."

The online exchange also proved that it can bring Ticketmaster higher fees per ticket than the original sale.

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# As stocks keep rallying, IPOs return

By Sara Lepro  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Coming off its worst year in three decades, the market for initial public offerings is starting to show signs of life.

Eight companies are looking to raise as much as \$3.7 billion when they go public next week, the most activity the U.S. IPO market has seen in a single week in nearly two years and a clear sign that Wall Street's appetite for risk is returning.

IPOs all but dried up in 2008 as investors shunned the traditionally risky bets and moved into safer assets like cash and Treasuries as the stock market tumbled.

Only 43 companies completed IPOs in the U.S. last year, down from 272 the year before and 221 in 2006, according to Renaissance Capital's IPOHome.com. It was the slowest year for IPOs since 1978.

The amount of money raised through IPOs last year sank 53 percent to \$28 bil-

lion, but more than half of that came from just one offering. Without the mammoth \$18 billion Visa Inc. IPO in March, the largest on record, last year's total would have been a paltry \$10 billion, far below the \$59.7 billion raised in 2007.

In another sign of how poor demand has been, the number of companies that canceled their planned offerings nearly doubled in 2008 from the year before, according to IPOHome.com. The deals that did make it to market had disappointing returns, further discouraging investors.

The IPO market has trudged along so far this year, with 22 companies raising \$5 billion in capital. Next week's heavy load of offerings could mark a turning point in the market — if all goes well.

"The IPO market has windows that open and close, and right now the window is open to get deals done," said Sal Morreale, an institutional salesman with Cantor

Fitzgerald in Los Angeles.

Analysts attribute the resurgence in IPO activity to growing confidence in the stock market. Major stock indicators are up more than 50 percent since hitting 12-year lows in early March. With investors showing a willingness to take chances, companies are starting to feel better about raising money through stock offerings.

The number of companies preparing to go public has been gaining pace since early July, four months after the stock market bottomed out. There are now 89 companies in the IPO pipeline, up from 29 in March. It typically takes a couple of months for a company to prepare for a stock offering after the initial paperwork is filed with regulators.

"This pot has been bubbling," said John Fitzgibbon, founder of IPOscoop.com. "It's just taken a while for the courage to settle in to the market to take that step forward."



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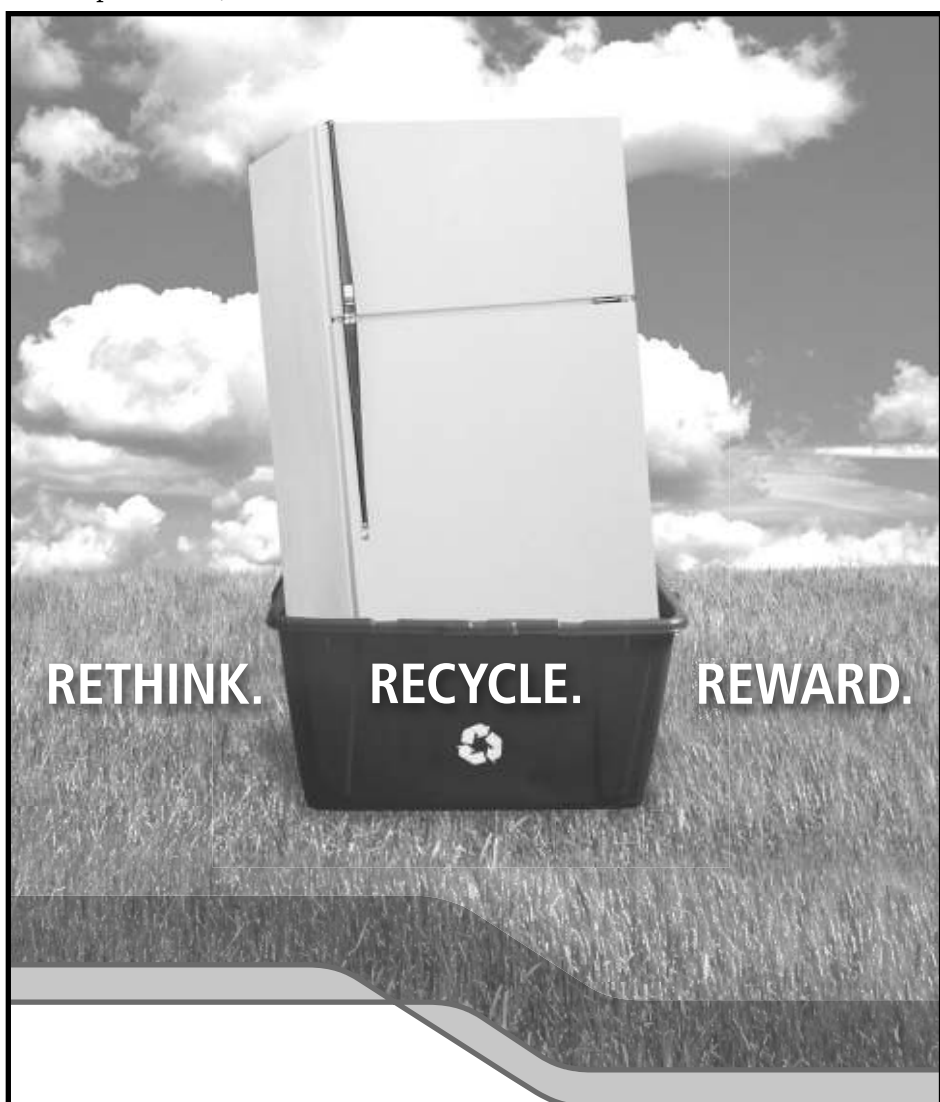
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## Lawmakers plan bills to ban texting while driving in Idaho

BOISE (AP) — Idaho lawmakers plan to sponsor bills in the 2010 legislative session to prohibit people from sending text messages while driving.

Sen. John McGee, R-Caldwell, and the Idaho Democratic Legislative Caucus on Friday said they intended to put forward the bills.

"I think it's probably time that we make that practice illegal," McGee told the Idaho Press-Tribune.

Another bill the Democrats plan would require drivers to use handsfree devices while talking on their cell phones.

Sen. Les Bock, D-Boise, sponsored similar legislation that failed in the 2009 session. He will be the sponsor of the bills announced by Democrats.

Co-sponsors of the bills will include JoAn Wood, the Republican chairwoman of the House Transportation and Defense Committee, Assistant Senate Minority Leader Elliot Werk and House Democrats Liz Chavez, Elfreda Higgins and Anne Pasley-Stuart.

"Public awareness of the dangers of texting while driving has increased exponentially this summer," Bock said in a statement. "We now know that the longer we wait to act, the more lives will be lost."

Last session, Bock's bill didn't make it out of the Senate Transportation Committee, which McGee chairs.

"At the time, I didn't think that the bill had been vetted," McGee said. "But now that we've seen more studies I believe now is the time to act."

Rep. Darrell Bolz, R-Caldwell, said he would consider the texting bill but was uncertain on the one that required drivers to use a handsfree device.

"I certainly understand the texting aspect of it," Bolz said. "But the cell phone I kind of waver on!"

# ACORN has long history of scandal

By Carol D. Leonnig and Alexi Mostrous  
The Washington Post

The liberal political organizing group ACORN faced internal chaos and allegations of financial mismanagement and fraud long before two young conservatives embarrassed the group with undercover videos made at field offices across the country.

Internal ACORN documents show an organization in turmoil as last year's election approached, with a board torn over how to handle embezzlement by the founder's brother and growing concern that donor money and pension funds had been plundered in the insider scheme.

Minutes from a meeting

ACORN held in Los Angeles last summer reveal an organization then on the brink of financial collapse.

"Currently owe over \$800k to IRS" the minutes note. "Haven't paid medical bills of over \$300k. We are essentially 'broke' nationally and lots of offices are struggling."

Some top ACORN officials tried to shield the scheme, which involved Dale Rathke, the brother of ACORN founder Wade Rathke. "Leadership has no faith in staff. Wade betrayed them," the minutes said.

The documents present a troubling picture of one of the nation's leading social justice advocacy groups, with more than 400,000 members, offices in 75 cities and an expanding

international presence.

Founded in 1970 and supported in part by government grants, ACORN has forged relationships with banks, federal and state agencies and nonprofits that have made it a major force in helping low-income families buy homes and in bringing marginalized voters to the polls. The ACORN political action committee endorsed Barack Obama last February.

ACORN said in a statement Saturday that it has taken "decisive action" to correct problems detailed in the documents, which it said were stolen and leaked to investigators for a House oversight committee. Spokesman Brian Kettenring said ACORN has reorganized, severed its connections to Wade Rathke and "been

made whole relative to the monies stolen in 1999-2000." He also said "arrangements have been or are being made to correct all tax delinquencies."

An investigation by Republican members of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform also showed that there was concern within ACORN that its voter outreach efforts, which are required to be nonpartisan, were aimed at electing Democratic candidates, a key complaint of conservative critics.

In a June 2008 report to ACORN, Washington lawyer Elizabeth Kingsley, who conducted an independent review of the group's finances, found that poorly documented money trans-

fers between ACORN and an allied organization, Project Vote, may have allowed tax-deductible charitable contributions to be used for political purposes. She also noted conflicts created when decision-makers at the tax-exempt entity had roles in political activities.

"My question all along was, are we funding a liberal political agenda with taxpayer dollars without knowing it?" said Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., who co-sponsored last week's House legislation cutting off ACORN's federal funding and also led the oversight committee investigation that was released in July. "By the end, it was clear to me, this organization can't assure anybody, including itself, that it won't use our money for partisan politics."

## Toughest test coming up for health care overhaul

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Keep going. You don't have to fix all of it now. Just please don't let it stall.

That's the essence of the message that Senate Democratic leaders have for their Finance Committee senators, who plan to start voting Tuesday on a remake of the nation's health care system.

Democrats on the pivotal committee are disappointed with the bill from the chairman, Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont. Republicans see a chance to deliver a stunning blow to President Barack Obama's top domestic priority.

The stakes are so high because this isn't just another committee.

The 23-member panel is a microcosm of the Senate, the narrow gate through which legislation to cover the uninsured and try to control medical costs has to pass. If the committee can't produce, then the ability of Obama and the Democrats to pass a bill this year will be seriously questioned.

"If it can't get through the Finance Committee, the

mountain that has to be climbed is a much higher mountain, and I don't know whether they'll have the ability to climb that mountain," said Christine Ferguson, a Senate GOP health aide during the Bill Clinton-era health care debate. Now a George Washington University professor, Ferguson was part of an effort to find a bipartisan deal.

Baucus, an optimist by nature, says he has the votes. "Oh, yeah — no doubt," he says.

But last week the chairman stood alone as he explained and defended his 10-year, \$856-billion plan.

No Democrats joined him in front of the media — not even Sens. Kent Conrad of North Dakota and Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico, who spent months working with Baucus trying to find a compromise both political parties could support.

The second-ranking committee Democrat, Sen. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, promptly said he couldn't vote for the bill without major changes. Senators have readied more than 560 amendments.

The Baucus plan would

require all Americans to carry health insurance or pay a stiff fine. It would provide subsidies to many middle-class households and expand government health programs for the poor. Insurers could not deny coverage based on someone's personal health history.

The plan would be paid for with cuts in Medicare and Medicaid spending, as well as a heavy tax on high-cost health insurance plans. Baucus would not create a government plan to compete with private insurers. And workers at larger companies that offer coverage wouldn't see big changes.

While business and health industry groups generally have said good things about the proposal, core Democratic constituencies are angry.

Unions see the insurance tax as a direct threat to hard-won benefits. Liberals are outraged by the absence of a government insurance plan. There's widespread concern that Baucus' subsidies are too meager and will stick hard-pressed households with thousands of dollars in new insurance bills.

## Hospital union says it warned about mental patient outings

SEATTLE (AP) — Two days after an insane killer escaped from a field trip organized by his mental hospital, the union that represents mental hospital workers said it had become concerned about the type of patients allowed to participate in such outings.

Police continued to search Saturday for 47-year-old Phillip Arnold Paul, who walked away from the Spokane County Fair during an outing Thursday with 30 other Eastern State Hospital patients.

A police helicopter will canvass from the air, and officers will check transient camps and monitor railroad lines in the search for Paul, authorities said.

"The manhunt continues," said Spokane County sheriff's spokesman Dave Reagan. "We truly suspect he is headed for Sunnyside. His parents live there."

Paul had been committed after he was acquitted by reason of insanity in the 1987 slaying of an elderly woman, whose body he soaked in gasoline to throw off search dogs. Paul buried the woman's remains in her flower garden.

Patients must be cleared by a treatment team before they can go on trips to stores, parks, and other sites, said Dr. Rob Henry, director of forensic services at Eastern State. They wear street clothing and staff members are required to

keep each patient within eyesight at all times.

But Paul's inclusion in Thursday's field trip to the fair drew sharp criticism from Gov. Chris Gregoire and the union that represents Eastern State Hospital workers.

Greg Davis, president of Washington Federation of

State Employees Local 782, said the union has expressed concerns about public outings to hospital management during official and unofficial meetings.

In recent years, the types of patients allowed to participate in the outings has become more inclusive, Davis said.

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## Roger K. Larsen

SOUTH JORDAN, Utah — Roger K. Larsen, former resident of Oregon, Idaho and Utah, died on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009.

He is the son of Glen and Roberta Larsen of LaGrande, Ore. He was a dental technologist and also served a mission to Denmark for the LDS church.

He is survived by his wife, Marie, and children, Kent, Tiffany, Holly, Cory, Brandon and Sonnet.

A viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at Jenkins-Soffe



South Valley at 1007 W. South Jordan Parkway (10600 S.) in South Jordan, Utah 84095. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, at the LDS chapel at 10194 S. 1000 W. in South Jordan, Utah. Online condolences at [www.jenkins-soffe.com](http://www.jenkins-soffe.com).

## Shirley Presley

GOODING — Shirley Presley passed quietly in her home Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009.



Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, Lettie and Aldean White; her brother, Eddie White; and two sisters, Evelyn and Sharron. She will forever be in the hearts of her family: husband, Wayne Presley of Gooding; mother-in-law, Bernice Presley of Gooding; children, Cindy (Chuck) Hency of Hailey, Walt (Cliff) Barnes of Gooding, Randy (Linda) Presley of Ontario, Ore., and Raeann (Bob) Studyvin of Marysville, Wash.; grandchildren, Chris Baker, Kayla (Shaun)

Briscoe, Sarah Studyvin, Dawn Presley, Kyle Presley, Maranda Presley, Alexandra Studyvin and Gracy Studyvin; great-grandchildren, Nathan and Harmony; and her many nieces, nephews, friends and the children who will always know her as Grandma Shirley.

No formal service will be held. The family is proceeding with plans made for her upcoming birthday, and you are welcome to join them on Saturday, Sept. 26, by enjoying the Thousands Springs Art Festival.

It was Shirley's wish to celebrate her birthday there as she has done for many years.

## Kenneth Ervin Taylor

On Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009, Kenneth Ervin Taylor, known as the Twin Falls "Jam Man" peacefully went to join his wife, Dorothy, in heaven.

Kenneth Taylor was born on Oct. 12, 1918, in Leesburg, Ohio. He graduated from Highland High School and was the school yell leader. He survived the Great Depression and later joined the United States Army, where he served for five years and saw action in West Africa, and Italy during World War II. He was a sergeant and was honorably discharged in 1945.

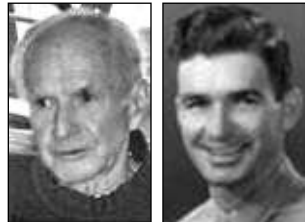
He met Dorothy Lee Davis, a registered nurse, at a USO event in Alameda, Calif. It was love at first sight and they were married for 50 years and had five children. He was especially proud that all of his children graduated from college and became successful in their careers.

After the war, he became a journeyman glazer, starting a career in the glass business that led to Coast Mirror and Glass Company in San Francisco. For more than 50 years, his "Taylor-Made" hand-beveled mirrors and mirrored furniture were often featured in "Architectural Digest" and his work is displayed today in some of San Francisco's most prestigious residences, hotels and restaurants. His craft was sought after across the country for his hand decorated gold and silver leaf frames and one-of-a-kind mirrored pieces.

In addition to running his business, he was a 52 year Mason and counseled many Masons in the fraternal order. He was a member of the Alameda Elks Lodge and he and his wife, Dorothy, were active members of the Paradise Cribbage Club. He was most proud when his wife won the national award for a perfect cribbage hand. He played a mean cribbage game and continued to win games in the last two weeks of his life.

Kenneth grew up as a Quaker, but became an Episcopalian and was active in his faith in Alameda, Paradise and Twin Falls. As a Vestry member of Christ Episcopal Church Parish in Alameda, Calif., he helped oversee the building of the new parish after a devastating fire destroyed the original church. His dedication of his faith was evident in the cases of homemade jam he often donated to be sold for church fundraisers. He never asked for anything in return and often showed up with 20 or more cases of jam to be sold to support the church activities.

He was an avid golfer, who played weekly. He was well



known throughout the neighborhood for his incredible "green thumb." His string beans, tomatoes and various vegetables will be missed by all who enjoyed them. He was a generous man who enjoyed creating Tiffany lamps, hand-beveled clear leaded glass art and he also matted and framed prints and paintings. He, in turn, gave all of these items away, never asking for anything but a smile and a promise to enjoy the piece. His spirit also lives on in his collections of coins and stamps, and he was an avid Civil War buff who knew everything about President Lincoln and the Civil War.

But perhaps Ken Taylor is best known as Uncle Dudley, "The Jam Man." Following the loss of his beloved Dorothy, he started making jam since it reminded him of his time with her in Paradise, Calif. Soon, he was making so much jam he had to start selling it at the Farmers Market. And sell it he did, he had orders from across the country and each week he would sell out his jam at the local Farmers Market. For many years, he was a beloved fixture at the Paradise and Twin Falls Farmers Markets, where he made countless friends and fans of his renowned jam.

He is survived by his five children and their spouses, William Davis "Bill" Taylor (Kim), James Allen "Jim" Taylor (Eleanor), Laurel Ann Smith (Larry), Christine Elizabeth McNurlin (Dean) and Anne Louise Taylor (Jay); seven grandchildren, Katherine Taylor Polley, Lorin Smith, Zachary Elkins, Andrew Elkins, Lily Kramlich-Taylor, Eleanore Guenon and Grace Guenon; and three great-grandchildren.

His family is eternally grateful to his loving daughter, Christine; his grandson, Zachary Elkins; and his son-in-law, Dean McNurlin, for their constant loving care and devotion during his last few months.

Kenneth Taylor leaves behind a legacy of being a wonderful husband, a loving father, a generous man and a man of his word. He will be truly missed by his family and many friends.

Arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home. No service will be held locally. A veteran's service is planned in the future in the Bay area.

## E. Graham (Bub) Daven

BURLEY — E. Graham Daven, 93, of Issaquah, Wash., and formerly of Burley, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009.

Graham, affectionately known as Bub, was born in Burley, Idaho, on June 21, 1916, the son of Henry and Hattie Daven. He graduated from Burley High School, attended Weber State College and graduated from the University of Idaho with a bachelor's degree in business.

Graham worked for the Soil Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, where he served as district superintendent of the Portland, Oregon office, retiring there after 35 years of service.

After retirement, he enjoyed traveling extensively and spending many months a year in Maui, Hawaii, where he and his friend, Raymond Boyd, knew every bartender on Maui by their first name. They loved to travel and always had amazing adventures. Bub and Ray also spent time in Arizona, watching baseball spring training and cheering for their favorite team, the Chicago Cubs.

Bub loved meeting new people and spending lots of time with his beloved nieces and nephews. He had an uncanny ability to recall almost every moment in his 93 years of life and spin those stories into very entertaining moments. Graham will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his niece, Patty Rue Sprague; nephews, John Henry Rue



(Kristie) and Daven Bradley (Trudy); great-nieces and great-nephews and their children, Kathy Sprague Verran (Mike), Jeff Sprague (Melanie), Kellie Rue Boren (Ted), Chad Rue (Jennifer), Jeremy Rue (Jill), Amanda Bradley (Jeff) and Travis Bradley (Richelle).

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Jane Rue (John) and Elizabeth Bradley (Truman); and his best friend, Ray Boyd.

Kathy and Mike Verran and Jeff and Melanie Sprague lovingly cared for "Uncle Bub" during his declining health the last four months in Issaquah.

The family invites all who knew and loved Bub to come and share their memories at a celebration of his life from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley. Memories and stories can also be shared one hour prior to the service on Friday at the church. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 25, at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave., with the Rev. Al Fry officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery.

## Rev. Norman C. Archer

JEROME — Norman C. Archer went to be with his savior on Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009. Norman will always be remembered for his enduring faith in God, his sense of responsibility, and his deep love of family and friends.

Norman was born Sept. 26, 1919, in Ava, Mo. He was the eldest of 11 children. He married Mary Ellen Layton in Sparta, Mo., on March 27, 1943. Together, Norman and Mary raised seven children. He is survived by 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Norman served God by pastoring churches in Estacada, Ore., Big Sandy, Mont., Jerome, Idaho, Prineville, Ore., and Nampa, Idaho. He touched many people's lives, was loved by all of his congregations, and respected by the many lifelong friends he made in the First Church of God movement. Norman's wife, Mary, passed away in January 2000.

He was blessed to meet and marry Villa Jane Pilkenton on April 26, 2003. Villa Jane's parents, Valentine and Edith Raugust, were able to attend their church wedding. It was a joyous occasion in Norman's life. Norman enjoyed six happy, fulfilling years with Villa Jane, being lovingly cared for by Villa Jane and her family. He especially loved Villa's young grandchildren, James, Coyleen, Katanna, Brandon, Wyatt and Mylilla. They made him feel young again and he spent many good times helping Villa Jane



watch and care for them.

Norman is survived by two brothers, Frank Archer and Dale Archer of Yakima, Wash.; and three sisters, Eileen Quinn of Selah, Wash., Jackie Buchanan of Selah, Wash., and Wanda Hull of Sparta, Mo. He is also survived by seven children. Gary Archer of White Swan, Wash., Janice Richards (Edwin) of Eagle Creek, Ore., Shirley Burke (Tim) or Estacada, Ore., Phyllis Stewart (Bud) of Vancouver, Wash., Jimmy Archer (Vicci) of Jerome, Idaho, Donna Cleland (Jim) of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Norman Archer Jr. of Twin Falls, Idaho; and stepchildren, Gaylo (Anne) Walz of Portland, Maine, Lonnie Walz of Jerome, Idaho, Arlene (Clarence) Heimstra of Twin Falls, Idaho, and LaCoy (Nicky) Pilkenton of Jerome, Idaho. Also surviving him are his grandchildren, Mary, Jeff, Patrice, Mandy, Scott, Jamie, Torri, Zachary, Lora and Josiah.

Norman was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Bertha Archer; his brothers, Etcyl, Wayne and Marvin; and his sisters, Maxine and Patty.

Norman's funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel, 629 Third Ave. E. in Jerome. A viewing for family and friends will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the chapel. Funeral services are under the care and direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

## Michele Renee Roe

GARDEN CITY — Michele Renee Roe of Garden City, Idaho, passed away Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009, at her home, surrounded by her family and her soul mate, Brandon Misun.

Michele was born July 5, 1983, to Doug Roe and Julie Davis Peach, in Walla Walla, Wash.

Michele lived life to the fullest and her last wishes were for all of her family and friends to come together as one and celebrate her life, eat great food, sing joyful songs, dance with abandon, heal

any wounds, forgive any wrong doings, and go away from the celebration of life ready to conquer life with an open heart, mind and soul.

Michele's celebration life service will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at the Center for Spiritual Living, 600 N. Curtis in Boise, Idaho.

Brandon and Michele's family invite you to go to Facebook and request to become a member of Michele's group, *Michele's Full Moon Recovery*, to view photos and notes celebrating Michele's life.

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](mailto:obits@magicvalley.com). Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day.

## DEATH NOTICES

### Mary M. Debban

Mary Mae Debban, 90, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Sept. 18, 2009, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.

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

### Darlene Valenzuela

Darlene Valenzuela, 65, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Sept. 18, 2009, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

### Gayla J. Sanford

KING HILL — Gayla Jean Sanford, 79, of King Hill, died Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009, in an automobile acci-

dent. Arrangements will be announced by Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

### Gerald Frost

BURLEY — Gerald "Jerry" Ira Frost, 75, of Burley, died Friday, Sept. 18, 2009, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Morrison Funeral Home & Crematory in Rupert.

### Mabel B. Carpenter

WENDELL — Mabel B. Carpenter, 81, of Wendell, died Friday, Sept. 18, 2009, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel.

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## Milton Frederick Rutter

JEROME — After a few days of medical complications, Milton passed away comfortably in his sleep, Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.



Milton was a member of American Legion Post 24 and the Masonic Lodge in Hailey. He and his late wife, Mary (Sexton) Rutter, were members of

the Wood River Rangers Riding Club, where Milton exercised his cooking talents for the group on many weekend campouts. Both volunteered their time for many years in the production of the 4th of July Wood River Roundup Rodeo until they moved to Jerome in 1999.

Born Milton Frederick Rutter, in his family's home in Hailey on Feb. 18, 1921, he attended school in Hailey. He worked summers in his family's construction business, starting at age 13 as a water boy with the 120-man crew that hand dug the Hailey municipal water system from Indian Creek and through the streets of Hailey. In 1943, he enlisted for service in the U.S. Army. He served as a field-mess cook with the 6th Army during campaigns in North Africa and Italy, ending up at the foot of the Italian Alps in northern Italy when the armistice was declared.

Upon his release from service, he worked as a carpenter with his father at the Triumph mine on the East Fork of the Big Wood River until its closure. He continued his carpentry career with his father's construction company (JM Rutter, Contractor), Loomis Construction Company and his son's construction company (RF Rutter, Contractor) and retired in Hailey in 1978. During his employment, he collected scrap copper to finance his hunting trips and scrap wood that he delivered to various widowed ladies in Hailey for heating.

Milton was an avid outdoorsman and successfully hunted mountain goats, antelope, deer, elk and upland game birds. Also an accomplished fisherman, he spent many evenings fishing the Big Wood River between Deer Creek and Croy Creek, and enjoyed taking his children and grandchildren fishing on Quigley Creek.

Milton is survived by his son, Ralph Rutter (Julie) of Dumont, Colo.; grandsons, Joey Showalter (Teresa) of Bellevue, Jamie Showalter of Bellevue, Bryan Rutter Richardson (Kim) of Seattle, Wash., Colton Terry of South Lake Tahoe, Calif., and David Chiprany (Diane) of Acworth, Ga.; granddaughters Chelsea Behrens (Eric) of Seattle, Wash., Christina Terry Dorlig of San Diego, Calif., and Lisa Chiprany of Acworth, Ga.; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Leticia Jackson; brother, Verl Rutter; two daughters, Rene Rutter and Vicky Showalter; two sons, Thomas Chiprany and Chris Terry; grandson, John Showalter; and spouses, Gloria Berry, Mary McFarland and Mary Sexton.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Blaine County Senior Center, 721 S. Third Ave., Hailey, ID, 83333.

An interment will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, at the Hailey Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338, with assistance from Wood River Chapel.

## Shawna Rai Dennett

On Friday, Sept. 18, 2009, Heavenly Father called Shawna Rai Dennett home.



Shawna was born Aug. 26, 1970, in Fontana, Calif., to Roger and Hazel Burdick. She grew up in California, where she met and married David Dennett.

They lived in Idaho and Washington, Utah, raising their family of seven. As a single mom, Shawna worked hard to keep her family together. Her children were very important to her and she had a unique and special relationship with each one of them. She enjoyed her work as a care giver to both her children and those she worked with at the Center for Independent Living in Twin Falls, Idaho, where she was well thought of by her friends and co-workers.

Shawna was looking forward to the birth of her first grandchild, which is due in March. Obviously Heavenly Father needed her care-giving hands and we say good-

bye to our loving mother, sister and friend.

Shawna is survived by her children, Brianna (Carrington) Key, Brian, Kamie, Tanika, twins Kyle and Kristopher, and Tyson; her mom, Hazel; brothers, Dean and Don; best friend, Katie; and extended family members and great friends. Shawna was preceded in death by her dad, Roger, and brothers, Bruce and Robert.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, at the LDS Church on Harrison Street in Twin Falls, Idaho. A visitation for family and friends will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, at the White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the church. A visitation will also be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at the Washington East Stake building, 1867 S. Washington Fields road in Washington, Utah, with a memorial service at 11 a.m.



Washington Post photo

Jose Rodriguez works at the Montgomery County, Md., waste station, where, in July, 122 tons of TVs were dropped off — more than twice that of July 2008. Concerns about TV toxicity have governments scrambling to monitor dumping.

## No audience out there for those old TVs

By Michael S. Rosenwald  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — This land is your land, this land is clunker land. From clunker cars to Jonathan Carroll's kitchen table, where a 20-inch Philips TV sits unplugged awaiting someone — anyone — to fire it up again before next week's season premiere of "Dancing With the Stars."

The TV works fine, Carroll says in a Craigslist ad. Only \$40. Just a few years old. Perfect for a dorm room. Yet nobody has responded to the offer. "Not even the scammers," Carroll said. "They don't bother." Similar ads are piling up: "32" Panasonic TV 2000. Perfect working condition. Like New!" And "19 inch tv — \$19."

Alas, these televisions don't have much going for them. In technological terms, they use cathode-ray tubes — CRTs. In layman's language, they are clunkers. Like Formica countertops displaced by granite, they no longer seem sleek. Like gas-guzzling autos surpassed by hybrids, they can no longer claim the cutting edge. They are fully functional dinosaurs in a high-def age. They just aren't, like Carroll's new TV, flat.

"It's amazing that nobody wants a perfectly good TV," Carroll said. "It even has a remote."

America's unquenchable craving, even in a recession, for the latest and greatest in electronics, and the nation's switch to digital television broadcasting in June, have combined to send consumers racing for flat-screen TVs — and has made them anxious to rid their homes of their tube-based relics. Carroll and others worry that nobody will take their old TVs, not even for free, and local governments are scrambling to stop the rejects, laden with lead, from being dumped in

landfills or poor Asian countries.

"Our society consumes a lot of electronics, whether it be computers, cell phones, TiVos, stereos or TVs, and these days, these things have a very limited life span," said Peter Karasik, who, as manager of the transfer station in Montgomery County, Md., has a canary-in-the-coalmine view of the country's electronics fashions.

In no segment of the electronics industry is the new supplanting the old faster than for boob tubes. Last year, 91 percent of the 37 million TVs sold in the United States had flat screens, according to the market research firm DisplaySearch. The number of tube TVs sold has fallen spectacularly, from 15.6 million in 2006 to 3.1 million last year. Asking a Best Buy salesman where the tube TVs are is a fail-safe way to induce giggles. The chain doesn't sell them anymore.

As new TVs enter the home, many people hide the old ones in basements, garages or closets. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that 99 million TVs were stored this way two years ago. But many TVs are simply tossed. In 2007, 27 million units were discarded, and 77 percent of them were tossed out with the trash (most of the rest are recycled).

Responding to potential landfill contamination, 18 states, including Virginia and Maryland, require manufacturers to help pay for electronics recycling. Montgomery County's recycling program took in 122 tons of TVs in July, more than double the load in July of last year.

"Ever since the human being appeared, we've been hard-wired to hunt for better and bigger," said Martin Lindstrom, a marketing guru and author of

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Contact your local waste department to ask about e-recycling programs. Many jurisdictions accept televisions.
- The Electronics TakeBack Coalition has plenty of recycling resources on its Web site: [www.electronicstakeback.com](http://www.electronicstakeback.com).
- Several TV manufacturers have launched take-back programs; contact the maker of your television for information.

— The Washington Post

"Buyology?" "And that makes us think, 'I don't want to end up being the last person on planet Earth left with a CRT!'"

Carroll executed a succession plan in his Washington D.C. apartment: New flat screen is installed in living room, living room tube moves to the bedroom, the little Philips in the bedroom goes to Craigslist. Across the country, clunker pathways vary according to size of home and shape of family. Some TVs shift from bedrooms to basements to garages. Others migrate to college dorms. "It's the TV shuffle," Carroll said.

### The family of Lorna Bolton

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## SERVICES

**Robert "Bob" Eugene Whipkey** of Gooding, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Gooding United Methodist Church; visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

**Alan H. Humphrey** of Bremerton, Wash., and formerly of Twin Falls, potluck gathering at 2 p.m.

Saturday at the home of Ken and Sue Masoner (two blocks off Highway 21 on southeast corner of Niece and Critchfield avenues) in Stanley.

**Donna Jean Bacon** of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today

at the mortuary.

**Phyllis Bauer Eldredge** of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at the Twin Falls LDS 6th Ward Church, 667 Harrison St.; visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

**Eugene "Gene" C. Davis** of Bruneau, funeral at 11

a.m. Tuesday at the American Legion Hall in Bruneau; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the legion hall (Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home).

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### BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

**Today:** Breezy to windy at times, but dry and sunny. Highs, 60s.  
**Tonight:** Diminishing winds and clear skies. Lows, lower 40s.  
**Tomorrow:** Sunny skies. Highs, upper 70s to near 70.

### ALMANAC - BURLEY

Temperature		Precipitation	
Yesterday's High	86	Yesterday's	0.00"
Yesterday's Low	50	Month to Date	0.01"
Normal High / Low	72 / 42	Avg. Month to Date	0.39"
Record High	90 in 1956	Water Year to Date	12.12"
Record Low	18 in 1965	Avg. Water Year to Date	10.07"

### IDAHO'S FORECAST

#### SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

The cold front that moved through earlier has left behind cooler temperatures, strong winds and just a few light showers for Sunday. Monday will be calmer, with less wind, but it will still be a little cool.

**Today Highs 55 to 67** **Tonight's Lows 20 to 32**

**BOISE** The most recent cold front has brought in more wind than precipitation for the immediate area. This wind, however, will start to subside later today and on Monday. Monday will also be sunny and dry.

**Today Highs/Lows 72 to 77/36 to 41**

#### NORTHERN UTAH

Cool temperatures will move in on Sunday and Monday thanks to a cold front. Precipitation is not expected, but it will be breezy at times.

**Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 91 at Mtn. Home AFB Low: 33 at Stanley**  
 weather key: su-sunny, po-partially 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
WINDY Windy at times	Clear with less wind	Sunny	Warmer	More sun	Very warm
<b>High 73</b>	<b>Low 41</b>	<b>71 / 46</b>	<b>84 / 50</b>	<b>86 / 55</b>	<b>86 / 54</b>

### ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature		Precipitation		Humidity		Barometric Pressure		Sunrise and Sunset		Pollen Count	
Yesterday's High	89	Yesterday's	Trace	Yesterday's High	43%	6 p.m. Yesterday	29.91 in.	Today	Sunrise: 7:23 AM	Sunset: 7:36 PM	TF pollen count yesterday:
Yesterday's Low	61	Month to Date	0.03"	Yesterday Low	16%	Today		Monday	Sunrise: 7:24 AM	Sunset: 7:36 PM	87 (High) Sagebrush, Kochia
Normal High / Low	71 / 42	Avg. Month to Date	0.38"	Today's Forecast High	62%	Tuesday		Tuesday	Sunrise: 7:25 AM	Sunset: 7:35 PM	
Record High	91 in 1981	Water Year to Date	13.07"	Today's Forecast Low	30%	Wednesday		Wednesday	Sunrise: 7:27 AM	Sunset: 7:33 PM	Mold: 3478 (High)
Record Low	24 in 1965	Avg. Water Year to Date	10.83"	A water year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30							

### REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Boise	74 38 w	76 46 su	87 51 su
Bonnars Ferry	66 35 pc	75 41 su	84 44 su
Burley	68 38 w	68 40 su	77 45 su
Challis	67 37 sh	72 40 su	79 47 su
Coeur d'Alene	66 36 su	74 44 su	83 49 su
Elko, NV	71 27 su	70 34 su	82 38 su
Eugene, OR	77 45 su	92 51 su	94 53 su
Gooding	70 38 pc	68 41 su	80 46 su
Gracie	71 38 pc	67 36 su	76 41 su
Hagerman	75 40 pc	74 42 su	87 47 su
Hailey	69 36 sh	69 38 su	77 48 su
Idaho Falls	69 35 w	66 35 su	76 43 su
Kalispell, MT	66 33 sh	73 38 pc	79 44 su
Jerome	71 39 pc	69 44 su	81 48 su
Lewiston	74 46 w	84 49 su	93 55 su
Malad City	73 38 pc	72 38 su	79 45 su
Matta	71 37 pc	71 39 su	79 44 su
McCall	63 33 sh	68 37 su	79 41 su
Missoula, MT	66 40 sh	74 41 su	80 47 su
Pocatello	71 38 w	68 37 su	78 46 su
Portland, OR	78 52 su	91 60 su	93 62 su
Rupr	72 38 pc	72 40 su	81 46 su
Rexburg	67 33 sh	64 32 su	73 41 su
Richland, WA	74 47 su	80 51 su	84 55 su
Rogerson	66 31 su	71 43 su	77 45 su
Salmon	68 33 sh	77 35 su	82 40 su
Salt Lake City, UT	78 49 th	70 50 su	74 54 su
Spokane, WA	77 67 th	82 67 th	80 64 th
Stanley	60 23 sh	67 32 su	76 35 su
Sun Valley	61 31 sh	62 37 su	70 44 su
Yellowstone, MT	57 23 sh	52 28 pc	66 31 su

### CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	60 39 sh	73 52 pc	Saskatoon	70 47 pc	67 54 pc
Cranbrook	53 26 pc	26 pc 62	Toronto	67 54 pc	67 57 r
Edmonton	61 41 pc	69 54 pc	Vancouver	60 49 pc	69 58 pc
Kelowna	56 30 sh	67 45 pc	Victoria	63 46 pc	68 52 pc
Lethbridge	61 43 r	72 51 pc	Winnipeg	81 50 pc	69 50 pc
Regina	73 49 r	64 53 pc			

### GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You can tell more about a person by what he says about others than you can by what others say about him."

Leo Aikman Writer and Newspaper Editor

### WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Acapulco	89 77 th	89 76 th	Moscow	56 43 r	61 50 pc
Athens	77 59 sh	73 62 su	Nairobi	73 56 sh	75 55 pc
Auckland	58 50 pc	61 52 pc	Oslo	59 42 pc	58 53 pc
Bangkok	91 76 th	91 76 th	Paris	77 55 sh	73 49 pc
Beijing	73 52 r	75 46 pc	Prague	76 51 pc	75 54 sh
Berlin	80 57 pc	74 46 pc	Rio de Janeiro	75 65 sh	68 65 sh
Buenos Aires	66 48 pc	71 48 pc	Rome	79 66 th	80 67 th
Cairo	92 65 pc	94 66 pc	Santiago	76 46 pc	65 36 pc
Dhahran	109 86 pc	106 86 pc	Seoul	73 58 pc	67 49 r
Geneva	60 46 sh	65 47 sh	Sydney	77 56 pc	69 60 pc
Hong Kong	85 82 th	85 76 th	Tel Aviv	80 76 sh	79 77 sh
Jerusalem	83 66 sh	84 64 sh	Tokyo	76 60 pc	66 64 r
Johannesburg	72 49 pc	80 56 pc	Vienna	74 50 pc	76 53 pc
Kuwait City	110 83 pc	102 81 pc	Warsaw	69 49 pc	75 56 pc
London	66 50 sh	68 53 sh	Winnipeg	81 50 pc	69 50 pc
Mexico City	67 47 sh	68 49 sh	Zurich	63 39 sh	60 46 sh

### TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP

Valid to 6 p.m. today  
 Yesterday's National Extremes:  
 High: 108 at Bullhead City, Ariz.  
 Low: 24 at Spincich Lake, Mich.

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# Michael Moore screens 'Capitalism' in Michigan

"I know what's in front of me these next weeks and months. That's why I wanted to watch this with you guys before I'm thrown to the lions."  
 — Michael Moore, telling his audience that he expects withering criticism of his new film from conservative politicians and commentators

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BELLAIRE, Mich. (AP) — Filmmaker Michael Moore gave residents of his adopted Michigan community an early showing of his new documentary on Saturday and urged them to help overthrow an economic system he said was beyond redemption.

More than 500 people crowded into a theater in Bellaire to see "Capitalism: A Love Story," a film based on the premise that greed and corruption have subverted U.S. democracy.

"I know what's in front of me these next weeks and months," Moore told one audience, anticipating withering criticism from conservative politicians and commentators, then added with a laugh: "That's why I wanted to watch this with you guys before I'm thrown to the lions."

Moore keeps a lakeside home near Bellaire, a rural village about 240 miles northwest of Detroit in Michigan's northwestern Lower Peninsula, and produced the film in a nearby town. The two showings along with three parties raised about \$25,000 for the local Antrim County Democratic Party, its chairman said. Michigan's unemployment rate of 15.2 percent is the nation's highest. It's even worse in parts of northern Michigan, where numerous auto parts factories and other manufacturers have folded in recent years.

The film blames the economic crisis on President Reagan-era deregulation and greedy business executives who Moore believes undermined free enterprise by pushing for policies that benefited the richest 1 percent while hurting the lower and middle classes.

Moore and his team produced "Capitalism" in a studio in Traverse City south of Bellaire.

"It was better for us to be here, in the heart of the trouble, instead of in the bubble of New York," said Moore, a Flint native.

There's little doubt the film will be controversial. Moore has long enraged conservatives with darkly satirical works such as "Bowling for Columbine," which criticized the nation's love affair with guns, and "Fahrenheit 9/11," an attack on the Bush administration's handling of the war in Iraq.

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## EDITORIAL

# Richland improvised — and found a recipe for reinventing downtown

**D**owntown Twin Falls has been losing business and shoppers for a quarter century. The common refrain when anyone asks why invariably starts with “We don’t have enough of ...”

Not enough anchor stores. Not enough people who live downtown. Not enough parking.

Yet elsewhere in the West, downtowns manage to reinvent themselves even when a critical ingredient is missing.

“Tax-increment financing is legal in 49 states, but it’s unconstitutional in Washington,” said Joe Schiessl, planning and redevelopment manager for the city of Richland. “That takes a pretty useful tool right off the table for us.”

What’s tax-increment financing? It’s a big reason why Henningsen Cold Storage, Seastrom Manufacturing, Solo Cup, Jayco and other large employers are in Twin Falls.

TIF uses future gains in taxes to pay for current improvements. When property is developed, the value of surrounding real estate often increases and there’s frequently new investment. This higher property value generates increased tax revenues.

TIF is often used to channel funding toward improvements in areas where development might not otherwise happen. In states where it is legal, TIF is used in virtually all downtown development projects.

Without that tool, Richland had to innovate.

“We put a lot of emphasis on public-private partnerships” to develop the section of downtown Richland now called the Three Rivers Arts and Entertainment District, Schiessl explained.

Richland has a long history of improvising. The town was a federal government invention, built a few miles from the reactor complex that produced the world’s first weapons-grade plutonium.

During World War II, it was a closed city — open only to those authorized by the Army. All land and buildings were owned by the government, and housing was assigned. Everything necessary was provided, from free bus service to light bulbs, and trees were planted in people’s yards by the Army.

The government didn’t get out of the property business until 1957, when real estate was sold to residents. Undeveloped land — and there was a lot of it — became city property.

So in a town that’s technically only 51 years old — the city was incorporated in 1958 — redevelopment and development are sometimes the same thing.

The commercial core of Richland has many government buildings, an abundance of federal and corporate employees and lots of inviting riverfront property.

“There’s a critical mass of people downtown,” Schiessl said. “But not a lot of people who live downtown.”

Because the Atomic Energy Commission — later the U.S. Department of Energy — and Battelle, Bechtel, Fluor, CH2M Hill dominated the town, there were many residents with graduate degrees and a keen interest in science and culture.

“Each of the three cities (Richland is one of the ‘Tri-Cities’ at the confluence of the Columbia, Snake and Yakima rivers, along with Pasco and Kennewick) has its own niche, and Richland’s is science,” Schiessl said. “A lot of arts organizations operate here, so in the mid-’90s the entertainment and arts district was organized.”

The district includes downtown and riverside Howard Amon Park and the Riverfront Trail. The city built a new community center and police station and developed the infrastructure and “streetscape.” And because of all the deep-pocketed companies and relatively well-off retirees in the community, there’s plenty of public art.

The district is a mix of culture and enterprise — large Red Lion and Hampton Inn hotels, shops, galleries, theaters, restaurants and the iconic Atomic Ale Brewpub and Eatery.

“There’s a basic vision for the district, but a lot of people have a lot of different ideas,” Schiessl said. “As with downtown redevelopment anywhere, that’s one of the challenges.”



### 5 lessons from Richland

#### 1. Dance with who brung ya

Downtowns can’t successfully redevelop outside the character of the community. Richland is a town of open spaces and science-and-art-loving Ph.D.s, and the city’s core reflects that.

#### 2. Public art is a redevelopment asset.

Richland has developed a public art strategic plan, and uses art to anchor development projects.

#### 3. Don’t poach on the neighbors’ turf

Richland and its neighboring “Tri-Cities” of Pasco and Kennewick have what amounts to a gentleman’s agreement about what type of development each town will campaign to attract, and they promote the Tri-Cities as a single community.

#### 4. Small-scale public redevelopment projects work

Richland has a successful grant program to restore storefront facades and aid downtown businesses in other ways, and it’s always in demand.

#### 5. Partnerships evolve

Private management or ownership of projects developed with the help of public assets maximizes resources and increases community involvement.



# Happy days were here again

## Greatly Depressed?

### Not Twin Falls

By Jim Gentry

In spite of the devastating impact of the Great Depression, many Twin Falls people found meaning through new business options, enlarged entertainment choices, and the celebration of historical milestones which helped them cope with tough times.

Some retail businesses actually thrived: F.W. Woolworth and J.C. Penney expanded into larger buildings. Sunset Memorial Park began selling burial plots without traditional tombstones. Expanding cheese production encouraged the creation of the Twin Falls Livestock Commission Company. Motor vehicle sales skyrocketed and a major home construction boomed after 1936. In September 1933 citizens in Twin Falls City and County voted to repeal prohibition; the state of Idaho obtained more than \$55,000 from beer taxes in the last months of 1933. Clearly newly-legalized alcohol was popular!

The entertainment industry was also popular. The Twin Falls Community Concert Association created entertainment options; its first production was “Petticoat Fever” in 1940. Recreational activities expanded after the mid-1930s. Radio station KTFI introduced Radioland — known as Radio Rondevoo after 1940 — to serve the dancing community. Individuals could bowl at the newly created Bowladrome or skate at the Rollerdrome. Skiing in the South Hills improved to the point that there were 45,000 people visitors in 1940. One forest ranger noted that “during the Depression the government supported the people and they had so much spare time the government had to build places for them to spend it.”

Movies were popular in Twin Falls as elsewhere. Audiences could watch Walt Disney’s “Snow White and the Seven

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Dwarfs” at the Roxy Theater or “Gone with the Wind” played at the Orpheum Theater. Much local excitement developed when it appeared that Twin Falls own Arleen Whelan might get the part of Scarlett O’Hara. One could enjoy the Sun Valley connection and the ice skating craze while watching Sonja Henie in “Sun Valley Serenade;” a new ice skating rink was finished in Sun Valley in 1939. In Twin Falls one could observe well-known movie stars who had “spilled over” from Sun Valley. Douglas Fairbanks even considered purchasing the Blue Lakes Ranch. Another entertainment alternative emerged in 1939 with the Pioneer League’s Cowboys baseball team.

Local history helped sustain the community. In 1934 Twin Falls celebrated its 30th anniversary. During four days in early September parades and pageants reflected the celebration. A “Jubilee Edition” of the *Twin Falls Daily News* provided additional history. Charles Walgamott expanded his “Reminiscences of Early Days,” published in 1926, two years after the 20-year celebration, with his “Six Decades Back” published in 1936.

See **DEPRESSION**, Opinion 2

## DEPRESSION TIMELINE

- **June 1931**  
Twin Falls Canal Company reduces wages 10-15 percent.
- **November 1931**  
Idaho Gov. Ben Ross fires all female state employees whose husband have jobs.
- **Nov. 23, 1931**  
Twin Falls National Bank fails.
- **Dec. 4, 1931**  
First National Bank of Twin Falls fails, leaving Twin Falls Bank and Trust the only bank in town.
- **1932**  
A “Hooverville” established in Rock Creek Canyon; Twin Falls County commissioners eliminate the county fair; it won’t be re-established until 1935.
- **Oct. 1, 1932**  
City Council authorizes Mayor Richard Bobier to close TFBT for a two-week “bank holiday” to permit the company to reorganize; it doesn’t reopen until Dec. 1.
- **Nov. 8, 1932**  
Rock-ribbed Republican Twin Falls County votes Democratic in a landslide.
- **1933**  
Amalgamated Sugar closes its Twin Falls plant because of low sugar beet yields caused by drought; it won’t reopen until 1936.
- **February 1933**  
Twin Falls County commissioners set up a “poor” farm for the elderly and the indigent.
- **May 1933**  
Civilian Conservation Corps camp established on Rock Creek.
- **Sept. 19, 1933**  
Twin Falls County voters repeal prohibition.
- **January 1934**  
Southern Idaho Production Credit Association organized to provide farm loans.
- **May 18, 1935**  
Fidelity National Bank opens in Twin Falls, giving the community a second bank for the first time since 1931.
- **March 1939**  
State of Idaho buys the privately-owned “Perrine” bridge, greatly increasing cross-canyon traffic.



**ABOVE:** Twin Falls-bred actress Arleen Whelan with her escort, 20th Century Fox publicist Robert Dannenbaum, at the 1939 premiere of the movie ‘Young Mr. Lincoln.’ Whelan was up the the lead in a more famous 1939 film, ‘Gone With the Wind,’ but the part when to Vivian Leigh.

**TOP:** A traveling astronomy shows set up shop in front of the Roxy Theater in downtown Twin Falls in the summer of 1939.

### A tale of 2 cities

	Richland	Twin Falls
Population	46,155	42,197
Annual population growth	2.4%	2.8%
Median age	38	34
Median household income	\$58,080	\$37,100
Median home value	\$179,965	\$137,961
Unemployment	6.1%	7.6%
Home ownership	66.3%	62.5%
Daytime population change (commuting)	+20.7%	+18%
Residents below poverty level	8.2%	14.1%
Retail sales per capita	\$8,682	\$22,469

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**We don't need to rip out the whole system**

If we have problems in our lives, we don't rip up the whole system with the problems and install a whole new system, unless the whole system is, or will continue to be, unworkable and unfixable. If we have problems with our house electrical system, we don't bust up the walls, pull out all the wiring and reinstall everything just to fix a few problems. Same approach with our plumbing systems, our heating systems, our irrigation systems, or any other system where fixing the problem, or problems, will get the system straightened out.

In short, if we have a problem, or two or three, we work on the problem, and leave alone the bulk of the system that works. As more than one wiser person than I am has said, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!" Our government, or more specifically, our president, his liberal politician followers, his media sycophants, and all those still hypnotized seem to favor the opposite approach, i.e., "Rip out the whole thing and install our favorite system."

Think about these words or acronyms: TARP, stimulus, federal budget for next year, cap and trade (or my favorite substitute: "Crap and Tax"), Health Care Reform. Do you really want our government to continue with these efforts? Consider the non-benefits we have already seen: rising unemployment, continuing stock market doldrums, businesses going bust at an accelerated rate, ever more high-priced people on the government payroll (czars, etc.) and government power grabs as in General Motors and Chrysler.

Maybe all these government people are spending too much of our money to no effect; maybe we should remind them (and rein them in) that they were elected by, and work for, us, to do our bidding, not to keep running off trying to saddle us with more legislation we don't need or want, can't afford, and that result in ever more and tighter government control, leaving us with smaller and weaker personal freedoms.

**HENRY RIEDEMAN III**  
Twin Falls

**There's another side to Armenian story**

Regarding Liyah Babayan and her father's request to create a memorial in City Park to commemorate why Armenians live here; and request to make April 24 Twin Falls Armenian Memorial Day.

I arrived in Twin Falls on Jan. 30, 1991, with my wife and two children. I am very happy to live in Twin Falls. Not only Armenians have some reason to come to USA, but we, too. In the USA are refugees from all countries and they are here for some reason to come to USA.

I am Turkish, and I understand all Armenians are suffering that they feel the Ottoman Empire did genocide during the war in 1915 against Armenian. I myself strongly suggest to not use the word "genocide," until historians of Turkey and Armenia and other historians from all countries come to the final resolution.

During 1915 the Ottoman Empire was at war against Russia, England and the French.

According to the historians from different countries many Turkish people were killed by Armenian partisans and then Turks killed a lot of Armenians. It is thru, but it was a war time.

Those atrocities that happened during 1915, killing people by Armenians and Turks, are not acceptable, and if we enter Web sites "Armenian Genocide"; "Turkish Genocide" and Azerbaijani Genocide ("Nagorno Karabakh"), we will see a lot of pictures of atrocities that show what Armenians, Turks and Azerbaijani did. As we are great-great-grandchildren of Ottoman Empire and Armenia, we cannot say "Turkish Genocide" by Turks and "Armenian Genocide" by Armenians. Because we did not see what happened during World War I (1915).

If we (Turks and Armenians) (tell or agree with or believe: verb missing szb) everything we hear people say or rumors that spread about Armenian and Turkish genocides, we do a lot of mistakes. Let these problems be solved by historians and both countries, Turkey and Armenia.

Today Turkey and Armenia have a good relationship. I hope this relationship will continue and they will resolve the problems that happened during 1915 and those problems with Nagorno-Karabakh (Azerbaijan).

Martin Babayan is, and other Armenians are, my friends and I wish never to have any kind of problems with him or Armenians living in Twin Falls. We like each other.

At the end of 2005 a lot of Turkish families arrived in Twin Falls from Russia. Also they came here for some reasons. They have very good relationships with Armenians and they helped a lot to Turks in many different areas. Thanks to them.

I would like to have a good relationship with all Armenians and I hope this good relationship will continue at all times. Also I would like to thank the Twin Falls Parks and Recreational Commission who voted 9-0 on Aug. 11 not to approve Liyah Babayan and her father's request to donate a tree and plaque to City Park to commemorate why Armenians

live here. I strongly suggest the Parks and Recreation Commission not approve Babayan's request to donate tree and plaque to Twin Falls City Park and make April 24 Twin Falls Armenian Memorial Day. I believe the commission will reject Babayan's request because World War I did not happen in Twin Falls City Park. It happened in Turkish land, and maybe in the future there will be many similar requests by other communities.

Father of Turks, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk said, "Peace in the homeland. Peace in the world."

All consideration you could show on this honorable issue would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your valuable time.

**MUSTAFA GOLCUKLU**  
Twin Falls

**Depression**

Continued from Opinion 1

The second book was serialized in Sunday editions of the *Twin Falls Daily News* beginning March 8, 1936. In 1939, Murtaugh farmer Cliff Stary discovered two flintlock guns, four animal traps, and a hand-forged ax, apparently deposited on Oct. 28, 1811, by the Hunt Party's capsized canoe. In early July 1940 the Twin Falls community followed up with a celebration the 50 years of Idaho statehood.

A difficulty with analyzing tough times in the past is that we tend to assume that all experiences were negative. The Twin Falls experiences during the 1930s demonstrate the resilience of people; in that sense they inspire

us to cope with our own tough times.

One of the stabilizing factors was the sense of past accomplishment in the area.

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*tory at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. For further background, consult In the Middle and on the Edge. The Twin Falls Region of Idaho, available in the CSI Bookstore for \$14.95.*

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# ACORN was a story, but bigger news happened locally

We were late getting to the ACORN party last week.

It wasn't until Wednesday that we ran an Associated Press article about the dust-up surrounding the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now — AKA ACORN; AKA the lefty organization where President Obama cut his teeth as a Chicago community organizer and which continues to have influence in his administration.

We missed the story because the T-N is a nest of biased socialists — and perhaps worse — and we want to protect our man in the White House from guilt by association, right?

Well, the fact that we almost never endorse Democrats at election time (Just ask one. They're really peeved about it) and backed John McCain last November should indicate far less sinister forces in our tardiness.

The ACORN story was a real scorcher. For those lacking cable news, AM radio or access to the Internet, here's a recap:

Two enterprising young conservative filmmakers posing as a pimp and prostitute took a hidden camera to various ACORN offices around the country and asked ACORN employees for help setting up brothels employing 13-year-old Salvadoran immigrants they



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planned to smuggle into the country. Rather than recoiling in horror and dialing 911, the "anti-poverty program" offered advice on ways to claim brothel supplies as business expenses and counseled that allowing the kids to get educated would just cause problems.

That pretty much shatters the old outrage meter, folks.

ACORN has withstood past scandals involving voter registration fraud, financial mismanagement and general thuggery, but this time things are different. This time there's video.

The story first broke on a conservative activist's Web site, www.biggovernment.com, and was quickly trumpeted by FOX News, Beck, Rush, Hannity and lesser partisan broadcasters of the apocalypse.

On Friday the U.S. Census Bureau said it would no longer pay ACORN to help it reach the hard-to-count. Late Monday, the U.S. Senate voted 83-7 to strip ACORN of \$1.6 million per year in federal funding for various endeavors.

On Tuesday the broadcasters of the apocalypse teed off on "the mainstream media" in general for not

joining them in full slather, suggesting that we're a bunch of pinkos who...what the heck, this is just getting tiresome. You get the picture.

They're not entirely wrong. ACORN was a good story and it should have gotten better play from the start. I wouldn't dream of speaking for any other journalist, but I can explain why this little corner of the "mainstream media" came in late, and why ACORN never made our front page. First, we know who we are.

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economy or the first case of H1N1 flu in a Twin Falls school.

ACORN doesn't operate in south-central Idaho. It has a small office in Boise but the ersatz pimp and working girl skipped that location. We'll never know what kind of reception they would have had there.

We would have reacted with cat-like reflexes had this scandal happened in, say Filer, Sun Valley or maybe even Boise. In fact, if you know of any organization in south-central Idaho associated with any politician of any party that is planning or currently operating tax-evading brothels stocked with illegal alien child sex slaves please call. Pick up that phone NOW. Reverse the charges. It's on us.

We do devote some space to national and international news, but it's not our first priority.

The copy desk editors who monitor our wire services look for stories that are most relevant to south-central Idaho, followed by sto-

ries that aren't already being beaten senseless elsewhere. Applying that filter — local perspective absent of political bias — they considered ACORN less important than other wire reports.

With perfect 20/20 hindsight I have to disagree: For sheer audacity alone the ACORN story should have made the paper in some form when the story broke and especially right after the Census Bureau and Senate started treating the group like a rabid skunk at a wedding reception.

Should it have been front page news all along?

Sure — in Los Angeles,

Baltimore, Washington, D.C. and other cities where ACORN is more of a political force.

It's true that exposure of ACORN's wicked ways is great political theater that should have gotten more attention than we gave it.

But with all due respect to the broadcasters of the apocalypse, ACORN wasn't the most important thing that happened in our little corner of the world last week.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Parents should have open dialogue with kids

Tolerance is a learned skill: Education from the earliest years through the post-graduate years is a time of learning to form one's opinions and thoughts. To develop these skills, we must be able to listen to information that we may or may not agree with. Healthy and respectful dialogue and discourse on any given subject is the best way to recognize differing opinions and to, perhaps, understand the other person's point of view.

When educators are not allowed to present pertinent information to our students, such as President Obama's address to our nation's students, our children are deprived of the chance to discuss their own opinions on that topic. Our children are

growing up in a diverse world where varying opinions and perspectives abound. If we try to shelter our children from these differing perspectives, they will not have the skills necessary to interact with their fellow citizens when they reach adulthood.

Instead of sheltering our children from opposing views, we parents could have an open dialogue with our children about what our particular political party, religion or family believes on the given "hot topic" of the day.

We are living in a world where we all need to learn to live in peace with each other. To do this we need to be respectful of the differing opinions around us as we develop our own belief system.

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# Obama rolling into a week of high diplomatic stakes

By Ben Feller  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The unrelenting global troubles confronting Barack Obama are about to converge on him all at once, providing a stern test of leadership for a first-year president who has pledged to “change the world.”

In a span of four days, Obama will plunge into the politics of the United Nations and host a summit in Pittsburgh on the world’s wobbling economy. The international stage is coming to him, and no one standing on it with him will have higher stakes.

Obama is under pressure to push along stalled Mideast peace, prove the United States is serious about climate change and rally allies against the nuclear threats of Iran and North Korea. Restless leaders in Europe and elsewhere are pressing Obama to reform risky U.S. financial behavior and get Congress on board.

He also bears the load of two inherited wars that now bear his imprint — the one he’s winding down in Iraq and the one that’s widening in Afghanistan. Eight years after the Sept. 11 attacks, Obama must hold together international will as he tries to keep Afghanistan from becoming an al-Qaida launching pad again.

The talks have the potential to be galvanizing moments or opportunities lost.

“Leadership is not just telling people what you want, as the Bush administration discovered. Leadership is getting people to do what you need them to do,” said Jon Alterman, a

senior fellow in Middle East policy at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and a former State Department official in President George W. Bush’s first term.

Obama will have his chances.

His first speech to the 192-member General Assembly will outline his view of leadership, emphasizing a new brand of cooperation as if to underline he is not Bush. As U.N. ambassador Susan Rice described the message: “Everybody has a responsibility. The U.S. is leading anew. And we are looking to others to join.”

Obama will be the first U.S. president to be chairman of the Security Council, whose rotating presidency happens to be in U.S. hands this month during the annual meeting of the General Assembly. He expects to emerge from that special summit on arms control with a resolution that advances his goals of a nuclear-weapons free world.

The measure will try to put heat on Iran and North Korea without singling out any country.

With his domestic agenda consumed by health care, Obama is under pressure from world leaders to put more muscle into fighting climate change. He will seek to do just that this week, too, with a speech at a U.N. climate conference.

Time is short, though, for the U.S. to have leverage. An international conference is set for December in Denmark to a new global climate pact. Although the House has passed a bill to limit greenhouse gases, Senate action may fade until next year.



AP photo

President Obama speaks about the financial crisis on the anniversary of the Lehman Brothers collapse, Monday in New York. Obama pledged to avoid ‘self-defeating protectionism’ in the effort to get the major world economies back on their feet. Still, he told the Wall Street audience, ‘no trading system will work if we fail to enforce our trade agreements.’

Perhaps as important as the speeches will be the conversations the world never sees.

Obama, who arrives in New York City on Monday for the annual U.N. gathering, will meet privately with the leaders of Russia, China and Japan. Less formal sessions will take place all week.

The showcase for the new U.S. president is getting familiar.

In just his first year, Obama has made it through summits with heads of both the world’s 20 top economies and eight major industrial powers, as well as Western Hemisphere heads, Russian leaders and NATO. The president hasn’t been shy about calling for the U.N. to take on “big, tough” problems more effectively.

When the focus shifts to Pittsburgh, Obama will run the Group of 20 summit of the rich and developing countries that represent 80 percent of world economic output. Although their united, expensive efforts earlier this year helped halt the economic slowdown, there is enormous work left and wide divisions about how to proceed.

“All of us need to act more responsibly on behalf of a better economic future,” Obama said in a Saturday radio and Internet address that looked ahead to the G-20 summit and warned of complacency.

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# Russia abandons plans for missiles near Poland

Los Angeles Times

MOSCOW — Russia will drop its controversial threat to deploy missiles near Poland in a reaction to shifts in U.S. missile shield plans, a Defense Ministry spokesman said Saturday.

After President Barack Obama decided last week to scrap its planned missile facilities in Poland and the Czech Republic, Moscow was expected to follow suit and abandon its threat to deploy Iskander missile systems in the far western Russian enclave of Kaliningrad.

"Naturally, we will cancel the measures that Russia planned to take in response to the deployment of U.S. missile defense systems," Deputy Defense Minister Vladimir Popovkin said in an interview with Ekho Moskvy radio. "Common sense has finally prevailed over ambitions."

Obama's move to scrap plans for the missile facilities, which the Kremlin viewed as a menace, removes a stubborn sticking

## A call for U.S.-Russian cooperation on missile defense

NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen proposed Friday the U.S., Russia and NATO link their missile defense systems, a day after the U.S. shelved a plan for an Eastern European defense shield.



SOURCES: Missile Defense Agency; Missile Defense Advocacy Alliance; Russian Strategic Nuclear Forces

point from U.S.-Russian relations. The timing suggests it might have been intended to woo Moscow into growing more helpful on the issue of Iran's nuclear ambitions.

But Russian officials have remained noncommittal — and their abandonment of an unfulfilled threat is unlikely to boost Western hopes for cooperation on the Iran issue.

Russia generally has backed Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and been at pains to maintain cordial relations — and con-

siderable trade interests — with Iran. The Iranian president traveled to Russia this summer amid raging street protests over the legitimacy of his re-election, and was received by his Russian counterpart, Dmitry Medvedev.

On Saturday, however, the Russian government sharply criticized Ahmadinejad for calling the Holocaust a "myth."

"Statements to that effect, no matter where they come from, signify a departure from the truth, and are unacceptable," Foreign Ministry spokesman Andrei

Nesterenko said. "Attempts

to deny the Holocaust ... are an insult to all (World War II) victims and to all those who fought against fascism."

Russia has come under heavy pressure from Israel and the United States to toughen its stance against Iran's nuclear program. Expectations are growing in advance of Oct. 1, when officials from the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Russia and China will meet with Iranian diplomats in Turkey.

The idea of deploying missiles in Kaliningrad had

been criticized by the United States, NATO and European countries. NATO officials warned that setting up missiles in the patch of Russian land between Poland and Lithuania would have violated U.S.-Russian security treaties.

Russia replied that any military plans for Kaliningrad were an internal affair, and not up for international discussion. If the United States pressed ahead with its plans, Russian officials said, then so would Russia.

# CIA spies, analysts are 'surging' to Afghanistan

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The CIA is deploying teams of spies, analysts and paramilitary operatives to Afghanistan, part of a broad intelligence "surge" that will make the agency's station there among the largest in CIA history, U.S. officials say.

When complete, the CIA's presence in the country is expected to rival the size of its massive stations in Iraq and Vietnam at the height of those wars. Precise numbers are classified, but one U.S. official said the CIA already has nearly 700 employees in Afghanistan.

The influx parallels the U.S. military expansion, and comes at a time when the nation's spy services are under pressure from Army Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal to improve intelligence on the Taliban and find ways to reverse a series of unsettling trends.

Among them are a two-fold increase in the number of roadside bombs, a growing sophistication in the kinds of assaults aimed at coalition troops, and evidence that a Taliban group has developed an assembly-line like approach to grooming suicide bombers and supplying them to other organizations. U.S. officials have also been alarmed by a more sophisticated suicide attack — sending multiple fighters armed with guns to carry out coordinated assaults before detonating their

## Taliban leader tells 'invaders' to study history

KABUL (AP) — The Taliban's reclusive leader said in a Muslim holiday message Saturday that the U.S. and NATO should study Afghanistan's long history of war, in a pointed reminder that foreign forces have had limited military success in the country.

The message from Mullah Omar comes less than a month before the eighth anniversary of the U.S.-led invasion of Afghanistan to oust the Taliban for hosting al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden.

On Saturday, bombs targeting military vehicles in the south where the Taliban are increasingly powerful, killed six people.

In his message for the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Fitr, which ends the fasting month of Ramadan, Omar said the U.S. and NATO should study the history of Alexander the Great, whose forces were defeated by Pashtun tribesmen in the 4th century B.C.

"We would like to point out that we fought against the British invaders for 80 years from 1839 to 1919 and ultimately got independence by defeating" Britain, a statement attributed to Omar said.

"Today we have strong determination, military training and effective weapons. Still more, we have preparedness for a long war and the regional situation is in our favor. Therefore, we will continue to wage jihad until we gain independence and force the invaders to pull out," it said. The statement's authenticity could not be verified but it was posted on a Web site the Taliban frequently uses.

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The arriving spies are being used in range of assignments — teaming up with special forces units pursuing high-value targets, tracking public sentiment in provinces that have been shifting toward the Taliban, and collecting intelligence on corruption in the Afghan government.

The intelligence surge goes beyond the CIA to involve every major spy service, officials said,

including the National Security Agency, which intercepts calls and e-mails, as well as the Defense Intelligence Agency, which tracks military threats.

# Nigeria slams portrayal in sci-fi film 'District 9'

ABUJA, Nigeria (AP) — One of the summer's biggest blockbusters — a sci-fi morality tale about aliens and apartheid — is not welcome in Nigeria because of its portrayal of Nigerians as gangsters and cannibals, Nigeria's information minister said Saturday.

Information Minister Dora Akunyili has asked movie houses in the capital of Abuja to stop screening "District 9" because the South Africa-based sci-fi movie about aliens and discrimination makes Nigerians look bad.

"We have directed that they should stop public screening of the film," she said. "We are not happy about it because it portrays Nigeria in bad light."

Akunyili said she has asked Sony for an apology and wants them to edit out references to Nigeria and to the name of the main Nigerian gangster Obesandjo, whose name closely resembles that

of former Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo.

"We have written to the producer and distributor of the film, Sony Entertainment, expressing our displeasure and demanded an apology," she said. "We have asked that the areas where Nigeria and Obasanjo are mentioned should be edited from the film."

She and other government officials first saw the movie Wednesday during a private screening.

In one scene, Obesandjo tries to cut off and eat the arm of the film's protagonist, in an attempt to gain his supernatural powers. In others, Nigerian prostitutes are seen courting alien customers.

The film's portrayal of Nigerians has also drawn the ire of critics and bloggers, and has spawned a Facebook page called "Nigerians Offended by 'District 9,'" which had 57 members on Saturday.

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A plainclothes Pakistani police officer inspects confiscated weapons displayed for media at a police station in Islamabad, Pakistan on Saturday. Pakistani police raided a local security firm that has a contract with the U.S. Embassy, seizing dozens of allegedly unlicensed weapons, officials said.

## Pakistan police raid U.S.-contracted security firm

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Police raided a Pakistani security firm that helps protect the U.S. Embassy on Saturday, seizing 70 allegedly unlicensed weapons and arresting two people. The incident follows a series of scandals surrounding American use of private contractors in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The raid on two offices of the Inter-Risk company is especially sensitive because of a slew of recent rumors and media reports that U.S. embassy expansion plans in Pakistan include hiring the security firm formerly known as Blackwater.

The U.S. says there is no truth in the reports, but they have resonated with the many Pakistanis familiar with allegations that Blackwater employees were involved in unprovoked killings of Iraqi civilians.

Police official Rana Akram said that two Inter-Risk employees were arrested and being questioned. He said authorities were also seeking the company's owner, a retired Pakistani army captain. Reporters were shown the

weapons — 61 assault rifles and nine pistols — that were seized by dozens of police from the sites in pre-dawn raids in the capital, Islamabad.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Rick Snelsire said the U.S. contract with Inter-Risk to provide security at the embassy and consulates took effect this year. It is believed to be the first U.S. contract for the firm, Snelsire said. He did not know how long the contract was for or what it was worth.

"Our understanding is they obtained licenses with whatever they brought into the country to meet the contractual needs," he said. "We told the government that we had a contract with Inter-Risk."

A man who answered the phone number listed for the company and identified himself as Riaz Hussain said a raid had occurred, but gave no more information.

According to Inter-Risk's Web site, it was first formed in 1988 and offers wireless home alarm systems as well as security guards and other services.

Pakistan says Mumbai suspects to be charged next week

ISLAMABAD (AP) — A Pakistani court will indict seven suspects in the Mumbai attacks in the coming week, but India needs to provide evidence against the head of a banned Islamist group Pakistan is investigating in the plot, a top official said Saturday.

Interior Minister Rehman Malik's state-

ments appeared designed largely to assure India that Pakistan is serious about bringing justice to the perpetrators of the November siege that killed 166 people and ratcheted up tensions between the nuclear-armed rivals.

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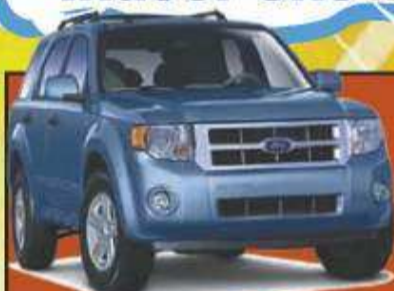
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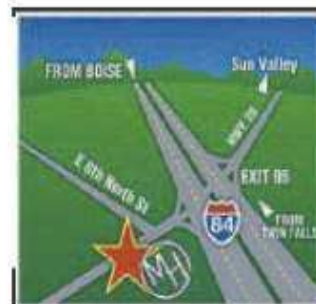
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## CSI bounces back Golden Eagles shred SLCC after collapsing against NIC

By David Bashore  
Times-News writer

The College of Southern Idaho volleyball team might lose its No. 1 ranking, but the Golden Eagles proved they could answer the bell after taking a body blow.

After an embarrassing collapse that led to a five-set loss to No. 3 North Idaho College, CSI rebounded for a 25-20, 25-22, 25-22 win over No. 6 Salt Lake Community College on Saturday to close out the Starr Corporation

Invitational with a 3-1 record.

The Golden Eagles (16-2) won the first two sets against Salt Lake fairly comfortably but had to rally from 11-5 down in the third set before taking off on an 11-4 run to get back into the set and another 6-2 mini-run to establish control.

"We never really panicked," said CSI head coach Heidi Cartisser. "We just talked about keeping the ball in play, playing defense and letting them make the mistakes. When we minimized

our errors, that's when we were able to come back."

Jessica Peacock and Elisa Brochado each had 10 kills for the Golden Eagles, who did in the Salt Lake match what they couldn't do in their crushing defeat earlier in the day: stem the tide when the momentum began to swing.

In the North Idaho match, CSI took 18 of the match's first 19 points and won the first two sets with relative ease, before collapsing in

See CSI, Sports 6



College of Southern Idaho volleyball player Alyssa Everett (14) leaps for the ball Saturday during the Golden Eagles' match against Salt Lake Community College at the CSI gymnasium in Twin Falls.

ERIN MATHSON/For the Times-News

# IDAHO SEALS THE DEAL



Idaho tailback DeMaundry Woolridge carries the ball downfield for a touchdown Saturday at the Kibbie Dome in Moscow. The Vandals defeated the San Diego State Aztecs 34-20.

Photo courtesy the University of Idaho

## Vandals clinch game against San Diego St.

The Associated Press

The Vandals were seven points and five minutes from overtime as San Diego State tried to close the gap, but DeMaundry Woolridge made sure to stretch that gap once again.

The Idaho tailback carried the ball 53 yards with just 2:31 remaining in the game to seal the Vandals' second win of the season as they defeated the Aztecs 34-20 at the Kibbie Dome in Moscow.

It was Woolridge's second touchdown of the day and more than half of his 93 yards on the ground. The Vandals outrushed the Aztecs 147 to 55.

Idaho jumped ahead early when Joseph Dickson returned an interception 74 yards for a first-quarter touchdown.

"It was like, 'Merry Christmas,'" said Dickson, who confessed to watching himself on the video board to make sure he was moving fast enough to outrun anyone who might have been chasing him.

San Diego State stayed close with the help of two long field goals by Lane Yoshida — one from 47 yards, the other from 46 — and touchdown catches by Vincent Brown and Robert Wallace. But the Aztecs failed to match Idaho's touchdowns with their own.

Idaho was also boosted by a touchdown from Deonte Jackson in the first quarter

and two field goals from Trey Farquhar.

Receiver Max Komar led Idaho with 78 yards on five receptions, while Daniel Hardy's numbers were nearly identical (4-76). Junior quarterback Nate Enderle completed 17 of 30 passes for 232 yards.

On defensive, Dickson recorded six tackles, Shiloh Keo had nine stops and true freshman Aaron Grymes had eight. Jonah Sataraka, Idaho's defensive captain, had four tackles and one sack.

The Vandals are 2-1 overall following this nonconference match and will face Northern Illinois Saturday in Dekalb, Ill.

The University of Idaho media relations department contributed to this report.



AP photo

Boise State's Jeremy Avery gets by Fresno State's Marvin Haynes and A.J. Jefferson in the first half of an NCAA college football game Friday in Fresno, Calif.

## Boise State offense saves defense in win

By Todd Dvorak  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Boise State got all it could handle from Fresno State, bailed out by an offense that matched every second-half Bulldog score with plenty of offensive fireworks.

The No. 10 Broncos' 51-34 victory Friday night still proved costly.

The health of running back D.J. Harper is in question when he did not return after a hard hit in the backfield during the fourth quarter, after he ran for 107 yards, including a 60-yard touchdown scamper early.

Of even greater concern may be the Boise State defense, touted in the first two games for handcuffing opposing offenses. It got taken down a notch after allowing Fresno State to rally from 24-3 deficit in the second quarter. By the end, the Broncos (3-0, 1-0 WAC) had allowed 507 yards on the ground, including 234 by Fresno State running back Ryan Matthews.

"It's a great game for us to be involved in, to be able to fight and pull it out," Boise State coach Chris Petersen said. "It's very painful in a lot of ways to go through but that's football. I think there's a lot of hard lessons learned and we'll be better for it."

After beating the Bulldogs (1-2, 0-1) in a wild game featuring six scoring plays of 60 yards or more, the Broncos now focus their attention on next Saturday's game at Bowling Green.

It's unclear if the Broncos will have Harper, who injured his leg after being smothered for a loss late. Petersen didn't address his injury after the game. Harper has rushed for 292 yards and three touchdowns this season while sharing duties with Jeremy Avery.

See BSU, Sports 2

## Washington stuns No. 3 USC, 16-13

By Gregg Bell  
Associated Press writer

SEATTLE — Southern California's Stafon Johnson stayed face down on the turf. Jubilant Washington players and fans stepped over him, on their way to a riotous purple party that stretched from goal line to goal line.

USC coach Pete Carroll was forced to watch it all, glumly waiting for Steve Sarkisian to emerge from the throng to congratulate his protege. The post-Ohio

State funk Carroll began warning his guys about seven days earlier — in the locker room in Columbus, Ohio — leveled the Trojans again.

Jake Locker improvised his Huskies to a steely, 68-yard drive that ended on Erik Folk's 22-yard field goal with 3 seconds remaining, and the Huskies' fired-up defense stymied fill-in quarterback Aaron Corp and No. 3 USC in a 16-13 victory Saturday.

USC has now lost to an

unranked team each of the last four seasons.

"Washington wasn't the better team. They just outplayed us," said a shrugging Joe McKnight, who ran for 100 yards on 11 carries with USC's only touchdown. "Clearly, we have superior athletes. But hard work beats athleticism any day."

Carroll's team was stung by eight penalties, an 0-for-10 conversion rate on third down and three turnovers inside the Washington 35.

One year after Oregon

State upset USC in the Pac-10 opener following an impressive Trojans win over Ohio State, an old friend upset Carroll's powerful team. Washington coach Steve Sarkisian was his offensive coordinator before taking over in Seattle in January, trying to rebuild a team that had the Pac-10's first 0-12 season last year.

"It's unbelievable," Sarkisian said. "It's a great moment for our program and hopefully sends a message of where we're headed."



AP photo

Washington fans swarm the field Saturday following the Huskies' 16-13 upset of Southern California in Seattle. Lying on the turf is USC player Stafon Johnson.







# Twins close AL Central gap

MINNEAPOLIS — The latest ball lost in the Metrodome's deceiving roof spoiled Justin Verlander's stellar start in the eighth inning, and the Minnesota Twins rallied past the Detroit Tigers 6-2 Saturday to move within two games of the AL Central lead.

Jason Kubel's two-run single with the bases loaded sent Verlander (16-9) to the dugout after a season-high 128 pitches, and Michael Cuddyer greeted Brandon Lyon with a three-run homer to break the game open.

The Twins won their sixth straight and moved four games above the .500 mark, both season highs, in front of the largest crowd, 43,338, at the Metrodome since opening day.

Verlander struck out Nick Punto to start his last inning. But after a single by Denard Span, Orlando Cabrera hit a medium-length fly ball down the left-field line. Defensive replacement Don Kelly misjudged it, and it hit on the turf just under his glove for a double.

Joe Mauer was intentionally walked, and then Kubel came through for Minnesota with a bloop that Kelly charged but couldn't reach. Cuddyer followed with his second homer in as many games.

### WHITE SOX 13, ROYALS 3

CHICAGO — Jake Peavy



Minnesota Twins second baseman Nick Punto, top, throws to first after forcing out Detroit Tigers runner Brandon Inge (15) at second during the fifth inning of Saturday's game in Minneapolis.

AP photo

allowed three runs and three hits over five innings in his first start in over three months as Chicago got a grand slam from Carlos Quentin, scored six times in the eighth and beat the Royals.

Peavy (1-0) hadn't pitched in a major league game since June 8 when he beat the Diamondbacks while with the Padres. Five days later, he went on the disabled list with a strained tendon in his right ankle.

Traded to the White Sox on July 31, he'd planned to be pitching sooner but was hit in the pitching elbow with a line drive during a rehab game Aug. 24, setting him back.

### RANGERS 3, ANGELS 2

ARLINGTON, Texas — Hank Blalock homered to help lift Texas' slumping offense, Scott Feldman picked up his 17th victory and the Rangers kept their slim playoff hopes alive, beating the Angels.

The Rangers, who snapped a five-game losing streak, moved within 6 1/2 games of the division-leading Angels in the AL West. Texas is also 6 1/2 games behind Boston in the wild-card chase. The Red Sox played at Baltimore on Saturday night.

### ATHLETICS 8, INDIANS 4

OAKLAND, Calif. — Oakland's Mark Ellis homered to break the franchise

record for second basemen and the Athletics extended their winning streak to six games.

Ellis connected in the second inning against Jeremy Sowers for his 79th career homer and No. 77 while playing second for the A's, moving past Dick Green on the club's list.

### RAYS 4, BLUE JAYS 0

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Matt Garza struck out 10 while stopping a personal nine-game winless streak and the Rays beat the Blue Jays.

Garza (8-10) allowed three hits over 7 1-3 innings in winning for the first time since beating Blue Jays ace Roy Halladay 4-2 on July 24. The right-hander is 3-5 — with all three victories coming against Toronto — over his past 15 starts.

### RED SOX 11, ORIOLES 5

BALTIMORE — Jon Lester pitched into the seventh inning to win his sixth straight decision, and the Red Sox feasted on the Orioles bullpen.

Josh Reddick, J.D. Drew and Brian Anderson homered for the Red Sox, who dropped their magic number to clinch the AL wild card below double figures. Any number of Boston victories or Texas defeats totaling nine will put the Red Sox in the playoffs.

— The Associated Press



## Major League Baseball

Table containing MLB standings for American and National Leagues (East, Central, West), and schedules for Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday games.

# Dodgers pummel rival Giants

LOS ANGELES — Ronnie Belliard hit a grand slam, Matt Kemp and James Loney added back-to-back drives off former teammate Brad Penny and the Los Angeles Dodgers routed the San Francisco Giants 12-1 on Saturday.

The Dodgers, who lost the series opener 8-4 on Friday night, began the day with a five-game lead over Colorado in the NL West. The Giants were 2 1/2 back of the wild card-leading Rockies before Saturday's games.

Los Angeles' victory reduced its magic number to six for clinching its third post-season berth in four years.

Jon Garland (11-11) gave up an unearned run and seven hits in eight innings, tying his longest outing of the season. The right-hander is unbeaten in his last six starts, four of those with the Dodgers after he was acquired from Arizona on Aug. 31.

### CARDINALS 2, CUBS 1

ST. LOUIS — Brendan



Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Matt Kemp celebrates his solo home run against the San Francisco Giants in Los Angeles on Saturday.

Ryan hit an outfielder-assisted homer and singled in the winning run in the ninth inning, helping St. Louis reduce its magic number for clinching the NL Central to four.

Left fielder Bobby Seales had Ryan's drive in his glove in the fifth as he banged into the 8-foot-high fence. But it

popped out and over for Ryan's third homer of the season and the Cardinals' only run off Ryan Dempster.

### BRAVES 6, PHILLIES 4

ATLANTA — Javier Vazquez outpitched an ailing Pedro Martinez, and Atlanta survived a shaky ninth inning to snap Philadelphia's six-game winning streak.

The Phillies scored four times in the ninth before Rafael Soriano got Ben Francisco to fly out to right with runners on first and second to end the game. Ryan Howard hit a two-run drive for his 41st homer and pinch-hitter Greg Dobbs and Jimmy Rollins each had RBI singles.

### MARLINS 3, REDS 2

CINCINNATI — Pinch-hitter Ross Gload connected for a two-run homer in the eighth inning, Ricky Nolasco pitched seven sharp innings and Florida rallied to beat Cincinnati for the second straight day.

Jorge Cantu also homered for the Marlins, who scored

four times in the ninth inning Friday to beat the Reds 4-3 and end a nine-game skid in Cincinnati that dated to April 2006.

Nolasco became the first Florida pitcher to last at least seven innings since Aug. 18, when he pitched a complete game in a 6-2 win at Houston.

### ROCKIES 10, DIAMONDBACKS 4

PHOENIX — Troy Tulowitzki homered for a career-best fourth game in a row, Jason Giambi hit his first home run since coming to Colorado and the Rockies opened a little breathing space in the wild-card race.

Tulowitzki and Carlos Gonzalez hit solo home runs in the first inning and Giambi had a three-run shot as a pinch hitter in a five-run ninth as the Rockies won for just the second time in seven games.

### BREWERS 7, ASTROS 2

MILWAUKEE — Jeff Suppan pitched seven strong innings and Prince

Fielder set the Milwaukee record for RBIs in a season. It was the fourth straight win for Milwaukee, which hadn't won that many in a row since May 16-19. The Brewers broke open a close game with five runs in the seventh inning.

### METS 3, NATIONALS 2

NEW YORK — Tim Lincecum pitched splendidly into the eighth inning and New York ended its six-game losing streak.

New York scored twice in the seventh to snap a 1-all tie. David Wright opened the inning with a liner to right that Ian Desmond misplayed into a double in his first professional game in the outfield. Jeff Francoeur doubled in

Wright and eventually scored on Daniel Murphy's RBI grounder, which scooted past first baseman Adam Dunn for a two-base error.

### PADRES 2, PIRATES 1

PITTSBURGH — Henry Blanco hit a sacrifice fly in the ninth inning to lead San Diego to the victory.

In a game between two teams a combined 49 games under .500, two of the runs were scored without the benefit of a hit. The winner came when Chase Headley reached on an error by second baseman Brian Bixler and Phil Dumatrait (0-2) walked the next two batters before Blanco's fly to deep center off Denny Bautista.

— The Associated Press

# Dome sweet dome? Twins, opponents eager for an end

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Terry Francona was asked during Boston's last trip to the Metrodome what he'll remember about playing in Minnesota's puffy, climate-controlled, multi-purpose stadium.

Addressing reporters in a dingy hallway, the Red Sox manager briefly pondered the question. Then he joked about using profanity to answer it before getting around to the point.

"I think this place stinks," he said. "Balls hitting the roof, the speakers, it's awful."

No, opponents sure aren't going to mind when the Twins move to Target Field next spring after 28 seasons inside.

"One of the worst stadiums in the game. Thank God they're going to move to a real ballpark," Chicago manager Ozzie Guillen said.

Minnesota's only two major sports titles since the NBA's Lakers left for Los Angeles in 1960 came courtesy of the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome, which was built on time in 1982 and



This Sept. 16 photo shows the Metrodome almost empty prior to a Minnesota Twins baseball game against the Cleveland Indians in Minneapolis.

under budget at \$55 million and named in honor of the former Minneapolis mayor and U.S. senator and vice president.

The Twins won it all 1987 and 1991 and then rebounded from a dismal stretch to win four division

titles this decade, success fueled in part by a distinct homefield advantage.

"You kind of complain about it at the time ... but now that it's almost at an end you kind of look at it like, 'Man, it's going to be

missed,'" former Twins outfielder Torii Hunter said.

Behind crowd noise like no other stadium, matching the decibel level of a jet engine, the Twins went 8-0 at the Dome and 0-6 on the road during those two World Series.

"We were the outdoor world champions in 1991, and they were the indoor world champions," said John Smoltz, who pitched for Atlanta in what's considered one of the most dramatic World Series in history. "It closing doesn't bring a tear to my eye."

Late Hall of Fame outfielder Kirby Puckett, whose career regular-season batting average was .344 at the Metrodome and .291 on the road, had the famous hit-saving catch and extra-inning homer to send the series to a seventh game that year.

"There's been a lot of good moments in here, a lot of fun moments. A lot of crazy moments, losing the balls and all those things," said Twins manager Ron Gardenhire, the third-base coach

on the 1991 team. "But I'm excited to get outdoors. Absolutely."

That about sums it up for the Twins, Hunter's sentiment aside.

They used the quirks to their benefit, hitting balls hard on the bouncy turf to capitalize on their speed against frustrated foes. They thrived on the roaring fans. They were even accused a few times of having the air conditioning blow toward the field while opponents batted, supposedly to make it more difficult for the other team to hit home runs.

The Dome, however, just wasn't built for baseball.

Most seats don't face home plate. The unused stacks of football seats and the tall wall — resembling a trash bag — in right field were more eyesores than charming features. Once September came, the Twins often played on Saturday mornings to finish in time for Gophers football games later that day. One game in 2004 was suspended in the 11th inning to allow time for the conversion.

# Ponder leads Florida St. in 54-28 thrashing of BYU

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Florida State ran away with No. 7 BYU's BCS hopes.

The Seminoles were too fast for the Cougars on Saturday, scoring every time they got inside the 20 and forcing five turnovers in a 54-28 win that crushed BYU's BCS hopes.

Christian Ponder threw for two touchdowns and ran for another, Ty Jones ran for 108 yards and a score and Greg Reid returned an interception 63 yards for a TD in a rout by the Seminoles.

"It shows us what we can do," said Ponder, who passed for 195 yards and ran for 77 more. "It's the first time in a while we played as whole team. The defense played great. The offense played incredible."

Three weeks after upsetting Oklahoma in the season opener, BYU's Bowl Championship Series aspirations faded a little bit on each drive by the Seminoles.

Florida State (2-1) converted on its first nine third downs, pounced for 10 points in the final 24 seconds of the second quarter and added two touchdowns in the third, running away and spoiling the most anticipated home opener at BYU (2-1) in years.

"I think Florida State was more prepared in general than we were tonight, really from beginning to end," BYU coach Bronco Mendenhall said. "I think their preparation exceeded ours and it showed — especially on third down."

Florida State looked nothing



Florida State's Jacobbi McDaniel celebrates after beating BYU in Saturday's game in Provo, Utah.

like the team that needed to rally in the final minute a week ago in a 19-9 win over Jacksonville State.

The Seminoles finished 12-for-15 on third down conversions and scored all eight times they got

inside the BYU 20. They scored often enough, starting with a 13-0 lead that BYU was trying to catch up and only continued to fall farther behind with mistakes.

Max Hall completed 20 of 31 passes for 306 yards and two touchdowns for BYU, but also threw three interceptions. Harvey Unga ran for 97 yards and a touchdown for the Cougars.

"Any loss is devastating, regardless of if you're ranked," Unga said. "Hats off to those guys. They came here ready to play."

The Seminoles outran the Cougars 313 yards to 108. FSU didn't punt until about a minute remained in the third quarter and avoided starting the season 1-2 for the first time since 1989.



Utah State quarterback Diondre Borel (12) manages to get away from Texas A&M defensive tackle Jomo McDuff (93) during the first quarter of Saturday's game in College Station, Texas.

# Johnson leads A&M in 38-30 win over Utah St.

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Jerrod Johnson threw three of his four touchdown passes to freshman Uzoma Nwachukwu and Texas A&M overcame injuries to two of its top playmakers in a 38-30 win over Utah State on Saturday.

Johnson completed 21 of 41 passes for 322 yards and Nwachukwu also ran for a score for A&M (2-0), which lost sophomore receiver Jeff Fuller and freshman running back Christine Michael to leg injuries. Fuller was coming off a career-best, 10-catch performance in the season opener against New Mexico and Michael rushed for 94 yards on Saturday before he was hurt.

Diondre Borel threw for 334 yards with a touchdown and also ran for two scores for Utah State (0-2), which has lost eight straight road games and its last 10 games against Big 12 opponents.

A&M's defense played better in the second half after struggling in the first.

On Utah State's initial drive, Robert Turbin burst through a hole and outran A&M cornerback Dustin Harris for a touchdown. Turbin rushed for 121 yards in the game.

Utah State started its second possession near midfield, but Michael Smith fumbled a handoff from Borel and A&M recovered.

Five plays later, Johnson threw a 35-yard pass to Nwachukwu in the corner of the end zone. Officials reviewed the play and confirmed that Nwachukwu's foot landed just inside the orange pylon.

Turbin caught a 20-yard pass from Borel on Utah State's next possession and Borel finished the drive with a 1-yard TD run to give the visitors a 14-7 lead.

A&M gave up 117 rushing yards in the first quarter after allowing only 21 in its 41-6 win over New Mexico

two weeks ago. Nwachukwu tied it again with a 39-yard touchdown sprint, taking a pitch from Johnson and outrunning the defense down the sideline.

Fuller appeared to twist his left knee making a 15-yard reception in the open field early in the second quarter. Two trainers helped Fuller to the sideline and he rode a golf cart to the locker room.

Randy Bullock kicked a 31-yard field goal at the end of the drive to put A&M ahead 17-14.

Harris returned a punt across midfield late in the second quarter. He was hit out of bounds by a Utah State defender and the penalty gave A&M a first down at the 16-yard line.

Nwachukwu then made a diving catch in the end zone near the sideline and a referee on the spot ruled that he was out of bounds. But officials looked at the replay and decided that Nwachukwu's feet touched inside the line.

## WEBER STATE 44, IDAHO STATE 17

OGDEN, Utah — Cameron Higgins was 25-for-31 for 265 yards and three touchdowns as the co-defending Big Sky Conference champions got their conference slate off to a winning start.

Trevyn Smith carried 28 times for 177 yards and two scores for the Wildcats (1-1, 1-0 Big Sky), who returned to Football Championship Subdivision play after two narrow losses to Football Bowl Subdivision opposition.

Kyle Blum was 19 of 39 for 234 yards and two touchdowns for the Bengals (0-3, 0-1), but he also threw two interceptions.

Former Twin Falls tight end Bryant Ward caught four passes for 32 yards, including a 4-yard touchdown catch late in the first quarter that put Idaho State up 14-7.

— The Associated Press

# Gators win grudge match with Vols

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — No. 1 Florida didn't embarrass Tennessee and its new coach, they simply beat Lane Kiffin's Volunteers behind Tim Tebow and a stingy defense.

Tebow ran for 76 yards and a touchdown, Caleb Sturgis kicked three field goals and the Gators opened Southeastern Conference play with their fifth straight victory against their East division rival, winning 23-13 on Saturday.

The Gators (3-0, 1-0) also set a school record with their 13th consecutive victory.

Florida started counting down the days for this one more than nine months ago, right after Kiffin vowed to sing "Rocky Top" all night long after being the Gators. Kiffin also riled up Florida with his false allegations of NCAA violations by Florida coach Urban Meyer.

Tebow completed 14 of 19 passes for 115 yards, but had two turnovers that Tennessee (1-2, 0-1) turned into 10 points. Brandon James returned three kick-offs for 97 yards, helping set up Florida's first 13 points. The defense harassed Jonathan Crompton and twice held the Vols to short field goals when they were in position for touchdowns.

## NO. 2 TEXAS 34, TEXAS TECH 24

AUSTIN, Texas — Colt McCoy threw a 3-yard touchdown pass to Dan Buckner in the fourth quarter and No. 2 Texas got a measure of revenge against Texas Tech for last year's last-second win.

McCoy's 3-yard TD to Buckner with nine minutes left put Texas ahead 31-17 and shook off an otherwise shaky outing for last season's runner-up for the Heisman Trophy.

## NO. 4 ALABAMA 53, NORTH TEXAS 7

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Greg McElroy passed for two touchdowns and rushed for another before sitting out most of the second half for Alabama.

Mark Ingram ran for 91 yards and a TD on eight carries, and scored on a 29-yard reception for the Crimson Tide (3-0) in its final pre-SEC tuneup before Arkansas visits. Freshman Trent Richardson ran for 87 yards and a touchdown and Terry Grant scored twice and gained 79 yards.

## NO. 5 MISSISSIPPI 52, SE LOUISIANA 6

OXFORD, Miss. — Jevan Snead threw three touchdowns, Brandon Bolden rushed for 105 yards and freshman linebacker D.T. Shackelford returned in interception for a touchdown for Ole Miss.

The Rebels (2-0) won their eighth straight game — their longest winning streak since they won 10 in 1971-72. But the offense and special teams needed plenty of help from Shackelford and the defense to erase several mistakes



Tennessee coach Lane Kiffin, left, congratulates Florida quarterback Tim Tebow (15) after Saturday's game in Gainesville, Fla.

## NO. 5 PENN STATE 31, TEMPLE 6

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Evan Royster ran for 134 yards and Penn State revived its rushing attack against Temple.

Royster had 119 yards by halftime, including the 7-yard scoring run that gave the Nittany Lions a 14-3 lead late in the second quarter. Daryll Clark threw for 167 yards and two scores as Penn State (3-0) won its 27th straight against its in-state rival.

## NO. 8 CALIFORNIA 35, MINNESOTA 21

MINNEAPOLIS — Jahvid Best rushed for 131 yards and a school-record five touchdowns to lift the Golden Bears.

Kevin Riley overcame a shaky start to finish with 252 yards for Cal (3-0), which had lost eight of its last nine on the road, including four in a row to end last season.

## NO. 9 LSU 31, LA-LAFAYETTE 3

BATON ROUGE, La. — Chad Jones had two interceptions, leading a dominant defensive performance by LSU.

The Tigers (3-0) were hampered by sloppiness as Jordan Jefferson again struggled to complete deep passes and instead threw his first interception of the season.

Jefferson's 165 yards passing and two touchdown tosses to Brandon LaFell were enough against the over-matched Ragin' Cajuns (2-1). Charles Scott and Trindon Holliday also scored for LSU.

## NO. 11 OHIO STATE 38, TOLEDO 0

CLEVELAND — Terrelle Pryor hooked up with Dane Sanzenbacher on two early touchdown passes and Ohio State defused Toledo's high-scoring spread attack at Cleveland Browns Stadium.

Pryor feasted on a Toledo defense giving up 45 points and almost 500 yards a game. He passed for three scores, completing 17 of 28 passes for a career-high 262 yards, including a 76-yard strike to Sanzenbacher on the Buckeyes' third offensive play.

## NO. 12 OKLAHOMA 45, TULSA 0

NORMAN, Okla. — Landry Jones set a school record with six touchdown passes and Oklahoma recorded its second straight shutout after Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford went out with an injury.

The Sooners (2-1) broke the school record for consecutive wins on Owen Field by holding opponents scoreless in back-to-back games for the first time since 1987.

## NO. 13 VIRGINIA TECH 16, NO. 19 NEBRASKA 15

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Tyrod Taylor dodged several defenders and then rifled an 11-yard touchdown pass to Dyrrell Roberts with 21 seconds left for Virginia Tech.

Taylor first hit Danny Coale for 80 yards down the right sideline with 1:11 left, setting the ball up at the Nebraska 3, where Coale was forced out of bounds. After two unencouraging plays, Taylor scrambled around for what seemed like a minute before connecting with Roberts.

## OREGON 31, NO. 14 UTAH 24

EUGENE, Ore. — LaMichael James rushed for 152 yards and a touchdown, and John Boyett made a crucial interception to help Oregon snap the nation's longest winning streak.

Oregon quarterback Jeremiah Masoli also ran for two touchdowns, but had two fumbles and an interception in the second half to help Utah rally from a 21-7 deficit to within 28-24 by the end of the third quarter. The Utes (2-1) drove to the Oregon 37 with under two minutes to play, but Boyett picked off a pass from Terrence Cain at the 5 yard line to preserve the victory.

## NO. 17 CINCINNATI 28, OREGON STATE 18

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Tony Pike threw for 332 yards and hit Mardy Gilyard with an 18-yard scoring pass in the fourth quarter as Cincinnati stopped a second-half Oregon State comeback bid.

The Bearcats (3-0)

snapped Oregon State's streak of 26 straight non-conference victories at Reser Stadium, dating back to a 67-28 win over Northern Illinois on Nov. 16, 1996.

## NO. 15 TCU 56, TEXAS STATE 21

FORT WORTH, Texas — Joseph Turner ran for 129 yards and three touchdowns, Jerry Hughes had three sacks and TCU won its eighth consecutive home opener.

Mistakes by the Horned Frogs (2-0) allowed their Football Championship Subdivision opponent to stay close early — giving coach Gary Patterson plenty of teaching points before going to Clemson next weekend.

## NO. 16 OKLAHOMA STATE 41, RICE 24

STILLWATER, Okla. — Zac Robinson rushed for one touchdown and threw for two to Dez Bryant as Oklahoma State rebounded from its first loss.

Robinson completed 14 of 20 passes for 227 yards while Bryant had nine catches for 161 yards, including touchdown grabs of 23 and 10 yards.

## NO. 22 KANSAS 44, DUKE 16

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Todd Reesing threw three touchdown passes and Maxwell Onyegbule returned an interception 48 yards for another score, giving the Jayhawks their 25th victory in the last 29 home games.

The senior finished 28 of 41 for 338 yards, the 14th 300-yard day of his career.

## NO. 23 GEORGIA 52, ARKANSAS 41

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Joe Cox threw for 375 yards and five touchdowns, and No. 23 Georgia pulled away for a wild win.

The Razorbacks (1-1) led 35-34 in the third quarter, but the Bulldogs' struggling defense held Arkansas to two short field goals the rest of the way. It was the second straight high-scoring win for Georgia, which edged South Carolina 41-37 last weekend.

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# Are the stars aligning for NASCAR's Montoya?



AP photo

Juan Pablo Montoya gets ready for the final practice session while preparing for the 10-race Chase for the Championship in today's NASCAR Sprint Cup series Sylvania 300 auto race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon, N.H., Saturday.

## Racer preparing for NASCAR title run

LOUDON, N.H. (AP) — Juan Pablo Montoya has a bottle of French wine at home that was given to him as a gift from a friend in Malaysia, who told the driver to save it for a very special occasion.

One problem: Montoya doesn't drink alcohol.

Should he become the first foreign-born driver to win a NASCAR championship, Montoya is willing to make an exception.

"It's a beautiful French wine," he explained. "I don't like wine. But I would drink that wine if we win."

Don't pull the bottle opener out just yet — Montoya still has a long way to go in his quest for a Sprint Cup Series title. But the competition considers the Colombian the darkhorse of the 12-driver Chase for the championship field.

The 10-race title Chase begins Sunday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, where Montoya will make the 100th start of his Cup career. It falls on his 34th birthday, and Montoya will start from the pole, which he won with a record-breaking lap. He also paced all three practice sessions, putting his No. 42 Earnhardt Ganassi Chevrolet on top of the leaderboard all weekend.

### Sylvania 300

Noon, ABC

Could the stars be aligning to send Montoya to Victory Lane for just the second time in the Cup Series since his stunning decision to leave Formula One?

He isn't saying.

But after crew chief Brian Pattie convinced him to spend the summer racing toward their goal of making their first Chase, Montoya is ready to run free and fast for wins.

When he left F1 midway through the 2006 season to reunite with former boss Chip Ganassi, Montoya didn't expect the transition to take so long. He had brief success in his 2007 rookie season, when he won on the road course at Sonoma, but the past three years have otherwise been a slow process toward making his No. 42 team competitive.

"We look at setups we run now compared to where we were a year ago and say, 'How could we be so dumb?'" he laughed.

Montoya admits to fits of impatience as he waited for Ganassi to get his NASCAR team up to speed. He'd never really experienced a rebuild-

ing effort, winning the Indianapolis 500 and CART championship during his brief stint with Ganassi, then moving on to a successful F1 career.

And the emotional Montoya seemed happy in the globe-trotting series, despite his numerous run-ins with the governing body, other drivers and his own teams. In a 2005 interview with David Letterman, he tried in plain terms to explain the difference between his sleek F1 car and NASCAR's full-bodied stock car.

"This isn't meant to be disrespecting," he smiled, "have you ever driven a pickup truck and a Ferrari?"

He found out firsthand just a year later when, worn out by the politics of F1, he made the jump to America's most popular racing series.

Montoya learned quickly that his new job was rather hard. He was involved in a fiery accident in his 2006 debut at Homestead, and struggled the next season to adapt to the many different track layouts in NASCAR. The next year brought three crew chief changes in less than two months, and Montoya's frustration began to show.

"I think if you are patient

about it, you are never going to achieve," he said. "You don't have to be a (jerk) about it, but if you want something done, you have to push people."

It took a few months, but he and Pattie eventually bonded, and the crew chief sold him on a plan to make the Chase this season. It required Montoya to exercise patience and race smart in a constant effort to remember the big picture. Racing for wins became secondary, and it wasn't always easy for Montoya to hold back in his car.

He dominated at Indianapolis in July, but a late speeding penalty took him out of contention. It took an incredible effort from Pattie to calm Montoya down and get him to bring his car to the finish in one piece without making a second devastating move out of anger.

That afternoon was a pivotal moment in Montoya's season, because it saved him from falling out of Chase contention. His inclusion again shows that Montoya has succeeded at making it in NASCAR while so many other former open-wheel drivers have failed.

# Choi shoots 9-under 63 to lead Samsung

SAN DIEGO — All phases of Na Yeon Choi's game were clicking on Saturday and it showed in her third round at the Samsung World Championship.

The South Korean shot a career-best 9-under 63 to take a two-stroke lead over compatriot and second-round leader Jiyai Shin, who had a 68.

"I had a great round today," Choi said. "I feel almost perfect with everything. My driver was good, iron shot good, and wedge and putter good. I think perfect today."

Choi finished at 15-under 201 to tie the tournament's three-round record that Annika Sorenstam set when she won here in 2002 and 2005. Choi was a stroke from tying the tournament's single-round low set by Grace Park in 2004.

Choi has never won on the LPGA Tour, but has eight top-10 finishes this year, including a tie for ninth at the U.S. Women's Open.

After yielding 14 rounds in the 60s the first two days, the course was toughened up with faster greens and tighter pin placements on Saturday. Only Ai Miyazato of Japan (68), Shin and Choi shot in 60s. Shin and Miyazato, who played together, were amazed by Choi's score.

"That's a really solid round," Miyazato said. "Nine under, that feels like 12-under on a normal golf course. This is not a very easy golf course."

Miyazato was three strokes back in third after her third straight 68.

No. 1-ranked Lorena Ochoa of Mexico shot a 72 and was tied for fourth place with Paula Creamer, seven strokes back.

After making the turn at 30, Choi had birdies on Nos. 11-12 to get to 8 under and have a chance at a 59, the LPGA Tour record Sorenstam set in 2001 at the Standard Register PING.

"I didn't think about that," Choi said. "Actually I didn't know that after 12th hole I had made a birdie putt. I just try and reach the

hole."

She stalled after that, making two pars and a bogey on the 419-yard, par-4 15th. Her approach was about 45 feet from the hole and she left her first putt 9 feet short then failed to convert the par attempt.

Choi rebounded with birdies on two of her final three holes.

"I think actually I was nervous today, but I'm just trying to talk more with the caddy and just keep trusting myself," she said. "More aggression and more confidence. Actually, I feel like I have no lows, so I'm just trying everything."

Though Shin and Choi entered the LPGA Tour about the same time, Shin has won three times while Choi is going for her first victory.

"I think that's a big thing," Shin said. "I think because I play a lot of time with Na Yeon Choi in Korea and also LPGA Tour. Because she never win at the LPGA Tour maybe she get big pressure and nervous?"

### HAAS, PRICE SHARE LEAD AT GREATER HICKORY CLASSIC

CONOVER, N.C. — Jay Haas and Nick Price shared the lead at the Greater Hickory Classic on Saturday, but 31 players were within six strokes of the leaders going into the final round at the Champions Tour event.

Haas, the 2005 winner, and Price are at 11-under 133 after two rounds at Rock Barn Golf and Spa's Robert Trent Jones course.

Haas shot a 1-under 71, while Price — a three-time majors winner on the PGA Tour — vaulted into contention with a 5-under 67.

Gil Morgan (70), who trailed Haas by three strokes after Friday's round, slid into a tie for third at 135 with Andy Bean (68) and Russ Cochran (68).

Sunday's final-day field will be the closest in the tournament's seven-year history. The previous best was 17 players, set at the inaugural event in 2003 won by Craig Stadler.

— The Associated Press

## Jones could play for Seahawks today

RENTON, Wash. — Walter Jones could play Sunday for the Seahawks at San Francisco, one month to the day after knee surgery.

Seattle's nine-time Pro Bowl left tackle had his most extensive practice on Friday since his second knee surgery in eight months. The 35-year-old did some team drills and is listed as questionable.

Coach Jim Mora said Jones has progressed more than expected. He's waiting for his star to say he's ready, but Mora cautioned "we can't be greedy" and play Jones too soon.

"Walter just needs to let us know. When he's ready to go, we'll get him in there — whether it's this Sunday, next Sunday, the following Sunday," Mora said.

As for how the Seahawks' already jumbled offensive line would resettle once Jones gets back, Mora said the coaches haven't discussed that.

"I don't think we anticipated early in the week Walt being where he is," Mora said. "We have to make the right decision with Walt."

Jones had microfracture surgery on his left knee last winter and missed the final four games of the 2008 season, his first absences due to injury since his rookie year of 1997.

Top wide receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh practiced for the first time this week following back spasms. He is listed as probable and says he will start.

Deion Branch is less likely to play. He missed another day with a strained hamstring that he first hurt in practice on Sept. 7.

Seattle has three other starters listed as questionable for a game that will determine the early leader in the NFC West: linebacker Lofa Tatupu (hamstring), center Chris Spencer (quadriceps) and defensive tackle Brandon Mebane (calf).

### RICE, SMITH HEADLINE HALL OF FAME NOMINEES

CANTON, Ohio — Jerry Rice and Emmitt Smith headline the preliminary list of modern-era nominees for induction next year in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

The list released Saturday includes 131 players, coaches and contributors. Hall of Fame selectors will chose 25 semifinalists by Nov. 27, and 15 finalists by Jan. 7.

Other modern-era nominees include Tim Brown, Herschel Walker, Cris Carter, Andre Reed and Sterling Sharp. Former commissioner Paul Tagliabue is also on the list. They join

two previously announced senior nominees, former Detroit Lions cornerback Dick LeBeau and former Detroit Broncos running back Floyd Little.

Voting will take place Feb. 6, the day before the Super Bowl.

### CHARGERS PLACE DT WILLIAMS ON INJURED RESERVE

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Chargers have placed defensive tackle Jamal Williams on injured reserve with a triceps injury, meaning he'll miss the rest of the season.

It's a big loss for the Chargers. Although the 12-year veteran has a history of knee injuries, he's still been a force in the middle, particularly against the run.

Williams' backup is Ogemdi Nwagbuo, who spent five weeks on San Diego's practice squad last year. To fill Williams' roster spot, defensive end Andre Coleman was signed from the practice squad.

The Chargers already are without running back LaDainian Tomlinson and center Nick Hardwick for Sunday's home opener against Baltimore. Both have sprained ankles. Also, backup defensive end Travis Johnson is out with a groin injury.

— The Associated Press

## CSI

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spectacular fashion to a 8-25, 19-25, 25-19, 25-15, 15-10 defeat.

While CSI didn't exactly panic when North Idaho came back, that ended up being something of a bad thing.

"I think that was the problem," said Peacock. "We didn't think they were going to come back, and we never had that passion to come back and win the match."

The victory ultimately gave North Idaho the tournament victory after the Cardinals beat No. 2 Blinn College (Texas) in straight sets and CSI topped Salt Lake.

The key point in North Idaho's turnaround came in the changeover between the second and third set, when the Cardinals gathered for a challenge talk. They were able to bounce back while the Golden Eagles seemingly went on auto-pilot, expecting their rivals from Coeur d'Alene to meekly go away and hand them the match.

"We need to realize that no one's going to roll over because of who we are and the fact that we won the first two sets," said Artisser. "You've got to protect your home floor and your ranking."

CSI will get its chance for revenge against North Idaho next Saturday, when the Golden Eagles travel up north to open Scenic West Athletic Conference play.

### STARR CORPORATION INVITATIONAL

At CSI Gymnasium  
Friday's matches

No. 1 CSI def. No. 17 Frank Phillips College (Texas) 25-15, 25-14, 25-18  
No. 6 Salt Lake CC def. No. 3 North Idaho College 25-19, 25-19, 17-25, 25-22  
No. 2 Blinn College (Texas) def. Salt Lake 25-27, 25-20, 25-20, 25-23  
North Idaho def. Frank Phillips 25-15, 25-16, 25-19  
CSI def. Blinn 25-23, 25-19, 24-26, 25-19

Saturday's matches

Blinn def. Frank Phillips 21-25, 25-16, 25-21, 31-29  
NIC def. CSI 8-25, 19-25, 25-19, 25-18, 15-10  
Salt Lake def. Frank Phillips 16-25, 25-23, 25-15, 25-17  
NIC def. Blinn 25-17, 25-21, 25-11  
CSI def. Salt Lake 25-20, 25-22, 25-22

All Tournament Team: Anzelika Lukjanska, Frank Phillips; Cinthya Roberto, Blinn; Kelsey Campbell, Salt Lake; Britani Hathorn, CSI; Aubree Chesnut, North Idaho; Marketa Hanzlova, North Idaho; Torrey Hulsey, CSI.

# Steel Curtain vs. Monsters of Midway: Steelers visit Bears

By Barry Wilner  
Associated Press writer

The Steel Curtain versus the Monsters of the Midway. How fierce. How ferocious.

And the Steelers' visit to Soldier Field on Sunday just might be all that, a defensive standoff emblematic of the NFL histories of Pittsburgh and Chicago.

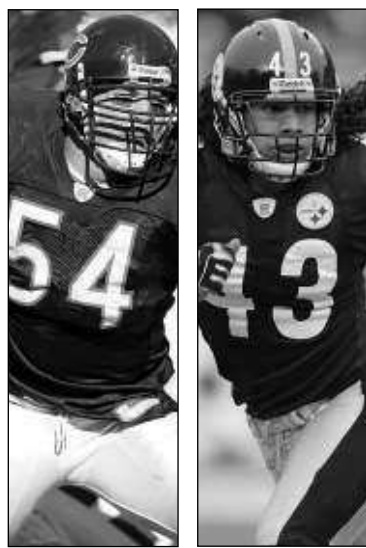
Still, the absence of Bears middle linebacker Brian Urlacher, the very face of the Chicago defense, and Steelers safety Troy Polamalu, the heart of Pittsburgh's unit, is a downer. Urlacher won't be back this season after dislocating his right wrist in the opening loss at Green Bay. Polamalu sprained his left knee in the victory over Tennessee and will be gone for September, at least.

Polamalu, though, was thankful he isn't headed for injured reserve, where Urlacher landed.

"Regarding an injury to the knee, this is the best-case scenario," Polamalu said. "There's no question that I'm very blessed that this scenario has come about rather than any worse scenario."

While replacing an All-Pro such as Polamalu is problematic, the Steelers have done it before and survived. They have so many play-makers on defense — maybe not as spectacular as Polamalu, but plenty dangerous — that they are better suited to filling holes than most other teams. Even a chasm this deep.

"I think we'll continue to do what we've been doing," outside linebacker LaMarr Woodley said. "We don't want to change up everything because then we're not that same physical defense that we've always been. Troy's definitely a good player, and we've lost a good player for a few weeks, but



Missing in action: Chicago Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher, left, and Pittsburgh Steelers safety Troy Polamalu will miss today's game in Chicago with injuries.

the guy behind him is going to step up and do an excellent job as well."

That would be Tyrone Carter, who has done this kind of thing before and has been in the NFL for 10 years. Filling in for Urlacher will be Hunter Hillenmeyer, who lost his job as a starter on the outside last year, and now steps into one of the storied defensive positions in football: middle linebacker for the Chicago Bears.

In 2004, Urlacher missed seven games with a variety of injuries, and the Bears lost them all.

"It's a big blow," Pro Bowl linebacker Lance Briggs said. "It's one of those things where he's a guy who makes all the adjustments. He's the signal-caller, the quarterback for our defense."

Pittsburgh is 1-11 at Soldier Field, but the last visit was in 1995, when the Steelers won.

Also Sunday, it's Baltimore at San Diego; the New York Giants at

## Steelers, Bears play without defensive cornerstones

Pittsburgh visits Soldier Field Sunday as both defenses play without their captains. The Bears lost middle linebacker Brian Urlacher for the season, and the Steelers are without injured safety Troy Polamalu.

Pittsburgh at Chicago (1-0) (0-1)		Baltimore at San Diego (1-0) (1-0)		N.Y. Giants at Dallas (1-0) (1-0)		New Orleans at Philadelphia (1-0) (1-0)	
The Steel Curtain versus the Monsters of the Midway. Still, the absence of Urlacher and Polamalu is a downer.		San Diego might not have LaDainian Tomlinson (ankle). That can't bode well against a D that normally shuts down an opponent's best RB.		Jerry Jones' palace finally gets its true Cowboys debut, and who better to provide the opposition than one of Dallas' top rivals.		Drew Brees comes off a six-TD passing effort. Kevin Kolb figures to make his first pro start with Donovan McNabb nursing a cracked rib.	
New England at N.Y. Jets (1-0) (1-0)		Arizona at Jacksonville (0-1) (0-1)		Seattle at San Francisco (1-0) (1-0)		Minnesota at Detroit (1-0) (0-1)	
Jets got a solid debut from rookie QB Mark Sanchez. Pats looked passive at times with the ball and off-balance on D against Bills.		Cards in danger of falling two games behind in NFC West if they can't come east and win. Jacksonville acquitted itself well on D against Colts.		Seahawks were sharp against the Rams. Mike Singletary has the Niners playing hard and avoiding big mistakes.		Brett Favre will pass Jim Marshall in all-time consecutive start streak with 271st appearance. Lions have 18 straight losses.	
Houston at Tennessee (0-1) (0-1)		Carolina at Atlanta (0-1) (1-0)		Cincinnati at Green Bay (0-1) (1-0)		Oakland at Kansas City (0-1) (0-1)	
Titans usually handle the Texans well, going 11-3 overall against the franchise that succeeded them in Houston.		Panthers have little choice but to let Jake Delhomme play his way out of this turn-over funk. Falcons impressive in its victory over Miami.		Carson Palmer, Chad Ochocinco and the rest of the Cincy O was invisible last week. Packers' new 3-4 D was impressive over Bears.		It's sad what has happened to one of the great AFL rivalries that continued through several decades as a top draw in the NFL.	
Cleveland at Denver (0-1) (1-0)		Tampa Bay at Buffalo (0-1) (0-1)		St. Louis at Washington (0-1) (0-1)		Indianapolis at Miami (1-0) (0-1)	
The Broncos had a dysfunctional offseason and preseason. Cleveland hung with Minnesota for a half, then got blitzed.		A home loss to the Bucs could mean an early finish to any postseason hopes in western New York. Tampa Bay is 30th in pass defense.		There was nothing pretty about St. Louis' 28-0 slop at Seattle, the only shutout of the opening weekend. Skins didn't impress against Giants.		Peyton Manning will tie John Unitas for fifth in career wins by a starting QB if he gets No. 119. Miami disappointed mightily at Atlanta.	

Dallas; New Orleans at Philadelphia; New England at the New York Jets; Arizona at Jacksonville; Seattle at San Francisco; Cincinnati at Kansas City; Cleveland at Houston; Tennessee; Carolina at Atlanta; Cincinnati at Green Bay; Oakland at Kansas City; Philadelphia; New England at the New York Jets; Arizona at Jacksonville; Seattle at San Francisco; Minnesota at Detroit; Tampa Bay at Buffalo; and St. Louis at Washington. The Monday night game has Indianapolis at Miami.

## NFL PICKS

### Arizona in need of win this week

By Barry Wilner  
Associated Press writer

The Arizona Cardinals went 0-5 on the Atlantic coast last season, allowing 202 points and scoring 102. Despite those grotesque numbers, they still won the NFC West — what does that say about the division in 2008?

Then Arizona won a home playoff game, meaning a trip to Charlotte, which happens to be in North Carolina, which happens to be in the Eastern time zone. Bad news for the Cardinals.

Well, not quite. They demolished the Panthers 33-13, went back home with a rocket-booster of confidence, and beat Philadelphia to get to the Super Bowl.

That meant another trip east, to Tampa, where the Cardinals acquitted themselves superbly in a last-minute 27-23 loss to Pittsburgh for the NFL title.

Now, following a mediocre opener in which they lost at home to San Francisco, the Cardinals go to Jacksonville, where they are 4½-point underdogs to a Jaguars team that looked decent, especially on defense, in a loss at Indianapolis.

Losing again would drop the Cardinals two games back of either Seattle or San Francisco in the division, barring a tie at Candlestick. So which Cardinals will show up? Will it be the group that can protect Kurt Warner so he can connect with Larry Fitzgerald, Anquan Boldin and the rest of his targets? And will Arizona bring a defense that can negate the Jaguars' main weapon, running back Maurice Jones-Drew?

We think so.  
CARDINALS, 21-17

**Pittsburgh (minus 3) at Chicago**  
BEST BET: The Steelers are well-rested, even if they're missing star safety Troy Polamalu. The Bears will miss linebacker Brian Urlacher a whole lot more.  
STEELERS, 20-10



AP photo

**Quarterback Kurt Warner and the Arizona Cardinals visit the Jacksonville Jaguars today.**

**Baltimore (plus 3½) at San Diego**  
UPSET SPECIAL: Baltimore's usually stingy defense sprung a few leaks last week, but the Ravens can score now. And LaDainian Tomlinson might be hobbled.  
RAVENS, 21-17

**Oakland (plus 3) at Kansas City**  
Both teams had decent 2008 debuts. They also both lost to quality opponents.  
CHIEFS, 14-13

**Houston (plus 7) at Tennessee**  
The former Houston franchise is 11-3 against the current one. Make that 12-3 ...  
TITANS, 24-14

**New England (minus 4½) at NY Jets**  
Last time Jets beat Patriots in Meadowlands, Al Groh was their coach. Should be close.  
PATRIOTS, 20-17

**Cincinnati (plus 9) at Green Bay**  
Pack won't need a last-second deflection to go 2-0.  
PACKERS, 27-14

**Minnesota (minus 9½) at Detroit**  
Another exam that Favre and Peterson and the Williams Wall should easily pass.  
VIKINGS, 24-10

**Carolina (plus 6½) at Atlanta**  
Jake Delhomme can't possibly go for a horrendous hat trick.

Can he?  
FALCONS, 23-13

**St. Louis (plus 9½) at Washington**  
New Rams coach Steve Spagnuolo knows the Redskins well. Not well enough for a major upset, though.  
REDSKINS, 20-10

**Seattle (plus 1) at San Francisco**  
The winner leads the NFC West at 2-0 and gets big dose of confidence.  
49ERS, 17-14

**Tampa Bay (plus 4) at Buffalo**  
If the Bills lead by five in the final minutes, does Leodis McKelvin field a kick in the end zone?  
BILLS, 21-16

**Cleveland (plus 3) at Denver**  
Hard to imagine Broncos at 2-0. Then again, they're playing Bengals and Browns, not Buckeyes. So go for the Ohio sweep.  
BRONCOS, 13-3

**New Orleans (plus 1) at Philadelphia**  
Tough one to call with Donovan McNabb's cracked rib making him so uncertain. If he plays, Eagles should win. He probably won't, so ...  
SAINTS 21-20

**NY Giants (plus 2½) at Dallas**  
Would Jerry Jones let his Cowboys flop in the first regular-season game at their billion-dollar palace?  
COWBOYS, 24-23

**Indianapolis (minus 3) at Miami**  
Last time Peyton Manning was in the Dolphins' ballpark, he won a Super Bowl. Less at stake now, and different result.  
DOLPHINS, 20-17

RECORD: Versus spread, 8-7-1; Straight up, 13-3  
Best Bet: 0-1  
Upset Special: 1-0

## MAGIC VALLEY SPORTS BRIEFS

Following are area sports announcements submitted to the *Times-News*.

### Youth sports

**T.F. OFFERS LATE HOOPS SIGN-UPS**  
TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Parks and Recreation will accept registration for fall basketball until 5:30 p.m., Friday. Fall basketball is for girls in grades K-6 and boys in grades 7-8. The cost is \$15 for those residing within city limits and \$25 outside city limits, with an additional \$10 late fee per family. Jerseys, if needed, are \$10. The season begins Oct. 10 with games held on Saturdays. Volunteer coaches are needed.  
Information: 736-2265.

**T.F. OFFERS PRESCHOOL HOOPS**  
TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Parks and Recreation will hold a preschool basketball program for boys and girls ages 4-5. The program will run on Saturdays from 2 to 2:45 p.m., Nov. 7 to Dec. 5 and will introduce fundamentals of basketball in a non-competitive environment. The cost is \$25 for those in the city limits and \$35 outside city limits.  
Information: 736-2265.

### Adult sports

**GOODING POOL OPEN**  
GOODING — The Gooding Indoor Pool will open Monday. Adult lap swim will be held Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., with open swim on Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m., and Monday and Friday from 7 to 8:45 p.m.  
Information: 934-4237.

**SEIDERS MEMORIAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT PLANNED**  
JEROME — The Fifth Annual Chad Seiders Invitational Memorial Tournament will be held Friday through Sunday at

Forsyth Park in Jerome. Proceeds from the softball event will be donated to Breast Cancer Awareness. The team fee is \$195 and must be paid by Sept. 20. Each team will also donate a gift basket to be raffled.  
Information: Debby Seiders at 208-358-0884 or Mackenzie Ingraham at ingraham2010@hotmail.com.

**NORTH SIDE HOLDS GOLF CLINIC**  
GOODING — The CSI North Side Center will host a Golf Swing and Chipping Clinic from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 29, at the Gooding Golf Course. The cost is \$42 and the class will be taught by PGA professional Troy Vitek. Register by phone or at the North Side office (202 14th Ave. East in Gooding).  
Information: 934-8678.

**FEDERICO GOLF SCRAMBLE SET**  
TWIN FALLS — The second annual Gene Federico Memorial Golf Scramble will be held Saturday, Oct. 10, at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course. Proceeds from the tournament, hosted by the Twin Falls High School Booster Club, benefit TFHS athletics. Registration forms are available at the Muni, Twin Falls High or any

booster club member. Information: E-mail [terri@sharedtrench.com](mailto:terri@sharedtrench.com).

### YMCA OFFERS FREE WEEK

TWIN FALLS — The YMCA of Twin Falls will offer free access to all three of its facilities today through Sept. 27 as part of America 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 members will also be waived during this week.

### JACKPOT HOLDS GOLF TOURNAMENT

JACKPOT — Jackpot Community Church's 12th Annual Golf Tournament will be held Saturday 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 improvements on the Jackpot Community Church and the Baptist Church Angel Fund, which helps travelers and citizens in the community.  
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# Concussions: Washington state fights athlete injuries

By Tim Booth  
Associated Press writer

WENATCHEE, Wash. — The scrappy hustle Kam Douglass brought to the basketball court was a coach's dream. Diving for loose balls, flustering opponents with his defensive intensity, Douglass made up for his lack of size when defending bigger and stronger players.

But his tenacity exacted a physical price — head injuries. At just 19, the basketball career of the moppy-haired Douglass is over. He sustained an estimated 12 concussions of varying severity in less than two years.

If Douglass' playing career had begun just a few seasons later, his basketball dreams could have been saved by the toughest sports concussion law in the country — a measure passed by the Washington Legislature this spring.

"I kind of did it to myself. That's why I'm glad they wrote this law," Douglass said. "Kids can't get away with it. This definitely would have saved my career."

The Zackery Lystedt Law requires all athletes under the age of 18 who are suspected of having a concussion to get written consent from a licensed medical provider trained in evaluating concussions before returning to play.

Coaches must receive concussion education, whether at seminars or through approved online material, and parents are required to sign off that they have read and understand the new requirements. The law covers all athletes in Washington high schools and all youth organizations that use public facilities in the state.

Universally, the spirit of the measure is lauded by coaches, administrators and parents.

But there are concerns surrounding implementation and policing of a law with no stated penalties, along with questions about small towns having the resources to comply with the measure and doubts about whether athletes will be completely honest about their health. The last factor is especially worrisome at the high school level. Coaches there feel pressures from parents to showcase their children, and from administrators who expect to win.

"I think there have always been those parents or coaches that would pressure someone to go back into a ball game," said Mike Colbrese, director of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association. "I think it's unfortunate that we have to have legislation to do it, but it's that extra push to fix something that could be easily fixed. We may not be able to prevent that first concussion, but the real danger is the second one and that's the one we're trying to stop."

More than 3.5 million sports-related concussions occur each year in the United States, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Brain Injury Association of Washington. The CDC has posted guidelines for assessment and treatment of concussions, but no state or administrative body had turned the guidelines into law until now.

The concussion law became a crusade for the family of Lystedt and Dr. Stan Herring, co-medical director of the Seattle Sports Concussion program. Lystedt became a patient of Herring's in 2006 after the Maple Valley teenager returned to a middle school football game following a concussion and sustained a life-threatening brain injury.

Lystedt got hurt while making a tackle on Oct. 12, 2006. After sitting out for a while, he returned in the fourth quarter.

He collapsed after the game and underwent two



AP photo  
Dr. Stanley Herring, right, co-medical director of the Seattle Sports Concussion program, and a team doctor for the Seattle Seahawks and Seattle Mariners, is shown at Seahawks football practice in Renton, Wash.

emergency brain surgeries. He remains dependent on a wheelchair and around-the-clock care.

"The problem is you don't know which one is going to be a tragedy. This is the one time you can prevent a tragedy," said Herring, who serves as a team physician for the Seattle Seahawks and Mariners. "You can train all you want, you can't really prevent an ACL tear. You can train all you can, you can't prevent a hamstring."

"The irony is, of course, it's not the first concussion, but if you do this right, you can prevent the tragedies, or so we think. That's what Zack Lystedt was all about."

Herring has spent hours speaking to various groups on the dangers of youth concussions. He says young brains have unique vulnerabilities that make concussion recovery longer, and the risks associated with multiple concussions within a short period extremely dangerous.

That's why Herring, who advised lawmakers as they drafted the law, was so adamant that someone trained in concussion management must be the one to sign off on letting an athlete return to action, even if it can cause hassles for athletes in many of the small towns dotting the state that have limited health services.

"Don't tell me this is burdensome. What's burdensome is the Lystedt's family life," Herring said. "This is the right thing to do. If it's a little inconvenient I can live with that."

Herring says a coach's job, under the new requirements, is "to understand what a concussion can look like." Yet some coaches aren't comfortable trying to diagnose such an injury.

"Not having an athletic trainer, not having a doctor on the sidelines, I'm the first response guy and I'm a head coach," said John Hallead at Onalaska High School in the

Cascade Mountain foothills. "That puts a lot of stress and strain and responsibilities on me."

More than most, Hallead is acutely aware of the impact multiple concussions can cause. He was diagnosed a few years ago with post-con-

cussion syndrome. He estimates that he sustained at least 10 concussions playing high school and college football. He suffered bouts of depression, nausea, blank spots in memory, all well after his playing career was over.

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Today's Feature - Write a Resume That Stays In Play

## The Resume That Stays In Play

### Three Rules for an Attention-Grabbing Resume

*By Joe Turner*  
Sometimes your resume can hurt you more than help you. In today's job-search market, you are often competing against large numbers of candidates, and your resume has to be good enough to make it past the first screening.

The first people to view your resume are often lower-level staff looking for a quick way to weed candidates out of consideration. You can minimize the chances of your resume being eliminated during this round by following three

simple rules.

#### 1. Less is more.

Don't tell too much. Your resume should read like a billboard, not an encyclopedia. A good resume should leave the prospective employer with a desire to know more. They will be likely to call and phone-screen you. So don't fill in all the details just yet. Save that for the interview. Do, however, paint a big picture of who you are and what you can offer.

For example, you may have worked for several years at your present employer. Certainly you could fill up several paragraphs with all that you've done. Instead, think of the one or two

most critical projects, duties, or functions that you provide. List the most important and give them no more than a sentence or two each.

Here is an example:  
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Description of most important project and results.

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Skip the hobbies and personal information. Avoid mind-numbing

detail that will cause a reader's eyes to glaze over. One page is ideal -- two pages only if you are a 15- to 20-year veteran with a significant growth and promotion history.

**2. Use more keywords.**  
You want the search engines to flag your resume for closer examination. Do this by including several keywords that are relevant to your job and your job skills, as well as specific industry words that may be appropriate. Also, include the names of major companies you worked with or for, as this often is important to employers. Include those in the "experience" section, as appropriate.

Here are some examples

of keywords: International Standards (ISO), Flash, MBA, copy edit, CPMs, medical device, Dreamweaver, and search engine marketing (SEM).

Some candidates add a separate "keywords" section at the bottom of digital-format resumes, or others list keywords as part of a "skills" section. These are possible catch-all areas specifically for the search engines to recognize.

**3. Be specific.**  
Don't just tell them what you did. Move beyond that and tell the benefit of your accomplishment. A good way to do this is to include several specific ways you helped your

employer make money or save money. Identify measurable results; use numbers. Remember, the only benefit you can bring to the table is past performance. When you interview (either phone or in person) this is what will be discussed.

Think of all your jobs in the past and bring forth examples of some of your best work. How can an employer think of you as a problem solver? If at all possible, try to "monetize" your accomplishments (state them in terms of money). At the interview, you will be prepared to enlarge upon these successes.

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  - Pediatrics/ Women & Children

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**209 General**

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**GENERAL**

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**GENERAL**

Veterinary Assistant needed. Full-time. No exp. necessary. Please apply in person at **Burley Veterinary Hospital** at 2899 Overland Ave.

**GENERAL**

Yard Foreman F/T. Send resume Attn: Abbi to Clear Creek Disposal @ P.O. Box 130, Ketchum, ID 83340

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Full-time HR position available. Includes benefits, pay DOE. Must have experience with HR and also has worked with OSHA. **Must apply in person with Resume at 1201 Falls Ave E #24 733-9277**

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**DOT**  
Affirmative Action Employer M/F/D/V

**210 Management**

**MANAGEMENT**

**IDAHO MILK PRODUCTS**

**Production Manager**  
Candidate must have min. 5 yrs. exp. in the dairy food industry of which at least 2-3 yrs should be in drying plant roles. The incumbent must have experience in managing personnel in diverse & challenging work environment, must be able to demonstrate the ability to develop teams; understand & display basic motivational skills.

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**211 Medical**

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**211 Medical**

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**MEDICAL**

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**MEDICAL**

**IDAHO HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE**

Come be a part of a caring environment!

Idaho Home Health & Hospice is now accepting resumes for the following positions:  
•**Full-time Physical Therapist for Home Health (flexible schedule)**  
•**Full-time CNA for Home Health in Twin Falls**  
•**Part-time LPN for Hospice**  
•**PRN LPN's for crisis care**

Apply for the above positions at **826 Eastland Drive** or email resumes to [heather@idahohomehealth.com](mailto:heather@idahohomehealth.com) EOE

**MEDICAL**

**Learn Phlebotomy**  
12 hour course being offered. 10/01, 02 & 03 in Burley. For more information Call Wendy 208-785-4801

**REMEMBER**

That birthday or anniversary picture you ran in the paper. Now is the time to come in and pick up your pictures.

**211 Medical**

**MEDICAL**  
Part/Full-time Resident Care Associate needed. Prefer CNA but not required. Med pass certified a plus. **Apply in person at Wynwood 1367 Locust St. N Twin Falls.**

**MEDICAL**

**St. Benedicts Family Medical Center**

•RN-OR Circulator (FT)

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**709 Lincoln Ave. Jerome, ID 83338 EOE**

**MEDICAL**

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**MEDICAL**

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**213 Professional**

**PROFESSIONAL**

Addiction Treatment Residential Counseling Program Manager needed. CADCC and bachelor's with supervision experience or Master's preferred. Walker Center, Gooding, Idaho. **Send resume to [cindy@thewalkercenter.org](mailto:cindy@thewalkercenter.org) [www.thewalkercenter.org](http://www.thewalkercenter.org) EEO**

**213 Professional**

**PROFESSIONAL**  
Behavior specialist needed to provide service to at risk youth in a self contained classroom setting. Must possess degree in human service field. Call Rick or Rachel at 324-7762 or 404-6143

**PROFESSIONAL**

Dental assistant PT or FT Benefits. Wages DOE. Send resume to Box 912204 c/o Times News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303

**PROFESSIONAL**

**Psychosocial Rehabilitation Specialist**  
Applicants must be able to pass a background check and have a Bachelor's degree in a Human Resources related field, psychology or social work. **Fax resume to 736-0999 or call 736-0995 for more information.**

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**216 Trades**

**TRADES**

**Engineering Technician**  
Use of AutoCadd-Field Surveying Go to [www.ci.jerome.id.us](http://www.ci.jerome.id.us) for details & application instructions. Closes 10.2.09 208-324-8189 for info.

**216 Trades**

**TRADES**  
KD Excavation is looking for an **EXPERIENCED Finish Blade Operator** with GPS experience preferred but not required. **EXPERIENCED Equipment Operators** needed. Truck Drivers with ten Wheeler, end dump, and side dump. **EXPERIENCE. NO PHONE CALLS.** Please fax resume or application to 208-726-1526 or email [kim@kdaweb.com](mailto:kim@kdaweb.com) or come in at **200 Industrial Parkway, Bellevue, Idaho**

**TRADES**

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**TRADES**

**Truck Mechanic**  
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**TRADES**

**Ammonia Compressor/Boiler Mechanic**

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**Degree/Technical Background-** Ammonia and steam properties training.  
**Responsibilities-** Maintain/ Operate Boiler steam room as well as Refrigeration Room plus overall steam and ammonia systems.

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**GENERAL**

**Rangen**  
CONNATURAL PRODUCTS

**Logistics Broker LOGISTICS DIVISION**

Rangen Inc is accepting applications for **Logistics Brokers**. Duties include, dispatching OTR trucks, sales, customer service, ability to negotiate rates with carriers and customers. Customer/Carrier following is very helpful. Must have two to three years experience in the industry, and the ability to handle stressful situations.  
**Resumes may be mailed to Rangen Inc, PO Box 706, Buhl, ID 83316 or emailed to [swiggs@rangen.com](mailto:swiggs@rangen.com). You may also complete an application at the main office at 115 13th Ave South, Buhl.**

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**GENERAL**

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"Your Transportation Specialist"

Watco Companies, Inc. is hiring a **Customer Service Agent**. This full-time position will reside in Twin Falls to work within the regional corporate offices.

Coordinates activities involved with procuring and tracking goods and services, such as raw materials, equipment, tools, parts, and supplies for selected operations; reviews requisitions and places orders; consults with vendors to obtain product information and pricing.

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**TIMES-NEWS Marketing and Innovation Director**

Marketing Director sounded too "stodgy" - Innovation Director too "edgy". We need both - in a single person. If you're someone with the skill and discipline to slice & dice market segments and target audiences yet possess the imagination and intuition to envision current and future information needs of Magic Valley readers and advertisers, we'd like to talk with you.

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Someone with an innate sense of what **local** information people want to see in print and online today - and yet realizes that it will change - rapidly and frequently.  
Someone who is a zealous reader and information junkie and knows what other local readers want - and are willing to pay to receive.  
Someone who is a rabid consumer and who wants to help our area retailers, service providers and auto dealers to grow their business - preferably through advertising in the Times-News, [www.magicvalley.com](http://www.magicvalley.com) or a current or yet-to-be-created niche publication.

If it sounds as though past newspaper experience is not required you're right - but it's not necessarily a liability unless you're still firmly entrenched in preserving the status quo.

So what exactly is this position?  
**a Salesperson? NO!** Although you'll share responsibility for expanding our audience, selling more newspapers and more advertising.  
**The local Social Networking Camp Counselor? Sort of, at least partially.** We'll ask you in your initial interview to tell us (and show us) how you use new media and social networks and how you think we could use it.  
**a Researcher? Not explicitly; but you'll want to meet one-on-one and in groups with readers (and non-readers); advertisers (and non-advertisers) to determine their media needs, wants and desires.**  
**a Storyteller? Quite a little bit, actually.** We've been telling the stories of area residents for over 105 years; we need someone who'll help us tell our story in a vibrant, refreshing way.  
**our Audience Developer? Yes.** Our product mix has evolved, but needs to do so more rapidly to better connect with today's readers.  
**a Connector? That's it!** You'll connect advertisers with the information they need to make better marketing decisions; connect demographic groups with current (and future) products; In Short - connect the Times-News with the community.

If this sounds like more than a job - if it sounds like the perfect opportunity at the perfect time in your career - then we want to hear from you. It's possible that the successful candidate will not have a long track record of achievement so we'll settle for an impressive one.

The Times-News is a great place to work; we offer a solid compensation and benefit plan including medical, dental, vision and life insurance plus an employee stock purchase plan.

**Application Deadline is Friday, October 1, 2009.**

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Real Estate



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Open Houses: 18

Homes For Sale: 5

**500 Real Estate**

**501 Open House**

**JEROME**  
  
**1413 Cottonwood**  
 OPEN 1-5PM  
 3 bdrm., 2 baths, 1240 sq. ft.  
 \$132,500  
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Maryah Conner, 7, who has autism, swings Monday night with her brother, Eugene, 8, at their home in Twin Falls. Heidi Conner, Maryah's mother, says two of her daughter's favorite things to do are swinging and jumping on trampolines.

**Can someone please pause the 'chick flicks'?**

Let me take the liberty of speaking for the men of the house everywhere, and make a sincere plea to the powers that be in Hollywood:

It's time to stop making such awful cinema catering to women. You can do much better, I hope.

The movies I speak of, called "chick flicks" by the uncouth movie-goer, have become more deceptive and annoying than Nigerian e-mails.



**SPILT MILK**  
**David Cooper**

We're a decade into a new century, and today's fathers are trying to be more flexible, sympathetic and understanding than ever. We're wearing pastel ties, driving fuel-efficient cars and changing diapers with consistency.

And unfortunately we're enduring movies that even Cary Grant would find as flat as Kansas champagne.

Why my complaining? There seems to be a glut of these films on the market — perhaps because of low production cost or fewer computer graphics and stunts, or because Sandra Bullock never learned Shakespeare.

Either way, with so many of these movies wandering around on TV and DVDs, you're bound to run into them sometime. And trust me when I say we've fallen a long way since the days of "Casablanca."

A few weeks ago my wife settled in to watch a romance that defied time, space, reason and common sense. The plot involved a woman who rented a house on a lake. She somehow begins corresponding with the previous owner, who had lived there a couple of years before her. And through the magic of love letters and a time-space continuum that was never explained, they fall in love. But not before this woman eventually discovers this man actually died in her arms years before she learned his identity.

Eventually she writes him a letter telling him about this fate — after he's dead, mind you — and somehow saves his life.

What a confusing mess. All I can say is if this is what passes for a modern love story, the ways of romance are looking up for Star Trek fans. They're the only ones who could appreciate a plot that bad.

Of course justice demands that I point out many guy flicks are just as horrible in plot and execution. Your local video store is a collection of movie carnage that would make Orson Welles choke on his beard.

But while an awful action movie can scare away reasonable audiences just by having a bad title, chick flicks do the opposite.

They lure couples with warm and scenic settings, mild soundtracks and a starlet actress's girl-next-door looks and Southern accent, alongside some leading man who's clearly doing the role for the paycheck.

Then watch it all melt into a puddle of a storyline resembling "Guiding Light."

Fellas, if you know what's good for you, stay away from syrupy storytelling. Watch football. Watch the hunting channel. Watch "The Spy Who Came in from the Cold." And then watch your sanity live another day.

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**Spreading hope** New autism chapter builds understanding, shares resources

**By Melissa Davlin**  
Times-News writer

As their parents grilled hot dogs and munched on potato chips, the children played on an inflatable water slide, shrieking and splashing. At first glance, they looked like any other adolescents.

But after a while, their differences stood out. Few interacted with each other, preferring instead to play alone, even in a crowd of their peers. One boy ran off to the side, twisting his neck and spinning around, arms outstretched, hands flapping and eyes fixed on the sky.

The children have autism, a developmental disorder that affects social interaction and communication. Their parents came together on July 23 for a Families 4 Autism meet-and-greet in Twin Falls, where they shared ideas while their autistic children and their siblings played.

According to Idaho Autism Community's Twin Falls chapter president, Tiffany Lund, children with autism in Idaho face long wait lists for private therapy, which can be expensive. In public schools, autistic children are regularly grouped with mentally retarded students.

"Autism is different, and they need different things to help them," said Lund, whose 7-year-old daughter, Kyra, has autism.

Unsatisfied with the available options, former Rexburg resident Beckah Whitlock started a group called Idaho Autism Community in

February 2008. Although there are local chapters of national autism organizations in Idaho, there was no statewide coalition or task force for the specific disorder.

"I wanted something to be done," said Whitlock, now of Twin Falls. "My kids needed help. Other families needed help."

Her organization started in Rexburg with eight members, but after a panel discussion in April, several parents from throughout the state expressed interest in starting

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**IDAHO AUTISM COMMUNITY**

- **What:** Monthly meetings for parents of autistic children
- **When:** 5:30-7 p.m. third Tuesday of every month
- **Where:** Hop 2 It, 2042 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls
- **Cost:** Free
- **Information:** Beckah Whitlock, 734-4299
- **What:** Fall forum with guest speaker Dr. Renee Deville, open to public
- **When:** 5:30-7 p.m. Oct. 8
- **Where:** Location to be announced
- **Cost:** Free
- **Information:** Whitlock, 734-4299

**INSIDE**

Autistic teens master social cues, find friends.

See **Family Life 4**

**Parents ponder: To vaccinate or not against swine flu**

**By Melissa Healy**  
Los Angeles Times

Tammy Reed, the 28-year-old mother of a toddler, is not given to belief in conspiracy theories and is not the type to be rattled by the phrase "pandemic flu." The Menifee, Calif., resident is the kind of mom who gathers a good deal of her medical intelligence on government Web sites, trusts a friend who is a nurse practitioner and is raising her bright, strong-willed daughter with all the confidence of a former nanny and the second-born in a family of six.

She's the kind of mom who thinks that when the vaccine for H1N1 influenza becomes available for her daughter, she may just take a pass on it.

"It's a different brand of flu, but it is still the flu, and I think she's already built a pretty strong immune system," Reed says of her blond, blue-eyed 14-month-old.



IRFAN KHAN/Los Angeles Times

'I think she's already built a pretty strong immune system,' Tammy Reed says of 14-month-old Coral.

At the same time, the tests on the vaccine in development against H1N1 aren't even completed yet, and that, to Reed, sounds like a for-

mula for unforeseen problems down the road.

"I'm really more concerned about the long-term effects and

**INSIDE**

During swine flu season, think before you share a drink.

See **Family Life 2**

lifelong damage it could do to her,' Reed says.

So for now, at least, she has made her peace with the prospect that her daughter, Coral, could have a few miserable days and a lifetime immunity from this novel strain of flu.

She'll seek her pediatrician's opinion next month when Coral is due for a checkup, Reed says. "But I don't think it'll sway me at this point."

As the nation braces for a season of pandemic contagion, omnipresent vaccine clinics and debate over health care reform, the myriad doubts of parents and

See **VACCINE**, Family Life 3



Here's some of the best from recent blog postings by a Times-News mom blogger. Read more at [Magicvalley.com](http://Magicvalley.com)



### The phases they go/grow through

We have all seen phases that our children go through and wonder how long they will last. Sometimes it seems the harder you try to get them out of a phase the worse it gets. This happened with us with my middle son this last winter. It was Christmas Eve when we decided to do a family movie night with a Christmas movie before bed. The movie choice was "A Christmas Story" where little Ralphie wants a

Red Ryder BB gun. My husband and I have watched the movie many times and think it is a Christmas classic. Little did we know the effect it would have on my 4-year-old. He saw the desire that little Ralphie had for that Red Ryder BB gun and decided he wanted one too. I started out by telling him in a joking way that he would "shoot his eye out." He assured me he wouldn't. I told him he wasn't old enough and that when he was older he could take a

gun safety class if he was responsible. He was quick to assure me that he was responsible now. The more we tried to divert his desire the worse it got. He found my older son's plastic Fisher-Price fishing pole and started walking around pretending it was his Red Ryder. I have to admit that it was kind of cute to see him with it lined up on his shoulder and to hear him go, "Now Black Bart you get yars!" just like little Ralphie.

## Drop off the kids and make it a date night Friday

Times-News

Parents can get a bargain on certified child care and assist students in the College of Southern Idaho's Early Childhood Education program at the same time.

The next "Date Night" fundraiser is 6-10 p.m. Friday.

The fundraiser is conducted each year by CSI Early Childhood Lab instructors and students, all of whom are certified in

first aid and CPR. Parents may make reservations for their children to have a fun evening at the CSI Preschool Lab, across from CSI at 246 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls.

The center will care for children up to age 12; cost for each child for the four hours is \$10.

Snacks and activities will be provided.

Reservations: child care lab facilitator Jennifer Patterson at 732-6884 or [jpatterson@csi.edu](mailto:jpatterson@csi.edu).

## Cable and wire hazards

The Washington Post

Does your pet ever try to paw over or chew on the many cables and wires sticking out all over your house?

This is a very dangerous habit. But fortunately, there are many things that can be done to keep dogs, cats and other pets from putting themselves in harm's way. A Web site, [CableOrganizer.com](http://CableOrganizer.com), offers many products that can provide solutions to the issues of wire management. They include plastic tubing or wraps to

cover wires and gadgets to wind up excess cord length. There are also adhesive cord clips (they can attach to furniture or walls) designed to keep phone and lamp cords off the floor. Concealed surge protectors can enclose plugs and can keep excess cord lengths away from your pet's — or your child's — radar.

Take a look around your house and see what you can do to minimize this hazard.

For other safety solutions, check out their Web site.

## Hope

Continued from Family Life 1

Whitlock traveled around the state to help them get started. There are now four active chapters — in Idaho Falls, Twin Falls, Rexburg and Pocatello — and pending chapters in Boise and Moscow.

Whitlock's 4-year-old son, Kaleb, has autism, and she suspects 3-year-old Josh is also on the autism spectrum. Kaleb first started showing signs of autism at 18 months, right after he received too big a dose of a vaccine, according to Whitlock. Before the vaccine, Kaleb had reached many developmental milestones, but immediately after receiving the vaccine, he regressed and had to be

re-taught how to talk and their own chapters. Whitlock traveled around the state to help them get started. There are now four active chapters — in Idaho Falls, Twin Falls, Rexburg and Pocatello — and pending chapters in Boise and Moscow.

Whitlock doesn't believe vaccines alone cause autism. Instead, she believes they're one of many environmental triggers for children who are predisposed to autism. Instead of waging a war on vaccinations, Whitlock is focusing on providing parents of autistic children with much-needed resources and support.

It's a mission that Lund appreciates.

"We need more services, more support," she said.

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## AUTISM AGENDA

When Beckah Whitlock started Idaho Autism Community in 2008, she had a few goals in mind. Those goals are starting to take shape, including:

- **An autism conference** in October 2010. Whitlock has secured a keynote speaker and is trying to arrange more speakers and finalize a location.
- **Sibshops, a support group** for siblings of children with autism and other special needs. Whitlock hopes to bring this national program to Magic Valley and other Idaho locations within the next few years.
- **Legislation requiring** insurance companies to pay for autism treatment. Whitlock said a lot of insurance policies either don't pay or require hefty co-pays. "I don't mind responsibility, but I don't think people understand the financial burden that autism is," she said. "I mean, it's hefty."
- **Public service announcements** that educate the public about autistic children's behavioral differences. Often, children with autism look completely normal but may start throwing a tantrum in public, Whitlock said. "Sometimes we get judged because we look like bad parents or the kids look like bad kids." A little understanding can go a long way, she said.

For information or to donate: Whitlock at 734-4299 or Heidi Conner at 404-9620.

## Vaccine

Continued from Family Life 1

citizens like Reed represent a new and potent strain of vaccine ambivalence.

Physicians say they are hearing young parents — many of whom have neither seen nor suffered any of the once-common diseases of childhood — express doubts about inoculating their children against the novel strain of influenza.

This new generation of vaccine skeptics has been forged by the stubbornly persistent belief — discredited by a welter of studies — in a link between vaccines and autism. And it is further fueled by a combustible mix of distrust of drug manufacturers, media outlets and the federal government.

And although many pediatricians are readying stern lectures in support of vaccinating children, several in Southern California contacted by the *Los Angeles Times* acknowledged they have doubts about recommending a vaccine that is still in testing for all of their young patients.

"A significant proportion of our population don't want to get it," says Los Angeles pediatrician Mikayel Abramyan. "I don't even know whether I will advocate for it right now."

To date, notes Abramyan, who saw a fair amount of novel H1N1 over the summer, the illness has been mild, and many parents of the children he cares for "want them to get their immunity that way instead of a flu shot," he says. While Abramyan says he rarely lets such preferences go unchallenged, "It's a reasonable position, and I understand it on an individual level. ... I understand where they're coming from."

Americans in their 20s, 30s and 40s have been largely spared the yearly deliberations over seasonal flu vaccine, either for themselves or their kids. School-aged children and their parents are mostly in robust health. Until very recently, they have been an afterthought in vaccination drives, which have focused instead on reaching the very old and very young — populations considered at highest risk of complications from seasonal flu.

The new H1N1 virus has changed all that. Epidemiologists have found that children, young adults and pregnant women who catch the new flu run a greater risk than the elderly of developing complications; as a result, all three groups top the list of those

recommended to get H1N1 vaccine this year. And even before the new strain emerged, many epidemiologists had embraced the view that vaccinating schoolchildren — the most prolific spreaders of germs — might be the best way to reduce the seasonal flu's hold on the entire population.

The collective doubts of this generation of parents, say experts in infectious disease control, could stymie the efforts of government officials and the medical establishment to stem the spread of a new contagion, and to be ready for other infectious diseases that may emerge down the road.

"Swirling around parents this fall will be a lot of myths, misinformation and legitimate and factual communications," says Sandra Quinn, a University of Pittsburgh public health professor who recently completed a national survey of attitudes about the flu vaccine. Of all the messages parents of young children are receiving, Quinn says, the parents of young children seem to be fixating on the word "uncertainty" — about the severity and scope of the flu, the status of the vaccine and the need for mass vaccinations.

These adults have never been an easy sell on flu vaccine for themselves, either. Even among adults 18-49 with chronic health conditions — a population urged by government health officials to get vaccinated against seasonal flu — only

37 percent last year got a flu shot or flu mist.

In approaching childhood vaccines in general, many parents aren't reflexively against them. Tammy Reed, for one, has had her child immunized against a wide range of childhood diseases. But she also has decided to wait, at least, for her child to get older before getting the vaccine cocktail that immunizes against measles, mumps and rubella. Although the MMR (mumps, measles, rubella) vaccine has not been formulated with the preservative thimerosal since 2001, it remains a common source of concern among parents, because many families of children with autism, as well as vaccine refusers, have charged that the MMR vaccine is the cause of the developmental disorder.

Some formulations of the H1N1 influenza vaccine are expected to contain a small amount of thimerosal to prevent contamination during manufacture and shipment. The American Academy of Pediatrics, in an effort to blunt these and other concerns, recently posted to its Web site an exhaustive accounting of studies that have failed to link thimerosal with harm. But the preservative's low-level presence in some flu vaccines, including some H1N1 formulations that will be offered for children this year, may make some pediatricians and parents squeamish. Some parents

will seek out formulations that are free of the preservative, but others may just stay away.

Finally, there is the hassle factor. As busy parents ponder the prospect of bringing their kids to the doctor twice — once for a seasonal flu shot and again for the H1N1 vaccine — some are expected to take their chances with less vaccine than recommended. If the H1N1 flu appears to have run its course before vaccine becomes available, many parents may decide their kids can skip both vaccines.

"Complacency is a big challenge," Dr. Anne Schuchat, director of CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, noted recently. Federal officials, "are trying to strike a balance between complacency and alarm," she added, as they undertake what many believe will be a mass-vaccination of unprecedented scale.

For Reed and Susanne Stuart-Nystrom, neither complacency nor alarm is the problem. The problem is a swirling debate in which opinion passes for science and the motives of long-trusted sources — physicians, scientists and government health officials — have come in for questioning.

"There's so much information out there," Stuart-Nystrom says. "The scary thing is, you don't know what's right and what's wrong?"

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# Autistic teens master social cues, find friends

By Alicia Chang  
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Thirteen-year-old Andrea Levy ticked off a mental list of rules to follow when her guest arrived: Greet her at the door. Introduce her to the family. Offer a cold drink.

Above all, make her feel welcome by letting her choose what to do.

"Do you want to make pizza now or do you want to make it later?" the lanky, raven-haired teen rehearsed in the kitchen, as her mother spread out dough and toppings.

This was a pivotal moment for Andrea, a girl who invited just one acquaintance to her bat mitzvah.

Andrea has autism, and socializing doesn't come naturally. For the past several weeks, she's gone to classes that teach the delicate ins and outs of making friends — an Emily Post rules of etiquette for autistic teens.

For Andrea, this pizza date is the ultimate test.

The bell rings. The door opens. Can she remember what she needs to do?

More important, will she make a friend?

Even for socially adept kids, the teen years, full of angst and peer pressure, can be a challenge. It's an especially difficult time for kids with autism spectrum disorders, a catchall term for a range of poorly understood brain conditions — from the milder Asperger's syndrome to more severe autism marked by lack of eye contact, poor communication and repetitive behavior such as head-banging.

An estimated 1 in 150 American children has some form of autism. There's no known cure. Some research suggests autistic kids who get help early can overcome some of their deficits. But the social skills they learn as a toddler may not be so useful to a teen.

"A lot of our kids need a tune-up. They need new skills to help them survive in their new social world," said clinical psychologist Elizabeth Laugeson of the University of California, Los Angeles, who runs a 3 1/2-month friendship program for high-functioning autistic teens like Andrea.

Growing up, Andrea hardly had friends at all. They either moved away or grew tired by her inability to emotionally connect.

"I know I'm weird and I know I'm not normal. I've always known I'm not normal."

— Andrea Levy, an autistic teen

When she was 18 months old, her parents noticed something was amiss. Instead of babbling, she would cry or scream to get attention. She had no desire to play, even with her older brother.

Some doctors said not to worry; others thought she had a speech impairment.

None of the answers made sense to Andrea's parents until two medical experts, including a pediatrician who specialized in developmental disorders, diagnosed her as autistic.

The family soon enrolled Andrea in special play therapy.

"We try and help her make friends, but she's always a step behind her peers," said her mother, Gina Levy.

In some respects, Andrea is a typical teenage girl who is crazed about celebrity gossip magazines, romance novels, drama and chorus. But she can be withdrawn and doesn't always get the subtleties of body language and other nonverbal signs.

Whenever she gets stuck in a conversation, she tends to stare, making people around her uncomfortable. She doesn't mean to be impolite — it's just her way of watching and learning.

"I know I'm weird and I know I'm not normal," said Andrea, who looks like a young Anne Hathaway with braces. "I've always known I'm not normal."

Andrea found company from nine other high-functioning autistic teens who enrolled in a 14-week friendship boot camp earlier this year. More than 100 teens have graduated from the UCLA Program for the Education and Enrichment of Relational Skills, or PEERS for short, which costs \$100 a session and is covered by many insurers.

Unlike other autism interventions, parents also must participate. They learn to become social coaches for their children so that their new skills can be retained when the program is over.

Every week, Laugeson, a peppy clinical psychologist known as "Dr. Liz," leads the students through a



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Elias Cazares Jr., 13, left, and Lisa Itani, 16, respond to questions during a PEERS class at the University of California, Los Angeles. The 14-week course helps autistic teens build social skills. Many people with autism spectrum disorders want to develop meaningful relationships, but lack the know-how of slipping into a conversation or deciphering body language and facial expressions, social scientists say.



From left, Andrea Levy, 13, Elias Cazares Jr., 13, and Hadiya Allen, 13, practice cooperation and good sportsmanship by playing a game during PEERS class in Los Angeles.

maze of social survival skills: how to have a two-way conversation, how to trade information to find common interests, how to gracefully enter a conversation and how to be a good host. In class, the teens role-play with one another and also must practice what they've learned outside of class in weekly homework assignments.

Andrea's journey through an unfamiliar social world has been filled with some stumbles.

During a role-playing exercise, she was paired with a classmate to talk about their favorite book. Andrea was so eager to share her love of "Gone with the Wind" that she lapsed into a two-minute monologue about the plot. A counselor stepped in and reminded her not to be a "conversation hog."

One of Andrea's early attempts to inject herself into an existing conversation revealed some awkwardness. As a group of classmates chatted away about an animated movie, Andrea stood aloof, avoiding eye contact and unsure of what to do. Laugeson pulled her aside, advised her to listen and find a pause.

By the time Andrea rejoined the group, the discussion had switched

to macadamia nuts. Andrea saw an opening and chimed in: "Well, I've tried macadamia nuts and they're pretty good. When I was little, I would eat a lot."

As time went on, Andrea's confidence improved. Through practice, she has let go of her tendency to be an interviewer during phone calls. On her own, she came up with the idea of asking the kids who were signing her yearbook to jot down their phone numbers too, a ploy that won her praise from the counselors and gave her a pool of potential friends to call.

The PEERS program deals only with friendships, and teens must use the skills they learn in class in the real world. As part of their homework during the last month of the training, they had to play host to potential friends outside of the group.

Andrea invited over a fellow drama classmate with something in common. Both had a digestive problem that meant they couldn't eat foods containing wheat. So the two girls were going to make a gluten-free pizza.

Before the guest arrived, Andrea, dressed in a denim skirt and blouse, went over the steps of being a good host. The door bell

buzzed. Her ponytailed guest was five minutes early and wearing a shy smile.

After exchanging pleasantries, the two gathered in the kitchen. Andrea got off to a slow start, standing at times with her arms crossed in front while her mother chatted away.

Then, she remembered her hosting duties and asked if the classmate wanted to add the pizza toppings first.

The guest deferred. "You can go first."

Andrea demonstrated: "So you put a little bit of sauce ... and sprinkle on the cheese?"

"Perfect," the classmate replied.

After pizza, Andrea, with some prompting from her mother, asked what to do next.

The guest was indifferent so the two migrated to Andrea's room to watch a movie. After they got bored, they headed to the living room to play video games where Andrea got a chance to practice good sportsmanship.

Despite beating her guest in almost every round, Andrea threw out words of praise: "Good job" and "Come on. You can do this!"

"You did well," Andrea said after winning the last round.

The two haven't hung out since the culinary experience. It's been an up-and-down time. But Andrea managed to have four get-togethers with a girl she met in chorus. And she's felt those familiar teen pangs of loss when she was stood up by another girl.

The older, wiser Andrea shook it off. She focused on a new set of possible friends she met while awaiting her turn to dive at the local swimming pool.

After overhearing that her schoolmates were on Facebook, she persuaded her mother to let her create a profile. She sent out "a gazillion friend requests" hoping a few will bite.

She has 33 friends and counting.

## Life skills for teens: Laundry, money management and how to safely drive a car

By Beth J. Harpaz  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — For parents, the start of school each fall is a little like New Year's Day: We resolve that this year, things will be different with our kids.

We have goals for them (less procrastinating and better grades are perennials on my list). And we also have goals for ourselves as parents (less yelling and less junk food in the house are two of mine).

But when your kids become teenagers, opportunities for improvement start to run out. Most of us have taught our kids the basics by then — how to swim, ride a bike and say please and thank you. But what about things like money management, doing the laundry and parallel parking — to name a few things kids ought to know by the time they're 18?

"I think we do our kids a great disservice by turning them loose without teaching them basic life skills," said Brooke Naranjo, a mother of two teens in Manhattan, Kan. "My son, especially, balks at household tasks, but I always tell him, 'I'm not coming with you when you leave.'"

Naranjo, who works as an office manager, already has



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A student goes through parking cones at the Taggart Driving School course in Tucker, Ga. Parents should help teens develop life skills outside school, from doing the laundry to money management to safe driving.

her son and daughter helping out with household chores like washing dishes. They wash their own clothes and pack their lunches too. "I am amazed by how many of my friends still wash their kids' clothes and make their lunches and all that," she said.

She tells the story of how her husband, who's stationed in Afghanistan, got to Navy boot camp at age 18, threw his clothes in a washer and then had to ask the guy standing next to him, "How do you turn this thing on?"

That story hit home with me. My husband and I have

done OK as life-skills teachers in some areas — we get compliments on our oldest son's manners from neighbors and good feedback on his work ethic from his bosses — but we've been lax in other areas.

The boy is in his last year of high school now, and if I

don't get busy teaching laundry skills soon, he'll be in a dorm having the same conversation about turning the washer on that Naranjo's husband had with his buddy.

Part of the problem for me in assigning household chores is relaxing my own standards. Teaching someone how to operate the washing machine is easy; standing by while dirty laundry accumulates, wondering whether dirty socks are being worn more than once, is hard. But I resolve to let my hang-ups go before the year is out.

Same thing with cooking. My son can handle breakfast, lunch and anything in the microwave, and he makes a mean cheese quesadilla on the griddle. But I'm reluctant to turn over the reins at dinner. I pledge this year, though, to try.

I hear lots of parents complain that their kids lose things all the time. Backpacks, cell phones and iPods seem to vanish on school buses, from lockers, at the mall and during sleepovers. Well, here's a surefire way to teach them to keep track of their stuff: They lose it, they pay for it.

In fact, paying your own way and managing money responsibly are tops on my

list of what every teenager ought to know. Start those lessons early with a small allowance, then encourage kids to save up money from baby-sitting, dog walking and the like to pay for the name-brand sneakers and video games that you don't want to buy for them.

For high school students, some banks offer checking accounts, and most allow parents to open joint accounts with their kids. Last year, I opened a checking account for my son where the paychecks from his after-school job could be automatically deposited, so he wouldn't have to rely on me to cash them. It was with some trepidation that I handed him the ATM card that came with the account, but he's used it responsibly, and that's a relief.

Kids graduating from high school should be able to ask for directions, read a map, estimate a waiter's tip and navigate unfamiliar territory, whether it's a menu, mall, bus station, airport or even a new city.

Fortunately, my son's already good at those things. Now if we can just get the laundry and the parking down by June, he'll be ready (almost) to take on the world.





# Kids Only

## THE GERM-FIGHTER IN CHIEF



Photos by RICHARD A. LIPSKI/The Washington Post

As head of the Department of Health and Human Services, Kathleen Sebelius, shown in her Washington office, works to protect the health of Americans. One of her main jobs is educating people, especially kids, about how to avoid the flu.

### By Valerie Strauss

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — There is a woman whose job it is to try to keep you healthy — and no, it isn't your mother.

Kathleen Sebelius is President Barack Obama's secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, and she spends her days leading the federal government's effort to protect the health of Americans.

These days Sebelius, 61, is a very busy woman. Two of the most important issues in the country today involve the health of Americans: the spread of swine flu, and government efforts to improve the health-care system in the country.

One of her main jobs is educating people, especially kids, about how to avoid the flu.

Why are kids so important?

Because so far, Sebelius said, most of the people who have gotten swine flu, also called the H1N1 virus, in this country are between ages 5 and 24. Officials say that this fall as much as half of the U.S. population could become infected.

"It is important for kids to know that they can do something about this and not just sit around and wait to get sick," she said.

So Sebelius talks to kids a lot about washing their hands (for about 20 seconds each time in soapy water) and about never coughing or sneezing into the air or into your hands, even if it means using your sleeve if no tissue is available! Here's a reason for kids to like this government official: She urges kids to stay home from school if they feel sick.

For Sebelius, the mother of two sons in their 20s, government service runs in the family.

Her father, John Gilligan, was first elected to the City Council in Cincinnati, when she was 5 and was in politics for decades. He won the 1970 race to be Ohio's governor. Three decades later, Kathleen, who had married Gary Sebelius, was elected governor of Kansas, and she was re-elected in 2006.

She and her father are the first father and daughter to be governors in American history! Sebelius stepped down as governor when Obama asked her to move to Washington and become one of seven women in his Cabinet (his team of top advisers).

She said it meant a great deal to her that her dad, now 88, watched her take the oath of office. Sebelius said that her job keeps her busy from early morning to late at night but that each day is different.

She wakes up about 6 a.m. and tries to run about four miles. She gets into her office about 8:30 a.m. and attends many meetings. She also travels a lot around the country.

She goes to the White House about three times a week to discuss issues with top officials. Most nights she gets home about 10 p.m. — but her work isn't yet done. She then reads about 50 pages of important material to get ready for the next day.

"I go home with homework every night," she said. "Kids need to understand that homework doesn't stop when they get out of school!"



Kathleen Sebelius, a former governor of Kansas, has reminders of home: a gift from the University of Kansas basketball team, which won the NCAA championship in 2008. The basketball is on display in her Washington office.

### KATHLEEN SEBELIUS AT A GLANCE

Meet Kathleen Sebelius, secretary of Health and Human Services

**Born:** Cincinnati, Ohio

**Schools:** Trinity College (now University) in Washington, University of Kansas

**What's on her iPod:** A wide range of music, including Toby Keith, Bonnie Raitt, the Grateful Dead

**Favorite song:** "Respect" by Aretha Franklin

**Nickname as a kid:** Gilligan (her last name before she was married)

**Favorite subjects in school:** History, English

**Worst subject in school:** "I wasn't a real language whiz, but I was a good student."

**Favorite pizza topping:** Veggies

**Favorite ice cream:** Any Graeter's flavors with chocolate chips (Graeter's was started in her home town!)

**Favorite books as a kid:** The Nancy Drew and Hardy Boys series

**Favorite sport:** All of them. "I'm a recovering jock."