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As beetles recede, Sawtooth forest may see fires next



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Workers spread logs around the ground on the shores of Redfish Lake in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. The logs will help return nutrients to the soil and nurture other plant growth as the forest recovers from an infestation of mountain pine beetles.

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

KETCHUM — After a decade under siege by the mountain pine beetle, the Sawtooth National Recreation Area may finally find relief.

But as beetle attacks on the area's lodgepole pine subside, the dramatic changes caused by the insect will still define the SNRA's forests over the coming years.

The Sawtooth Valley — "one of the jewels of Idaho," as one forester put it — is blanketed by giant stands of lodgepoles. It's a tempting target for the mountain pine beetle, which has visited the area before; officials often cite an outbreak in the 1930s.

The beetles harm trees by burrowing beneath their bark, laying eggs in the layer between the bark and the wood. Larvae eat along the same layer when they hatch, eventually cutting off the tree's water and nutrients and killing it, said Matt Filbert, assistant fire management officer for the SNRA.

Some trees are able to fight back, Filbert said, using sap to essentially wash the bugs out. But in stressful years — like

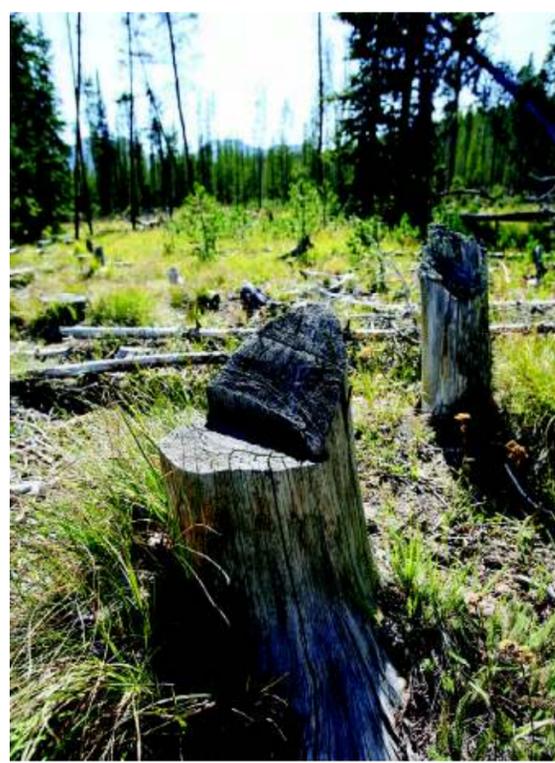
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WATCH an interview with Matt Filbert, an assistant fire management officer for the SNRA.

most of those in the past decade — the bugs gain the upper hand. The starved lodgepoles turn red, a dramatic sight in forests ham-

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In an effort to bring the forest to life again, U.S. Forest Service officials have implemented several strategies, including removal of beetle-infested lodgepole pines, to fight the pine beetle population that has killed large portions of the Sawtooth National Forest.

Stolen babies

Stories strike at heart of adoption boom in China

By Barbara Demick
Los Angeles Times

TIANXI, China — The man from family planning regularly prowled around the mountaintop village, looking for diapers on clotheslines and listening for the cry of a hungry newborn. One day in spring 2004, he presented himself at Yang Shuiying's doorstep and commanded: "Bring out the baby!"

Yang wept and argued, but, alone with her 4-month-old daughter, she was in no position to resist the man every parent in Tianxi feared.

"I'm going to sell the baby for foreign adoption. I can get a lot of money for her," he told the sobbing mother as he drove her with the baby to an orphanage in Zhenyuan, a nearby city in the southern province of Guizhou. In return, he promised that the family wouldn't have to pay fines for violating China's one-child policy.

Then he warned her: "Don't tell anyone about it!"

For five years, she kept the terrible secret.

"I didn't understand that they didn't have the right to take our babies," she said.

Since the early 1990s, more than 80,000 Chinese children have been adopted abroad, the majority going to families in the United States.

The conventional wisdom has been that the babies, mostly girls, were abandoned by their parents because of the traditional preference for boys and China's restrictions on family size. No doubt, that was the case for tens of thousands of the girls.

But some parents are coming forward to tell harrowing stories of babies taken by coercion, fraud or kidnapping — sometimes by government officials who covered their

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Members of the Henningsen Cold Storage team race Saturday during the Bed Races competition in downtown Twin Falls.

DREW GODLESKI/For the Times-News



Bed races raise bucks for MS

By John Plestina
Times-News writer

Highlighted by a Chinese fire drill in the middle of the block, some of Twin Falls' thrill-seekers donned pajamas and raced beds along a grueling one-block race course in the first Historic Downtown Bed Races on Main

Street Saturday to raise money for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

The purpose of the event is twofold: to raise money for the Idaho chapter of the MS Society and promote downtown Twin Falls by making the bed races an annual Crazy Days event in July to bring more people downtown.

With a starting and finishing

line in front of Janitzio Family Mexican Restaurant, the entire race course was between Shoshone and Gooding streets. After the Chinese fire drill, where the four runners and the "sleeper" on the bed ran around the bed, one runner swapped pajamas and

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Pat's Picks

Three things to do today

Pat Marcantonio



• Don't miss the Thousand Springs Festival of the Arts with great art, food and entertainment. It goes from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the lovely Ritter Island in the Thousand Springs State Park near Hagerman. From Interstate 84, take Wendell exit 155 and follow the signs south.

• For fishing fun, visit the Oakley Reservoir, also known as Goose Creek. You can find Rainbow trout and walleye in the reservoir, says the Idaho Fish and Game. Caution, the road is rough, but anglers might find it's worth the trip. Go to Oakley

and watch for signs or ask the locals, or call Fish and Game, 324-4359.

• Be sure to make it out to the Bruneau Dunes State Park Observatory before it closes for the season on Oct. 17. You can enjoy the sand dunes during the day, and the constellations at night. It's 18 miles southwest of Mountain Home.

Have your own pick you want to share? Something that is unique to the area and that may take people by surprise? E-mail me at patm@gmagicvalley.com.

PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY



Photo courtesy of the Twin Falls Public Library

A group of people, including a woman and child, in front of a stone building/house in a canyon. If you have any information regarding this photo, please contact the library at tfpl@lib.tfid.org.

Bed

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places with the cohort lying on the bed for the last leg of the race.

Dick's Pharmacy owner Ken Fuchs and his team dressed in green with shamrocks for the September version of St. Patrick's Day.

"We save people green (money), so we thought we'd go green," he said.

For Judy Fisher, of Twin Falls, it's personal. She has MS. The bed race fundraiser was her idea and she promoted it with her husband, John.

Just before the race started, Fisher was registering entrants in front of O'Dunken's Draught House near the intersection of Main and Shoshone streets.

"I have MS and I think MS gets swept under the rug a little bit," she said, adding that Twin Falls needs more than the annual walk for MS every May.

"We did a dart tournament in April of this year and it was very successful," Fisher said. "It was so successful, I thought let's do another fundraiser that nobody's done before. That's where this brilliant idea came from."

While bed races are common in other cities, the event was virtually unheard of in Twin Falls until Fisher thought of it.

O'Dunken's owner Steve O'Connor is a friend of John and Judy Fisher.

"We've supported them in other events they have had," he said.

"They haven't done it in Twin Falls yet," O'Connor said before the race. "So what better place to do it but in front of the Cheers of Twin Falls, where everyone knows your name?"

Some teams made a \$100 donation and built their own



DREW GODLESKI/For the Times-News
Team Dicks Pharmacy member Kyle Jones celebrates Saturday during their race in the Bed Races competition in downtown Twin Falls.

beds from the bottom up. Two volunteer teams entered the race with sponsors who came forward.

A few simple rules included that participants must be at least 18 years old and dressing up silly was strongly encouraged.

For looking like clowns or something close to it, there were trophies for Most Outlandish and Best of Show. Popular votes from spectators at donations of \$1 per vote determined the winners.

The inaugural race champion was Team O'Dunken, with Team Henningsen Cold Storage taking the second-place trophy. The spectators voted Team Dick's Pharmacy both the Most Outlandish and Best of Show. Ribbons were presented to each member of the two volunteer teams.

O'Connor added that with the publicity the inaugural event received, he expects a larger field of entrants next July.

The major sponsors included Henningsen, O'Dunken's, Mix 103 Radio, Road Work Ahead Construction Supplies and the *Times-News*.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Stephen Moss' harpsichord recital, 4 p.m., College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Theater, 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, free admission, 732-6262.

FESTIVALS

National Alpaca Farm Days, with alpaca products and fiber, activities for children, demonstrations and information, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 3685 N. 2600 E., Twin Falls, free admission, 208-733-0555.

The 17th annual Thousand Springs Festival of the Arts, with music, local food specialties, beer and wine garden, and arts and crafts; also, hay rides, canoeing, craft and wildlife demonstrations, local authors, children's activities and jazz, acoustical guitar,

blues and folk music, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Ritter Island at Thousand Springs State Park (from Interstate 84, take Wendell exit 147 and follow the signs), Hagerman, admission: \$6 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens and \$3 for children ages 5-12, jponce@safelink.net.

TODAY'S DEADLINE

Reminder for Oct. 5 Magic Valley Region of the Idaho Chapter of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers meeting, topic: speaker Attorney Tom Arkoosh representing the Surface Water Coalition, 7 a.m., Depot Grill, 545 Shoshone St. S., Twin Falls, 733-0874 or henri@lemoyne.com.

Reminder 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 seasonal 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.

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@gmagicvalley.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.

ON THE TRAIL

Volunteers help BLM launch single-track trail system near Hailey

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

HAILEY — Braving a toasty-warm Saturday morning and sneezes brought on by sagebrush allergies, a handful of volunteers joined Bureau of Land Management personnel in the hills west of Hailey to put the finishing touches on 13 miles of new single-track trails.

The trail loops, which were environmentally approved in November 2007 and built this spring, nearly double the amount of trails intended for bicycles, horses, hikers and motorcyclists in the BLM's Shoshone district. The district stretches from Ketchum to the Snake River and from King Hill Creek to Craters of the Moon.

Intended to eventually connect with the nearby system of Forest Service trails to the north, the BLM trails have been long-requested and will be especially appreciated by users who wish to get into the hills when the trails near Ketchum are still under snow.

"They're going to be valuable to me in that regard," said Chris Leman of Ketchum, a cyclist and hiker who came out to volunteer for four hours moving sagebrush to line the edges of the trail and removing other signs of trail creation.

"It's a great way to give back to the trails and keep them in good shape," he said. "The federal agencies are so strapped for cash it makes sense to help these guys get their work done."

Leman was joined by about eight other volunteers, including five members of the McCormick family of Boise, who enjoy hiking as they camp around the region. They brought their three young children to the clean-up day in part to satisfy a school requirement that the kids contribute community service, and in part because, as mother Erika said, "this is a great way to be outside all morning."

"They appreciate there's not garbage everywhere," Erika McCormick said. "It



Photos by ARIEL HANSEN/Times-News
Kelly McCormick of Boise, 4, is handed an orange marker flag by another volunteer at a National Public Lands Day volunteer event. The Bureau of Land Management used volunteer labor to clean up and prepare new single-track trails west of Hailey.



Grace McCormick, 6, and her sister, Zoe McCormick, 8, of Boise, move along newly created loops of single-track Bureau of Land Management trails west of Hailey, as part of a volunteer event.

"It's a great way to give back to the trails and keep them in good shape. The federal agencies are so strapped for cash it makes sense to help these guys get their work done."

— Chris Leman of Ketchum, a cyclist and hiker

gives them a chance to be out on a trail and see what their work can do."

The children were excited about their job, untying neon orange marker tape from sagebrush that had been removed from the trail by the BLM's contractor. An hour into their efforts, even 4-year-old Kelly was still energized, zipping from one bush to another and asking nearby adults to hand him the flags

that were farther off the trail — he'd been warned against the possibility of rattlesnakes.

"Could you get this?" he asked his oldest sister. Then, his eyes darting up the trail, "I see another one!"

The trails won't officially be opened until next spring, because the BLM wants to give the disturbed earth time to settle, but wide and narrow tire marks

INTERESTED?

To find out more about the trail system, visit the Croy Creek trailhead, about 3 miles west of Hailey on Croy Creek Road, where a map and other information is available. Or call the BLM's Shoshone field office at 732-7296.

and hoof prints show that locals are appreciating the views already.

The loops built this year cost about \$110,000 and are targeted at intermediate riders. BLM outdoor recreation manager John Kurtz said his office has received additional stimulus cash to create another 2.5 miles of more advanced, technical trail in the near future. Difficulty aside, all the trails are designed to need minimal maintenance and have minimal impact on the environment.

"We don't have trail crews like the Forest Service does," Kurtz said.

The loops have been placed almost entirely on BLM land, providing a permanent alternative to existing, traditionally ridden trails nearby that cross private property and could be shut down by those landowners at any time.

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Trailer loses hay, blocks traffic

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Several bales of hay, after bouncing out of a pickup, caused a mess Saturday afternoon along Interstate 84 in Jerome County.

No one was injured in the incident, which was reported to dispatch at 4:29 p.m., but it backed up traffic for about an hour,

according to Deputy Lawrence Green of the Jerome County Sheriff's Office.

A pickup towing a flatbed trailer was carrying hay, which was not properly secured, Green said. The hay bounced out of the trailer, scattering the hay along the highway near milepost 173. Traffic was

reduced to one lane while crews cleaned up, he said.

The driver claimed he had secured the hay to the trailer, Green said, but law officers didn't find any safety straps at the scene.

The names of the driver and his passenger were not released Saturday night. The incident is still under investigation.

Adopt

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tracks by pretending the babies were abandoned.

Parents who say their children were taken complain that officials were motivated by the \$3,000 per child that adoptive parents pay orphanages.

"Our children were exported abroad like they were factory products," said Yang Libing, a migrant worker from Hunan province whose daughter was seized in 2005. He has since learned that she is in the United States.

Doubts about how babies are procured for adoption in China have begun to ripple through the international adoption community.

"In the beginning, I think, adoption from China was a very good thing, because there were so many abandoned girls. But then it became a supply-and-demand-driven market, and a lot of people at the local level were making too much money," said Ina Hut, who last month resigned as head of the Netherlands' largest adoption agency because of concerns about baby trafficking.

The Chinese Center for Adoption Affairs, the government agency that oversees foreign and domestic adoption, rejected repeated requests for comment. Officials of the agency have told foreign diplomats that they believe abuses are limited to a small number of babies and that those responsible have been removed and punished.

For adoptive parents, the possibility that their children were forcibly taken from their birth parents is terrifying.

"When we adopted in 2006, we were fed the same stories, that there were millions of unwanted girls in China, that they would be left on the street to die if we didn't help," said Cathy Wagner, an adoptive mother from Nova Scotia. "I love my daughter, but if I had any idea my money would cause her to be taken away from another mother who loved



BARBARA DEMICK/Los Angeles Times

Yang Libing, right, and Cao Zhimei say they didn't know that an official had no right to take their baby.

her, I never would have adopted."

The problem is rooted in China's population controls, which limit most families to one child, two if they live in the countryside and the first is a girl. Each town has a family-planning office, usually staffed by Communist Party cadres who have broad powers to order abortions and sterilizations. People who have additional babies can be fined up to six times their annual income — fines euphemistically called "social service expenditures."

"The family-planning people are actually more powerful than the Ministry of Public Security," said Yang Zhizhu, a legal scholar in Beijing.

Throughout the countryside, red banners exhort, "Give birth to fewer babies, plant more trees" and, more ominously, "If you give birth to extra children, your family will be ruined."

But the law does not give officials permission to take babies from their parents.

Some families said beatings and threats were used to force them into giving up their daughters. Others said they were tricked into signing away their parental rights.

"They grabbed the baby and dragged me out of the

house. I was screaming — I thought they were going to knock me over," said Liu Suzhen, a frail woman from Huangxin village in Hunan province.

She was baby-sitting her 4-month-old granddaughter one night in March 2003 when a dozen officials stormed her house. She said they took her and the baby to a family-planning office, where a man grabbed her arm and pressed her thumbprint onto a document she couldn't read.

Once a child is taken to an orphanage, parents can lose all rights.

"They wouldn't even let me in the door," said Zhou Changqi, a construction worker whose 6-month-old daughter was taken in 2002 by family-planning officials in Guiyang, in Hunan province. Zhou tried repeatedly over three years to get into the Changsha Social Welfare Institute, one of the major orphanages sending babies abroad, until one day he was told:

"It's too late. Your daughter has already gone to America."

In much of China, villagers have long lived in dread of surprise visits from family-planning officials. In Tianxi, a mist-shrouded village of 1,800 people tucked high in lush mountains near

ted dirt road and then a 30-minute hike uphill. Throughout the 1980s and 1990s, when families were too poor to pay, officials would punish them by ransacking their homes or confiscating cows and pigs, residents said.

Then, in 2003, things changed. The year after the Social Welfare Institute in Zhenyuan was approved to participate in a burgeoning foreign adoption program, family-planning officials stopped confiscating farm animals. They started taking babies instead.

"If people couldn't pay their fines, they'd take away their babies," said a retired municipal employee from Zhenyuan who used to work as a foster parent for the orphanage.

Almost everybody in Tianxi knows somebody whose baby was taken. An old man leaning on a hand-carved walking stick told of his granddaughter being taken. A younger man spoke of a niece.

The villagers resent the

suggestion by some that they don't love their daughters and readily abandon them.

"People around here don't dump their kids. They don't sell their kids. Boy or girl, they're our flesh and blood," said Li Zeji, 32, a farmer who says his third daughter was taken in 2004.

Under Chinese law, officials are required to search for the birth parents of abandoned babies. Four months after Yang Shuiying's daughter was taken, her photograph ran in a notice in the Guizhou City Daily along with those of 14 other babies.

The ad claimed, falsely, that the baby was "found abandoned on the doorstep" of a home in Tianxi village.

"Whoever recognizes this child should contact the orphanage in 60 days; otherwise, the baby will be considered an orphan," read the Aug. 14, 2004, announcement, which the parents never saw, because the newspaper was not available in their remote village.

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Forest

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mered by the insects.

The newest beetle outbreak in Sawtooth lodgepoles ramped up in the late 1990s. By 2003, the U.S. Forest Service had completed an environmental assessment and launched several projects to spray for the bugs and clear out infected trees. Local landowners and state agencies also got on board — one group of homeowners obtained a federal grant to clear out dangerous and dying trees around them.

The epidemic itself was simply too much for the Forest Service to stop, Filbert said. From day one, workers focused primarily on minimizing the risk of fire and other dangers around private land, campgrounds and similar sites — “things we really wanted to protect in the event of a fire,” Filbert said.

The forests carpeting the region became speckled with red, in severe cases fully blushing with the color and scarring the otherwise-green landscape.

Now, most of those red trees have faded to gray. And the Forest Service is scaling back its efforts to battle the beetle and the destruction it leaves in its wake.

It's not that the beetle has gone away. But as part of the forest ecosystem, it operates in a natural cycle.

In this case, it reacted to how the SNRA is managed, said Alan Young, a forester who operates out of the agency's Fairfield Ranger Station. The region was created to protect its pristine landscape, but in the process stands of lodgepoles became dense and overstocked.

“And because we're not doing anything, the beetles are doing something,” Young said.

The insects were effective. Nearly 80 percent of mature SNRA lodgepoles are dead now, Filbert said, though he added he estimates only 20 percent of plants in the overall forests have been affected. After a couple of years as red-needled trees, their needles have fallen off, fading the now-gray trees into the background and lowering the risk of a hard-to-battle crown fire in the treetops, he said.

Some area residents have argued to the Forest Service that a limited number of timber sales ahead of time could have helped stunt the beetles, Filbert said. But thinning carries its own hazards. Lodgepole pines can resist the wind in groups, but when spaced out, they're apt to fall over. That's what happened on July 3, 2008, when a microburst wind storm toppled thousands of live, healthy trees at Redfish Lake.

Some trees affected by the beetles have been removed. But many of the green, healthy ones are finding new life as strategically placed logs around the lake. Contractors earlier this month started a three-week project to position the logs, intended to provide a source of key nutrients for the soil in the area while keeping the popular recreational site looking good for the public.



This particular stand located on the west side of the Sawtooth Valley is no longer red. The crimson needles have fallen to reveal bare trees.



New lodgepole pines grow at the site of one of the first areas logged several years ago by the U.S. Forest Service to remove trees infested with mountain pine beetles. The beetles have killed roughly 80 percent of the mature lodgepoles in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, but the new trees have sprouted up naturally.



A stand of timber shows the effects of the mountain pine beetle on the Sawtooth National Forest.

“In the end it's all the same,” Filbert said. “The trees are dead.”

The dead, dry lodgepoles that still stand create conditions ripe for fire, especially when they give in to gravity and crash to earth, creating a bed of fuel. In fact, one of Filbert's concerns during this summer's remarkably quiet fire season has been whether trees will fall on firefighters when they respond to a blaze.

“We'll have that condition for 20 years or so,” he said of the potential for wildfires.

Meanwhile, the beetles will continue their work, following the wind to choice trees. Younger, more slender trees can't sustain larvae, Filbert said. But the beetles have already sought out mature trees elsewhere, he said.

The epidemic crossed Galena Summit into the Wood River Valley for a couple of years early this decade, and jumped valleys again last year. They've also spread into stands of whitebark pine, a valuable tree to the ecosystem that is under assault across much of its range in the West.

A warming trend — maybe influenced by humans, maybe not — has allowed the beetles more access to the whitebark, which grows at higher eleva-

tions. It's also allowed them to reproduce more at those altitudes, Young said.

Combined with mortality from blister rust, a fungus, the threat to the whitebark is enough that some biologists and environmentalists are worried about the species' future. The Web site of the Sawtooth Whitebark Pine Restoration Project, run by a group working to save the trees in the Sawtooths, claims as many as 70 percent of the trees across the Sawtooth National Forest have succumbed to the bug since 1997.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working on an initial assessment of the whitebark pine across the West after being petitioned last December by the Natural Resources Defense Council to list it as endangered.

Eventually, the mountain pine beetles will return to the lodgepoles in the SNRA. Many of the remaining trees

are 30 to 50 years old, Filbert said; once they age to the bugs' satisfaction in half a century, there will likely be another epidemic.

The news isn't all bad. New lodgepoles have sprouted at the sites of some of the SNRA's first timber sales near Stanley. Unlike other parts of the West where the trees depend on fire to open their pinecones and drop seeds, SNRA lodgepoles sport cones that open by themselves, easing the recovery process, Filbert said.

It's also not like people have stopped visiting the SNRA. Folks enjoying Redfish Lake earlier this month told the *Times-News* the forest seemed much improved in the area, despite the graying trees.

“It looks like they did a mighty good job getting rid of them,” said Don Walker of Emmett about the infested trees.

The challenge now, Filbert said, will be changing the public's expectations of what they'll see when they head to the popular recreational region.

“We have that snapshot in time of how something should look,” Filbert said. “We have to get people past that.”

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Enviros seek to wipe out plush toilet paper

By David A. Fahrenthold
The Washington Post

ELMWOOD PARK, N.J. — There is a battle for America's behinds.

It is a fight over toilet paper: the kind that is blanket-fluffy and getting fluffier so fast that manufacturers are running out of synonyms for “soft” (Quilted Northern Ultra Plush is the first big brand to go three-ply and three-

adjective). It's a menace, environmental groups say — and a dark-comedy example of American excess.

The reason, they say, is that plush U.S. toilet paper is usually made by chopping down and grinding up trees that were decades or even a century old. They want Americans, like Europeans, to wipe with tissue made from recycled paper goods.

It has been slow going. Big toilet-paper makers say that they've taken steps to become more Earth-friendly but that their customers still want the soft stuff, so they're still selling it.

This summer, two of the best-known combatants in this fight signed a surprising truce, with a big tissue maker promising to do better. But the larger battle goes on — the ultimate test of how green Americans will be when nobody's watching.

“At what price soft-

ness?” said Tim Spring, chief executive of Marcal Manufacturing, a New Jersey paper maker that is trying to persuade customers to try 100 percent recycled paper. “Should I contribute to clear-cutting and deforestation because the big (marketing) machine has told me that softness is important?”

He added: “You're not giving up the world here.”

Toilet paper is far from being the biggest threat to the world's forests: together with facial tissue, it accounts for 5 percent of the U.S. forest-products industry, according to industry figures. Paper and cardboard packaging makes up 26 percent of the industry, although more than half is made from recycled products. Newspapers account for 3 percent.

But environmentalists say 5 percent is still too much.

Felling these trees removes a valuable scrubber of carbon dioxide, they say. If the trees come from “farms” in places such as Brazil, Indonesia or the southeastern United States, natural forests are being displaced. If they come from Canada's forested north — a major source of imported wood pulp — ecosystems valuable to bears, caribou and migratory birds are being damaged.

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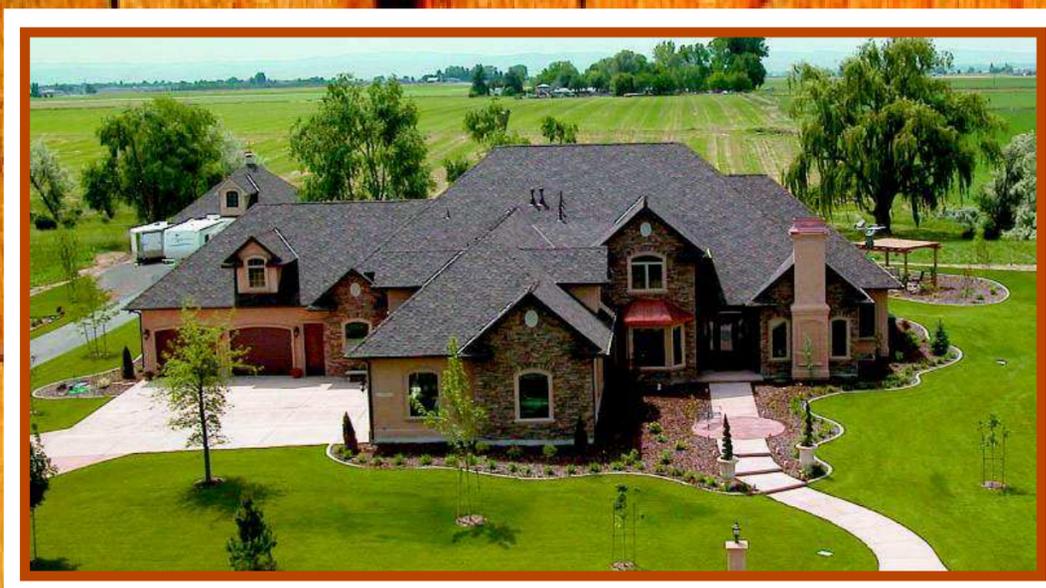
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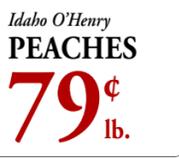


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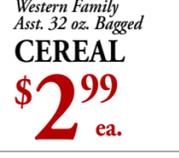
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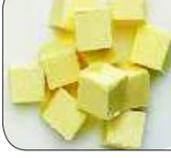
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CASE LOT ORDER FORM

Order QTY	PLU#	Description	Pack	Size	\$ Case	\$ Unit
Grocery Staples						
	10485	WF Apple Juice & Cider	8	64 Z	\$10.00	\$1.25
	10530	WF Canned Fruit - Peaches, Pears, Fr. Cocktail, Apricots	24	15 Z	\$18.48	\$0.77
	10007	Mandarin Oranges	24	10.5 Z	\$10.56	\$0.44
	10599	WF Applesauce	24	15 Z	\$15.12	\$0.63
	10224	Canned Pineapple - Chunks, Tidbits, Sliced	24	20 Z	\$20.88	\$0.87
	10288	WF Grape Jelly	12	32 Z	\$23.64	\$1.97
	10289	WF Peanut Butter - Creamy, Chunky	12	18 Z	\$22.44	\$1.87
	10595	Spaghettios	24	15 Z	\$12.00	\$0.50
	10596	WF Asst Canned Tomatoes - Whole, Stewed, Sliced, Crushed, Diced, and more	24	14.5 Z	\$13.68	\$0.57
	10097	WF Tomato Sauce	48	8 Z	\$12.96	\$0.27
	10096	WF Tomato, Vegetable, or Apricot Juice	12	46 Z	\$17.64	\$1.47
	10317	WF Mushrooms - Pieces & Stems	24	4 Z	\$11.28	\$0.47
	10503	WF Canned Corn - Whole Kernel, Cream Style	24	15 Z	\$13.68	\$0.57
	10009	WF Canned Green Beans - Cut, French Sliced	24	15 Z	\$13.68	\$0.57
	10411	WF Canned Mixed Vegetables, Hominy, Carrots	24	15 Z	\$13.68	\$0.57
	10019	WF Canned Beans - Chili, Garbanzo, Kidney, Gr Northern, Black, Pinto, Sm Red, Blackeye	24	15 Z	\$13.68	\$0.57
	10267	WF Chili - Hot, Mild, Thick & Chunky, Turkey	24	15 Z	\$23.52	\$0.98
	10223	WF Chunk Light Tuna in Water	48	5 Z	\$25.44	\$0.53
	10209	Maruchan Ramen Noodles - Beef, Pork, Chicken	24	3 Z	\$3.43	7/\$1
	10208	WF Soup - Cream of Chicken & Mushroom	24	10.75 Z	\$13.68	\$0.57
	10207	WF Soup - Tomato & Chicken Noodle	24	10.75 Z	\$10.80	\$0.45
	10436	WF Mac & Cheese Dinner	24	7.25 Z	\$7.92	\$0.33
	10579	WF Dry Pasta - Spaghetti & Macaroni	8	48 Z	\$18.16	\$2.27
	10326	WF Asst. Pasta Sauce	12	26 Z	\$11.88	\$0.99
	10570	WF Foil Packet Seasoning Mixes - Onion, Meatloaf, Fajita, Enchilada, All Gravies, Salad Dressings, etc.	24	1 Z	\$8.00	3/\$1
	10174	WF Evaporated Milk	24	12 Z	\$18.96	\$0.79
	10227	Shasta 12 Pack Soda Pop - Assorted	1	12/12 Z	\$1.99	\$1.99
	scan	WF Asst Bagged Cereal - Big 32 oz	1	32 Z	\$2.99	\$2.99
	10089	Aquarius SPRING Water - Limit 4 per customer	1	24/.5L	\$2.78	\$2.78
Non-Foods Supervalues						
	11202	Atta Boy Dry Dog Food	1	34 LB	\$15.78	\$15.78
	10156	WF Detergent Buckets - Regular & w/Bleach	1	30 LB	\$6.47	\$6.47
	10159	WF Liquid Bleach - Regular Only	6	96 Z	\$8.82	\$1.47
	10150	WF Advantage Pack Paper Towels	1	15 CT	\$6.57	\$6.57
	10149	WF Advantage Pack Bath Tissue	1	36 RL	\$6.57	\$6.57
Coolers / Freezers						
	10395	WF Orange Juice	24	12 Z	\$23.76	\$0.99
	10205	WF Big 4 lb Bag Asst. Frozen Potatoes	6	64 Z	\$23.28	\$3.88
	10206	WF Asst. Yogurt	12	6 Z	\$4.00	3/\$1
	scan	Northwest "Individually Quick Frozen" Berries				
	scan	Red Raspberries & Black Cap Raspberries	1	8 LB	\$18.88	\$18.88
	scan	Strawberries & Blueberries	1	8 LB	\$14.88	\$14.88

2009 Case Lot Sale - September 28th to October 10th

Order QTY	PLU#	Description	Pack	Size	\$ Case	\$ Unit
Bulk Foods Supervalues						
	10106	WF Granulated Sugar	1	25 LB	\$10.98	\$10.98
	10607	WF Powdered or Brown Sugar	12	32 Z	\$15.96	\$1.33
	10102	Flour - Bleached or Unbleached	1	25 LB	\$5.97	\$5.97
	2028	Wheat - Hard Red or Hard White in poly bag	1	50 LB	\$11.47	\$11.47
	2029	Wheat - Hard Red or Hard White 6-gallon Bucket	1	45 LB	\$18.47	\$18.47
	2037	Food Grade Buckets w/lid - 5-gallon size	1	unit	\$3.97	\$3.97
	2039	Gamma Lids for storage buckets	1	unit	\$6.27	\$6.27
	2038	Water Storage - Plastic 55 Gallon Barrels	1	unit	\$44.67	\$44.67
	2040	Water Storage - Plastic 5 Gallon Containers	1	unit	\$4.87	\$4.87
	2035	Non-Fat Powdered Milk - Buy Idaho	1	50 LB	\$67.97	\$67.97
	2030	Rolled Oats - Regular or Quick	1	25 LB	\$10.47	\$10.47
	2041	White Rice - Long Grain	1	25 LB	\$16.97	\$16.97
	2043	Brown Rice - Long Grain	1	25 LB	\$17.97	\$17.97
	2044	Pinto Beans - Buy Idaho	1	20 LB	\$13.47	\$13.47
	2045	Popcorn	1	25 LB	\$16.47	\$16.47
	2053	Vital Wheat Gluten or Potato Flakes	6	#10 can	\$59.22	\$9.87
	2052	Powdered Milk - Regular & Chocolate	6	#10 can	\$68.82	\$11.47
	2051	Dehydrated Dairy Items - Eggs, Cheese, Butter	6	#10 can	\$119.82	\$19.97
Produce, Meat, & Bakery						
	10203	Yellow Onions (while supplies last) - Buy Idaho	1	25 LB	\$4.99	\$4.99
	scan	Potatoes - 10 lb bag - Buy Idaho	1	10	\$1.47	\$1.47
	scan	Bnls Skinless Chicken Tenders @ 1.69 per lb	1	5 LB	\$8.45	\$8.45
	scan	Falls Brand Breakfast Sausage Rolls - Local Company	1	10 LB	\$16.90	\$16.90
	scan	Falls Brand Link Sausage - Local Company	1	10 LB	\$18.90	\$18.90
	scan	Falls Brand Sliced Slab Bacon @ \$1.59 per lb WOW!	1	15 LB	\$23.90	\$23.90
	scan	Store-Cut Cheese (in approx. 10 lb blocks @ \$1.79/1)	1	+/-10 lb	\$17.90	\$17.90
	scan	Idaho Trout Fillets - Buy Idaho	1	5 lb	\$14.95	\$14.95
	scan	Swensen's Famous French Bread	1	Loaf	\$0.97	\$0.97

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY FELONY SENTENCINGS

Joey T. Trevino, 19, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver; six years penitentiary; three determinate, three indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction; \$2,041.95 restitution; \$110.50 costs.

Eric L. Brelan, 20, Twin Falls; lewd conduct with child under 16; eight years penitentiary; four determinate, four indeterminate; four years probation; \$1,500 fine; \$300 public defender fee.

Zachary Z. Hansen, 19, Twin Falls; malicious injury to property; withheld judgment granted for three years; three years probation; \$1,923.20 fine, \$60.50 costs.

Todd A. Bowen, 41, Jerome; forgery; five years penitentiary; three determinate, two indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction; \$514.62 fine; \$300 public defender fee.

Todd A. Bowen, 41, Jerome; possession of a controlled substance; five years penitentiary; three determinate, two indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction; \$280 fine.

Douglas I. Aguirre, 35, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; five years penitentiary; two determinate, three indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction; \$587.83 fine; \$300 public defender fee.

James L. Fugal, 35, Fruitland; lewd conduct with a child under 16; eight years penitentiary; four determinate, four indeterminate; four years probation; \$171.85 fine.

FELONY DISMISSALS

Luis Gonzalez, 25, Jerome; possession of a forged check; dismissed without prejudice by prosecutor.

John A. Brown, 32, Twin Falls; lewd conduct with a child under 16; dismissed without prejudice by prosecutor.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Michael D. Johnson, 55, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine, \$500 suspended; \$132.50 costs; 180 days jail, 165 suspended, 1 credited; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Phillip A. Engelmann, 44, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine, \$700 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days jail, 170 suspended, 1 credited; driving privileges suspended 365 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS

Stephanie A. Poulignot, 21, Buhl; driving without privileges; \$25 fine; \$75.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee.

Audlas A. Leon, 29, Jerome; possession of a controlled substance; \$300 fine suspended; 90 days jail, 39 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation.

Nathan L. Humphrey, 22, Filer; reckless driving; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended; 180 days jail, 130 suspended, credit for time served; 24 months probation.

Rodney J. Thompson, 42, Twin Falls; forgery; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 6 months probation.

Kelly L. Coates, 19, Hansen; racing on a public highway; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 88 suspended; 12 months probation.

CHILD SUPPORT CASES

The State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child support Services have filed claims against the following:

Kevin M. Anderson; seeking establishment of paternity: \$336 monthly support plus 65 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.

Ernest R. Courter; seeking establishment of paternity: \$313 monthly support plus 70 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.

Dustin L. Dunn; seeking establishment of paternity: \$255 monthly support plus 73 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.

Eric D. Hofland; seeking establishment of paternity: \$256 monthly support plus 58 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.

Jacob L. Brown; seeking establishment of paternity: \$215 monthly support plus 58 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.

DIVORCES FILED

Cristin J. Bickel vs. Robert J. Bickel

Christina A. Ellison vs. Robbie Ellison

Ronald Eversole vs. Deanna M. Eversole

Lance M. Peterson vs. Courtney D. Peterson

Cheyenne Chavez vs. Rigo Chavez

Andrea L. Kopydlowski vs. Andrew L. Kopydlowski

Miora F. Delvaux vs. Patrick J. Delvaux

Kaleen M. Goedhart vs. Henry O. Goedhart

Reshell R. Bingham vs. John S. Bingham

Robert Thatcher vs. Allyson Thatcher

Kristina M. Bond vs. Erick D. Bond

Syringa N. McDowell vs. Timothy J. McDowell

Joshua A. Homan vs. Melanie R. Homan

Susan K. Audet vs. Todd W. Audet

Kayleen M. Adams vs. James B. Adams

James A. Wert vs. Jennifer A. Wert

CITY OF TWIN FALLS DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

John J. Trail, 36, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; \$500 fine; \$132.50 costs; 60 days jail, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended 90 days.

Randall A. Heck, 38, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine, \$600 suspended; \$132.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee; 180 days jail, 175 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Conrad W. Rathbone, 20, Wendell; driving under the influence; \$700 fine, \$400 suspended; \$132.50 costs; 90 days jail, 80 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Cody A. Goodnight, 23, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; \$700 fine, \$400 suspended; \$132.50 costs; 90 days jail, 80 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Jose A. Vega, 19, Ketchum; driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days jail, 150 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS

Justen A. Starnes, 25, Jerome;

driving without privileges; \$500 fine, \$200 suspended; \$90.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee; 180 days jail, 150 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

Nicholas D. Homolka, 23, Kimberly; driving without privileges; \$1,000 fine, \$500 suspended; \$102.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee; 365 days jail, 335 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended 760 days; 12 months probation.

Edgar E. Garcia, 25, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; \$500 fine, \$90.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee; 180 days jail, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended 760 days.

Stephen D. Thomas, 18, Twin Falls; maintaining a disorderly house; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended; \$87.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee; 10 days jail, 10 suspended; six months probation.

Robert D. Fink, 25, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$85.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 88 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation.

Tammy R. Koepnick, 43, Twin Falls; disturbing the peace; \$300 fine, \$150 suspended; \$87.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee; 30 days jail, 27 suspended, credit for time served; six months probation.

Justin D. Barrow, 19, Boise; minor consumption of alcohol; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$117.50 cost; 90 days jail; 12 months probation.; no alcohol.

Alicia G. Meneses, 23, Twin Falls; providing false information at an accident; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; 90 days jail, 88 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation.

Steven C. Broadhurst, 27, Jerome; possession of a controlled substance; \$700 fine, \$500 suspended; \$127.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 88 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation.

Steven C. Broadhurst, 27, Jerome; driving without privileges; \$700 fine, \$500 suspended; 180 days jail, 160 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

Law & Disorder...

...in Cassia County

From Sept. 14 police reports:

Aggravated assault, battery: A 29-year-old Burley man (name withheld by police) was accused of aggravated assault and battery by a woman, presumably his ex-girlfriend, and her sister. According to the report, he had been sending text messages to them and "talking crap," so they showed up at his house and called him a (expletive). He allegedly came to the door and pointed a gun at them, spit in the sister's face, then punched her, and kicked the complainant.

When asked where the gun was during the altercation, the complainant reportedly said "she thought it was still in his hand when he spit on her sister, hit her sister, and kicked her, but she couldn't remember for sure."

The suspect was contacted by police and came into the sheriff's office to be questioned. When asked if he came to the door with a gun in his hand, he reportedly said, "Hell, yeah, I did." He denied pointing it at the women but admitted spitting on one of them "because

she was trying to push her way into his house." While denying that he punched the woman, he acknowledged kicking the complainant, according to the report, because she punched him in the face.

Deputy Mark Merrill's report notes that he listened to a voice mail message on the man's phone that "sounded like it was left by an intoxicated female and used several expletives." Merrill also notes numerous text messages on the man's phone in which the two women taunted him for not coming outside.

Because police couldn't corroborate the "he-said, she-said situation" or determine who should be charged with battery, the case is closed.

— Damon Hunzeker

Where's Crump?

Steve Crump is on vacation. His column will return Oct. 4



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GREAT RECESSION HAS TRANSFORMED WORKPLACE, WORK FORCE

What we know as 'normal'
could be a thing of the past

By Christopher Leonard and Jay Reeves • Associated Press writers

Going to work may never be the same again.

The Great Recession has reshaped the American workplace and work force in ways that will last years, if not longer.

The work force is graying as college graduates can't find jobs, young workers get laid off and older workers delay retirement. People in white-collar jobs are feeling increasingly vulnerable to economic downturns, an insecurity that blue-collar workers have known for years.

Perhaps the most enduring change is the permanent loss of millions of jobs across the manufacturing, services and retail sectors.

For textile factories and service sector employers like customer service call centers, the next wave of significant job creation will occur abroad, where labor is cheaper. That trend was under way before the recession and will accelerate, according to labor economists. Americans who would have held these jobs will have to retrain themselves for other jobs, such as assembling microchips and medical devices.

For retailers, growth will be limited by more cautious consumer spending, in part because the days of easy credit are over. That means fewer retail clerks milling about stores around the holidays, and fewer merchandise buyers and other staff jobs at headquarters.

"We're in a very deep jobs crisis, and we're not coming out of it," says William George, professor of management at Harvard Business School. "It's too glib to say that jobs are a lagging indicator" and that hiring will return to normal once the economy does, he says.

The national unemployment rate, now 9.7 percent, is forecast to rise above 10 percent before the end of the year and isn't expected to return to a "normal" level near 5 percent until 2014.

Of course, layoffs aren't the only thing transforming the workplace.

The need to cut costs deeply and quickly has forced businesses to get creative — not just go the easy route of layoffs. It's the central responsibility of managers these days, says Alec Levenson, a research specialist with the Center for Effective Organizations at the University of Southern California.

Through furloughs, fewer shifts and other cutbacks, employers have reduced the average work week to a near-record low of 33.1 hours.

About 400 workers at Nebraska meatpacker Premium Protein Products were told this week they will remain on unpaid furloughs for



AP photo
Rusty Meador, development manager for Plantation Building Corp., looks at renderings in his office in Wilmington, N.C. Meador used to be a general manager and had a team of project leaders who reported to him from the field. Now he's back on job sites, doing the work of laid-off colleagues. 'You're so grateful to have a job,' he says.

at least another two weeks, having been on unpaid leave since June. States also have joined in, with Utah State University asking employees to take a furlough next summer after taking a weeklong furlough last spring.

Reducing hours of all workers

instead of eliminating jobs of a few is a strategy that had slowly been gaining favor in recent years because it saved companies money in several ways: It reduced the need for severance packages, as well as the cost to

See **RECESSION**, Business 3

Covering their claims

Life insurers endorse a new system for reserve requirements

By David S. Hilzenrath
The Washington Post

An assembly of state insurance regulators endorsed a new system for determining how much money life insurers must hold in reserve to cover future claims, potentially giving individual companies and regulators greater flexibility.

Where standard industry-wide formulas have long dictated reserve requirements, the plan endorsed this week by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners would establish what the NAIC calls "principles-based" reserving based largely on the risks related to individual products.

The NAIC said the plan would lead to more accurate reserves, raising requirements for some insurance products and lowering them for others.

Critics have said principles-based reserving would give insurers greater discretion when making decisions that can profoundly affect their profits, their financial stability and their

See **CLAIMS**, Business 3

A new bubble of the Fed's creation

For the past two years, the central challenge of U.S. economic policy has been to find a way to stabilize the financial system and the economy without reinflating the bubble or going back to the days of consuming more than we produce. In the end, that may prove harder than it seems.



PEARLSTEIN

Steven Pearlstein

Yes, the financial crisis has passed and the economy is growing again, but there's a good chance that growth will be temporary — the result of one-time events like "Cash for Clunkers," the tax credit for first-time home buyers and the restocking of inventories allowed to dwindle during last year's crisis. But with businesses still reducing payrolls, bank lending still contracting, and anxious consumers determined to save more and spend less, a sustained recovery in 2010 isn't looking very likely.

To its credit, the Obama administration has never lost its focus on the goal of creating the conditions for sustained growth. At the G-20 meeting in Pittsburgh later this week, the president will push world leaders

See **PEARLSTEIN**, Business 4

America armed, but guns not necessarily loaded

Gun enthusiasts snapping up ammo out of fear of future gun laws creates shortage of bullets

By Mary Foster
Associated Press writer

NEW ORLEANS — Bullet-makers are working around the clock, seven days a week, and still can't keep up with the nation's demand

for ammunition.

Shooting ranges, gun dealers and bullet manufacturers say they have never seen such shortages. Bullets, especially for handguns, have been scarce for months because gun enthusiasts are

stocking up on ammo, in part because they fear President Barack Obama and the Democratic-controlled Congress will pass antigun legislation — even though nothing specific has been proposed and the pres-

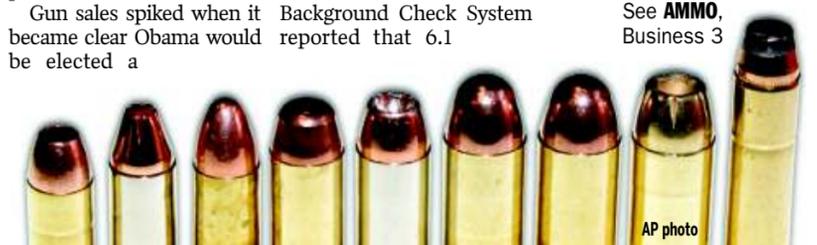
ident last month signed a law allowing people to carry loaded guns in national parks.

Gun sales spiked when it became clear Obama would be elected a

year ago and purchases continued to rise in his first few months of office. The FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System reported that 6.1

million background checks for gun sales were issued from January to May, an

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Business 3



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YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES

ACEQUIA ELEMENTARY



Courtesy photo

The Mini-Cassia Chamber Ambassadors hosted a ribbon cutting for the grand opening of the new Acequia Elementary School located at 360 N. 350 E. Pictured; Brian Duncan, chairman of the board; Shannon McEwen, first grade student; Doyle Price, vice-chairman of the board; Suzette Miller, principal, and representatives.

CANYON RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



Courtesy photo

Wiley Dobbs, superintendent of Twin Falls School District, and Brady Dickinson, principal of Canyon Ridge High School, celebrate with a red ribbon cutting along with staff members and guests as they officially open Canyon Ridge High School at 300 N. College Road W., Twin Falls. The Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors assisted with the celebration.

D. L. EVANS BANK



The South Burley Branch of D.L. Evans Bank celebrated 105 years in business by serving lunch and cupcakes to customers on Sept. 15.

CAREER MOVES

TradeHome Shoes

TradeHome Shoes has promoted Alina Roberts to Manager of the Twin Falls Magic Valley Mall store. Alina has been with TradeHome Shoes for three years in Fort Collins, Colorado. She is a Colorado State University graduate with a Bachelor in Speech Communication and Business.

CableONE

Justin Sterrett has joined CableONE Advertising in Twin Falls as an Advertising Account Executive. Justin comes to CableONE with over 14 years of sales and marketing experience, eight of which were with Edge Wireless. He can be reached

at 734-9545 or justin.sterrett@cableone.biz.

Worst, Fitzgerald & Stover, PLLC

Worst, Fitzgerald & Stover, PLLC is pleased to welcome Kara M. Gleckler to the firm as an associate attorney. Kara received her bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University where she obtained the distinction of valedictorian. Her practice will focus on general civil litigation, estate planning, contract law, business law, real estate and employment law.



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The Mini-Cassia Chamber Ambassadors hosted a ribbon cutting for the grand opening of Cassia Regional Medical Center Cancer Resource Center located at Parkview Care & Rehab, 2303 Park Ave., Burley. The business will be managed by a staff of volunteer's. Cassia Regional Cancer Resource Center Volunteers pictured front row cutting the ribbon is Carol Stroud; Geri Alejandro, Director of Volunteers; Delta Skaggs, and Mary Harmle; Marcie Bedke, Intermountain Homecare; Shauna Kraus, Parke View; Lisa Higley, Intermountain Homecare. Pictured back row volunteers Connie Eatough, Joyce Lindstrom, Joyce Miller, Rita Mason, Karla Cranney; Tracy Dixon, American Cancer Society.

ELITE PHYSICAL THERAPY AND HEALTH, LLC



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The Mini-Cassia Chamber Ambassadors hosted a ribbon cutting for the grand opening of Elite Physical Therapy and Health, LLC located at 1255 Oakley Ave., Burley. The business is owned and managed by Curtis Mason, DPT pictured cutting the ribbon with his wife.

CENTRAL EQUIPMENT



Courtesy photo

The Mini-Cassia Chamber Ambassadors hosted a ribbon cutting for the grand opening of Central Equipment located at 289 Centennial Drive, Heyburn. The business is owned by Alyn Bowden and managed by Tyson Bowden. Pictured cutting the ribbon is Tyson and his nephew Brenny Bowden. Ryan and Alyn Bowden.

HEYBURN ELEMENTARY



Courtesy photo

The Mini-Cassia Chamber Ambassadors hosted a ribbon cutting for the grand opening of the new Heyburn Elementary School located at 1151 Seventh St. Pictured cutting the ribbon is; Brian Duncan, Chairman of the Board; Doyle Price, Vice-Chairman of the Board; Terry Garner, Principal; Ivan Reyes, student, and other representatives.

SKIN CARE STUDIO



Courtesy photo

The Mini-Cassia Chamber Ambassadors hosted a ribbon cutting for the grand opening of Skin Care Studio located at 1650 Overland Suite 8, Burley. The business is owned and managed by Janette Baker, pictured cutting the ribbon.

FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES DENTAL CLINIC



Courtesy photo

The Mini-Cassia Chamber Ambassadors hosted a ribbon cutting for the grand opening of Family Health Services Dental Clinic located at 1361 E. 16th St., Burley. Pictured cutting the ribbon is Dr. Lawson, Dr. Bodily, and Karla Gutierrez with Dental Assistants. The office is managed by Karla Gutierrez.

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Jeffery A. Wade Jr., branch manager of the U.S. Bank in Twin Falls, and Slavik Poznykov, the personal banker, presented a \$4,500 donation to MVRS. The contribution from U.S. Bancorp Foundation will be used to support training and employment programs for people with disabilities. MVRS is a private non-profit organization that has been providing training, employment, personal development and psychosocial rehabilitation programs in South Central Idaho since 1973. (pictured left to right): Slavik Poznykov, Jeffery Wade, Jeff Crumrine, Eric Moore, Allen Lisenbee and Craig Wade.

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Recession

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rehire and train these new workers once the economy rebounded.

The practice became much more widespread during last year's financial crisis and is likely to be repeated in future recessions, says Peter Cappelli, professor of management at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business.

Workers aren't necessarily complaining.

Bonnie Gerard, a business developer with the Knowledge Institute consulting firm in Exeter, N.H., has seen her work week cut from five days to four. That's made it harder to keep up with paying bills. But it beats losing the job. And, she acknowledges, it's made her more efficient.

"It keeps you more focused on the days you're here," she says. "You've still got the same goals, whether you're here four days or five days, and you've got to do the work."

No matter how creative companies get at cost-cutting, or how strong the recovery is, millions of jobs will never come back, George, the Harvard professor, says.

Over the past year, the U.S. non-farm payroll has shrunk to about 131 million people, a decline of more than 5.8 million auto workers, stock brokers, bankers, landscapers, carpenters, truckers, journalists, mechanics, cooks, maids and more. More than 1.6 million manufacturing jobs have disappeared in the last 12 months, along with 1 million construction jobs and 435,000 financial sec-

tor jobs.

In low-skilled manufacturing, the U.S. can't compete with countries like China, India or Mexico where labor costs are a fraction of those here. Likewise, cost pressures will continue to push information technology jobs overseas.

American workers will need to be retrained in the coming years to have a shot at the jobs that will be created. George says these jobs will require specialized knowledge, such as how to install energy-saving systems in buildings.

Community colleges and vocational schools that train people for such jobs could become as important as four-year universities.

Plenty of today's unemployed could benefit from such training.

"There are a lot of good people who are really stuck," says John Challenger, chief executive of the outplacement firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas. "They've been out of work for a long time, and that's made it all the harder for them to compete because they have to explain why they have not been chosen."

A record 4.98 million people had been out of work 27 weeks or longer in August, in part because this recession, which started in December 2007, has stretched longer than any since World War II.

Further, job security has diminished after every recession since the 1970s, says David Lipsky, professor at Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations.

As workers fought to get their jobs back, unions

dropped long-held contract provisions like cost-of-living adjustments and job-security clauses, he says. That contributed to declining union membership, further weakening workers' bargaining position with employers.

Among white-collar workers, job security began to disappear in the recession of the early 1990s as technology allowed jobs to be shipped abroad. It may be gone now.

Over the past year, the unemployment rate jumped 64 percent for managers and professionals like lawyers, doctors and fund managers. That compares with a 56 percent increase in overall unemployment, according to Labor Department data.

Among people with a bachelor's degree or higher, the unemployment rate is still low at 4.7 percent, but it's up from 2.7 percent a year ago.

For some younger white-collar workers, job insecurity is so high that just hanging on has replaced asking for a raise or a promotion.

Rusty Meador, 35, a development manager at Plantation Building Corp., a construction company in Wilmington, N.C., walks past empty desks daily. He once worked in the office as a general manager and had a team of project leaders who reported to him from the field. Now he's back on job sites, doing the work of laid-off colleagues — without a word of complaint. Even if the economy turns around, the memory of this recession will stick with him.

"You're so grateful to have a job," he says.

LEGACY CENTER

The Mini-Cassia Chamber Ambassadors hosted a ribbon cutting for the grand opening of Legacy Center located at 480 22nd St., Heyburn. The business is owned and managed by Mark and Susan Williams. Mark Williams is pictured cutting the ribbon with his wife Susan and sons Brandon and Dustin.

CAREER MOVES



Claims

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ability to keep promises to policyholders. Earlier this year, New York Life vice chairman Gary Wendlandt described it as a "trust me" approach to regulation.

Higher reserve requirements may provide added protection for policyholders, but they can also make insurance less affordable.

The NAIC on Wednesday approved a new model law, which will next be submitted to the states for ratification.

Connecticut insurance commissioner Thomas R. Sullivan, a former insurance executive who chairs a key NAIC committee, said the proposed law would make it easier for regulators to set reserves for new types of insurance. "First and foremost, we're protecting consumers and making sure the reserving standards are responsive to product designs and changes," he said. The changes would apply only to reserves for policies issued in the future, he added.

The NAIC had been working on a shift to principles-based reserving for several

years, at the urging of insurance companies that claimed certain reserve requirements were excessive.

If adopted, the model law endorsed Wednesday would work in tandem with revisions that are still in progress to an NAIC manual that would help regulators apply the law.

The proposed approach to reserving would not become operative until the law is adopted in 42 states and the states adopting it represent 75

percent of the insurance market, measured by premiums.

Wisconsin insurance commissioner Sean Dilweg, one of two who voted against the model law, said he sought unsuccessfully to have minimum reserves written into the model law, not just included in the NAIC manual. "I'm afraid that the consumer may not have the reserves there when we face a future financial crisis," Dilweg said.

Ammo

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increase of 25.6 percent from the same period the year before.

"That is going to cause an upswing in ammunition sales," said Larry Keane, senior vice president of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, a trade association representing about 5,000 members. "Without bullets a gun is just a paper weight."

The shortage for sportsmen is different than the scarcity of ammo for some police forces earlier this year, a dearth fueled by an increase in ammo use by the military in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We are working overtime and still can't keep up with the demand," said Al Russo, spokesman for North Carolina-based Remington Arms Company, which makes bullets for rifles, handguns and shotguns. "We've had to add a fourth shift and go 24-7. It's a phenomenon that I have not seen before in my 30 years in the business."

Americans usually buy about 7 billion rounds of ammunition a year, according to the National Rifle Association. In the past year, that figure has jumped to about 9 billion rounds, said NRA spokeswoman Vickie Cieplak.

Jason Gregory, who manages Gretna Gun Works just outside of New Orleans, has been building his personal supply of ammunition for months. His goal is to have at least 1,000 rounds for each of his 25 weapons.

"I call it the Obama effect," said Gregory, 37, of Terrytown, La. "It always happens when the Democrats get in office. It happened with Clinton and Obama is even stronger for gun control. Ammunition will be the first step, so I'm stocking up while I can."

So far, the new administration nor Congress has not been markedly antigun. Obama has said he respects Second Amendment rights, but favors "common sense" on gun laws. Still, worries about what could happen persist.

Demand has been so heavy at some Walgreens, a limit was imposed on the amount of ammo customers can buy. The cutoff varies

according to caliber and store location, but sometimes as little as one box — or 50 bullets — is allowed.

At Barnwood Arms in Ripon, Calif., sales manager Dallas Jett said some of the shortages have leveled off, but 45-caliber rounds are still hard to find.

"We've been in business for 32 years and I've been here for 10 and we've never seen anything like it," Jett said. "Coming out of Christmas everything started to dry up and it was that way all through the spring and summer."

Nationwide, distributors are scrambling to fill orders from retailers.

"We used to be able to order 50 or 60 cases and get them in three or four days easy, it was never an issue," said Vic Grechniw of Florida Ammo Traders, a distributor in Tampa, Fla. "Now you are

really lucky if you can get one case a month. It just isn't there because the demand is way up."

A case contains 500 or 1,000 bullets.

At Jefferson Gun Outlet and Range in Metairie just west of New Orleans, owner Mike Mayer is worried individuals are going to start buying by the case.

"If someone wants to shoot on the weekend you

have to worry about having the ammunition for them. And I know some people aren't buying to use it at the range, they're taking it home and hoarding it."

With demand, prices have also risen.

"Used to be gold, but now lead is the most expensive metal," said Donald Richards, 37, who was stocking up at the Jefferson store. "And worth every penny!"

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First, be careful to avoid the hazards of the "Quick Fix." As noted by the Idaho's Attorney General's office, there are several prolific scams targeted toward those undergoing economic duress. One is the "Mystery Shopper Scam". The victim receives a sizable check to use for a shopping assignment. The shopper is instructed to keep a portion and mail any surplus monies back to their new employer. The victim learns after mailing the "Surplus" that the original check was a cleverly designed counterfeit. Unfortunately, the victim is accountable to the bank for the amount of the bogus check redeemed.

Second, approach your situation with strategic thinking. I advise my client "Think chess not checkers". The need to return to gainful employment quickly is obvious. But, try thinking ahead several moves in the "Chess Game of Life". You may improve your odds of gaining and keeping a better job by increasing your skill set. Check with a community college for timely advice and career counseling. See what training might leverage your existing talents to give you a competitive advantage in today's job market.

I have seen job seekers decline an available job because it is a less-than-ideal position. A strategic chess player will sometimes accept an apparent step backwards, if the move ultimately places them in a stronger position in the game. Being employed in an undesirable job still provides income and may be viewed in a better light to a potential employer. Being "Between Jobs" is not a resume enhancer. An optimum strategy might include both accepting an undesirable source of work while still attempting to acquire the skills needed to attain a better career.

Third, conserve retirement assets. The newly unemployed often view their 401(k), provided by their former employer, as an emergency cash reserve. Using these assets to meet today's needs can trigger penalties and taxes. The penalty for a premature 401(k) withdrawal is 10%. Income taxes may also be due on monies removed from a traditional 401(k). Vesting can further complicate this matter. Did your employer match your contributions to the retirement plan? You may not be able to keep those matching contributions. The plan's vesting schedule outlines what portion of the 401(k), if any, still belongs to your former employer.

Could you benefit from a personalized evaluation of your financial situation? My office offers resources and ideas for managing financial changes. We know that being between jobs can present numerous challenges. That is why our consultations are always offered without cost or obligation. We offer a listening ear and hope to offer ideas for enabling you to regaining some control over your financial future.

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to take measurable steps over the next few years to move away from a global model that relies on Americans who buy too much, Asians who consume too little and Europeans who spend too much time at lunch. To prevent future bubbles, the leaders are also expected to embrace new international rules requiring banks to hold more capital and bankers to take less pay.

Less noticed but no less important is the "innovation" strategy that Obama outlined in his visit Monday to upstate New York. In it, the president reprised the quantum leap in public investment in infrastructure and research that was tucked into the stimulus bill and his budget plan. But he also laid out a set of "grand challenges" — solar cells as cheap as paint, next-generation supercomputers and educational software as compelling as video games — challenges that, if met, would preserve America's place as the world's economic superpower.

Less encouraging is what's happening on Wall Street. It turns out that all those bold and necessary steps by the Federal Reserve to prevent the financial system from collapsing wound up creating so much liquidity that it has now spawned another financial bubble.

Let's start with the \$1.45 trillion that the Fed has committed to propping up the mortgage market — money that, for the most part, was simply printed. Effectively, most of that has been used to buy up bonds issued by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac from investors, who turned around and used the proceeds to buy "safer" U.S. Treasury bonds. At the same time, the Fed used an additional \$300 billion to buy Treasuries directly. With all that money pouring into the market, you begin to understand why Treasury prices have risen, and interest rates

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have fallen, even at a time when the government is borrowing record amounts of new money.

At the same time it was printing all that money, the Fed was also lowering the interest rate at which banks borrow from the Fed and each other, to pretty close to zero. What didn't change was the interest rate banks charged for everyone else. As a result, "spreads" between what banks pay for money and what they charge are near record highs.

So who is doing the borrowing? By and large, it's not households and businesses, which are reluctant to borrow during a recession. Rather, it's hedge funds and other investors, who have been using the money to buy stocks, corporate bonds and commodities, driving prices to levels unsupported by the business and economic fundamentals.

The excess liquidity is even being used to finance a new "carry trade" in which global investors borrow at U.S. rates and buy government bonds in places like Australia, where prevailing rates are higher. Because the carry trade involves exchanging dollars for foreign currencies, it has been a major contributor to the recent decline in the dollar.

Naturally, this has been a blessing for Wall Street's biggest banks, whose trading desks have not only made big money executing and financing the investment strategies of others, but have also been trading actively for their own accounts. And with bubble profits come bubble bonuses.

Back at the Fed, the attitude has been to welcome anything that strengthens

the balance sheets of banks, particularly while they continue to write off billions of dollars in soured loans each quarter. Nor is the central bank in any rush to begin pulling back from its current policies. Citing the mistakes made by their predecessors during the Great Depression and by the Bank of Japan during the "lost decade" of the 1990s, Fed officials are determined not to snuff out the economic recovery by moving too early to raise interest rates and reduce liquidity.

But the lesson I prefer to focus on is the one from this decade, which is that central bankers ignore financial bubbles at their peril. Given the new architecture of global finance, the Fed can no longer think of its job solely in terms of the tradeoff between inflation and unemployment. Nor should it become complacent about restrained consumer prices while ignoring rapidly rising prices for financial assets. As Alan Greenspan discovered, it is also a mistake for central bankers to assume that they can quickly sop up excess liquidity whenever they decide the moment is right.

Alan Blinder, the Princeton economist and former Fed vice chairman, may be right when he says it's too early for the Fed to begin raising interest rates. The economy is still too weak, he says, the threat of deflation still too real.

But it is certainly not too early for the Fed to warn Wall Street that its current policies cannot, and will not, continue indefinitely — particularly if the money is used to inflate bubbles rather than finance real, sustainable economic growth.



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Environmental groups sue BLM

Dispute centers on release of grazing information

By Rebecca Boone
Associated Press writer

BOISE, Idaho — Two environmental groups are suing the Bureau of Land Management after the agency refused to release the names and addresses of people with grazing permits on the nation's public land.

In the lawsuit, filed Thursday in Boise's U.S. District Court, the environmental groups contend that the BLM wrongly said the names, addresses and other grazing permit information was protected from release under the Freedom of Information Act.

Specifically, the BLM claimed the information fell

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under the same exemption that allows agencies to keep from releasing medical records, personnel records and other information that, if disclosed, would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Kris Long, public affairs officer with the BLM's Idaho state office, said the agency did not comment on any pending litigation.

Todd C. Tucci, an attorney with Advocates for the West who was representing the environmental groups, said the case stemmed from, "just another attempt by BLM to hide its operations from public view?"

"These are business contracts — companies that entered into a contract with a government to graze private cows on public lands," Tucci said. "In general, my clients are pretty displeased that despite this era of openness, ushered in back in January, that BLM continues to play hide-the-ball with the information the public has a right to. This is the kind of way that government works when you get one bored but cre-

ative lawyer that decides to try something?"

According to the lawsuit, the environmental groups requested the information under the federal Freedom of Information Act in 2007, and BLM said that it would release the information, but it needed additional time to gather it first. But the following year, the BLM said it had decided to deny the request because it believed the information was exempt from disclosure.

The environmental group are asking a federal judge to declare that the BLM violated the Freedom of Information Act and that the court force the BLM to provide the information immediately, free of charge.

Micron seeks to develop efficient lighting products

BOISE (AP) — Boise-based computer chip maker Micron Technology Inc. said it will try to brighten its financial prospects by developing a line of energy efficient lighting products.

Micron on Thursday announced it is working to develop new light-emitting diode technology, which uses a fraction of the energy needed to power standard lighting sources.

"There are a variety of ways LEDs are built," Scott DeBoer, Micron vice president of process research and development, told the Idaho Statesman. "No one is building them at a price that is competitive?"

The company had been considering the move for some time. Last spring, the Idaho Office of Energy

Resources requested \$5 million in stimulus money from the federal government so Micron could develop the light-emitting diodes.

The money came through on Thursday, prompting the public announcement that the company plans to convert the technology it uses to make dynamic random-access memory chips to produce the new products.

That type of chip has suffered in the past two years from oversupply and pricing pressure on chips used in personal computers and the slumping automobile industry.

As a result, Micron has been laying off 2,000 people this year in Boise as it ended computer-chip manufacturing on its Boise campus.

Dead woman's husband bound over for trial

MOSCOW (AP) — A northern Idaho man charged with two counts of first-degree murder and one count of first-degree arson in connection with the June 24 death of his pregnant wife has been bound over for trial.

Second District Court Judge John Judge said most of the case is circumstantial but there was probable cause that 25-year-old Silas Parks committed a crime.

"Most of the rest of this case is circumstantial," Judge said at a hearing on Friday. "That's what makes it challenging for everybody involved."

But he noted that an autopsy report indicated 28-year-old Sarah Parks died of strangulation or suffocation before the fire.

He also cited a state investigator's ruling that the fire that started on the bed where Sarah Parks' charred body was found was not accidental.

"I think I can fairly assume that the fire was caused in an effort to cover up the crime," he said.

Parks' next court appearance is Monday, the Lewiston

Tribune reported. Parks remains in the Latah County jail on no bond.

Prosecutor William Thompson Jr. has 90 days to decide whether to pursue the death penalty.

Latah County Coroner Catherine Mabbutt testified on Friday that a forensic examination of Sarah Parks' body concluded she was dead before the fire started.

"There was no soot or any sort of burning in her airway at all," Mabbutt said.

She said that the body was too badly burned to determine whether Sarah Parks was strangled or suffocated by other means, but that hemorrhaging in her lungs clearly showed she had been suffocated.

Thompson challenged the time line Silas Parks' gave to investigators on the day of the fire. Parks, according to testimony, said he left home to go to the gym at 6:45 a.m. while his wife was asleep.

But Thompson said the gym is about a three-minute drive from the home, and that evidence from the gym indicated Parks didn't arrive there until 7:39 a.m.

Sun Valley ranks No. 7 in Ski magazine poll

KETCHUM (AP) — Ski magazine has ranked Sun Valley as No. 7 in its annual report card of North America's top skiing destinations.

The magazine ranked Sun Valley four spots higher this year than last year, a boost that coincides with the arrival of a new gondola, designed to speed the trip to the top of the mountain.

The rankings are published in the October issue, due to hit newsstands any

day. It's the magazine's 22nd annual survey of the continent's top 30 resorts, and rankings are determined by readers of the magazine, which has a circulation of 400,000.

Sun Valley won praise for its groomed trails and placed in the top 10 for service, mountain food, lodging, dining and off-hill activities.

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Helen Marie Kniep

Helen Marie Kniep, 96, of Twin Falls, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009, at a Twin Falls care center.

Helena was born March 16, 1913, at Byron, Neb., the daughter of Henry F. and Mary Reinke Kniep. As a child, Helen was raised in Clover, where she was a member of the Clover Lutheran Church. She later moved to Twin Falls, where she has since resided. She belonged to Immanuel Lutheran Church, where she served as a Sunday school teacher and sang in the choir. She was also an active member in the Lutherans Women Missionary League.

Helena worked in the seed lab for over 30 years at Asgrow Seed Company.

Helen never married, but was very dedicated in caring for her parents and was a fine



Christian example to all her nieces and nephews. In 2005, she had a stroke and moved to Bridgeview Estates. She is survived by her sister, Ella Taute of Rupert; three sisters-in-law, Betty Kniep of Springfield, Mo., Josephine Kniep of George, Wash., and Margaret Kniep of Shelley, Idaho; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and eight brothers.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, at Sunset Memorial Park. A memorial service honoring Helena will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls.

Memorial contributions in Helen's name may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Patsy Ruth (Pat) Shields

Patsy Ruth (Pat) Shields, resident of Twin Falls, passed away quietly Saturday, July 11, 2009, in Buhl, after a lengthy illness, with her daughter nearby. Pat was 76.

Pat was born Sept. 5, 1932, in Englewood, Colo. She grew up on a homestead outside Hartzel, the oldest of four children born to Earl and Florence Shields. Pat attended Buena Vista High School, played trumpet and was a Rainbow Girl. She married Robert Ground and went to California to make a life, first as a serviceman's wife during the Korean War, then as a U.S. Forester's wife stationed on the Shasta, Trinity, Klamath and Plumas National forests, eventually settling in Yreka, Calif., where they welcomed two children, Robert and Kelly.

In 1962, the family moved to Novato, Calif. Pat was active in Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, U.S. Forester's Wives and worked as a dental assistant. She was also the church



secretary at All Saints Lutheran Church. After she divorced, Pat survived breast cancer, donated time to the Marin Cancer Society, Marine Mammal Center and was a Marin County election volunteer supervisor. In 1999, Pat moved to Twin Falls and was active with Our Savior Lutheran Church. She enjoyed music, opera and the theater, was an avid bird watcher and loved decorating for every holiday. Her hats and clown collection were her joy.

She leaves behind a daughter, Kelly Ground of Novato, Calif.; son, Robert Earl Ground; and two grandchildren, Lauren and Alexander Ground of Santa Rosa, Calif.; sisters, Marjorie Lawley of Twin Falls and Ginger Behrman; and brother, Earl (Bud) Shields.

She requested no service be held. Donations can be made in her name to the Marin Humane Society, 171 Bel Marin Keys Blvd., Novato, CA 94949.

Milton Frederick Rutter

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

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 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.

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.

Lela Whiteker

JEROME — Lela Whiteker went to be with the Lord at the age of 105 on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009, at St. Benedicts Long Term Care Unit.

Lela was born in Colorado and moved to Idaho with her parents, Effie and Bernard Arnold in 1918. They settled at West Point southwest of Wendell and later moved to the Jerome area. She married Virgil Whiteker in 1930. They lived most of their married life of 43 years farming northwest of Jerome. They moved to the city of Jerome in 1972, before Virgil passed away in 1974.

The family was charter members of the Jerome Bible Baptist Church. She was the pianist for several years, and taught Sunday school and VBS. When the church doors were open, you would always find her in her place at special meetings, revivals, ladies' meetings, etc. The Lord and his church were always placed first.

Her hobbies were gardening, quilting, embroidery, crocheting, picture puzzles and crossword puzzles. For many years, she and Virgil visited the ill in nursing homes, hospitals or at home. After the death of her husband, she visited and cared for the older ladies that needed help to



the grocery store, doctor or elsewhere. She would take many of the ladies out for scenic drives or picnics.

Her personality was very pleasant and gave everyone a willing smile. She is described as industrious, generous, trustworthy, wise in word and kind in deeds.

She is survived by a daughter, Naomi, and son, Chester (Mary Lou), all of Jerome. She has three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister, Erma Wall of Jerome. Lela was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, two sisters and one brother.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, at the Jerome Bible Baptist Church, with Pastor Rodney Woodcock officiating. Viewing will be held from 6 until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

A special thanks to all those that work at the St. Benedicts Long Term Care Unit.

Services are under the care and direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

The family suggests memorial contributions in Lela's name to the Jerome First Baptist Church.

DEATH NOTICES

Lois E. Carson

Lois E. Carson, 88, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009, while visiting in Boise.

A private graveside memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 2, at the Twin Falls Cemetery.

Carol B. Slaven

Carol B. Slaven, 76, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Sept. 25, 2009, at River Ridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls.

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

Bradley Eberhard

SHOSHONE — Bradley Eberhard, 21, of Gooding and formerly of Shoshone, died Friday, Sept. 25, 2009, of injuries in an accident in Jerome County.

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

Alex Zharoff

WENDELL — Alex Zharoff, 74, of Wendell, and

formerly of Kodiak, Alaska, died Friday, Sept. 25, 2009, at Magic Valley Manor Assisted Living in Wendell.

A funeral will be held at a later date in Kodiak, Alaska (Demaray Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel).

William Parnell

BUHL — William "Luke" Parnell, 85, of Buhl, died Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009, at the Hospice Visions Home in Jerome.

Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl

David Drage

BURLEY — David Drage, 61, of Burley, died Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009.

Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Goldine Patterson

Goldine Ann Patterson, 72, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009, at her home.

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

Gayla Jean Sanford of King Hill, funeral at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Glenns Ferry VFW Hall (Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home).

Phyllis J. Stewart of Seymour, Mo., and formerly of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Twin Falls Cemetery; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

J. Weldon Beck

BURLEY — James Weldon Beck, age 99, of Burley, Idaho, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 24, 2009, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center.

He was born on Sept. 10, 1910, in Spanish Fork, Utah, the son of James Clayton and Elizabeth Robena McKell Beck.

The family moved to the Burley area in 1917, and farmed in the Starr's Ferry area. Weldon was educated in Burley and graduated from Burley High School. He was also a graduate of Albion State Normal, and attended Utah State in Logan and summer school in Moscow.

He was active in church and civic positions, serving on the high council of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 1941 to 1944; he was bishop of the Star Ward from 1944 to 1953; he became a scoutmaster at the age of 18; he taught Sunday school for 25 years; and was president of the Young Men in Star Ward. He has touched the hearts of many as a home teacher in the church.

Weldon taught school in Rigby, and it was there he met Annie Elizabeth Snow. They were married on June 21, 1939, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. Annie passed away on April 28, 1989.

Weldon farmed in the Burley area and was a substitute teacher in Burley Senior and Junior High schools.

He was the first vice chairman of the Cassia County commissioners and was a county commissioner for 34 years. He was very proud of his involvement in the LDS Church re-enactment of the Mormon Trail Wagon Train and was extremely involved in promoting the Cassia County Historical Society Museum.

Weldon is survived by his children, Patricia Jean (Gary L.) Hansen of St. George, Utah, Diane McVity of Pocatello,



Rodney Arnold (Colette) Beck of Mesa, Ariz., Bruce Odell (Dawn) Beck and Leonard McKell (Debra) Beck, all of Burley; one sister, Ruth Emma Buxton of Caldwell; 22 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews who loved and respected their uncle.

In addition to his wife, Annie, he was preceded in death by his parents; a son-in-law, Thomas A. McVity; his siblings, Robert Peter Rigrup, Louisa May Anderson, Robert Clayton Beck, Mary Elizabeth Beck, William McKell "Bill" Beck, John Melvin Beck, Frank McKell Beck and Grant McKell Beck; and three grandchildren, Weston Morrell, Kirsten Hansen and Kara Hansen.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, at the Star LDS Church, 100 S. 200 W. of Burley, with Bishop Kirk Carpenter officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery.

Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

The family suggests memorials be directed to the J. Weldon Beck Memorial Scholarship Fund. Donations may be left with any staff member of Rasmussen Funeral Home or given directly to any D.L. Evans Bank.

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Iraq vet, spokesman for wounded, dies at 28

SEATTLE (AP) — Blinded by a sniper's bullet in Iraq, Ryan Job retained his characteristic determination and persistence. He climbed Mount Rainier, trained for a triathlon and became a spokesman for an organization that helps wounded veterans transition to civilian life.

"He didn't back down from any challenge," said a friend, Tyler Lein, of Scottsdale, Ariz.

Mr. Job, who grew up in Issaquah, died Thursday

morning after major reconstructive surgery at Maricopa Medical Center in Phoenix. He was 28.

Mr. Job's younger brother, Aaron, served three tours of duty in Iraq with the Marines. The Seattle Times profiled the Job family during Aaron Job's deployments in 2003 and 2004.

A story on Ryan Job, a former Navy SEAL, reaching the summit of Mount

Rainier appeared in July 2008.

The men's mother, Debbie Job, of Issaquah, said her son had taken on the challenge of blindness with the same strength with which he confronted other challenges in his life.

"He was determined not to be a disabled guy," his mother said Friday by phone from Arizona.

Ryan Job underwent an

eight-hour surgery Monday to rebuild his face. The recovery seemed to be proceeding smoothly, his mother said, though her son reported some discomfort Wednesday night. A nurse checked on him at 3:30 a.m. Thursday. He was found unresponsive at 5 a.m. She said the hospital had not determined the cause of death.

"It wasn't supposed to happen like this," said Debbie Job. "It's a total shock."



Job

Spanish pianist Alicia de Larrocha dies at 86

MADRID (AP) — Spanish pianist Alicia de Larrocha, who thrilled music listeners for decades with polished and enthralling interpretations of great classical works and Spanish masters, has died aged 86.

Measuring just under 5 foot, and with unusually small hands for a piano virtuoso, de Larrocha won listeners over with the richness and robustness of her sound.

Critically acclaimed for her technique in performing Mozart, Beethoven, Schuman and Rachmaninov, de Larrocha was also seen as unrivaled in her interpretation of Spanish composers such as Manuel de Falla as well as masters from her native

Catalonia like Enrique Granados and Isaac Albeniz.

Gregor Benko, a piano music expert, music producer and family friend, confirmed her death. Benko said de Larrocha had been in poor health for two years, since breaking her hip. She died late Friday in a Barcelona hospital.

De Larrocha retired from public performances in 2003 after 75 years as a professional pianist.

Born in Barcelona on May 23, 1923, she began playing piano at the age of 3, and two years later gave her debut public performance during the International Exposition in Barcelona. Four years later an eager music industry had pressed and marketed her first vinyl record.



De Larrocha

Eugene Rex Kluender

JEROME — Eugene Rex Kluender, 90, of Jerome, died Monday, Sept. 21, 2009, at his home.

Eugene was born June 3, 1919, at the Twin Fall County Hospital to Mother Florence and Father Rex. He was raised by his mother, maternal grandmother and grandfather on the family farm north of Buhl. Eugene attended Clover Lutheran School and graduated with an eighth-grade diploma. He also completed the arc welding course at the Kaiser Shipyards in Richmond, Calif., where he was employed as a journeyman welder prior to his entering military service in 1943.

Eugene completed basic training at Fort Douglas in Salt Lake City, Utah. He also completed the Army Air Force College Training Program with the 318th Training Detachment (Aircrew) at Utah State Agricultural College (now Utah State University) in 1944. Eugene completed electronics training at Chanute Field, Ill., Nov. 11, 1944; completed radio mechanic training at Truax Field, Wis., Dec. 15, 1944; completed radar mechanic bombardment training at Boca Raton Army Airfield, Fla., March 31, 1945; assigned to the 3010th Army Air Force Base Unit at Williams Field, Ariz.; and honorably discharged as corporal at Fort Douglas, Utah, Feb. 24, 1946.

Eugene received the following decorations: American Theater of Operations Service Ribbon, Army Good Conduct Medal and Expert Marksman Carbine.

Eugene married the love of his life, Georgia Rose



Thorsted on Jan. 16, 1943, in Oakland, Calif. They were married for 59 years.

Eugene and Georgia lived and farmed in Jerome, Idaho, since 1959. Prior to that, they farmed in Buhl, Idaho, Castleford, Idaho, and Murtaugh, Idaho.

Eugene was preceded in death by Georgia in 2002. Eugene is survived by three sons, Douglas of Salt Lake City, Steven (Judi) of Seattle and Dan (Terri) of Spokane; three grandchildren, Kevin (Christi), Brian (Reina) and Tiffany (Troy); and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 28, at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome, with the Rev. Baldwin Camin officiating. A viewing will be conducted from 6 until 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel. Services are under the care and direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

The family requests donations be made in Eugene and Georgia's name to the following research foundation: Dystonia Medical Research Foundation, National Headquarters, One East Wacker Drive, Suite 2810, Chicago, IL 60601-1905; phone, 312-755-0198; toll free, 800-377-DYST (3978); fax, 312-803-0138; and e-mail, dystonia@dystonia-foundation.org.

Charles Manson follower Susan Atkins dies at 61

By Linda Deutsch
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Susan Atkins, a member of the Charles Manson "family" who admitted ruthlessly stabbing pregnant actress Sharon Tate to death in the cult's 1969 murder spree, has died in prison less than a month after a parole board turned down a bid for compassionate release. She was 61 and had brain cancer.

Atkins, who eventually came to call the crimes a sin, died late Thursday, according to the California Department of Corrections.

Corrections spokeswoman Terry Thornton said that at the time of Atkins' death she had been in prison longer than any woman currently incarcerated in California.

Atkins' final chance at freedom was denied on Sept. 2. Terminally ill, she was brought to a parole board hearing on a gurney and slept through most of it, but managed to recite religious verse with the help of her husband, attorney James Whitehouse.

Atkins was diagnosed with brain cancer in 2008, had a leg amputated and was given only a few months to live. She underwent brain surgery, and in her last months was paralyzed and had difficulty speaking.

She had been transferred to a skilled nursing facility at the California Central Women's Facility at Chowchilla exactly one year before she died.

Tate, the 26-year-old actress who appeared in the movie "Valley of the Dolls" and was the wife of famed director Roman Polanski, was one of seven people murdered in two Los Angeles homes during the Manson cult's bloody rampage in August 1969.

Atkins was the first of the convicted killers to die. Manson and three others involved in the murders — Patricia Krenwinkel, Leslie Van Houten and Charles "Tex" Watson — remain imprisoned under life sentences.

Atkins, who confessed from the witness stand during her trial, had apol-

ogized for her acts numerous times over the years. But 40 years after the murders, she learned that few had forgotten or forgiven what she and other members of the cult had done.

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Robert Russell Chandler

BUHL — Robert Russell Chandler, 85, of Buhl, passed away peacefully in his sleep Friday, Sept. 25, 2009, at his home in Buhl.

Robert was born to W. Frank and Sara (McCauley) Chandler on May 22, 1924, in Buhl and lived his entire life in the small farmhouse on the farm his father homesteaded. Robert farmed this ground until his retirement in 1991.

Robert married the love of his life, his wife of 50 years, Norma June Hopwood, on May 24, 1959, in Buhl's First Christian Church. Born to them were two sons, Dean and Dennis, and two daughters, Karen and Sharon.

Robert loved many things along with his family. He enjoyed the time spent chatting with friends over coffee, most recently at Jackson's in Buhl. He enjoyed the history of World War II and particularly the aircraft from that period as well as others. He enjoyed going to air shows and was very informative to



those who accompanied him.

He was a lifelong farmer and had a great interest in farm equipment. Robert loved camping with his children as well as his "wiener" dogs. He was also a past member of the Castleford Men's Club.

Robert is survived by his wife, Norma; sons, Dean (Barbara) and Dennis of Buhl; daughter, Karen (John) McClain of Gooding; sister, Dorothy (Ted) Cheney of Twin Falls; grandchildren, Nicole, Misty, Dustin, Angie, Kyle, Krysta, Monica and Jessica; and great-grandchildren, Colton, Ethan, Allison, Tyler, MaKayla, Natalie and Rachael.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his infant daughter, Sharon.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. A viewing will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.



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IDAHO'S FORECAST

Map of Idaho showing weather forecasts for various regions including Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston, and Twin Falls. Includes text for SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. and NORTHERN UTAH.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Forecast table for Twin Falls showing Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday with weather icons and temperature ranges.

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, and Pollen Count.

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REGIONAL FORECAST

Table listing regional forecasts for cities like Boise, Burley, Challis, Coeur d'Alene, and others, including high/low and precipitation.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table listing national forecasts for cities like Atlanta, Baltimore, Birmingham, Boston, and others.

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Table showing Moonrise and Moonset times for Today, Monday, and Tuesday.

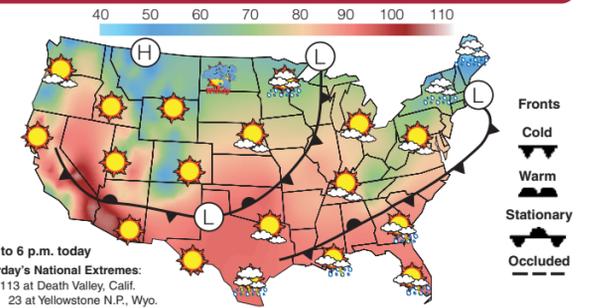
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Advertisement for Gregg Middlekauff's Quote of the Day featuring a photo of Christian D. Larsen and the quote: 'Forget the mistakes of the past and press on the greater achievements of the future.'

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Crew of 3 killed in medical helicopter crash in S.C.

GEORGETOWN, S.C. (AP) — A medical transport helicopter that crashed in coastal South Carolina, killing all three crew members on board, was damaged last year after scheduled maintenance on the aircraft was delayed, authorities said Saturday. The helicopter had just dropped off a patient at a hospital in Charleston and was flying to Conway, about 90 miles to the northeast, when it crashed about 11:30 p.m. Friday in Georgetown County, NTSB spokesman Peter Knudson said. National Transportation

Safety Board investigators were on the scene Saturday and didn't speculate on what caused the crash during a later afternoon news conference. Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen said the pilot last radioed air traffic control at 11:05 p.m. Friday, saying the crew was about four miles from an airport near Charleston and had it in sight. The helicopter's owner, Addison, Texas-based Omniflight, identified the crew members killed: Patrick Walters, 45, of Murrells Inlet; flight nurse Diana Conner, 42, of Florence; and paramedic Randolph Claxton Dove, 39, of Bladenboro, N.C. A thunderstorm moved through the area shortly before the crash, according to the National Weather Service. Authorities have not said if weather conditions contributed to the accident. On its Web site, Omniflight says the company operates 100 aircraft from 72 bases in 18 states with 1,000 employees. "Omniflight is deeply sad-

dened by the tragic loss of its crew members and wishes to express its deepest regrets and sincerest condolences to the families and friends of those who lost their lives," the company said in a statement. Omniflight spokesman Joel Hochhalter says the company was suspending service in Conway because the helicopter was the company's only one in that area. Hochhalter also said the American Eurocopter AS350B2 had never had mechanical problems, but NTSB records show the aircraft was damaged during a May 2008 incident. According to the NTSB, a pilot preparing for takeoff from Caffery Heliport in Hiram, Ga., said the helicopter began to shake violently as he advanced the throttle. Immediately shutting down the helicopter, he told investigators he saw extensive damage to the main rotor. An audit of maintenance records showed that the rotor should have been replaced almost 600 flight hours earlier, the report showed. Omniflight immediately audited its other helicopters, and no other rotors were shown as overdue for replacement. NTSB records also show that another similar helicopter, also operated by Omniflight, was involved in another incident in South Carolina. On July 2, another Eurocopter was damaged when it struck steel poles adjacent to the helipad at Loris Community Hospital Heliport. No one was injured. The pilot continued the landing and performed an emergency engine shutdown, records show.

Large advertisement for Saint Alphonsus Center of Excellence Bariatric Surgery. Features the text 'FREE SURGICAL WEIGHT LOSS SEMINAR AT SAINT ALPHONSUS' and several photos of patients who have lost weight, including Jackie (145 lbs), Paul (111 lbs), and Sherri (105 lbs). Includes contact information and seminar dates.



Manila under water

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How much government control of Web in cybercrisis?

By **Lolita C. Baldor**
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — There's no kill switch for the Internet, no secret on-off button in an Oval Office drawer.

Yet when a Senate committee was exploring ways to secure computer networks, a provision to give the president the power to shut down Internet traffic to compromised Web sites in an emergency set off alarms.

Corporate leaders and privacy

advocates quickly objected, saying the government must not seize control of the Internet.

Lawmakers dropped it, but the debate rages on. How much control should federal authorities have over the Web in a crisis? How much should be left to the private sector? It does own and operate at least 80 percent of the Internet and argues it can do a better job.

"We need to prepare for that digital disaster," said Melissa Hathaway, the former White House cybersecurity adviser. "We

need a system to identify, isolate and respond to cyberattacks at the speed of light."

So far at least 18 bills have been introduced as Congress works carefully to give federal authorities the power to protect the country in the event of a massive cyberattack. Lawmakers do not want to violate personal and corporate privacy or squelching innovation. All involved acknowledge it isn't going to be easy.

For most people, the Internet is a public haven for free thought

and enterprise. Over time it has become the electronic control panel for much of the world's critical infrastructure. Computer networks today hold government secrets, military weapons specifications, sensitive corporate data, and vast amounts of personal information.

Millions of times a day, hackers, cybercriminals and mercenaries working for governments and private entities are scanning those networks, looking to defraud, disrupt or even destroy.

Just eight years ago, the government ordered planes from the sky in the hours after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Could or should the president have the same power over the Internet in a digital disaster?

If hackers take over a nuclear plant's control system, should the president order the computer networks shut down? If there's a terrorist attack, should the government knock users off other

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AP photo

Bruce Springsteen performs during the first German concert of his 'Working On A Dream' European tour, July 2 at the Olympic stadium in Munich, Germany.

Scholars examine Springsteen at weekend symposium

By **Kiley Armstrong**
Associated Press writer

WEST LONG BRANCH, N.J. — Hold still, Bruce — this won't hurt a bit!

Scholars from around the world are dissecting the Springsteen legend this weekend in New Jersey.

"Glory Days: A Bruce Springsteen Symposium" continues through Sunday at Monmouth University. The no-holds-barred intellectual romp, coinciding with Springsteen's 60th birthday, was organized by Virginia Tech and Penn State Altoona.

And yes, the scholars do get the comedic irony of studying a man who "learned more from a three-minute record than he ever learned from school."

The festivities include several pilgrimages to the landmark Stone Pony nightclub, down the road in Asbury Park, N.J.

Educators spent Friday night singing, hollering and chanting a curse phrase at the impish urging of rock pioneer Gary U.S. Bonds, whose performance brought the house down. Springsteen resurrected Bonds' career in the '80s by writing his comeback hit, "This Little Girl."

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Iran's second site

U.N. team will inspect secret nuclear facility

By **Ali Akbar Dareini**
Associated Press writer

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran said Saturday it will allow U.N. nuclear inspectors to examine its newly revealed, still unfinished uranium enrichment facility as world criticism mounted over the underground site that was developed secretly.

The presence of a second uranium-enrichment site that could potentially produce material for a nuclear weapon has provided one of the strongest indications yet that Iran has something to hide — despite its repeated assertions that its program is only to generate electric power.

That impression was reinforced by a close aide to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who said the site will be operational "soon" and would pose a threat to those who oppose Iran.

"This new facility, God willing, will become operational soon and will blind the eyes of the enemies," Mohammad Mohammadi Golpayegani told the semi-official Fars news agency.

The existence of the secret site was first revealed by Western intelligence officials and diplomats on Friday. It is located in the arid mountains near the holy city of Qom, inside a heavily guarded, underground facility belonging to Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards, according to a document sent by the Obama administration to lawmakers.

The revelation of the secret site has given greater urgency to a key meeting on Thursday in Geneva between Iran and six major powers trying to stop its suspected nuclear weapons program.

The U.S. and its partners plan to tell Tehran at the meeting that it must provide "unfettered access" for the International Atomic Energy Agency to



A May 14 photo taken from 423 miles high shows Iran's uranium-enrichment facility at Natanz. Iran has revealed the existence of a second secret uranium-enrichment plant, the International Atomic Energy Agency said Friday. An official who had access to a review of Western intelligence on the issue said the facility is about 100 miles southwest of Tehran and has 3,000 centrifuges that could be operational by next year.

GeoEye Satellite Image/AP photo

Iran reveals nuclear secret

Tehran has admitted to the development of a new uranium enrichment plant. Western intelligence places the facility on the outskirts of Qom, one of the holiest cities in Shiite Islam.



SOURCE: ESRI

its previously secret Qom enrichment facility within weeks, a senior Obama administration official said

Saturday in Washington. The U.S., Britain, France, Germany, China and Russia also will present in the

meeting a so-called transparency package — including access to scientists, documents and computers — covering all of Iran's nuclear activities across the country, the official said. The official spoke on condition of anonymity in order to discuss plans that are not yet ready to be announced.

The six powers will demand that Iran prove to the increasingly skeptical group that its intentions with its various sites are peaceful and energy-related, as Iran claims, and not for weapons development, as the West believes, the official said Saturday.

These nations now agree that they are less inclined to listen to suspect arguments or incomplete evidence — viewing it as a stall tactic, the official said.

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Burning down the house? IRS nixes tax deductions

By **Meghan Barr**
Associated Press writer

UPPER ARLINGTON, Ohio — The battered house on Sherwin Road was put to good use before the fire department burned it to the ground.

SWAT teams barged through the front door in an exercise on dealing with domestic violence. Rescue crews scattered mannequins around the house and blew smoke through the halls to simulate a meth lab explosion. Firefighters set fires in one room after another and practiced putting them out. Then, in one last drill, they torched the whole place.

Five years later, though, a dispute still smolders over the homeowner's attempt to claim a \$287,000 charitable tax deduction for donating the house to the fire department, which has burned down at least 32 such homes in Upper Arlington since 1988.

The Internal Revenue Service is trying to stop homeowners from claiming such deductions.

Lured by the prospect of free demolition, homeowners around the country sometimes offer their houses to the local fire department for training purposes. The department burns down the house, clearing the way for the owner to build a bigger and better home.

In court cases in Ohio and Wisconsin, the IRS is arguing that because such houses are already slated for demolition, donating them for fire training isn't an act of charity.

The dispute adds a new element of controversy to the decades-old debate over whether the risks associated with "live burns" — more than a dozen firefighters have been killed in the past two decades — outweigh the training benefits.

Fire chiefs say live burns supply invaluable training for volunteer departments, which make up the bulk of the nation's firefighters. Some fear that the tax disputes will discourage donors.

Nobody tracks the number of live burns each year, but fire officials say they are increasingly rare because of mounting safety and environmental restrictions and because fewer homes are up for demolition in this slumping economy.

Churches, corporations and cities with vacant properties also donate buildings for fire training. Sometimes it is a dilapidated old barn, other times a sprawling suburban house.

Attorney says no evidence of bomb-making by suspect

By **Ivan Moreno** and **P. Solomon Banda**
Associated Press writers

DENVER — Claims that an Afghan immigrant was on the verge of unleashing a terrorist attack on New York City on the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks are missing a key element: explosives or the chemicals allegedly used to make them, the man's attorney said.

FBI agents have yet to find those elements and

connect them to Najibullah Zazi, charged with conspiring to use weapons of mass destruction in a plot authorities say was aimed at commuter trains, attorney Arthur Folsom told a federal judge in Denver Friday.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Craig Shaffer ultimately ordered Zazi's transfer to New York, and Zazi was taken there by federal marshals.

"No traces of any kind of chemical was found in his

vehicle," Folsom said of an FBI search of Zazi's car.

A federal prosecutor argued that Zazi was planning an attack to coincide with the 9/11 anniversary.

"The evidence suggests a chilling, disturbing sequence of events showing the defendant was intent on making a bomb and being in New York on 9/11, for purposes of perhaps using such items," prosecutor Tim Neff told Shaffer.

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New York City Police Department/AP photo

Najibullah Zazi, center, is escorted off an NYPD helicopter by U.S. Marshals after being extradited from Denver, Colo., Friday. Zazi faces charges of conspiracy to use weapons of mass destruction in a plot to blow up commuter trains, according to law enforcement officials.

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computer networks to ensure that critical systems stay online? And should the government be able to dictate who companies can hire and what they must do to secure the networks that affect Americans' daily life.

Government officials say the U.S. must improve efforts to share information about cyberthreats with private industry. They also want companies to ensure they are using secure software and hiring qualified workers to run critical systems.

Much like the creation of the Department of Homeland Security, cybersecurity has attracted the interest of a number of House and Senate commit-

tees, all hoping to get a piece of the oversight power:

- Bills in the House Homeland Security Committee bills would protect the electric grid and require the department to secure its networks.

- The Senate Homeland Security and Government Reform Committee is writing legislation aimed largely at federal agencies.

- The Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee is working on a bill that promotes public awareness and technical education, raises the planned White House cyberadvisor to a Cabinet-level position and calls for professional cyberstandards. An early draft would have given the president the

power to shut down compromised federal or critical networks in an emergency.

Bloggers howled that the government was taking over the Internet. Business leaders protested, and Senate aides reworked the bill. Early versions of the second draft are more vague, giving the president only the authority to "direct the national response" to a cyberthreat.

Committee spokeswoman Jena Longo said the bill "will not empower a government shutdown or takeover of the Internet and any suggestion otherwise is misleading and false."

She said the president has the constitutional authority to protect the American people and direct the

response to a crisis — including "securing our national cyberinfrastructure from attack."

Privacy advocates say the government has not proven it can do a better job securing networks than the private sector.

"The government needs to get its own cybersecurity house in order first before it tries to tell the private sector what to do," said Gregory T. Nojeim, senior counsel for the Center for Democracy and Technology.

Nojeim said the Senate Commerce Committee bill appears to leave "tough questions to the president, and that isn't comforting because some presidents will answer those questions in troubling ways."

Bomb

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Zazi was stopped by police on Sept. 10 as he entered New York, and he dropped his plans for an attack once he realized that law enforcement was on to him, prosecutors allege.

Prosecutors said Zazi received explosives training from al-Qaida in Pakistan and returned to the U.S. bent on building a bomb.

Over the summer, he and three associates went from one beauty-supply store to another in a Denver suburb buying chemicals to make explosives like those that killed dozens of people in transit bombings in London and Madrid, investigators said.

At least three and possibly more of his accomplices remain at large, and investigators have fanned out across New York in pursuit of suspects. Authorities also issued a flurry of terrorism warnings for sports complexes, hotels and transit systems.

A law enforcement official who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the ongoing investigation said associates of Zazi visited Colorado to help him buy the chemicals using stolen credit cards before returning to New York.

Another law enforcement official said that authorities had been especially worried about Zazi's Sept. 10 visit to the city because it coincided with a visit by President Barack

Obama. Police considered arresting him right away. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation continues.

Police have been especially active in the neighborhood in Queens where Zazi visited during his New York trip, staying at an apartment with a group of cab drivers and food cart operators he knows.

Folsom said prosecutors lack direct evidence that Zazi was involved in bomb-making, finding none of those materials in Zazi's car, his Aurora, Colo., apartment or apartments Zazi visited in New York. FBI agents said they found Zazi's fingerprints on a scale and batteries during a search in Queens, but Folsom said those items have no connection to the alleged plot.

"I think they were hoping that people would just jump to conclusions," Folsom said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Zazi ran a coffee cart in Manhattan before moving to Denver this year and getting a job as an airport shuttle driver.

FBI raids beginning Sept. 14 rattled a quiet, predominantly Asian neighborhood in Queens. Muslim men said dozens of FBI agents ransacked their homes and questioned them for hours, sometimes taking DNA samples and prints from their shoes.

Iran

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But beyond the timeframe of "weeks" for coming clean on Qom, the six countries will not give Iran a specific deadline to provide the information about its overall program, the official said.

The development of such a timeframe will depend on the Iranians' actions in the meeting and directly after it, the official said.

Earlier Saturday, President Barack Obama in his weekly radio and Internet address offered Iran "a serious, meaningful dialogue" over its disputed nuclear program, while warning Tehran of grave consequences from a united global front.

Evidence of the clandestine facility was presented Friday by Obama, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown and French President Nicolas Sarkozy at the G-20 economic summit in Pittsburgh.

Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman said the revelation was firm proof Iran was seeking nuclear weapons.

"This removes the dispute whether Iran is developing military nuclear power or not and therefore the world powers need to draw conclusions," Lieberman told Israel radio. "Without a doubt, it is a reactor for military purposes not peaceful purposes."

Israel considers Iran a strategic threat due to its nuclear program, missile development and repeated references by President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to Israel's destruction.

Vice President Ali Akbar Salehi, who heads Iran's nuclear program, said on national television that inspectors from the IAEA could visit the site, though he did not specify when.

Salehi said there was nothing secret about the site

and that Iran complied with U.N. rules that require it to inform the world body's nuclear agency six months before a uranium enrichment facility becomes operational.

"Under (NPT) rules, we are required to inform the IAEA of the existence of such a facility 180 days before introducing materials but we are announcing it more than a year earlier," he said.

The Iranians claim to have withdrawn from an agreement with the IAEA requiring them to notify the agency of the intent to build

any new nuclear facilities and instead are now only subject to the six-month notification requirement before a facility becomes operational.

But the IAEA says Tehran cannot unilaterally withdraw from that bilateral agreement and still should have announced its plans to build the facility.

The statement by Khamenei's aide that the facility will be operational "soon" seemed to suggest that it could be ready even ahead of the 18-month figure cited by Salehi.

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Professors, many of them veterans of dozens of concerts — one boasted 150-plus — vied to get out their first-person -tales from the concert "pit."

Fans of Run of the (Steel) Mill, Springsteen's former band, also entered the symposium fray.

Springsteen has "saved my life many times," said textbook publisher Patty Pappas of Toronto, who detoured to the symposium en route to next week's Meadowlands concerts. "If you're sad, happy, angry — if you want to scream, rant and rave — there's always a song that can express it."

Come the light of day, though, it's back to the books — make that the Power Point presentations.

"Fun?" said presenter Francesco Cassino of Rome, Italy, clearly startled by the question during his reverie on harmonic sequences. His expression grew otherworld-

ly. "It's my life," he said Saturday, expressing the common theme of fans everywhere.

"His music can call us to a higher purpose," said Dr. James Kelly of Carlow University in Pittsburgh, calling Springsteen a vehicle for discussions on social causes, war, race, gender and class.

When the music that is to accompany Kelly's presentation didn't play, the audience told him to stop talking and fix it. From then on, Kelly — who referred to Springsteen as a "cool rockin' daddy" — jackhammered through his academic talk while competing with the music — blasts of "Sprung from cages on Highway 9!" and "Baby, this town rips the bones from your back!"

Discussion topics were dizzying. Springsteen and psychology; the movies; spirituality; American culture; history; the criminal justice system; the online community; family.

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Murder-suicide confirmed in Maryland deaths

By David Dishneau
Associated Press writer

MOUNT AIRY, Md. — A home-improvement worker and school janitor who apparently was struggling to survive the recession killed his sleeping wife and two children before turning the 12-gauge shotgun on himself, Maryland State Police said Saturday.

Charles L. Dalton, 38, left no suicide note and police haven't clearly identified a motive for the murders, spokesman Greg Shipley said. "It is possible that financial dif-

iculties were part of the motive," he said.

Police announced the findings one day after the bodies of Dalton, his wife Jennifer, 37, and their children Charles Jr., 14, and Emmaline, 7, were found in their home in Mount Airy, a Fredrick County town of 8,800 about 30 miles west of Baltimore.

Shipley said the bodies of Jennifer Dalton and the children were found in their beds. Charles Dalton's body was lying in the master bedroom next to the bed, he said.

Dalton also fatally shot the family's beagle in a crate inside the home's front door, he said.

Investigators believe the deaths occurred Thursday night or Friday morning. Shipley said Jennifer Dalton failed to report to her part-time job at a veterinary hospital in Damascus, prompting co-workers to try to contact her starting at 8:30 a.m. Friday.

No one answered their calls or came to the door.

A family friend called 911 at about 5:30 p.m. Friday after spotting a body through a rear window

of the split-level house, Shipley said.

Charles Dalton was a self-employed cabinet installer who ran his business, Imagine Millwork, out of his home. He also worked the night shift as a maintenance worker for Montgomery County schools, Shipley said.

The house, on a corner lot in a modest, middle-class neighborhood, had a "for sale" sign out front. I

t had been on the market for at least a year, neighbors said.

Kenneth Matthews, a security

worker who also runs a carpet-cleaning business out of his home a few doors down, said Dalton had been scraping by in the weak economy.

"He was struggling, just like me," Matthews said. "We're probably running about 40 percent of where we were last year."

Matthews said the Daltons were quiet, churchgoing people who kept largely to themselves. A whitewashed rock in front of the house bore two Bible verses: "We will serve the Lord" and "God is our rock."

Wrong-embryo baby's parents laud 'guardian angel'

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — An Ohio woman who gave birth to a baby boy after a fertility clinic implanted her with the wrong embryo is a "guardian angel," the boy's biological parents said Saturday.

Paul and Shannon Morell of suburban Detroit said in a statement that they would be "eternally grateful" to Carolyn Savage, of Sylvania, for her decision to give birth to their child despite the clinic's mistake.

"It's been a long, difficult journey, and we're thrilled that our family is now complete," the Morells said. "We will be eternally grateful for his guardian angel, Carolyn Savage, and the support of the entire Savage family."

"We're looking forward to spending the next few weeks getting to know our new baby."

The boy was born Thursday at 5 pounds and 3 ounces at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center in Toledo. He measures 18 inches long.

In a statement Friday, the Savages offered congratulations to the Morells.

"At this time, we would like to offer our heartfelt congratulations to the Morell family on the birth of their son," the Savages' statement said. "We wish Paul, Shannon, their twin girls and their new baby boy the best, as they move forward with their lives together."



AP photo

Carolyn Savage, 40, is seen at her home, Wednesday in Sylvania, Ohio. After being implanted with another woman's embryo by mistake, Savage and her husband agreed to give up the baby to his biological parents.

The Savages asked for privacy in the days ahead, saying "Our family is going through a very difficult time."

The Savages extended thanks to people around the

world for their support and prayers. They thanked medical professionals for their care and treatment throughout the pregnancy and delivery.

The Savages say a fertility

clinic outside Ohio transferred the wrong frozen embryo in February.

Ten days later, they got a call from a doctor at the clinic saying she was pregnant with someone else's child.

The Savages said in an interview with The Associated Press on Wednesday they never considered terminating the pregnancy or trying to fight for custody.

They have hired attorneys who say they are working to make sure the fertility clinic accepts responsibility.

The Morells, who live in Troy, Mich., found out about the fertility clinic mistake a day after the Savages.

The two couples knew nothing about each other. Shannon Morell feared that the pregnant woman would choose abortion, ending their chance to give their 2-year-old twin girls a sibling.

A few days passed before they learned that the Savages were not only willing to continue with the pregnancy but also to hand over the baby without hesitation.

"This was someone else's child," 40-year-old Carolyn Savage told the AP on Wednesday. "We didn't know who it was."

"We didn't know if they didn't have children or if this was their last chance for a child."

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O'Brien OK after hitting head in stunt

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Conan O'Brien was expected to be back on the job Monday after hitting his head during a "Tonight Show" stunt.

"Conan is resting comfortably at home. He is expected to return to work on Monday," NBC said in a statement Saturday.

The accident Friday halted production of "Tonight," NBC said. The network did not say what the stunt entailed.

O'Brien was examined at a hospital Friday and was released, although the net-

work didn't say when.

A "Tonight" rerun with guest Jeremy Piven aired Friday. According to NBC's Web site, the scheduled show was supposed to include actress Teri Hatcher and Seth McFarlane ("Family Guy," "The Cleveland Show"). Actress Drew Barrymore and jockey Joe Talamo were the scheduled guests for Monday.

O'Brien, 46, issued a statement through NBC that indicated he was treating the incident lightly.

"Last thing I remember I

was enjoying the play with Mrs. Lincoln, and the next thing I knew I was in bed being served cookies and juice" O'Brien said in the statement.

The accident brought back memories of a rare absence by his predecessor. O'Brien took over the "Tonight" host's job from Jay Leno in June.

Leno's absence came toward the end of his 17 years with the show, when a high fever and unspecified illness caused him to check himself into a hospital for a day.



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40 dead after flooding in northern Philippines

By Oliver Teves
Associated Press writer

MANILA, Philippines — More than a month's worth of rain fell in just 12 hours Saturday as Tropical Storm Ketsana slammed ashore in the Philippines, killing at least 40 people and stranding thousands on rooftops in the capital's worst flooding in more than 42 years.

The government declared a "state of calamity" in metropolitan Manila and 25 storm-hit provinces, said Defense Secretary Gilberto Teodoro, who heads the National Disaster Coordinating Council. That allows officials to withdraw emergency money for relief and rescue.

A landslide and flash flooding in nearby Rizal province killed 35 people, said provincial government spokesman Tony Mateo. Most of the fatalities in Rizal drowned, said Loel Malonzo, chairman of the Provincial Disaster Coordinating Council.

Three people were also reported killed in Manila's

southern suburb of Muntinglupa and two others in Quezon city, said Anthony Golez, deputy presidential spokesman and acting head of the Office of Civil Defense.

Malonzo said that those who died did not live near creeks and were unaccustomed to flooding. "It has been about 40 years since something like this has happened here and many who migrated to the province were unfamiliar with the flooding," Malonzo said.

Mateo said that 27 people were missing.

President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo had to take an elevated commuter train to the disaster council office to preside over a meeting because roads were clogged by vehicles stuck in the floodwaters.

The mayor of Cainta, also in Rizal, who was stranded atop a dump truck on a road that was neck-deep in water, told ABS-CBN television by phone that many residents climbed onto roofs to escape.

"The whole town is almost 100 percent underwater,"

Mayor Mon Ilagan said.

About 16.7 inches (42.4 centimeters) of rain fell on metropolitan Manila in just 12 hours on Saturday, exceeding the 15.4-inch (39.2-centimeter) average for September, said chief government weather forecaster Nathaniel Cruz. The rainfall on Saturday also broke the previous record of 13.2 inches (33.4 centimeters), which fell during a 24-hour period in June 1967, he said.

"However good your drainage system is, it will be overwhelmed by that amount of rainfall," he told The Associated Press.

He said poor maintenance of drains and waterways clogged with garbage compounded the problem.

ABS-CBN television showed a dramatic video of more than a dozen people perched on roofs of damaged houses being swept away by the suburban Marikina River. They smashed against the pillars of a bridge and were separated from each other in the rampaging river. It was unclear whether they were rescued.



AP photo

Commuters waded through waist-deep floodwaters following heavy rains from Tropical Storm Ketsana, Saturday in Manila, Philippines. Nearly a month's worth of rain fell in just six hours Saturday, triggering the worst flooding in the Philippine capital in 42 years.

Cruz said seasonal monsoon rains were intensified by Ketsana, which packed winds of 53 mph (85 kph) with gusts of up to 63 mph (100 kph) when it hit land early Saturday. By the evening, the storm main-

tained its strength as it moved over the coast of western Zambales province and headed west toward the South China Sea.

Stranded residents called radio and television stations for help.

Popular actress Cristine Reyes tearfully appealed on ABS-CBN television from the roof of her two-story home, saying she and her mother and two young children had been waiting there for rescue for over six hours.

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Palin re-emerges with speech in Hong Kong

By Matthew Daly
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin emerged from a two-month absence from public view with a private talk, heavy on foreign policy, to a group of investors in Hong Kong.

Her 90-minute speech Wednesday at an investment conference touched on issues from financial markets to health care, Afghanistan and U.S.-China relations. It was generally considered more moderate in tone than those Palin delivered during her 2008 campaign for vice president as Republican John McCain's running mate.

Still, a Democratic congressman chastised Palin for criticizing U.S. foreign policy during her first visit to Asia.

"Leaving aside the propriety of criticizing the president while on her first trip to Asia, the assertion that the United States is ignoring areas of disagreement with China is flat wrong," said Rep. Howard Berman, D-Calif., chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. The administration regularly



AP photo

Former U.S. vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin, holds a newspaper with her picture on it, Thursday at the check-in counter at Hong Kong airport. In her first trip to Asia, the former Alaska governor addressed an annual conference of investors in Hong Kong.

discusses a range of issues with Chinese officials, Berman said.

Palin, who stepped down as governor July 26, is widely believed to be pondering a run for president. In a straw poll this month, she finished in a four-way tie for second-place among religious conservatives, trailing former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee.

Palin was paid an undisclosed amount, said to be in

the low six figures, for the 90-minute speech. She has said one of the reasons she resigned was to pay legal bills that have topped \$500,000. The speech was closed to reporters, but Palin later posted lengthy excerpts on her Facebook page.

"This speech had very little to do with advancing her political career and more to do with advancing her financial career," said former White House press secretary

Ari Fleischer.

Fleischer, press secretary under President George W. Bush and a self-described Palin critic, gave the speech generally good marks.

"She's fortunate that she can have a soft landing like this and figure things out from here," he said. "She can take care of her financial future — which she's entitled to do — and figure out policy later."

In her speech, Palin urged China to "rise responsibly" and said the United States "cannot ignore areas of disagreement" as the two countries move forward.

Before she quit with more than a year left in her first term as governor, Palin promised to keep her fans updated on the social networking site Twitter, but so far there have been no messages. Palin updates her Facebook page — which has about 900,000 followers — once or twice a week, with items that alternately criticize President Barack Obama's health care policy or offer praise for Constitution Day or the Jewish high holidays.

South African man weds 4 women at same time

WEENEN, South Africa (AP) — Milton Mbhele showed up for his wedding Saturday in a white limousine — with four brides.

The women each received rings and a kiss from the groom at the ceremony, which was attended by hundreds of people.

South African law recognizes traditional polygamous marriages — even President Jacob Zuma has three wives. Yet while polygamy remains common among several tribes including the Zulus and Swazis, simultaneous weddings are rare.

Mbhele, 44, a municipal manager in nearby Indaka, said the joint celebration would save money by combining the festivities. A traditional ceremony was planned for Sunday and there is to be a traditional exchange of gifts between the groom and his wives' families on Monday.

Mbhele has already been married to Thobile Vilakazi for 12 years and has 11 chil-

dren, but did not specify who their mothers are.

"I want her to be happy," he said of Vilakazi, who was also given a golden wrist-watch at Saturday's ceremony. "I think getting married to her for the second time would make her happy since I will be taking in three other wives so this will relieve her in some way."

His "middle wives" — as he described them — are Zanele Langa and Happiness Mdlolo, both 24.

The youngest wife, 23-year-old Smangele Cele, said she was looking forward to marrying Mbhele, even though it means she'll have to share him. She said the wives planned to live separately, with their husband rotating between them.

"It is because of the way in which he shows his love for me. He loves me in all ways," she said, adding: "We will not be living in the same house and we take each other as friends."

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Pope urges Czechs to rediscover Christian roots, decries 'wounds' left by communism

By Victor L. Simpson
Associated Press writer

PRAGUE — Pope Benedict XVI sought to reach out to the heavily secular people of the Czech Republic on Saturday, decriing the "wounds" left by atheistic communism and urging them to rediscover their Christian roots.

As he began a three-day pilgrimage coinciding with the fall of communism in this central European country 20 years ago, Benedict said Christianity has an "irreplaceable role" to play in their lives.

The Czech Republic is one of the most secular countries in Europe, with nearly half the country professing to be non-believers.

The atmosphere surrounding the visit appeared to reflect that.

Few people turned out for the formal welcoming ceremony at Prague's Ruzyně International Airport, there were no crowds or welcoming billboards on the streets and the city's newspapers barely mentioned the visit. Local TV stations, however, broadcast the ceremony live.

Vatican organizers are hoping for a crowd of up to 200,000 people for the pope's Sunday Mass in Brno, in the Catholic heartland of the Czech Republic.

Upon arriving, the 82-year-old pope spoke of how the communist regime, which was overthrown in 1989, ruthlessly persecuted the Roman Catholic Church.

"I join you and your neighbors in giving thanks for your liberation from these oppressive regimes," Benedict said, hailing the collapse of the Berlin Wall two decades ago this autumn as "a watershed in world history."

"Nevertheless, the cost of 40 years of political repression is not to be underestimated," the pope said. "A particular tragedy for this land was the ruthless attempt by the government of that time to silence the voice of the church."

"Now that religious freedom has been restored, I call upon all the citizens of this republic to rediscover the Christian traditions which have shaped their culture," he said.

He kept up on that theme as the day went by, telling Czech officials and diplomats gathered in medieval Hradcany Castle of the "irreplaceable role of Christianity for the formation of the conscience of each generation."

Later, at an evening prayer service, Benedict said the "long winter of communist dictatorship" has left its scars.

"Society continues to suffer from the wounds caused by atheist ideology,

and is often seduced by the modern mentality of hedonistic consumerism," he said.

The service was held in St. Vitus Cathedral, the Gothic centerpiece of the castle complex that has come to symbolize the Catholic church's dilemma. Although religious freedom was restored when communism fell, the church is still battling for the return of the cathedral and other proper-

ty given to the state by the communist regime.

"We are convinced that you are coming to visit your brothers and sisters in distress, for neither are we a great country, nor a numerous and great church community," Cardinal Miloslav Vik said in welcoming Benedict to the cathedral.

The German-born pope, who gave his speeches in either English or Italian, was making his first foreign

trip since he broke his right wrist in a fall while on vacation in July. He told reporters aboard his plane that he is finally able to write again and hopes to complete a new book by next spring.

Scores of pilgrims poured into Prague for the nation's first papal visit in a dozen years. But most Czechs seemed to shrug the trip off as irrelevant — and some were openly hostile.



Pope Benedict XVI blesses a child as he visits the 'Church of Our Lady Victorious' in Prague, Czech Republic, on Saturday. The Pontiff arrived Saturday in the Czech Republic for a three-day visit.

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Pakistani security officials and media gather at the site of bomb explosion in a commercial district in Peshawar, Pakistan, on Saturday.

Two suicide bombs kill 16, wound more than 150 in Pakistan

By Riaz Khan
Associated Press writer

PESHAWAR, Pakistan — Two suicide attacks killed 16 people and wounded more than 150 in northwest Pakistan on Saturday, showing Taliban militants are still able to strike despite heightened military operations and the slaying of their leader last month.

A Taliban spokesman called The Associated Press after the first bombing outside a police station to claim responsibility and warn of more blasts. He claimed the militants had been holding back on attacks but that any such "pause" was now over.

Nuclear-armed Pakistan is battling al-Qaida and Taliban militants close to the Afghan border blamed for scores of attacks over the last two years. The insurgents are linked to those in Afghanistan, where violence against NATO and U.S. troops is running at record levels.

The suicide car bomb outside a police station in Bannu district destroyed the building, killing six people and wounding 70, said police chief Mohammed Farid.

Hours later, a second car bomber struck outside a bank run by an army welfare foundation in Peshawar, the largest city in the northwest, police said. Ten people were killed and 79 wounded, said Sahibzada Mohammed Anis, a senior government official.



SOURCE: ESRI AP

The blast overturned vehicles, gutted buildings and scattered glass everywhere, said an AP reporter at the scene. Most of the casualties were customers in the bank or people loitering outside.

Malik Shafiq, a police officer, said the attacker also threw a hand grenade but it didn't explode.

A third bomb exploded in the northern town of Gilgit, wounding four people, Pakistan's SAMA news channel quoted local police Chief Ali Sher as saying. He described it as a "low-intensity bomb" but provided no further details.

Taliban spokesman Qari Hussain Mehsud urged civilians to stay away from police and security force installations.

"We have broken the silence as the government did not understand the pause in attacks, and from now there will be an increase in the number of suicide bombings," he warned in a telephone call from an undisclosed location.

A gulf across the river

Strains show in D.C. debate on Afghan troops

News analysis

By Anne Gearan
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Potomac River is a physical as well as a figurative divide between the White House and the Pentagon, and occupants of each building often refer to the other address as a slightly foreign place "across the river."

The gulf is suddenly on display as President Barack Obama contemplates whether to widen the U.S. commitment to the 8-year-old war in Afghanistan, a battle that is losing political and popular support even as it replaces Iraq as the military's No. 1 priority.

The White House is now uncertain whether to stick with a long-planned military recalibration of the war, a hesitance that has stoked new tensions with the Defense Department.

After nine months of harmony, officials say it's nowhere near the schism that cleaved the military and the Clinton administration in the 1990s. But how the young Democratic administration and its commanders navigate this turbulence will play a critical role both in the management of the war and the cultivation of support from both the military and the American public.

A senior administration official described it as "a realignment check" and played down suggestions that military leaders feel undercut. Pentagon officials insisted there is no crisis of confidence on either side but acknowledged raw feelings and a sense of impatience.

Several officials in Washington and Afghanistan spoke on condition of anonymity because Obama has not decided on his next move.

"I do not doubt that there are people in this building and elsewhere who feel very



AP photo
Defense Secretary Robert Gates, left, and Joint Chiefs Chairman Adm. Michael Mullen, foreground, hold a news conference Sept. 3 at the Pentagon in Washington.

"I do not think there is a rift between the military and civilians, but I do think there is a very serious debate over what is the best option."

— Anthony Cordesman, a military analyst at the Center for Strategic and International Studies

strongly about this and may be voicing some frustration at the pace of this decision," Pentagon spokesman Geoff Morrell said.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates, Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the commanding general they chose for Afghanistan, Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal, are "completely comfortable," Morrell said.

"There is no anxiousness on their part about taking some extra time about evaluating the strategy and making sure we are on the right path."

Mullen, however, signed off on McChrystal's blunt warning that without rein-

forcements the war will soon be beyond winning. Mullen endorsed more troops, telling Congress this month there will not be enough able Afghan forces to do the job fast enough.

White House officials were startled and irritated by some of Mullen's remarks, which came as Obama and senior aides were debating a shift. Obama has since said he wants to make sure that underlying assumptions about the war still hold and he denied that McChrystal was told to pocket his request for more forces.

For many in the uniformed military, backed by prominent Republicans in

Congress, the question is whether Obama will listen to his top generals and stick with a counterinsurgency campaign around which the military has organized.

For the young administration, the better question is whether the United States is fighting the right war in the right place, and whether victory on paper in Afghanistan is worth the price.

Gates, a civilian chosen by Obama, has not publicly endorsed McChrystal's conclusions. He stayed away from a hastily scheduled powwow in Germany on Friday that included McChrystal and his two uniformed bosses, Mullen and Gen. David Petraeus.

"I do not think there is a rift between the military and civilians, but I do think there is a very serious debate over what is the best option," said Anthony Cordesman, a military analyst at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Obama doesn't have forever to decide whether to send thousands of U.S. forces to the war, said Cordesman, who helped McChrystal draft a brutal assessment of backsliding conditions there. Delay feeds the perception that the United States is not serious and will soon walk away from the fight, he said.

Obama has sent 21,000 additional U.S. troops to Afghanistan this year, with little to show for it. During a summer of heavy fighting, Marines pushed into parts of Helmand province and other areas once under Taliban control, but there are not enough of them to fully hold all the territory.

Troops and hundreds of U.S. civilians flowed into the country to protect voters during last month's election. But inconclusive results and allegations of massive fraud leave the U.S. unsure who will be in charge and whether Afghans will see their government as legitimate.

U.S. special forces try to build support in central Afghan city

By Kevin Maurer
Associated Press writer

NILI, Afghanistan — The soldiers hesitated as the mullah preached, unsure if they would be welcome at the celebration of one of Islam's highest holidays.

But when the sermon ended, the Afghans draped bright scarves over the soldiers' tanned necks. Then they pushed Chief Warrant Officer Chaka, a Puerto Rican with a thick black beard and a deep tan who could easily pass for Afghan, up front to speak. Chaka thanked the elders and showed them his hands stained orange for the Eid celebration.

"This is our home away from home," said Chaka. "We wanted to come over and be with our neighbors."

The event showed how these dozen Special Force soldiers have joined in the daily life of the town's 95,000 residents since they moved in a month ago. The team is among only a few U.S. troops to live in the midst of Afghans, but there will likely be more. The hope is to push Special Forces teams



AP photo
An Afghan boy holds a ball given to him on Sept. 17 by Special Forces soldiers through local leaders in the village of Nili in central Afghanistan. The team is among only a few U.S. troops to live among Afghans, but there will likely be more.

into villages throughout Afghanistan, giving them the mission of rebuilding and training Afghan police and soldiers.

For its part, the village of Nili, the provincial capital of Day Kundi in central Afghanistan, had built a living compound in hopes of attracting Western aid workers roaming Afghanistan in search of projects. It stood empty for two years, until Day Kundi's governor lobbied international forces for help. The request dovetailed with a plan by the top commander in Afghanistan, U.S. Gen. Stanley McChrystal, to forge closer ties between the U.S. military and Afghans.

"We are enthusiastic about this initiative and believe that it will go a long way to increasing security and enabling villagers to defend themselves," said Col. James E. Kraft, commander of the 7th Special Forces Group.

"Everyday we are here, we are making our Afghan partners better. In the final analysis, the onus of security in Afghanistan will rest with its security forces. We want to work ourselves out of a job."

Day Kundi is one of Afghanistan's most peaceful regions, dominated by ethnic Hazaras with long-standing grievances against the mostly Pashtun Taliban. Nili sits in a sharp valley surrounded by towering peaks. Between the biscuit colored compounds and houses that make up the town are acres of almond trees, which the locals harvest. There is little industry and the province exports next to nothing.

Established in 2004 from several isolated northern districts in Uruzgan province, Day Kundi is dominated by ethnic Hazaras, who complain of persecution from their Pashtun neighbors. A Taliban saying about non-Pashtuns goes: "Tajiks to Tajikistan, Uzbeks to Uzbekistan, and Hazaras to goristan (graveyard)."

Day Kundi is a perfect testing ground in many ways, because it is so peaceful and progressive — it is home to one of Afghanistan's few female mayors — and so poor. Overlooked by development projects and the military alike, its streets are dirt, its schools are in shambles and it faces a shortage of water for crops. With winter fast approaching, any building projects will be difficult to complete until spring when the passes are clear.

The Special Forces soldiers spend their days in and around Nili meeting with local leaders, visiting schools and helping the doctors at the province's two hospitals. Everywhere they go, they bring soccer balls and backpacks for the children and radios and food for the adults. They never give out aid directly, relying instead on the elders or Afghan police.

"These guys have to learn how to do this," said Capt. Mark, a former enlisted Green Beret and helicopter pilot whose deep blue eyes draw immediate notice among Afghans.

"That way when we are gone, the ideals are already in place." The Special Forces soldiers, who all have thick beards to blend in with Afghan culture, are only identified by their first names under rules for journalists embedded with them.

Last week, they surveyed a school south of Nili that was nothing more than a collection of torn white tents tacked into the mountain-side. Dusty, threadbare rugs covered the dirt floors and there were no desks or school supplies for the 400 students.

"It has been nine years that these students have worked out of these tents," said Khanali, the school's 28-year-old principal.

Mark urged Khanali to get him plans for the new school so that he could send up a proposal for funding.

After a month, the Afghans are anxious for some of the building projects to start. Mortaza, the provincial police chief, who like many Afghans goes by only one name, said all people want is for the team to start fixing the schools and the mosque.

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No. 2 Cardinals roll past No. 1 CSI

Times-News

There won't be a third straight week at the top of the rankings for the College of Southern Idaho volleyball team.

For the second straight week, the Golden Eagles failed to defend their ranking against their rivals from North Idaho College, this time falling in four sets in Coeur d'Alene on Saturday afternoon.

The 25-18, 25-22, 17-25, 25-22 victory for the No. 2

Cardinals (19-3, 1-0 Scenic West) means they will almost certainly take the No. 1 ranking from CSI (16-3, 0-1) when the NJCAA Division I Volleyball Poll comes out midweek.

CSI never seemed to get going in the match, which was particularly disappointing after a solid week of practice.

"We just started slow — we didn't pass well in the first two

sets and we were a bit predictable in our offense," said CSI head coach Heidi Cartisser. "It wasn't that we were doing anything horribly wrong, we just had a few more errors. In the third set we played our kind of volleyball, but there was a momentum shift in the fourth set and we didn't really finish out under the pressure."

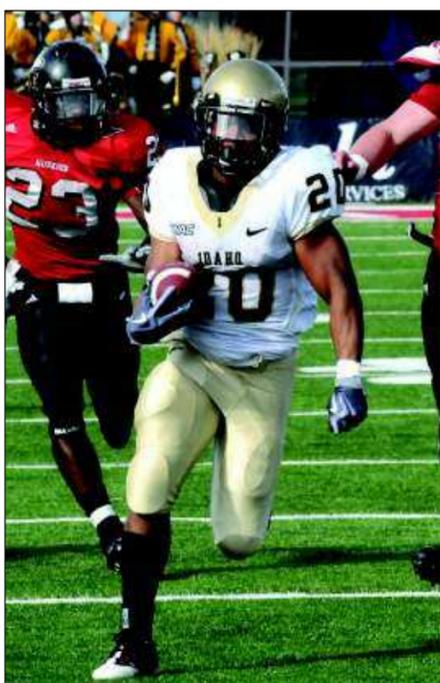


for two of CSI's three losses on the season, and has won three of the last four meetings between the two schools.

Cartisser said the difference between the two teams isn't that the Cardinals are leaps and bounds better than her side, but that the Golden Eagles struggle with consistency on the big stage.

"We just made more errors than they did," Cartisser said. "We just need to do a better job

See CSI, Sports 2



Courtesy University of Idaho

Idaho running back Princeton McCarty races to the end zone during the second quarter of Saturday's game against Northern Illinois in DeKalb, Ill.

Vandals start fast, hold off No. Illinois

Idaho now 3-1 on season

For the Times-News

DEKALB, Ill. — Nathan Enderle threw three first-half touchdown passes, but his biggest contribution came late when he helped run down the clock as Idaho slammed the door on a late Northern Illinois comeback to claim a 34-31 non-conference victory Saturday.

The Huskies (2-2) scored twice in less than three minutes to cut the margin to 34-31 with 5:51 to play. But Idaho (3-1) marched back from its own 20 to inside the Northern Illinois 10 to run out the final minutes.

NIU cut the margin to 34-23 with 8:25 to play on Chandler Harnish's 4-yard touchdown pass to Landon Cox. The Huskies got the ball back four plays later when they blocked a punt inside the Idaho 5-yard line and recovered at the 1. One play later, running back Me'Co Brown ran in for a score and added a two-point conversion.

Enderle then guided the Vandals on an 11-play drive to finish the game.

"It ended up all right," Idaho coach Robb Akey said moments after his team clinched its best start since 1994. "I don't like it going from a three-score ballgame to what it was. ... Our kids responded. We're growing up a little bit."

Enderle connected on 18 of 23 throws for 270 yards and three touchdowns with passes going to 10 receivers. DeMaundry Woolridge led the running backs with a hard-fought 144 yards on 19 carries — one of which was a 1-yard score.

Three receivers had three catches each with Eric Greenwood tallying 67 yards, Preston Davis 29 and Maurice Shaw 28. Princeton McCarty scored on his lone reception — a 58-yarder with 47 seconds left in the first half.

Defensively, the Vandals were able to limit the Huskies to 128 rushing yards and were relentless in their pursuit of Harnish. The Vandals wound up with four passes defended and five tackles for loss.

The Vandals gave up some ground on NIU's first drive but once the Huskies reached the red zone, See VANDALS, Sports 8

TOTAL ANNIHILATION



AP photo

Bowling Green quarterback Tyler Sheehan (13) is sacked by Boise State's Ryan Winterswyk (98) while Bowling Green's Brady Minturn (70) is late with the block during the first half of an NCAA college football game, Saturday in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Moore, BSU offense scores fast, defense dominates in rout of Bowling Green

By John Seewer

Associated Press writer

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio — Boise State's Chris Petersen said he wanted to see more quick scores from his offense.

The Broncos gave the coach exactly that and lots of them.

Kellen Moore passed for 247 yards and No. 8 Boise State needed four plays or less on its first six scoring drives in their 49-14 victory over Bowling Green Saturday.

"On offense, that's always the name of the game," said Petersen, who said he wanted to see more big runs and explosive passes this week. "It makes it a lot easier when you don't have those 15- and 17-

play drives."

Moore completed 17 of 21 and threw two touchdowns. At times, it seemed as if he was tossing balls in a practice with no defenders around.

He threw for 195 yards in the second quarter alone, completing eight straight passes at one point.

The Broncos (4-0), with their highest regular-season ranking and BCS hopes, still have long trips to Tulsa and Hawaii in October and then an early November game at Louisiana Tech. And they'll be big favorites in each of those games, as they were against the Falcons.

"There's a lot of football to go and a lot of things to work

on," Moore said.

Petersen said he thinks his players won't be looking too far ahead.

"These guys are a fairly mature bunch and if not, we have a staff of mature coaches to keep them focused," he said. Bowling Green (1-3) looked to be a decent test after nearly tripping up Missouri on the road two weeks ago.

But the Falcons never stood a chance once the Broncos got rolling.

Boise State didn't score until a minute into the second quarter when receiver Titus Young took a pitch from Moore and ran 18 yards for a touchdown.

That was all the spark they needed.

"Sometimes it just takes a minute for kids to get comfortable," Petersen said.

Doug Martin scored on a 34-yard run down the right sideline two minutes later and then Young scored 18 second after that. The Broncos had gotten the ball back when Boise State's Brandyn Thompson intercepted Tyler Sheehan's tipped pass.

On the next play, Young ran 25 yards untouched into the end zone, giving the Broncos a 22-0 lead.

All that took just 2:27.

"That's what they do," said Dave Clawson, Bowling Green's first-year coach.

See BRONCOS, Sports 8

PRETTY IN PINK

NRB's player Jake Taylor fields a ball while sporting a pink bra during the Fifth Annual Chad Seiders Invitational Memorial Tournament Saturday at Forsyth Park in Jerome. The tournament concludes today. Proceeds will be donated to Breast Cancer Awareness.



DREW GODLESKI/For the Times-News

Talking shop: Coaches enjoy CSI hoops clinic

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

After a summer spent on the recruiting trail, Matt Doherty found it refreshing Saturday to stand before more than a hundred high school coaches and share the finer points of shooting a basketball.

"All of our summer's spent on recruiting," said Doherty, who is entering his fourth season as the head coach at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. "We rarely get a chance to sit down and talk basketball."

But that's exactly what the College of Southern Idaho's Fifth Annual Coaches Clinic and Dinner is all about.

"As I talk, it helps me get mentally ready for practice," said Doherty, who had earlier stints as the head coach at Notre Dame and his alma mater, North Carolina.

Doherty joined Loyola



MIKE CHRISTENSEN/Times-News

Southern Methodist University head coach Matt Doherty talks Saturday during the Fifth Annual CSI Coaches Clinic at CSI Gymnasium in Twin Falls.

Marymount head coach Max Good in speaking during the morning session of the clinic at CSI Gymnasium. The afternoon session featured Washington head coach Lorenzo Romar and Texas-San Antonio's Brooks Thompson.

The coaches also shared a few entertaining anecdotes during a dinner Saturday evening at the Herrett Center of Arts and Sciences on the CSI campus.

"This is a great opportunity for high school coaches to be exposed to college coaches and the things that they do in their programs," said Jerome High School head coach Joe Messick, one of many area coaches at the clinic.

For the visiting college coaches, the benefits are numerous.

"The No. 1 benefit is sharing the game, but the big benefit of coming to a program like CSI is you've got a boatload of (NCAA) Division I players up here every year," said Loyola Marymount associate head coach Myke Scholl. "We're already coming up here recruiting, so if we can be part of helping build the game as well as coming to recruit, I think

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Unga, opportunistic BYU bounce CSU



AP photo

BYU's Harvey Unga, left, runs past Colorado State's James Morehead at LaVell Edwards Stadium in Provo, Utah, Saturday. BYU beat Colorado State 42-23.

PROVO, Utah — BYU scored off enough of Colorado State's mistakes early that it didn't matter much when the 19th-ranked Cougars started making some gaffes of their own.

The Cougars converted two interceptions and a blocked punt into touchdowns in the first quarter, then held on in the second half for a 42-23 victory over the Rams on Saturday.

One week after being blown out at home by Florida State, BYU survived despite some sloppy moments.

"I thought it was a good win," said Max Hall, who passed for two touchdowns and ran for another. "We had some ups and some downs, but for the most part I thought the guys played hard."

Hall finished 18-for-29 for 241 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions, and Harvey Unga ran for three touchdowns and became the Cougars' first 100-yard rusher with 113 yards.

The Cougars (3-1, 1-0 Mountain West) had to overcome 10 penalties and a surge by the Rams (3-1, 0-1) in the second half.

Grant Stucker completed 30 of 50 passes for 372 yards and two touchdowns for the Rams, whose six-game winning streak ended.

Colorado State gained 438 yards on the Cougars, but it was still an improvement on BYU's performance in a 54-28 loss to Florida State the previous week.

"Yards to me aren't the indicator. It's points," BYU coach Bronco Mendenhall said. "Any time that we hold an opponent to 24 points or under, we win a lot of football games."

Tyson Liggett had 11 catches for 156 yards and a touchdown for the Rams, who never recovered after the first quarter.

"You just can't do the things we did on offense and special teams in the first quarter and expect to be in the game," coach Steve Fairchild said. "I think we are a

better team than what we showed in the first quarter, but once we went down that road I knew it was going to be a long afternoon."

The Rams lost their sixth straight to BYU.

UTAH 30, LOUISVILLE 14

SALT LAKE CITY — Terrance Cain threw for two touchdowns and Eddie Wide ran for 129 yards to help Utah rebound from its first loss since 2007.

Cain completed his first eight passes and the Utes scored two touchdowns 18 seconds apart to take control early and help get going again after a 31-24 loss at Oregon last week that ended the nation's longest active winning streak.

Wide replaced Matt Asiata, who left after a knee injury on the game's first touchdown, and made many of his 19 carries on direct snaps with Cain often lined up in the slot position.

After Louisville closed to 23-14

in the fourth quarter, Cain capped an 80-yard drive with a wide receiver screen pass to Jerome Brooks, who outran the Cardinals for a 34-yard touchdown.

UTAH STATE 53, SOUTHERN UTAH 34

LOGAN, Utah — Running back Robert Turbin ran for 106 yards, caught four passes for 116 yards and scored three touchdowns Saturday to lead Utah State to a 53-34 win over Southern Utah.

Turbin's longest play was a 77-yard catch of a screen pass for a touchdown in the second quarter. Quarterback Diondre Borel was 15-of-21 for 316 yards.

Michael Smith rushed eight times for the Aggies, gaining 100 yards and two touchdowns.

Southern Utah's Cade Cooper was 24-of-48, passing for 250 yards and three touchdowns. Fesi Sitake caught nine passes for 98 yards and two touchdowns for the Thunderbirds (1-3).

— The Associated Press

College Scores

FAR WEST

Air Force 26, San Diego St. 14
Arizona 37, Oregon St. 32
BYU 42, Colorado St. 23
Cent. Washington 33, Idaho St. 22
Montana 41, N. Arizona 34, OT
Montana St. 25, N. Colorado 7
Oregon 42, California 3
San Jose St. 19, Cal Poly 9
Utah 30, Louisville 14
Utah St. 53, S. Utah 34
Weber St. 36, Portland St. 29
Wyoming 30, UNLV 27

SOUTHWEST

Baylor 68, Northwestern St. 13
Middle Tennessee 37, North Texas 21
Oklahoma St. 56, Grambling St. 6
Stephen F. Austin 65,
North Dakota 31
Texas 64, UTEP 7
Texas A&M 56, UAB 19
Troy 30, Arkansas St. 27
Tulsa 56, Sam Houston St. 3
Vanderbilt 36, Rice 17

MIDWEST

Boise St. 49, Bowling Green 14
Cent. Michigan 48, Akron 21
Cincinnati 28, Fresno St. 20
Idaho 34, N. Illinois 31
Iowa St. 31, Army 10
Kansas 35, Southern Miss. 28
Kansas St. 49, Tennessee Tech 7
Kent St. 29, Miami (Ohio) 19
Michigan 36, Indiana 33
Minnesota 35, Northwestern 24
Nebraska 55, Louisiana-Lafayette 0
Notre Dame 24, Purdue 21
Ohio St. 30, Illinois 0
W. Michigan 10, Hofstra 10
Wisconsin 38, Michigan St. 30

SOUTH

Alabama 35, Arkansas 7
Auburn 54, Ball St. 30
Butler 28, Morehead St. 21, OT
Duke 49, N.C. Central 14
E. Illinois 30, Austin Peay 20
E. Kentucky 23, Murray St. 13
East Carolina 19, UCF 14
Elon 28, Georgia Southern 14
Florida 41, Kentucky 7
Georgia 20, Arizona St. 17
Georgia Tech 24, North Carolina 7
Jacksonville St. 60, Nicholls St. 10
James Madison 24, Liberty 10
LSU 30, Mississippi St. 26
Louisiana-Monroe 27,
Florida Atlantic 25
Marshall 27, Memphis 16
N.C. State 38, Pittsburgh 31
Rutgers 34, Maryland 13
S. Carolina St. 27, Winston-Salem 10
South Florida 17, Florida St. 7
Southern U. 48, Alcorn St. 42
TCU 14, Clemson 10
Tennessee 34, Ohio 23
Toledo 41, Fla. International 31
Tulane 42, McNeese St. 32
Virginia Tech 31, Miami 7

EAST

Boston College 27,
Wake Forest 24, OT
Connecticut 52, Rhode Island 10
Iowa 21, Penn St. 10
Navy 38, W. Kentucky 22
Syracuse 41, Maine 24
Temple 37, Buffalo 13

NATIONAL ROUNDUP

Tebow injured as Florida rolls past Kentucky

Iowa, Oregon knock off Top 10 squads

LEXINGTON, Ky. — In one scary moment for Tim Tebow, another Florida laugher turned into the Gators' worst fear.

Tebow was knocked out of Florida's 41-7 victory against Kentucky after taking a hard shot to the head in the third quarter.

The Gators were leading 31-7 and driving deep in Kentucky territory when Tebow was sacked by Kentucky defensive end Taylor Wyndham. As he fell back with Wyndham on top of him, Tebow's head struck teammate Marcus Gilbert's leg, violently bending his neck forward.

Tebow lay motionless for several minutes while Commonwealth Stadium fell silent. He sat up with some help then slowly made his way off the field to a loud ovation. He was eventually carted off the field with concussion-like symptoms, vomiting several times as he was taken to an ambulance to a local hospital for tests.

"I don't know, I think it's a concussion," Florida coach Urban Meyer said. "I think he'll be all right."

The win extended Florida's winning streak to 14 games, tops in the nation as the Gators (4-0, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) continued their mastery over the Wildcats (2-1, 0-1).

NO. 11 VIRGINIA TECH 31, NO. 9 MIAMI 7

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Virginia Tech harassed Jacory Harris and dominated Miami in a downpour on Saturday.

Miami, ranked in the top 10 for the first since 2005, had a chance to take a commanding lead in the ACC's Coastal Division. Instead, Virginia Tech (3-1, 1-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), Miami's third consecutive ranked opponent, cooled of the Hurricanes.

NO. 2 TEXAS 64, UTEP 7

AUSTIN, Texas — Colt McCoy and No. 2 Texas got the fast start they had been missing in recent weeks, rolling to a 40-point lead by halftime.

McCoy passed for 286 yards and three touchdowns, two to Dan Buckner. The



AP photo

Oregon tight end Ed Dickson, left, celebrates his touchdown with teammate Mark Asper during the second half against California in Eugene, Ore., Saturday. Oregon beat No. 6 California 42-3.

Longhorns (4-0) also harassed UTEP quarterback Trevor Vittatote into five turnovers.

NO. 3 ALABAMA 35, ARKANSAS 7

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Greg McElroy passed for a career-high 291 yards and three touchdowns and Alabama opened Southeastern Conference play with an easy victory.

The Crimson Tide (4-0, 1-0) picked on the Razorbacks' beleaguered defense with three huge plays and blocked a punt to win its 18th consecutive league opener dating to its 1992 national championship.

IOWA 21, NO. 5 PENN STATE 10

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Adrian Clayborn returned a block punt for a touchdown and Iowa left soggy Happy Valley with its second straight upset of the Nittany Lions.

A year after Iowa's stunning 24-23 win knocked the Nittany Lions out of the national title race, the Hawkeyes (4-0, 1-0 Big Ten) beat Penn State (3-1, 0-1) again in drenching rainstorm.

OREGON 42, NO. 6 CALIFORNIA 3

EUGENE, Ore. — Jeremiah Masoli answered his doubters by throwing for 253 yards and three touchdowns for Oregon.

Masoli went into the game without a scoring pass this season, prompting many Ducks fans to call for his benching. But he responded by completing 21 of 25 passes for the Ducks (3-1, 1-0 Pac-10), who had 524 yards in total offense to Cal's 206 yards.

Jahvid Best ran for 55 yards for the Golden Bears (3-1, 0-1).

NO. 7 LSU 30, MISSISSIPPI STATE 26

STARKVILLE, Miss. — No. 7 LSU stuffed Mississippi State at the goal line in the final two minutes to preserve its 10th straight victory against the Bulldogs.

Brandon LaFell had 101 yards and two touchdown catches and Chad Jones scored on a 93-yard punt return for the Tigers (4-0, 2-0 SEC).

NO. 13 OHIO STATE 30, ILLINOIS 0

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Dan Herron slogged through a

downpour for two touchdowns and Ohio State collected a second straight shutout for the first time in 13 years.

NO. 14 CINCINNATI 28, FRESNO STATE 20

CINCINNATI — Tony Pike threw three touchdown passes in a quick-strike offense that was hardly on the field, and the Bearcats held on against a Fresno State team that ran all over them for most of the game.

One big gamble made the Bulldogs (1-3) come up empty.

NO. 15 TCU 14, CLEMSON 10

CLEMSON, S.C. — No. 15 TCU showed off its stellar defense and bolstered its BCS buster credentials.

Andy Dalton threw two touchdown passes and the Horned Frogs (3-0) held Clemson to 125 yards in the second half to take control.

TCU trailed 10-7 entering the fourth quarter as it had its own problems against a Tiger defense which held Boston College to 54 yards a week earlier.

NO. 16 OKLAHOMA STATE 56, GRAMBLING STATE 6

STILLWATER, Okla. — Keith Toston ran for 84 yards and three first-half touchdowns, and Oklahoma State overpowered without its star running back and wide receiver.

SOUTH FLORIDA 17, NO. 18 FLORIDA STATE 7

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Redshirt freshman B.J. Daniels ran for 126 yards and threw two touchdown passes in his first start in the first meeting between the schools.

Daniels was filling in for senior Matt Grothe, out for the season with a knee injury. A Tallahassee kid not heavily recruited by the Seminoles, the 6-1, 210-pound Daniels totaled 341 yards of offense.

NO. 20 KANSAS 35, SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI 28

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Todd Reesing threw for 331 yards and three touchdowns, and Kansas shook off the effects of a midweek fight with the basketball team.

GEORGIA TECH 24, NO. 22 NORTH CAROLINA 7

ATLANTA — Quarterback

Josh Nesbitt ran for two touchdowns and Georgia Tech's defense made the most of a change to its scheme.

NO. 23 MICHIGAN 36, INDIANA 33

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Tate Forcier's 26-yard pass to Martavious Odoms with 2:29 left lifted Michigan to another comeback victory.

Donovan Warren's interception on Indiana's next snap sealed the tougher-than-expected victory for the Wolverines (4-0, 1-0 Big Ten), who were outgained by the Hoosiers (3-1, 0-1) despite being favored to win by about three touchdowns.

STANFORD 34, NO. 24 WASHINGTON 14

STANFORD, Calif. — Chris Owusu returned the opening kick 91 yards for a touchdown and Toby Gerhart ran for a career-high 200 yards and a score to help Stanford spoil Washington's first game as a ranked team in six years.

Andrew Luck added a 9-yard quarterback keeper for a score and Delano Howell intercepted two passes for the Cardinal (3-1, 2-0 Pac-10), who opened the conference season with consecutive wins for the first time since Tyrone Willingham's last year on The Farm in 2001.

The Huskies (2-2, 1-1) were riding high coming into the game off their 16-13 win over No. 3 USC last week.

NO. 25 NEBRASKA 55, LA-LAFAYETTE 0

LINCOLN, Neb. — Zac Lee passed for 238 yards and a touchdown, Roy Helu Jr. scored twice and Nebraska celebrated its 300th consecutive sellout.

NOTRE DAME 24, PURDUE 21

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — A hobbled Jimmy Clausen completed a 2-yard touchdown pass to Kyle Rudolph with 24.8 seconds to play, and Notre Dame rallied for a 24-21 win over Purdue on Saturday night.

Clausen, slowed by a turf toe injury on his right foot, split time with Dayne Crist but returned to the game when it got tight in the fourth quarter.

Clausen completed 15 of 26 for 171 yards.

— The Associated Press

Division II Central Washington takes 33-22 win at Idaho State

Minico grad Morgan leads ISU in rushing

POCATELLO — Quarterback Ryan Robertson threw for 192 yards and three touchdowns to lead undefeated Central Washington to a 33-22 victory Saturday over winless Idaho State.

Robertson completed 26 of 43 attempts, but had four interceptions for the Wildcats (5-0).

Central Washington's leading receiver was Johnny Spevak, who had six receptions for 55 yards and two touchdowns. The Wildcats leading rusher was Bryson

Kelly who had 91 yards on 16 carries.

Idaho State (0-4) quarterback Kyle Blum finished the game with 248 yards passing, completing 19 of 32 attempts, with three touchdowns and two interceptions.

The leading receivers for ISU were Kelvin Krosch, who had six catches for 113 yards and two touchdowns, and J.D. Ponciano, who had eight catches for 62 yards and a touchdown.

An anemic ISU rushing attack was led by Minico

graduate Skylar "Poke" Morgan, who burned his redshirt by carrying the ball four times for 12 yards.

The Wildcats, a Division II team, outgained their Division I opponents 383 yards to 215 and held the Bengals to negative-33 yards rushing on 24 attempts. The Wildcats defense also had five sacks.

The game featured 11 turnovers — 10 in the first half — with Idaho State recording six and Central Washington with five.

Central Washington took a 26-0 lead with 11:06 remaining in the first half, their first score coming on a safety.

Idaho State responded by scoring two touchdowns in 84 seconds in the first half, following an interception and a fumble by Central Washington.

In the second half, the Wildcats scored an insurance touchdown in the third quarter, with Idaho State scoring their only touchdown of the half with 1:35

remaining in the game.

Idaho State's defense was led by linebackers A.J. Storms and Philip Arias who recorded 18 and 17 tackles, respectively.

This was Idaho State head coach John Zamberlin's first game against his former team. He coached at Central Washington for 10 years before moving to ISU in 2006.

Central Washington University wide receiver Johnny Spevak (84) catches a touchdown pass in front of Idaho State's Michael Wright (7) Saturday in Pocatello. AP photo



Contenders or pretenders?

The surprising Atlanta Falcons head to the road for the first time with hopes of improving to 3-0 over the New England Patriots, who are off to a rocky start this season.

Cleveland at Baltimore
(0-2) (2-0)

Browns don't seem any more competitive under Eric Mangini than they did playing for Romeo Crennel. Ravens' O third in league.

Washington at Detroit
(1-1) (0-2)

If the Lions lose again, it will be 20 straight over three seasons, including all 16 in 2008. Redskins offense has been stagnant.

Jacksonville at Houston
(0-2) (1-1)

Texans turned it around and won at Tennessee as the offense got on track. Jags have always struggled against Houston.

San Francisco at Minnesota
(2-0) (2-0)

A 49ers victory would stamp them as a potential playoff team. Brett Favre is 11-2 against the Niners, including the playoffs.

Atlanta at New England
(2-0) (1-1)

Following dominant wins over Miami and Carolina, the Falcons face a Patriots' team that looks vulnerable on offense and defense.

Tennessee at N.Y. Jets
(0-2) (2-0)

The Titans' defense was mediocre in a home loss to Houston in Week 2. Jets D under new coach Rex Ryan has not allowed a TD.

Kansas City at Philadelphia
(0-2) (1-1)

Michael Vick is eligible to play after serving his suspension. Chiefs' Larry Johnson has a mere 98 yards, with a 2.8-yard average per carry.

Green Bay at St. Louis
(1-1) (0-2)

St. Louis has scored a total of seven points in two games. Green Bay has significant OL issues and has allowed 10 sacks.

N.Y. Giants at Tampa Bay
(2-0) (0-2)

Giants' young corps of receivers could easily have their way with the struggling Bucs, who have been particularly weak on D.

New Orleans at Buffalo
(2-0) (1-1)

Saints' Drew Brees has been unstoppable; offense ranks first with 936 yards. Buffalo has played well in both matches.

Chicago at Seattle
(1-1) (1-1)

Injury bug is ravaging the Seahawks yet again. If QB Matt Hasselbeck can't go, this goes from a winnable home game to a difficult chore.

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati
(1-1) (1-1)

Steelers have won eight in a row in Cincinnati. The loser might have a long chase to catch the Ravens atop the division race.

Denver at Oakland
(2-0) (1-1)

The Broncos can take early control of the AFC West by winning. Despite nearly being 2-0, the Raiders have problems, especially on O.

Miami at San Diego
(0-2) (1-1)

Dolphins head west after a tough loss to the Colts. With RB LaDainian Tomlinson hobbled, expect lots of passing by Philip Rivers.

Indianapolis at Arizona
(2-0) (1-1)

A matchup of two exceedingly durable QBs in Peyton Manning and Kurt Warner. Indy's O had ball for less than 15 minutes against Miami.

Carolina at Dallas
(0-2) (1-1)

'Boys couldn't pull off a victory in the opener of Jerry Jones' \$1.5 billion palace. Panthers' stars targeted for team's slow start.

Diggs out vs. Cowboys; Panthers' injury list long

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The Carolina Panthers will likely have a makeshift lineup against Dallas as they try to avoid an 0-3 start.

Linebacker Na'il Diggs was declared out of Monday night's game after missing his third straight practice Saturday with bruised ribs. Starting strong safety Chris Harris, top fullback Brad Hoover and defensive end Everette Brown also sat out the workout and are listed as doubtful.

The only good news for Carolina in its lengthy injury report was defensive tackle Nick Hayden practiced and is listed as probable.

Hayden missed the loss to Atlanta in Week 2 with a bruised left big toe. He is needed because replacement starter Louis Leonard is out for the season after breaking his left ankle against the Falcons.

Hayden was starting because Maake Kemoatu ruptured his Achilles' tendon on the first day of camp.

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Roar and upset from Lions against 'Skins

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press writer

Yes, the Detroit Lions are losers of historic proportions. Should they fall at home to Washington on Sunday, they will drop into a morass visited by only one team in NFL annals.

After becoming the only club to go 0-16 in a season, the Lions have lost their first two games this year. Add on a loss in the 2007 finale, and that makes 19 straight. By falling to the Redskins, Detroit would trail only the 1976-77 Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who lost the first 26 games of their existence: 0-14, then 0-12 before taking their final two matches in 1977.

At least the Bucs had something of an excuse as an expansion team. Then again, some Motor City folks believe the Big Ten would turn down the Lions for not being good enough to compete with the Wolverines and Spartans.

Now, here come the Redskins, who squeezed by weak St. Louis 9-7 at home last Sunday. The Skins are 6½-point favorites at Ford Field, even though they've been among the most disappointing teams through two weeks of the schedule.

Washington's offense has scored one touchdown. "All you can do is scratch your head," receiver Santana Moss said. "I mean, yeah, it's true, we have the talent. You're sitting there saying, 'Man, we should be doing this, we should be doing that.' But 'should be' ain't good enough, you know what I mean?"

The Lions know all about not being good enough. Already, fans are calling for coach Jim Schwartz to bench top overall draft pick Matthew Stafford for Daunte Culpepper.

After so much losing this decade, why should they be patient?

But Schwartz should be, particularly with the best matchup Detroit will get



AP photo

Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford scrambles against the Minnesota Vikings Sept. 20 in Detroit. The Lions will try to avoid a 20-game losing skid when they face the Washington Redskins today.

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Tennessee (plus 2) at New York Jets
A smart man who once did these picks says teams not good enough to be 3-0 won't be. Same goes for bad and 0-3 teams. **TITANS, 16-14**

Kansas City (off) at Philadelphia
Donovan McNabb's uncertain availability means no point spread. Eagles need to rebound regardless of their QB. **EAGLES, 23-7**

Cleveland (plus 14) at Baltimore
Mangini's Mess vs. Rollicking Ravens. Do Browns have enough pride to make it close? **RAVENS, 24-13**

New York Giants (minus 6½) at Tampa Bay
Tough turnaround for Giants. Normally could be a trap, but

not against these Bucs. **GIANTS, 27-10**

Green Bay (minus 8½) at St. Louis
Packers blew one against Bengals. They won't blow another to weak opponent. **PACKERS, 24-7**

San Francisco (plus 6½) at Minnesota
A pair of 2-0 teams and first home game for Vikings. Difficult spot for developing Niners. **VIKINGS, 16-7**

Atlanta (plus 5) at New England
Is this the week real Patriots show up? Or have we seen the real Patriots? **PATRIOTS, 21-17**

Chicago (minus 1) at Seattle
Seahawks need Matt Hasselbeck at QB to have a chance. **BEARS, 15-13**

New Orleans (minus 6) at Buffalo
It could be windy in Orchard Park. Or it could be Brees-y. **SAINTS, 27-14**

Miami (plus 7½) at San Diego
Let's see if the Dolphins can hold the ball for 55 minutes and still lose. **CHARGERS, 21-14**

Pittsburgh (minus 6) at Cincinnati
Still can't believe how poorly Steelers played in Chicago. That almost never happens in Cincinnati. **STEELERS, 20-10**

Denver (plus 2½) at Oakland
Hard to believe Broncos might be 3-0. Or that Raiders might be 2-1. **BRONCOS, 20-17**

Indianapolis (pick 'em) at Arizona
Colts play on Monday night, then must travel out to the desert the next week? Doesn't seem fair. **CARDINALS, 27-24**

Carolina (plus 9½) at Dallas (Monday)
Does Jerry Jones move the 'Boys back to Texas Stadium if they lose this one? **COWBOYS, 21-14**

RECORD: Versus spread, 9-7 (17-14-1 season); Straight up, 10-6 (23-9 season)
Best Bet: 0-2
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Twin Falls County has begun a comprehensive review of its zoning and subdivision regulations and invites you to attend the first community workshop. The purpose of the meeting is to obtain input from community members on issues to be addressed during the project. This meeting will be a highly interactive meeting where participants can discuss issues and provide input.

Buhl City Hall September 29, 2009 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm 203 Broadway Avenue North, Buhl, ID	Twin Falls Council Chambers September 29, 2009 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm 305 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, ID	Kimberly City Hall September 30, 2009 10:00 am to 12:00 pm 120 Madison West, Kimberly, ID
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The same information will be presented at each meeting. If you are unable to attend one of these meetings you can view the project information online at www.twinfallscounty.org.

For additional information contact: **Bill Crafton**, Planning and Zoning Director,
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AP photo

Bowling Green's Cody Basler (45) brings down Boise State's Richie Brockel (40) during the first half Saturday in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Vandals

Continued from Sports 1

that consumed 1:02. After a muffed kickoff return left the Vandals at their own 7, Jackson gave Idaho a bit of breathing room with a three-yard run and a four-yard reception before Enderle went to Greenwood for a 16-yard gain and then to Davis for a 14-yard pick-up.

The Vandals eluded misfortune on the next play when tackle Bryce Sinclair picked up an Enderle fumble. Then Enderle found McCarty with a short pass that the shifty back turned into a 58-yard scoring play with 47 seconds left in the half. Farquhar's kick made it 21-10.

Idaho hosts Colorado State (3-1) next Saturday in an 8:30 p.m. (MDT) game televised on ESPNU.

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"When they have 500 yards of offense, it will always be 10 to 12 plays where half their offense came from."

Moore spread the ball around to six different receivers. Tyler Shoemaker had 105 yards on four catches.

Bowling Green, hosting a top-10 team for the first time in school history, hung around early. The Falcons opened the game with a seven-minute drive, but came up empty after Jerry Phillips missed a 29-yard field goal.

They did hold Boise State scoreless in the first quarter — about the only bright spot on the night.

Boise State, making its first trip to Ohio, finished with 529 yards in total offense.

The Broncos' running game didn't miss a beat despite playing without second-leading rusher D.J. Harper, who has what is likely a season-ending knee injury.

Martin, a defensive back who has seven tackles this season, took Harper's spot and ran for 116 yards on 13 carries. Martin hardly looked like a back who had only seen limited action the last two seasons at running back.

"I felt pretty comfortable," Martin said. "That's what I've been doing since high school!"

Jeremy Avery rushed for 92 yards, including a 71-yard touchdown run on the second play of the third quarter that put Boise State ahead 36-0.

Thompson's interception in the second quarter marked

the sixth consecutive game with a pick for the Broncos.

The Broncos, with their best regular-season ranking in school history, intercepted Sheehan's passes twice, giving them nine interceptions this season. They did give up just their second passing touchdown, but it came after the game was all but over.

Sheehan, who had completed 68 percent of his throws this year coming into the game, couldn't get anything going against the Broncos' stingy pass defense. He finished 16-of-29 passing with just 137 yards.

Falcons receiver Freddie Barnes, who was leading the nation with 14 catches per game, only managed four receptions for 24 yards.

No. 8 Boise State 49, Bowling Green 14

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Second Quarter

Boi-Young 18 run (Brockel pass from Pettis), 14:53.
Boi-Martin 34 run (Brotzman kick), 12:45.
Boi-Young 25 run (Brotzman kick), 12:27.
Boi-Pettis 17 pass from Ke.Moore (Brotzman kick), 2:15.

Third Quarter

Boi-Avery 71 run (Brotzman kick), 14:27.
Boi-Brockel 2 pass from Ke.Moore (Brotzman kick), 13:41.
BG-Hodges 7 pass from Sheehan (Phillips kick), 7:46.
BG-Sheehan 6 run (Phillips kick), 1:01.

Fourth Quarter

Boi-Hodge 1 run (kick failed), 6:11.
A-22:39.

	Boi	BG
First downs	23	18
Rushes-yards	35-267	33-93
Passing	262	189
Comp-Att-Int	19-25-0	21-42-2
Return Yards	19	16
Punts-Avg.	4-36.3	6-36.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	9-85	8-75
Time of Possession	24:51	35:09

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Boise St., Martin 13-116, Avery 12-92, Young 2-43, Coughlin 1-21, Hodge 4-10, Team 2-(-4), Pettis 1-(-11).
Bowling Green, Geter 8-43, Bullock 12-36, Pettigrew 7-24, Sheehan 4-3, Barnes 2-(-13).
PASSING—Boise St., Ke.Moore 17-21-0-247, Coughlin 2-4-0-15.
Bowling Green, Sheehan 16-29-2-137, Pankratz 5-13-0-52.
RECEIVING—Boise St., Young 6-58, Shoemaker 4-105, Pettis 3-32, Brockel 2-18, Efav 2-12, Gallarda 1-28, Ki.Moore 1-9.
Bowling Green, Hodges 6-56, Barnes 4-24, J.Jones 3-37, Geter 3-22, Bullock 1-17, Pettigrew 1-14, Dunlap 1-7, Scheidt 1-7, Hutson 1-5.

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The Right People Can Help You Find Your Calling

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By *Caroline Levchuck*

Finding the job you want isn't always easy. And, when you don't know what job you want, it can seem impossible. What's a job seeker to do? You can spend hours doing research, along with some serious soul searching. But you may still come up blank. There are people who can help. Some are pros; some you already know. But either way, they can assist you in answering the age-old question of what to do with your life.

Career Counselors

Career counselors can help you shape your career path, including find a job. They rely upon a host of resources, such as personality tests, expert knowledge and experience. If you're really confused, a good career counselor can help you explore many different career options. There are career counselors for every stage of your career and every budget. School-based counselors offer career advice to students free of charge. Independent career counselors or consultants will often require you to pay an advance fee for a set number of sessions. Others won't limit the number of sessions and will work with you until you

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The best way to find a skilled, dependable career counselor is by word of mouth. Ask people you trust for referrals. You can also screen a counselor through the Better Business Bureau before signing up at <http://www.bbb.org>.

Personal Coaches

Personal coaches can be very helpful to job seekers. Coaches focus on helping people identify their values, dreams and goals. But, a word of warning: If you're looking for advice, career coaching might not be for you. A good coach won't tell you what he thinks you should be doing because he believes that, deep down, you already know. Simply put,

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If you know someone who has visited a personal coach, ask for a referral. You can also consult the International Coaching Federation (<http://www.coachfederation.org>) for trained and certified coaches in your area. To help you find the right coach before making a commitment, most coaches will even offer a free, 30-minute phone session.

Mentors

People frequently find mentors in their workplaces to guide and nurture them in their present position and up the corporate ladder. But, even if you don't have a job, you can still

have a mentor.

Many colleges and alumni associations offer mentoring programs. You can also join a local business or professional association and inquire about a mentor program. Even if there isn't one, you may still find someone to mentor you informally. Another idea is to find someone who works in a field that interests you. Set up an informational interview. If the two of you click, ask if you can e-mail or phone them from time to time with questions. If you're lucky, it may be the start of a mentoring relationship.

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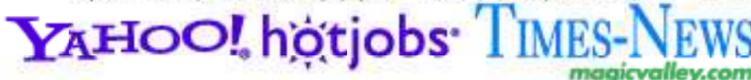
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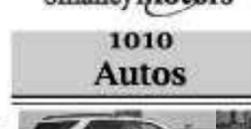
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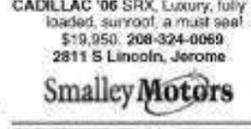
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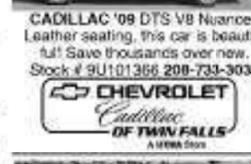
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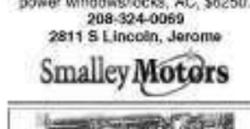
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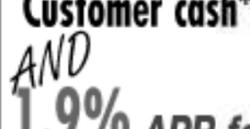
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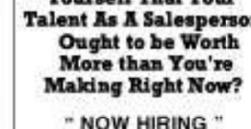
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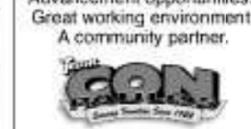
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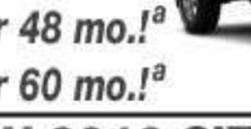
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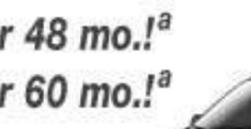
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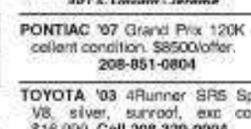
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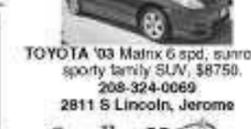
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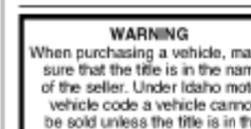
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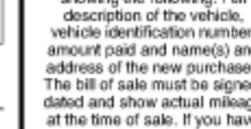
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What do you get when you have a streak of warm weather, a poor economy, and enough clutter to build a Somali barricade? The answer is a yard sale. And here in southern Idaho, boy, do we love our yard sales. Yard sales are a peculiar study of the American psyche. We gather so much stuff in a lifetime, and stow it in garages, basements and storage units, that our habitat resembles that of oversized squirrels.

SPILT MILK

David Cooper



Eventually we realize much of it has to go. So we set up shop on the driveway for a rummage sale that's half "Price is Right" and half funeral, and we cling to a possession's last morsel of sentimental value just to pawn it for an extra buck.

By the end of the sale, your neighbors probably think you're some stingy miser from the tales of Dickens.

Don't worry though, you're not alone. As further proof of today's poor economy, the government is also in the flea market business.

Last month California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger authorized the state to sell off police cars, computers, office furniture, medical equipment, tools and confiscated jewelry, to raise cash and offset the state's multi-billion-dollar budget shortage.

The two-day event in a Sacramento warehouse even had a name, The Great California Garage Sale. The total take — \$1.6 million — probably just enough to keep rest areas open outside Barstow for another year. But probably not quite the profit Arnold was looking for. That's the problem with yard sales, too much dust and too high expectations.

And so with that in mind, here's my alternative to selling your old possessions.

Just give them away. At a time when some of your family, friends or neighbors may be struggling in a painful recession, why not try to be the good Samaritan who seeks them out.

Find a new couple that needs the old nursery items and baby clothes. Give your kids' old bunk bed to the young family bursting at the seams. And that obsolete computer you're about to toss could be what a senior citizen needs to understand e-mail and the Internet.

Certainly you could sell items for extra cash. But generosity buys you far more in the long run. Perhaps hard times like those we face today are the best investment opportunity we can ask for.

Years ago as a family just starting out, we were neighbors to a family with more kids than us. He was a graduate student and they didn't have much. Yet, they constantly brought over unsolicited items — clothes, food, and furniture — all in excellent condition. They always reveled in the notion that you only keep something as long as you need it. After that, the possession had to go where that need was greatest.

They seemed happy, content and I'm positive they've gone on to great success in life.

Whether it's karma, the golden rule, or sheer luck, good things seem to follow the generous at heart. And you can't always find that in a yard sale.

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LONELINESS CAN BRING BEHAVIORAL, PHYSICAL PROBLEMS

By Melissa Davlin • Times-News writer

Before every meal at Twin Falls' Chaparelle House, Berneitta King can be found playing the piano in the common area.

King has no children and has been widowed since 1992. But she stays socially active, going out of her way to introduce herself to new residents and participate in every residence activity she can.

"I'm a people person," King said. "I want to go where there's more people."

Staying active and continuing to socialize may help King live a healthier, longer life. Loneliness — like the depression that accompanies it — often leads to behavioral problems, like lashing out at others, and physiological effects, like overeating, alcohol abuse and poor sleep habits, according to Rob Parrish, regional director of clinical and quality services for Assisted Living Concepts Inc.

Jim Fields, director of College of Southern Idaho's Office on Aging, said senior isolation can take many forms. Many isolated seniors are homebound because of physical health issues — including vision problems or illness — and dementia, preventing them from going out and enjoying their retirements, Fields said. Even healthy seniors can live in isolation if they have no friends or family in the area, or if they live in the country and can't get to town often.

Parrish said side effects from medication can isolate some assisted-living residents if they sleep all day. Other residents may want to be alone because of family problems or depression.

So Assisted Living Concepts tries to keep seniors socially engaged. Chaparelle House, its Twin Falls facility, has regular activities including clubs, church services, exercise classes and bingo to give residents an alternative to sitting in their rooms and watching television all day.

"It's not just three-hots-and-a-cot type mentality," Parrish said.

But what about seniors who live at home? To keep homebound seniors engaged, the Office on Aging sends volunteers to visit. Other Twin Falls homebound seniors depend on Meals on Wheels, a free meal-delivery service, for both hot food and company. The service brings meals to about 120 seniors a day, said coordinator Karen Lewis.

Many of the seniors in the program are lonely, said volunteer DeRae Wilson. She and her daughter Nicole

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IN OLD AGE



Photos by MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

At top, Shirley High, 84, walks with an excited Portia tugging on her leash in the hallway outside High's room at Chaparelle House in Twin Falls on Tuesday. High was watching her son's dog for the weekend while its owners were away on a camping trip. She says she gets nightly visits from her son and regular visits from other relatives to her apartment at Chaparelle House, second from top, but still misses her home.

Above, Berneitta King, 96, sits in her apartment at Chaparelle House in Twin Falls. When she first arrived at her apartment she had lots of visitors, she says, but it tapered off after a while. Still, some friends in the community pop in occasionally. King also keeps herself busy with small projects.

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SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center

530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors: \$5.50, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; lounge and pool rooms; bargain center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Daily lunches are available for take-out from 11 a.m. to noon; seniors 59 and under, \$5.50; seniors 60 and older, \$4.50. 734-5084.

MENUS:
Monday: Pork with barbecue sauce
Tuesday: Lasagna
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Thursday: Chef salad
Friday: Ham and beans
ACTIVITIES:
Today: Unitarian Church service, 10 a.m.
Monday: Quilting, 8 a.m.
 Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
 Bridge, 1 p.m.
 Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1
 Foot Clinic, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday at lunch
 Duplicate bridge, 12:30 p.m.
 Bingo, 1:45-5 p.m., \$1 per sheet
 Oil painting by appointment, 734-0509
 Let's Dance, 6-11 p.m.
Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls for sale, 8:30-11:30 a.m.; \$1.50 each
 Quilting, 8 a.m.
 Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
 Blood pressure, 11 a.m. to noon
 Blood sugar testing, 11:30 a.m.
 Cliff Haak Band, 11 a.m.
 Duplicate bridge, 12:30 p.m.
 Pinochle, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Oil painting by appointment
 Official bingo, 6:30-10 p.m.
Friday: Quilting, 8 a.m.
 Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
 Texas Hold'em, 1 p.m.
 Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, under 60. Sunday buffet: 1 p.m.; \$5, seniors: \$6, under 60; \$4, under 12. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday.
MENUS:
Sunday: Swiss steak
Monday: Ham and bean soup
Tuesday: Chicken a la king
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Thursday: Fish or chicken sandwiches
ACTIVITIES:
Today: Swiss steak, 1 p.m.
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.
 Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.
 Blood pressure check, 11:45 a.m.
 Bingo, 1-3 p.m.
 Bingo, 7 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
MENUS:
Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce
Wednesday: Sandwiches
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Bingo, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
 Bingo, 1-2 p.m.
Thursday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
 Bingo, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch and full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; take-out; home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
MENUS:
Monday: Beef stew
Wednesday: Pigs in a blanket
Friday: Roast beef
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
 AA meeting, 8 p.m.
 Al-Anon meeting, 8 p.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; every-

one over 18 welcome
Wednesday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
 Gem State Fiddlers, 11:30 a.m.
 Bingo, 11:50 a.m.
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizen Center

308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
MENUS:
Monday: Polynesian pork
Tuesday: Fish and chips
Wednesday: Chicken strips
Thursday: Baked ham
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
 Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.
 Wild card, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
 Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
 Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.
 Pool, 9:30 a.m.
 Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Breakfast, 7:30-10 a.m.

Wendell Senior Meal Site

105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays. Hours, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, under 60; \$2, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; thrift shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free high-speed Internet.
MENUS:
Monday: Meatloaf
Wednesday: Lasagna
Friday: Soup and salad bar

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E., Jerome. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors: \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free transportation to and from center Wednesdays through Fridays,

call center for information at 324-5642.

MENUS:
Monday: Spaghetti with meat sauce
Tuesday: Biscuit and gravy
Wednesday: Sloppy Joes
Thursday: Ham
Friday: Meatloaf
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m.
 Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:15 a.m.
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Snack bar, 6 p.m.
 Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
 Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
 Dick and John Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:15 a.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
 Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m.
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Center

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors: \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

MENUS:
Tuesday: Roast beef
Thursday: Chicken-fried steak
ACTIVITIES:
Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors: \$5.50, under 60.

MENUS:
Monday: Baked ham

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors: \$5.50, under 60. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.

MENUS:
Tuesday: Liver and onions
Wednesday: Grilled cheese sandwich
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Coffee, 9:30 a.m.

Quilting, 10 a.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Bingo
Wednesday: Black-Out Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Bingo

Camas County Senior Center

127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors: \$4, under 60; \$2, under 10. Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
MENUS:
Tuesday: Roast
Wednesday: Goulash
ACTIVITIES:
Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors: \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.
MENUS:
Monday: Salsa biscuit chicken
Tuesday: Lemon pepper cod / barbecue pork ribs
Wednesday: Pot roast
Thursday: Green chili chicken enchiladas
Friday: Beef pot roast
ACTIVITIES:
Sunday: Gold Star Mothers Day
Monday: Salad and soup bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Tai chi, 7 a.m.
 Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m.
 Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Walking Club, 9 a.m.
 Blood pressure, 11:15 a.m.
 Bingo, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m.
Thursday: Blood pressure (Carey)
 YMCA kids from Hailey
Friday: Table tennis, 9 a.m.
 Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m.
 lunch hour: free shoulder massage by Travis Scott
Saturday: Big Night in Little Italy dinner and dance, 5:30-10 p.m.

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors: \$6, non-seniors; \$3, under 12; \$4.50, home

delivery. Gift shop: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Fish sandwich
Tuesday: Lasagna
Wednesday: BLTs
Thursday: Beef stroganoff
Friday: Chicken or fish, lasagna

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pinochle, 1-4 p.m.
 Pool, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Walking, 9 a.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 1 p.m.
 Pinochle, 1-4 p.m.
Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Walking, 9 a.m.
 SHIBA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwindeman at 436-9107 or Kitty Andrews at 677-4872 for appointments
Friday: Pool, 1 p.m.
 Pinochle, 1-4 p.m.
 Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors and children under 12; \$6, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
MENUS:
Monday: Spaghetti
Tuesday: McRibeye sandwiches
Wednesday: Salisbury steak
Thursday: Taco salad
Friday: Clara's birthday choice
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pool
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Exercise
Tuesday: Pool
 Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
 Radio show, 9:06 a.m.
 Exercise
 Community bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Exercise
Thursday: Pool
 Exercise
 Movie, 9:30 a.m.
 Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
 Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
Friday: Pool
 Exercise
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Bingo, 1 p.m.

Carey Senior Center

Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors.

Tricks on seduction from the spy trade

By Lavanya Ramanathan
 The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A curvy, blond Jewish girl from America wooed Mordechai Vanunu for Israeli spy agency Mossad. A tall KGB “Romeo” romanced women for his organization. A young East German spy staked out a lonely federal worker in a bar, then pledged that he loved her even as he was siphoning her secrets. And you thought your ex was stringing you along. The International Spy Museum recently hosted the provocatively titled discussion “Sexpionage: Spies, Lies, and Naked Thighs,” in which intelligence historian H. Keith Melton detailed the um, sexploits of men and women who seduce for a living. Imagine being so physically and intellectually irresistible you could win any lover you sought and get them do your bidding. Dating would be a whole lot easier, no? So we asked Melton and

Oleg Kalugin, a onetime KGB counterintelligence chief who set up more than a few honey traps in his day, to teach us a few tricks of their trade. “If you can manipulate a person’s heart, they’ll do things they’d never logically do,” Melton tells us. “And the way to do that is to get them to fall in love.” Of course. But how? “Some people like affable, friendly, open, talkative ... people of character, enthusiasm — that’s what makes people attracted to you,” Kalugin says. Blissfully, Bond-girl beauty wasn’t really a quality Kalugin sought in a seductress. “I was not looking for their looks, actually. I was looking for their intellectual side, and the way they talked to me,” he says. But Melton and Kalugin cite a quality that men cannot resist. “Number one: availability,” Melton says bluntly. “Men are very easy to approach. We’re all vain in the end, and we’d like to think we’re as intriguing and fascinating

to everyone else as we think we are. We’re very easy to set up.” When it comes to a spy who had a way with women, look no further than the case of the famous Brit-turned-KGB Romeo, John Symonds, who possessed all the qualities of a successful cad. One of Symonds’ targets “was a family member of a CIA officer in the Middle East, who he knew collected seashells,” Melton says. “He, in turn, reads up on seashells.” Later, at the beach, he spotted her carrying a shell and moved in for the kill. Symonds told her: “The thought of that seashell, even the tiniest prick to your leg, damaging beautiful legs, would be painful to me,” Melton says. Cheesy? Yes, but effective. Melton and Kalugin say very little has changed in the seduction game today. Says Melton: “We’re all so vulnerable, especially when it comes to matters of the heart. We think we aren’t, but we are.”



MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News
 Shirley High and Portia return from their short walk outside Chaparelle House on Tuesday.

Seniors

Continued from Family Life 1
 Booth, 26, spend a lot of time with one 93-year-old woman on their route. “She asked us one time ... ‘Can you come and visit?’” Wilson said. They did, and Booth now considers the woman an adopted grandmother, she said. Most volunteers make time to visit with the food recipients. Driver Ken Patterson said although he can’t stop and talk with everyone — besides, many are still socially active and don’t need the company — he always makes sure to save a few minutes at the end of his route to sit and chat with one woman in particular, he said while delivering food packages Sept. 18. At homes where the person is immobile, Patterson

lets himself into the house while yelling “Meals on Wheels!” then sets the food in a spot where the homeowner can eventually get to it. A couple of the houses are unkempt and smell like animal feces. Many of those folks can’t afford in-home care or cleaning services, Patterson said, and their illnesses prevent them from straightening up themselves. Shirley High’s sons didn’t want to see their mom get to that point. When High, 84, fell and broke her back, they convinced her to move into assisted living. She wasn’t happy about leaving her home and the 60 rosebushes she tended, but she knew they were right when they said she could no longer take care of her house. “I understand, too,” High

said. “I’m not stupid.” Although she misses the independence that comes with being able to drive, she stays busy with assisted-living activities and keeps in touch with her old friends. Two of her five children live in town, and one son visits almost every day. She also cares for her son’s dog when he goes camping — something Chaparelle House encourages, as it helps residents be active. It helps keep her mind off the independence that she has lost and the family who isn’t here. “The community has definitely helped a lot,” High said. Melissa Davlin may be reached at 208-735-3234 or melissa.davlin@lee.net.

Tips for monitoring prescription drugs

The Washington Post

One in five teenagers abuses prescription drugs, thinking it is a safe and easy way to get high. Easy it might be, but safe it isn’t, says The Partnership for a Drug-Free America. The first step in preventing the abuse is to include prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines in your “don’t do

drugs” talk with your kids. Here is what The Partnership says to do next:
 • **Monitor** your prescriptions closely by noting how many pills are in the bottles and keeping track of your refills. Encourage friends and relatives to do the same.
 • **Secure** medications in a locked cabinet or other safe place that your teen cannot access.

• **Dispose** of expired or unused drugs, mixing them with something undesirable (such as coffee grounds or kitty litter) so teens looking to get high will be discouraged from plucking them out of the trash. For more tips, facts and studies on prescription and over-the-counter drug abuse, visit www.drugfree.org/notinmyhouse.

TEN DAYS OF CELEBRATION
 TWIN FALLS HINDUS ENJOY RELIGIOUS FESTIVAL.
 NEXT WEEK IN FAMILY LIFE

Death of a child the ultimate test

By **Leanne Italie**
Associated Press writer

One left turn was the difference between normal and "new normal" for Patricia Loder.

She was almost home in the Milford area of Michigan on the first day of spring 1991, turning left on a road like any other, when a speeding motorcyclist side-swiped her car and killed her two children.

They were Stephanie, 8, and Stephen, 5.

"I was one of those people who would wake up screaming because that videotape went off in my head all the time, playing over and over again," Loder said. "That's a horrid weight you carry around all the time because no matter what, whether you're right there or a thousand miles away, you're always supposed to protect your children. Always."

When her grief threatened to overpower her, Loder reluctantly attended a bereavement support group with her husband, Wayne.

"There were people there who had lost their mothers, their fathers, their grandparents," she said. "They all had grief and I respected that, but no one there had lost a child."

The pain, she said, is like no other. It eats at marriages. It eats at siblings through its relentless guilt and hopelessness. The weight of it, as Loder and other parents describe, sometimes tears families apart, but it more often draws them closer together, researchers said.

The Loders — like many families — found their way through with help from other survivors who know what it feels like to get up each morning and attempt to live their lives after a child's murder, accident or illness.

While reports of startlingly high divorce rates under the circumstances stretch back more than 30 years and once ranged from 70 to 90 percent, a 2006 survey for the bereaved families organization that helped the Loders showed a significantly lower inci-



AP photo

Gary and Susan Chan hold a senior portrait of their daughter Rachael in their Topeka, Kan., home. Rachael died at age 18 in a motorcycle-deer accident in 1992.

dence, far lower than the national average of roughly 50 percent.

The 2006 survey for The Compassionate Friends, of which Loder is now executive director, showed 306 of 400 respondents were married at the time of a child's death. Of those, there was a divorce rate of 16 percent, less than half of whom cited the death's impact as a contributing factor.

In a study by two Montana researchers in 1999, only 9 percent of 253 respondents said they divorced following their child's death, with 24 percent of the remainder saying they had considered divorce but didn't follow through.

"While the death of one's child definitely places stress on a marriage, we believe the divorce rate is so low because of the commitment parents have to survive their tragedy as a shared experience," Loder said.

After her car crash, which also killed the motorcyclist,

a hospital nurse warned Loder about the high risk of divorce.

"First I was told my children had died. Then I was told my marriage would die. There are no words that can describe how that warning compounded the grief I already felt," she said.

A range of factors are at play when it comes to the toll on marriages of fatal tragedy involving children, including a couple's level of education and their ability to pay for outside help. Also on the list are whether a marriage was already at risk and how attuned loved ones are to the kind of support needed by the bereaved.

There's no right way or acceptable span of time to grieve a dead child, yet friends, family and co-workers often urge parents to "get on with it," compounding the pain and squandering a chance for loved ones to offer more meaningful assistance, Loder said.

"Oftentimes your family and your friends just want you to be better," she said. "We hear that a lot, that families don't understand. They want them to be their old selves."

Christine Frisbee and her husband, Rick, were living in New Canaan, Conn., when they lost their second oldest child, 15-year-old Rich, to a virulent form of leukemia in 1989, just 15 months after he was diagnosed. The couple, with four other children, lost their savings eight weeks after their son died when the company Rick worked for went under.

"My husband and I are still married, but I admit we almost didn't make it. We were so angry with each other on how we were reacting differently," said Frisbee, who wrote the book "Day by Day," about the lives of children with sick siblings. "One evening at home I asked Rick to hug me. He said, 'I can't. I hurt too much.' He would never have said that before."

On Sept. 7, 2001, Sherry Nolan's 24-year-old daughter, Shannon, was beaten to death with a baseball bat. Shannon's husband led authorities to her body, five months pregnant with her first child, buried in a wooded area in Cincinnati, Ohio. A jury convicted him of two counts of aggravated murder and he remains in prison on consecutive life sentences.

"At the very beginning anyone who's had a family member murdered, you feel as if you've died that day," said Nolan, who with her husband, L.C., and two surviving children sought the assistance of the support group Parents of Murdered Children (www.pomc.com).

"We went through the stages of what could we have done to prevent this, me saying to myself what did I do in my lifetime that my child is paying for. My husband saying the same thing," she said. "Then when you realize you haven't done anything, you turn to one another and say what did you do in your lifetime?"

Susan and Gary Chan of

Topeka, Kan., lost their 18-year-old daughter Rachael in 1992, when a motorcycle driven by her boyfriend hit a deer at dusk.

"I don't know how many times people said, 'Oh, God made another angel singing in the choir,' and I was thinking, 'I need Rachael singing off-key in the shower,'" she said. "Part of the work is redefining who you are in this new reality you didn't choose."

Theresa A. Rando, a Warwick, R.I., psychologist who specializes in the study and treatment of loss, said flawed research is to blame for the notion that a child's death leads to divorce more often than not.

"In no way, shape or form is the divorce rate even near the national average," Rando said.

"I'm amazed there aren't more divorces. The dynamics of losing a child are so different. If you're a wife, you're a widower. If you lose your parents, you're an orphan, but we don't even have a word for losing a child. It represents the very worst fear in all of us."

The Chans were also helped by The Compassionate Friends (www.compassionate-friends.org), which offers support groups through 615 chapters in every state, plus Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C. The non-profit organization also has chapters in more than 30 countries.

NOTES FROM A BEREAVED MOTHER

Susan Chan knows firsthand what it feels like to lose a child. Her 18-year-old daughter, enjoying the waning weeks before high school graduation, was thrown from her boyfriend's motorcycle after a deer jumped in their way. It was 1992 in Topeka, Kan., where Chan and her husband, Gary, remain.

"You never expect this is going to happen to you," she said. "You read headlines and it's always about somebody else, and one day you're a headline. It's so hard to explain to somebody who hasn't been there what it's like to lose a child. There's no good way."

The couple, now married for 41 years, sought the help of The Compassionate Friends soon after Rachael died. It's a large network of survivors established specifically for those struggling with the deaths of children, grandchildren and siblings. Chan is a chapter director for the organization and offers this advice:

- **Grief is not** an event. It is a process. It does not have a distinct finish line. Each person's journey is as unique as his fingerprints.
- **Your grief journey** will be guided

by many things besides the relationship you had with the child who died. It will be influenced by your past life experiences (including previous losses), your religious beliefs, your socio-economic status, your physical health, the availability of a support network and, in many cases, the cause of the death itself.

- **People want you** to be "over it" way sooner than you can ever imagine. They don't seem to understand that this is not the flu. We learn to integrate it into the fabric of our lives. What they don't realize is that we will never be the same people we were before our child died.

- **Grief is not** a predictable journey. One day we may feel somewhat stronger, the next day we may crash and burn. Grief is sometimes like winding a ball of yarn — you wind and wind on it and sometimes drop it and it unravels before you, then it is time to start winding it up again.

- **It is important** to remember that as we grieve, we must also mourn the death of our child. The two words are usually used interchangeably, but they mean different things. Grief is on the inside — what we are feeling.

Mourning is "grief gone public" — in other words how we are allowed to express our grief outside of ourselves. (Definitions from the work of Dr. Alan D. Wolfelt, director of the Center for Loss and Life Transition).

- **We have a great need** to tell and retell our story far longer than many people are willing to listen. We need to find safe places to tell our story.
- **Pain is part** of the grief process and cannot be ignored or "gotten around" if we are to heal. Remember that letting go of the pain does not mean letting go of the love you had for your child. That love will remain with you always.
- **At some point** each of us must make a conscious decision to heal. We must decide whether

we want to become bitter or better.

- **Everyone seems to have** an explanation for why this happened to you. It is a characteristic of our society that we want to be problem solvers. I haven't met a bereaved parent yet who felt there was a reasonable and acceptable explanation for why their child had to die.
- **We need to be selfish** as we grieve. By this I mean we must be good to ourselves, be patient with ourselves, look to what we need to do to move forward. We need to be open to the help others can provide. This is not a journey we need to make alone. Ask for help when you need it. Asking for help is not a sign of weakness, but an acknowledgment that you want to heal.

— The Associated Press

CLEANING CORNER

Question: I've made a new resolve to only use cleaning products that are environmentally friendly. I'm worried about using harsh chemicals that are dangerous to my health as well as the environment. My greatest challenge is in the bathroom, cleaning toilets, showers, and tubs. Any suggestions?

"Going Green as I Clean"

Answer: Finally, bathroom cleaners that are safe for the environment AND work on the toughest dirt, grime and scum. Here's two I suggest. Tub 'N' Tile is non-toxic and biodegradable, with no harsh chemicals. Works great on tubs, showers and countertops. Foam 'N' Flush is an environmentally preferable toilet bowl cleaner that will dissolve hard water rings, as well as brighten and deodorize your toilet bowl. The organic acid formula is biodegradable and uses an organic composite that is fume free. Now you can relax. Green does Clean!



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Mary's 100 year Birthday

Mary Anderson will celebrate her 100th birthday on October 10th at 2:00pm at Divine Living Center

Mary moved to Twin Falls from Colony, Kansas when she was a teenager and graduated from Twin Falls high school. She married Leo Anderson and raised three daughters; Mary Pence, Twin Falls; Ellie Leonard, Twin Falls; and Leah McDonald, Nampa, Id.

Mary has lived at Curry Retirement Estates (now Divine Living Center) for the past 17 years.

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Teen lit alive with positive characters of all sizes

By Leanne Italie
Associated Press writer

Like never before, teen lit is alive with plus-size characters who take on their school tormentors and get the guy, soaking up self-esteem as football heroes and big-girl models.

While fat may not be the new vampire, the uptick comes at just the right time for young readers. Childhood obesity is epic while a large, loud and proud fat acceptance movement advocates good health at any size over doomed diets, food obsessions and body shame.

In titles that include "Looks," "Models Don't Eat Chocolate Cookies" and "This Book Isn't Fat, It's Fabulous," young people with meat on their bones are front and center in at least two dozen new books out since last year, rather than the usual ugly-duckling best friend or neighbor. Many of the stories conclude without significant weight loss, a huge breakthrough for some young fans.

"There weren't many characters I could relate to when I was younger," said

Elizabeth Sterling, an 18-year-old nursing student who writes a blog called Diary of a Fat Teenager. "The message that would come across to my young insecure brain would be, 'In order to do what they do, you need to look like them.'"

Allen Zadoff's September release "Food, Girls and Other Things I Can't Have" relies on wit and cutting dialogue to tell the story of a rare overweight boy protagonist. Zadoff, 42, said he was obese growing up like his 15-year-old Andrew Zansky.

"I was not just overweight. I was struggling with an eating disorder. I got larger and larger over time. No amount of dieting would fix the problem for me. I would lose weight and then gain it all back," Zadoff said. Out of his struggle came his acclaimed adult memoir in 2007, "Hungry: Lessons Learned on the Journey from Fat to Thin."

The upcoming book, his first for young readers, features Andrew, a high school sophomore who weighs 306.4 pounds. He dreads squeezing into his classroom desk and rubs off the

very public size 48 lettering on the outer waist of Levi's he can barely zip. He lusts for an insider's life and makes it as a jock, only to readjust his priorities.

"When I was in my sophomore year in high school, the coach came up to me and asked me if I had ever considered playing football," Zadoff said. "At the time I was insulted. I knew he was just asking me because I was big, so I said no. Andrew says yes. As a result, his life path takes a radical turn. I wrote the book to kind of explore how would my life had been different if I had said yes instead of no."

In C. Leigh Purtill's "All About Vee," bold and bright 18-year-old Veronica May also says yes — to life, love and adventure.

Veronica is a big (217 pounds) and talented star in the community theater scene in her tiny border town of Chester, Ariz., where she grows frustrated with the life path of her equally large father. Then she heads to Hollywood to make it as an actor, contending for the first time with competition from the size zeros.

After some ups and downs, she gets the hunk while staying true to herself.

"Too many books have the girls as overweight, then they go to fat camp or they become the beautiful person by dieting, by losing weight," Purtill said. "There always seemed to be this losing weight element that was key to their happiness. I just wanted my characters to be representative of a lot of people out there."

Skyanne Fisher, a book blogger and 14-year-old of size in the small northeastern Pennsylvania town of Wyalusing, said she's a Vee fan for precisely those reasons.

"It was one of the books that I really connected to — I loved how she made her own way, had friends and got the boy without forcing herself to lose weight," she said. "It is possible to be happy as you are."

In addition to Vee, there's eighth-grader Celeste Harris, happy living in oversized hoodies under her middle school's social radar until a meddling aunt enters her in the Miss HuskyPeach Modeling Challenge in Erin Dianne's "Models Don't Eat



AP photo Elizabeth Sterling, 19, of Bernville, Pa., reads a magazine in her dorm room at Cedar Crest College in Allentown, Pa. Sterling is a fan of books featuring plus-size teens.

Chocolate Cookies?"

Since February, when the book came out, Dionne said she has received five or six letters a week from mostly girl readers who connected with Celeste.

"Average-looking kids who don't have a weight problem can hide their

issues behind a facade that is normal, whereas an overweight heroine is already dealing with other people's perception of her, whether that's the focus of a book or not," Dionne said. "It's something that the character has to deal with in some way."

PLUS-SIZE BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TEENS

A look at young adult books with plus-size heroes and heroines:

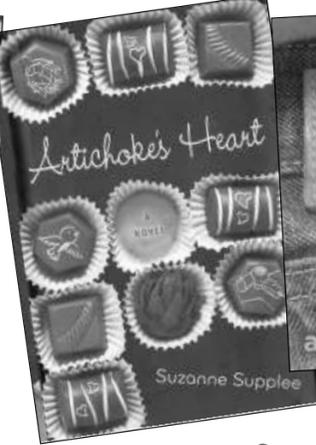
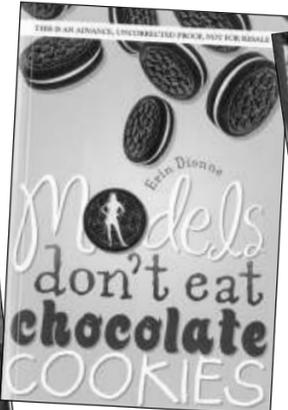
"All About Vee," by C. Leigh Purtill (Penguin, \$9.99, April 2008)

Veronica May is the big, beautiful and talented star of just about every community theater production in her tiny Arizona town. She cares for her equally large widower father, until he announces plans to remarry and Big Vee heads for Los Angeles to chase her acting dreams, finding peace and a cute guy among the Size Zeroes.

"Models Don't Eat Chocolate Cookies," by Erin Dionne (Penguin, \$7.99, February)

Eighth-grader Celeste Harris is happy in hoodies and track pants, sliding under her school's social radar until her meddling aunt enters her in a beauty pageant for large girls. Mortified, she decides to diet seriously for the first time as a way to get out of it but learns a few things about staying healthy just the way she is.

"Food, Girls and Other Things I Can't Have," by Allen Zadoff (Egmont USA, \$16.99, Sept. 8)



Andrew Zansky is 15 and weighs 306.4 pounds as he begins his sophomore year with a bully named Ugo trying to shove him into a locker. Told in funny, touching first-person, the son of a caterer makes it onto the football team and into the cool crowd, then he opts out as he settles into a confident independence.

"Artichoke's Heart," by Suzanne Supplee (Penguin, \$7.99, May)

At age 15 and 200 pounds, Rosemary Goode knows well: "When you're normal-sized, no one cares what you eat; when you're fat, it's everybody's busi-

ness!" Dubbed the Artichoke for a hideous green jacket she wore in sixth grade, Rosemary's story breaks from other books on the plus-size theme by concluding with significant weight loss for the young binge-eater shocked out of her comfort zone by her mother's cancer diagnosis.

"My Big Fat Manifesto," by Susan Vaught (Bloomsbury USA, \$8.99, June)

Written by a therapist, high school senior Jamie Carcaterra isn't just large. As a columnist for her school newspaper, she loudly proclaims: "I am

THE Fat Girl, baby" as she chases a journalism scholarship to college while trying to raise awareness about fat acceptance among her skinnier peers.

"Beacon Street Girls: Lake Rescue," by Annie Bryant (Aladdin, \$6.99, November 2008)

Chelsea Briggs, 12, is large but largely invisible, but a seventh-grade nature trip changes her life and lets her focus on dreams of becoming a photographer. Number six in the popular, health-conscious series for teens.

Also check out: **"Looks"** by Madeleine

George: Meghan (overweight and an apparent binge-eater) and Aimee (stick thin and anorexic) become friends and seek revenge on a popular-girl bully.

"This Book Isn't Fat, It's Fabulous" by Nina Beck: Riley Swain, 16, is overweight, bold and brash. She finds herself in a love triangle after she's shipped off to fat camp.

"Fat Kid Rules the World" by K.L. Going: Troy Billings is 17 and weighs 296 pounds. He's about to plunge off a subway platform when a rocker with his own problems comes to the rescue.

"Fat Hoochie Prom Queen" by Nico Medina: Margarita Diaz is large and loved at Winter Park High by all but Bridget Benson. Their bitter rivalry spills over to a showdown over prom queen.

"Beacon Hills High: A Novel" by Mo'Nique and Sherri McGee McCovey: Eboni Michelle Imes is 13 and F.A.T. (Fabulous and Thick) with a tight crew of friends in Baltimore. Then her dad's work takes the family to Los Angeles and a new life as the new girl.

Publication dates reflect recent paperback editions when available.

'Don't post that!' — social networking etiquette emerges

By Barbara Ortutay
Associated Press writer

Stephanie Kahn wanted to bask in her engagement for a few hours before diving into the task of calling aunts, uncles and good friends with the big news. And even before she could call them, she had a surprise party to attend, one that her fiancé had set up for their parents and her "closest group of girlfriends."

That party was when Kahn lost control of her news. Some of the guests took photos and were "uploading them on Facebook before I could even post anything," Kahn said from Smyrna, Ga., where she lives. "Of course the next morning I get a couple of calls, text messages from people I didn't call. They found out on Facebook. I think some people were a little upset."

In an age in which instant news and constant life streams from Facebook and Twitter change the way we communicate, the rules of etiquette surrounding these interactions are still evolving.

What happens when I expected a phone call about something and read about it in a status update instead? What's the polite response to a distant friend posting bad news on Facebook? What to do with sensitive information?

Making matters trickier, good etiquette on Facebook might not apply on Twitter or in an e-mail.

These days, milestones like marriage, pregnancy, breakups and divorce are being described over more forms of communications than ever.

"Because it's so new, there is sort of a gray area of what the manners are," said Brian McGee, a 33-year-old father-to-be in Charlotte, N.C.

He'd just gotten his first BlackBerry when he and his wife were driving to a doctor's appointment to learn the baby's sex. He had the BlackBerry out and was thumbing something.

"I was like, 'What are you doing?' recalled his wife, Megan Gelaburt-McGee. "He was posting that we were on the way to the doctor's office to find out the baby's sex. I said, 'Don't post that!'"

She said she wanted to tell her close friends the baby's gender personally, though she didn't mean an in-person visit. She didn't even mean a phone call. Instead, she drew the universal female symbol on her belly, had a friend take a photo and sent it in an e-mail to as many as 20 people: cousins, aunts and uncles, bridesmaids, friends she'd known for a very long time.

"We (weren't) going to keep the sex of the baby a secret," she said. "But I don't want to have my cousin find out through Facebook."

Online social networks haven't been around long enough to develop hard and fast etiquette rules,



AP photo Brian McGee, right, and his wife, Megan Gelaburt-McGee, are shown in their home in Charlotte, N.C. As Facebook and Twitter change the way we communicate, the rules of etiquette surrounding these interactions is still evolving.

but general guidance is emerging. Just as most people learned that it's annoying to yell on a cell phone in public or to hit "reply all" when responding to just one person in a mass e-mail, social media-savvy folks are finding it's unwise to, say, post unflattering images of friends without their consent.

Etiquette adviser Anna Post, the great-great-granddaughter of manners icon Emily Post, recommends taking a step back before rushing to type, whether it's good news about you or a response to someone else's bad news.

Indeed, tweets and status updates posted in the heat of a

moment can quickly backfire. In July, a New York City government aide resigned after posting inflammatory Facebook comments about the arrest of Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates Jr. The aide, Lee Landor, had called Gates a racist and referred to President Barack Obama as "O-dumb-a." The lesson? Know your audience, especially if they will complain to your boss.

A decade or two ago, communicating important news electronically rather than in a letter was frowned upon. Now an e-mail is considered acceptable for many situations, but even people com-

fortable with that might draw the line at social networks, which feel more like public or semipublic venues.

After all, the average person has 120 "friends" on Facebook, according to the company. In real life, the average North American has about three very close friends and 20 people they are pretty close to, said Barry Wellman, a sociologist at the University of Toronto. This means people may sometimes forget just who is reading their status updates, and can let their guard down.

"The word Facebook uses, 'friend,' of course isn't true," Wellman said. "Many people Facebook calls friends are not friends but maybe acquaintances or former friends."

Facebook has done some studies on how people decide what information they share and how to share it. In one, Cameron Marlow, a research scientist at Facebook, explored with his team what tends to dictate the number of photos that people upload on the site. It turns out the number wasn't based on how many of their friends showed approval for the photos by clicking that they liked them, or how many comments were left on each.

"Rather, it was based on how many photos your friends uploaded," he said. "Social norms are constantly being developed based on what friends do."

A is for alphabet books that teach and entertain

By **Leanne Italie**
Associated Press writer

Alphabet books aren't just for preschoolers anymore. They've exploded into mini-encyclopedias stuffed with real lessons on a broad range of subjects to attract bigger kids, too.

There's still plenty of simple, comforting rhymes by the letter, but some publishers have pepped up the genre by providing extra text to suit readers as old as 12.

It's a two-tiered system perfected by Sleeping Bear Press in Chelsea, Mich. The small imprint of the educational publishing company Gale Cengage has a big-time reputation among parents, teachers and booksellers for regularly churning out nicely illustrated and researched books not easily tossed aside once the ABCs are mastered.

Got a future flying ace? Try Sleeping Bear's "A is for Airplane," where D stands for dirigible and E for Amelia Earhart. Is horticulture more your child's thing? There's "V is for Venus Flytrap" for insights into legumes, tubers and succulents.

If all of that sounds too heavy, other publishers go for fun and frilly among new releases. A look at the latest in A-B-C:

"When Royals Wore Ruffles" (Random House, \$16.99, ages 5-9) by Chesley McLaren and Pamela Jaber, illustrated by Chesley McLaren.

A breezy yet informative romp through the history of fashion. T is for teetering about town like fine European ladies of the 1500s. They wore decorated chopine platform shoes that sent them soaring up to 30 inches. U is for unmentionables, including 72,000 pairs of nylons sold in New York on the first day they were available in the 1930s.

"Richard Scarry's Find Your ABCs" (Sterling, \$9.95, ages 4-8).

A reissue of an out-of-print classic stuffed with tongue twisters: "The queen is quaffing a quart of quince juice!" Scarry's familiar animals balance slippery spaghetti on a platter and douse the fire on a flaming football as detective pals Sam and Dudley encourage readers to hunt down the ABCs and make something yummy at the end.

"The Sleepy Little Alphabet" (Alfred A. Knopf, \$16.99, ages 4-8) by Judy Sierra and illustrated by Melissa Sweet.

A charming take on bedtime rituals with capital letters as parents to their little-case kids. More traditional one-line text with lively round-eyed illustrations. Small "g has got the googly giggles." All 26 letters are asleep by the end. Perfect for nighttime toddler readalouds.

"S is for Story" (Sleeping Bear Press, \$17.95, ages 9-12, Sept. 9 release) by Esther Hershenghorn and illustrated by Zachary Pullen.

Author quotes and writing tips help drive text covering everything from genres to revisions. L is for letters that are "text-ed, typed, or penned?" Did you know Beatrix Potter's "The Tale of Peter Rabbit" began as a get-well letter to a friend's son?

"V is for Venus Flytrap" (Sleeping Bear Press, \$17.95, ages 6-10) by Eugene Gagliano and illustrated by Elizabeth Traynor.

H is for herbs that add flavor, but they do a lot more than that. Parsley is rich in vitamin C and has a reputation for curing bad breath. For centuries, rosemary was thought to be a cure for lethargy. O stands for orchid, including vanilla — the only edible fruit of the orchid family.

"A is for Airplane" (Sleeping Bear Press, \$16.95, ages 6-10) by Mary Ann McCabe Riehle and illustrated by David Craig.

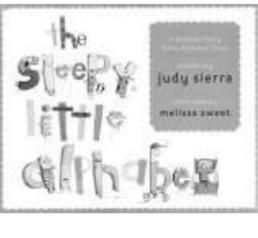
L is for "Lucky Lindy," the nickname for Charles Lindbergh. "Without stopping he took a chance he could make it alone from New York to France." He was the first to fly solo nonstop across the Atlantic, covering 3,600 miles in 33 hours and 29 minutes. His plane was loaded with 400 gallons of fuel. Lindbergh had only a quart of water and five sandwiches.

"C is for Ciao" (Sleeping Bear Press, \$17.95, ages 6-10) by Elissa D. Grodin and former New York Gov. Mario M. Cuomo, illustrated by Marco Ventura.

No palace, leaning tower or basilica goes unmentioned in history-rich text covering all things Italy. E is for Emperor Augustus and Q is for Quattrocento, used to indicate the Renaissance. T is for trade and a lesson in economics. "L is for the Lava that flowed one summer day and froze in time forever a city called Pompeii?"

"J is for Jack-O'-Lantern" (Sleeping Bear Press, \$14.95, ages 4-10) by Denise Brennan-Nelson and illustrated by Donald Wu.

Autumn opens the alphabet with an explanation of the changing leaves: The green pigment chlorophyll dominates during a tree's growing season but weakens toward the end of summer, allowing for oranges, reds, yellows and browns to emerge. The record for the most lit jack-o'-lanterns on display is 30,128 in Boston in October 2006. Z is for zany Halloween fun — "a holiday for everyone!"



Hey, kid! Don't you make me text you twice

By **Donna St. George**
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — As school starts again, there's so much more for a parent to nag about. Homework. Bedtime. Lost hours on Facebook and Xbox. The chores that need to be squeezed in.

But in the age of the digital childhood, Jacky Longwell, 45, of suburban McLean, Va., often text-messages what she once uttered as her three children rushed out the door: Be nice to your brother. Walk the dog. Remember your reading.

"Without that noody voice?" she points out.

So goes family life at a time when even that most basic of parental prerogatives — to prod children, to patiently remind them or flat-out harass them — has shifted along with technology's advance.

There are changes in how parents nag. In what they nag about. In frequency. Parents know more about flubbed tests and skipped homework because of online grading systems. They know more about social lives because of Facebook and MySpace pages.

"The fact that you have more nagging options is what's good about it — the plethora of nagging options," says Martha McGrath.

Her friend Suzanne Young, 52, a mother of two in Bethesda, Md., mentions that she once discovered via the county's online grading system that her middle school-age son "hadn't done diddly squat in his history class?"

Once she found out, she assures, "I did nag him."

With his older brother, a high schooler, she and her husband are more text-inclined, thanks to an unlimited text plan and cell-

phones with full keyboards. Now she can easily tap: Where r u?

Some digitally inspired nagging is an evolution of necessity, parents say, because many teens do not answer phone calls from Mom or Dad, especially in the company of friends. Text allows nagging remotely — and discreetly.

Marcia Malloy, 58, a mother of five in Leesburg, Va., frequently sends texts of just one word: Update.

Nikki Malloy, 17, knows this means her mother wants to know where she is, who she is with and what her plans are. When she responds, her mother texts back: Roger.

"My friends always ask me, 'Who is Roger?'" Nikki says.

Dads are in on the nagging, too. Reginald Black, 46, of Woodbridge, Va., checks online grade reports every morning. "That's the first thing I do when I turn the computer on," he says. "Some days it can make you feel good. Some days it can wreck your whole day."

His three sons hear about it when there is a problem, Black says. With technology, "you nag more, and you are a little bit more precise with your nagging."

E-mail alerts about just-posted grades often go out before dawn in Montgomery County, Md., where Elham Tabassi, 39, finds herself bringing up her middle schooler's latest scores at breakfast. A good student, her son mostly receives praise. But when an assignment is missing or a grade is low, Tabassi troubleshoots as he eats his raisin bran.

"What happened?" she will ask.

"Can we talk about it at dinner instead of breakfast?" her son will groan.

"I don't consider it nagging," Tabassi says.

"I just consider it doing



TRACY A. WOODWARD/ Washington Post

Jacky Longwell often text-messages her children as a way of reminding them of tasks without that noody voice. That most basic of parental prerogatives — to prod children, patiently remind them or flat-out nag them — has shifted along with technology's advance.

my job as a mom?"

The trick, says Alice Houk, 47, of Gaithersburg, Md., is not to overdo it. She texts both her children a few times a day, but "I realize at some point that I'm like the teacher in the old Peanuts cartoons. Wa wa wa wa wa."

"I just hope that some of it gets through," she adds.

For many in the virtually nagged generation, this has become part of growing up.

Charles Flowers, 17, a senior at St. John's College High School in Washington, says his mother reminds him about laundry by text. About being on time to baseball practice. About mowing the lawn.

The tone of her voice can come through, too: GET HOME!

Some say technology has made nagging less annoying. Longwell, the mother in McLean, says texts are less emotionally charged and seem to inspire less resistance.

"It's not as painful for them to hear it by text. It becomes grouped with the friendly communication,"

she says. "They can't hear the nagging."

One key, she says, is to mingle text-nagging with text-kindness, perhaps asking about a child's day or simply saying hello.

Not all parents have embraced newfangled nagging. Joyce Bouchard, 51, a mother of four in Fairfax, Va., texts her 14-year-old son but says that for many things — chores, homework — the old-fashioned way works better.

Nagging by text has risks, she notes: "I always think, if you're texting them something and they're with their friends, they are getting a big laugh out of it!"

Parents are finding out that they sometimes get what they give.

When Debbie Hetmanek's son was home in Vienna for the summer, it was: what's for dinner? Or: there's no milk. Or: where did you put my sunglasses? Away at college, it can be: mom pls add 100 to buxx.

She always responds, so he doesn't have to text her twice.

STORK REPORT

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

James Aaron Christopher Kilfoyle, son of Kasey Alysia and Matthew Blake Kilfoyle of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 9, 2009.

Trenton Owen Hendriks, son of Krishton Elizabeth Gonzales and Jade Michael Hendriks of Buhl, was born Sept. 11, 2009.

Davian Sanchez-Carrillo, son of Nancy Carrillo-Serrano and Jose Guadalupe Sanchez-Mendoza of Jerome, was born Sept. 12, 2009.

Fischer Danger Anderson, son of Misty Lee Jenkins and Joshua Rex Anderson of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 14, 2009.

Ava Frances Bollar, daughter of Emily and Shadd Layne Bollar of Jerome, was born Sept. 14, 2009.

Vanessa Kay Martinez, daughter of Taura Kay Sewell and Enrique Alberto Martinez of Heyburn, was born Sept. 14, 2009.

Daycia Whitney Laughlin, daughter of Alicia Jean and Christopher Lawrence Laughlin of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 15, 2009.

Aspen Mae Shetler, daughter of Melanie Rae and John Paul Shetler of Filer, was born Sept. 15, 2009.

Koltan Landrew Stone, son of Shasta Lynn and Mathew Lamar Stone of Filer, was born Sept. 15, 2009.

David Valentin Torres Jr., son of Gisela Maria

Fregoso and David Rendon Torres of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 15, 2009.

Shaeline Ruth Claborn, daughter of Amanda Robyn and Shane Allen Claborn of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 16, 2009.

Juvenal Alexander Morales Jr., son of Ana Madelene and Juvenal Morales of Jerome, was born Sept. 16, 2009.

Jariah Jaymen Olmos, son of Nicole and Jimmy Olmos of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 16, 2009.

Meg Estelle Rawson, daughter of Amanda Brooke and Benjamin Robert Rawson of Kimberly, was born Sept. 16, 2009.

Millie Anne Basanez, daughter of Skyler Marie Cousineau and Raymond John Basanez of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 17, 2009.

Traysen Hammond-Kyle Ambrose, son of Racquel Moore and Jarod Robert Ambrose of Buhl, was born Sept. 17, 2009.

Lilyan Marie Hammond and Luke Rex Hammond, twin daughter and son of Melinda Lee and Jacob Ryan Hammond of Filer, were born Sept. 17, 2009.

Daniel Sanchez Martinez, son of Rosaeli Martinez-Valle and Casildo Sanchez Ambriz of Jerome, was born Sept. 17, 2009.

Brayan Ulisses Vega, son of Victoria and Martin Vega of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 17, 2009.

Mijah Talia Evangelista,

daughter of Kensy Vanessa Mendez-Duenas and Paul Steve Evangelista of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 18, 2009.

Kayleb Dale Jackson, son of Kindahl Jack and William Richard Jackson of Jerome, was born Sept. 18, 2009.

Ana Victoria Pinilla, daughter of Tiffany Ann Pinilla and Victor Hugo

Pinilla of Jerome, was born Sept. 18, 2009.

Micah Bradon Alexander, son of Tyler Racquel and Micah Wayne Alexander of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 19, 2009.

Kodi Jade Garza, daughter of Jessica Lynn and Pedro Guadalupe Garza of Gooding, was born Sept. 20, 2009.

WEDDINGS

Olsen-Baldwin

Dick and Ann Smith of Burley, announce the marriage of their daughter, Diane Olsen, to Myron Baldwin, son of J. Grant and Evelyn Baldwin of Salmon. They were married Sept. 25.

An open house in their honor will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 2, at the Smith home, 1643 Yale Ave., Burley. Friends and family are welcome to attend. The



Diane Olsen and Myron Baldwin
couple has requested no gifts, please.

ANNIVERSARIES

The Tews



Harold and Juanita Tews

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tews celebrated their 50th Wedding anniversary with a surprise party given by their children during a family reunion in Tuscarora, Nevada.

Harold and Juanita (Simpson) Tews were married on July 30th, 1959, at the Lutheran Church in Parma. Over the years the couple

ranch and farmed in the Hollister and Hammett area. They have three sons, Wes (Linda) Fallon, Nevada, Mike (Brenda) Kimberly, and Joel (Michelle) Fairfield. They have 4 grandchildren: Joe, Jes, Megan and Trevor.

Cards may be sent to the couple at 6615 W. Tews Lane, Hammett, Idaho 83627.

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Kids Only



Arrrr ... how did pirates really die?

How kids can protect themselves against flu

By Margaret Webb Pressler
The Washington Post

You've probably heard about swine flu. Maybe you've seen news reports or talked to your parents about the new kind of influenza virus. But you may not know some of the ways in which this flu, also called H1N1, is unlike other types of flu.

First, flu viruses typically disappear when the weather gets warm, but this one kept going all summer. Second, kids seem to get this flu more than any other group. A new government report shows that school-age kids are especially likely to get infected with the virus. That has health officials worried that this particular flu will infect a lot more people now that kids are back in school, where germs can easily spread.

A vaccine for the virus will be ready soon. But there are things you can do now to protect against the flu. Here are some tips to help you, and others, stay healthy:

- **Wash your hands.** It's so simple, but washing your hands frequently, with soap and water, is very effective at preventing illness. Lather up really well and wash your hands all over. Try this trick: Wash for as long as it takes you to sing "Happy Birthday" twice in your head. If you can't wash your hands, use an alcohol-based hand gel. Or do both.
- **Sneeze into your sleeve.** Don't sneeze or cough into your hand or the air. Either cover your mouth with a tissue (and throw it away!) or cover your mouth with your arm. Once you get in the habit, you'll find that it's just as easy to raise your arm so you sneeze into the crook of your elbow. This keeps germs off your hands so you won't spread them around.
- **Get vaccinated.** When your parents or teachers tell you it's time for your swine flu vaccine, don't complain! You might be able to get the nasal spray version of the vaccine rather than a shot. But even if you have to get a shot, it's still much better than feeling awful for a week or more. Plus, the H1N1 virus has spread especially quickly among young people, so many medical experts are saying that kids really need to get vaccinated.
- **Prepare for both flu viruses.** This year you will need to get vaccinated for the regular seasonal flu and for the swine flu. The two viruses are different, so they have different vaccines. The regular flu vaccine is available now; you may have already gotten it.
- **Stay home.** Don't go to school if you get sick, and stay home until 24 hours after your fever is gone. If your doctor tells you that you definitely have swine or regular flu, health officials want your siblings to stay home for five days so they don't spread it around their classrooms. Stock up on good books, because staying home means staying home, not spending the day at the mall, the movies or the park!



By Howard Bennett
Special to The Washington Post

If you've seen the "Pirates of the Caribbean" movies, you might think that most pirates died by having dangerous objects rip through their bodies. However, swords, guns and cannonballs were not what sent most pirates to Davy Jones' locker (meaning, to their death). Instead, a pirate's greatest enemy was disease: food poisoning, malnutrition, infection. Here are a few of the conditions that the seafaring scoundrels had to contend with.

• **Scurvy.** Pirates often spent long periods of time at sea. Because electricity and refrigerators had not been invented, there was little they could do to preserve food. Therefore, their diet included meat, biscuits, rotten vegetables, stale water and rat droppings! Scurvy is a disease that results from a lack of vitamin C, which is abundant in fruits and vegetables. Symptoms include bleeding gums, fatigue, diarrhea, having your teeth fall out and death.



• **Skin conditions.** Pirates were a dirty lot. No one took baths back then, and pirates wore the same clothes day after day. This lack of cleanliness resulted in rashes, lice and even fleas. Arrr, matey! Now you know why your parents bug you to take baths, change your clothes and eat fruits and veggies!

• **Infection.** Everyone in the 18th century had to put up with limited medical care. No one knew that germs cause infection or that there were simple ways to treat infections. Many pirates died from blood poisoning after injuries that could be easily treated today. On top of that, pirates lived in close quarters, so it was easy for infection to spread from one person to another. This would lead to epidemics of the flu, diarrhea and other contagious diseases on a ship. (Keep in mind that there were no toilets on pirate ships, which meant that the crew had to deposit their bodily products directly into the ocean — and I doubt that anyone washed their hands after they went to the "bathroom.")

PIRATE FACT

Antibiotics would have cured many pirate diseases, but the first antibiotic, penicillin, wasn't used to treat sickness until the mid-1900s!



Find out what other Idaho newspapers are saying about these topics.

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

Gov. Otter got it right in tempering holdbacks

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter did what he had to do Friday, tempering a 6 percent shortfall in state revenue by spending \$49.3 million from state "rainy day" funds to rescue public schools.

But elsewhere in state government there will be holdbacks — mid-year budget cuts — ranging from .5 percent at the State Tax Commission to 39 percent at the Department of Labor.

The big-ticket agencies fared better than many feared. There will be a 3.3 percent holdback at the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and 2.5 percent at the Department of Correction. Collectively, that will save \$17 million.

Four percent of the public school budget would have disappeared had not the governor plugged the gap with reserves.

The colleges and universities and community colleges took a 6 percent hit.

Senior legislators, notably Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, the co-chairwoman of the House Appropriations Committee, advised Otter that he couldn't cut the full \$151 million deficit without rewriting the laws under which many agencies, such as Health and Welfare, operate.

Some of that is likely to happen in the legislative session that begins in January.

"Clearly, we need to do more," the governor said Friday. "We must explore significant restructuring and find further budget savings. That's why I'm launching a public dialogue with Idaho taxpayers, lawmakers, agency officials, state employees and other stakeholders on how best to achieve meaningful reorganization of state government."

We remain skeptical about how much reorganizing government is possible in an election year and how much real savings can be realized from eliminating entire state agencies and programs, as some lawmakers want.

The Legislature, for example, appropriated \$6.7 million for this year to run the Department of Parks and Recreation. It could zero-out the agency's budget for the next fiscal year and still only have a drop in the bucket needed to make up the state's projected 2011 shortfall.

The serious money is in public schools, higher education, Health and Welfare and corrections. The state could elect to cut Medicaid spending, but those dollars are federally matched. Future cuts to the public schools would be quickly felt on the school-district level, and legislators — most of whom will be running for re-election next year — would get immediate pushback.

And corrections? How many convicts are Idahoans willing to put back on the street?

But the most profound damage could be to higher education, which is losing nearly \$17 million because of the holdbacks. One more round of cuts — and that's a certainty in the next Legislature — may force student fees up to the point where many Idaho kids are priced out of their own state's colleges and universities.

There are no good answers to this recessionary budget crisis, but Otter acted appropriately this time around.

The hard part is yet to come.

Our view:

Gov. C.L. 'Butch' Otter kept essential state services intact by missing budgetary holdbacks with the use of state reserve money.

What do you think?

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



WOLVES AREN'T MAKING IT EASY

IDAHO HUNTERS' SEARCHES SO FAR MOSTLY FUTILE

By William Yardley

BOISE NATIONAL FOREST — Hunting and killing are not the same thing. Even as Idaho has sold more than 14,000 wolf-hunting permits, the first 10 days of the first legal wolf hunt here in decades yielded only three reported legal kills. Skip to next paragraph

Such modest early results might seem surprising in a state that has tried for years to persuade the federal government to let it reduce the wolf population through hunting.

Idahoans, among the nation's most passionate hunters, are learning that the wolf's small numbers — about 850 were counted in the state at the end of last year — make it at once more vulnerable and more elusive.

"It's clear it's not going to be easy," said Jon Rachael, the wildlife manager for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

The consensus among hunters and game officials is that wolf hunting will get better as the weather gets colder and snow falls, revealing wolves against white. The season runs through December. Most people believe their best chance of killing a wolf will come when they are pursuing something else, like deer or elk. Far more hunters are expected to be in the

woods at that point.

"That's the way hunting works," J. D. Hagedorn, who participated in the first day of hunting on Sept. 1, said as a black bear ambled across the foothills of the Sawtooth Mountains that morning. "The thing you're hunting for is the thing you don't see."

Once shot on sight for preying on sheep and cattle, gray wolves were largely eradicated from the Northern Rockies by the 1930s. They were listed as an endangered species in 1974. In 1995, they were reintroduced into the region by federal wildlife officials.

The program was such a success that the wolf population in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming — about 1,650 at the end of 2008 — is now five times the goal set for reintroduction. Ranchers and hunters complain once more that the animals are killing livestock as well as big game that hunters track, particularly elk.

After years of studies and lawsuits, wolves were removed from federal protection in Idaho and Montana in May. Environmentalists sought an injunction to prevent the hunt, but Judge Donald W. Molloy of Federal District Court in Montana refused to stop it and ruled Tuesday that the animals could withstand a controlled hunt of up to 30 percent of the population. The hunts, the judge said, can

continue while the environmentalists pursue their challenge.

Judge Molloy did not, however, provide an instruction manual for finding a wolf.

Rachael, the state wildlife manager, said he thought it was unlikely that hunters would reach the quota of 220 wolves that Idaho game officials have said could be killed this season. He recalled talking to hunters who recently called looking for advice after spending a couple of days in futile pursuit: "You know," the hunters confessed, "we don't know how to hunt wolves."

Neither did J. D. Hagedorn or his father, Marv, a Republican state representative from Meridian. They did enjoy trying, though.

First light lined the Sawtooth Mountains as Marv Hagedorn, a 9 millimeter strapped to his thigh, a rifle ready, howled with hope into the foothills.

Nothing howled back.

He spotted an elk at ease on a ridge. A grouse ruffled. The sun rose. Canis lupus, if he was out there, kept quiet. He leaned toward his son, a 24-year-old Iraq war veteran, and whisper-giggled, "I don't hear anything, but I don't know if my howl's worth anything?"

See **WOLF**, Opinion 2

"The federal government has come in and added this predator and thrown it all out of whack?"

— State Rep. Marv Hagedorn, R-Meridian



Marv Hagedorn, an Idaho state representative and hunter, hunting for wolves in the Boise Mountains with his son, John, ahead in September 2009.

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OTHER VIEWS

Here's what Idaho newspapers are saying about ...



... the mother of all bond issues

Idaho Mountain Express, Ketchum

... The Blaine County School District board of trustees needs to realign its cart ... This (month), it approved putting a nearly \$60 million bond issue on the fall ballot for voter approval. Yet, it hasn't yet adequately established a critical need for the money in the public's mind.

The bond would not increase taxes because the district will soon retire a \$62 million bond that was used to build new schools and

rehab old ones. Still, voters must hear better reasons than that to justify a multi-million-dollar bond.

The school board says \$10.1 million is needed for new classroom technology, \$2.2 million for safety and security equipment, and \$47 million for a new elementary school, eight new middle school classrooms, a new maintenance and food storage facility, retrofits and energy conservation improvements at all schools. All of that is called for in the district's master plan.

It's an impressively long list. Before voters can cast intelligent votes, they must be convinced why the list is essential for education when we are in the grip of the greatest recession since the Great Depression.

Blaine County residents aren't stingy, but the recession has made "thrifty" the new watchword in all financial matters.

... Nampa's junkyard dogs

Idaho Press-Tribune, Nampa

The Nampa City Council made the right call Monday night when it decided to kill an ill-conceived proposal

that would attempt to "rehabilitate" dogs determined to be vicious and put them up for adoption outside Nampa. Now the council needs to start thinking about eliminating the city's "one-free-bite" policy.

The plan the council axed on Monday would have provided an option other than euthanasia for dogs determined to be vicious but whose owners were unable or unwilling to meet the requirements necessary to keep the animals. Those requirements are to carry \$500,000 in liability insurance for injury or damage caused by the dog, tattoo the dog's license or identification number on the animal, put a warning sign and containment enclosure on the property, and notify animal control or licensing authority within 24 hours if the dog gets loose, attacks again or is sold or given away.

Nampa Police Chief Bill Augsburger said the proposal would have only resulted in dangerous dogs from Nampa being dumped in another community for them to deal with. He's right.

A dog that has already proven it will attack a person or another animal is too much of a risk to continue

taking chances with. That's why some cities, including St. Anthony, can and will put a dog down after the first attack.

Now there's a proposal worth taking seriously.

... the high cost of Amtrak

Idaho Statesman, Boise

The campaign to bring back Amtrak hasn't been derailed, but the route isn't easy. A long-awaited feasibility study affixes a heavy price tag to restoring the passenger rail service, which pulled out of (Idaho) in 1997.

Even Sen. Mike Crapo, the Idaho Republican who asked for the study, concedes that the projected costs are "higher than anticipated."

This presents a challenge to Crapo and fellow Amtrak supporters. It will take a 21st century case to make Amtrak a go. Playing to nostalgia and sentiment will only go so far.

Especially against these numbers, released Friday:

● Restarting the Pioneer route through Idaho and the rest of the Northwest will cost anywhere from \$379 million to \$493 million — one-time costs for every-

thing from track improvements to locomotives and rail cars to employee training ...

● The new service would draw anywhere from 82,000 to 111,000 passengers per year, depending on which route is selected. Ticket and dining car revenues wouldn't be nearly enough to cover costs; operating subsidies would total at least \$25 million a year.

The subsidies are a convenient but unfair target for Amtrak critics. Like the wheel, the subsidy is pretty much a transportation necessity ...

The question isn't whether to subsidize passenger rail. The question is whether the benefits justify the costs.

Amid the sticker shock, the feasibility study offers some words of encouragement. The Pioneer line would serve rural communities that have felt the brunt of rail, bus and airline cutbacks. And rail service provides a relatively green way to travel, 17 percent more fuel efficient than air

travel and 21 percent more fuel efficient than driving. Frankly, both points carry more weight than the nostalgia argument. Ultimately, Amtrak service would have to prove its modern-day relevance — to travelers and taxpayers alike.

The study even offers some advice about where Amtrak backers could find some startup money — the federal economic stimulus plan, which dedicated \$8 billion to high-speed rail and intercity passenger rail. The irony here is that Crapo, and the rest of Idaho's congressional delegation, opposed the \$787 billion stimulus bill.

Amtrak backers have a tough job ahead. They have until next week to comment on the preliminary version of the feasibility study. If a strong, grass roots response demonstrates that rail service would draw travelers from underserved southern Idaho, then the feds should pay attention. If not, then passenger rail service deserves to be only a historical footnote.

Wolves

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He added, "This has never been done."

They worked through the heat of the day. They kept their eyes on the few elk they saw, thinking wolves might be nearby tracking their prey. In full camouflage, they tried to stay quiet and hidden, avoiding silhouetting themselves on ridgelines, keeping their scent out of the wind. Just before sunset, they scaled the steep ravine walls surrounding the Roaring River, hoping to see wolves that have killed sheep in the area.

And they explained that just being able to hunt — if not actually harvest, to use game officials' phrase — was

a success unto itself. The elder Mr. Hagedorn, a retired information warfare officer for the Navy who is serving his second term, said, "This is a new beginning."

He is among many people who say the long, bitter fight over the wolf has really been a fight over the West and how to live in it. He said earlier settlers "came and ravaged everything," from forests to fish, even wolves. Yet in an effort to restore balance, he said, the federal government took too much control away from states like Idaho.

"The federal government has come in and added this predator and thrown it all

out of whack," he said.

Hagedorn said part of his political message has been to tell people that elk and cattle and sheep are not all that have suffered from the wolf. Hunting stores, outfitters and guides, even hotels and restaurants have been hurt by a belief that wolves have made hunting less worthwhile.

J. D. Hagedorn, a sophomore at Boise State University, said he was more torn than his father and grandfather on some political and environmental issues. He said he had taken some classes on environmental topics.

"I understand the importance of a predator in an

ecosystem," he said, cradling a rifle at dusk.

But wolves must be managed, he said, "and I'm not going to lie, it's a great hunt."

William Yardley is a reporter for The New York Times.

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The answer is simple: Medicare for all

For many years, a handful of American political leaders — including the late Sen. Ted Kennedy and now President Obama — have been trying to gain passage of comprehensive health care for all Americans. As far back as President Truman, they have urged Congress to act on this national need. In a presentation before a joint session of Congress last week, Obama offered his view of the best way forward.

But what seems missing in the current battle is a single proposal that everyone can understand and that does not lend itself to demagoguery. If we want comprehensive health care for all our citizens, we can achieve it with a single sentence: Congress hereby extends Medicare to all Americans.

Those of us over 65 have been enjoying this program for years. I go to the doctor or hospital of my choice, and my taxes pay all the bills. It's wonderful. But I would have appreciated it even more if my wife and children and I had had such



George McGovern

health-care coverage when we were younger. I want every American, from birth to death, to get the kind of health care I now receive. Removing the payments now going to the insurance corporations would considerably offset the tax increase necessary to cover all Americans.

I don't feel as though the government is meddling in my life when it pays my doctor and hospital fees. There are some things the government does that I don't like — most notably getting us into needless wars that cost many times what health care for all Americans would cost. Investing in the health of our citizens will enhance the well-being and security of the nation.

We know that Medicare has worked well for half a century for those of us over 65. Why does it become

"socialized medicine" when we extend it to younger Americans?

Taking such a shortsighted view would leave nearly 50 million Americans without health insurance and without the means to buy it. It would leave other Americans struggling to pay the rising cost of insurance premiums. These private insurance plans are frequently terminated if the holder contracts a serious long-term ailment. And some people lose their insurance if they lose their jobs or if the plant where they work moves to another location — perhaps overseas.

We recently bailed out the finance houses and banks to the tune of \$700 billion. A country that can afford such an outlay while paying for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan can afford to do what every other advanced democracy has done: underwrite quality health care for all its citizens.

If Medicare needs a few modifications in order to serve all Americans, we can

make such adjustments now or later. But let's make sure Congress has an up or down vote on Medicare for all before it adjourns this year. Let's not waste time trying to reinvent the wheel. We all know what Medicare is. Do we want health care for all, or only for those over 65?

If the roll is called and it goes against those of us who favor national health care, so be it. If it is approved, the entire nation can applaud.

Many people familiar with politics in America will tell you that this idea can't pass Congress, in part because the insurance lobby is too powerful for lawmakers to resist.

As matters now stand, the insurance companies claim \$450 billion a year of our health-care dollars. They will fight hard to hold on to this bonanza. This is a major reason Americans pay more for health care per capita than any other people in the world. The insurance executives didn't cry "socialism" when their buddies in

banking and finance were bailed out. But to them it is socialism if the government underwrites the cost of health care.

Consider the campaign funds given to the chairman and ranking minority member of the Senate Finance Committee, which has jurisdiction over health-care legislation. Chairman Max Baucus of Montana, a Democrat, and his political action committee have received nearly \$4 million from the health-care lobby since 2003. The ranking Republican, Charles Grassley of Iowa, has received more than \$2 million. It's a mistake for one politician to judge the personal motives of another. But Sens. Baucus and Grassley are firm opponents of the single-payer system, as are other highly placed members of Congress who have been generously rewarded by the insurance lobby.

In the past, doctors and their national association

opposed Medicare and efforts to extend such benefits. But in recent years, many doctors have changed their views.

In December 2007, the 124,000-member American College of Physicians endorsed for the first time a single-payer national health insurance program. And a March 2008 study by Indiana University concluded that 59 percent of doctors support national health insurance.

To have the doctors with us favoring government health insurance is good news. As Obama said: "We did not come to fear the future. We came here to shape it."

George McGovern was the Democratic nominee for president in 1972. He represented South Dakota in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1957 to 1961 and in the Senate from 1963-1981 and wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Presidents needs our prayers, not hatred

This is America? I guess a person can get a chuckle with all the nutty emails, YouTube, Hitler mockups, etc., but take a look at the *Times-News*, Sat. Sept. 19, on the editorial page titled, "Those who hate Obama see him as enemy?"

It is not a funny situation, preachers telling their congregations "Why I hate Barack Obama" and saying, "I'm not going to pray for his good, I'm going to pray he dies and goes to hell."

What have Americans come to that we can have such hatred toward anyone, let alone our president? I am sorry for anyone who has such hatred toward our fellow men. I think the whole nation should be praying for the president to make good decisions for our country.

ARLENE SKEEM
Twin Falls

Burley City Council needs a closer look

At the Burley City Council meeting on Sept. 1, Mayor Anderson read a statement into the public record, wherein he stated, "It is my choice to not have Mr. Lenkersdorfer serve on any City Council committee. Mr. Hart links that decision to the investigation by the attorney general's office which was requested by the Cassia County prosecutor. As stated, when I removed Mr. Lenkersdorfer from the committees, that action was taken because Mr. Lenkersdorfer was not a member of the Recreation Committee. The decision to turn that into an open meeting violation and have the attorney general investigate was not a decision I made." Nor would the Cassia County prosecutor, as he would know that is not a violation of any kind.

However, to find out why the Cassia County prosecutor did initiate the investigation, we have to go back to what Mayor Anderson said in the Dec. 16, 2008, council meeting, wherein he read another statement into the public record that stated, "Because Mr. Lenkersdorfer is conducting what I would consider illegal city business in his office, I am hereby redoing City Council assignments for 2009 and he will not be appointed to any of the committees I have established."

Given these allegations, Randy Stone was obligated by law to write a letter to the Cassia County prosecutor requesting that the prosecutor investigate these allegations.

Further, in that December city council meeting, Mayor Anderson showed his dis-

dain for the Open Meeting Law by making the following statement; "It is difficult to serve as a City Council member or mayor as the open meeting laws truly hamper good government. Frank and meaningful discussions could many times not be held if you comply with the law as written."

TONY HART
Burley

Citizens need to take a stand for freedom

Sept. 17 was the anniversary of the approval of the U.S. Constitution and Prisoner of War/Missing In Action Recognition Day. The Constitution and Bill of Rights limited the government, not the people. It separated government power into the legislative, judicial and executive branches which gave us checks and balances to preserve individual freedom and national sovereignty.

Now, all the power is being consolidated by the executive branch with its unconstitutional agencies and czars. The Obama medical reform plan will make the health care system worse and cost trillions of dollars.

It will ration care especially for senior citizens and will include 40 million new people, including illegal aliens, with no increase in doctors and nurses.

It will force Americans to surrender control of their medical records to unaccountable government bureaucrats. An estimated 119 million Americans will lose their private health insurance and be forced into a socialized unconstitutional government plan.

How can we expect the government to successfully run health care while Medicare, the post office and Amtrak are failing miserably. Keep protesting the loss of our freedoms and stop all single-payer (government) health care plans and capand-trade that will greatly increase energy costs. The Constitution specified that the main function of government was to protect individual rights and private property against enemies, foreign and domestic.

To restore America's greatness, we must demand our senators and congressmen uphold their oaths of office and stop the consolidation of power by the executive branch by abolishing unconstitutional agencies and czars and vote for only constitutional bills. Socialism has always resulted in the loss of freedom! It must be stopped! Take a stand for liberty and freedom!

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