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Oakley, Murtaugh schools close for illnesses

Low student, staff attendance forces closures

By Damon Hunzeker
Times-News writer

A myriad of flu-like illnesses are affecting attendance in schools around the valley. Oakley and Murtaugh schools will be closed until Monday.

Cassia County School District Superintendent Gaylen Smyer said Oakley schools will be closed for the rest of the week, because more than a third of the students, as well as many teachers and administrators, have been absent.

"Most of our schools are run-

ning at about 10 to 15 percent absent, but Oakley became significant enough that we determined it was necessary to let people take care of themselves and get back on track Monday," Smyer said. "The health district doesn't like us to close schools because historically

people get together, and we need them to stay apart from each other to just get well and do whatever their doctors advise."

Cassia County School District Board Clerk Helen Gochnour said Tuesday that one-third of Oakley High School's student body was absent for sicknesses, and the number of absent elementary students was fast approaching the one-third mark.

"There is numerous staff ill as well," Gochnour said.

Smyer said he's received no confirmation from the South Central Public Health District that any of the illnesses are attributable to H1N1, also known as swine flu.

"We're dealing with at least a couple of different illnesses in all of the schools. We have flu-like

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TWIN FALLS SCHOOLS CHARTER NEW COURSE



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Sawtooth Elementary School students Avere Amador, left, and Nathalia Doria work on a Columbus history project Tuesday at the Twin Falls school. The district is exploring the option of converting its elementary schools to charter schools to receive more funding.

School district considers charter school options

By Damon Hunzeker
Times-News writer

Twin Falls parents may be offered additional choices about where to send their kids during the week.

Wiley Dobbs, Twin Falls School District superintendent, said he will establish a committee over the next couple of months to examine the feasibility of converting the district's seven elementary schools to charter schools.

Charter schools, while still accountable to various federal, state and district authorities, provide flexible curricula and can apply more leniency when adjusting courses toward individual student demands. Charters are autonomously

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— Wiley Dobbs, Twin Falls School District superintendent

governed at the school level, said Diane Demarest, director of the Idaho Charter Schools Network.

"They (the Twin Falls district) must have seen something in charters that would help to bring school choice to parents," Demarest added. "I think it's exciting to see a superintendent open to the idea of how to ensure school choice in his district."

Part of the motive relates to federal money.

"One-third more funding goes to charter students than to traditional students," Dobbs said. "It may give us the opportunity to offer performing arts and music classes that we can't right now ... We've got to look into that. Maybe it's something parents would be interested in."

Currently, only six new charters can be established in Idaho each year, but Superintendent of Public

Instruction Tom Luna favors the idea of removing the cap. Unless the limit is repealed, however, the conversion wouldn't happen quickly and may require a change in only one school at a time.

"We're in the information-gathering stage — the rules, regulations, funding procedures — and getting some information together to study," said Ted

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Sheriff's raises irk Blaine Co. Commission

Femling defends Ketchum policing contract process

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

HAILEY — Raises for Blaine County Sheriff's Office employees have raised the ire of county commissioners.

The raises were added by

Sheriff Walt Femling as part of a \$55,000 "administrative fee" for the county's one-year policing contract with the City of Ketchum.

Commissioners were frustrated by the raises, saying Tuesday had they received information and

justifications during the negotiation process, they would likely have approved them.

It might appear to the public that the raises were deliberately flown under the radar in a budget year during which no county employees

will receive merit or cost-of-living raises, the commission said.

"It goes back to the issue of disclosure," said Commissioner Angenie McCleary. "I did not know what that management fee would be for when I signed that contract."

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Gooding murder case reaches end

Jesus Valencia-Bolanos gets 5-10 years for involuntary manslaughter

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

GOODING — Jesus Valencia-Bolanos will be locked up for five to 10 years for the 2007 shooting death of Gustavo Flores Quintana.

Judge G. Richard Bevan sentenced Bolanos on Tuesday at the courthouse in Gooding, where the 26-year-old father of two stood mute. He had pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter in July, after he was charged with first-degree murder in February.

Quintana was shot in the back of the neck on Nov. 8, 2007. Authorities found him along a gravel road, near 1700 South and 1750

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WATCH video excerpts from the sentencing hearing.

East in Gooding County.

There were beer cans with bullet holes near Flores' body. His T-shirt was marked by an apparent tire track. His hands were in his pockets and a driver's license was under his right arm, court records show.

"This has been a very difficult case," said Gooding County Prosecutor Calvin Campbell. Bolanos and another suspect, Carlos Alberto Villanueva-Martinez Jr.,

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Jesus Valencia-Bolanos, center, accused of the fatal shooting of Gustavo Flores in Gooding County in 2007, received 5 to 10 years in prison Tuesday in a Gooding County courtroom. Bolanos pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter.

Leon case takes a new twist

Woman in middle of homicide accused of injury to child

injury to a child.

Police have said that Maria Leon was shot on July 12, 2008, by her ex-husband, Fortino Leon, who is charged with killing 22-year-old Javier Zavala-Paniagua the same day in an apparent crime of passion.

Paniagua died at the scene, and may have been the father of Maria Leon's baby girl, according to recently filed court records in Jerome.

Fortino Leon, 74, was charged with first-degree murder and assault one year ago and has been committed to a secure mental health facility operated by the state. A judge has ruled he is not mentally fit for trial, while his ex-wife now

See **LEON**, Main 2

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

JEROME — A woman who was in the middle of a murder case from 2008 is accused of injuring her child in Jerome.

Police got involved on Aug. 4, after Maria Leon allegedly left her then 3-month-old infant lying alone on the grass in her front lawn in Jerome while she was intoxicated nearby on her property. She is charged with misdemeanor



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MORNING BRIEFING

Pat's Picks

Three things to do today

Pat Marcantonio



• Learn to square dance at the Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club dance workshop at 7 p.m. in the American Legion Hall in Jerome. It costs \$3, which is a good price for a fun evening.

• Bert Bowler speaks on the importance of wild salmon to Idaho and the salmon recovery program at 7 p.m. at the National Park Service headquarters, 221 N. State St., Hagerman. It's free.

• Get down with the

German band at the Twin Falls Kiwanis Club Oktober Feast from 4:30 to 8 p.m. The band plays from 5 to 7:30 p.m., all at the Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave., Twin Falls. Tickets start at \$8, and proceeds go to support local youth projects.

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

Flu

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symptoms — some with vomiting, some diarrhea, some that are definitely upper-respiratory. It appears to be contagious, and it's certainly a concern that it could further affect absenteeism," Smyer said. "The most important thing is for people to take care of themselves."

Murtaugh schools have closed for the remainder of the week, as well.

District Superintendent Michelle Capps said 43 percent of Murtaugh students were absent Tuesday and that flu symptoms had increased progressively over the past week.

"We've had no confirmation of swine flu ... just a bunch of sick kids," Capps said. "It's mostly students, along with a few staff members, but it's mostly affecting elementary kids."

Blaine

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County Administrator Derek Voss has offered several recommendations, including that commissioners consider raises for other sheriff's employees, but that Femling not be given a raise because he was the official who negotiated and signed the contract.

"As an architect (of the document), I don't believe it would be ethically responsible to allow the sheriff to have a pay increase as a benefit of this contract," Voss said. He said he doesn't believe Femling intended to deceive or secretly benefit from the contract, but that even the appearance of a conflict must be considered.

Femling took offense to the suggestion that it might appear he violated state criminal statutes dealing with public officials receiving benefit as part of a contract they negotiate.

"I'm pretty damn upset to be sitting here listening to a personal attack on my character," said Femling, who brought his personal attorney to the meeting.

He emphasized that the Ketchum contract was nearly identical to one previously signed between Bellevue and the county. At a meeting last month, he said the management fee was always intended to cover raises, but that details weren't specified until now because he wasn't sure how the additional work would be allocated.

"I've been through hell for the last three months trying to do the right thing. I'm tired of it," he said.

County Prosecutor Jim Thomas told the board he

She said the district hopes to bring in a vaccination clinic for the healthy students but said it's not yet available.

Like Smyer, Capps said the illnesses are hard to define.

"It's highly contagious, but we have other things going on, too, like strep throat," she said. "We're trying to encourage people to stay at home. We've canceled all activities this week to discourage people from congregating together."

Twelve miles northwest of Murtaugh, Kimberly High School Principal Luke Schroeder said 14 percent of his school's student population has been absent this week. He said the school is monitoring the situation but has made no plans to close.

Laurie Welch contributed to this report.

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— Sheriff Walt Femling

doesn't see a criminal violation in Femling's actions, saying allocation of management fee funds is entirely up to the board.

Commissioners complimented the sheriff's office on the job it has done transitioning Ketchum into its territory, and said their consideration of how to apply the fee was not based on performance or intent, but on how the process was conducted. They agreed that changes in responsibility or workload would still justify raises in a tight budget year.

"Disclosure, disclosure, disclosure," said Commissioner Larry Schoen. He suggested he would support partial raises for employees other than Femling, and that he would consider a raise for Femling as part of the next budget cycle. "I don't see the issue as punitive, I see it as how we keep faith and trust with the public as we do their business."

Commissioners are expected to revisit the issue to determine which of Voss' recommendations most closely matches their understanding of the ethical and legal issues involved in the raises.

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

William Shakespeare's "Othello," presented by College of Southern Idaho Theater Department, 8 p.m., CSI Fine Arts Center, Twin Falls, \$8 for adults and \$6 for senior citizens and students, 732-6781 or tickets.csi.edu.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Pennies by the Inch and Come Tie Quilts annual event, tyers needed for quilts stretched on quilt frames, prepared by Desert Sage Quilters of Magic Valley; no experience necessary, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Magic Valley Mall center court, Twin Falls. Pennies by the Inch donations on behalf of area children without access to medical care at Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City; quilts donated to Magic Valley agencies, 734-4386 or 734-3421.

Sun Valley Jazz Jamboree's 20th Anniversary Gala celebration, features Titan Hot Seven, Blue Renditions, The Midiri Brothers, Bill Allred's Classic Jazz Band, Louis Ford and his New Orleans Jazz Flairs, Claudette Stone and Tom Rigney & Flambeau; includes door prizes, raffles and a silent and live auction (preview auction items at sunvalleyjazz.com), 5 p.m., Lighthouse Room at Sun Valley Inn, \$40 includes day badge for today's jamboree and gala celebration; \$115 for five-day jamboree and the gala; \$25 badge for high school students (all events) with current student ID and \$55 badge for college students (all events) with current student ID; discounts: \$10 off day badge for 5B Blaine County license holders; and \$20 off price of day badge for an After 5 pass for all attendees; no cost for children under age 13 when accompanied by adult badge holder, proceeds benefit Tom Hazzard Memorial Jazz Hall of Fame Record Preservation Project. Jazz in the Schools and the jamboree, sunvalleyjazz.com.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Burley Kiwanis Club, noon, Morey's Steakhouse, 219 E. Third St. N., 436-0720.

Burley Soroptimist International, noon, Syringa Plaza, 626 Elba Ave., 438-8666.

Ladies Lifeline Fellowship nondenominational luncheon, noon to 2 p.m., Connor's Café, Interstate 84, Exit 208, Heyburn, 438-5376.

Magic Valley Toastmasters meeting and no-host lunch, focus: assisting members in developing speaking, communication and leadership skills, noon, Idaho Pizza, 1859 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, visitors welcome, 736-1025.

Rupert Lions Club, noon, The Wayside cafe, Heyburn, 678-3230.

Rupert Rotary Club, noon, Rupert Elks Lodge, 850 S. 200 W., 436-6852.

Twin Falls Lions Club meeting and no-host lunch, noon, Norm's Catering Room, 827 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, visitors welcome, 737-0240.

Twin Falls Rotary Club meeting and lunch, fea-

tures variety of speakers from around the communities, noon to 1 p.m., Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, kbradshaw@twinfallsrotary.org or 208-212-0265.

Lincoln County Historical Society General Meeting, agenda: discussion on preservation of Lincoln County history; nomination, 6:30 p.m., Whistle Stop Antiques, 102 S. Rail St. E., Shoshone, open to the public, 208-886-7787.

Hagerman Valley Historical Society meeting, with speaker Bert Bowler on the importance of wild salmon to Idaho and the salmon recovery program, 7 p.m., National Park Service headquarters, 221 N. State St., Hagerman, open to the public, no cost, refreshments served, members encouraged to bring guests, 208-837-4597.

Kappa Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa monthly meeting, preparation activities for ADK Month, 7 p.m., home of Marilyn Osterhout, 258 S. 873 E., Declo, 679-0339.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

Twin Falls Public Library Board, 5 p.m., library board room, 201 Fourth Ave. E., 733-2964.

Castleford City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 342 Main St., 537-6544.

Filer School Board, 7 p.m., Hollister Elementary School multipurpose room, 326-5981.

Murtaugh City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 104 S. Fourth St., 432-6682.

Murtaugh School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 500 Boyd St. W., 432-5451.

Richfield School Board, 7:30 p.m., high school, 555 N. Tiger Drive, 487-2755.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

SilverSneakers Fitness Program at Curves of Twin Falls, complete cardio and circuit training with resistance, state-of-the-art equipment and "Curves Smart" personalized coaching, 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Twin Falls Curves, 690 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., no cost for Humana Gold-insured or AARP provided by Secure Horizons, 734-7300.

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: Blaine County Campus gym, CSI gym, Filer Elementary, Jerome Rec Center, Rupert Civic gym and Shoshone High School (old gym); 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Buhl old Middle School gym; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., CSI Burley Outreach Center gym, no cost, 732-6475.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Blaine County Senior Connection, 721 S. Third Ave., Hailey, no cost, 737-5988.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc., 310 Main St. N., Kimberly, no cost, 737-5988.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.,

Twin Falls Senior Citizen Federation, 530 Shoshone St., no cost, 737-5988.

SilverSneakers Fitness Program, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Jerome Senior Center, 212 First Ave. E., no cost for Humana Gold Choice members, \$1 for non-Humana members, 324-5642.

SilverSneakers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 10:30 a.m., Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for uninsured, 733-4384.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weigh ins, 4:30 to 5:20 p.m. and meeting, 5:30 to 6 p.m., The Church of Christ, 2002 Filer Ave. E., (corner of Sunrise Street and Filer Avenue), 736-9282.

HOME AND GARDEN

West End Senior Citizen's Center Farmer's Market, features the center's Spudnuts, fresh produce, herbs, hand-crafted items, barbecued meats, baked goodies, organic foods, vinegars, kettle corn, jams and jellies, 4:30 to 6 p.m., 1010 Main St., Buhl, in the parking lot, 543-4577.

Midweek Produce Market, includes live music and free ice cream, 5:30 p.m. to dusk, Mary Alice Park, 436 Main Ave. N., downtown Twin Falls, 208-421-1311.

LIBRARY

Preschool "Story Hour," with stories, activities and crafts, 10 a.m., Buhl Public Library, no cost, open to the public, 543-6500.

SEASONAL EVENTS

The seventh annual College of Southern Idaho Corn Maze, fundraiser sponsored by CSI Horticulture Club, includes warming fire and concession table, flashlights suggested after dark, 5 to 10 p.m. nightly, cornfield, corner of North College and Washington streets, Twin Falls, \$2 (regardless of age), treats and beverages for sale; reservations for groups of 25 or more wanting daytime or special arrangements: 732-6431 or dkiesig@csi.edu.

SPORTS

Active seniors pickleball group, pickleball enthusiasts willing to teach newcomers, 6 p.m., Adventist Hilltop School, 131 Grandview Drive, Twin Falls, no cost, 734-0622 or ssacco@spro.net.

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

8,000 without power Tuesday night

Times-News

Tuesday was the night the lights went out in Jerome — along with Wendell, Gooding and parts of Twin Falls.

Eight thousand Idaho Power customers were in the dark late Tuesday after the connection with a 138

kilovolt line from the Midpoint Substation near Shoshone was lost, said Idaho Power spokeswoman Piper Hyman.

"We don't have a specific reason why we lost the line," Hyman said at 9:30 p.m., about an hour after the outage was reported. "We have multiple crews on site trying

to get that back up."

Hyman said that damage to the line that fed the communities with power was probably not limited to one area, but more likely the product of damage to multiple points. Weather may have played some part in the outage, as steady rainfall validated the National

Weather Service Pocatello office's overnight forecast of a 100 percent chance of rain with a low of 44 in Jerome.

As of 10 p.m., power to parts of the affected area had been restored, though a timeline for complete restoration of power was unknown.

Murder

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"blamed each other for the killing of the victim," said Campbell.

Bolanos admitted to police that he tried to line up a drug deal and brought the gun, Campbell told the court.

"We feel that it is the

best justice under the circumstances of the case," said Campbell about the plea deal with Bolanos.

But during the sentencing hearing, Campbell did not say who pulled the trigger and killed Quintana.

No one from Quintana's

family was in the courtroom Tuesday, Campbell said.

A jury convicted Martinez of grand theft in February.

He was sent to prison for four to six years for stealing Quintana's vehicle.

That was after an inmate at the Gooding County Jail approached police saying Bolanos confessed to the killing, according to court records.

Bevan also ordered Bolanos to pay more than \$4,000 for Quintana's funeral costs.

Leon

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faces her own legal problems.

Maria Leon, 42, appeared distraught when police found her on Aug. 4, according to court records, and hinted to who the baby's father might be.

"Leon could not answer my questions and appeared to be disoriented and clutching her chest with both hands stating it hurt and yelling 'Javier I have your baby,' police wrote. "Leon, while at the hospital would cry one moment then laugh the next."

Reached by phone Tuesday, Leon declined to comment.

Police were called to Maria Leon's home at 429 W. Ave. F because of a 911 open line. Two men left Maria Leon in front of the house with her baby and took her mini-

van, police say in court records.

Nearly a year after the shooting in July, the court granted the Leons a divorce, giving Maria the couple's house on Avenue F. They have a 14-year-old son, and Maria Leon has custody.

Maria Leon pleaded not guilty to the charge in August and her pretrial is set for Nov. 23. Her lawyer is Patrick McMillen and the special prosecutor is E. Scott Paul.

Both attorneys were involved in the trial last week of Robert Aragon in Shoshone that ended in an acquittal on charges of felony injury to a child and involuntary manslaughter.

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Charter

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Poppelwell, district director of elementary education.

After 10 years of charter schools in Idaho, Dobbs said, it's time for comprehensive studies that determine if the experiment has produced the desired results. Various studies show competing data.

According to a recent study from Stanford University, for instance, 46 percent of academic success in charters is indistinguishable from traditional public schools, while 37 percent of charter students performed well below their traditional counterparts.

However, a study this year by the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory found that a five-year examination of charter schools in Idaho revealed that charter students excelled academically above non-charter students.

"It's unbelievable how

many studies there are. Some say they're good; some say they're bad," Poppelwell said.

Several studies suggest charter schools are attended by predominantly white students and that minorities and special-needs students almost exclusively attend non-charter schools.

Cindy Fulcher, principal of Xavier Charter School in Twin Falls, emphasized that converting grade schools to charters wouldn't affect Xavier but said the studies aren't always comparable, because some of them include studies of online education.

"You've got to compare apples to apples," Fulcher said. "You can't throw virtual schools into the mix with brick-and-mortar schools ... it's like saying a Corvette is an apple because it's red."

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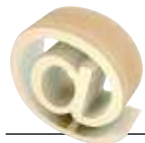
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T.F. Council candidates bring in modest contributions

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VIEW campaign contribution records.

Campaign contributions are not the path to riches in Twin Falls city elections.

Campaign contributions haven't reached \$2,000 for any candidate running for the Twin Falls City Council, according to financial disclosures for contributions received through the end of September.

Contribution amounts vary among the candidates running for Seat 5 on the council. Incumbent Greg Lanting faces three challengers: Jim Schouten, Steve Garner and Chris Talkington.

Schouten and Lanting lead in dollar amounts. Schouten is reporting

\$1,650, and Lanting has \$1,300, with Schouten contributing \$650 to himself and Lanting giving \$500 to his campaign.

Lanting also received \$500 from C.M. Lanting, \$100 from Eileen Lanting, and \$100 from Jim Brennan, records show. Schouten received \$50 from state Rep. Jim Patrick, \$100 from Rock Creek Ranch, \$300 from Mark and Cynthia Koffer, \$400 from Lewis Roofing of Twin Falls, \$100 from Donna Patrick, and \$50 from Ryan Horsley, records show.

Much of Schouten's con-

tributions have gone toward printing costs for campaign materials.

"I've tapped everything out," Schouten said, adding that he hasn't pushed for big contributions from businesses. "I'd like to do some radio and TV, but until some money comes in, I'm pretty much stuck with what we've got."

Lanting said the economy is keeping contributions down somewhat and that he'll be pleased if he tops \$3,000. While a proponent of door-to-door campaigning, Lanting said contribu-

tions provide a way to reach more people.

"You can't knock on every door," he said.

As an incumbent, though, Lanting also has an advantage — 178 campaign signs from the last election.

Talkington reported just \$50 in contributions, and spent an additional \$760.24 out of his own pocket for expenses. Talkington said he had anticipated financing the campaign largely on his own.

"So much more effort in the local campaign is contacting people personally that you know in your neighborhoods and work experience," he said.

The \$50 contribution does not require itemization listing the contributor, accord-

ing to the records.

Garner reported a total of \$350, with contributions from David Nelson and Cecelia Burks of Twin Falls.

"This is where I would think the incumbents and people who have been there before have an advantage over first-time people," he said. "But everybody has to start somewhere."

Mayor Lance Clow, who is running unopposed for his

council seat, reported no contributions. No contributions were reported for Councilman Don Hall and write-in candidate Tony Ash, who are running for Seat 6.

The next disclosure reports, which cover Oct. 1 through 18, are due Oct. 27.

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Land, water, wildlife advisory board launches efforts in Blaine

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

LEARN MORE

For information about the Levy Advisory Board, visit www.blainecounty.org and click "planning & zoning" then "land, water & wildlife advisory board." Otherwise, e-mail pzcounter@co.blaine.id.us or call 788-5570.

HAILEY — Nearly a year after Blaine County voters approved the collection of \$3.5 million in property taxes to preserve county open-space lands, an advisory board is organizing the efforts.

The Levy Advisory Board met for the first time on Oct. 1, and reported to commissioners on Tuesday about its progress.

Among its first tasks is educating members about how conservation easements work, which partner organizations are available for the county to collaborate with, what practices have worked in other areas of the country, and what the roles and responsibilities of members will be.

To cover these issues, the board will hold a "boot camp" from 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 29 and 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 31, at the Old County

Courthouse. The board will meet at 6 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month at the courthouse.

Members include Barb Acker, Trent Jones, Wendy Babich, Alan Reynolds, Lili Simpson, Ben Sinnamon, Linn Kincannon, Sandy Tassel, Mary Crofts, Trent Stumph, Tom Page, and county employees Tom Bergin and Jeff Adams. Commissioner Larry Schoen is the commission's representative to the board.

The levy, which lasts for two years, imposes an additional tax of about \$50

per median home, valued at \$436,000. It was modeled after a similar levy that raised \$10 million for conservation efforts in the Boise foothills.

Among the tools the board is expected to include in its recommendations to commissioners is the county's transfer of development rights program. This would allow landowners in possible preservation areas to sell their rights to develop to landowners in areas where denser development is more appropriate.

They could also recommend that the funds be used to purchase land for preservation. Priority areas for the board will likely be along the Big Wood River, the Little Wood River and in the Bellevue Triangle. In addition to protecting land from development, the board is also tasked to protect water, wildlife and farms.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY TUESDAY ARRAIGNMENTS
Filimon Miranda Jr., 49, Twin Falls; battery, Nov. 3 pretrial, recognizance release, public defender appointed
Michael Genaro, 19, Jerome; grand theft, \$25,000 bond, public defender appointed, Oct. 23 preliminary hearing
Dane E. Crowther, 52, Jerome; driving under the influence, Nov. 24 pretrial, recognizance release, public defender appointed
Jeffrey Billsie, 34, Twin Falls; forgery, \$1,000 bond, public defender appointed, Oct. 23 preliminary hearing
Joseph Lee Goins, 28, Jerome; aggravated battery, \$25,000 bond, public defender appointed, Oct. 23 preliminary hearing
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I never know when to leaf well enough alone

I was recently thumbing through a coffee-table book containing some remarkable photos that NASA satellites took from space. One sequence showed a park in Michigan over a few autumn days.

The point of the pictures was to show that the satellites' amazing imaging technology could pick up objects the size of a leaf.

The thing is, the leaves in question kept disappearing from one day's photo to the next.

Which, of course, means one of two things. Either this was a very windy park, or the leaves were getting rid of themselves.

That's exciting, because it bolsters my argument that a yard takes care of itself. It's a philosophy every lazy man should embrace.

My wife disagrees. She's of the opinion that objects which fall on the grass — leaves, branches, selected portions of the roof — should never be allowed to stay there long. Not immediately getting rid of yard detritus constitutes slack morals on my part.

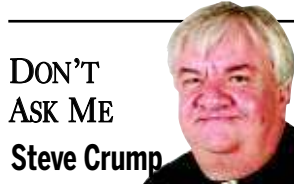
The past weekend, I waded into an overgrown forsythia bush about the size of a Walmart. After an hour of tearing my shirt and bleeding from the face, I finished — leaving behind a tidy pile of clippings.

Victoria had spent the weekend trimming rose bushes, so our trash cans were full. No room for forsythia leftovers.

Hence a rare reprieve from picking up the yard. Yet after the garbage man comes ...

But those branches aren't gonna be there permanently whether I pick them up or not. That's the genius of nature, and using the same argument I've tried for letting the fallen leaves be, I suggested letting the circle of life prevail.

Yet Victoria really isn't a circle-of-life kind of gal. She's a we-keep-six-different-rakes-in-the-



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

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garage-for-a-good-reason gal.

It happened that this was the weekend that I applied weed-and-feed to the yard. The irony of spending money on artificial fertilizer when perfectly good natural fertilizer was growing on the trees did not escape me, and I told her so.

But arguing with a red-head is like rooting for the Chicago Cubs. Seems like a good idea at the time, but you know that come October you're not going to be watching the World Series.

Enjoy the games. I'll be in the back yard.

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

P&Z hears about proposed zip line

Some residents already object

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

The city of Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission got an introduction Tuesday to what could be the next Snake River Canyon attraction.

But a group of city residents are already objecting to the proposed zip line based at Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center — a sign of just how hard the road ahead will be for the project.

Magic Valley Flight Simulation LLC of Twin Falls would like to put the 3,558-foot powered zip line in the canyon, stretching from Canyon Crest to a point parallel to Blue Lakes Boulevard as it runs along most of Twin Falls. The zip line would be bidirectional and turn 180 degrees to return to its launch site, offering a 1.3-mile round-trip ride.

The technology, created by local inventor Martin Tilley, has been pitched several times now at locations around the Magic Valley.

But each time, it's run into resistance — the city Parks and Recreation Commission in April recom-

ommended against putting a line over the Shoshone Falls and Dierkes Lake parks, for example.

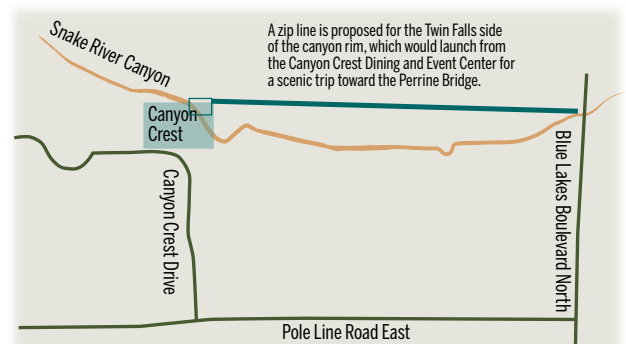
Though Tilley's not part of the current Twin Falls effort, spokeswoman Jody Tatum showed P&Z members a YouTube video made during the inventor's test-run at Devil's Corral.

The P&Z visit is necessary because developers have to secure an amendment to the area's planned-unit development agreement before any construction can start. After the meeting, Tatum told the *Times-News* she believes the proposal will make it through the process this time.

"What's different this time is we have property owners willing to work with us," Tatum said after Tuesday's meeting.

A public hearing on the zip line isn't scheduled until Oct. 27. But already Tuesday, a string of residents — including retired banker David Mead and Katie Breckenridge, who with her sister owns about 900 feet of the canyon rim near the proposed site — raised concerns that included visuals, sound and geology of the area.

"Why do we seem to want to tear apart our beautiful, unusual Snake River Canyon?" Mead asked.



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MONTANA Montana stops wolf hunt near Yellowstone

BILLINGS — Montana wildlife commissioners shut down gray wolf hunting Tuesday in backcountry adjacent to Yellowstone National Park after nine of the predators were killed there in recent weeks.

Commissioners, however, kept the statewide kill quota at 75, repeating their belief that the planned harvest would not hurt the overall population of the animals that were removed from the endangered species list in May.

Wolf hunts this fall in Montana and neighboring Idaho are the first in the lower 48 states since the species came off the list. The states have a combined 1,350 wolves.

Hunting was temporarily suspended near Yellowstone last week after nine wolves were killed in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness along the park's northern border.

That early season total included at least four members of a pack familiar to tourists and nearly filled the 12 wolf quota for most of the southern half of the state.

ID A H O Idaho students out with the swine flu

BOISE — Idaho school districts were reporting more students missing classes due to the swine flu outbreak.

In Culdesac, public schools were closed for the rest of the week after approximately 49 percent of the 120 students enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grades were absent Tuesday.

Principal Jon Hussman says two parents called the school to report their children tested positive for the swine flu.

In Boise, 3,000 kids, or about 12 percent of the district's 25,000 students, stayed home Monday.

Specifics on just how many actually had flu-like symptoms weren't available, but anecdotal evidence shows the outbreak is behind these mass absences.

Caldwell reported 16 percent of kids out of the classroom.

Eric Exline, a spokesman for the Meridian School District, the state's largest at 34,000 students, says there are signs the flu outbreak is intensifying.

He says a normal absentee rate is about 4.5 percent. Last week, about 10 percent of students at Meridian Middle School were out sick.

On Monday, Lowell Scott and Lake Hazel middle schools had absentee rates of 10 to 12 percent.

State gets \$13 million in drug settlement

BOISE — Idaho is getting \$13 million as part of a settlement reached with Eli Lilly and Co. over its marketing of an anti-psychotic drug.

Attorney General Lawrence Wasden announced the deal Tuesday, calling it the largest financial settlement in a legal case since Idaho and other states ended a lawsuit with tobacco companies in 1998.

Idaho sued Eli Lilly over allegations the company used deceptive marketing strategies for the drug Zyprexa. The state accused the company of failing to warn doctors of the drug's serious side effects, a move that caused significant costs to the state's Medicaid program.

Idaho also claimed Zyprexa, approved for severe psychological disorders, caused consumers to gain weight, leading to other problems like diabetes.

Wasden said the \$13 million will offset losses incurred by Idaho's Medicaid program.

U T A H USU, INL join forces on energy research

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah State University and the Idaho National Laboratory are joining forces for a new research partnership in Utah's min-

eral-rich Uinta Basin. The deal announced Tuesday includes the creation of a research hub in Vernal, the eastern Utah town whose recent history has closely followed oil and gas development.

The project will focus on finding ways to make energy development more efficient and easier on the environment. That will include cutting air pollution and finding new uses, possibly in agriculture, for salty water that's extracted during oil and gas operations.

The other component will be investigating "hybrid energy systems" that combine traditional energy with renewables such as solar and wind. Similar work is already under way at the Idaho lab.

Rather than acting strictly as a think tank, researchers in Vernal will work closely with industry in the heart of one of Utah's most energy-rich regions.

C A L I F O R N I A Power outages, slide danger as storm hits

LOS ANGELES — A big Pacific storm swept into California on Tuesday with damaging winds and downpours that put a central community under an evacuation advisory because of mudslide fears, while residents near hillsides denuded by wildfires in the south braced for a dangerous overnight drenching.

The main fear was that the rains would cause mud and debris to rush down hillsides made bare from the summer fire, state fire spokeswoman Colleen Baxter said.

Homeowners filled sandbags and crews erected concrete barriers to channel potential flows from denuded

slopes. Some residents took to placing boulders in key areas around their homes, hoping to blunt the destructive power of flash floods.

"We know the fires go through and do a lot of damage," Los Angeles County fire Inspector Frederic Stowers said. "Within L.A. County, much of the slopes burned

are going to be critical." Authorities urged evacuation of about 60 homes in the Santa Cruz Mountains town of Davenport, 50 miles south of San Francisco, where an August wildfire stripped vegetation from about 12 square miles of land.


— The Associated Press

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Teresa Jewell Allen

BUHL — Teresa Jewell Allen, 48, of Buhl, passed away Sunday, Oct. 11, 2009, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls. She fought a six-year battle with cancer.



Teresa was a wonderful mother, daughter and friend. She is loved and will be missed by her beautiful daughters.

Teresa was born Jan. 27, 1961, in Patterson, Calif., to Bill and Rosalye Pearson. She went to school and graduated from high school in Patterson, Calif. She married Clayton Allen on Nov. 10, 1979, in Patterson, Calif. They moved to Buhl, Idaho, soon after marriage. Together, they had four daughters and were later divorced.

Teresa worked for 14 years at the Sprinkler Head Rebuilders in Buhl. She was always supportive of her daughters and made time to attend all of their activities and events. She loved to do needlepoint and crochet. For an escape, she and Wally loved to go fishing.

She was preceded in death by her infant daughter, Rosalye Irene Allen. She is survived by her daughters, Ashlee Thompson, Amber (Robert) Arterburn and Trista (Scott Lent) Allen; grandchildren, Caden Thompson, Kaylub and India Arterburn, and Darren Lent; her life partner, Walter Dixon; and her parents, Bill and Rosalye Pearson.

She has a lot of friends and family members that have been there for her and will miss her very much.

At Teresa's request, those who attend the funeral are not to wear black. Please wear bright colors like the sunflowers that she loved.

A memorial fund to help with medical expenses has been established in Teresa's name at Farmer's National Bank, 914 Main St., Buhl, ID 83316; or give to Amber Arterburn.

The memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth Ave. in Buhl.

R. 'Gus' Blase

RUPERT — R. "Gus" Blase passed away Friday, Oct. 9, 2009, after a brief illness.

He is survived by four children, Edwin J. Blase of Casper, Wyo., Kenneth R. Blase of San Jose, Calif., Dr. Carolyn Blase McMakin DC of Vancouver, Wash., and Elizabeth "Betty" Blase of San Diego, Calif. He also leaves 14 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. He was an active member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert, Idaho, and a regular visitor to the Abbey of the Holy Trinity in Huntsville, Utah.

Gus was born Sept. 11, 1916, in San Jose, Calif., to Joseph and Carrie Blase, both of whom emigrated from southern Europe when they were children. Joe and his brothers operated "Blase Brothers Produce," one of the largest produce houses south of San Francisco, and Gus began helping out with all aspects of the business from a young age. By 14, he was driving truck all over California, Nevada and Oregon picking up produce for the business.

He attended Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose and was awarded an athletic scholarship to the football program at Stanford University. He played semi-pro football until a knee injury cut short his career. He returned to San Jose to work in the produce industry and married Lois Mary Steen in 1943. She operated his own wholesale produce brokerage and potato packing shed, "A.R. Blase Company," in San Jose during the 1960s until he and Lois moved to Burley, Idaho, in 1968.



He farmed in the area until 1978 and was a partner in Magic Valley Potato in Paul, Idaho. In 1988, he built "Sun Valley Potato Shippers," located in Paul and operated that for 10 years until he sold it as a co-op to former customers. After his retirement, Gus remained very active with his church activities, beloved dogs and a huge fruit tree and vegetable garden. But he missed the activity of the potato business so he started a seed company, buying from growers in Canada and supplying growers in Idaho, Oregon and Washington. He made his last trip to Canada approximately a month before his passing.

He was once described as having, "potato juice in his veins," and few, if any, knew the ins and outs of that business as well as he did. He was dearly loved by his family and respected as a one-of-a-kind entrepreneur by his numerous friends and acquaintances.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, with Father Justin Brady as celebrant, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St. in Rupert. Interment will follow in the Rupert Cemetery. Viewing, with a reading of the rosary at 7 p.m., will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, and one hour prior to the Mass on Saturday at the church. All are welcome to attend. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites anyone wishing to honor Gus's memory to make a contribution to their local animal shelter or the Abbey of Holy Trinity in Huntsville, Utah.

DEATH NOTICES

Robert L. Mounce

AMERICAN FALLS — Robert L. Mounce, 62, of American Falls, Idaho, died Monday, Oct. 12, 2009, following a vehicular accident.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, at the Cornelison Funeral Chapel, 431 N. 15th Ave. in Pocatello; visitation one hour before the service at the funeral home (www.cornelisonfh.com).

Robert N. Campeau

Robert "Bob" Noel Campeau, 74, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009,

at the Chardonnay Assisted Living Center in Twin Falls.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

John A. Lang

PALM DESERT, Calif. — John Andrew Lang, 81, of Palm Desert, Calif., died Monday, July 6, 2009, in Palm Desert, Calif.

Interment will be at 12:45 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va. (Forest Lawn Mortuary in Cathedral City, Calif.)



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Inez D. Hollon

Inez D. Hollon, age 85, of Twin Falls, Idaho, died Monday, Oct. 12, 2009, at her residence in Twin Falls.



She was born March 24, 1924, in Glencoe, Okla., the daughter of David Jacob and Dora Ann Enoch. There were nine children in the family. Inez was raised in Glencoe until the age of 9 and then moved to Twin Falls and attended schools there. She later married James N. Hollon and had seven children of her own: sons, Jim, Larry, David, Terry and Billy; and two daughters, Pat and Carol. Inez worked as a laborer in agriculture for many years while raising her children.

Inez is survived by four sons, Jim Hollon of Hansen,

Larry Hollon of Glens Ferry, David Hollon of Twin Falls and Terry White of Bountiful, Utah. She is also survived by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; six sisters; her son, Billy Hollon; and two daughters, Pat Parker and Carol Colfack.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. A service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Clarissa 'Dutch' Stanford

Clarissa "Dutch" Stanford was born in Bellevue, Idaho, on Jan. 8, 1915, and passed away Friday, Oct. 9, 2009, at the Twin Falls care center, her "home" for the past 11 years.



She married Frank Stanford on Jan. 16, 1939, on a dare on their first date and that marriage lasted until Frank's death in 1976.

She is survived by her children, Colleen Beutler of Twin Falls, Cherie Stanford of Lees Summit, Mo., Kenneth (Jan) Stanford of Olympia, Wash., and Dale Stanford of Belens, N.M.; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by Frank; and a granddaughter, Colette Amber.

Mom, what a joy it has been to have you as our mother and grandmother. You were greatly loved and will be greatly missed.

Our thanks to the nurses and caregivers at the Twin Falls Care Center; also to Dr. Ippolito, who was truly her "Mr. God." Thanks also to Mary Poole, our "special" sister, who has always been a shining star in our lives.

Mom, we can let you go, knowing you are with God and God is with us.

A visitation for family and friends will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park," and one hour prior to the service Saturday at the Carey LDS Church. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at the

Carey LDS Church, with dinner provided afterward by the Relief Society. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Twin Falls Care Center for its rose garden.

Myles Douglas Cole

Myles Douglas Cole passed away at the age of 51 at his home in Twin Falls, Idaho, on Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009.



Myles was born Sept. 20, 1958, in Gooding, Idaho, to Dale and Oletta (Hopkins) Cole. He graduated from Hagerman High School in 1977. He also attended college in Sitka, Alaska. At one time, Myles was interested in working for the Forest Service, but his first love won out and he became a truck driver; one of the best. He delivered freight for Action Express out of Twin Falls to the Hailey-Ketchum every day for 18 years. He loved his job with Action Express but was forced to retire after a motorcycle accident which required him to have back surgery. After he retired from Action Express, he obtained a job with Trebar Kenworth in Jerome, delivering trucks all over the Untied States and Canada, until his untimely death on Oct. 8.

Myles loved to ride his dirt bike and his ATV in the South Hills. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He loved animals, especially cats and squirrels. He had a great love for music and was particularly fond of great guitar players; Chet Atkins, Stevie Ray Vaughn and Mark Knopfler were some of his favorites. He was

a deeply religious person and an avid student of the Bible. He was an exceptional son; he daily took care of his mother, father and his father's longtime companion.

Myles is survived by his mother, Oletta Hopkins of Twin Falls; his brother, Martin Cole of Portland, Ore.; his sister, Rita (Greg) Newberry of Twin Falls; nieces, Heather (Aric) Duffy of Billings, Mont., and Samantha (Gonzolo) Nava of Old Hickory, Tenn.; great-nephew, Dylan Duffy of Billings, Mont.; and friends without number. He was dearly loved and will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Myles was preceded in death by his father, Dale Eldon Cole; his father's companion, Lillian Lakey; and nephew, Eric Floyd Newberry.

A graveside service for Myles will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. At Myles' request, there will be no public viewing.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Twin Falls Humane Society (Animal Shelter), 420 Victory Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83301; (208) 736-2299. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Nuremberg war crimes interpreter Sonnenfeldt dies

NEW YORK (AP) — Richard W. Sonnenfeldt, the chief interpreter for American prosecutors at the Nuremberg war crimes trials, has died. He was 86.

Sonnenfeldt died Friday at his home in Port Washington on Long Island, said his wife, Barbara. The cause of his death was complications of a stroke, she said Tuesday.

Sonnenfeldt interrogated some of World War II's most notorious Nazi leaders, including Hitler's second-in-command, Hermann Goering; Albert Speer, who headed Germany's war manufacturing; and Reich minister

Rudolf Hess. They were all convicted as war criminals.

A German-born Jew, Sonnenfeldt was a U.S. Army private who helped liberate the Dachau concentration camp when he was selected as interpreter because of his bilingual skills.

He recounted that role in his memoir, "Witness to Nuremberg."

"He was a very remarkable man, a very talented, multifaceted guy. He was also a humanitarian," his wife said.

Sonnenfeldt later graduated from Johns Hopkins University with a degree in electrical engineering and

went to work for RCA, where he helped develop color television. In the 1980s, he was dean of the Graduate School of Management at the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute.

An avid sailor, Sonnenfeldt crossed the Atlantic three times in his 70s.

Sonnenfeldt is survived by his wife; sons, Michael and Lawrence, and daughter Ann Goldberg; three stepchildren, Elizabeth Holdstein, Catherine Hausman and Maggi DeNicola; and his brother, Helmut, who was National Security Council adviser in the Nixon administration.




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Jean Yarrington

IDAHO FALLS — Jean Cranney Yarrington, 86, mother of many, beloved friend of all who knew her, passed away of Parkinson's disease Monday, Oct. 12, 2009, at Idaho Falls, Idaho.



She was born Jan. 30, 1923, in Marion, Idaho, to Gerald and Martha Smith Cranney, the first of four children. She attended school at Island and Twin Falls, where she graduated at age 16 in 1938. She attended Brigham Young University in Provo for two years and was employed at the Ogden Army Depot in the payroll office.

She married Jesse Vernon Yarrington in Ogden, Utah, on March 13, 1943. They were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple on Aug. 30, 1943. She is the mother of five sons, Jesse Alan, Des C., Dennis, Jon Gerald and Lane. Raising these boys and loving them and their families has been the joy of her life.

She served joyfully nine years in the Nampa South Stake name extraction mission, in ward and stake callings and in numerous other community and social capacities. She kept a 20-volume personal journal, as well as 30 volumes of picture and scrapbooks about her family's life.

She liked to ski, paint artwork and write poetry. She sang beautifully in her youth and participated in college groups, Singing Mothers, quartets, Sweet Adelines, the Messiah and in church and family gatherings. She saw that her boys had music les-

sons and helped them in Scouting, hunting and on family fishing trips. She accomplished lots of family history work.

She and Jess served in the Boise Temple when it opened in 1984. They decided to apply to serve an LDS mission in Nauvoo, which they did from January 1987 to August 1988. They made annual trips to Quartzite, Ariz., where Jess made and sold his special woven chairs. They had many good friends whom they met there.

After living in Nampa for many years, Jean and Jess moved to care centers in Idaho Falls in August of 2007.

Jean is survived by her five sons, along with their spouses; 32 grandchildren and 53 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her spouse, a grandson and a great-granddaughter.

Her legacy is one of faith, courage, gentle steadiness, wonderful supportiveness, gospel study, literary awareness, service, caring, hope and love.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Idaho Falls LDS Woodruff 1st Ward Church, 1660 12th St., with Bishop LaMar Densley officiating. The family will visit with friends from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Saturday at the church. Burial will be in the Marion Cemetery in Oakley, Idaho. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.woodfuneral-home.com.

SERVICES

Herman Edwin Hall of Chandler, Ariz., and formerly of Jerome, funeral at 10 a.m. today at the Pleasant LDS Ward Chapel in Chandler, Ariz. (Valley of the Sun Mortuary in Chandler, Ariz.)

Anna Belle Bagby of Declo, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation one hour before the service today at the funeral home.

Helen Sharp of Post Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Joe K. Allison of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at Amazing Grace Fellowship in Twin Falls (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Dean Carlile Jensen of Heyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Heyburn LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Church, 530 Villa Drive in Heyburn; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the

Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Jake Bowers of Paul, graveside service at 1 p.m. Friday at the Paul Cemetery; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

Elaine I. Bateman of Twin Falls, graveside service at 1 p.m. Friday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; visitation from noon to 12:30 p.m. Friday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Charles Max Campbell of Ogden, Utah, memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 2374 Grant Ave. in Ogden (Lindquist's Mortuary in Ogden).

Steven L. Kent of Acequia and Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Acequia LDS 1st Ward Church; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at

Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour before the service Saturday at the church.

Clarence Akira Tanaka of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls and Shoshone, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls; interment follows at 2:30 p.m. in Shoshone (Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel).

Jack W. Miller of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at Summers Funeral Homes, Ustick Chapel in Meridian.

Delores Ann Konicek of Twin Falls, funeral at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the Park LDS Church, 229 Park Ave. in twin Falls; visitation from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Monday at the church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

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Minimally invasive prostate surgery may increase risks

Los Angeles Times

More men who need prostate-cancer surgery are choosing minimally invasive techniques because these surgeries typically lead to shorter hospital stays and decrease many types of complications, including pain. This type of surgery, which often includes the use of a robot, is heavily advertised to consumers.

Minimally invasive techniques increased from 1 percent to 40 percent of all radical prostatectomies from 2001 to 2006 and may be as high as 75 percent of all prostate cancer surgeries today.

But here's a detail men should know about: The most serious complications — including incontinence and erectile dysfunction — appeared more often in men who underwent minimally invasive surgery compared to traditional surgery, according to a study published Tuesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Researchers compared the outcomes for men with prostate cancer who underwent a minimally invasive procedure to men who had

traditional radical prostatectomy surgery. The men who had minimally invasive surgery had shorter hospital stays (two days compared to three days), were less likely to receive transfusions (2.7 percent compared to 20.8 percent) and were at lower risk of respiratory complications (4.3 percent compared to 6.6 percent).

However, they experienced more urinary- and genital-function complications; 4.7 percent compared to 2.1 percent.

Although minimally invasive robotic surgery may eventually offer advantages over traditional surgery for all men, there is a learning curve among surgeons using the technology, said Dr. Jim C. Hu, the lead author of the paper, from Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

Court rules against Stalin grandson in libel suit

MOSCOW (AP) — A Russian court ruled against Josef Stalin's grandson Tuesday in a libel suit over a newspaper article that said the Soviet dictator sent thousands of people to their deaths.

A judge at a Moscow district court rejected Yevgeny Dzhughashvili's claim that Novaya Gazeta damaged Stalin's honor and dignity in an April article that referred to him as a "blood-thirsty cannibal."

The case essentially put Stalin on trial more than 50 years after his death. A ruling against the newspaper would have been seen as an exoneration one of the 20th century's most notorious autocrats.

And it would have dealt a blow to beleaguered Russian liberals who accuse the Kremlin of whitewashing history.

The late-evening ruling was a rare victory for Stalin's critics in their fight against efforts to rehabilitate the dictator, who according to the rights group Memorial ordered the deaths of at least 724,000 people during a series of purges that peaked in the late 1930s. But defendants said that having the case even make it to court was evidence of a chilling

tendency to question the dark side of Soviet history.

"Behind the plaintiff's bench are those who are throttling freedom ... and giving the country back to Stalin," defense lawyer Genri Reznik told the court during hours of tense proceedings Tuesday. Only a few journalists were allowed into the Basmany district courtroom.

On the winning side, the mood was more of relief than celebration.

"What should have happened, happened," Anatoly Yablokov, the author of the article and the newspaper's co-defendant, said. "It's a decision based on the law!"



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“We’ve got ourselves a real health care shooting war now.”
 — Former health insurance executive Robert Laszewski, on insurance companies’ reaction to health care legislation

EDITORIAL

Spuds are always Idaho, but we need to sell fun

Taking nothing away from Spuddy Buddy, but John Webster is right. Webster, the general manager of the Best Western Burley Inn, told the North Idaho Tourism Summit last week that luring travelers’ dollars means changing Idaho’s image from America’s biggest producer of french fries to an outdoor wonderland.

That’s been the case for a while now. Idaho’s carefully nurtured persona — Spudland — brings relatively few visitors to the state.

It harkens to another age, of picture postcards, roadside novelty attractions and bumper stickers on the back of an RV.

Times have changed. According to the Idaho Travel Council, the typical visitor to Idaho is likely to be a married, white woman between 25 and 44 who lives in another Rocky Mountain state. She’s a college graduate, lives in a two-person household, and earns between \$25,000 and \$50,000 a year.

By an almost 4-to-1 ratio, a traveler is likely to be in Idaho to visit friends or relatives. Outdoors, touring and special events rank 2-3-4.

The Idaho Travel Council’s target audience is baby boomers — folks 42 to 60 — because of their spending power. The council says Salt Lake City, Seattle, Spokane; Wash., and Portland, Ore., supply 43 percent of visitors to Idaho. Twenty-nine percent come from within Idaho itself, and another 16 percent from Los Angeles, San Francisco and Sacramento, Calif.

How compelling, we wonder, are potatoes to visitors like these?

Idaho needs to get its tourism marketing right because this is a huge market — spending by visitors tops \$2.7 billion annually, which is 3 1/2 times larger than the state’s potato sales. In 2008, travelers spent \$674 million in Idaho’s retail stores, \$654 million on food, \$502 million on lodging, \$355 million on recreation — plus \$440 million getting here and going home.

Could the tourist economy be significantly bigger? The signs sure point that way. Eighty-four percent of travelers to Idaho come for recreation, and despite the recession leisure visits to the state topped 1.2 billion in 2008.

Idaho potatoes will always be iconic, both here and around the world. But in a fiercely competitive travel market, they’d better not be all we have to offer.

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County	Spending	% of state
1. Ada	\$1.128 billion	38%
2. Kootenai	\$288 million	10%
3. Bonneville	\$221 million	7%
4. Blaine	\$154 million	5%
5. Bannock	\$153 million	5%
6. Twin Falls	\$148 million	5%
7. Canyon	\$127 million	4%
8. Nez Perce	\$103 million	3%

TOP COUNTIES FOR TOURISM JOBS:

1. Lincoln 58%	5. (tie) Bear Lake	8. Boundary 19%
2. Valley 36%	22%, Shoshone	9. Teton 17%
3. Custer 33%	22%	10. (tie) Ada 13%,
4. Blaine 25%	7. Boise 21%	Kootenai 13%

— Source: Idaho Travel Council

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Nobel Peace Prize Committee is just a joke

“War will continue until the end...”
 — Daniel 9:26

Like the Pulitzer Prize for journalism, along with the Oscar and Emmy for film and television, the Nobel Peace Prize is an inside job in which liberal, wishful-thinking humanists give awards to each other.



Cal Thomas

For all I care, the Nobel Committee could have given their useless (except for the money) prize to Homer Simpson. Like President Obama, Homer has done nothing to earn it, though he may be the only character who has been on TV more than the president.

According to the Web site www.globalsecurity.org, there are currently “42 active conflicts and/or wars in the world today.” Not all are shooting wars at the moment and there are several civil wars and conflicts between Israel and various terrorist groups, but 42 wars is a lot of war.

Peace generally occurs when aggressive evil is defeated, which is why Germany and Japan no longer war with the United States. The Nobel Committee apparently believes that by diplomatically singing “All we are saying is give peace a chance” evil people will study war no more and be so impressed by our intentions they will lay down their arms.

Iran’s president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad could win the Nobel Peace Prize in an instant if he announced his



god had told him not to eradicate Israel, or usher in Armageddon. But Ahmadinejad won’t, because he is evil and must be defeated. Neither will he respond to negotiations, or sanctions. Same with Osama bin Laden. The United Nations would welcome him as a speaker and the Nobel Committee would award him their top prize if he would announce he no longer believes in terrorism and has become a follower of the Dali Lama or some other “acceptable” pseudo-deity. He also will do no such thing because he is evil and must be defeated.

The Nobel Committee believes George W. Bush is evil, but apparently not bin Laden or Ahmadinejad. It cringes at leaders who wish to overcome evil by force rather than have the forces of evil overcome them. The Nobel Committee hates Israel, too. And this is because its members, and like-minded male wimps around the world, idolize Michael J. Fox instead of

John Wayne and find their role models in the liberal ladies of “The View,” not in muscular characters like Jack Bauer (and Chloe, who gets it) on “24.”

The peace prize concept is flawed because the problem of war does not lie with those who would make peace, but with those who would make war. If the Nobel Committee were realistic, it would stop handing out peace prizes and start issuing awards for those who have confronted evil and produced peace in nations that have only known oppression. Candidates for such prizes would include Ronald Reagan, Margaret Thatcher and Pope John Paul II, who conspired to liberate Europe from the totalitarian hand of Soviet communism.

Bill Clinton would also be a legitimate candidate for his efforts that stabilized Bosnia. He could take some small credit for the peace in Northern Ireland, which, though worked on for decades, was finally brokered on his watch.

President Obama was right when he acknowledged that he doesn’t deserve the prize. Neither did Yasser Arafat, Henry Kissinger, Le Duc Tho or Al Gore.

The question should be: why, despite man’s best efforts, including the League of Nations and United Nations, have we been unsuccessful in eradicating war? The answer lies in this ancient wisdom: “What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but don’t get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.” (James 4:1-3)

That’s why a peace prize is meaningless.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Help save the children from sex offenders

Regarding sex offender laws:

What are the laws concerning felony sex offenders who have been tried, found guilty, served the time the courts have said to do, had children taken away and can still be the primary caregiver for small children and have the welfare and police just look the other way? This is happening in a nearby county — Jerome. This is happening now and is very disturbing to the people concerned.

The offender is now off probation, but I can’t help but wonder why nothing is being done as it has been reported that this “act” would probably happen again. Imagine parents, having your little child going home with a friend after school just to play with their little friend, when unbeknownst to you there happens to be a child molester/sex predator who will be looking after your child as well as their own.

Do you not think you have the right to be told about these laws and to understand them and to have legal backup whenever needed if children are in danger and why can’t the welfare department and police department check up on these homes without having to be called every

time a child enters the home when they know for a fact that there is a child molester/sex offender that is in charge of that home and the children in there?

Come on people, get involved and help save these children. Find out; ask whomever you can get in touch with to get the state of Idaho, the welfare department and the police on the ball.

They should get their heads out of their armpits and help all of these children. Don’t sit back and wait until there is another Robert Manwill.

I happen to be the grandmother of one of them in Jerome; just please help me.

TIA VILLA
Caldwell

Can we afford to muzzle the media?

In the past, several individuals have complained about what the Times-News publishes. It seems that a paper should not print reports of serious vehicle accidents or fatalities as they may be insensitive. Also, do not question the actions of city, county or other organizations.

Maybe all news should be screened by a select board, which would determine what we are permitted to know about. Maybe we should only hear about

what happens in adjoining states, as long as they do not have local relatives.

Some events that occur in our area that result in police reports are public information. Actions by elected officials, both good or questionable, should be public knowledge.

The only way this is possible is for our news media to report to the public. I have read or viewed on TV items that I disagreed on, but that is the only way our system will work. When we allow a few individuals to dictate what we should hear or read, we have lost far more that most individuals can imagine.

FREDDIE TATE
Jerome

A giant step backward for animal control

I read with horror in the Oct. 5 Times-News that the Twin Falls City Council is considering taking over its own animal control.

To the council: Please, please, please do not take this giant step backward!

I have watched Twin Falls City progress from the days (1970) when the dog catcher told me, “If you have me pick up the stray dog you found, it will be killed before the end of the day;” to now, when animals picked up in the city

have a fairly decent chance of receiving a fair deal.

My experience is twofold: as a city police dispatcher who had to deal with animal calls and as a volunteer at the shelter who had to deal with the animals directly. I will never forget the time I opened the shelter and found the “hit-by-car” dog that had been picked up earlier in the day when I’d been dispatching. It was paralyzed from the neck back and had been left lying helpless on the concrete kennel floor because it was “after hours” for shelter staff. I put a “be back soon” note on the door and took the poor dog to my personal vet.

There are many horror stories also that the various “dog catchers” hired over the years. Some were real nightmares for the animals.

The animal control we currently have for city and county are the best Twin Falls has ever had. Many people have put in blood, sweat and tears to get us to this point. I would truly hate to see us return to nearly 40-year-old problems.

Twin Falls: Please pay attention to history on this. Animal control today is a much bigger deal than you realize.

ANITA CRAFTON
Hansen

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

Doonesbury



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

Why county Republican Party cares about local elections

As the Twin Falls County GOP chair-woman, I've been asked recently why our county party organization is wading into a nonpartisan city election this fall and why we think that is a good idea. The straightforward answer is that we believe citizens in all elections should know where their candidates line up politically; local party forums and endorsements are a legitimate way to help voters get that information.

Municipal elections in Idaho are nonpartisan when it comes to the ballot. Candidates run for council seats, which are open to any eligible citizen living in the community.

The theory of such an

READER COMMENT Gretchen Clelland

approach is that local government bodies are among the closest to the people and thus the most concerned with their daily lives. Partisan politics is thought to be a distraction at best when it comes to fixing sidewalks, determining policing patterns and dealing with water capacity.

This tradition is particularly strong in Midwest and Western states, in which a so-called "direct democracy" tradition emerged in the early 1900s.

The practice of nonpartisan ballots goes back at least a century in some states, and we are not proposing to

change that in Idaho.

But in other ways, we think the absence of some political indicators has left voters without important information about their candidates. The lack of political endorsement by parties can leave some voters in the dark as to where a candidate stands on important issues which sometimes break along party lines. This may be even more important in an Internet age if social networking pages can be posted by anyone with a few keystrokes. Forums and endorsements can help fill in the "knowledge gap" which voters often feel in the voting booth.

In Idaho this year, we see political endorsements coming in municipal elec-

tions elsewhere. In Boise, for example, a long list of prominent Democrats have endorsed TJ Thomson, a candidate for Boise City Council. He's also won the backing of a conservation voters group and a police union. It seems reasonable the endorsements at least give voters a clearer sense of how these groups and individuals view him politically.

In Twin Falls, our Republican Central Committee's executive committee discussed this issue recently and decided to sponsor a forum for the four Twin Falls residents contending for the seat held by incumbent Greg Lanting. In addition to Lanting, the candidates are Steve Garner, a downtown business

owner; Jim Schouten, a planning and zoning board member; and Chris Talkington, a former councilman and former mayor.

The forum will be held tonight at 7 o'clock at the Hempleman County Building, across the corner from Twin Falls City Council chambers. The public is invited to attend. It is the only forum with the candidates we know of this fall, another reason we decided to sponsor it.

Each of the four will be giving opening statements, and we hope they will bring both biographical materials and position statements to distribute. This will be followed by questioning from the audience, from both GOP Central Committee

members who are precinct chairmen, and from the general public. After final statements from the candidates, precinct chairmen will decide which, if any, candidates to endorse.

We pledge to conduct the forum in a businesslike and fair fashion. We'll give time to all candidates and allow public participation, limiting it only by fairness and civility. We hope you come to listen and participate. And, of course, if there are endorsements, you can take them or leave them, as you wish. That, too, is part of American democracy.

Gretchen Clelland of Filer is chairwoman of the Twin Falls County Republican Central Committee.

America is losing its edge in education

If you had to explain America's economic success with one word, that word would be "education." In the 19th century, America led the way in universal basic education. Then, as other nations followed suit, the "high school revolution" of the early 20th century took us to a whole new level. And in the years after World War II, America established a commanding position in higher education.

But that was then. The rise of American education was, overwhelmingly, the rise of public education — and for the past 30 years our political scene has been dominated by the view that any and all government spending is a waste of taxpayer dollars. Education, as one of the largest components of public spending, has inevitably suffered.

Until now, the results of educational neglect have been gradual — a slow-motion erosion of America's relative position.

But things are about to get much worse, as the economic crisis — its effects exacerbated by the penny-wise, pound-foolish behavior that passes for "fiscal responsibility" in Washington — deals a severe blow to education across the board.

About that erosion: There has been a flurry of reporting recently about threats to the dominance of America's elite universities. What hasn't been



Paul Krugman

reported to the same extent, at least as far as I've seen, is our relative decline in more mundane measures. America, which used to take the lead in educating its young, has been gradually falling behind other advanced countries.

Most people, I suspect, still have in their minds an image of America as the great land of college education, unique in the extent to which higher learning is offered to the population at large. That image used to correspond to reality.

But these days young Americans are considerably less likely than young people in many other countries to graduate from college. In fact, we have a college graduation rate that's slightly below the average across all advanced economies.

Even without the effects of the current crisis, there would be every reason to expect us to fall further in these rankings, if only because we make it so hard for those with limited financial means to stay in school. In America, with its weak social safety net and limited student aid, students are far more likely than their counterparts in, say, France to hold part-time jobs while still

attending classes. Not surprisingly, given the financial pressures, young Americans are also less likely to stay in school and more likely to become full-time workers instead.

But the crisis has placed huge additional stress on our creaking educational system.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the U.S. economy lost 273,000 jobs last month. Of those lost jobs, 29,000 were in state and local education, bringing the total losses in that category over the past five months to 143,000. That may not sound like much, but education is one of those areas that should, and normally does, keep growing even during a recession. Markets may be troubled, but that's no reason to stop teaching our children. Yet that's exactly what we're doing.

There's no mystery about what's going on: Education is mainly the responsibility of state and local governments, which are in dire fiscal straits. Adequate federal aid could have made a big difference.

But while some aid has been provided, it has made up only a fraction of the shortfall. In part, that's because back in February centrist senators insisted on stripping much of that aid from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, aka the stimulus bill.

As a result, education is on the chopping block. And laid-off teachers are

only part of the story. Even more important is the way that we're shutting off opportunities.

For example, the *Chronicle of Higher Education* recently reported on the plight of California's community college students. For generations, talented students from less affluent families have used those colleges as a stepping stone to the state's public universities. But in the face of the state's budget crisis those universities have been forced to slam the door on this year's potential transfer students.

One result, almost surely, will be lifetime damage to many students' prospects — and a large, gratuitous waste of human potential.

So what should be done? First of all, Congress needs to undo the sins of February, and approve another big round of aid to state governments. We don't have to call it a stimulus, but it would be a very effective way to create or save thousands of jobs.

And it would, at the same time, be an investment in our future.

Beyond that, we need to wake up and realize that one of the keys to our nation's historic success is now a wasting asset. Education made America great; neglect of education can reverse the process.

Paul Krugman is a columnist for The New York Times. Write to him at pkrugman@nytimes.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Project Angel donors are greatly appreciated

Burley Resident Cpl. Joshua K. Stuart returned to the United States on Sept. 7 after a seven-month deployment to Afghanistan. Cpl. Stuart is serving with the U.S. Marine Corps Air Wing Support Unit in Yuma, Ariz.

Joshua's entire unit would like to express its gratitude to all the generous people, schools and businesses that donated to Project Angel earlier this year. The goal was to get hygiene supplies to the soldiers serving in Afghanistan. The supplies were a great use to our unit as well as other units also deployed.

We would like to give a special thank you to Ray and Cheri Archibald, Tawny Campbell, Zeb Bell and KBAR radio station.

All troops deployed overseas or otherwise appreciate the donations and letters from our fellow Americans. Keep up the good work.

CPL. JOSHUA K. STUART
Burley

If state will not control CAFOs, maybe feds will

Your opinion of Friday,

Oct. 9, "Additional EPA regulation of Idaho CAFOs? No thanks," is ludicrous and out of touch with reality!

The long history of suffering from confined animal feeding operations' air pollution has caused enormous levels of misery, including some families leaving long-established homes! Our "cow friendly" state Legislature bears a heavy burden of responsibility for failure to protect our constitutional right to enjoyment of domicile. Our Idaho State Department of Agriculture would, on occasion, provide offensive CAFOs with a revised "Nutrient

Management Plan," a remedy that was usually doomed to failure.

I have generally viewed the Idaho State Department of Agriculture as inept and uncaring. Complaints to local government would not be accepted! Other state agency maneuvers such as the promulgating of the "Memorandum of Understanding," in my opinion, emasculated the authority of the State Department of Environmental Quality and further narrowed opportunity for relief. I suggest that if the state will not provide for relief, perhaps the feds

will do so.

And, even more ludicrous is the counties doing out more CAFO or CAFO expansion permits. Some counties seem oblivious to the reality of our depleted aquifer. I anticipate that a person can soon take a comfortable walk in Jerome on a solid blanket of cow hide (or manure).

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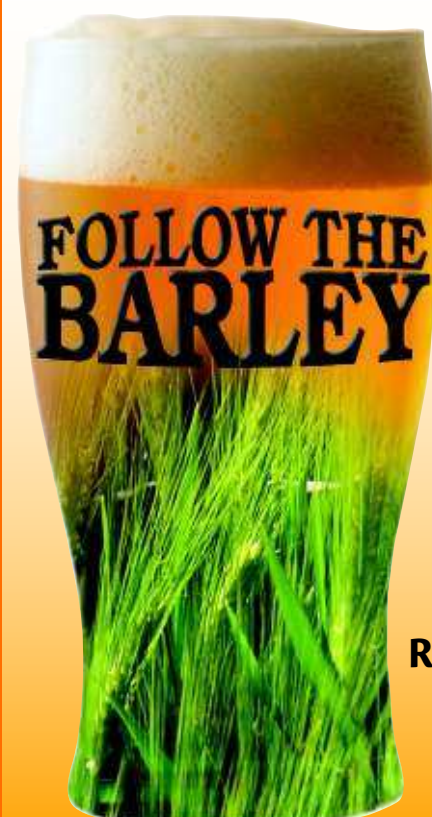
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NORWAY Nobel jury defends Obama's Peace Prize

OSLO — One judge noted with surprise that President Obama "didn't look particularly happy" at being named the Nobel Peace Prize laureate. Another marveled at how critics could be so patronizing.

In a rare public defense of a process normally shrouded in secrecy, four of the Nobel jury's five judges spoke out Tuesday about a selection they said was both merited and unanimous.

To those who say a Nobel is too much too soon in Obama's young presidency, "We simply disagree ... He got the prize for what he has done," committee chairman Thorbjorn Jagland told The Associated Press by telephone from Strasbourg, France, where he was attending meetings of the Council of Europe.

Jagland singled out Obama's efforts to heal the divide between the West and the Muslim world and scale down a Bush-era proposal for an anti-missile shield in Europe.

WASHINGTON Finance panel passes bill with 1 GOP vote

WASHINGTON — As the last of five congressional committees completed work Tuesday on a health-care reform package, lawmakers braced for a debate before the full House and Senate about whether Americans are ready to embrace the far-reaching changes necessary to extend coverage to millions of Americans.

With the backing of a lone Republican, the Senate Finance Committee voted 14 to 9 to approve legislation that would, for the first time, require every American to have health insurance. The package would spend \$829 billion over the next decade to finance the biggest expansion of Medicaid in 40 years and to provide federal subsidies to 18 million people who otherwise would be unable to afford coverage.

President Obama said that

while the Finance Committee package is "not perfect," its passage marks a critical milestone. "We are now closer than ever before to passing health reform," he said in a Rose Garden news conference. "But we're not there yet. ... Now's the time to dig in and work even harder to get this done."

RUSSIA Russia stands firm on Iran sanctions

MOSCOW — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton held lengthy talks Tuesday with senior Russian officials as part of an intense American effort to improve relations, but she made few gains on a top U.S. priority — increasing pressure on Iran.

Clinton urged her Russian counterpart, Sergey Lavrov, to work together on developing possible sanctions in case international negotiations over the Iranian nuclear program fail, said a U.S. official close to the talks.

But the Russian was cool to the idea, saying he was concerned about backing Iran into a corner, the U.S. official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Emerging from four hours of talks with Clinton, Lavrov told reporters that "threats, sanctions and threats of pressure" against Iran would be "counterproductive."

Senior administration officials said that the differences are tactical rather than substantive. Both sides agreed that Iran would face sanctions if it failed to carry out its obligations, a State Department official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

DELAWARE School board eases zero-tolerance rule

BEAR — A Delaware first-grader who faced a lengthy punishment for bringing his favorite utensil to school — a combination folding knife, fork and spoon — has gotten a reprieve.

The school board made a hasty change to its strict code of conduct Tuesday night.

The seven-member board voted unanimously to reduce the punishment for kindergartners and first-graders who bring weapons to school or commit other violent offenses to a suspension ranging from three to five days.

Six-year-old Zachary Christie had faced 45 days in an alternative school for troublemakers after he brought the utensil to school with the intent of using it to eat his lunch.

NEW YORK Unsafe abortions kill 70,000 annually

NEW YORK — Increased contraceptive use has led to fewer abortions worldwide, but deaths from unsafe abortion remain a severe problem, killing 70,000 women a year, a research institute reported Tuesday in a major global survey.

More than half the deaths, about 38,000, are in sub-Saharan Africa, which was singled out as the region with by far the lowest rates of contraceptive use and the highest rates of unintended pregnancies.

The report, three years in the making, was compiled by the New York-based Guttmacher Institute, which supports abortion rights and is a leading source of data on abortion-related trends. Researchers studied data from individual countries and multinational organizations.

The institute's president, Sharon Camp, said she was heartened by the overall trends since Guttmacher conducted a similar survey in 1999, yet expressed concern about the gap revealed in the new report.

"In almost all developed countries, abortion is safe and legal," she said. "But in much of the developing world, abortion remains highly restricted, and unsafe abortion is common and continues to damage women's health and threaten their survival."

The report calls for further easing of developing nations' abortion laws.

— The Associated Press

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Late bloomer learns simple is best

Feli Funk-Riehle of Ketchum and her son, Fynn, talk over dinner. The meal is almost always a family event at the Funk-Riehle house, complete with Feli's grandmother's flatware, fresh flowers and a candle.



Photos by ARIEL HANSEN/Times-News

Meet Feli Funk-Riehle

Born in a small town in northern Germany, Feli Funk-Riehle moved to Ketchum in 1997 with her husband, Wolf, and her son, Fynn. **Favorite parts of her kitchen:** The gas stove, which she called "an absolute joy and a privilege" for its powerful and immediate heat, and a warming drawer beneath the range where she keeps finished parts of the meal from cooling and heats plates before serving. **Ingredient she can't live without:** Olive oil — specifically a green, fragrant, extra-virgin oil she buys by

the half-gallon at Albertsons. "The secret of cooking is as much olive oil as anybody can handle," she said, laughing. **Worst cooking disaster:** When the blender broke just as she was preparing a chilled cucumber soup she had hyped to all her guests for a summer party. "When Wolf came home, I was in the pantry with the door shut, crying," she said. The dish was eventually made with a blender borrowed from a neighbor. **Her most-used cookbooks:** Other

than the family recipes she brought from Germany, she has particularly enjoyed the Williams-Sonoma "Pasta" title, "Fresh and Fast" by Marie Simmons and the German-language "Nudel-Variationen" by Marieluise Christl-Licosa. **How locals may know her:** The Funk-Riehle family ran Bigwood Bread for many years before selling it, though none of them did the baking; Feli's were often the hands that delivered the bread, sandwiches and soup to the table.

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

KETCHUM — Feli Funk-Riehle didn't grow up cooking. It wasn't until the German native came to the U.S. after college that she began taking to the kitchen.

"I could not boil potatoes until I was 21," the Ketchum Pilates instructor said. During an internship, she lived with her boss, and watched her cook. "She'd be reading a novel, having a glass of wine, and I'd be really impressed that she wasn't stressed."

Since then, Funk-Riehle, 49, has become so adept in the kitchen that she rarely pulls out a cookbook, though a dozen or so stacked vertically in a glass-fronted cabinet include both new books and old, well-worn titles bookmarked with handwritten recipes and torn-out magazine pages.

Instead of starting from a recipe, she thinks about what is fresh, what is in season, and then pictures her finished plate.

"Then I break it down into bits and pieces," Funk-Riehle said, emphasizing how each component stimulates the

senses. "You want to have structure there, texture and color."

It doesn't hurt that her husband appreciates her experimentation. "It's wonderful to cook for Wolf, because whatever you put in front of him, he'll make the sound, he'll go 'Mmmm,'" she said. And "Mmmm" means the same in German — which the family usually speaks at home — as it does in English.

On a recent evening, she prepared wild silver salmon, baked simply with a little olive oil and pink salt and topped with a lemon-caper sauce. Beneath the fish were egg noodles of various widths imported from Italy, and beside it sauteed fall vegetables, including miniature zucchini and pattypan squash.

In the German tradition, the main course was followed by a salad prepared and dressed, as most nights, by Wolf. Dessert, served after a pause for conversation, was a fruit tart made by a friend and topped with cream whipped by the couple's 18-year-old son, Fynn, who added a little cinnamon and chocolate

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Before realizing the water is too hot, Feli Funk-Riehle adds pasta to the pot and it instantly boils over, putting out the gas flame beneath.



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Recipe for: PENNE RIGATE WITH ASPARAGUS, PROSCIUTTO AND MUSHROOMS

From the kitchen of: FELI FUNK-RIEHLE

Pasta often plays a leading role in the Funk-Riehle kitchen, such as in Fynn's favorite, Pasta Bolognese. Here is another of the family's favorites, from "Fresh and Fast" by Marie Simmons.
Penne rigate are the pasta with the ridges, holding the flavor of the garlic and sauce. A fistful of Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, sprinkled on just before serving, adds extra depth and flavor to this simple, delicious dish.

3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil (look for rich, dark green color)
2 cups sliced button mushrooms
1 garlic clove, sliced very thinly
Salt and pepper to taste
3 slices prosciutto, fat trimmed, cut into thin slivers
16 ounces dry penne rigate
1 bunch (about one pound) of green asparagus, cut into 1- to 1 1/2-inch diagonal pieces
1/2 cup shredded mozzarella

1/4 cup freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano
3 tablespoons chopped fresh basil leaves

Heat oil in large, deep skillet until hot. Add mushrooms and cook, stirring, over medium heat until golden and tender, about 10 minutes. Add garlic, salt and pepper, and cook for 2 minutes. Add prosciutto, stir to blend, then remove from heat. Cook penne in plenty of boiling, salted water until al dente, firm to the bite, about

8 minutes. Add asparagus to pasta and cook pasta and asparagus 2 more minutes. Drain. Add penne and asparagus to skillet, and stir to coat with the mushroom mixture. Add the cheeses. Sprinkle with fresh basil. Serve at once with warm bread and a dipping sauce of olive oil and balsamic vinegar.

How to take your pumpkin beyond the boring pie

Pasta a healthy alternative

By Jim Romanoff
For The Associated Press

Pumpkins aren't just an icon of Halloween. They also are a sign of healthy eats.

Like carrots, pumpkins are loaded with the antioxidant beta-carotene, potassium and fiber. Plus, with only 49 calories per cup (cooked), this tasty squash is a great fit for a healthy diet.

Fresh pumpkins can be peeled, seeded and diced, then used just as you would other winter squashes, such as butternut and acorn.

Just be sure to use sugar (sometimes called baking or pie) pumpkins. Pumpkins intended for carving won't taste good.

Sugar pumpkins can be cooked and pureed for a mashed-type side, or processed further to become the base of a velvety, low-fat soup. Pumpkin also can be roasted, which will bring out its natural sweetness and enhance its deep, earthy flavors.

This recipe for pasta with roasted pumpkin and plum tomatoes uses this technique to boost the flavors of all the vegetables. The addition of fresh or dried sage infuses the hearty dish with a familiar taste of autumn.

When selecting cooking pumpkins, look for those that still have a full, long stem attached to the top, which usually indicates the flesh will be fresh and store well without deteri-



AP photo

Working pumpkin into your diet this season will give you a tasty, low-calorie dose of beta-carotene, potassium and fiber. Roasting the pumpkin in this pasta dish gives it a deep earthy flavor.

orating quickly.

SPIRAL PASTA WITH ROASTED PUMPKIN AND PLUM TOMATOES

6 cups peeled and cubed sugar pumpkin or butternut squash

2 medium yellow onions, peeled and thinly sliced

2 1/2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive, divided

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt (or to taste)

1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper (or to taste)

4 plum tomatoes, cored and diced

1/3 cup fresh sage leaves or 1 tablespoon dried rubbed sage

12 ounces whole-grain spiral pasta

1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Heat the oven to 450 degrees. Position a rack in the lower third of oven.

On a rimmed baking sheet, toss the pumpkin with the onions and 1 1/2

tablespoons of the oil. Season with salt and pepper. Spread the pumpkin in an even layer and roast until the vegetables are beginning to brown, about 15 to 20 minutes.

Stir in the tomatoes and sage, then roast, stirring once, until all the vegetables are browned and tender, about 10 minutes longer.

Meanwhile, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil and cook the pasta according to package directions. Drain and toss with the remaining 1 tablespoon of oil. Add the roasted vegetables and toss gently to combine.

Season with additional salt and pepper, if desired, and serve sprinkled with cheese.

Start to finish: 45 minutes (25 minutes active). Servings: 4.

Per serving: 483 calories; 111 calories from fat; 12 g fat (3 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 5 mg cholesterol; 83 g carbohydrate; 18 g protein; 10 g fiber; 859 mg sodium.

Seeds: From slimy to spicy

By Victoria Brett
For The Associated Press

You've crafted the perfect gruesome or goofy jack-o'-lantern. But what to do with all the glop you scraped out in the process?

Don't even think of tossing it. Pumpkin seeds are a great healthy snack and a delicious addition to salads, granola or trail mix.

"I look at pumpkin seeds like popcorn. They can be spiced and seasoned so many different ways," says Lucinda Scala Quinn, executive editorial director of food at Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc. "And spicy pumpkin seeds are perfect for munching."

But before you can munch, the seeds need to be cleaned.

Traditionally, you separate the seeds from the fibrous strands and clean them with water before roasting. One way is to scoop the whole mess into a colander and run it under cool water. The seeds and fibers will separate if you swish them with your hands.

To toast the seeds, arrange them in an even layer on a baking sheet and bake for 10 minutes at 350 degrees. If not perfectly golden, leave them in the oven and check every minute until done.

"Pay attention," says Quinn. "When cooking any nuts or seeds, you can't walk away or get sidetracked on the telephone."

But Quinn prefers a simpler method for cleaning



AP photo

It takes very little effort to turn the pile of pumpkin seeds leftover from your carving session into a delicious and healthy snack.

her seeds. Rather than wash the fibers off the seeds, she toasts everything.

"I throw the whole mess in the oven and once they are dried out, it separates very easily," she says. If you go that route, roast them spread in an even layer on a baking sheet at 375 degrees until the fibers dry out and fall away from the seeds.

Once clean, transfer the seeds to a bowl and toss with olive oil, peanut or saffron oil. Then add your spices. Quinn suggests:

- **Olive** oil and salt
- **Grated** Parmesan cheese, black pepper and salt
- **Cayenne** pepper, lime juice, brown sugar and salt

• **Cinnamon**, brown sugar, powdered ginger or cloves, and pinch of salt

If you clean and season your seeds before roasting (the water washing method), be sure never to add sugar. The sugar will burn in the oven and should only be added after. And with any sweet spicing, don't forget to add a pinch of salt, says Quinn.

Pumpkin seeds seasoned with olive oil and salt are great in granola or on top of a salad. They also are great mixed with dried fruit (such as cranberries, cherries and raisins) to make a quick trail mix.

"That salty, sweet and chewy is a great combination," says Quinn.

Cook 'Gourmet today,' food's gone tomorrow

By Bonnie S. Benwick
The Washington Post

OK, I admit I'm feeling nostalgic about Gourmet magazine, in light of last week's announcement that the November issue will be its last. I'm guessing those annual "Best Of" Gourmet hardback compilations pub-

lished each year will be soon be clamored for, so hang onto what you've got.

With timing that is either advantageous or slightly cruel — depending on how you see things — the new "Gourmet Today" cookbook (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$40) has just been published, edited by Ruth

Reichl.

It's a keeper. More than 60 percent of its 1,000-plus recipes "for the contemporary kitchen" can be made in less than an hour. The irksome, pale-yellow recipe titles of the last compilation ("The Gourmet Cookbook," 2004) have been changed to a readable green. "Today"

includes lots of small, helpful illustrations and Jane Daniels Lear's sidebars on ingredients.

These recipes are new; cocktails have been added; there are lots of seasonal menu suggestions.

Check out the Cauliflower Mousse; it's Reichl's favorite family-friendly recipe.



White wine adds an extra layer of flavor to pan-roasted vegetables, including asparagus, baby zucchini and tiny pattypan squash.



Photos by ARIEL HANSEN/Times-News

On the dinner plate on a recent night at the Funk-Riehle house: silver salmon dressed with a lemon-caper sauce over egg noodles.

Kitchen

Continued from Food 1

powder to the mixture. Unlike his mother, Fynn absorbed kitchen lessons from a young age. He is proud that when he leaves for college he'll go with the knowledge of how to make fresh pasta and perfect scrambled eggs, among other dishes.

"I'm pretty much set, thanks to my parents," he said. "I think it's really going to save me, once I'm out of the house and doing things on my own."

For the whole family, though, food is as much about community as it is about eating. Funk-Riehle's efforts toward a multi-sen-

sory experience extend off the plate, with flowers and candles on the dining table each night, and daily use of her grandmother's flatware and china.

When the family moved to Ketchum in 1997, Funk-Riehle was mystified to find people who boasted about their lack of cooking skills, eating out every night.

"I thought it was very odd to make the choice not to cook, because cooking is connecting with people," she said. "We think as a family that it's very important that we have dinner together."

Close friends are always invited over instead of meeting at a restaurant, and the

Funk-Riehles and a neighbor family trade off making Christmas dinner each year.

It sometimes surprises friends that Funk-Riehle doesn't cook much traditional German food, avoiding sausages and gravies because of their heaviness and disconnect with fresh, local produce.

Of course, favored European ingredients do come out, especially when the desire is for comfort food. There's a liquid German soup-base concentrate that makes regular appearances despite its

saltiness, and Nutella spread and Toblerone chocolate are tucked away in the pantry.

And there's often a glass of wine — red in the winter and white (or perhaps a beer) in the summer — just like that kitchen from her intern days. Through experience and experimentation, Funk-Riehle has become as unstressed a cook as the woman who inspired her so many years ago.

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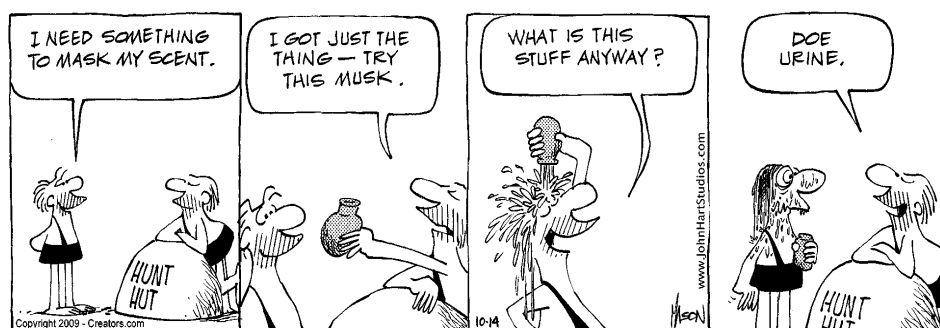
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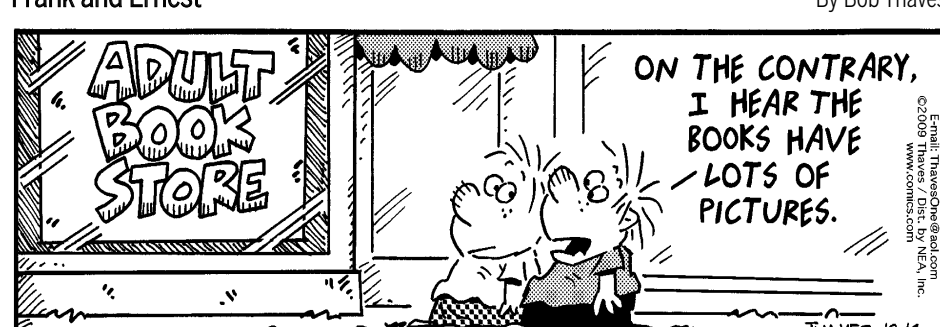
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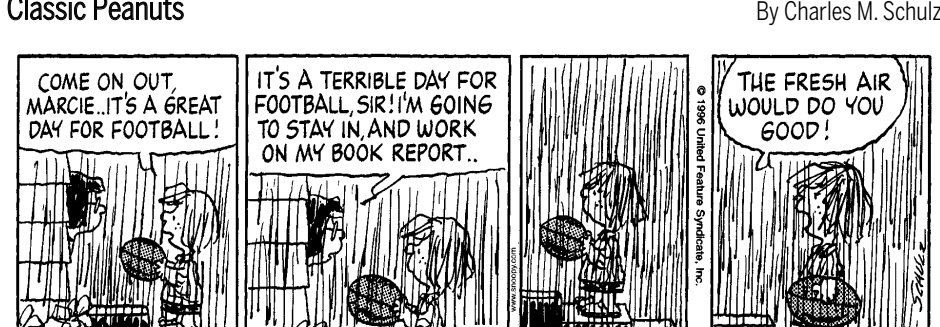
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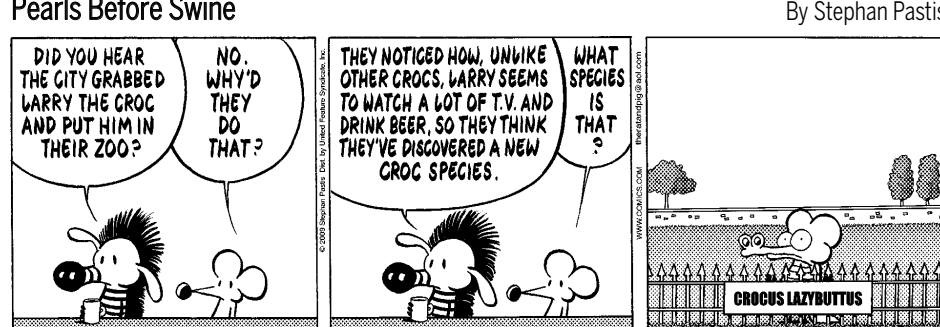
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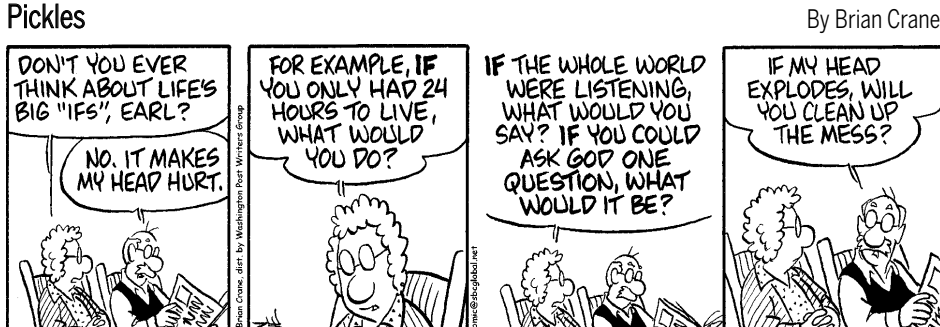
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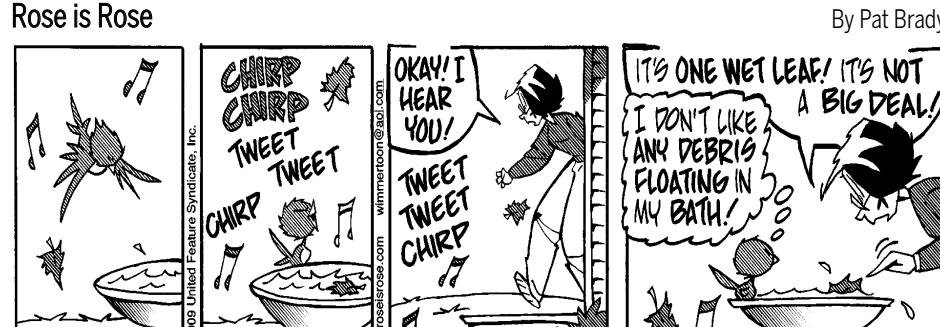
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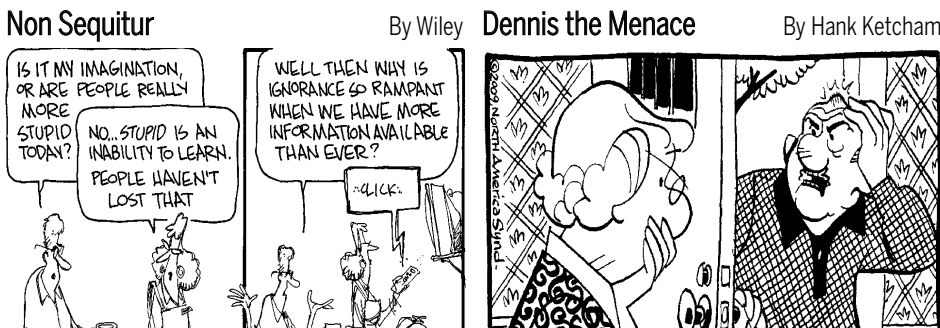
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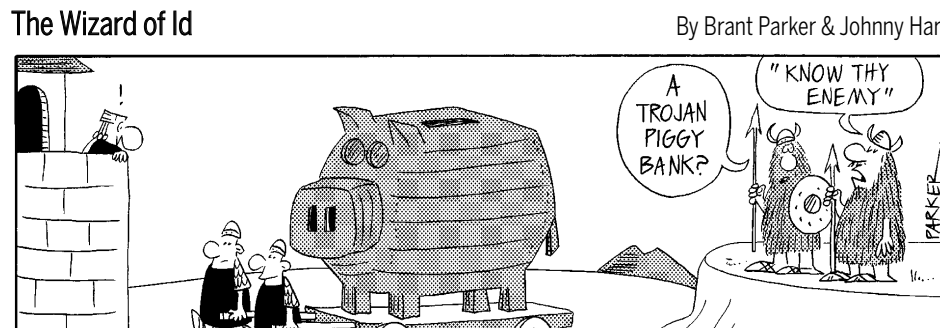
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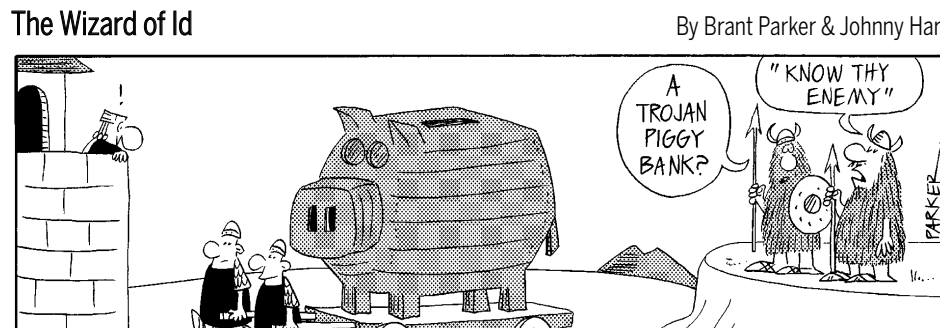
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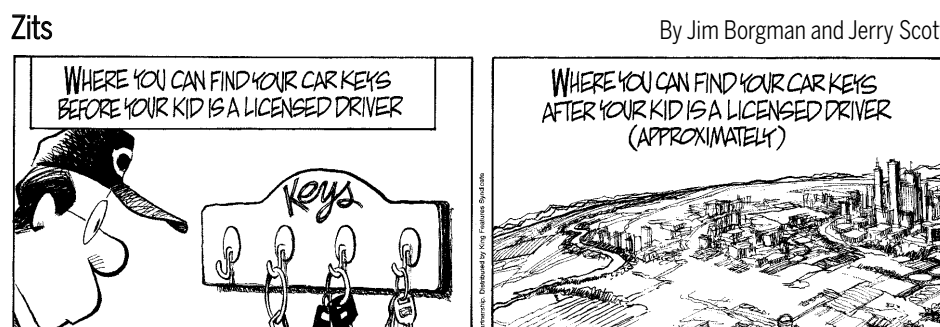
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BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

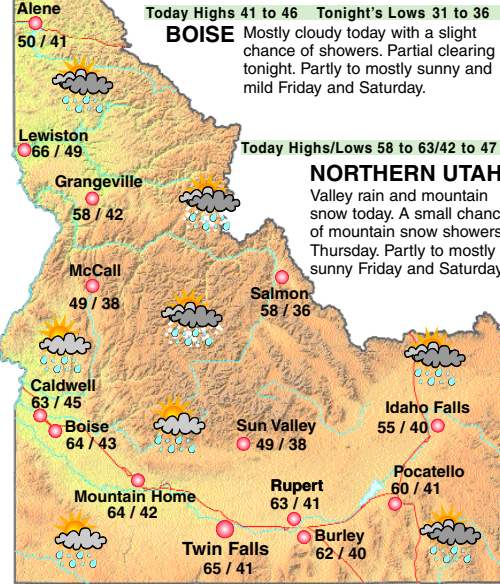
Today: Mostly cloudy with a small chance of showers. Highs 60 to 65. Tonight: Showers ending, partial clearing after midnight. Lows near 40. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy and mild. Highs in the 60s.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Temperature and Precipitation table for Burley/Rupert. Includes Yesterday's High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, and Precipitation data.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Rain and snow showers today, decreasing tonight. A few showers will remain a threat Thursday and Friday. Saturday looks mostly dry. A few showers make a return Sunday.



Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 62 at Twin Falls. Low: 18 at Dixie. Weather key: su-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, mc-mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, th-thunderstorms, sh-showers, r-rain, sn-snow, fl-furries, w-wind, m-missing

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Five-day forecast for Twin Falls. Columns for Today, Tonight, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday with weather icons and high/low temperatures.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, and Pollen Count for Twin Falls.

MOON PHASES



MOONRISE and MOONSET

Table showing Moonrise and Moonset times for Today, Thursday, and Friday.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table for cities like Boise, Bonners Ferry, Burley, Challis, Coeur d'Alene, Elko, Eugene, Gooding, Grace, Hagerman, Hailey, Idaho Falls, Kallispell, Jerome, Lewiston, Malad City, Malta, McCall, Missoula, Pocatello, Portland, Rupert, Rexburg, Richland, Rogerson, Salmon, Salt Lake City, Spokane, Stanley, Sun Valley, and Yellowstone.

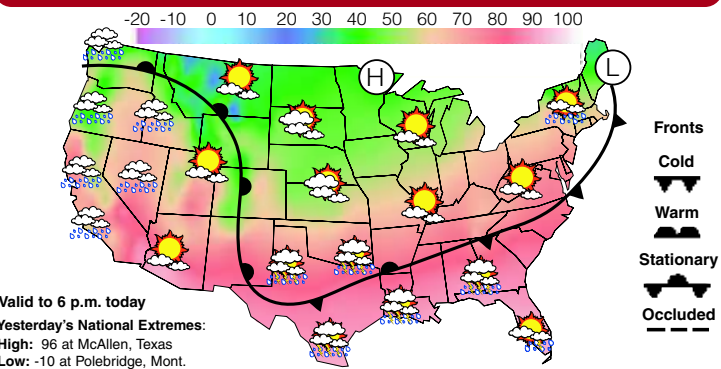
NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table for cities like Atlanta, Atlanta City, Baltimore, Billings, Birmingham, Boston, Charleston, Charlotte, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, El Paso, Fairbanks, Fargo, Honolulu, Houston, Indianapolis, Jackson, Jacksonville, Las Vegas, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Louisville, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee, Nashville, New Orleans, New York, Oklahoma City, and Omaha.

WORLD FORECAST

World forecast table for cities like Acaapulco, Athens, Auckland, Bangkok, Beijing, Berlin, Buenos Aires, Cairo, Dahrhan, Geneva, Hong Kong, Jerusalem, Johannesburg, Kuwait City, London, Mexico City, Nairobi, Oslo, Paris, Prague, Rio de Janeiro, Rome, Santiago, Seoul, Sydney, Tel Aviv, Tokyo, Vienna, Warsaw, Winnipeg, and Zurich.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Gregg Middlekauff's Quote of the Day: "All things are possible until they are proved impossible - and even the impossible may only be so, as of now."

Check it out: How 'Catalina' coupons help you save money

If you've shopped for groceries at a large supermarket, you've undoubtedly noticed the long "string" of coupons that print out at the register along with your store receipt. These checkout coupons, or "Catalinas," as coupon shoppers commonly call them, are incredibly valuable to coupon shoppers.



Jill Cataldo is the Coupon Queen. She explains that Catalina coupons are scanned at the register and offer discounts on specific items. She notes that Catalinas can be used to save money on groceries.

of a checkout coupon good for \$10 off your next shopping trip. The discount is good on anything in the store. It's just like having \$10 cash to spend. The third kind of checkout coupon is an "alert." These coupon alerts aren't technically coupons, since they don't offer money off anything in particular, but they do contain details of an upcoming sale at the store.

stated. Save them all. Just as we save all of our coupons that come in the newspaper, even the ones for things we think we may not buy, saving all of our Catalina coupons ensures that we'll have them on hand in case those items go on sale, too. Almost two months ago, I received three \$1 coupons for a smoothie beverage that I'd never tried before.

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LOCAL FOOD CLASSES

Seasonal brews

The fall beer tasting at Rudy's - A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls, is set for 6-9 p.m. Oct. 23.

Cost is \$25. Participants will sample 24 beers from around the world and across the beer spectrum. Rudy's will provide appetizers. Taxis will be available upon request. Sign up: 733-5477.

Be amazed at your braising skills

Hailey Chef and restaurateur Chris "CK" Kastner will teach a cooking class dubbed "Amazing Braising" next week in downtown Twin Falls. It's set for 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at Rudy's - A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W. Cost is \$45. The class menu: Cuban Braised Pork; Smoked Chili Pepper Glaze; Polenta, two ways; Braised Winter Greens; and Poached Pears.

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U of I to scale back funding for dairy research center

Budget cuts are second holdback this year, extension centers brace for impact

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

A proposed livestock research center near Jerome will face another financial setback after University of Idaho President Duane Nellis approved recommendations to reduce funding for dairy research.

The reduction is part of a second round of budget cuts the university is making at the request of Nellis and Gov. C.L.

"Butch" Otter.

Under the holdback plan announced Monday, the university will cut \$600,000, or 6 percent, from nearly \$10 million that was set aside to build the research center.

Bill Loftus, spokesman for the University of Idaho, said it's not known whether the dairy industry will have to make up for the shortfall.

The dairy industry was asked to pay about \$5 million, while \$10 million

would come from U of I and another \$10 million from the state, according to the original plan. The remainder would come from federal stimulus dollars.

"I don't think we are very clear on how we will pay for (the research) center," Loftus said.

Bob Naerebout, director of the Idaho Dairymen's Association, declined comment until he can meet with John Hammel, dean of the College of Agricultural Life Sciences.

That meeting is scheduled for today.

The reduction will also

cut \$1.5 million from the university's Agricultural Research and Extension center budget, in addition to the Legislature's \$3.26 million cutback.

Loftus said the university and state board of education will begin discussions Thursday on how to carry out the cutbacks.

"We don't know what extension centers this will effect, or how they will be effected," he said.

The university will return about \$7.1 million to the state from reductions in personnel, operating expenses and

capital outlays.

It will cut \$4.96 million in general education spending, and about \$54,000 from the university's forest research budget.

"The recalibration plan we submitted today required exceedingly difficult choices, and virtually every part of the university has been impacted," Nellis said in a written statement. "Continued disinvestment should no longer be an option."

Joshua Palmer may be reached at jpalmer@magicvalley.com or 735-3231.

Wheat prices dropping

Growing inventories have prices at mid-90s levels

By Cindy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — Wheat prices are falling to levels not seen since the mid-90s as inventories are bursting at the seams.

December wheat futures contracts closed Oct. 9 at \$4.68 per bushel, and U.S. Department of Agriculture forecasters are projecting an average farm gate price of \$4.55 to \$5.15 per bushel for the current marketing year — significantly lower than the \$6.60 to \$7.40 per bushel price that analysts predicted.

Wheat industry watchers call the price decline an inventory adjustment after two years of record crops.

"We have rebuilt world wide stocks," said Blaine Jacobson, executive director of the Idaho Wheat Commission.

He added that the future of Idaho's number two cash crop is bright.

"World wide demand for wheat continues to grow. Domestic demand for wheat continues to grow," Jacobson said. "There is nothing in the big picture of wheat that's gloomy."

Idaho growers are uniquely positioned because hard white wheat is the fastest growing class of wheat grown in southern Idaho.

California is the largest hard white wheat producer, but growers can't keep up with demand from regional millers.

"Idaho is seeing secondary demand from millers," Jacobson said.

As Americans have embraced the USDA's new

See **WHEAT**, Business 2



PEEK-A-GOING



Jeffrey Peek, chairman and CEO of CIT Group Inc., talks during the dedication of the CIT global headquarters in New York. The business lender CIT Group said Tuesday Peek plans to resign at the end of the year.

AP photo

CIT Group says CEO Peek plans to resign at end of year

By Stephen Bernard
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — CIT Group Inc., struggling as it continues efforts to restructure its debt, said Tuesday chairman and CEO Jeffrey M. Peek will resign at the end of the year.

It is widely believed that the commercial lender,

which has received \$2.3 billion in federal bailout money, may be forced to seek bankruptcy court protection, and analysts said Peek's departure could be a sign that the company does plan a bankruptcy filing that would enable it to reorganize its operations and finances.

Sameer Gokhale, a senior

analyst at Keefe, Bruyette & Woods Inc. said that if CIT plans to reorganize, it would make sense to bring in a new CEO to run a new capitalized firm, he said.

It provides a "fresh start for the company," Gokhale said.

CIT is one of the largest lenders to small and mid-sized companies, and its

customers range from Dunkin' Donuts franchisees to department store operator Dillard's Inc. The company has suffered billions of dollars in losses as its borrowing costs outstripped the income it generates from lending to customers.

As CIT's customers have struggled amid the recession, they have fallen behind

on repaying loans, putting the company in the same predicament as many other financial institutions.

Some experts have warned that a collapse of CIT would deal a blow to an economy struggling to recover. The retail sector would be hit especially hard

See **PEEK**, Business 2

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Walmart adding new locations in northern Idaho

POST FALLS — Walmart is planning to build a new \$10.3 million, 150,000-square-foot supercenter is due to start within days in Post Falls, while another location in Hayden isn't far behind, city officials say.

In Post Falls, Walmart Stores, Inc. spokesman Josh Phair said site work will likely start within two weeks and construction typically takes 9-12 months.

And Walmart has planned a 200,000-square-foot store in

Hayden at the southwest corner of Honeysuckle and U.S. 95 for about six years.

Phair says construction will likely start before 2010 and should be complete by late next summer.

That would bring Idaho's total of Walmart-affiliated stores to at least 24, according to the company's Web site. The company has nearly 7,000 workers in Idaho and is among the state's biggest employers.

Housing conference set for Boise next week

BOISE — Housing experts will be in Boise next week to

discuss issues facing the industry amid the deepest recession in decades.

The conference on Monday-Tuesday features representatives from industry, state government and local government, including Idaho chief economist Mike Ferguson.

Others due to present at the two-day event include mayors of communities including Eagle and Meridian, both bedroom communities to Boise that have been hard-hit by the bursting of the housing bubble.

To view a complete agenda, visit www.2009housingconf.com.

— Staff and wire reports

Pawn, consignment shops boom as Idaho economy sours

The Associated Press

IDAHO FALLS — Some pawn shops are doing brisk business in Idaho, another sign the economic malaise is hitting residents of a once-booming state deep in their pocket books.

With unemployment statewide at nearly 10 percent, Variety Mart pawn shop in Idaho Falls is snapping up tools and jewelry that cash-strapped residents are hawking to pay the bills, buy food and otherwise make ends meet.

David Nygard, the owner, says traditional customers in rosier economic times may already be living at the margins and are looking for a quick \$20 to cover gas, spending money and beer. Now, however, the recession is bringing more senior citizens and homeowners to his door.

"I'm getting people with houses that shouldn't be in trouble but are," he said.

The people he's seeing mirror the state's plight. Idaho paid out nearly \$504 million in regular,

"I'm getting people with houses that shouldn't be in trouble but are."

— David Nygard, owner of Variety Mart in Idaho Falls

extended and supplemental unemployment insurance benefits so far this year, a record for the first 10 months of 2009 and more than double the previous

See **SHOPS**, Business 2

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	21.50	▼ .05	Dell Inc.	15.31	▼ .11	Idacorp	28.98	▼ .28	Int. Bancorp	2.35	—
Lithia Mo.	11.36	▲ .01	McDonalds	57.05	▲ .37	Micron	8.66	▼ .22	Supervalu	15.46	▼ .61

COMMODITIES

Live cattle	82.20	—	Nov. Oil	74.15	▲ .88
Nov. Gold	1,064.50	▲ 7.5	Nov. Silver	17.83	▲ .02

For more see Business 2

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with 3 main columns: NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ. Each column contains 'MOST ACTIVE', 'GAINERS', and 'LOSERS' sections with columns for Name, Vol(00), Last, and Chg. Includes a 'DIARY' section at the bottom.

INDEXES

Table showing various market indexes such as Dow Jones Industrials, Dow Jones Transportation, NYSE Composite, etc., with columns for Name, Last, and Chg.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing local stocks with columns for Name, Last, Chg, and %Chg. Includes companies like AlliantEgy, AmCasino, and Kaman.

HOW TO READ THE REPORT

Explanatory text for the report, defining symbols like Name, Div, Last, Fund Name, Sell, Stock Footnotes, and Dividend Footnotes.

COMMODITIES REPORT

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of commodity futures prices for various goods like live cattle, feeder cattle, lean hogs, wheat, corn, soybeans, and sugar.

BEANS

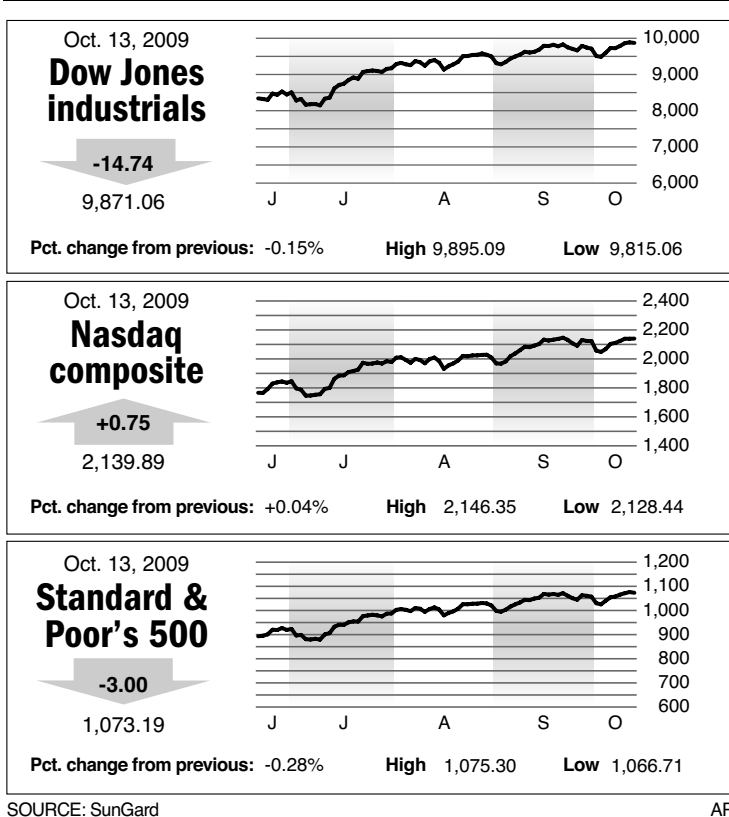
Text describing bean market prices, including 'Valley Beans' and 'Other Idaho bean prices'.

GRAINS

Text describing grain market prices, including 'Valley Grains' and 'Other Idaho bean prices'.

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TODAY ON WALL STREET



SOURCE: SunGard AP

N.M. project would link nation's 3 electric grids

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Officials announced an ambitious project in New Mexico on Tuesday that would allow energy to flow more freely across the nation's three massive power grids...

"This is going to be the largest power converter in the world, making New Mexico the meeting place for America's electricity needs," he said at a news conference to unveil the project.

between the interconnections. The equipment allows electricity to be transferred from grid to grid. Construction could begin in 2011 or 2012, and the hub could be running in 2013 or 2014...

Peek

Continued from Business 1. Group since 2003, said in a statement the debt restructuring CIT is currently attempting, its second in recent months...

CIT received a \$3 billion emergency loan from some of its largest bondholders in the summer in an attempt to stave off collapse, but its losses have continued to pile up.

Debt holders who did not participate in that deal could fight a prepackaged agreement in an attempt to improve their chances of recovering investments during bankruptcy, Alpert said.

Wheat

Continued from Business 1. food pyramid that stresses whole grains, more Americans are finding that whole grain breads and noodles made from hard white wheat are less bitter than those made from red wheat.

Millers and bakers use hard white wheat because it yields more flour than red wheat during the milling process. And bread made from hard white wheat requires less sugar because of the lower phenolic compounds in the bran.

Advertisement for 'When You're Serious About Investing...' featuring a piggy bank and listing various investment services like IRAs, 401Ks, and mutual funds.

CHEESE

Cheddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Barrels: \$1.4575, nc; Blocks: \$1.5075, +.0025

POTATOES

CHICAGO (AP) — The USDA Major potato markets were not available.

LIVESTOCK

LIVESTOCK AUCTION — Burley Livestock Market on Thursday Utility and commercial cows 44.00-51.00; canner and cutter 39.00-44.00; heavy feeder steers 76.00-88.25...

METALS/MONEY

Key exchange rates. Key currency exchange rates Tuesday, compared with late Monday in New York. Dollar vs: Exch. Rate Pvs Day. Yen: 89.76, 89.84. Euro: \$1.4829, \$1.4776.

Shops

Continued from Business 1. record of \$247 million paid out in the year-earlier period. And the state in June dumped eligibility rules barring residents with more than \$2,000 in assets from receiving food stamps...

Auction Calendar advertisement listing various auctions from Monday, Oct 19 to Sunday, Oct 25, including furniture, estate, and antique auctions.

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5 Tips for Salary Negotiations in a Down Economy

by Kip Parent, Keirse.com

Even in a down economy, you can negotiate your salary -- whether for a new job, a promotion, or a raise in your current position. The key to a successful negotiation is to be prepared -- and the more you know about yourself and your worth, the better your potential outcome.

Promoter types, such as Donald Trump, are naturally skilled in all types of nego-

tiation. The rest of us can use a few tips that promoters seem to know instinctively:

• **Timing is everything.** In salary negotiations, the one who mentions money first loses. For a new job, never negotiate salary or other benefits until you have an offer of employment. For new employment, a new position or for a raise, talk about your future contributions to the company before money

discussions start.

• **Know what you are worth.** Many hard-working contributors tend to look to others to praise and reward them for their worth and may not do the homework to get real facts. They tend to give their power away to the employer. It is best to research salary ranges before you start the negotiation. Know the average salary for candidates with your education and skills in that type

of position, in that type of industry, and in that geographical location. Search the Internet for salary information <http://hotjobs.yahoo.com> salary and also consult professional organizations.

• **Know what you can contribute.** Analytic people, in particular, love to solve systems problems, but they may get too technical in telling about their ideas so they need to learn to quantify the ben-

efits to their audience. Many customer service people are great in emergencies and need to focus on how they have solved past crises. Operations people cut risks and ensure that operations go smoothly. Catalysts help people work effectively in teams to create a better future. If you can't state what you have done to help the company and what you intend to do, you'll lose in negotiations.

Think in terms of money or time saved, resources preserved, problems solved, and opportunities or new products created. If you can assign value in terms of numbers, you'll enhance your negotiating stance. Learn more about yourself to help communicate your personal value by taking a personality assessment, such as the Keirse Temperament Sorter-II (free at Keirse.com)

McCoy, Bradford maintain friendship despite heated rivalry



SPORTS 4

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Top-seeded Filer reaches title tilt

Wildcats blank Bliss in HDSC tourney

By Diane Philbin
Times-News writer

FILER — The top-seeded Filer Wildcats earned a trip to the High Desert Soccer Conference tournament championship game with a 3-0 victory over fifth-seeded Bliss. Filer will host the Community School at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday in the title match. The Cutthroats beat Buhl 4-0 on Tuesday.

Filer took a 1-0 lead on Callie Ridley's goal. Ridley took a shot off a loose ball on

a pass sent in front of the net, which deflected off the head of a Bliss defender into the goal. Alyssa Lekkerkerk added a second Wildcat goal on a breakaway before half-time. Filer extended the lead on another quick goal by senior Amber Humphrey to open the second half.

Humphrey found control of the ball at the top of the box, made a quick turn and popped the ball over the keeper's head.

"Our intensity wasn't really there the first half,"

said Humphrey. "We normally pick it up in the second half when the pressure is there. But our defense played incredible. Our season has been great. As the captain, I couldn't ask for anything more from the team."

After playing against a strong wind in the first half, Bliss coach Diana Butler hoped the Bears could score a couple of quick goals and make it a different game once they changed sides. It never happened as Humphrey knocked in the third goal for the Wildcats

and the wind stopped blowing.

"We needed to beat them to loose balls," said Butler. "Our forwards had to fight for the ball."

"With the wind and weather like today, it throws everything up in the air," said Filer coach Shane Hild.

Hild was not happy with the intensity level of the Wildcats in the first half and challenged his team to bring a defensive effort after intermission.

See FILER, Sports 2



The Filer Wildcats celebrate their 3-0 victory over Bliss Tuesday in Filer.

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QUARTERBACK BATTLE



AP photos
Tulsa quarterback G.J. Kinne (4) will lead the Golden Hurricane against Boise State tonight.

Boise State quarterback Kellen Moore leads the fifth-ranked Broncos against Tulsa tonight.

BSU's Moore, Tulsa's Kinne tangle on ESPN

By Dustin Lapray
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — Whenever the nation casts doubt on the No. 5 Boise State Broncos, the team manages to re-secure its respect on the football field.

The Broncos (5-0) travel to Tulsa (4-1) today (6 p.m., ESPN) to combat one of college football's most-potent offenses. Games like this ride on the arms of quarterbacks. For BSU, sophomore Kellen Moore will face a 3-3-5 defense built to stop aerial attacks.

"There's eight guys capable of dropping back into coverage," Moore said. "Sometimes they'll drop everyone, sometimes they'll bring people and some-

times mix in between there. It gives them a lot of variables to show you different looks."

The Tulsa defense plays the pass tough, but also leaves itself vulnerable to power rushing attacks. The Broncos average 191.6 yards per game on the ground. If the pass isn't there, look for the Broncos to run Jeremy Avery and Doug Martin into the onslaught of the Golden Hurricane. Tulsa allows 95 yards per game, but hasn't allowed a rushing touchdown in eight games. Break-out runs are few against the Hurricane defense.

For Moore, remaining composed and showing patience is key against Tulsa's blitzes. One mistake could give the Tulsa



No. 5 Boise State at Tulsa

6 p.m.
TV: ESPN Radio: 98.3 FM

defense the edge it needs to change the game.

"They don't give you anything easy," Moore said. "It's always challenging when you see something you don't always see. You're used to a four-down front. It brings a unique flavor you have to prepare for."

On the Tulsa side is quarterback G.J. Kinne, a redshirt soph-

omore from Mesquite, Texas. Kinne initially went to the University of Texas, but chose to transfer. His is the No. 6 rated passer in the nation, four spots behind Moore. The biggest difference between the two quarterbacks is mobility — Kinne can really run.

"He's a strong QB," BSU head coach Chris Petersen said. "He can hang in the pocket, which he does, and throw it deep. But he can pull out of things and then he's got good vertical speed. He's not shy, not one of those guys who can get what he can get and goes down. He's fighting for yards."

Kinne is second on the team in

See QBs, Sports 4

Spartans sweep Bobcats

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Minico had no trouble beating Burley for the second time this season, sweeping its rival on the Bobcats' senior night Tuesday.

The Spartans improved to 8-1 in Great Basin Conference play (10-3 overall) after winning 25-17, 25-16, 25-13.

"It was really just confidence, knowing we could do it, and having fun," said Minico senior setter Hayli Worthington, who had 31 assists and 10 digs.

Minico dominated the net, with Breonna Phillips and Chelsea Hepworth combining for 19 kills and 14 blocks.

With the exception of a few errors and communication issues, the Spartans kept the momentum for the entire match. Minico was balanced in its defense and passing as

See MINICO, Sports 2



RYAN HOWE/Times-News

Minico's Breonna Phillips, right, tips the ball as Burley's Jessica Laumb goes for a block during their volleyball match Tuesday at Burley High School.

Movin' on up: CSI reclaims No. 1 ranking

Times-News

They're No. 1. Again. The College of Southern Idaho volleyball team reclaimed the top spot in the NJCAA Division I Volleyball Poll released Tuesday. CSI rose one place from last week's poll after sweeping its weekend schedule.

CSI (21-3) held the top spot for two weeks before losing at North Idaho College on Sept. 26 and slipping to No. 2. They haven't been ranked below No. 2 in any of the last five polls.

Blinn College (Texas) moved up one spot to No. 2 in the rankings, followed by previously top-ranked North Idaho, which lost at No. 5 Salt Lake Community College on

See CSI, Sports 2

BSU KICKOFF UNIT SETS THE TONE

By Dustin Lapray
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — For all their value in the ebb and flow of a football game, special teams often get overlooked in the evaluation of a team's success.

That's not the case at Boise State.

The kickoff team, often the first to take the field on game day, is comprised of skill players on both sides of the ball. They have to be fast, physical and sound. Of late, linebacker Hunter White stands out on the squad,

prompting BSU head coach Chris Petersen to call him a "special teams demon."

"We always want to kickoff first when the game starts, just set the tone for the game," White said. "We have a lot of fast, good players, a lot of starters on defense and offense. Everyone wants to be on that. It's a special thing, to make great plays."

Typically, the mix of players



White



Borgman

on kickoff includes line-backers, defensive backs, tight ends and tailbacks, the best athletes on the team. Their mantra: "Sacrifice your body, glorify your soul."

"You like those line-backer/tight end type of guys, along with the DB/running back type guys, so it's speed and athleticism, along with some physicality incorporated,"

Petersen said. "That's, to us, what makes a good special teams unit."

The downfield sprinters take various approaches. Some speed with reckless abandon, others cross to mangle the wedge and others intentionally take up blocks to free up their comrades. The ball-carrier often isn't the only target. Any hit is prized.

"Just go down there and hit somebody," White said. "You're not going to be able to make every play on kickoff, but if you

See KICKOFF, Sports 4

Angels, Dodgers step closer to Freeway Series

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ssshhhh, don't let it get out, but the prospect of a Freeway World Series is a tantalizing prospect to Torii Hunter, of all people.

With the Angels and Dodgers in their respective league championship series for the first time in the same season, Angelenos and their counterparts in Orange County are chatting up the idea.

"I hope we're one of those teams," Dodgers manager Joe Torre said Tuesday.

The teams separated by 31 miles of freeway both swept their division series, with the Angels dispatching longtime nemesis Boston and the Dodgers finishing off St. Louis.

Taking the onramp to a Freeway World Series would require the Angels to get by the Yankees, beginning

Friday in New York.

"That's a dream world," Angels leadoff hitter Chone Figgins said about an all-LA matchup. "Hopefully, they'll win on their side, and we can get the first game in our series and go from there."

The Dodgers would need to beat Philadelphia, something they failed to do a year ago. They open Thursday at Dodger Stadium, where Vin

Scully's soothing voice will broadcast the action and former manager Tom Lasorda will be sitting behind home plate.

The teams have a few things in common, starting with Los Angeles being the official name of the clubs, even if the Angels play in another county and survived a court battle to keep it.

They both have former

catchers as managers. The Angels' Mike Scioscia played on the Dodgers' 1988 World Series title team, the last time the Dodgers have been in the championship. The Dodgers' Torre was an All-Star catcher back in his day, who last managed a World Series champion in 2000, with the Yankees.

Mickey Hatcher, the Angels' hitting coach, and Alfredo Griffin, their first

base coach, both starred alongside Scioscia in '88.

Scioscia's dislike of looking ahead is well-known, so he wouldn't bite on the chance of facing his old team for baseball's biggest prize.

"Believe me, our plate is full," he said. "As long as you keep winning, it's a lot of fun. We're going to have to keep our play at a certain level to even make it a conversation."

CSI center George dismissed from team

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

Travis George, a 6-foot-9 sophomore center from Boston, was dismissed from the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball program for a violation of team rules.

George would not have been eligible to play until December.

CSI head coach Steve Gosar said George's dismissal was not for "anything huge, just a lot of little things."

According to The-Phoenix.com, George did not graduate from high school and attended six different preparatory schools. He spent a short time playing at Eastern Arizona College, but was arrested after getting in a fight at an EAC football game.

He was extradited back to

Massachusetts when authorities discovered an attempted-sexual-assault charge in his hometown.

George came to CSI after a stop at Cerritos College in California. His dismissal leaves sophomore Romario Souza and redshirt freshman Kenny Buckner as the centers on the roster.

Sophomore Aziz Ndiaye is recovering from offseason surgery to repair a torn ACL and could return to action in December.

The Golden Eagles will play four scrimmages this weekend in Casper, Wyo., taking on Western Nebraska Community College and Casper College on Friday, while battling Sheridan (Wyo.) College and Western Wyoming Community College on Saturday.

CSI opens the season Nov. 6 at the Wells Fargo Tip-Off Classic in Casper.

Wood River boys eliminate CRHS

Times-News

Freddy Tamayo and Morgan Pike scored in the first half to help Wood River past Canyon Ridge 3-0 in Hailey on Tuesday, eliminating the Riverhawks from the Great Basin Conference boys soccer tournament and advancing the Wolverines to the next round.

The Wolverines (12-2-3) led 2-0 at halftime and got a goal from Bryan Donoso three minutes into the second half to kill off the match.

"Today's game was pretty solid," said Wood River coach Luis Monjaras. "It was a good effort from Canyon Ridge. From what we saw earlier in the year and what they showed today, they were the most improved team (in the conference) and they have a good future."

Wood River travels to Burley today for a state tournament berth and the right to face Jerome for the district championship.

4A Great Basin Conf. girls

JEROME 2, BURLEY 0

Aubree Callen scored once in each half to keep the Jerome Tigers alive in the Great Basin Conference girls soccer tournament.

Sydney Switter assisted on Callen's second goal, while the Jerome defense thwarted the Bobcats.

The Tigers (7-10-2) will take on No. 2 seed Twin Falls (13-4-2) at 4:30 p.m. today at Sunway Soccer Complex in Twin Falls. The winner qualifies for state and advances to Thursday's championship game at Wood river.

Volleyball

RAFT RIVER 3, CASTLEFORD 0

Chelzee Nye had 15 kills and six blocks and Whitney Holtman added 13 kills, four blocks and three aces as Raft River wrapped up the No. 1 seed out of the Snake River South for the district tournament with a 26-24, 25-12, 25-16 over visiting Castleford on Tuesday.

Marissa Greenwood had 25 assists for the Trojans (19-3, 7-0 Snake River South), while Hailey Higley and Kassie Ottley combined for 35 digs.

Allison Rodgers led the Wolves (8-6, 6-2) with seven kills. Castleford, which hosts Lighthouse Christian on Thursday, will be the No. 2 seed from the Snake River South.

Raft River concludes the regular season at Sho-Ban today.

CS-MVCS MATCH CALLED OFF

The Community School-Magic Valley Christian volleyball match scheduled for Tuesday was called off after illness left MVCS shorthanded.

MURTAUGH CANCELS FOOTBALL GAME

The Murtaugh Red Devils football team will not play North Gem on Friday, as the school district canceled all activities for the remainder of the week. District Superintendent Michelle Capps told the *Times-News* that 43 percent of Murtaugh students were absent Tuesday and that illness-related absences increased progressively over the past week.

The Red Devils must forfeit the Sawtooth Conference game, which was to be played in Bancroft. The forfeit places Murtaugh's record at 4-4 (3-4 Sawtooth).

Head coach Forest Andersen lamented the forfeiture but added that he supports the administration's decision.

Conquerors coach Stacy Boer said the teams would attempt to reschedule but otherwise it would "probably be a (MVCS) forfeit" to the Community School.

WOOD RIVER 3, JEROME 0

Wood River defeated Jerome 25-19, 25-14, 25-15 on senior night in Hailey on Tuesday.

Three Wolverine seniors led the team in kills, according to coach Tim Richards: Grace Lagodich, Ellen Johnson and Monica Garceau.

The Wolverines (16-14, 5-4 GBC), who will be the No. 3 seed for the Great Basin Conference tournament, visit Canyon Ridge on Thursday.

SHOSHONE 3, LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN 1

Shoshone earned a 25-22, 19-25, 25-10, 25-17 over Lighthouse Christian Tuesday at Robert Stuart Middle School.

Josena van Vliet had 11 kills for the Lions, while Chelsea Dille had 19 digs and Cara Aardema chipped in 17. Brittany Schulz and Andre'a Helman recorded five kills apiece.

Lighthouse Christian travels to Castleford on Thursday, while Shoshone is home Thursday for a tri-match with Glens Ferry and Hansen.

KIMBERLY SWEEPS TRI-MATCH

The Kimberly Bulldogs beat Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference foe Filer in straight sets, 27-25, 25-18, 25-17. Kimberly also beat Class 4A Canyon Ridge 25-10, 25-9.

Filer topped the Riverhawks 25-10, 25-18.

DIETRICH 3, MURTAUGH 0

The Dietrich volleyball team defeated Murtaugh 25-5, 25-12, 25-11 Tuesday at home in a Northside Conference match.

The Blue Devils (14-4) host the Community School Thursday as their final home match prior to the conference tournament, which begins Oct. 21 in Dietrich.

VALLEY 3, GLENN'S FERRY 1

The Valley volleyball team earned a Canyon Conference victory at home Tuesday, defeating Glens Ferry 25-23, 26-24, 17-25, 25-18.



Filer's Amy Skinner (13), collides with Bliss's Irlanda Diaz (25) during the second half of their game Tuesday in Filer. The Wildcats won the game 3-0.

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Filer

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"Bliss brought more intensity into the game," said Hild. "Our girls looked a little lax in the first half. But after the third goal, they picked it up and got after it."

Hild called Bliss a much improved team that always comes to play.

"You have to play hard to beat them," said Hild.

For the Bears, senior Savannah Kehrer said a lack of communication hindered her team.

"They (Filer) also won most of the loose balls," said Kehrer. "It should be a close match with Buhl. Hopefully

the weather will be better."

Bliss travels to Buhl to face the third-seeded Indians at 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL 4, BUHL 0

The Community School advanced to the championship game with a 4-0 home win over Buhl. Kelly Hennessy and Nellie Brown scored first-half goals for the Cutthroats, with Brown's coming on an assist by Erica Eshman.

Eshman took over in the second half, booting two goals, one set up by Hennessy.

CSI

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Saturday, Western Nebraska Community College and Salt Lake round out the Top 5.

The Golden Eagles, who have won five straight matches, are 10-3 against teams ranked in this week's poll, including a 5-3 record against the rest of the Top 5.

The ranking shift, while expected, gives CSI a world of incentive to keep winning.

Victory in the final six regular-season matches would assure the Golden Eagles hosting rights and the top seed for the Region 18 Tournament, and would all but give them the No. 1 overall seed in the NJCAA Division I Tournament, should they qualify.

CSI hosts Western Wyoming Community

NJCAA Division I Volleyball Poll

Records as of Oct. 12

Team	Rec.	Pts.	Pct.
1. CSI	21-3	60	2
2. Blinn College (Texas)	22-3	57	3
3. North Idaho College	22-4	54	1
4. Western Nebraska CC	30-2	51	4
5. Salt Lake CC	20-6	48	5
6. Iowa Western CC	30-3	45	7
7. Miami Dade College (Fla.)	18-3	42	6
8. Missouri State Univ.-West Plains	13-6	39	8
9. Seward County CC (Kan.)	22-5	36	11
10. Eastern Arizona College	16-1	33	10
11. San Jacinto Central (Texas)	23-7	30	9
12. New Mexico Military Institute	26-6	27	14
13. Frank Phillips College (Texas)	22-9	24	16
14. Casper College (Wyo.)	22-7	21	18
15. Hillsborough CC (Fla.)	20-6	18	13
16. Fla. St. College-Jacksonville	20-3	15	15
17. Hutchinson CC (Kan.)	17-7	12	17
18. Pasco-Hernando CC (Fla.)	24-7	9	12
19. Laramie County CC (Wyo.)	24-5	6	19
20. Northeastern JC (Colo.)	19-10	3	20

Others receiving votes: Arizona Western College, Central Wyoming College, Indian Hills CC, Ottumwa (Iowa), Jefferson College (Mo.), Laredo CC (Texas), Lee College (Texas), Northwest College (Wyo.), Panola College (Texas), Pratt CC (Kan.), Redlands CC (Okla.), St. Petersburg College (Fla.), Wharton County CC (Texas), Yavapai CC (Ariz.).

College and North Idaho this weekend.

Minico

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Worthington, Hepworth and Kelli Kindig each had 10 digs.

"They've learned how to play through situations and not let things like a sideout distract them. They stay focused on what they need to do," said Minico coach Kris Christensen. "They've been

playing very solid and consistent."

Burley (2-12, 1-9 GBC) got 19 digs from Jamie Halford and 15 assists by Delta Jones, but leading hitters Teresa Wayment and Yliana Daniel could only combine for nine kills.

Burley coach Tiffany Green

said the team has been battling the flu.

"We couldn't find a rhythm," Green said. "Just mental mistakes. We'd have good passes, then we wouldn't have hitters come through for us. Then we would have good execution (by the hitters), but have bad passes. And

we weren't serving to score."

Minico and Burley will finish their regular season schedules Thursday before entering the GBC tournament on Monday. Minico hosts Twin Falls Thursday in a matchup of the GBC's top two teams, while Burley travels to Jerome.

DISTRICT IV SOCCER TOURNAMENTS

Class 4A

All times TBA unless stated
Great Basin Conference
Tournament

Boys

Thursday, Oct. 8

Match 1: No. 5 Canyon Ridge 3, No. 4 Twin Falls 1

Match 2: No. 3 Burley 1, No. 6 Minico 0

Saturday, Oct. 10

Match 3: No. 1 Jerome 4, Canyon Ridge 2

Match 4: Burley 3, No. 2 Wood River 0

Match 5: Twin Falls 5, Minico 4 (Minico eliminated)

Monday, Oct. 12

Match 6: Canyon Ridge 2, Twin Falls 0 (Twin Falls eliminated)

Match 7: Jerome 5, Burley 0 Tuesday, Oct. 13

Match 8: Wood River 3, Canyon Ridge 0 (Canyon Ridge eliminated)

Wednesday, Oct. 14

Match 9: Wood River (12-2-3) at Burley (9-5-4), 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 15

Match 10: Winner 7 at Jerome (18-1-0), 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 17

Match 11: Winner 10 vs. Loser 10, if necessary

Girls

Thursday, Oct. 8

Match 1: No. 4 Minico 2, No. 5 Burley 0

Match 2: No. 3 Jerome 4, No. 6 Canyon Ridge 0

Saturday, Oct. 10

Match 3: No. 1 Wood River 13, Minico 0

Match 4: No. 2 Twin Falls 7, Jerome 1

Match 5: Burley 1, Canyon Ridge 0 (Canyon Ridge eliminated)

Monday, Oct. 12

Match 6: Burley 1, Minico 0 (Minico eliminated)

Match 7: Wood River 4, Twin Falls 3, OT

Tuesday, Oct. 13

Match 8: Jerome 2, Burley 0 (Burley eliminated)

Wednesday, Oct. 14

Match 9: Jerome (7-10-2) at Twin Falls (13-4-2)

Thursday, Oct. 15

Match 10: Winner 7 at Wood River (14-2-1)

Saturday, Oct. 17

Match 11: Winner 10 vs. Loser 10, if necessary

Class 3A

High Desert Soccer Conference
tournament

All times TBA unless stated

Boys

Saturday, Oct. 10

First round (losers eliminated)
Match 1: No. 2 Gooding 4, No. 7 Filer 0

Match 2: No. 3 Wendell 7, No. 6 Declo 1

Match 3: No. 4 Community School 1, No. 5 Buhl 0

Monday, Oct. 12

Match 4: Gooding 5, Wendell 3

Match 5: No. 1 Bliss 3, Community School 1
Wednesday, Oct. 14

Match 6: Community School (5-8-4) at Wendell (8-5-3), 4:30 p.m.

Match 7: Championship, Gooding (12-1-1) at Bliss (13-1-0), 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 16

Match 8: Second place, Winner 6 vs. Loser 7

Girls

Saturday, Oct. 10

First round (losers eliminated)
Match 1: No. 2 Community School 6, No. 7 Gooding 0

Match 2: No. 3 Buhl 5, No. 6 Declo 2

Match 3: No. 5 Bliss 2, No. 4 Wendell 1, OT

Tuesday, Oct. 13

Match 4: Community School 4, Buhl 0

Match 5: No. 1 Filer 3, Bliss 0

Thursday, Oct. 15

Match 6: Bliss (5-9-1) at Buhl (10-3-3), 4:30 p.m.

Match 7: Championship, Community School (11-4-2) at Filer (12-2-5), 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 17

Match 8: Second place, Winner 6 vs. Loser 7

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

MLB Postseason
All Times MDT
(Subject to change)
(N-1 necessary)
DIVISION SERIES
American League
New York 3, Minnesota 0
Wednesday, Oct. 7

New York 7, Minnesota 2
Friday, Oct. 9

New York 4, Minnesota 3, 11 innings
Sunday, Oct. 11

New York 4, Minnesota 1
LOS ANGELES 3, BOSTON 0
Thursday, Oct. 8

Los Angeles 5, Boston 0
Friday, Oct. 9

Los Angeles 4, Boston 4
Saturday, Oct. 11

Los Angeles 7, Boston 6
National League
LOS ANGELES 3, ST. LOUIS 0
Wednesday, Oct. 7

Los Angeles 5, St. Louis 3
Thursday, Oct. 8

Los Angeles 3, St. Louis 1
PHILADELPHIA 3, COLORADO 1
Wednesday, Oct. 7

Philadelphia 5, Colorado 2
Thursday, Oct. 8

Colorado 5, Philadelphia 4
Saturday, Oct. 10

Philadelphia at Colorado, ppd., weather
Sunday, Oct. 11

Philadelphia 6, Colorado 5
Monday, Oct. 12

Philadelphia 5, Colorado 1
LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
American League
Friday, Oct. 16

Los Angeles (Lucky 11-8) at New York (Sabathia 19-8), 5:57 p.m.

Los Angeles at New York, 5:57 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 19

New York at Los Angeles, 2:13 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 20

New York at Los Angeles, 5:57 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 22

x-New York at Los Angeles, 5:57 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 24

x-Los Angeles at New York, 4:13 or 6:07 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 25

x-Los Angeles at New York, 6:20 p.m.

National League
Thursday, Oct. 15

Philadelphia (Hamel 10-11) at Los Angeles (Wolf 11-7 or Kershaw 8-8), 6:07 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 16

Philadelphia at Arizona

Illinois 3, 2½

at Southern Miss. 10

at Toledo OFF

at Connecticut 13½

Kansas 9½

Miami 14½

at Florida 24

Navy 8

at Arizona 3

at Fresno St. 15

La.-Lafayette 20

Troy 7½

at North Texas 11

x-Mississippi St. 3½

x-at Dallas

Portland at Utah, 7 p.m.
Sacramento vs. L.A. Lakers at Las Vegas, 8 p.m.

BETTING

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For Oct. 14
Major League Baseball Playoffs
Thursday
National League

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at Los Angeles -110 Philadelphia +100

at New York -170 Los Angeles +160

Los Angeles (NL) -120 Philadelphia +100
New York (AL) -180 Los Angeles (AL) +160

College Football Today

FAVORITE OPEN TODAY UNDERDOG

Boise St. 8 9½ at Tulsa
Cincinnati +2 3 at South Florida

Friday

Pittsburgh 3 3 at Rutgers

Saturday

Texas-x at Boston College 4 2½
Ohio St. 14½ 13½
Bowling Green 4 3
at Michigan St. 13½ 12½
at Wisconsin +1 2½
Virginia 3½ 4
at Clemson 6 7
at Iowa St. 2½ 3
at Mississippi 22 22
Georgia 8 8
at Vanderbilt 13½ 13½
at Auburn 9½ 9
at W. Michigan 8 9
at Air Force 12½ 10½
at Ohio 13 13½
Nevada 9 9½
at Penn St. 15 17
at West Virginia 17 20
at Alabama 17 17
Southern Cal 11½ 10
California 2½ 3½
Houston 19½ 17
at Nebraska 5½ 10½
Kansas A&M 4 5
Virginia Tech 4 3
at Alabama St. 7 7
at East Carolina 6 20 18
at Buffalo 10½ 9½
at TCU 21 22
at Louisiana Tech 17 19½
Kent St. 3½ 6½
at Idaho 10 10
BYU 18 17½
at San Diego St. 6½ 5
Illinois 3 2½
at Indiana 10
at Memphis 10
N. Illinois 10
Louisville 13½
at Colorado 9½
Arkansas 14½
at SMU 24
Washington 8 6½
at UNLV 15 16
at Fresno St. 20 19
La.-Lafayette 7½ 7½
at Fla. International 9½ 9
at North Texas 4 1½
x-Mississippi St. 3½ 4

Off Key

Toledo QB questionable

NFL Sunday

FAVORITE OPEN TODAY O/U UNDERDOG

at Washington 4½ 6½ (37) Kansas City
at Cincinnati 4½ 5 (45) Houston
at Pittsburgh 14 14 (38) Cleveland
at Minnesota 3 2½ (43½) Baltimore
at Jacksonville 12½ 9½ (42) St. Louis
at New Orleans 3½ 3 (47½) N.Y. Giants
Carolina 4 3 (40) at Tampa Bay
at Green Bay 11½ 13½ (48½) Detroit
Philadelphia 13½ 14 (40½) at Oakland
at Seattle 2½ 2½ (47) Arizona
at N.Y. Jets 9½ 10 (38) Buffalo
at New England 3 9½ (43½) Tennessee
at Atlanta 3 3 (46) Chicago

Monday

at San Diego 4 4 (44) Denver

GAME PLAN

LOCAL

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER
4:30 p.m.
Class 4A Great Basin Conference
Tournament
Wood River vs. Burley
Class 3A High Desert Soccer
Conference Tournament
Wendell vs. Community School
Championship, Gooding at Bliss

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER
4:30 p.m.
Class 4A Great Basin Conference
Tournament
Jerome vs. Twin Falls

TV SCHEDULE

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
6 p.m.
ESPN — Boise St. at Tulsa
SOCCER
5:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — Men's national teams,
World Cup qualifier, Costa Rica vs. U.S.
8 p.m.
ESPN2 — MLS, New York at Real Salt Lake

UNITED FOOTBALL LEAGUE
7 p.m.
VERSUS — Florida at Las Vegas

Colston, NOR

	Kicking			LG	Pts
	PAT	FG	LG		
Tynes, NYG	16-16	13-16	45	55	
Longwell, MIN	19-19	7-8	52	40	
J. Hanson, DET	10-10	9-10	48	37	
Mare, SEA	13-13	8-10	47	37	
Carney, NOR	18-18	8-10	47	36	
Folk, DAL	12-12	8-10	51	36	
Nedney, SNF	13-13	7-9	50	34	
Akers, PHL	15-15	6-7	49	33	
Crosby, GBY	9-10	7-9	52	30	
Gould, CHI	11-11	6-7	52	29	

Monday's Games

Los Angeles 2, N.Y. Islanders 1
N.Y. Rangers 7, Toronto 2
New Jersey 3, Washington 2, 50
Pittsburgh 4, Ottawa 1
Tampa Bay 3, Florida 2
Edmonton 6, Nashville 1
Chicago 6, Calgary 5, OT
Phoenix 1, San Jose 0, 50

Tuesday's Games

Buffalo 6, Detroit 2
Columbus 2, Calgary 1
Colorado 4, Toronto 1

Wednesday's Games

Los Angeles at N.Y. Rangers, 5 p.m.
Edmonton at Chicago, 6:30 p.m.
Nashville at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Anaheim, 8 p.m.

Thursday's Games

type:bold:San Jose at Washington, 5 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 5 p.m.
Colorado at Montreal, 5:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Ottawa, 5:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 5:30 p.m.
Chicago at Nashville, 6 p.m.
St. Louis at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Named Dana Brown special assistant to the general manager, Ryan Mittleman coordinator of amateur scouting and Harry Einbinder coordinator of professional scouting.
National League
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Assigned RHP Josh Geer, OF Drew Macias, INF Luis Rodriguez and C Eliezer Alfonzo outright to Portland (PCL). Announced Rodriguez and Alfonzo elected to become free agents.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Signed general manager Brian Sabean and manager Bruce Bochy to two-year contract extensions.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA—Fined Washington 6,000, Arizona 25,000 for failing to make himself available to the media for interviews. Fined the Washington Wizards organization \$25,000 for failing to ensure that its players comply with NBA media interview rules.
ATLANTA HAWKS—Waived G Aaron Miles and G Frank Robinson.
LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Exercised their third-year contract option on G Eric Gordon and the fourth-year option on F Al Thornton.
SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Released F Dwayne Jones.

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Green Bay 2 2 0 500 104 93
Detroit 1 4 0 200 103 162

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San Francisco 3 2 0 .600 112 98
Arizona 2 2 0 .500 85 89
Seattle 2 3 0 .400 115 82
St. Louis 0 5 0 .000 34 146

Monday's Game
Miami 31, N.Y. Jets 27

Sunday, Oct. 18
Detroit at Green Bay, 11 a.m.
N.Y. Giants at New Orleans, 11 a.m.
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m.
Houston at Cincinnati, 11 a.m.
Kansas City at Washington, 11 a.m.
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 11 a.m.
St. Louis at Jacksonville, 11 a.m.
Baltimore at Minnesota, 11 a.m.
Arizona at Seattle, 2:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Oakland, 2:05 p.m.
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 2:15 p.m.
Tennessee at New England, 2:15 p.m.
Chicago at Atlanta, 6:20 p.m.
Open: Indianapolis, Miami, Dallas, San Francisco

Monday, Oct. 19
Denver at San Diego, 6:30 p.m.

Jones-Drew, JAC 5 5 0 0 30
T. Jones, NYJ 5 5 0 0 30
Addai, IND 4 4 1 0 24
And. Johnson, HOU 4 0 0 4 0 24
B. Marshall, DEN 4 0 0 4 0 24
Wayne, IND 4 0 0 4 0 24
Chr. Johnson, TEN 3 2 1 0 20
Benson, CIN 3 3 0 0 18

Kicking

	PAT	FG	LG	Pts
Gostkowski, NWE	8-8	12-14	53	44
Prater, DEN	9-9	10-13	50	39
Feely, NYJ	11-11	8-8	43	35
Kaeding, SNO	11-11	8-9	45	35
Vinatieri, IND	17-17	6-8	48	35
D. Carpenter, MIA	13-13	7-8	45	34
Scobee, JAC	10-10	7-10	52	31
Hauschka, BAL	18-18	4-5	40	31
K. Brown, HOU	14-14	5-7	38	29
Lindell, BUF	8-8	7-8	43	29

NFC Individual Leaders

Week 5 Quarterbacks

	Att	Yds	TD	Int
E. Manning, NYG	135	87	1212	10
Brees, NOR	129	87	1031	9
Favre, MIN	149	103	1069	9
Hasselbeck, SEA	84	53	617	7
M. Ryan, ATL	122	82	977	7
Rodgers, GBY	127	77	1098	6
Warner, ARI	160	106	1165	6
Cutler, CHI	129	83	901	8
Kolb, PHL	96	62	741	4
J. Campbell, WAS	147	98	1108	6

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
A. Peterson, MIN	99	481	4.86	64	7
S. Jackson, STL	104	451	4.34	58	0
Bradshaw, NYG	58	375	6.47	38	2
Jacobs, NYG	100	355	3.55	31	1
Portis, WAS	91	388	4.27	34	1
M. Turner, ATL	87	323	3.71	33	5
M. Barber, DAL	58	297	5.12	35	3
K. Smith, DET	94	287	3.05	19	1
Ju. Jones, SEA	69	285	4.13	62	1
Forde, CHI	71	271	3.82	61	1

Receivers

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
St. Smith, NYG	37	481	13.0	43	4
Burleson, SEA	30	358	11.9	44	1
Witten, DAL	28	259	9.3	22	1
Houshmandzadeh, SEA	27	325	12.0	34	2
Colek, PHO	26	303	11.7	38	2
Winston, TAM	26	257	9.9	42	4
Highower, ARI	4	25	6.2	8.1	23
R. White, ATL	23	329	14.3	90	3
Boldin, ARI	23	252	11.0	20	1
Ca. Johnson, DET	22	325	14.8	61	0

Punters

	No	Yds	LG	Avg
J. Ryan, SEA	22	1117	7050.8	
B. Graham, ARI	22	1110	6450.5	
J. Baker, CAR	15	749	6149.9	
D. Jones, STL	17	279	6247.9	
A. Lee, SNF	35	1663	6447.5	
McBriar, DAL	23	1069	6346.5	
Kapinos, GBY	18	829	5846.1	
Rocca, PHL	17	763	6144.9	
Maynard, CHI	18	790	6643.9	
Morstead, NOR	15	655	6043.7	

Punt Returns

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
De. Jackson, PHL	6	115	19.2	85	1
Reynaud, MIN	7	121	17.3	36	0
Norcutt, DET	8	85	10.6	43	0
D. Hester, CHI	6	62	10.3	24	0
Rollie, ARI	6	55	9.2	27	0
C. Smith, TAM	12	109	9.1	20	0
Munnery, CAR	7	62	8.9	26	0
Crayton, DAL	10	80	8.0	27	0
Rossum, SNF	12	84	7.0	14	0
Weems, ATL	7	49	7.0	18	0

Kickoff Returns

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Knox, CHI	9	322	35.81021	1	
Harvin, MIN	14	437	31.21011	1	
J. Nelson, GBY	6	176	29.3	46	0
C. Smith, TAM	10	450	28.1	38	0
Weems, ATL	10	255	25.5	41	0
E. Hobbs, PHL	12	302	25.2	63	0
Meachem, NOR	6	148	24.7	42	0
Cartwright, WAS	11	262	23.8	27	0
Furseth, SEA	7	164	23.4	37	0
Blackmon, GBY	10	233	23.3	28	0

Scoring Touchdowns

	TD	Rsh	Rc	Rt	Pts
A. Peterson, MIN	7	7	0	0	42
M. Turner, ATL	5	5	0	0	30
Fitzgerald, ARI	4	0	4	0	24
Gore, SNF	4	3	1	0	24
St. Smith, NYG	4	0	4	0	24
Winston, TAM	4	0	4	0	24
Austin, DAL	3	0	3	0	18
M. Barber, DAL	3	3	0	0	18
Burleson, SEA	3	0	3	0	18

FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Released DT Kellen Dykes and signed him to the practice squad. Released DE Alex Field from the practice squad.
BALTIMORE RAVENS—Signed WR David Tyree. Waived TE Tony Curtis.
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Released C Brad St. Louis.
SIGNED C Clark Harris.
DALLAS COWBOYS—Released CB Cletis Gordon. Re-signed RB Chauncy Washington to the practice squad.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed OL Khalif Mitchell to the practice squad.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Signed OT Brandon Frye on injured reserve.
SCOUTED DE Michael Okafor.
TAMPA BAY BUCCINERS—Signed WR Yamon Figure. Released LB Matt McManis. Signed Pat O'Leary to the practice squad. Released WR Pat Carter and DT Rashad Duncan from the practice squad.

WESTERN

Oklahoma (3-2) vs. Texas (5-0) at Dallas, 10 a.m.
Colorado (3-2) at TCU (6-0), 2 p.m.
Florida Atlantic (0-4) at North Texas (1-4), 6 p.m.
Navy (4-2) at SMU (3-2), 5 p.m.
Missouri (4-1) at Oklahoma St. (4-1), 7:15 p.m.

FAR WEST

Wyoming (4-2) at Air Force (3-3), Noon
E. Washington (4-2) at Montana (5-0), 1 p.m.
Nevada (2-3) at Utah St. (1-4), 1 p.m.
South Dakota (3-3) at Montana St. (3-2), 1:05 p.m.
California (3-2) at UCLA (3-2), 1:30 p.m.
Sacramento St. (2-3) at Weber St. (2-3), 1:30 p.m.
N. Arizona (3-2) at Portland St. (4-2), 2:05 p.m.
Hawaii (2-3) at Idaho (1-3), 3 p.m.
Drake (4-1) at San Diego (3-2), 3 p.m.
Nevada (2-3) at Utah St. (1-4), 1 p.m.
N. Colorado (1-5) at UNLV (2-4), 2:35 p.m.
BYU (5-1) at San Diego St. (2-3), 4 p.m.
Kansas (5-0) at Colorado (1-4), 5 p.m.
Stanford (4-2) at Arizona (2-3), 5:30 p.m.
Winston-Salem (0-5) at UC Davis (2-3), 7 p.m.
S. Utah (2-3) at Cal Poly (2-3), 7:05 p.m.
San Jose St. (1-4) at Fresno St. (2-3), 8 p.m.
Utah (4-1) at UNLV (2-4), 8 p.m.
Washington (3-3) at Arizona St. (3-2), 8:15 p.m.

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ATLANTIC

GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	6	5	1	0	10	24
Pittsburgh	6	5	1	0	10	21
Philadelphia	5	3	1	1	7	19
New Jersey	5	3	2	0	6	14
N.Y. Islanders	4	0	1	3	3	9

NORTHEAST

GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Buffalo	4	3	0	7	10	5
Ottawa	5	3	2	0	6	12
Boston	5	2	3	0	4	16
Montreal	5	2	3	0	4	12
Toronto	6	0	5	1	1	13

SOUTHEAST

GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	5	2	1	2	6	15
Washington	6	2	2	2	6	22
Atlanta	3	2	1	0	4	19
Florida	5	2	3	0	4	13
Carolina	5	1	4	0	2	10

WESTERN

GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Columbus	5	4	1	0		

McCoy, Bradford friends despite rivalry

NORMAN, Okla. — When Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford injured his shoulder last month, one of the first people he heard from was Colt McCoy.

And, no, the Texas quarterback wasn't trying to tease his Oklahoma counterpart.

McCoy sent a get-well text message to Bradford the night of Sept. 5 and now says he's happy the Sooners' All-American is healthy again — just in time to make things more difficult for the third-ranked Longhorns (5-0, 2-0 Big 12) on Saturday in the latest installment of the Red River Rivalry.

"I think that probably from a fan's perspective and people outside of the game think that it's crazy that I could be friends with Sam or that Sam could be friends with me, but we are and he's a great guy," said McCoy, who finished second to Bradford in last year's Heisman balloting. "We've got a lot in common. But we both understand this is a huge game.

"We're going to go out there and play the best we can. We know what we have to do to go out there and win. Our friendship is one thing but this game is another."

It's not like Bradford and McCoy don't understand what's at stake when the No. 20 Sooners (3-2, 1-0) and Longhorns meet halfway at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas. The two have split their two head-to-head meetings so far, and it was only by virtue of a tiebreaker that Bradford's Sooners got to play for the Big 12 and national titles last season instead of McCoy's Longhorns.

Both players grew up around this rivalry, which has escalated over the past decade as its impact on the national championship race has grown.

But, to the chagrin of some die-hard fans and even teammates, the Bradford and McCoy friendship doesn't quite mesh with the Hatfield and McCoy nature of the rivalry.

"Colt's a great guy and I think him sending me a text message after I got hurt, telling me that he was praying for me, to stay with it and keep my head up, that just says a lot about the type of guy he is," Bradford said. "I think a lot of people see us going to rival schools, you know, and probably wouldn't have done that.

"For him to do something like that and to keep encouraging me, it just says a lot about who he is."

BRYANT: 'I JUST PANICKED BECAUSE I WAS SCARED'

OKLAHOMA CITY — Oklahoma State receiver Dez Bryant claims he was worried he had done something wrong when he "panicked" and lied to the NCAA about a meeting with for-



Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford returned from a sprained shoulder joint and shook off any lingering rust last week against Baylor. Now, it's time for a showdown with his new friend and fellow Heisman finalist, Colt McCoy of No. 3 Texas.

mer NFL player Deion Sanders at a Texas athletics center.

In his written apology to the NCAA, obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press following an open records request, Bryant said that he is "very, very sorry" and "made a terrible mistake" when he lied to Marcus M. Wilson, the NCAA's assistant director of agent, gambling and amateurism activities, in July.

"It was all me, there is no one else to blame," Bryant writes in his two-page apology. "I just panicked because I was scared and afraid that I was in some kind of trouble."

The All-American was declared ineligible by Oklahoma State last week and was expected to go through a follow-up interview with the NCAA on Tuesday in Indianapolis.

STAFON JOHNSON COULD LEAVE HOSPITAL WEDNESDAY

LOS ANGELES — Southern California tailback Stafon Johnson could leave the hospital on Wednesday, just over two weeks after his neck was crushed in a weightlifting accident.

Coach Pete Carroll says Johnson is on schedule to be taken home for further care and rehabilitation. Doctors have praised the senior's remarkable progress after the accident, which left his throat and larynx almost completely crushed by a weight bar.

Carroll says Johnson is feeling healthier, sleeping more soundly, and could start exercising soon as well.

Carroll also says there's a chance Johnson could qualify for a medical redshirt to earn a sixth year with the Trojans, though he also might be interested in heading to the NFL.

UNM COACH LOCKSLEY SUSPENDED 1 GAME

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

— New Mexico coach Mike Locksley won't be on the sidelines when his team plays UNLV later this month, part of a 10-day suspension issued Tuesday as punishment for his role in a fight with an assistant coach.

"I'm the leader of the team and my staff," Locksley said. "I should have used better judgment. I showed poor leadership and I won't let it happen again. I've learned some harsh lessons, lessons that I feel will make me a better leader."

Locksley initially had been reprimanded. Athletic director Paul Krebs said during a news conference the coach won't be allowed to have any contact with the team until Oct. 25, one day after UNLV visits Albuquerque. The Lobos have a bye this week.

Locksley also will be required to attend conflict resolution training.

Defensive backs coach George Barlow will serve as an interim coach. Locksley said Barlow will handle administrative responsibilities so offensive coordinator Darrell Dickey and defensive coordinator Doug Mallory can focus on preparing their players.

NEVADA OFFENSIVE TACKLE GALLETTE SUSPENDED

RENO, Nev. — Nevada has suspended starting offensive tackle Mike Gallett for the rest of the season for an undisclosed violation of team rules.

Gallett, a 6-foot-6, 300-pound junior from Phoenix, had started every game for the Wolf Pack since last season. He was a second-team all-Western Athletic Conference selection in 2008.

Coach Chris Ault says Gallett is "still a member of our program and he is still a student at the University of Nevada."

Nevada (2-3, 1-0 WAC)

plays Saturday at Utah State (1-4, 0-1).

COACH HAWKINS: SON CODY HAWKINS WILL STILL PLAY

BOULDER, Colo. — University of Colorado coach Dan Hawkins is hinting his son, quarterback Cody Hawkins, might still get some playing time after being benched in favor of sophomore Tyler Hansen.

Hansen burned his redshirt at midseason for the second straight year when he replaced a mistake-prone Cody Hawkins during the Buffaloes' 38-14 loss to Texas on Saturday. Afterward, offensive coordinator Eric Kiesau insisted Hansen was the permanent starter.

Last year, Hansen and Hawkins split quarterback duties after Hansen gave up his redshirt year. And Dan Hawkins indicated Tuesday that might be the case again.

He suggested his son was "still going to have a role and I think there's a very good chance that you'll see both of them."

The Buffaloes (1-4, 0-1 Big 12) host No. 17 Kansas (5-0, 1-0) Saturday night.

NMSU'S COLSTON SUSPENDED AFTER FELONY CHARGE

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — New Mexico State running back Marquell Colston has been suspended after school officials said he was charged with a third-degree felony.

Coach DeWayne Walker said he received information "regarding an off-campus incident Monday morning with a non-NMSU student."

Colston cannot participate in any team activities while the matter is reviewed by a school misconduct committee.

An athletics department spokesman said no additional information was available.

— The Associated Press

Limbaugh already down 1 vote in bid to buy Rams

BOSTON — Rush Limbaugh's bid to buy the St. Louis Rams ran into opposition within the NFL on Tuesday, when Colts owner Jim Irsay vowed to vote against him and commissioner Roger Goodell said the conservative commentator's "divisive" comments would not be tolerated from any NFL insider.

"I, myself, couldn't even consider voting for him," Irsay said at an owners meeting. "When there are comments that have been made that are inappropriate, incendiary and insensitive ... our words do damage, and it's something that we don't need."

Limbaugh has long been a hero of conservatives and villain to the left, thriving on his place in the political spectrum while establishing himself as one of the most successful broadcasters in history. But the NFL tries to avoid controversy, as Limbaugh learned in 2003 when he was forced to resign from ESPN's Sunday night football broadcast after saying of Philadelphia's Donovan McNabb: "I think what we've had here is a little social concern in the NFL. The media has been very desirous that a black quarterback do well."

Goodell repeatedly distanced the league from Limbaugh's statements on Tuesday, calling them "polarizing comments that we don't think reflect accurately on the NFL or our players."

"I have said many times before that we are all held to a higher standard here," the commissioner said. "I think divisive comments are not what the NFL is all about. I would not want to see those kind of comments from people who are in a responsible position within the NFL. No. Absolutely not."

According to transcripts posted on his Web site, in 2007 Limbaugh also said: "The NFL all too often looks like a game between the Bloods and the Crips without any weapons. There, I said it." That comment, and others, resurfaced this month when he revealed he is teaming with St. Louis Blues owner Dave Checketts to bid on the Rams.

GOODELL: NFL WATCHING CABLE INVESTIGATION

BOSTON — Oakland Raiders coach Tom Cable will be subject to NFL discipline if he is implicated by police in their investigation of an alleged assault on an assistant coach.

Commissioner Roger Goodell said Tuesday that workplace violence is specifically identified in the league's personal conduct policy, and if Cable is charged with any crimes, he could be punished by the NFL.

Goodell expects to receive a report "in the next couple weeks" on the Napa, Calif., police investigation, which is in the hands of the district attorney. He said the league is "allowing the criminal process to go forward for some period of time" before potentially getting involved.

"What are the facts?" Goodell asked at the fall owners meetings. "There's a legal and criminal process going on to determine what are the facts."

But criminal charges need not be brought against Cable for the NFL to discipline him if he broke the league's conduct rules.

Defensive assistant Randy Hanson has alleged that he was punched by Cable during training camp and his jaw was broken. Hanson also has claimed Cable threatened to kill him during the August attack.

NETWORK: LB JUNIOR SEAU REJOINS PATRIOTS

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Junior Seau is back with the New England Patriots, coming out of retirement for a third time to sign a contract Tuesday for a 20th season as an NFL linebacker.

The signing of the 12-time Pro Bowl player was announced by Versus, the television network on which Seau has a show. The Patriots have not announced the signing, which had been



NFL commissioner Roger Goodell says he would not tolerate 'divisive' comments from an NFL owner like the ones the talk show host Rush Limbaugh made about Donovan McNabb in 2003. Colts owner Jim Irsay says he would vote to bar Limbaugh if he tries to buy the St. Louis Rams.

expected, although the team said he had a physical and a workout last week.

"I hope at some point he will be" with the Patriots, club owner Robert Kraft said at the NFL owners meeting in Boston. "He's a unique individual. I'd love to have him part of our team for as long as he wants to."

Seau, 40, should have a better chance of standing up to running backs than he did to a rodeo bull, which knocked him down on one of the episodes of "Sports Jobs with Junior Seau."

He came out of retirement last year to play the final four games with the Patriots after playing 27 games with them in 2006 and 2007.

A week before New England began its 2009 season, Seau said that would be the only team he'd consider playing for and would be willing to play up to six games. The Patriots (3-2) have 11 games left.

STEELERS DE SMITH OUT WITH RIGHT SHOULDER INJURY

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh Steelers defensive end Aaron Smith has a right shoulder injury that coach Mike Tomlin said "potentially could be significant."

Smith, injured Sunday in Detroit, was being evaluated Tuesday. The Steelers are not yet certain how long one of their most reliable and productive players will be out, although they apparently are anticipating an extended absence.

Smith's agent, Peter Schaffer, told The Associated Press in an e-mail that he was awaiting a doctor's report.

"Aaron is in great spirits and is looking forward to being healthy and playing this year," Schaffer said. However, he did not say if that meant Smith might not return until the postseason.

Smith has been with the Steelers (3-2) longer than any player except wide receiver Hines Ward and defensive back Deshaea Townsend. He is one of the keys to their 3-4 alignment and is often cited by teammates as being the most underrated player on what was the NFL's top defense the last two seasons.

MISSING THURMAN THOMAS STATUE APPARENTLY IN CANADA

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — A missing half-ton chain-saw carving of former Buffalo Bills running back Thurman Thomas is apparently in Canada.

Orchard Park police say an Ontario man called the organization that owns the carving Tuesday. He said he and some friends rescued it after seeing people trying to burn it.

The 8 1/2-foot statue disappeared from a parking lot across from Ralph Wilson stadium sometime after Sunday's Bills game against the Browns.

The statue was unveiled before Sunday's game and is one of dozens made from trees toppled in a 2006 snowstorm. Proceeds from a fundraising project called Carvings for a Cause go toward new trees.

Carvings for a Cause founder Therese Forton-Barnes says she hasn't seen the statue yet and doesn't know whether it's damaged.

— The Associated Press

QBs

Continued from Sports 1

rushing, but Tulsa hasn't fared well via the ground. Kinne completes 64.1 percent of his passes (10 touchdowns, 2 interceptions). Tulsa will also run other skill players at quarterback in Wildcat sets.

Perhaps the most dangerous player on the field tonight will be Damaris Johnson, a sophomore from Norco, La.

"If he has a little bit of

space he's going to do some things," Petersen said. "He can make you miss in space. He's probably the fastest guy on the field when we play."

Johnson gets the ball in both the run and pass games and leads Tulsa with 20 receptions. Receivers Trae Johnson and Slick Shelley have only 23 receptions combined, but eight are for touchdowns.

Petersen said his staff has dialed up multiple sets to

disturb Tulsa's motion offense and the defense of the Golden Hurricane. But there is no one thing they will use to stop them.

"We never do any one thing," Petersen said. "That's the fastest way to get dialed up. You have to mix things up ... or you'll be beat in a hurry."

This is the final nonconference game for the Broncos, their last chance to shine against a team outside

of the often dismal Western Athletic Conference. With national pundits calling BSU's schedule soft, a good showing tonight will greatly improve the Broncos' perception across the country.

"Everybody's watching," Kyle Wilson said. "(We're) using this as a spotlight, statement game, to really get out there and prove a point. There's not many games you play with a spotlight like this game."

get a tackle, it just happens to be. You get off a block and it's just right there."

In the game against UC Davis, Jerrell Gavins got the start at cornerback, but still played out his role on special teams. He led the team with eight tackles, but said the best play of his first start came on kickoff.

"I ran down, had a block in front of me, got through it and made a play, a tackle," Gavins said. "I'm fast, so I just run downfield, avoid a block and try to make a play, just beat the

man in front of you."

The goal of special teams is to win the field-position battle. On kickoffs, BSU aims to keep the other team inside the 20-yard line, leaving opposing offenses a long field. It's a goal accomplished via violent full-speed collisions.

"On defense you have to worry about tendencies, what's going to happen, what formation they're running," Borgman said. "On special teams you just get to run down there and knock heads, have fun."

Kickoff

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read your keys you watched on film, know which side they're going to return to, you can go make a play."

The kickoff team is also a place for younger players to make an impact on the game and get noticed by the coaches. For walk-on defensive back Josh Borgman, it's his only chance to play.

"Even the guys on scholarship, that's the niche to start showing coaches you can play," Borgman said.

"Maybe they'll put you on more units and eventually work your way onto defense."

Borgman is a 'gunner' on kickoff and punt or a 'jammer' on punt return. His only tackles this season have come on kickoff. He and Travis Stanaway work as a team to break up blocks and close pathways through the fray.

"We're kind of taking one for the team," Borgman said. "I'm not so much out there to make a tackle. It's more playing my role ... if I