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Barley is fast becoming one of Idaho's most profitable crops in a state better known for its potatoes. A multimillion-dollar industry spans from the fields of southern Idaho to the nation's largest breweries. Today is the first in a three-day series that will take you along for the ride.

Follow the barley

PART 1



Coffee in hand, Granville Eckert greets a dog on the front porch of his farm office on a cold, clear October morning. With the barley harvest done, he and others have turned their attention to other crops.

The waiting game

STORY BY JOSHUA PALMER
PHOTOS BY MEAGAN THOMPSON

An armada of Ford trucks broke the morning silence just after 5 a.m. — not even the dogs standing sentry had the gumption to greet their owners this early in the morning.

It was just below freezing in late March when the four owners of the farm near Hagerman met to discuss the health of their most profitable crop.

The Elkins and Eckerts, third-generation Idaho farmers, shuffled into the office and fired up the coffee maker before gathering around a table littered with newspapers, calculators and

outdated agricultural reports.

There were mumblings about irrigation pivots needing repair, tractors to be moved and the potential for the lingering winter to damage young barley just beginning to sprout tender green shoots from the loamy soil.

"So much for global warming," mused Ron Elkin, co-owner of the farm that cultivates thousands of acres on a ridge overlooking the Snake River Canyon.

It's on this farm — and 260 others in southern Idaho — that the nation's largest breweries

engineer, test and grow the key ingredient in the nation's top-selling consumer product: Beer.

Barley is Idaho's least-recognized commodity, but malt barley is quickly becoming a king of crops in a state better known for its potatoes. Coors, Budweiser, Modelo and about 10 craft breweries look to Idaho for a majority of their malting barley, making it the nation's second-largest producer — surpassed only by North Dakota.

New research by growers, brewery agronomists and university researchers has helped Idaho farmers produce the second highest yield per acre in the nation. In the fall of 2009, southern Idaho barley growers planted their first contracted crop of winter barley, which allowed them to grow year-round. And industry representatives say that is only the beginning.

FOLLOW THE BARLEY ON MAIN 4

Few come out for T.F. city races

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls city elections this time around are garnering fewer candidates — and fewer races with serious contenders compared to recent history.

This time around, there's a four-way race for Councilman Greg Lanting's seat with Jim Schouten, Steve Garner and Chris Talkington also seeking the seat. Mayor Lance Clow's council seat is unchallenged. There's also only a write-in candidate, Tony Ash, running against Councilman Don Hall.

That puts the names of six candidates on the ballot, and just one race in three with more than one name appearing on the ballot to challenge an incumbent.

In the four city elections between 2001 and 2007, there were more contested races. In the last four elections, a total of only two races were uncontested.

This election is unlikely to have the seismic shift seen in 2007, when

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Studies: Some elderly get futile care

By Alicia Chang
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — A surprising number of frail, elderly Americans in nursing homes are suffering from futile care at the end of their lives, two new federally funded studies reveal.

One found that putting nursing home residents with failing kidneys on dialysis didn't improve their quality of life and may even push them into further decline. The other showed many with advanced dementia will die within six months and perhaps should have hospice care instead of aggressive treatment.

Medical experts say the new research emphasizes the need for doctors, caregivers and families to consider making the feeble elderly who are near death comfortable rather than treating them as if a cure were possible — more like the palliative care given to terminally ill cancer patients.

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Morning sunlight bathes a field where barley grows tall and strong in June. In a month the grain will be harvested and sent to the MillerCoors Brewery in Golden, Colo.



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MORNING BRIEFING

Pat's Picks

Three things to do today

Pat Marcantonio



This is a busy Sunday.

- The Magic Valley Symphony concert features Allen and Laura Vincent Vizzutti, artists of trumpet and piano, at 3 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for students. A four-concert season ticket is \$25.
- The Jerome Gun Club sporting clays shoot 100-target event starts at 10 a.m. at the club, at mile marker 64, 11 miles north of junc-

tion of U.S. Highway 93 and Interstate 84. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$14 for juniors.

- Enjoy a Dutch-oven dinner and help out a community member. The fundraiser starts at 6 p.m. at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 960 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls. Proceeds will help Jeremy Eldredge, an assistant football coach at the school who was injured in an auto accident.

Have your own pick to share? E-mail me at patm@gmagicvalley.com.

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Magic Valley Symphony 2009/2010 50th anniversary season, a Latin-flavored program featuring trumpet artist Allen Vizzutti and Filer-native pianist Laura Vincent Vizzutti, 4 p.m., College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Center auditorium, 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, \$8 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and \$5 for students; four-concert season ticket: \$25; \$90 for a friends-or-families package (four adults, or two adults and up to four students), 734-6549 or devryniel@yahoo.com.

"Not Evil, Just Wrong," political movie: rhetoric vs. reality on global warming debate, 6 p.m., Twin Falls Hilton Garden Inn, Snake River Room, Twin Falls, donations accepted, eventbrite.com.

Sun Valley Jazz Jamboree's Afterglow Dinner, includes dinner music by Hat's Off, 7:30 to 8:25 p.m.; and big band dance with Big Band Swing Design, 8:30 to 9:45 p.m., Limelight Room, Sun Valley Inn, \$39 per person plus tax, 622-2135.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

The 20th annual Sun Valley Jazz Jamboree, features musical performances, at several sites in Sun Valley, day badge: \$40; discounts: \$10 off day badge for 5B Blaine County license holders; and \$20 off the price of a 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.

CHURCH EVENTS

West Coast-based Liberty Quartet community concert, hosted by First Christian Church, 6 p.m., 601 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls, free admission, free-will offering taken, 208-733-2209 or 208-733-6120.

FESTIVALS AND FAIRS

Fall Harvest Festival, features games, crafts, hay rides, baked goods, freshly pressed apple cider, Scarecrow Showdown public viewing and judging, and the local chef chili cook-off and community cornbread contest with prizes; food and beverages available for purchase, noon to 4 p.m., Sawtooth Botanical Garden, 11 Gimlet Road and Idaho Highway 75, Ketchum, \$5 for adults and children (no cost for ages 3 and under), 726-9358 or Sbgarden.org.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Ceramic Pumpkin Painting Contest at Hands On, in-store project for students in grades kindergarten through 5th grade, noon to 5 p.m., 147 Shoshone St. N., Downtown Twin Falls, \$5, (prizes awarded 10 a.m. on Oct. 24 for funniest, scariest and most original pumpkin), 736-4475.

Twin Falls Poker League, 7 p.m., in the Blue Room, Woody's, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls, 732-0077.

MARKETS

Magic Valley Flea Market, vendors with furniture, antique and collectibles, children's toys, jewelry, Nintendo games, silk flowers, and more, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filer, free admission, 410-1738 or 734-6008.

SEASONAL EVENTS

The 7th 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 warming daytime or special arrangements: 732-6431 or dkiesig@csi.edu.

SPORTS

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

TODAY'S DEADLINE

Reminder for Oct. 19-23 Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Customer Appreciation Week, free educational workshops: Living wills, 5:30 p.m. Monday; Caregiver stress, 12 p.m., Tuesday; Health insurance choices, 5:30 p.m., Wednesday; Long-term care insurance, 12 p.m., Thursday; and Preplanned arrangements, 5:30 p.m., Friday, 2303 Parke Ave., Burley, open to the public, no cost, 677-3073.

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

Election

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incumbents Shawn Barigar and Glenda Dwight lost their seats to challengers Lee Heider and Will Kezele.

Barigar was on the Twin Falls City Council for one four-year term after being elected in a four-way race in 2003. That race, though, was for an open seat without an incumbent.

"In Twin Falls where you have a part-time council, it's a challenge to find people who are able to give the time that's needed to do a good job on the council while having to maintain a job," Barigar said. "I think that's certainly one of the challenges."

In the 2005 election for the same three council seats now up for grabs, there were 10 candidates on the ballot. Clow and Hall were

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— Shawn Barigar, former Twin Falls City Council member

both in separate three-way races and Lanting was in a four-way race. But in that election, the only incumbent running for re-election was Clow.

Barigar said there are advantages for a variety of people to run in elections.

"It's disappointing to see uncontested races throughout the valley considering that an awful lot of folks seem to have an awful lot of opinions about how things should be run," Barigar said.

In Twin Falls elections, candidates have to pick a seat when filing to run and

all voters can cast ballots for that seat. In this election, instead of choosing from six candidates for each of the three council seats, there's just one contested four-way race and two other elections without serious contenders.

Jeff Gooding, a former councilman and mayor, disagrees with that system.

"I always felt that having seats was inappropriate," said Gooding, who served one term from 1993 to 1997.

"I think everybody should run at-large. Unless you're going to divide a community, I don't

see any need for seats."

Gale Kleinkopf, a former council member and mayor, said it was a "little surprising" that the three candidates for Lanting's seat aren't spread out more.

But candidates usually don't know who else is filing when they pick a seat, which gives an appearance that candidates are "ganging up" on someone when it's simply a coincidence, Kleinkopf said.

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Elderly

Continued from Main 1

"We probably need to be offering a palliative care option to many more patients to make the last days of their lives as comfortable as possible," said Dr. Mark Zeidel of the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, who was not involved in the studies.

Palliative care focuses on managing symptoms of a disease and a main goal is to relieve pain at the end of life.

End-of-life care became a divisive issue in the national health care reform debate this summer after one proposal included Medicare reimbursement for doctors who consult with patients on end-of-life counseling. Critics called the counseling "death panels" and a step toward euthanasia. The Obama administration denied those claims, yet has signaled the Medicare benefit will be dropped.

The new studies are published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

In one study, doctors looked at health records of 3,702 nursing home residents nationwide who started dialysis between 1998 and 2000. The average age was 73 and many had other health problems, including diabetes, heart

disease and cancer.

Within the first year, 58 percent died and another 29 percent declined in their ability to do simple tasks such as walking, bathing and getting dressed.

Kidney dialysis helps remove waste from blood, and the vast majority of patients with kidney failure benefit. However, in the case of seniors with failing kidneys, it is less clear whether the benefit outweighs the burden.

The findings call into question the common practice of transporting dialysis patients near the end of life to dialysis centers several times a week and hooking them up to a machine for hours at a time.

"We may be overestimating the benefits of dialysis in some of these patients and downplaying the burdens," said lead author Dr. Manjula Kurella Tamura, a Stanford University kidney specialist.

The study did not include a comparison group of patients who didn't get dialysis, so it's unknown if more elderly are dying after starting dialysis than not. Kurella Tamura said there's no one-size-fits-all recommendation for which nursing home residents should go on dialysis, and she suggests patients talk with their doctors about

realistic expectations.

The second study followed 323 people with advanced dementia from Boston-area nursing homes. Their average age was 85 and they could not recognize loved ones and were unable to talk or walk. One out of four died within six months and half died during the 18 months they were followed. Nursing home residents with advanced dementia were more likely to die of pneumonia, fever and eating problems related to their dementia than from strokes or heart attacks.

During their final three months, 41 percent received aggressive care including being hospitalized and tube feeding. However, if the person making their medical decisions was aware of their poor prognosis, they were less likely to receive aggressive care near the end of life, the research found.

"We often temporarily inflict discomfort or pain on patients. We try to minimize it, but we accept it because we think the trade-off is curing or healing," said Dr. Greg Sachs of Indiana University School of Medicine.

In an accompanying editorial, Sachs recalled how his grandmother, who suffered from Alzheimer's and

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lived in a nursing home, was aggressively treated with antibiotics for every infection in her final months and had to be restrained. He said that people with dementia could benefit from hospice care inside a nursing home or in the community.

Sachs cited research that found nursing home residents who had hospice care during the last month of their life were half as likely to be hospitalized.

What's keeping dementia nursing home patients from getting hospice care is that dementia is not widely recognized as a terminal illness. It's also harder to predict when a dementia patient has six months or less to live — a criteria for Medicare-paid hospice care.

The National Institutes of Health funded the studies. The dementia study was led by the Harvard-affiliated Hebrew Senior Life Institute for Aging Research in Boston. In the dialysis study, Kurella Tamura has received grant support from Amgen, which makes a drug for people with kidney disease undergoing dialysis.

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MAKING A BEAR RUN

Black bear chills in Wisconsin beer cooler

HAYWARD, Wis. (AP) — Shoppers in a Wisconsin grocery store got an unexpected surprise when a 125-pound black bear wandered inside and headed straight for the beer cooler.

The bear stopped Friday night at Marketplace Foods in Hayward, about 140

miles northeast of Minneapolis, sauntering through the automatic doors and heading straight for the liquor department.

It calmly climbed up 12 feet onto a shelf in the beer cooler where it sat for about an hour while employees helped evacuate customers

and summoned wildlife officials.

Officials from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources tranquilized the animal and took it out of the store. Store workers say the bear seemed content in the cooler and did not drink any alcohol.

Miraculous history



Crowd gathers to venerate historic religious object

By Andrew Weeks
Times-News writer

Hearts may have skipped a beat when two men dressed in priestly garb stepped from their car carrying a 714-year-old icon of the Russian Orthodox Church.

Some people, as they watched the proceedings, had tears in their eyes; others had them on their cheeks.

The Kursk-Root Icon of the Mother of God, which has been touring churches in the Northwest, stopped briefly at St. Ignatius Christian Orthodox Church in Twin Falls, where about 100 people gathered Saturday afternoon to catch a glimpse of the historic object.

Some came out of curiosity, others for veneration. Perhaps mostly it was a little of both.

Steve Beck, a member of St. Ignatius because it is the only Orthodox church in the region, he said, drove from Ketchum to see the icon.

Jim Wagenman, a non-member from Twin Falls, came out to see what all the fuss was about. His impressions? "Sacredness, power," he said. "It was an honor to see it."

Silvanna Krastev felt overwhelmed. "I had the most amazing feeling," she said. "It made a feeling in my stomach ... I just wanted to cry."

Krastev, originally from Europe but who now lives in Twin Falls and attends St. Ignatius, said she didn't want to pass up what may be for her and the Magic Valley community a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"Its miraculous history is just amazing," she said.

The icon, abandoned during the Tartar invasion, was found by a hunter in 1295 in the Russian province of Kursk. The Mother of God icon, which depicts the Virgin Mary flanked by a number of saints, later



Above: The Kursk-Root Icon of the Mother of God is shown in the background while Father Michael anoints Debbie Conover at St. Ignatius Orthodox Church Saturday in Twin Falls. At top: Marcus Fenn kisses the Kursk-Root Icon of the Mother of God at the church Saturday.

"We don't believe in magic, we believe in the power of God to work through something like this."

— Father Mark Fenn, a priest from the Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church in Boise

headed Russian troops as they went into battle against their enemies.

Icons are important to the Orthodox church, said Father Mark, of St. Ignatius, especially this one, which is said to have been associated with miracles since its discovery in the 13th century.

The icon has special significance to Father Mark, a hieromonk who, in the custom of the church, uses only his first name. He was ordained a deacon years ago in Russia, where the icon originated.

The icon, which on Saturday was en route from Boise to Salt Lake City, was removed from the car it had arrived in and taken into the



The Kursk-Root Icon of the Mother of God is carried into St. Ignatius by religious leaders Saturday.

church's sanctuary, where it was placed so that visitors could venerate it.

As the crowd pushed itself into the nave to watch the proceedings, some holding candles, believers approached the icon to pray. Afterward, they received an anointing of oil.

"We don't believe in magic, we believe in the power of God to work through something like this," said Father Mark Fenn, a priest from the Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church in Boise. He brought his family to participate in the ceremony.

"There are all types of healings that occur — spiritual, mental, physical."

Within a half-hour after it had arrived, the icon was loaded back into the car and headed to Salt Lake City. It was an emotional experience for Fenn's wife, Michelle, who cried as she watched it leave.

"It was amazing and pretty life-changing to see a miracle-working icon," she said. "And to see people who have such love for it."

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Law & Disorder...

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From Sept. 23 police reports:

Various:
A 24-year-old Burley male with multiple tattoos — including "Baby Joker" on his stomach, "(expletive) love" on his wrist, and "Death is Only the Beginning" on his chest — was arrested, along with two of his minor friends for several alcohol and drug violations.

Police initially questioned them because of gang-related graffiti in the area. One of the suspects, 17, according to the report, "said he was not the one tagging, the 'soldiers' of the gang were using his name."

His "street name," the report notes, is "Cash." The report does not explain why he's called

"Cash" or who the small-town "soldiers" are or what they do that distinguishes them from other people in Burley with graffiti habits or what gangs in the area do beyond spray-painting buildings with illegible markings.

Larceny:
A 57-year-old Burley woman reported that her Schwinn bicycle was stolen from her yard. "She described it as an 'old lady' style bike with an oversized seat and tires," the report reads. She said her neighbors saw three kids in the area riding bikes, according to the report, "when they should have been in school and that they knew that at least one of them didn't own a bike."

— Damon Hunzeker

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Growing up in the Twin Falls area, I (Dr. Sam Barker) was heavily involved in Boy Scouts of America. One of the things that affected me the most was helping on an Eagle Scout project to raise money and food for the Salvation Army. It was then that I got a glimpse at just how many people the Salvation Army helps here in the Twin Falls community. Most people only think of the Salvation Army when they see the red kettles and bell ringer at Christmas time, but they need support all year long.

In order to try and raise support and create awareness before people get too close to Christmas time, I would like to announce my October fund-raising special. In exchange for a thirty five dollar donation to the Salvation Army, all new patients receive their initial exam, x-ray, and chiropractic adjustment for no charge. This is a great opportunity for people to help others and help themselves by receiving some of the best, newest technologies to treat back/neck pain, headaches, and herniated discs. See our coupon below and end your back pain while giving back.

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Follow the barley

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Kelly Olson, Idaho Barley Commission administrator, said growers tested Endeavor, a new winter variety that produces higher yields and is less prone to damage from disease, weeds and cold. It's another example of Idaho's push to become the leader in malt barley production — a multimillion-dollar industry.

"We almost surpassed North Dakota this year, and I'm sure that we will see that soon," Olson said. "The Magic Valley is a premium growing area for barley because of the climate — other areas just can't compete with it."



Absolute control of moisture is the secret to good malt barley, effectively growing the grain to the most desirable size and nutrient level before cutting off water. The process is finicky and extremely vulnerable to damage from late-season moisture and cold, but growers who succeed win big contracts with the nation's largest malters.

Barley generated more than \$372 million in total sales in Idaho during 2008 — a 62 percent increase over the prior year. That makes it the state's fastest-growing agricultural commodity, according to the Idaho State Department of Agriculture.

Almost 80 percent of all Idaho barley becomes beer.

MillerCoors alone bought 76 percent of south-central Idaho's 2009 barley crop, paying nearly \$40 million to supply its Golden, Colo., brewery.

Anheuser-Busch, InBev, Modelo and the Great Western Malting Co., which supplies malt barley to craft breweries across the West, also buy Idaho barley.

While growing, the malt barley crop still pales in comparison with more prominent commodities in southern Idaho, such as dairy, which made \$2.1 billion in 2008, and potatoes, which made \$800 million. However, barley growers see far less severe price fluctuations because of the beer industry's stability.

"Beer isn't recession-proof, but it's probably the closest thing to it," said Aimee Valdez, spokeswoman for MillerCoors in Golden.

Major breweries since 2006 have increased payouts to growers by 62 percent, while dairymen saw revenues fall almost 70 percent and prices for wheat and potatoes remained mostly unchanged.

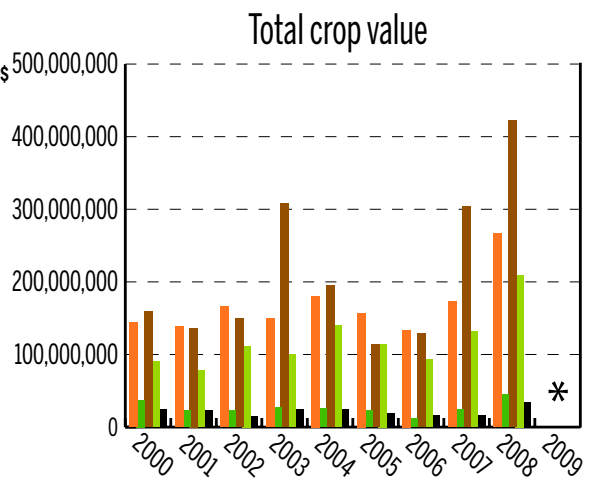
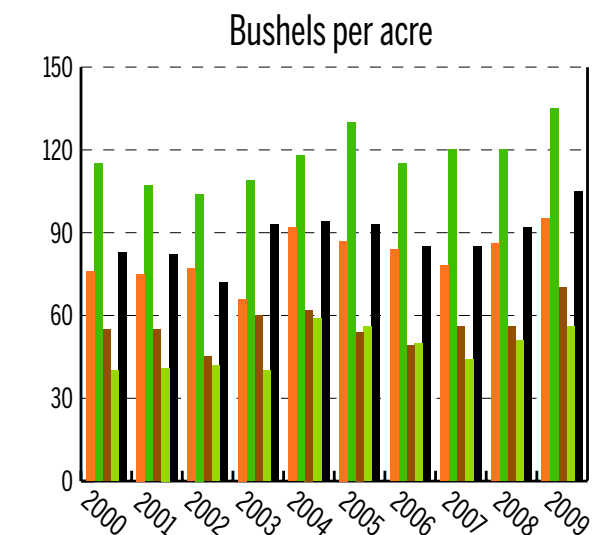
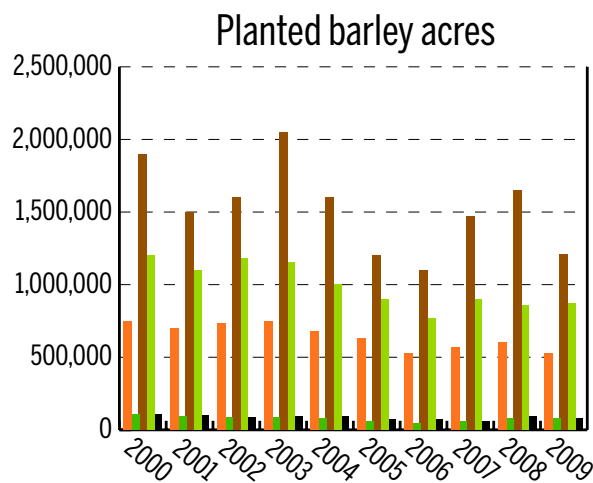
It's the main reason barley has grown in popularity among Idaho farmers, some of whom have grown malt barley for three generations.



Pat Elkin, Ron Elkin's father and co-owner of the farm, is a second-generation barley grower. His

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father dug the first plow into the land near Hagerman with about 30 other sharecroppers in 1956.

The arid land was littered with sagebrush and an endless harvest of basalt rock.

"The sagebrush had deep roots, which made it more difficult to tear out," Pat Elkin said. "But it also meant that it was good land to grow barley or about anything else he wanted to plant."

During the 1960s and '70s, most farmers in the area gave up and sold out to the Elkins and Eckert. During the 1987 farm credit crisis, Pat Elkin bought out distressed farmers and pieced together the bulk of

the current farm. But barley seeds were tossed in the soil much earlier.

"The old farmers started growing barley to keep rabbits away from the wheat," Elkin said. "Kind of funny because now we're looking at replacing our wheat with barley."

The variety that is grown in Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Colorado and parts of North Dakota is a far cry from the early rabbit-bait barley. The new two-row variety was engineered by Coors in Burley. The variety — known as Moravian 69 — grows two rows of kernels that provide the exact nutrients needed to produce Coors' largest labels.



Ron Elkin, a third-generation Idaho barley farmer, inspects his crop near Hagerman in mid-June.

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Follow the story online and see photo slideshows of southern Idaho's barley crop, from the field to the brewery.



Breweries and malters in Idaho require growers to maintain nutrient levels to within one percent of standard, which is considered one of the most precise cultivations in agriculture. Anything less will void contracts, forcing growers to sell their barley as feed to dairies for about \$4.50 an acre — significantly less than the \$13.75 per acre that malters pay.

"We only buy barley that has a specific protein count, a certain plumpness to the kernel and very minimal damage from frost or drought," said Wade Malchow, director of the barley program for MillerCoors. "Southern Idaho gives us the climate we need to meet those standards, but every once in a while we have to turn someone away because they can't meet those standards."

That threat of rejection puts barley growers on edge.

Truckloads of rejected barley go to dairies for a fraction of the price of beer barley — an equation that keeps growers sweating through the coldest mornings in March.

In late February and early March growers hope for mild temperatures to prevent damage to the shoots just beginning to grow. This March, the danger was real. "All it needs is a good freeze to ruin it all," Elkin said, watching ice form on the sprinklers in his fields.

But in late May it looked like the agricultural gods favored Idaho — once again — as the valley received both rain and warmer temperatures. The more moisture during the growth cycle, the plumper the kernel.

By June, rumors were circulating that MillerCoors would need every kernel of barley it could buy from Idaho.

Some growers for Coors in Montana and Wyoming were sweating through a drought.

"We looked to Idaho to fill the gap this year," said Keith Villa, brewmaster for MillerCoors.

That was good news for Idaho barley growers, who often hedge their bets by planting more than called for in their brewery contracts to ensure they can



Ron Elkin takes a phone call in early October

meet obligations if the crop is damaged.

Elkin and other growers were looking at another bumper crop in 2009, as barley crops changed from emerald green to amber, ready for harvest.

But during the first week of June, as growers cut off water to dry the crop for threshing, clouds rolled across the high deserts of Oregon and into Idaho.

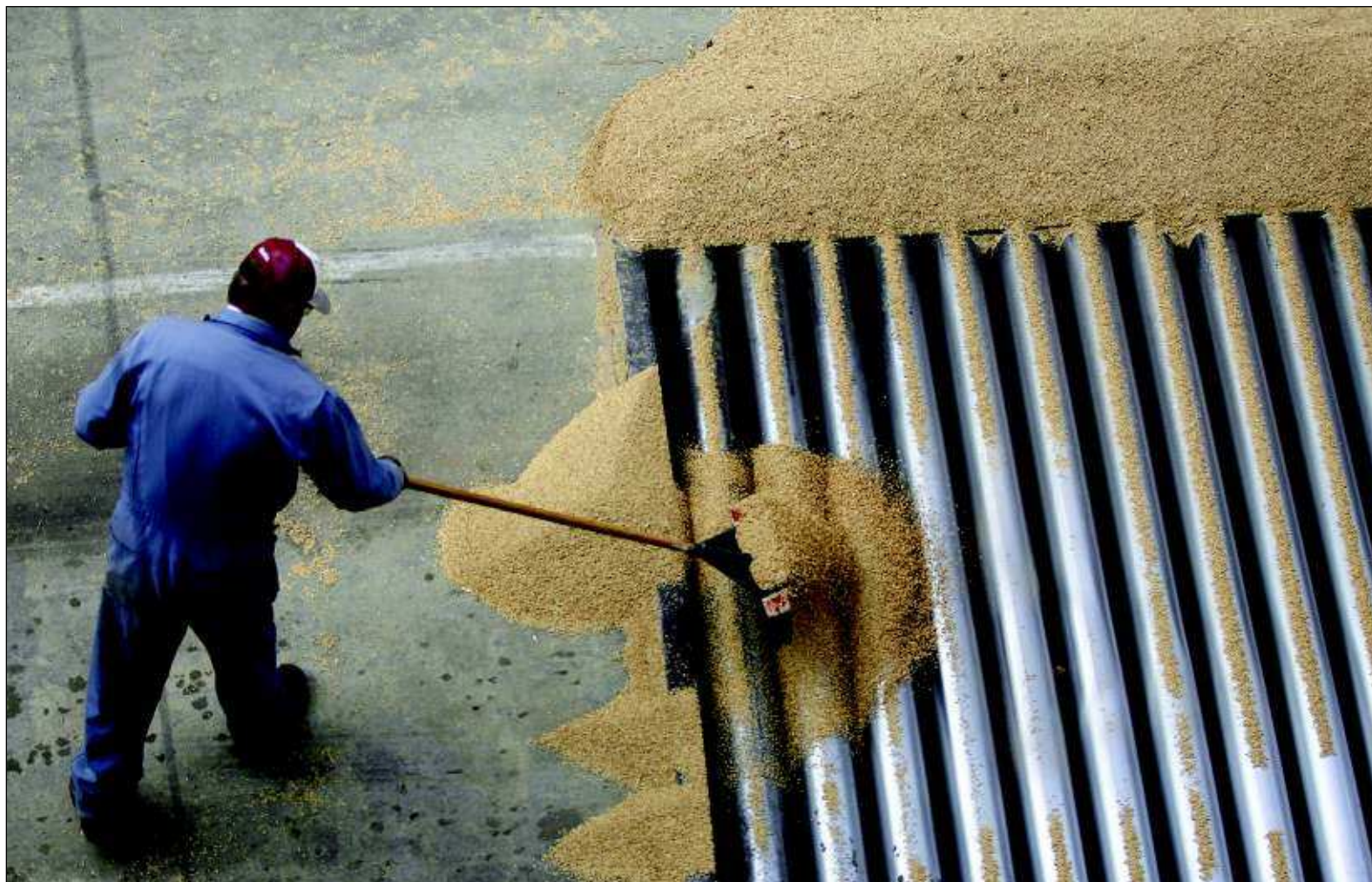
A trifecta of rain, wind and hail threatened to crush brittle stalks and drive kernels to the ground to spoil.

A July 5 storm slashed through barley crops across the region. To some, it seemed like selective punishment: Along Highway 93 south of Twin Falls, the storm literally jumped over some fields while squashing others.

"One field will be a total loss, while another only a few feet away will be untouched," said Bill Bitzenburg, who grows barley south of Twin Falls. "It's the strangest thing. Actually, it's pretty scary."

For many, the race against southern Idaho's sporadic, sometimes violent weather would be a gut-wrenching sprint in the home stretch.

"All you can really do right now is keep an eye on it," Elkin said, "and hope for the best."



A worker at the Burley grain elevator sweeps in every kernel during the hectic August harvest.



Photos by MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Day 1: Banking on a bumper crop
 Contracts are signed and the seeds are in the ground. But farmers will fight unpredictable weather to take this crop to the bank. Idaho has become the second-largest producer of malt barley for the nation's largest breweries, valued at \$372 million and employing more than 4,700 people.

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Next up for the Barley

Day 2: A harvest of massive proportions
 Moving hundreds of millions of pounds of barley is daunting and downright messy. The MillerCoors elevator in Burley becomes a flashpoint during a two-month harvest of more than 83 million pounds of barley. Despite the hard work and less than cozy conditions, some in the industry wouldn't trade it for anything else.



Miriam Garrison, of Buhl, gets an autograph from Pete Coors after her husband, Tom, was honored for his barley crop.



as his father, Pat, drinks coffee in the farm office.



A neon sign shines at night in front of The Black Bear Bar on Highway 30. The bar is just miles away from where the beer's main ingredient was grown. By the time barley is shipped, malted, bottled and distributed it has made a round trip of almost 1,000 miles.



Truck drivers take a break as they wait in line at the Burley grain elevators in August.



Bernardo Bogorquez and his family unload irrigation pipe from farm fields in early October. The workers, who participate in the H2A migrant worker program, will return to Mexico for five months before returning to the sprawling farm owned by the Elkins and Eckerts near Hagerman. It's work that many wouldn't want, said Ron Elkin, whose family has employed members of the Bogorquez family for more than 20 years.

Bottom of the ninth, and geometry is boring

I understand all about the appeal of the iPhone and the BlackBerry, but they're fairly easy to spot in, say, an eighth-grade math class.

What kids are missing today is the rush of pure subterfuge — the kind possible only with a transistor radio and an earphone.

If your hair was long enough and you tucked the earphone wire artfully into your shirt, transistor radios were damned near impossible to detect.

The subject arises because October used to be the high season for transistor radios, as kids took them to school to secretly listen to the World Series. Four decades ago, Series games were played during the daytime on school days and pre-adolescent boys didn't miss a pitch. As the '60s melted into the '70s, baseball gave way to rock 'n roll in Transistorland — an even more compelling reason not to listen to Sister Mary Frances describe the directrix of a parabola.

Transistor radios were a challenge because they worked on lousy, primitive technology. Everything sounded tinny; they were hard to hear clearly, but easy to overhear.

When they weren't in a classroom, listeners sometimes held the entire transistor radio against the side of the head, with the speaker against the ear, to minimize the distortion caused by the high resonate frequency of the radio's tiny speaker enclosure. If you were listening with an earphone to an AM radio station — and they were all AM radio stations in those days — sometimes all you heard was gibberish.

Reception was another problem. Depending on what direction you were facing, you either heard nothing but static or a blast of sound loud enough to

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Steve Crump



alert the teacher.

Game 7 of the 1968 World Series, between the St. Louis Cardinals and the Detroit Tigers, was played on a Thursday afternoon with two dominant pitchers — Bob Gibson and Mickey Lolich — squaring off in the deciding game. Both Gibson and Lolich had already won two games in the Series, so no kid in his right mind was gonna miss this game.

The Tigers scored three runs in the seventh inning and another in the ninth, and Lolich went into the bottom of the ninth with a four-hit shutout. He got the first two Cardinal batters out, but the third — Mike Shannon — hit a home run over the left-field fence. Tim McCarver, the Cardinals' catcher (and current Fox Sports broadcaster), was the next batter.

McCarver was hitting .333 in the Series and had won Game 3 with a three-run homer.

Suddenly the voice of NBC radio broadcaster Pee Wee Reese fell silent. Sister Mary Frances was standing over me, holding the earpiece.

Bart Simpson-like, I simply asked, "What gave me away?"

It wasn't what, but whom: Carma Pelogi, sitting two rows back, had rattled me out.

Girls.

McCarver, I learned after emerging from detention, had popped out to Tiger catcher Bill Freehan to end the Series. I ran into Carma years later, working in a Radio Shack.

She smiled, shook my hand and asked, "Can I interest you in a Walkman?"

Closures to start soon for Alternate Route

The beginning of road construction will close several sections of Pole Line Road west of Rock Creek and 2400 East Road starting Monday.

Construction crews will begin to tear up sections of the existing roadway as well as begin to construct the base for the new road.

The closures will be primarily between mile sections and at canal crossings.

The closures will last throughout most of the remaining construction.

All intersections with the new roadway will remain open during this phase of construction and access to homes will be maintained. Drivers are reminded to watch for closure and detour signs throughout the construction zone.

Meanwhile, the contractor, W.W. Clyde Inc. of Springville, Utah, is beginning excavation of the canyon dirt-fill section at Rock Creek. The fill section is being removed to construct a

new steel-girder bridge as part of the \$26.6 million U.S. Highway 93 Alternate Route to connect north

Twin Falls with the U.S. 93/U.S. 30 junction. As a result of the closures, all traffic will be

required to use U.S. 93 through Twin Falls (Blue Lakes Boulevard and Addison Avenue).



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BLM asks for more public comment on China Mountain

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Federal biologists are still researching what effects a 185-turbine wind farm would have on the desert southwest of Rogerson.

But the U.S. Bureau of Land Management is now asking for more public comment on the proposal, this time on a modification to the resource management plan that governs whether the agency can even consider allowing a wind farm in its Jarbidge Field Office.

The China Mountain project would place turbines generating up to 425 megawatts in parts of a largely federal, 30,700-acre area.

The BLM is nearing the end of a two-year environmental study on the project, with draft results expected early next year, and had expected to address the issue with the

20-year-old Jarbidge management plan during a comprehensive revision of it that started in 2006. But the agency needed more time than expected to gather and assess public feedback, said state BLM spokeswoman Heather Feeney, and the revision fell behind schedule.

To keep the China Mountain study on track, officials decided to pursue a smaller amendment. Thursday's notice launched a 30-day comment period, and the input will help determine what issues the BLM examines in the analysis documents for both the study and the plan amendment.

The change wouldn't approve the wind farm, but rather give the BLM the ability to consider putting it on federal land, Feeney said. The amendment language restricts any wind power to just the China Mountain site; no other wind farms are currently

TAKE PART

The BLM will accept comments by e-mail (id_china_mtn_eis@blm.gov), fax (208-735-2076) or regular mail (Project Manager, China Mountain EIS, Jarbidge Field Office, 2536 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, ID 83301). To learn more: 208-735-2072.

proposed in the Jarbidge Field Office, she said.

The agency has already completed a separate general analysis for wind projects bureau-wide, Feeney said. But it can't be used in this case because recent wildfires — notably 2007's Murphy Complex Fire — have already complicated natural-resource issues in the area.

The analysis completed for the smaller amendment would also be used for the management plan's broad revisions, keeping both actions consistent.

Shoshone council race has 3 candidates

By John Plestina
Times-News writer

Three candidates are vying for two four-year positions on the Shoshone City Council while long-time Mayor J.R. Churchman is running for re-election unopposed after the withdrawal of Councilman Dale Sluder from the contest.

Churchman has been in office for more than 30 years.

Incumbent council members Dan Pierson and Jann Thomsen will face Dave Wendell. The two candidates garnering the most votes will serve the next term.

Pierson, 44, a lifelong Shoshone resident, is running for his second four-year term on the council. He is a financial unit supervisor for the Idaho Department of Transportation where he has worked for 20 years.

"My first objective will be to continue being fiscally responsible. Financially the city is in a lot better shape than some. I intend to keep us that way," Pierson said.

"The city is finishing up a multimillion-dollar sewer system upgrade. We are in

the design phase of a water system upgrade. I look forward to seeing that project through."

Encouraging pride in the community and support for economic development and creating a bigger tax base for Shoshone are also goals for Pierson.

Thomsen, 57, is a long-time teacher who moved to Shoshone from Pocatello in 1993 and has since worked as a special education teacher at Shoshone's K-12 school. She is originally from Washington state.

Thomsen is completing her first four-year term on the council. She previously served four years on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

"My goal is to work with the youth and work on some of the problems and some of the assets we have with the youth. I'm an advocate for the students, for the children. Some of the things I've done include making sure that the city donates to the senior (graduation) celebration," she said.

Wendell, 42, moved to Shoshone from Twin Falls

about five years ago. He made an unsuccessful bid for the council in 2007. He is a self-employed bookkeeper. He said his goal, if elected, is to give back to the community.

"I want to help out any way I can in the community that I live in," Wendell said.

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Incumbent council members Connie Anderson and Jeanette Chambers both filed for election to four-year terms. Both were appointed to their council positions to fill vacancies. They are running unopposed.

Another incumbent, Boyd King, missed the deadline to file for the two-year position he holds. He is running unopposed as a write-in.

Richfield

Incumbent Richfield City Councilman Ron Holland is running unopposed. No other candidates filed and there are two vacancies. Councilwoman Maureen Ward did not seek re-election.

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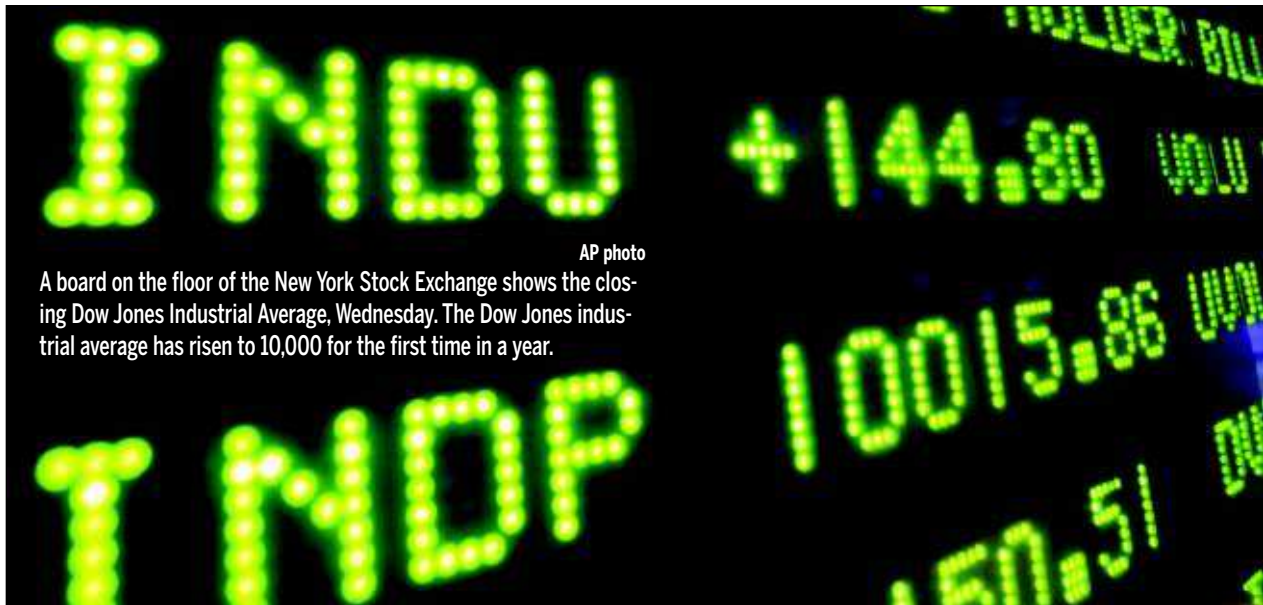
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A board on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange shows the closing Dow Jones Industrial Average, Wednesday. The Dow Jones industrial average has risen to 10,000 for the first time in a year.

The numbers tell the story

Where the stock market and economy have been, where they're heading and what we've learned from a year ago when the stock market took a nose dive over an eight-day period

BY TIM PARADIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK — A year ago, the Dow Jones industrial average had just finished a slow-motion crash. Over eight days, it fell 2,400 points, or 22 percent, and stood at 8,451.

One year later, the Dow is at 9,995.91. It's up 51 percent from a 12-year low of 6,547 on March 9 — when some investors feared the financial world was coming to an end.

But the complete story of the Dow's journey since the economy soured goes back a little further.

On Oct. 7, 2007, the Dow set its record high of 14,164.

What followed was a three-act play. For five months, from October 2007 through the collapse of investment bank Bear Stearns in mid-March 2008, the Dow fell 2,000 points in an orderly fashion as investors anticipated a garden-variety recession.

From mid-March until Labor Day in early September, the Dow rose and fell but was little changed. Right after Labor Day, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Lehman Brothers and AIG failed over 10 days. The credit markets froze, and

investors panicked, fearing another Great Depression. There were rallies amid the downward spiral that ensued, but over six months — until the low on March 9 — the Dow fell 5,000 points.

So where do we stand today?

The seven-month rally since March has yet to wipe away all the losses, but few expected that the Dow would be edging back to 10,000 so soon. Unemployment is close to 10 percent, but other parts of the economy are stabilizing. Consumers are still hunkered down, but retail sales showed a slight gain in September. The panic of last fall has been replaced by the resignation that the worst is over but it might be years before the economy booms again.

"The problems that we're dealing with — there's a little bit less urgency," says Alan Levenson, chief economist at T. Rowe Price Associates. "We've stopped what could have been fatal bleeding."

Here's a by-the-numbers look at the stock market and the economy since the eight-day crash one year ago:

STOCK MARKET
\$11.2 trillion:
Total losses in the stock market from the Dow's peak in October 2007 to the March 2009 bottom.

\$4.6 trillion:
Total gains in the stock market since March 9.

6:
The number of the 10 worst point drops in the 113-year history of the Dow that occurred in 2008. The 777-point drop on Sept. 29, 2008, ranks No. 1.

3:
The number of the 10 worst percentage drops that occurred in 2008. The Sept. 29 decline of 9 percent is the third-biggest behind 22.6 percent on Oct. 19, 1987, and 10 percent on April 14, 2000.

FEAR INDEX
18-20:
The historical average for the Volatility Index of the Chicago Board Options Exchange, also known as the VIX, or "Fear Index."

89:
Where the VIX peaked last October.

23:
Where the VIX was last Friday.

UNEMPLOYMENT
6.2 percent:
Unemployment rate a year ago.

9.8 percent:
Unemployment rate today.

MUTUAL FUNDS
\$6.5 trillion:
Value of assets in stock mutual funds at end of 2007.

\$3.7 trillion:
Value at the end of 2008.

\$4.5 trillion:
Value at the end of August.

-\$72 billion:
Net cash flow (money put in minus money taken out) for stock mutual funds in October 2008.

-\$25 billion:
Net cash flow in March.

\$4 billion:
Net cash flow in August.

STOCKS
92 percent:
Decrease in Citigroup Inc.'s share price from Oct. 10, 2008, (\$13.90) to March 9 (\$1.05).

341 percent:
Increase in Citigroup's share price from March 9 to last Friday's close of \$4.63.

GOLD
\$855.40:
The price of an ounce of gold on Oct. 10, 2008.

\$1,051.50:
The price of an ounce of gold last Friday.

CONSUMERS
95.2:
Consumer confidence two years ago. Reading above 90 means the economy is on solid footing; above 100 signals strong growth.

25.3:
Consumer confidence in February — record low.

53.1:
Consumer confidence today.

2.8 percent:
Decline in retail sales in October and December 2008.

2.7 percent:
Increase in retail sales in August.

SAVINGS
-0.5 percent:
Personal savings rate in 2005 as home prices were soaring.

6.9 percent:
Personal savings rate in May.

CREDIT DEBT
\$975 billion:
Credit card debt held by Americans last September.

\$899 billion:
Credit card debt held at the end of August, down 8 percent.

In many ways, falling dollar is raising U.S. spirits

By Don Lee
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The falling dollar is stoking fears of inflation and worries about America's eroding economic power. But for now it just might be the tonic that's needed to help the U.S. economy get back on its feet.

By making American products cheaper for most foreign buyers, the dollar is helping many U.S. companies boost overseas sales. The weakening dollar also gives domestic businesses a competitive edge at home, making their products cheaper than rival imports.

Its value slipped for a fourth consecutive day Thursday, to its lowest level in more than a year against other major currencies. It takes \$1.49 to buy one euro, compared with \$1.26 seven months ago. Many experts expect the dollar to keep falling in the coming months.

That decline has its downside, making such imported commodities as oil more expensive for U.S. businesses and consumers. The price of crude rose to \$77.87 a barrel Thursday, a one-year high related at least in part to the slumping dollar.

But to companies like Paulson Manufacturing

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'Unbanked' but no longer ignored

Payday lenders, check cashing industry could get federal regulation

By Ylan Q. Mui
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — For years, the country's makeshift network of payday lenders and check cashers has operated with little competition or federal regulation.

But as the financial crisis sparks a new wave of consumer protections, lawmakers and the private sector alike are training their sights on an industry that caters to the most vulnerable of populations: the estimated 40 million households on the margins of the nation's financial system, with limited, if any, access to banks or credit.

Congress is debating the creation of a Consumer Financial Protection Agency that would provide federal oversight of the industry for the first time.

In addition, several bills have been introduced to cap the often-triple-digit interest rates on payday loans, long considered by many one of the industry's most abusive practices.

Meanwhile, big companies are muscling into a sector that has been dominated by independent operators, lured by the promise of a largely untapped \$13 billion market. Walmart, the world's largest retailer, stepped up the competition earlier this year by slashing prices on its most popular financial services, such as check cashing. Start-ups have emerged to offer lending to niche groups, such as Hispanic immigrants, at dramatically lower rates.

"People are always damaged by these products. ... This can be the thing that pushes them over the brink," said Rachel Schneider, innovation director of the nonprofit Center for Financial Services Innovation. "In a recessionary environment, the consequences of using

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Please don't reinflate the old bubbles

Analysts at Goldman Sachs suggested Tuesday that, despite a 50 percent run-up in stock prices that has left the Dow Jones industrial average just shy of 10,000 and the S&P 500 selling at 20 times earnings, stocks are still cheap. In fact, according to Goldman, stocks are so cheap that corporations are going to start using all that cash on their balance sheets not for product development or marketing or some other productivity-enhancing investment, but for acquiring other companies.

In case you just fell off a turnip truck, you might think "Monetizing the M&A Revival" is serious research aimed at helping Goldman clients figure out how to profit from these uncertain times. The helpful analysts from Goldman



Steven Pearlstein

even provided the names of companies they think are so underpriced that they are ripe for a takeover — companies like Devon Energy, AK Steel and Red Hat.

But those with any memory at all will probably recognize this report for what it really is: a marketing brochure for Goldman's investment bankers, who are just itching to begin cranking up the old M&A machine and generating those big fees again. With deal flow, of course, comes an equally lucrative flow of new stock and bond issues to pay for all those ill-

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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Keith Roark

The Roark Law Firm, Hailey and Twin Falls, is pleased to announce that its founding member, R. Keith Roark of Hailey, was inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers at its annual convention in Boston, Mass., on Oct. 10.

Roark has been practicing law in Idaho for more than 32 years and has served as Blaine County prosecuting attorney, Hailey mayor, president of the Idaho Prosecuting Attorneys Association (1982-83), president of the Idaho Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (2007-08) and is currently the state chairman of the Idaho Democratic Party. He was also the recipient of the Idaho State Bar Association's Professionalism Award in 2008.

Heather Ann Kaiser Lowe



Lowe

Heather Ann Kaiser Lowe graduated in May 2009, with a doctorate in physical therapy from Idaho State University in Pocatello. Lowe is a graduate of Jerome High School, class of 1977; she graduated from the College of Southern Idaho in 1999. She received her bachelor's degree in kinesiology from California State University.

Lowe is currently employed at Ellis Physical Therapy in Idaho Falls. She is the daughter of Paul and Jana Kaiser; the granddaughter of John and Betty Throckmorton Mahan and the step-granddaughter of Thomas F. Mahan. They are all from Jerome.

Jerome Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine Clinic

Jerome Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine Clinic at 128 5th Ave. W. has added a new physical therapist to its staff. Donna Alfs, MPT, GCS will work with Lon Egbert, PT, ATC. She has been a physical therapist for over 30 years in Idaho. She has specialties in geriatric care and sports medicine. She has experience with workers compensation patients, job site evaluations and post offer testing.

The business accepts most insurances including Medicare/Medicaid. Most insurances do not require a referral for physical therapy. Call 324-3090.

Wynwood Twin Falls

Sunya Grantham joined Wynwood Twin Falls as executive director after the retirement of the community's previous executive director.

In the past five years, Grantham has worked as an executive director for

retirement and assisted living communities in Oregon and Washington. The last two years, she traveled within Idaho, Oregon and Washington as director of new community development and training for a senior housing company.

She completed her undergraduate work at Pacific Lutheran University, receiving a bachelor's degree in sociology with a minor in legal studies. Grantham graduated from Chapman University with a master's degree in health administration in 2005.

High school art teachers

The Idaho Art Education Association recognizes outstanding art teachers in the state at an annual conference for art teachers, general education teachers and art education students. This year, the IAEA honored four teachers for their outstanding service to their students.

Betty Ervin of Wood River High School in Hailey was awarded the high school teacher of the year award and Lola Johnson of Lowell Scott Middle School in Boise was awarded the middle school teacher of the year award. The IAEA is proud to honor these fine arts educators who display and promote excellence in their teaching to Idaho students.

College Instructors of the Year

Two College of Southern Idaho Art professors were awarded College Instructor of the Year awards from the Idaho Art Education Association at the group's annual conference recently in Hailey.

Ceramics Professor Bill West has taught at CSI for 24 years and Art Professor Mike Youngman has taught at CSI for 22 years. The IAEA also awarded honors to the state's outstanding high school and middle school art teachers. All awards are based on the instructors' excellence in teaching Idaho students.

St. Luke's Magic Valley quarterly certifications

St. Luke's Magic Valley is proud to announce several members of the clinical staff have recently gained advanced certification within their area of expertise. These certifications are above and beyond the requirements of their position and validate their specialty knowledge and experience. Cardiovascular, Elma Castillo, RN-

BC-CVN; Home Health and Hospice, Melissa Fenderson, CHPN; OB, Candice McMullin, RNC-OB and Kathleen Gallagher, RNC-OB; OR, Lori Tomlinson, CNOR, Krista Kliegl, CNOR and PACU; Leanna Hanson, CAPA and Shelly Jensen, CAPA.

Visions Home Health



Garcia

Oct. 12, 2009, Uniqueness Award for Visions Home Health was awarded to Mary Garcia, LPN for her willingness to go beyond the boundaries of her job. Mary is always there to assist other individual workers when needed.

Melissa Fernandez

Melissa Fernandez of Jensen Jewelers in Burley has graduated from the Certified Professional Jeweler program. The course involves extensive training in all product areas of the jewelry industry, including diamonds, genuine stones, watches and all facets of jewelry making.

Hospice Visions



Haynes

Oct. 5, 2009, Uniqueness Award from Hospice Visions, Inc., was awarded to Tony Haynes, volunteer. This wonderful volunteer went above and beyond the normal requests by assisting a Hospice Visions, Inc., patient during meal times. This extraordinary individual is a great asset to Hospice Visions, Inc.

Dr. Geoffroi Golay



Golay

Dr. Geoffroi Golay, a local Twin Falls chiropractor, who has been in practice 15 years, recently attended a nutrition seminar titled "The Power of Purification." The primary focus was on the need to detoxify your body and when it should be done. Nutrition was also discussed, regarding good quality supplements, which can aid in the prevention of chronic illness and disease and in turn enhance good health. Dr. Golay practices chiropractic care as well as taking care of detoxification and nutrition needs.

See him in his new office at 488 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Ste. 107, call 733-0123.

CONTRIBUTIONS

SNAKE RIVER POOL AND SPA



Courtesy photo

Jim Paxton, owner and general manager of Snake River Pool and Spa, presented a check for \$1,200 to the Tough Enough To Wear Pink Breast Cancer Charity. Accepting the check is Bonnie Seamon, working on behalf of the Tough Enough to Wear Pink 900 Women Campaign Organization. Snake River Pool and Spa was able to increase its contribution by 20 percent over the previous year, even in a down economy. 'A special thank you to all our customers and friends who help make this possible including, all of you for helping support us for over 30 years. It's all about community and giving back,' Paxton said.

SNAKE RIVER BROS



Courtesy photo

The Snake River Bros. present a check to Pam Green, district state office director and president of Mad Mothers Against Methamphetamine, and members of the board of directors. The money was used for the purchase of 40 copies of the prevention DVD entitled 'The High Is a Lie' produced by Dr. Mary Holley. A DVD was donated to each of the middle and high schools in Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka and Twin Falls counties.

Report: Feds probing Toys R Us over baby products

NEW YORK (AP) — The federal government is reportedly investigating whether Toys R Us Inc. has improperly acted to discourage discounting and keep the prices consumers pay on baby products such as strollers and car seats higher than they otherwise may have been.

The Wall Street Journal reported Saturday that the Federal Trade Commission

is examining whether the nation's biggest toy store chain violated an 11-year-old FTC order that it avoid anticompetitive tactics that could stifle competition and keep prices high.

The newspaper cited unidentified people familiar with the matter and added that it was unclear whether the probe would result in any enforcement action.

MILESTONES

SPRING MOBILE



Courtesy photo

Spring Mobile, located in the Magic Valley Mall in Twin Falls, recently held a ribbon cutting along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber Ambassadors. They are a new member of the Chamber. Pictured are Bud White, left, manager, and Dustyn Skogsbert.

PROGRESSIVE AUTO SALES



Courtesy photo

Progressive Auto Sales/Magic Valley Finance, 703 Washington St. N., Twin Falls, celebrated the opening of their new dealership in the Magic Valley. The Twin Falls Area Chamber Ambassadors were there to cut the red ribbon. They are new members of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. Pictured from left: Owners Colby Tripp, Scott Reaves and Tracy Frank.

RIEDEL ENGINEERING



Courtesy photo

Riedesel Engineering will host a 25th anniversary open house, 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, with a ribbon cutting at 3 p.m. at 202 Falls Ave., Twin Falls. Riedesel Engineering has earned the respect of its clients and peers by fostering a spirit of fairness, trust, teamwork, mutual respect, and a commitment to building lasting relationships with colleagues and business partners. Pictured from left, back row; Aaron Wert, Josh Baird, Chip Carlson, Charles Vance, LiWei Tung, Rod Mathis, Kent Atkin, Freddie Garcia, Matthew Brander and John McCloskey. Middle row; Bobbi Thompson, Val Smith, Karolee Sorenson, Sheena Ogden, Collen Martin and Chevy Baily. Front row; Marty Gergen, Tracey McAuley, Don Acheson, Mike Lee and Brandon Conrad.

NEU WAVE MEDIA



Courtesy photo

NeuWave Media recently cut the red ribbon at the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's office along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber Ambassadors. NeuWave is a full-service advertising agency that is in the business of branding and thinking 'outside the box.' They will then recycle the box, making your business greener. NeuWave Media is also a new member of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. Pictured are Brian Henry, owner, and Deb Henry.

We want YOUR BUSINESS news

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

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BANKRUPTCIES

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Arthur Garcia, 619 Orchard Dr. W. Twin Falls, ID 83301, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 09-41572.

Ralph M. Hubbard, 59 Laurie Lane, Burley, ID 83318, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 09-41573.

Donald W. Barnhart, 146 Addison Ave. W. #30, Twin Falls, ID 83301, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 09-41601.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000

Howard Zimmerman, 138 Van Buren, Twin Falls, ID 83301, individual nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 09-41571.

Clinton A. Collins, 419 Fruitland Ave. Space 2,

Senator Mobile Park, Buhl, ID 83316, individual non-business, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 09-41576.

Marva J. Ransom, 1728 S. 600 W. Oakley, ID 83346, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 09-41589.

Charles M. Golihar, 485 Addison W. Twin Falls, ID 83301, individual nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 09-41590.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Billy J. Henry, 160 Earl Dr. Twin Falls, ID 83301, individual nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 09-41602.

Jon B. Anderson, 320 Walnut St. Bellevue, ID 83313, individual nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 credi-

tors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 09-41603.

Esiquiel B. Talamantes, 431 Altair Dr. Twin Falls, ID 83301, individual nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 09-41607.

Barbara E. Raffelli, 1843 Falls Ave. E. Twin Falls, ID 83301, individual nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 09-41608.

Thomas M. Brockman, 484 Clover Lane, Jerome, ID 83338, individual non-business, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 09-41612.

Chapter 7, business, \$1,000,000 to \$10,000,000

Ray E. Thompson, 344 E. Avenue B. Wendell, ID 83355, individual, business, Chapter 7, 100-199 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities

\$1,000,000 to \$10,000,000. Case no. 09-41604.

Chapter 11, business, \$1,000,000 to \$10,000,000

Bruce L. Allen, 396 Warm Springs, Ketchum, ID 83340, individual, business, Chapter 11, 1-49 creditors, assets \$1,000,000 to \$10,000,000, liabilities \$1,000,000 to \$10,000,000. Case no. 09-41567.

Chapter 13, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000

Glen Gregory, P.O. Box 4517, 851 Jack Pine, Hailey, ID 83333, individual, non-business, Chapter 13, 1-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 09-41609.

Chapter 13, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$1,000,000

Richard E. Wiethorn, 508 N. 3rd Ave. Hailey, ID 83333, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 1-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. Case no. 09-41611.

Dollar

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Corp. in Temecula, Calif., which makes goggles and other protective gear, the dollar's slide is good news.

For a customer in Brazil, the company's top overseas market, buying \$10,000 of Paulson's face shields in early March meant shelling out more than 24,000 Brazilian reals. That same order costs about 17,000 reals now.

"It certainly helps to have the dollar go down," said owner Roy Paulson, who's considering expanding his staff of 135. "I'll have more exports. There's no doubt about it."

The U.S. tourism industry, including hotels, restaurants and stores, also could see a bump in business from foreigners sleeping and eating and shopping at what may seem like bargain prices to them.

Tour operator RMP Travel in New York is getting more requests for quotes from overseas travelers.

"It looks like 2010 could be promising," said Suzi Steiger, the company's president.

About 40 percent of sales by companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 stock

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— **Simon Johnson, a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and former chief economist at the International Monetary Fund**

index are made overseas. So when Procter & Gamble, Walt Disney and Abbott Laboratories convert money made in euros or Japanese yen into dollars, they will see more dollars on the bottom line.

The sinking dollar comes with some immediate downsides, of course. Although foreign travelers may be more inclined to visit, Americans heading to Paris, Sydney and other cities abroad may experience a bad case of sticker shock, something that could get worse.

The dollar has been weakening since 2002 in a trend that reversed temporarily last fall only when the escalating global financial crisis prompted frightened investors to move money into dollar-denominated assets such as Treasury bills for their perceived safety.

But since March, as the global recession has showed signs of easing, investors

have been selling dollars or borrowing them to plow money into faster-growing places overseas, particularly Asia, and that's driven the dollar's value back down.

In public remarks, Treasury Secretary Timothy F. Geithner has repeated the mantra that the U.S. favors a strong dollar. But he and others on President Barack Obama's economic team, which is struggling to quiet rising unemployment, may be quietly cheering the dollar's decline.

"It's a lucky break for the administration," said Simon Johnson, a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and former chief economist at the International Monetary Fund. "In this environment where there's low inflation," he says, the weak dollar "is expansionary for the economy and will help create jobs."

Treasury officials declined to comment. But

last week, in addressing the National Association of Manufacturers' board in Washington, Geithner conveyed a message that "his first thing was getting the economy stronger and that he'll worry about the dollar later," said Drew Greenblatt, a board member of the association and president of Marlin Steel Wire Products in Baltimore.

For Marlin, the lower dollar has been "like wind behind my sails," Greenblatt said, projecting that exports will make up 25 percent of his business this year, about twice as much as in 2008. A few years ago, he says, he had no sales overseas.

The company made its first shipment last week to Australia: 50 six-pound wire baskets. Seven months ago the Australian customer would have had to pay almost 30 percent more.

"It's as if we're having a sale," he said. "Foreign sales are saving my bacon."

Unbanked

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predatory products are more apparent."

In the financial world, those without access to traditional financial services have been dubbed the "unbanked." With spotty bank records and thin or nonexistent credit reports — documents often required to rent an apartment, buy a cellphone or even get a job — they rely on storefront businesses that may charge a 4 percent fee to cash a check or a 995 percent annual interest rate for a short-term loan.

Though the number of unbanked is difficult to track, Schneider said anecdotal evidence suggests that their ranks increased as the recession deepened. The center estimates that median household income for the unbanked is \$26,390 — about half of the national median — and many have little to no savings.

Anthony Jeffers lives in North Carolina, where the unemployment rate is 10.7 percent, and he travels to Washington every other month to hunt for construction work. The costs are high — he pays for an apartment in both places.

The expenses overwhelmed him last year, so Jeffers turned to a payday lender to get \$800 for his rent. When he repaid the loan two weeks later, he owed about \$1,100, meaning he paid more than 30 percent interest, or 975 percent on an annualized basis.

"All you're thinking of is getting your money to take care of your situation," said

Jeffers, who was standing outside a check casher here on a recent afternoon after buying a money order to pay his rent back home. "It just seems like a lot of interest to pay back."

The proposed federal agency — one of the White House's signature pieces of legislation — would have broad authority to set new national standards for the non-bank industry and investigate complaints, marking the first time the industry would fall under the eye of a federal agency. Until now, it has been overseen largely by the states. Congress is still hashing out details of the legislation, and a vote is expected this fall.

"We want a watchdog on the financial industry, both the currently regulated and the unregulated market," said Steve Adamske, spokesman for the House Financial Services Committee. "Hopefully, this agency will level the playing field."

Three bills in the House and one in the Senate that were submitted this spring seek to curb one of the industry's most controversial practices: charging triple-digit interest rates for short-term loans to risky customers. The bills would impose caps as low as \$15 for every \$100 borrowed and, in some cases, require greater transparency of the lending terms.

But industry representatives say they provide necessary services for households that have become alienated from traditional financial

institutions. Many of their customers have poor credit and may not qualify for basic bank accounts. The payday-lending industry has opposed capping interest rates, and its trade group, the Community Financial Services Association, is raising \$1 million from its mem-

bers to lobby against the bills. CFSAs spokesman Steven Schlein said the group has reserved judgment on the proposed Consumer Financial Protection Agency.

"It's all in the details," he said. "It would be a big change for us."

Auction CALENDAR

Through Nov. 14th

<p>SUNDAY OCT 18, 1:00PM Nichols Auction, TF Car • Furniture • Appliances Lawn • Garden • Shop • Misc TN ad: 10/16 MASTERS AUCTION www.mastersauction.com</p> <p>SUNDAY, OCT 18 Carpet • Linoleum & Electrical Company Online Liquidation Auction Ends 10/20 1pm MUSICK AUCTION www.musickauction.com</p> <p>MONDAY, OCT 19, 5:30PM General Merchandise, TF Furniture • Household • Tools Collectibles • Consignments Welcome 734-1635 • 731-4567 IDAHO AUCTION BARN www.idahoauktionbarn.com</p> <p>TUESDAY, OCT 20, 5:00PM Household • Tools • Antiques Outrageous Oddities • Jerome KLAAS AUCTION BARN 208-324-5521 www.klaasauktion.com</p> <p>THURSDAY OCT 22 Steve Bancroft Masonry, Pasco, WA Masonry Equip. & Rolling Stock On-Line Only Auction MUSSER BROS. AUCTIONEERS www.mbauction.com</p>	<p>THURSDAY OCT 22 Fine Furniture Liquidation Auction Burley • Preview Wed 5:00pm Times-News Ad: 10-18 US AUCTION www.us-auctioneers.com</p> <p>SATURDAY OCT 24, 10:00AM Cummins Estate, Murtaugh Appliances • Fine Furniture • Lawn Collectibles • Antiques • Glassware TN ad: 10/22 MASTERS AUCTION www.mastersauction.com</p> <p>SUNDAY OCT 25, 10:00AM DeVisser Estate, Filer Old 1 Cylinder Engines • Shop Unique Creations • Large Auction TN ad: 10/23 MASTERS AUCTION www.mastersauction.com</p> <p>SATURDAY, NOV 14, 10:00AM Fall Open Consignment, TF Household • Vehicle and Miscellaneous COUNTRY AUCTIONS, LLC 208-420-0016 Eric www.countryauctionsllc.com</p> <p>To find out more, click Auctions on www.magicvalley.com</p> <p>AUCTION SALES REP Jill Hollon 735-3222 • E-mail: jhollon@magicvalley.com</p>
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Pearlstein

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advised and overpriced acquisitions, along with increased volume on Goldman's trading desk from speculators hoping to cash in on the latest takeover rumors.

Just because Goldman is recommending this to its clients, however, doesn't mean Goldman is putting its own money behind the new bull market in mergers and acquisitions. Indeed, it is just as likely that Goldman is preparing to short the very takeover stocks it is touting to the public, just as it did in the late stages of the real estate and mortgage bubble. It's all perfectly legal. And it is perfectly in keeping with what we know about Wall Street's most successful firms, which is that if they stumble on a profitable trading strategy, the last person they are likely to share it with is you.

What we're witnessing here is pretty simple: another bubble in financial assets. All that "liquidity" created by the Federal Reserve and other central banks has accomplished its task and prevented a global financial meltdown. But unless they move now to begin sopping up that liquidity, the central bankers run a serious risk of reinflating many of the same bubbles that got us into this mess in the first place.

Many analysts now look at the economy and conclude that unemployment is still way too high and the threat of inflation still way too low for the Fed to even think about beginning to raise interest rates again. By one calculation, the appropriate federal funds rate today would be something like NEGATIVE 5 percent. Since that's impossible, the Fed has signaled that it would not only stick by its zero-interest-rate policy for the indefinite future, but also will continue to inject additional money into the financial system by using freshly printed dollars to buy up the debt issued by government-owned Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

The problem is that because we didn't get into this recession in the normal way, the normal analysis and remedies are not appropriate. Slow growth and high unemployment are indeed going to be a big problem over the next several years, but they aren't going to be solved by pumping out lots of cheap money that is used to spec-

ulate in stocks, bonds and commodities rather than be invested in the real economy. And if all this speculation has the effect of driving up the price of commodities and driving down the value of the dollars we use for imports, then it is perfectly possible to wind up with high inflation and high unemployment at the same time — as happened in the late 1970s.

The right policy response is for the Fed to begin withdrawing some of this extraordinary monetary stimulus even as the rest of the government steps up its effort to stimulate the real economy. That means more money for extended unemployment benefits; more aid to the states so that they can maintain the most vital public services; and more money to expand mass transit, state college and university systems, efficient energy production and basic scientific research. The economist Paul Krugman estimates that for every dollar in extra debt that will be required to finance this fiscal stimulus, about 40 cents will be repaid almost immediately in the form of tax revenues from higher short-term economic growth. And if the money is invested wisely in quality projects with high returns, the other 60 cents could wind up being a boon to future generations, rather than a burden.

What would surely not be good policy, by the way, is to extend and expand the current tax break for first-time home buyers that is set to expire at the end of the year, as many in Congress are now advocating. Home buyers are already getting a huge benefit from the dramatic drop in house prices, along with the lowest mortgage rates in a generation, thanks to massive government infusions into Fannie and Freddie. For the government to go beyond those efforts and try to induce home sales that otherwise wouldn't have happened — at an estimated \$75,000 a pop — would surely be cheered by home builders, real estate agents and the analysts at Goldman Sachs. But in truth it would be nothing more than a misguided attempt to reinflate another bubble.

Washington Post columnist Steven Pearlstein covers business and economy issues.

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NATION & WORLD

Sheriff: Charges will be filed in balloon saga

By Dan Elliott
Associated Press writer

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Authorities are pursuing criminal charges in the case of a boy who vanished into his parents' garage while the world feared he was trapped aboard a helium balloon — prompting speculation of a hoax.

The boy's parents, Richard and Mayumi Heene, met with Larimer County investigators for much of the afternoon, but Sheriff Jim Alderden didn't say who would be charged or what the charges would be.

Alderden didn't call Thursday's hours-long drama a hoax, but he

expressed disappointment that he couldn't level more serious charges in the incident, which sent police and the military scrambling to save young Falcon Heene as millions of worried television viewers watched.

"We were looking at Class 3 misdemeanor, which hardly seems serious enough given the circumstances," Alderden said. "We are talking to the district attorney, federal officials to see if perhaps there aren't additional federal charges that are appropriate in this circumstance."

Suspicion that the balloon saga was a publicity stunt arose almost immediately after Falcon was found in the garage rafters, hiding



AP photo
Richard Heene brings out a box for journalists to put their question in, Saturday outside his home in Fort Collins, Colo. Heene told the journalists that were camped outside the home that he would answer the questions in the box later that day.

in a cardboard box. Richard Heene, a storm chaser and inventor whose family has appeared on the reality

show "Wife Swap," and his wife had said one of the boy's older brothers had said Falcon was aboard the

homemade balloon when it took off.

Alderden initially said there was no reason to believe the incident was a hoax. Authorities questioned the Heenes again after Falcon turned to his dad during a CNN interview Thursday night and said "you said we did this for a show" when asked why he didn't come out of his hiding place.

Falcon got sick during two separate TV interviews Friday when asked again why he hid.

Alderden said Saturday that deputies were seeking a search warrant for the family's home, and there would be more information at a news conference Sunday.

After the sheriff went inside, Richard Heene and his wife walked out. As reporters yelled questions, all Heene said was, "I was talking to the sheriff's department just now." He then walked to his car with his wife and a friend, and they drove away.

It wasn't clear where the family was late Saturday night. By 9 p.m., an AP reporter at the family home said the couple hadn't returned after leaving the sheriff's office. Their three sons were believed to have been at home being watched by sheriff's officials earlier in the day, but their whereabouts also weren't known to reporters in the evening.

Swine flu 6 months later: Relief, but winter looms

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press writer

ATLANTA — It was six months ago that scientists discovered an ominous new flu virus, touching off fears of a catastrophic global outbreak that could cause people to drop dead in the streets. Doomsday, of course, never came to pass.

Now that the initial scare over the swine flu has subsided, health officials warn we are not out of danger yet.

"We've got many, many months ahead of us where we don't know what will happen and we need to take the best steps we can to protect ourselves," Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said last week. "Our biggest concern is that the virus could change, mutate to become more deadly."

With winter approaching, another fear is a one-two punch in which a resurgent swine flu batters young people before the vaccine is widely available, while the ordinary flu strikes the elderly. Also, emergency doctors are worried about the strain on ERs and hospitals.

To date, swine flu has hospitalized hundreds of thousands of people around the world and killed at least 4,500, including at least 600 in the United States. At least 81 U.S. children have died, including many who had no underlying health problems.

The CDC was the first to identify the new flu. It was on April 15 and 17 that the agency determined that nasal samples from two children in Southern California contained a swine flu virus that had never been seen before. It was found to contain bits of



Yonhap/AP file photo
A thermal camera monitor shows the body temperatures of overseas passengers arriving in May 2009 at Incheon International Airport near Seoul, South Korea.

bird and human flu.

At first the cases represented more of a scientific puzzle than a public health threat. The two children recovered, but investigators were perplexed by how they got it, since the two kids had not been in contact with each other or with pigs.

But within a week, the situation became more dramatic, when testing linked the two children and a handful of subsequent U.S. cases to hundreds of illnesses in Mexico City. Mexican authorities closed schools, museums, libraries and theaters to stop the spread of the disease as initial reports suggested it was killing as many as one in 15 of those infected — a horrifying death rate more than three times higher than the terrible flu pandemic of 1918-19.

The disease kept spreading, and eventually the World Health Organization declared it the first global flu pandemic in 40 years. But even before then, U.S. health officials had downgraded some of their prevention advice, such as the call for schools to shut down for two weeks if any students became infected.

learning from my mistakes, if everybody's been keeping up with the news." On Friday night, Fairey's attorneys — led by Anthony Falzone, executive director of the Fair Use Project at Stanford University — said they intend to withdraw from the case and said the artist had misled them by fabricating information and destroying other material.

Fairey admitted that he didn't use The Associated Press' photo of Obama seated next to actor George Clooney he originally said his work was based on — which he claimed would have been covered under "fair use," the legal claim that copyrighted work can be used

Goobers doing just fine after health scare

By Ben Evans
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Go figure: Food makers processed more peanuts over the past year than nearly any other time on record despite a national salmonella outbreak blamed for killing nine people and scaring consumers away from peanut products for months.

Peanut farmers who once feared \$1 billion in losses are chalking up their good fortune to a bad economy that has more people reaching for peanut butter as a cheap lunch.

Agriculture Department numbers back up the theory. Peanuts processed for snacks — items such as sandwich crackers that were heavily recalled during the outbreak — were slightly down for the accounting year ending July 31. But peanuts used for peanut butter set an all-time record at 1.1 billion pounds, topping the previous year's total by 100 million pounds.

That was enough to make the year's overall peanut production the third-highest in history, missing the top mark set in 2005 by just a fraction of 1 percent, with nearly 2 billion pounds



AP photo
Georgia peanut farmer Tim Burch checks peanuts Tuesday in a Baker County, Ga., field as a peanut digger drives by preparing them for harvest. Food makers bought more peanuts over the past year than at nearly any other time on record.

being processed.

"This is very unusual," said Sanford Miller, senior fellow at the Joint Institute for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition at the University of Maryland. He said the rebound from a national food scare typically takes far longer, sometimes years.

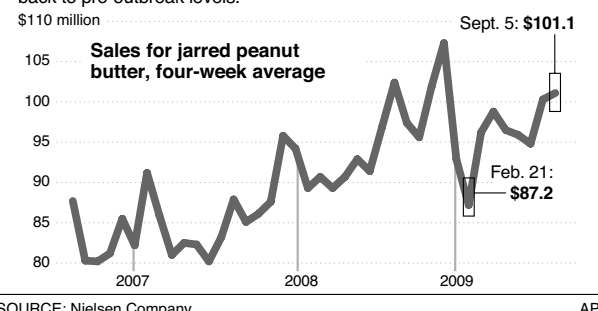
"It shows you how important peanut butter is to the American diet," Miller said. "People just won't give it up."

Industry leaders would not have predicted this outcome earlier this year after a salmonella outbreak linked to the Peanut Corp. of America was blamed for sickening hundreds of people and led to one of the largest product recalls in U.S. history.

Officials projected massive losses as the Food and Drug Administration, in January and February, added item after item to a lengthy recall list of peanut products deemed potentially dangerous. Bracing for a long-term slump, the

Peanut butter sales up after outbreak

In early 2009, sales of peanut butter products fell after recalls from the federal government. By March, sales for the year bounced back to pre-outbreak levels.



SOURCE: Nielsen Company

AP

industry launched an aggressive public relations campaign to convince people the contamination was isolated.

The public was skeptical. Sales of peanut products plummeted, particularly snack items.

Even retail sales of peanut butter — most brands of which were removed from the tainted peanut supplies — dropped from a strong average of about \$100 million in monthly sales through the end of 2008 to about \$87 million for the

four weeks ending Feb. 22, according to Nielsen, a market research firm.

But the slump was short-lived. By March sales had bounced back to their pre-outbreak strength, remaining high through the summer and fall.

"There's an old adage in the industry that you can almost track the economy by consumption of peanut butter," said Stanley Fletcher, a peanut economist at the University of Georgia. "It's basically the cheapest source of protein."

Artist admits using key AP photo for 'HOPE' poster

By Hillel Italie and Joe Mandak
Associated Press writers

PITTSBURGH — Artist Shepard Fairey, who recently admitted concealing a key mistake in a lawsuit over his use of an Associated Press photo in his famous Barack Obama "HOPE" poster, said Saturday that the error should not be viewed as "premeditated and sinister."

Fairey was at the Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh on Saturday night for the opening of an exhibit of his works — including the 4-foot-by-8-foot Obama poster. He drew a chuckle from the crowd during a question and answer session when he said, "I am

without having to pay for it. Instead he used a picture the news organization has claimed was his source — a solo picture of the future president seemingly closer to the iconic red, white and blue image of Obama, underlined with the caption "HOPE." Fairey said that he tried to cover up his error by submitting false images and deleting others.

The distinction is critical because fair use can sometimes be determined by how much of an original image or work was altered in the creation of a new work. If Fairey didn't need to significantly alter the image he used — in this case the solo shot of Obama — then his claim could have been undermined. Fair use

cases also may consider the market value of the copyrighted material and the intended use of the newly created work.

Laurence Pulgram, an



AP file photo
A poster of President Obama, right, by artist Shepard Fairey is shown for comparison with this file photo of then-Sen. Obama by Associated Press photographer Manny Garcia.



intellectual property lawyer who represented Napster in a copyright fight with the rock band Metallica, said Saturday that Fairey's case was in trouble.

"This was a brain-dead move by Mr. Fairey, and it could be the turning point. His lawyers will still be able to argue that he made a 'fair use' under copyright law, but it's a whole lot less likely that the court or jury will think that what he did was actually 'fair' if he has lied and tried to mislead the entire world about what use he made," Pulgram said.

Fairey said Saturday that it was wrong to portray the error in his initial claim "as if it was very, very premeditated and sinister."

Obama praises panel's health care vote

By Darlene Superville
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Pushing back against his critics, President Obama says overhauling the health care system, while helping millions of people, also will test whether policy makers can “serve the national interest despite the unrelenting efforts of the special interests.”

The administration is trying to build momentum for the president's overhaul effort after the Senate Finance Committee voted 14-9 this week for a bill that would extend health care coverage to millions of people. One Republican, Maine Sen. Olympia Snowe, supported the bill, and the measure faces considerable opposition from the health care industry, labor unions and large business organizations.

“The history is clear: For decades rising health care costs have unleashed havoc on families, businesses and the economy,” the president said Saturday in his weekly radio and Internet address. “And for decades, whenever we have tried to reform the system, the insurance companies have done everything in their considerable power to stop us.”

The health insurance industry released a study earlier this week concluding that the Finance Committee bill — one of five competing House and Senate health care measures — would raise premiums significantly for millions of people who already have health coverage.

The report drew intense criticism from the White House, congressional Democrats and other advocates of the bill who deemed the study a last-ditch effort to sway public opinion against the measure.

Obama said he would not abide “those who would bend the truth or break it to score political points and stop our progress as a country.” He accused the industry of “filling the airwaves with deceptive and dishonest ads,” sending money and lobbyists to Capitol Hill and paying for studies “designed to mislead the American people.”

The insurance industry responded Saturday, saying it supports a comprehensive, bipartisan overhaul of the system but that separate studies recently found that some of the existing proposals will increase significantly health care costs for families and employers.

“Reform needs to work and deliver on the promise made to the American people that everyone will have quality, affordable coverage,” Karen Ignagni, president of the industry group America's Health Insurance Plans, said in a statement.

The bills moving through Congress generally would require most Americans to buy insurance, provide federal subsidies to help lower-income people afford coverage and help small businesses defray the cost of extending coverage to their workers.

The measures would bar insurers from denying coverage because of pre-existing medical conditions and limit their ability to charge higher premiums based on age or family size. Expanded coverage would be paid for by cutting hundreds of billions of dollars from future Medicare payments to health care providers.

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Snowe: ‘I’m still struggling with affordability’

By Ezra Klein
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — When Sen. Olympia Snowe of Maine became the first congressional Republican to cast a vote for health-care reform, she also became the most influential Republican on the issue. Holding on to her vote is a priority for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. “He is prepared to do what he can to keep her on board,” Reid spokesperson Jim Manley said last week. Snowe spoke with The Washington Post's Ezra Klein on Thursday about the death of bipartisanship and the future of health-care reform efforts. Edited excerpts:

Q: You were the only Republican to support the Senate Finance Committee's bill. What do you see in the bill that your colleagues don't?

A: Well, it's hard to speak for others. Could be a philosophical difference or a policy difference. They would have liked more time, and I don't disagree with that. In the “Gang of Six,” when the deadline was Sept. 15, we wanted to continue instead of ending at that point, but the chairman felt he had to move forward. There are a lot of issues. I said in the committee the other day I still have concerns.

Q: You mentioned the “Gang of Six,” the bipartisan group of senators on the committee who negotiated on the legislation. Looking back, do you consider that process a success or a failure?

A: It was an outstanding process. I think that if the American people had had a window into those deliberations, people would have felt very encouraged. It's a rarity today in many ways to have that opportunity to sit down with your colleagues, face to face, several days a week for multiple hours, just working through issues. It didn't culminate in agreement, but it did establish



Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, shakes hands with Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, as Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, second from left, and Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev., right, look on after the committee approved the landmark health care reform bill Tuesday in Washington. Snowe joined all 13 Democrats on the panel in support of the bill.

The New York Times/
AP photo

the foundation and essence for the legislation that was ultimately reported to the Senate Finance Committee.

Q: When President Obama was elected, there was a real hope that the country would be entering a less partisan, more cooperative era. Was that an unrealistic expectation?

A: It shouldn't be. I think the art of legislating has somewhat been lost here in Congress. It generally just boils down to simple talking points and sound bites, rather than really immersing ourselves in the substance and complexities of any given issue. You really have to take the time to examine all facets of it. People question that this took several months. It should have taken longer, frankly.

Q: Was it strange to turn on the TV in August and hear Glenn Beck spinning wild tales about “death panels”?

A: I was stunned. And I still am stunned. It's reflective of the discourse. People want us to reform the health-care system, but they're not sure we can get it right. And that's understandable, to be honest with you. I don't think Congress has lived up to the standards

that elected officials in the U.S. Congress should have in these monumental times. If I think back to Social Security and Medicare, for example, they did garner broader support in terms of passage.

Q: Medicare and Social Security were much more liberal than anything we're discussing now, and they still had much more bipartisan support. Are we dealing with a different political system?

A: Unfortunately, the political system today preys more on people's fears than their hopes. ... We have an impending crisis, and we can't seem to muster the political capacity or will to forge political consensus. I don't expect it to be easy, but I would expect there would be more willingness to work together.

Q: What are your concerns going forward?

A: I'm still struggling with affordability. The Congressional Budget Office has produced charts showing that the American people will achieve savings, but we have to make sure that is the case. I also struggle with the individual mandate. It could be my libertarian streak. I understand the rationale and the need to

bring everybody into the system, but until we're sure the system will work. I'm reluctant to impose those fees.

Q: If the bill passed \$900 billion, but did so in a deficit-neutral way, could you support that?

A: Yes, if you could do it in a neutral way. I was talking to Senator (Debbie) Stabenow (D-Mich.) the other day about bringing some of these benefits forward in some way.

Q: So they would begin before 2013?

A: Maybe a transitional tax credit that gives people a means to access health insurance. We did that in the Medicare prescription drug benefit — we gave them a drug card worth \$600 before the full program was implemented. It was a transitional benefit. Otherwise, people will be wondering why they're not realizing benefits sooner. But we'd need money for that.

I also think we should include something on medical malpractice. I can't imagine why we wouldn't. Maine has a very successful dispute-resolution process. It's been in force for 25 years. That's one dimension that has contributed significant-

ly to rising costs.

Q: You've been supportive of a “trigger” proposal that would create a public option if insurance didn't prove affordable over the next few years. Why wait?

A: We need a lever to force the industry to drive down prices. If the goal of the public option is to ensure the industry performs, then the same could be true of a trigger mechanism. That lever could be equally potent in providing the maximum incentive to the industry to perform. The CBO has said we'd realize \$15 billion in savings. I think that would be preferable to giving a disproportionate advantage to government. There's not an incentive for the government to be very efficient at what it does. It can do it, and sometimes we need to rely on it. But I don't think it would be preferable, if we could accomplish the goal in other ways.

Q: What's the one idea that you'd most like to see in the bill but that you don't think is politically feasible?

A: I don't know that I have anything in that category. I believe we should build upon the current system. I'm traditional in my approach towards reforming health care.

NASA photos show moon strike created plume

LOS ANGELES (AP) — NASA's much-hyped mission to hurl a spacecraft into the moon turned out some worthwhile data after all, scientists said.

New images show a mile-high plume of lunar debris from the Cabeus crater shortly after the space agency's Centaur rocket struck Oct. 9.

“We were blown away by the data returned,” Anthony Colaprete, the mission's chief scientist, said in a report Friday from the Ames Research Center in Mountain View, Calif., which managed the launch. “The team is working hard on the analysis, and the data appear to be of very high quality.”

In media coverage before the impact, many observers said they were disappointed at the lack of spectacle.

But scientists said the mission was carried out for “a scientific purpose, not to put on a fireworks display for the public,” said space consultant Alan Stern, a former NASA associate

administrator for science.

By creating the debris cloud, scientists were able to use the \$79-million Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Satellite to sample and study the dust. The LCROSS itself crashed into the same crater four minutes after the Centaur's impact, right on schedule, while its companion spacecraft, the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter, was flying in lunar orbit 50 miles above the site to gather still more data.

But Michio Kaku, a professor at the City College of New York and host of “Sci Q Sundays” on the Science Channel, said NASA may be jumping the gun in calling the results “a smashing success,” acting in response to public criticism of the mission.

“To be a spectacular success, we had to find large quantities of underground ice,” Kaku told The Associated Press Saturday. He said scientists still have more work to do to analyze the data for the presence of ice or water.

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SERVICES

David Grant Turner of Twin Falls, funeral at 10 a.m. Monday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Norman Ray Cochrane of Boise and formerly of Jerome, celebration of life at 10 a.m. Monday at Cloverdale Funeral Home, 1200 N. Cloverdale Road in Boise; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Richard (Dick) Shawver of Buhl, memorial service at 1 p.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Vernon Lee Blair of Burley, graveside service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Gem Memorial Gardens, 2435 Overland Avenue in Burley.

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).

John Andrew Lang of Palm Desert, Calif.; interment at 12:45 p.m. Tuesday at the Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va. (Forest Lawn Mortuary in Cathedral City, Calif.)

Buck Henry Rietkerk of Sanford, N.C., and formerly of Wendell, memorial service at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the New Life Community Church, 800 W. Main in Wendell.

Dorothy L. Warren of Twin Falls, funeral at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the LDS 13th Ward, 2085 South Temple Drive in Twin Falls; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls and 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Saturday in the Relief Society room at the Church

JEROME — John Andrew Oneida, 87, of Jerome, died Thursday, Oct. 15, 2009, at his home in Jerome.

John was born Aug. 1, 1922, at Dietrich, Idaho, the son of Rupert and Antonia Naebe Basterrechea Oneida. He attended the Pleasant Plains School north of Jerome. John lived all his life north of Jerome and homesteaded his farm in the 1950s. He partnered with his brother, Lewis, in farming and raising sheep and cattle until retiring in 2000. John was a devoted uncle to many.

John loved hunting and fishing and was an all-around sports fan, but most of all, he loved farming.

He is survived by his sisters, Margaret Olsen of Twin Falls and Ruby Gilbert of Arizona; brother, Lewis



(Barbara), and their children, David, LouAnn, Patty and Debbie, all of Jerome; and brother, Fred (Sheri) of Utah.

John was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Jessie; brothers, Henry, Tony and Vincente; nieces, Kim Fairchild and Miranda Oneida; and several other nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 19, at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome, with the Rev. Rudy Bauder officiating. Viewing will be conducted from 6 until 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Burial will follow in the Shoshone Cemetery.

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

Joseph W. Roundy

CALDWELL — Joseph W. Roundy, 65, of Caldwell, died Thursday, Oct. 15, 2009, at a local care center of natural causes.

At Joe's request, no service will be held. Cremation is under the direction of Dakan Funeral Chapel in Caldwell.

Joe was born July 22, 1944, in Idaho Falls, Idaho, to Ken and Hope Roundy. He grew up in the Burley and Richfield area. He graduated from Richfield High School in 1962. Joe passed away from complications of MS at Nampa Care Center on Oct. 15, 2009. Joe had a passion for flying. His father taught him to fly at a very young age. He spent many hours flying the back country of Idaho. He owned a flight school in Twin Falls and taught many people to fly.

Joe also enjoyed western history, especially events surrounding the battle of the Little Big Horn. He was knowledgeable about guns and owned a sporting goods store for a time in Twin Falls. Joe loved classic cars and spent many weekends at car shows with his '62 Thunderbird and the Intermountain



West Thunderbird Club in Boise.

Aside from flying, history and classic cars, Joe loved his girls and enjoyed dinners and visiting with them. He also loved

his dogs and spent many hours in their company.

Joe is survived by four daughters, Deann Bailey of Huntsville, Texas, Sheila Wavra and husband, Jim of Chubbuck, Idaho, Shawna Roundy of Florence, Ore., and Teresalee Roundy of Parma, Idaho. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and several aunts and uncles.

The family wishes to thank Nampa Care Center for the wonderful care given to Joe in his time of need. The family also wishes to thank Mary Nelson for all the love, support and dedication she has shown for Joe in the many years of their friendship.

The family suggests that memorials be made in Joe's name to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, 6901 W. Emerald St., Boise, Idaho 83704.

William (Bill) Crawford

BEND, Ore. — William (Bill) Crawford of Bend, Ore., passed away at Hospice House of Bend on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009, with his loving wife, Mary, by his side.

Bill was born to Charles and Carmel Crawford on Dec. 21, 1934, in Filer, Idaho. He attended school in Filer, graduating in 1953. He married Ruth (Miller) in 1953; she passed away in 1983. They had two daughters, Cindy Hicks and LeAnn Miller. Bill served in the U.S. Air Force, worked for Union Pacific Railroad and spent 37 years in customer service for United Airlines in Boise, Idaho, retiring in 1995. Bill was a faithful, dedicated employee of United Airlines, earning many awards in his career.

He married Mary (Plummer) Hackett on Sept. 3, 1988, in Bend, Ore., and, after retirement from United, moved to Bend, Ore. Bill and Mary enjoyed travel in the United States and abroad, time spent with family and fellowship with friends.

Bill had a remarkably kind spirit and quiet generosity which affected everyone who knew him. He never wanted to be the center of attention, but instead enjoyed remaining quietly in the background as the person you could always count on if you needed help. Everyone who knew Bill was touched by him and will remember him always. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and faithful friend. He volunteered 3,400 hours of service at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend, Ore. He was a member of Eastmont Church, where he served faithfully in many



capacities. He enjoyed gardening, painting, cross-country skiing, camping, fishing and water skiing. He had a strong commitment to his family.

Bill suffered a stroke in December of 2007; the left side of his body was paralyzed as a result. His determination and acceptance of his stroke, along with a great faith in God, enabled him to accept his disabilities. Bill worked tirelessly in rehabilitation and was able to walk for many months; however, a second stroke in June of 2009 took his vision and further weakened his body.

Survivors are his wife, Mary, of Bend, Ore.; daughters, Cindy (Lonnice) Hicks and LeAnn Miller; grandsons, Tony (Amy) Lindenberg and William Miller; and two great-granddaughters, Sydney and Kaitlyn Lindenberg, all of Boise; step-grandchildren, Justin and Joshua Miller, Spencer (Lindsay), Mackenzie and Alex Hackett; stepchildren, Michelle (Pat) Welch and Michael (Tanya) Hackett; two brothers, Robert (Rose) Crawford of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Calvin (Laurel) Crawford of Filer; sister, Linda (Lewis) Pond of Buhl, Idaho; and sister-in-law, Betty Crawford of Filer. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Charles; and sister, Jewel.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Faith Community Bible Church, 1422 N. Eldorado in Boise. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Partners in Care Hospice, 2075 NE Wyatt Court, Bend, OR 97701.

Jerry D. Huguen

DECLO — Jerry D. Huguen, 61, of Declo, surrounded by his family at home, went to be with the Lord Jesus Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009, following a two-year battle with cancer.

Jerry was born May 4, 1948, in Dyess, Ark., to George and Lela Huguen. He grew up in Grand Junction, Colo., and graduated from Grand Junction High School in 1966. He served in the United States Air Force as a military policeman in North Africa and Southeast Asia from 1966 until 1972. On May 8, 1994, he married Rachel Hernandez of Santa Barbara, Calif. Jerry and Rachel moved from southern California to Idaho in 1996.

A chef by trade, he is best remembered for his love of music, which started in high school and continued to grow into the music ministry that he so much loved and shared with his wife, Rachel. From playing for the local assisted living and long-term care patients, to the praise and worship band, B.A.S.I.C., Brothers and



Sisters in Christ, he reached people with the gospel of Jesus Christ at fairs and events throughout southern Idaho, including Declo Days.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Rachel; his three sons, George, age 10; Jesse Huguen of Denver, Colo.; and John Audin of Clifton, Colo.; his grandson, Devyn, age 14; two stepdaughters, Syrah Warren of Rupert and Nadine Viramontes, of Concord, Calif.; two sisters, Nancy Koch of Twin Falls and Janet Vulk of Seattle, Wash.; six grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Jerry's life will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 23, at the Burley Christian Center, 317 W. 27th St. in Burley, Idaho, with Pastor Elden Kirshman officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Compassion International (compassion.com) or to your favorite charity in Jerry's honor.

Arrangements are under the direction of Morrison Funeral Home and Crematory.

DEATH NOTICES

Lorene Busick

HAGERMAN — Lorene Busick, 98, of Hagerman, died Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, at her home.

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

Ray Lindauer

BURLEY — Ray Lindauer, 86, of Burley, died Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, at a Pocatello hospital.

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

Engineer Richard Whitcomb, shown with an aircraft prototype in 1970, died this week at 88. NASA Langley/Washington Post photo



Richard Whitcomb, 88, dies; engineer changed the way we fly

The Washington Post

Mechanical engineer Richard Whitcomb, 88, who died of pneumonia Tuesday in Newport News, Va., changed the way we fly today with three design innovations that made airplanes fly farther and faster using less fuel.

His contributions, for which he won the most prestigious prize in aviation, focused on a plane's efficiency cutting through air at speeds approaching the sound barrier, or the "transonic region." As airplanes approach the speed of sound, they encounter a significant increase in "drag," or force that resists the plane's forward movement through the air.

Whitcomb made improvements to wings, and how they attach to the fuselage to lessen the amount of drag on the airplane.

"His intellectual fingerprints are evident on virtually every commercial aircraft flying today," said Tom Crouch, senior curator of aeronautics at the National Air and Space Museum. Crouch called Whitcomb one of the most important aeronautical engineers since the end of World War II.

As a young and obscure engineer in 1951 with a NASA

predecessor, the Hampton-based National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, Whitcomb made a discovery so simple yet so radical that it forever changed jet design.

Until Whitcomb's improvement, the bodies of most jet airplanes were cigar shaped to be sleek, as with Chuck Yeager's squat, orange Bell X-1 experimental craft. The X-1 easily broke the sound barrier, but it was impractical for tactical use — it was a hot rod built for one purpose. The Air Force wanted fighter planes that could maneuver supersonically with ease.

Whitcomb developed a body design that allowed jet planes to travel faster than ever using the same engine and same amount of fuel: the "Coke-bottle" shape, otherwise known as a "wasp waist."

To make up for the drag the surface area of the wings created, the answer was simple: Cut it out. By pinching the fuselage at the section where the wings connected, the drag they had created was neutralized. His innovation became known as the "area rule," and at 34 Whitcomb was awarded the National Aeronautic Association's Collier Trophy for the "greatest achievement in aviation in 1954."

Al Martino, singer known for 'Godfather' role, dies at 82

The Washington Post

Italian American crooner Al Martino, who had string of international pop-chart hits in the 1950s and 1960s including "Spanish Eyes" and "Here in My Heart" and later put his creamy baritone to good use as the fading pop star supposedly based on Frank Sinatra in the 1972 film "The Godfather," died Tuesday in the Philadelphia suburb of Springfield. He was 82.

No cause of death was reported.

Along with Jerry Vale, Perry Como and Vic Damone, Martino was among a cadre of Italian American pop singers who followed Sinatra and Dean Martin to prominence in the early 1950s.

Martino's breakthrough

song "Here in My Heart," released in 1952, rocketed to the top of the U.S. and U.K. pop charts and stayed there for weeks. After his contract was bought by a mafia-connected management team, Martino took his royalties and fled to England. He stayed there for six years and headlined the prestigious London Palladium stage. He performed for Queen Elizabeth II and chatted with former Prime Minister Winston Churchill, who reportedly told him "Here in My Heart" was one of his favorites.

After returning to the United States in the early 1960s, Martino rekindled his career with the hit songs "I Love You Because" and "Painted, Tainted Rose" (1963), "Spanish Eyes" (1966) and "Mary in the Morning" (1967).



Martino

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Climate change puts aspen trees in jeopardy

By Nicholas Riccardi
Los Angeles Times

PAONIA, Colo. — From the hillsides of extinct volcanoes in Arizona to the jagged peaks of Idaho, aspen trees are falling by the tens of thousands, the latest example of how climate change is dramatically altering the American West.

Starting seven years ago, foresters noticed massive aspen die-offs caused by parasitical insects, one of which so rare it is hardly even written about in the scientific literature. But with warming temperatures and the after-effects of a brutal drought still lingering, the parasites are flourishing at the expense of the tree, belovéd for its skinny branches and heart-shaped leaves that turn a brilliant yellow in autumn.

What foresters have termed Sudden Aspen Decline has more than just aesthetic consequences. Aspen trees provide a rich habitat for birds, elk, deer and other animals. The grasses that sprout under them — as much as 2,000 pounds per acre — hold water that is needed by metropolitan areas. The trees do not burn easily and create natural fire breaks in forests already ravaged by the pine bark beetle — another parasite that is thriving due to global warming.

"It's just rolling through the forests," said Wayne Shepperd, an aspen specialist at Colorado State University, said of SAD. Noting the number of other changes to western vegetation due to warmer, drier temperatures, he added: "Everything's happening all



Aspen trees tower over the forest floor, recently near Buena Vista, Colo.

AP photo

at once. We're living in interesting times here."

The decline of the tree is most visible in Colorado, which has seen nearly 500,000 acres — nearly one-fifth of its aspen groves — afflicted by SAD. Hillsides that used to draw tourists in the fall to gaze at the flickering aspen leaves are now populated only by the trees' pale skeletons.

This remote hamlet sits snug in the midst of the state's aspen belt, with the lush, heavily forested West Elk Mountains rising to the East and the enormous plateau known as Grand Mesa due West. But the flaming yellows that normally paint these land masses this year have been replaced by the lifeless gray of bare branches.

Neal Schwieterman, the town's mayor, said people have been abuzz discussing conditions in Kebler Pass,

home to the biggest stand of aspens in the state. "Only the lower levels had any aspen changing," he said. "There was nothing to look at high. ... This is the least color year I can remember."

The most vulnerable trees grow on sunny, south-facing lower elevations — where warmer temperatures wear down the trees' resistance to pests. And though the largest number of deaths is in Colorado, this is also the state with the greatest amount of aspen. The effect can be even more severe in other places, such as Nevada, Arizona or California, which have only small bands of aspen habitat.

Even before aspen trees began their abrupt die-off, the tree was under duress in the West. Scientists estimate that the trees covered 10 million acres in the 19th century; now there are 4

million left.

The main culprit is fire prevention. Aspen trees regenerate from their roots. Regular wildfires that would knock down old aspens' trunks — and free up new stems to emerge from the roots — have been snuffed out by human intervention.

Additionally, the lack of fires has led to a sharp rise in big conifer trees, which crowd out aspens. Finally, livestock and wild animal grazing has killed some of the younger aspens trying to survive.

Dale Bartos, a Utah-based scientist with the federal Rocky Mountain Research Station, described the one stand in the Lassen National Forest in Northern California, where fencing protects nine tiny aspen bulbs from foraging animals.

"We're seeing these really extreme situations where that's all that's left," he said.

Now SAD is accelerating that loss. The syndrome was discovered in Colorado when rangers in two national forests in the southwestern corner of the state noticed disturbing die-offs in formerly lush stands.

Researchers concluded that warmer temperatures stressed trees, especially older ones that hadn't been replaced by fire. They identified four parasites and one wasting disease that are now flourishing in the stands. One of the parasites, the aspen bark beetle, is so rare that it had only been mentioned once before in an academic paper, scientists say.

"If the aspen were vigorous, these things would just be taking a minor role," said Jim Worrall, a plant pathologist for the U.S. Forest Service.

The Terror Creek drainage west of Paonia is one of the areas where SAD was first

identified and remains the focus of an intensive research project on whether the syndrome's march can be halted. Researchers are testing whether cutting down older aspen trees in areas affected by SAD can combat the syndrome. The remaining, younger shoots are less susceptible to SAD.

Shepperd has worked on the project and has been discouraged by the results so far. In stands with little SAD, the cutting approach, which he likens to amputation, has shown some success. But the syndrome and its accompanying parasites and disease have moved so fast that stands that once had low levels of exposure are now almost entirely affected.

"We looked at the data and said, 'Oh my God,'" Shepperd said.

On a recent autumn afternoon, Levi Broyles, the forest ranger who oversees the Terror Creek area, drove up a rutted dirt road through the drainage. Broyles' Forest Service SUV climbed, revealing stunning views of the western slope of the Rocky Mountains.

In the foreground, however, were acres of dry, denuded aspens. Broyles, a laconic native westerner, gestured at the dead forest. "Because of all the development down in the valley, this is the winter range" for elk and deer, he said. Left unsaid: The once shady ground under the dead and dying aspen would dry out in the sun, and the vegetation that would replace the lush grasses could be inedible to some animals. They would have to look for their sustenance elsewhere or starve.

Recent escape exposes truths, myths about criminally insane

By Nicholas K. Geranios
Associated Press writer

SPOKANE, Wash. — Phillip A. Paul in 1987 was declared criminally insane for killing an elderly woman after voices in his head told him she was a witch.

Instead of being strait-jacketed and locked away as might be depicted by film or fiction, Paul in the past two decades has spent time living and working in downtown Spokane, fathered a child, created music videos and racked up \$85,000 in credit card bills.

His escape during a recent field trip to a county fair exposed a little known truth: The criminally insane often live among us, with little or no supervision.

"Why was he allowed to take such a trip?" an incredulous Gov. Chris Gregoire demanded. "Why did they go to a location that was so heavily populated with families?"

That's a question many in Washington are asking after the Sept. 17 escape, including the escapee's own brother.

"He is in a bad mental state," said Tom Paul of Sunnyside. "Why would you load him up on a bus and take him to a fair?"

The cops who spent three days hunting and finally catching Paul 200 miles away are also upset.

"I can tell you there was an extreme amount of anger in the law enforcement community," said Spokane County Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich, who plans to bill the state \$37,000 for his department's expenses.

But no one should be surprised. Thousands of people have been declared criminally insane in the United States over the decades, and at any given



Spokane County Sheriff's Office/AP file photo

This undated photo shows Phillip Arnold Paul. In 1987, Paul was declared criminally insane for killing a 78-year-old woman after voices in his head told him she was a witch.

time large numbers of them are not in custody, Paul was among 31 patients from Eastern State Hospital on the field trip to the fair. All were from the forensics unit, meaning they had been committed to the hospital because of a crime. All such field trips, which were common, are now suspended in Washington.

The field trip was possible because people found not guilty by reason of insanity are legally patients, not prison inmates. They have no sentence to serve. The goal of mental hospitals is to cure them and return them to society. Better treatment, including psychotropic drugs, plus a focus on patients' rights, have resulted in many being released in just a few years.

Thomas Gergen, for example, was found not guilty by reason of insanity in 2003 for killing his pregnant wife and their unborn child. The King County man spent five years at Western State Hospital before doctors concluded he had responded well to medication for schizophrenia and he was released.

The number of people found not guilty by reason of insanity in the United States each year is not readily available, although the figure is thought to be small. In Washington, the number is between 25 and 35 a year. No one compiles national statistics on such cases, or on how long people remain in custody, said Dr. Paul S. Appelbaum of Columbia University, a past president of the American Psychiatric Association.

There are also no nationwide statistics on whether the criminally insane who are released commit new crimes of violence, he said.

A 1996 study of 43 forensic patients at an outpatient treatment program in Chicago found that eight had been arrested or committed new crimes after being released from a mental hospital.

While the notion of criminally insane killers escaping from hospitals to go on killing sprees is a staple of slasher movies, there are few instances where that actually occurred.

More common is the story of Phillip Paul. He was found not guilty by reason of insanity for the 1987 slaying of a 78-year-old woman in Sunnyside, during a period when he could not control his schizophrenia.

He was sent to Eastern State Hospital in Medical Lake, a suburb of Spokane. Paul escaped in 1990, but was immediately recaptured. He attacked and severely injured the deputy who was booking him back into jail.

Yet in 1992 he was con-

sidered well enough to attend classes at Spokane Falls Community College, and to work in retail stores for up to 30 hours per week.

In 1998, he left the hospital for two-week visits with his family in Sunnyside, and in June 2000 was allowed to move in with them. By October he was ordered back to the mental hospital because of delusional behavior.

In 2005, he was granted conditional release by a judge to move into an assisted living center called The Carlyle in downtown Spokane. He dated a woman, who eventually bore him a son. But he was back in the mental hospital within four months for refusing his medications.

In 2007, Paul was again released into the community, but in January of this year was ordered back to the mental hospital because of erratic behavior.

During his various releases, Paul wrote songs and created music videos for his band, "Philly Willy and the Hillbillies." Many of the songs — with titles like "Rock n Roll in the mental institution" and "Nut Hut," were about mental illness. He obtained several credit cards and went on shopping sprees that led to a bankruptcy filing.

In interviews after his capture, Paul, 47, has said he was just looking for some "sunshine."

"I knew it was the wrong thing to do. I just wanted my freedom so bad," Paul told a television station. "I didn't hurt nobody and wasn't planning on doing that."

In Washington, the Department of Social and Health Services operates two units for the criminally insane, at Eastern State and Western State Hospital in Lakewood. There are 359 patients in the two forensics units.

In the last fiscal year, 11 were discharged from Eastern State, where the average length of stay was

three and one-third years. At Western State, 17 patients were discharged, and the average stay was three and two-thirds years.

Escapes from the forensics units are rare, according to DSHS.

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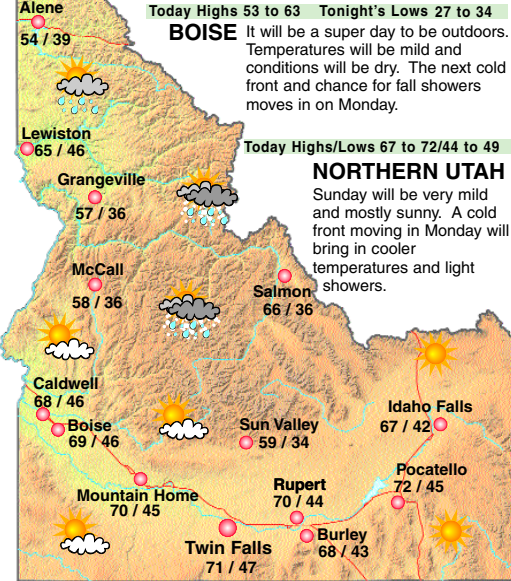
Tomorrow: Cooler with passing showers. Highs, 50s.

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Table with 2 columns: Temperature and Precipitation. Rows include Yesterday's High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, and Avg. Water Year to Date.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. There will be a few very early morning mixed showers or flurries in the mountains on Sunday. The rest of the day, however, looks dry.



Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 78 at Boise. Low: 26 at Stanley. weather key: su-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, mc-mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, th-thunderstorms, sh-showers, r-rain, sn-snow, fl-flurries, w-wind, m-missing

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table showing 5-day forecast for Twin Falls with icons for Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, including high and low temperatures.

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, and Barometric Pressure. Rows include Yesterday's High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, and Avg. Water Year to Date.

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MOONRISE and MOONSET

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

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table showing regional forecasts for cities like Boise, Bonners Ferry, Challis, Coeur d'Alene, Elko, Eugene, Gooding, Grace, Hagerman, Hailey, Idaho Falls, Kalispell, Jerome, Lewiston, Malad City, Malla, McCall, Missoula, Pocatello, Portland, Rupert, Rexburg, Richland, Rogerson, Salmon, Salt Lake City, UT, Spokane, WA, Stanley, Sun Valley, and Yellowstone, MT.

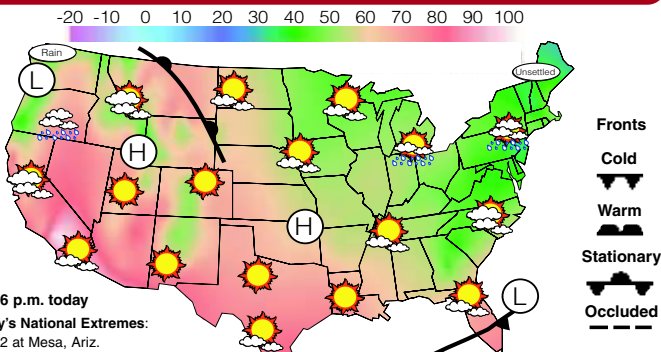
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Table showing national forecasts for cities like Atlanta, Baltimore, Billings, Birmingham, Boston, Charleston, Charleston, WV, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, El Paso, Fairbanks, Fargo, Honolulu, Houston, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee, Nashville, New Orleans, New York, Oklahoma City, and Omaha.

WORLD FORECAST

Table showing world forecasts for cities like Acapulco, Athens, Auckland, Bangkok, Beijing, Berlin, Buenos Aires, Cairo, Dhahran, Geneva, Hong Kong, Jerusalem, Johannesburg, Kuwait City, London, Mexico City, Moscow, Nairobi, Oslo, Paris, Prague, Rio de Janeiro, Rome, Santiago, Seoul, Sydney, Taipei, Tel Aviv, Tokyo, Vienna, Warsaw, and Zurich.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Gregg Middlekauff's Quote of the Day: 'The world cares very little about what a man or woman knows, it is what the man or woman is able to do that counts.'

Table showing Canadian forecasts for cities like Calgary, Cranbrook, Edmonton, Kelowna, Lethbridge, Regina, Toronto, Vancouver, Victoria, and Winnipeg.

Rick becomes strongest E. Pacific storm in decade

MIAMI (AP) - Forecasters say Hurricane Rick is the strongest hurricane in the eastern north Pacific Ocean in more than a decade. The U.S. National Hurricane Center says Rick turned into an "extremely dangerous" Category 5 storm on Saturday with sustained winds reaching 180 mph.

eral days. Then the storm is forecast to curve east over cooler waters and approach the Baja California Peninsula, perhaps as a Category 2 hurricane, at midweek. Hurricane Linda in September 1997 was the strongest eastern north Pacific storm with maximum 185 mph winds.

feet, and gusts of wind," said Victor Cruz Lopez, the watch officer at the port captain's office. Meteorologist Jessica Schauer told The Associated Press that warm waters fueled Rick's rapid jump from Category 1 just two days ago. "Right now it's over very warm water and the current forecast track keeps it over warm water for quite awhile," she said.

Pacific hurricane

Hurricane Rick, an extremely dangerous Category 4 storm, could strike Mexico's Baja California Peninsula within five days.

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Neighbor sues Madonna over music, dancing

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EDITORIAL

Zip line in the canyon? Thanks just the same

Sounds like one heck of a ride. Magic Valley Flight Simulation, a Twin Falls company, wants to bring a zip line to the Snake River Canyon rim that would be 3,558 feet long. Bidirectional, it would turn 180 degrees to return to its launch site adjacent to Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center, offering a 1.3 mile round-trip.

The enterprise is billed as the "world's first powered zip line," with controllable speeds of up to 90 mph. The zip line would go east toward the Perrine Bridge from Canyon Crest, but turn around before the Buzz Langdon Visitor Center.

Interesting idea, perhaps, but the wrong location.

That rim-side real estate is precious to Twin Falls, and not just for its property value.

We've fought long and hard to preserve a piece of nature on the south rim of the canyon, in the form of the walking trail system.

A zip line, with its screaming customers, would be just one more commercial distraction.

"Why do we seem to want to tear apart our beautiful, unusual Snake River Canyon?" asked retired banker David Mead, who has long campaigned for preserving the canyon.

Good question.

The Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission has set a public hearing on the proposal on Oct. 27. The technology, created by local inventor Martin Tilley, has been pitched several times at locations around the Magic Valley.

But each time, it's run into resistance — the city Parks and Recreation Commission in April recommended against putting a line over the Shoshone Falls and Dierkes Lake parks, for example.

And there are questions about this proposal that go behind aesthetics. What's the city's potential liability if someone gets hurt on the zip line? And if the worst were to happen, would emergency responders have to risk lives to rescue the injured along the craggy canyon wall?

It's a big canyon, accessible by lots of private property. Magic Valley Flight Simulation can find another site suitable for its zip line.

Just not one on Twin Falls' front porch.

Our view:

Near the south rim of the Snake River Canyon, hawks and other raptors now sail on the thermal updrafts. Let's not supplant them with a carnival attraction.

What do you think?

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

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FIRESTORM

NINETY-NINE YEARS AGO, IDAHO'S BIG BLOWUP CHANGED EVERYTHING

By Steve Crump

On the evening of Saturday, Aug. 20, 1910, the Idaho Panhandle exploded.

Literally.

A cold wind out of the Palouse ignited a number of small fires burning in Idaho's bone-dry Coeur d'Alene National Forest. Drawing energy from the flames themselves, the winds picked up speed until they reached 80 mph by the time they hit the town of Wallace.

In two days, 3 million acres of Idaho and Montana burned. That's an area twice the size of the Great Salt Lake.

Eighty-seven people died, mostly the hard way: Pinned to the ground by fallen trees, they were still conscious while their hair burned and their skin curled up and blackened.

But it was an event that changed the course of American history — and Idaho's, according to *New York Times* columnist Timothy Egan, whose book about the Great Fire of 1910, "Big Burn," was published this month by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (\$27).

"(The fire) saved the Forest Service, which nearly shriveled and died after President Theodore Roosevelt left office, and institutionalized professional management by government of public lands ..."

Simply put, it saved the Forest Service, which nearly shriveled and died after President Theodore Roosevelt left office in 1909, and institutionalized professional management by government of public lands, Egan argues.

Idaho — 61 percent federally owned — looks as it does today because of the consequences of the Big Blowup.

"When the Rockefellers and the Weyerhaesers had pushed through these woods, it appeared that a new order was at hand," Egan writes. "But it had not lasted."

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Weldon Heyburn: Idaho's 'ironbound' reactionary'

Times-News

Weldon Heyburn was a hard man to like.

In his hometown of Wallace, the U.S. senator from Idaho once stopped a visiting band in mid-performance and ran it out of town because he didn't like a tune it was playing.

"He opposed the eight-hour workday, saying people should toil from sunup to sundown and to hell

with the clock," writes Timothy Egan in his new book about the Great Fire of 1910, "The Big Burn." "He opposed child welfare laws, saying it was the employer's right to hire anyone of any age. His reach and pettiness extended to young constituents in Idaho, rejecting a student who had won a debate prize named for Heyburn because 'he does not seem to have learned enough to become a Republican.'"

But most of all, he hated the Forest Service. In nine years on Capitol Hill, Heyburn opposed every one of President Theodore Roosevelt's initiatives to protect public lands. And after Roosevelt left the White House, he came closing to wrecking the agency.

"The presence of thousands of men in the forest whose principal industry is to establish the neces-

See **HEYBURN**, Opinion 2

Free press and a fair trial: Both worked in Robert Aragon case

Robert E. Aragon received a fair trial, and the public was right there to watch every minute of it.

Aragon stood trial week before last in Lincoln County on charges of involuntary manslaughter and injury to a child. His daughter Sage, 11, froze to death, and his son, Bear, now 13, suffered hypothermia after he let them attempt to walk about nine miles on West Magic Road to try to reach their mother's home last Christmas.

A Lincoln County jury acquitted him of both charges. The general sentiment was that he made a tragic mistake, but intended no harm.

The case received national attention, and local coverage was intense. The *Times-News* published 26 articles on the case over nine months.

Public interest was keen. Our online reports set new

readership records, and both it and our dead-tree edition were inundated by letters and comments about the death and its aftermath. Local broadcast outlets gave it just as much coverage, and cable's TruTV channel carried the trial live.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys often argue that allowing the public to know much about a high-profile crime before they go to court will prevent a fair trial because all possible jurors will have read news accounts and made up their minds in advance, or will have been so inflamed that they couldn't possibly give both sides a fair hearing.

The Aragon case shows otherwise.

No significant facts emerged during the trial that already had not previously appeared in the paper and been debated over ham and eggs at the Manhattan Café. Not everyone will



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agree with the jury's take on the case, of course, but no one has suggested that news accounts made it hard to find open-minded jurors or affected the case in one way or the other.

So why do authorities often try to keep details away from the public before trial? Blame something that happened a long time ago in Ohio.

On July 4, 1954, in the Cleveland suburb of Bay Village found pretty housewife Marilyn Sheppard bludgeoned to death in her home, and her prominent doctor husband, Sam, badly injured. You know the story — you saw Harrison Ford play a character loosely based on Sheppard in "The Fugitive."

Unlike Dr. Richard Kimble, Sheppard didn't run.

A month after the murder, with suspicion falling heavily on the popular young doctor, there were suggestions that local authorities didn't want to charge him and that investigators were either inept or mounting a cover-up.

The now-defunct Cleveland Press in particular was on a tear, running a front-page editorial with the banner headline, "Quit Stalling and Bring Him In!"

The authorities did just that, leading to a trial in which the judge lost all control of his courtroom. Jurors, whose names and addresses were released prior to trial, were lobbied and threatened. Witnesses testified under the glare of giant TV studio lights as photographers turned the courtroom into a lightning storm of exploding flashbulbs.

Sheppard was convicted. On appeal, an Ohio Supreme Court justice wrote that the trial "was conducted in the atmosphere of a Roman holiday for the press."

Another judge identified five separate violations of Sheppard's constitutional rights by police and prosecutors but singled out press coverage for extra damnation. "If there ever was a trial by newspaper," he wrote, "this is a perfect example. And the most insidious violator was the Cleveland Press."

Sheppard went free after spending a decade in prison. No one else has ever been charged in connection with the murder.

As a result of the shamefaced case, courts nationwide adopted reasonable limitations on what lawyers can say about a case before trial, and gave judges more responsibility for regulating their courtrooms. The

media, in general, took the criticism to heart and now reports pending criminal matters with far more restraint.

When Idaho lawyers try to get judges to close courtrooms or seal records from public view, they often try to conjure up images of the Sheppard debacle and suggest that any news coverage at all would be just as damaging as the irresponsible and over-the-top approach of the *Cleveland Press*. They also suggest, indirectly, that you and your neighbors lack the capacity to know about community events and still be able to give a fair and impartial verdict if called to serve on a jury.

The outcome of the Aragon case proves them wrong, on both counts.

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Fire

Continued from Opinion 1 Heroic

Egan is a 54-year-old Seattle writer who has long covered the West for the Times. He's best known for his 2005 book about the Dust Bowl, "The Worst Hard Time."

But the tone of "Big Burn" is different. This is a story of heroes.

Two of them, especially. Gifford Pinchot, the son of a timber baron who devoted his life to saving trees, was a close friend of Roosevelt's and the first chief of the Forest Service. Mostly through dogged persistence, he willed America into protecting vast tracks of its outback and kept government-managed conservation alive when the odds were against it.

Ed Pulaski was a former miner who hired on with the Forest Service as an assistant ranger in Wallace. During the Big Blowup he saved dozens of lives — at one point by pointing his revolver at panicked firefighters to keep them from running into the flames — while being maimed himself. After the fire, he spent his own meager resources caring for the injured.

Most of the handful of rangers working the Coeur d'Alene and Lolo national forests in 1910 were proteges of Pinchot and graduates of the Yale University School of Forestry, but not



Pulaski. He mastered the forest by working in it and learning from it.

When the fire blew up, the Forest Service recruited every able-bodied man it could find, eventually 10,000 of them, even though it didn't have the money to pay them. They — and the all-black 25th Infantry Regiment — saved lives, homes and, in some cases, entire communities.

Watershed event

The fire of 1910 was a turning point of the Progressive Era, along with the publication of Upton Sinclair's "The Jungle" in 1906, the passage of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act in 1890, and the enactment of the 16th and 17th Amendments to the Constitution. In different ways, they curbed the power of a few rich Americans — the Rockefellers, the Harrimans, Andrew Carnegie, J.P.

Morgan — and made government the protector of the broader public interest.

The Big Blowup made fighting fires the No. 1 priority of the Forest Service, which eventually enlisted timber companies as full partners in that effort. That in turn led to clear-cutting of broad swaths of national forests.

Jack Ward Thomas reversed course when he became head of the Forest Service in 1993 — fire is now regarded as a beneficial part of forest management — and the economy changed the rest.

"In the first decade of (the 21st century), logging in all national forests was in steep decline, for reasons both economic and idealistic," Egan writes. "Timber for home-building came from tree farms in Canada, because it was much cheaper to ship that wood to market than to yank it from an isolated place like the Bitterroots. Communities valued their public forests for recreation and the biological mix ... by 2005, about 35 million acres of Forest Service land were designated as official wilderness areas, land set aside by law as places where 'man himself is a visitor who does not remain,' never to be logged, roaded or sold off."

Steve Crump is the Times-News Opinion editor.

Heyburn

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necessity for their employment will always constitute a menace to the forest," said Heyburn after the 1910 fire, which destroyed 3 million acres and killed 78 Forest Service firefighters.

Heyburn was an opportunistic Pennsylvanian who came to Idaho Territory in 1883, setting up a law practice in Wallace and investing in local mining stakes. Chosen as a delegate to the 1889 Idaho Constitutional Convention, he helped write Article V, which established the judiciary.

But Heyburn lost the only popular election he ever contested — for Idaho's single seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, in 1898. U.S. senators in those days were elected by legislatures.

When it came time to choose one in 1902, up-and-coming Boise attorney William Borah — a progressive Republican — had the most votes in the Legislature, but not a majority of GOP lawmakers. The minority Democrats would have supported him had Borah asked, but he didn't. So the conservative Heyburn became a U.S. senator.

Once in Washington, he struck and alliance with monumentally corrupt Montana Sen. William Clark — one of the original



Courtesy photo
Weldon Heyburn

Copper Kings — in supporting legislation favorable to America's robber barons. Heyburn and Clark were anathema to Roosevelt.

In 1907, Heyburn engineered an amendment to a spending bill that took away the president's authority to create new national forests. Roosevelt couldn't veto the legislation or the government would have shut down, so in the week before he signed the bill he created 16 million acres of new national forests.

"A Senate delegation marched over to the White House to demand a change," Egan writes. "In advance of the meeting, Roosevelt summoned (Forest Service chief Gifford) Pinchot. Caught up

in the euphoria of their triumph, they started laughing, loudly enough that the senators could hear them as they approved from the hallways. Heyburn was apoplectic, steaming. These new national forests were nothing but 'midnight reserves,' he said in a rant to the president. After the meeting, he arranged to cut off any funds that would allow the Forest Service to publicize them. By his reasoning, if the public did not know they existed, then perhaps they wouldn't exist at all."

The 1910 fire turned the country against Heyburn and other opponents of public lands. Democrats took control of Congress that fall, and he lost his committee chairmanships. Heyburn suffered a stroke while delivering a filibuster on the floor of the Senate in March 1912 and died six months later, at age 60.

Pinchot called Heyburn an "ironbound reactionary." Idaho's Fred Dubois, Heyburn's Democratic colleague in the Senate from 1903-07, was somewhat kinder.

"You and I both know his faults, but at the same time he has virtues," Dubois wrote to mine owner Harry Day. "One of these is that he will be outspoken and fearless in protecting all the industries of Idaho ..."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cassia County jail good for the economy

When you learn a prison is being set in your county what do you think? I think and hear the possibility of new jobs — jobs which can help get our economy better and make it thrive.

We need jobs to bring back the economy here. This prison could do it. Now what I am talking about? Recently, Minidoka and Cassia counties have been in the process of bidding for a federal medium security prison. Now, there are many factors that are involved. However, I know many will probably point out the bad. Let me point out some good.

First, the location where they are considering is in the lower end of Cassia County. This area has nothing there. It is a very sparsely populated area. There are few residents living in this area, if any at all.

Second, this is a medium-security prison, not a maximum. I have lived near a maximum security prison in Carson City, Nev. When we lived there, we never had a problem and there were more people and more schools near it. This will not be the same.

Finally, we need jobs and anyone can tell you why. Do such names as Roland Jones Potatoes, Simplot, Magic Valley Foods, ring a bell? The economy is at a low point and not good. Since then, we have had even more layoffs. Kraft closed down where I am. Then, finally Brewster came in, or Rupert would be in bad shape economically.

Ultimately, something in the end has got to give to improve the economy. This could be it!

CHRIS GIRFFIN
Rupert

Lanting deserves another term on council

Halloween for the kids, Greg Lanting for the City Council, seems like winners to many Magic Valley residents! Lanting fulfilled his first-term duties with a job well done. Greg comes from a community family background, educated here in Idaho, retired from years of education as a teacher and administrator. Lanting continues to prove his leadership roles and other city projects now he is retired and can devote his time to the city of Twin Falls. I sincerely hope you'll join me and others in support of Greg Lanting for another term on the City Council on

Oct. 27 deadline for election letters

Tuesday, Oct. 27, will be your last chance to submit letters supporting or opposing candidates and issues on the Nov. 3 local elections ballot. No letters will be accepted after 5 p.m. Letters must be 300 words or less. Mail them to Letters to the Editor, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303, e-mail ethomason@magicvalley or fax (208) 734-5538.

Election Day, and remember to leave your lights on for Halloween.

EDWIN PRATER
Twin Falls

Twin Falls needs to go in a new direction

If you're going the wrong way down a road, the answer isn't to step on the gas, but to turn around. In that regard, Chris Talkington is seeking your support and vote Nov. 3 for Seat No. 5 on the city council.

I have known Chris for a number of years and have found him to be a man of integrity with the desire and experience of bettering the Twin Falls area. With the closing of Dell, it is far more important now to bring industry into the Twin Falls area and create employment and Chris has that experience. I urge you to cast your Nov. 3 vote for Chris Talkington.

ROSA MASTERSON
Twin Falls

McCauley good for Buhl communication

Tom McCauley needs your vote for mayor of Buhl. As you evaluate each candidate's experience and qualifications, consider the results and impact of their decisions. We will benefit

from his ability to listen interactively, grasp diverse facts, and clearly communicate his opinion to those he represents and works with. This will result in open and honest discussion of issues, leading to well-founded decisions that are good for our city and our local community.

LES PREADER
Twin Falls

Cars need to stop for pedestrians in crosswalk

I've become one of those embarrassing moms. Almost every morning I find myself yelling and signaling to ignorant drivers the presence of a crosswalk while my son and I wait to cross. It's illegal and, in general, extremely rude not to stop for pedestrians waiting to cross.

Every morning I walk my son to Perrine. Every day I'm shocked to see cars whizzing past as we're standing there waiting to cross. One morning eight cars passed by before someone stopped to allow us to cross. Of all people one of the cars passing by was a teacher at the neighboring junior high school.

It's not hard to do. It's not hard to understand. When you see a person waiting at a crosswalk, you stop. It only

takes a few seconds. It won't kill you; but honestly, by not stopping, you could kill someone else.

KRISTEN SCHENDEL
Twin Falls

Oakley arts council cancels production

The Oakley Valley Arts Council has cancelled the production of the "1940s Radio Hour" due to unforeseen circumstances.

The cast and crew were looking forward to the performances and have worked hard the last month at rehearsals. We apologize for any inconvenience this may play in our patrons' plans.

Thank you for your unceasing patronage. Thank you to this great cast and crew!

JAN DAVIS
Oakley

(Editor's note: Jan Davis is a member of the Oakley Valley Arts Council.)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Community a great blessing to center

Thanks so much to the community of Twin Falls for its continued generous donations. Without your donations we would be distraught.

When I begin to think, wow, how will we do this another month, people begin to show up with handmade quilts, meat, produce, men's clothes and personal hygiene bags for the men here. We continue to thank God for his blessings from above.

Whatever you would like to continue to donate, they are greatly appreciated. We are a halfway house for men who are recovering from drugs and alcohol. Please accept our gratitude for your continued generosity as we do not accept state funds.

Call 733-0823 if you feel the need to donate. We even accept money to make it through the year. Thank you again.

KAREN BACH
Kimberly
(Editor's note: Karen Bach is the director at the New Hope Center in Twin Falls.)

Forest Service doing away with campground

To all who use and enjoy the Inlet Campground at Stanley Lake:

Please be aware that the Forest Service is planning to rip out these 14 lakeside campsites. It will also close the road to the popular sand bar and boat launch. It proposes to put a concrete plank and gravel boat launch in one of the more shallow corners of the lake at the current location of campsite No. 1 on the inlet loop.

If you do not approve of these actions, you have only until Oct. 30 to submit comments to the Forest Service. Public feedback prior to the Oct. 1, 2009, legal notice publication in the Challis Messenger is no longer being considered.

A proposal letter, which seems somewhat misleading, along with a map, may be viewed at the Sawtooth National Forest Web site, <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/sawtooth/projects/>.

Mention Stanley Lake Reconstruction if you call Lynn Humphrey at 541-750-7158 or Jana Johnson at 774-3000 (U.S. Forest Service employees).

The title of the proposed action is Stanley Lake Complex Reconstruction

Project. Read the proposal carefully and you will realize we are facing the total elimination of overnight camping at the inlet area of the lake.

DENNIS NIEHANS
Pocatello

Verdict will allow Aragon family to heal

The tragedy that befell the Aragon family can now hopefully heal. Putting Robert Aragon in jail would have served no useful purpose.

I have been following the story in Spokane and am thankful that a sane verdict has been reached.

CHARLES ETHERINGTON
Millwood, Wash.

Political satire being taken too seriously

In response to the letter to the editor from Mike Simmons of Buhl regarding the disparaging remarks supposedly made by President Obama;

I believe you have fallen for a joke, albeit a poor one, by the conservative humorist, John Semmens, who posted the remarks you attribute to the president. It was a satire that appeared in Semmens' column titled "Semi-News - A Satirical Look at Recent News" at the online publication The Arizona Conservative.

I, too, would find these remarks disgusting and ignorant if they had, in fact, been uttered by our president. However, this is simply not the case.

In the future, I would urge you to research anything you read or hear that bears a political message before you repeat it. Unfortunately, you will find that most political commentary needs to be either taken with a grain of salt or simply discarded as out-right lies.

I believe that the "irresponsible fools" of the mainstream media and people who refuse to question them have already caused enough damage to this country.

JENNIFER OSTYN
Twin Falls

Using Idaho firm would have solved problems

A survey company used Sioux Falls households for gathering information on Twin Falls?

What's wrong - couldn't it find a Twin Falls, Iowa? or a Twin Falls, Ohio? An Idaho survey firm would

have had much better luck finding our Twin Falls.

KITTY FLEISCHMAN
Boise

Lanting works hard for Twin Falls community

I have known Greg

Lanting since I started my teaching career in the Filer School District. I have known Greg to be a hard worker with tireless efforts. Greg is concerned about the city of Twin Falls, and that is why he has my vote for city council.

I am impressed the way Greg listens to the people of Twin Falls. We have talked on many occasions, and I know he listens.

His logic for Twin Falls is sound and I like the way he has done a grassroots campaign. He's gone from

door-to-door, and that is amazing because he is only one of two that has come to my door in the past three years.

A vote for Greg is a vote for the city of Twin Falls.
PATTI PATTERSON
Twin Falls

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Background


- Bachelors Degree in Education
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Fallen Marine's father wants changes in Afghanistan

By David Sharp
Associated Press writer

NEW PORTLAND, Maine — It was the last way John Bernard would have wanted his voice to gain prominence in the national debate over the war in Afghanistan.

The retired Marine had been writing to lawmakers for weeks complaining of the new rules of engagement he believed put U.S. troops at unacceptable risk in the insurgency-racked country. He got little response.

Then Bernard's only son, 21-year-old Lance Cpl. Joshua Bernard — a Marine like his dad — was killed in an insurgent ambush in Afghanistan's volatile Helmand province, the latest victim of a surge in U.S. combat deaths.

Three weeks later, Joshua became the face of that toll when The Associated Press published photos of the dying Marine against his father's wishes and John Bernard was thrust into a national debate about the role of the press in wartime.

Suddenly, for all the worst reasons, John Bernard's voice was being heard.

The loss of his son and the furor over the photo have given new resonance to his view that changes must be made in how the war is fought before President Barack Obama sends any more troops to battle the Taliban and al-Qaida.

"For better or for worse, I may be the face of this. That's fine," said Bernard, sitting on his porch as he drank coffee from a Marine Corps mug. "As soon as someone bigger can run with it, they can have the whole thing."

Bernard's criticism is aimed at new rules of engagement imposed by Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the senior American commander in Afghanistan, five weeks before Joshua Bernard was killed. They limit the use of airstrikes and require troops to break off combat when civilians are present, even if it means letting the enemy escape. They also call for greater cooperation with the Afghan National Army.

Under those rules, John Bernard said, Marines and soldiers are being denied artillery and air support for fear of killing civilians, and the Taliban is using that to its tactical advantage. In a letter to his congressman and Maine's U.S. senators, Bernard condemned "the insanity of the current situation and the suicidal position this administration has placed these warriors in."

"We've abandoned them in this Catch-22 where we're supposed to defend the population, but we can't defend them because we can't engage the enemy that is supposed to be the problem," he said in an interview with the AP.

The military says the new rules, while riskier in the short run, will ultimately mean fewer casualties.

Before Joshua died, his father lived quietly as a professional carpenter and



AP photo

John Bernard, father of Marine Lance Cpl. Joshua M. Bernard, who was killed in action in Afghanistan in August, holds an AR15 that he taught his son to use, Sept. 30 in front of his home in New Portland, Maine.

church volunteer.

That changed on Aug. 14, when Joshua was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade while acting as point man for his squad in the town of Dahaneh. He died that night on the operating table.

On Sept. 4, the AP distributed a photo of the mortally wounded Marine being tended to by comrades. Many newspapers opted against using the photo, and the distribution launched a fierce public debate, especially after Defense Secretary Robert Gates publicly criticized the AP.

John Bernard still believes the AP's decision to release the photo — to show the horror of war and the sacrifice of those fighting it — was inexcusable, but he says the bigger issue is how the war is being conducted.

As he sees it, the U.S. was right to go to war in Afghanistan after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, but eight years later the focus has shifted to counterinsurgency instead of hunting down the enemy. Marines are trained to "kill people and break things," not to be police officers and nation-builders, he says.

The Taliban "are tenacious and you have to fight them with the same level of tenacity," Bernard said. "If you're going to try to go over there as a peacekeeper, you're going to get your butt handed to you, and that's what's going on right now."

Bernard also disagrees with U.S. troops working side by side with Afghan soldiers and police. The mission on which his son was killed was compromised by someone who tipped off the Taliban, he says, citing gunfire from all directions that targeted the Marines' helicopter when it landed. Bernard believes the Marines were led into a trap.

Bernard writes a blog sharing his views with others.

"I don't think John changed because his son died," his pastor, the Rev. Valmore Vigue, said. "He was

committed to this cause because he believed it was right, and that's why he's doing it."

It's been a little more than a month since Joshua was buried in a small cemetery about five miles from their 1865 farmhouse in the rolling hills of western Maine, where the leaves of maples, oak, birch and poplars are turning fiery red, orange and yellow.

Bernard has accepted the loss, but his grief is obvious. He pauses from time to time to take deep breaths as he speaks of his son. Several times, he closes his eyes, as if remembering.

Bernard, 55, joined the Marines in 1972 and served 26 years on active and reserve duty, leading a platoon as a scout sniper in the first Gulf War in 1991. Physically fit, with closely cropped hair and a Marine Corps tattoo on his arm, the retired first sergeant remains a competitive shooter.

He and his wife, Sharon, raised Joshua and their daughter, Katie, 25, in New Portland, population 800. The family attended Crossroads Bible Church in nearby Madison.

Father and son shared the same philosophy: service to God, family, country and Marines — in that order, Bernard said.

Joshua was quiet, polite and determined. He led a Bible study in Afghanistan and earned the call sign "Holy Man." He also was a crack shot — best in his company, his father said.

Bernard says the battle that claimed Joshua's life was just one example of all that's wrong in Afghanistan.

When four Marines were

"We've abandoned them in this Catch-22 where we're supposed to defend the population, but we can't defend them because we can't engage the enemy that is supposed to be the problem."

— John Bernard

killed in another ambush, near the Pakistan border, a McClatchy Newspapers reporter embedded with the unit wrote that its request for artillery fire support was declined because of the rules of engagement. The reporter quoted Marines as saying women and children were replenishing the insurgents' ammunition.

In another recent incident, an Afghan police officer on patrol with U.S. soldiers opened fire on the Americans, killing two of them. The assault managed to escape.

The solution isn't that complicated, Bernard said. He wants the U.S. military to return to its original mission of chasing and killing the Taliban and al-Qaida. Otherwise, he said, bring the troops home.

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, raised Bernard's concerns to Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, during an Armed

Services Committee meeting last month.

"Getting this right in the long run will actually result in fewer casualties," Mullen said, according to a transcript of the hearing. "That doesn't mean risk isn't up higher now, given the challenges we have and the direction that

McChrystal has laid out."

Rep. Mike Michaud, D-Maine, also raised Bernard's concerns in a letter to Gates, requesting that someone from the Pentagon chief's office formally contact Bernard. So far, no one has.

As a retired Marine, Bernard said he's obligated to speak up. His son is now gone, but he said others are still at risk.

"We've got guys in harm's way getting shot at and getting killed," he said. "To me, it's immoral that anybody in this country wouldn't have that first and last on their minds."

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Insurgents destroy two bridges in Anbar

By **Uthman al-Mokhtar**
The Washington Post

RAMADI, Iraq — Insurgents detonated a truck loaded with five tons of explosives Saturday on a bridge here that links western Iraq to Jordan and Syria, pulverizing part of the overpass and paralyzing traffic for hours.

Another, smaller bridge was also destroyed in Fallujah, where a roadside bomb struck an Iraqi military patrol on the highway, killing four soldiers and wounding 14 others, said Sulaiman al-Dulaimi, a spokesman for the Fallujah General Hospital.

The attacks underlined the potency that insurgents still wield in a long-restive Anbar province that the U.S. military and Iraqi government tout as a showcase of their success in defeating the insurgency. They come after numerous attacks that have led many Anbar residents to fear that fighting may worsen as the U.S. military withdraws, insurgents remain and tribal rivalries mount ahead of parliamentary elections in January.

Residents have blamed the attacks on al-Qaida in Iraq, a homegrown insurgent group said to be led by foreigners, and fallout from months of negotiations over alliances for the January elections, particularly in Fallujah, which is in Anbar province.

In each case, the attacks seemed to suggest a certain sophistication. At the hospital, Lt. Hussein Jum'a said the roadside bomb in Fallujah weighed more than 40 pounds "and was planted on the side of the main highway by experienced hands."

The larger bridge that was destroyed spanned the Euphrates River in Anbar's provincial capital, Ramadi. The insurgents were able to smuggle the explosives

through checkpoints meant to control traffic in and out of the city. Fighters have targeted bridges in the past, particularly during the peak of the insurgency.

Col. Salih al-Dulaimi, the police commander in Ramadi, said the blast hurled

chunks of concrete from the bridge into the river. The bridge itself is near the house of Ahmad Abu Risha, a tribal leader whose brother led a U.S.-backed militia that helped defeat the insurgency before he was assassinated on Sept. 13, 2007.



Iraqi Army soldiers inspect a bridge destroyed in a truck bomb attack Saturday in Ramadi, 70 miles west of Baghdad, Iraq. The explosion destroyed a key bridge on a highway used by the departing U.S. military.
AP photo

Iraqi gov't approves oil deal with BP-led consortium

By **Sinan Salaheddin**
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — The Iraqi government said Saturday it has approved a contract with a British-Chinese consortium to develop a prized oil field in southern Iraq, a significant achievement for a country that has struggled to attract foreign investors despite its vast natural resource wealth.

The deal was the only one to emerge from a disappointing bidding round in June offering development rights for six oil and two gas fields. It was Iraq's first such bidding process in over three decades, but foreign firms felt the prices set by the government were too low given continued violence in the country and disputes over natural resource control.

But things have been looking up in recent days for Iraq's hope to use increased oil revenue to recover from years of war and sanctions. Earlier in the week, three international consortiums agreed to meet the Iraqi government's price to develop oil fields in the country.

Even more important is the Iraqi Cabinet's approval of the bid by Britain's BP PLC and its Chinese partner CNPC to develop the 17.8 billion barrel Rumaila field near Iraq's southern city of Basra. The deal was approved late Friday, Iraqi government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh told The Associated Press, without providing further details.



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Rio drug gangs shoot down police chopper, 2 officers dead

By Flora Charner
Associated Press writer

RIO DE JANEIRO — Drug traffickers shot down a police helicopter during a gunbattle between rival gangs Saturday, killing two officers and injuring four in a burst of violence just two weeks after the city was chosen to host the 2016 Olympic Games.

Ten suspected drug traffickers were also killed during the fighting in a shantytown, and two bystanders were injured, officials said.

Bullets flying from the Morro dos Macacos ("Monkey Hill" in Portuguese) slum in northern Rio de Janeiro tore into the helicopter and hit the pilot in the leg as he hovered above the shootout, causing him to lose control and crash.

Two officers died, while the pilot and three other policemen escaped after the craft hit the ground on a football field and burst into flames. The pilot and a second officer suffered burns and bullet wounds. The other two officers also were burned, one gravely, said Mario Sergio Duarte, head of Rio state's military police.

Officials did not know whether the gangs targeted the helicopter or whether it was hit by stray bullets, but the event underscored security concerns that have dogged Brazil's second-largest city for decades.

Despite the mayhem, officials defended Rio's ability to control violence ahead of the Olympics as well as before 2014, when Brazil will host the World Cup soccer tournament with key games in Rio.

"In choosing the city, they already knew about the work that's being carried out and will continue in the area of (crime) prevention," Justice Minister Tarso Genro told the state-run Agencia Brasil news agency.

Rio state Gov. Sergio Cabral grimly told reporters that Rio's security challenges can't be cured "by magic in the short term," but he said money is being poured into programs to reduce crime and authorities are prepared to mount an overwhelming security presence at the sporting events to ensure safety.

"We told the International Olympic Committee that this won't be an easy thing, and they know that," Cabral said. "We can put 40,000 people on the streets — federal, state and municipal police — and pull off the event."

Duarte said it was unlikely that traffickers fired an anti-aircraft missile at the helicopter, though such weapons have been found in the hideouts of Rio's drug



A police officer runs next to a bus in flames after it was attacked by alleged gang members Saturday in the Jacarezinho slum in Rio de Janeiro.

AP photo

traffickers along with other heavy, military-grade arms such as grenade launchers and .50-caliber machine guns.

The pilot was able to make a somewhat controlled, though extremely rough landing, which would have been unlikely if the aircraft had been hit by a heavy weapon, Duarte said.

Police said 10 presumed traffickers were killed during the fighting in the slum, including three suspects found dead inside a vehicle. Officials gave no details on how the other seven died.

They said at least eight buses were set on fire in nearby slums as the shootouts raged. Television images showed motorists fleeing for cover as automatic-weapons fire crackled in broad daylight amid the

worst violence the city has seen in months.

Images broadcast by Globo TV showed flames shooting from the helicopter wreckage, with little more than charred pieces and an intact tail remaining after the fire was doused.

Rio police frequently use helicopters to take on gangs that dominate drug trafficking in the city's more than 1,000 slums, but were unable to say whether this was the first time one of their helicopters had been shot down by gang members.

The crash happened about five miles southwest of one of the zones where Rio's 2016 Olympics will be located. The city on Oct. 2 was picked over Chicago, Madrid and Tokyo to host the games. Rio alone among the bid

cities was highlighted for security concerns ahead of the International Olympic Committee vote.

The downing of the helicopter happened amid intense firefights involving rival gangs in the slum as one tried to seize a rival's territory, authorities said.

Police moved into the area before dawn, though gunfire continued throughout the day, keeping terrorized residents inside their homes as bullets slammed into apartment buildings.

Residents evacuated as new storm threatens Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Police went door-to-door urging residents to leave landslide-ravaged areas of the northern Philippines on Saturday in a "pre-emptive evacuation" as a new typhoon loomed after recent back-to-back storms killed more than 750 people, officials said.

Forecasters said Typhoon Lupit — the Filipino word for cruel — had intensified overnight

and by late Saturday was packing winds of 87 mile per hour and gusts of up to 106 mph.

The Philippines is still recovering from Tropical Storm Ketsana in late September, which triggered the worst flooding in Manila in over 40 years, and the Oct. 3 landfall of Typhoon Parma, which lingered for a week while drenching the main island of Luzon. The two storms killed 773 people.

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Iran releases foreign Newsweek reporter on bail

By Ali Akbar Dareini
Associated Press writer

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran released a foreign Newsweek reporter on bail Saturday almost four months after he was arrested following the country's disputed presidential election, as embattled opposition leaders promised to press on with their campaign against the country's rulers.



Bahari

Maziar Bahari, a dual Iranian-Canadian citizen who was released after posting bail of 3 billion rials (\$300,000), is among more than 100 prisoners put on mass trial as part of the government's attempts to silence opposition protests that President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's June 12 reelection was fraudulent. The government also

waged a bloody crackdown using security forces, but Iran's opposition leaders said Friday that the use of force will not silence their demands for democratic change. The defiant statement by opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi and former reformist President Mohammad Khatami sent a message to their supporters that the protest campaign still had energy though street demonstrations fizzled out months ago.

"The use of force and pressure won't force the Iranian nation to deviate one iota from the path it has chosen," said a statement posted on Khatami's Web site. "And those loyal to ... Iran won't give up their ... patriotic responsibilities despite all problems and threats."

Since the violent post-election crackdown, the opposition has been struggling to reinvigorate itself as Iran's government under Ahmadinejad cements its control. A key part of the government's strategy has been the mass trial of reformist political figures accused of supporting the post-election unrest and seeking to topple the ruling system through a "velvet revolution." The trial has so far produced three death sentences.

The opposition has called the trial a "ridiculous show" and has said that confessions by defendants, including Bahari, were obtained under duress. In his turn at the stand, Bahari said Western media had attempted to guide

events in Iran following the election and he sought mercy from Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Bahari's family and colleagues said his comments likely came under duress. Like other defendants, he has had no access to a lawyer and no specific charges have been announced against him.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency reported Bahari's release, citing the Tehran prosecutor's office. The report did not give a reason for the release, but Bahari's wife in London, who is having a difficult pregnancy and is expected to give birth at the end of October, has pleaded for his freedom.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon also made a joint call in September for Iran to free Bahari, who was arrested on June 21. On Saturday, Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon welcomed Bahari's release. "The government of Canada shares in the joy of

Mr. Bahari's family, friends, colleagues, and countrymen and hope that he will soon be able to join his wife for the birth of their first child," Cannon said in a statement. Newsweek welcomed the reporter's release in a statement posted on its Web site, saying "We are relieved that Newsweek journalist Maziar Bahari is home with his family today."

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Maldives government goes diving for climate change

By Olivia Lang
Associated Press writer

GIRIFUSHI, Maldives (AP) — Members of the Maldives' Cabinet donned scuba gear and used hand signals Saturday at an underwater meeting staged to highlight the threat of global warming to the lowest-lying nation on earth.

the melting of polar ice caps could swamp this Indian Ocean archipelago within a century. Its islands average 7 feet above sea level.

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Pakistan launches major offensive in insurgent stronghold

By Ishtiaq Mahsud and Nahal Toosi
Associated Press writers

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Pakistan — Pakistani soldiers attacked militant bases in the main al-Qaida and Taliban stronghold along the Afghan border Saturday as the nuclear-armed country launched its most critical offensive yet against insurgents threatening its stability.

Five soldiers and 11 militants were killed as the more than 30,000 troops deployed to the region met stiff resistance in parts of South Waziristan, a possible hide-out of Osama bin Laden and a base for jihadists bent on overthrowing the U.S.-backed government, attacking the West and scuttling the U.S. war effort in Afghanistan.

The U.S. has pushed Pakistan to mount the offensive, which follows three unsuccessful campaigns since 2001 in the mountainous, remote region by mostly poorly equipped soldiers trained to fight conventional wars, not counterinsurgency operations.

The assault, which has been planned for several months, comes after a surge in militant attacks killed more than 175 people across Pakistan over the past two weeks. The operation is expected to last around two months and is aimed at clearing the region, then holding it, officials said.

Army spokesman Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas said the effort was focused on uprooting the Pakistani Taliban, an umbrella group of militants led by members of the Mehsud tribe blamed for most of the attacks that have battered the country over the last three years.

About 10,000 local militants and about 1,500 foreign fighters, most of them from Central Asia, control roughly 1,275 square miles (3,310 square kilometers) of territory, or about half of South Waziristan.

Intelligence officials said the ground troops Saturday were advancing on two flanks and a northern front of a central part of South Waziristan controlled by the Mehsuds. The areas being surrounded include the insurgent bases of Ladha and Makeen, the officials said on condition of anonymity because they were not allowed to brief the media.

Gunbattles were taking place outside Spinkai Raghzai, Kalkala and Sharwangai areas, the officials said.

As many as 150,000 civilians — possibly more — have left in recent months after the army made clear it was planning an assault. Most are believed to be staying in rented homes or with host families, but there are perhaps as many as 350,000 still in the region. The United Nations has been

stockpiling relief supplies in a town near the region, but authorities are not expecting a major refugee crisis like the one that occurred during an offensive this year in the Swat Valley, also in the northwest.

Makeen resident Ajmal Khan said that the people left in his town were terrified but could not leave their homes due to a curfew.

"We heard sounds of planes and helicopters early Saturday. Then we heard

blasts," Khan told The Associated Press by telephone. "We are also hearing gunshots and it seems the army is exchanging fire with the Taliban."

Over the last three months, the Pakistani air

force has been bombing targets, while the army has said it has sealed off many Taliban supply and escape routes. The military has been trying to secure the support of local tribal armies in the fight.

At least 11 suspected insurgents were killed in the jet bombings, while a roadside bomb hit a security convoy, killing one soldier and wounding three others, two local intelligence officials said.

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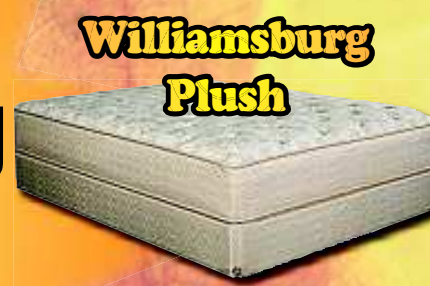
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Kerry: Too soon to send more troops to Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — With Afghanistan's election crisis deepening, Sen. John Kerry says it would be irresponsible for the U.S. to consider sending additional troops to the region at this time.

In taped remarks, Kerry said it would be misguided to have a troop buildup to achieve a mission of "good governance" when the election is not yet finished.

Kerry, who chairs the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was in Kabul on Saturday.

His visit came as Afghanistan's president, Hamid Karzai, resisted international pressure to accept fraud rulings that could force him into a runoff with his main challenger, Abdullah Abdullah. Due to harsh weather, a runoff may not happen until next spring.

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Idaho bowl eligible with win

Woolridge has 4 TDs as Vandals beat Hawaii

By Josh Wright
Times-News correspondent

MOSCOW — A Texas-sized grin plastered on his face, safety Shiloh Keo galloped off the field Saturday repeating the same four words.

"We've got a shot," he hollered, referring to a December bowl berth. "We've got a shot."

Actually, the Vandals have more than a chance — and with how they're humming along, they have loftier aspirations than a date in Boise for the

Humanitarian Bowl.

Picked to finish last in the Western Athletic Conference, Idaho bumped its record to 6-1 and kept an improbable spot atop the league standings with a 35-23 triumph over Hawaii.

For the first time since 1998, the Vandals are all but assured of a post-season bid and sit at 3-0 in the WAC heading into next week's showdown at Nevada.

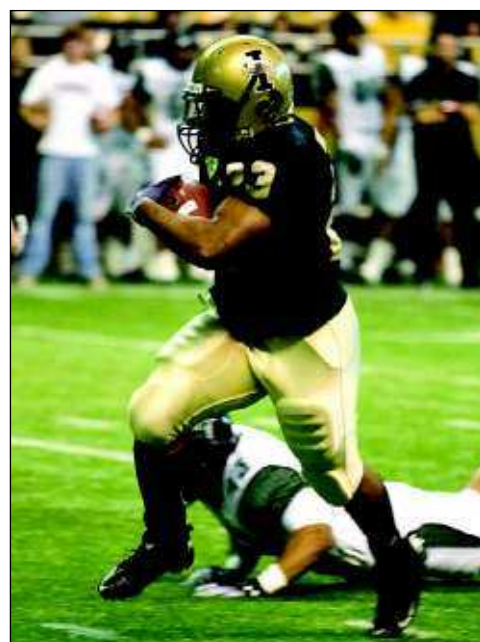
"I think it's great for our seniors, great for our fans, the whole team, Coach (Robb) Akey," quarterback

Nathan Enderle said. "It's a great start. But that's all it is a start. We need to keep rolling."

Idaho rang up its fifth consecutive victory — its longest winning streak since 1994 — and bested the Warriors for the first time since joining the WAC in 2005. The accomplishments came with 12,763 on hand at the Kibbie Dome.

It was a relatively stress-free win after three nail-biters in a row. The Vandals rushed for 194 yards, got an efficient 14-of-17 performance from Enderle and came up with a crucial

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Idaho running back De'Maunday Woolridge (23) breaks off a 28-yard touchdown run in the first half against Hawaii Saturday in Moscow.

BRUCE MANN/
University of Idaho

The SCOOP on SCOOPING

Athletes, parents, coaches have various stances on supplement use

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

Tyler Myers starts his day with a set of weights and a scoop.

Prior to hitting the Canyon Ridge High School weight room around 6:30 a.m., he drinks a mixture of water and BSN N.O.-XPLODE, a supplement powder that contains various forms of creatine. He lifts for the next 30 to 45 minutes and follows the session with water and a scoop of something different: BSN CELLMASS, another supplement powder containing creatine. He mixes milk with a scoop of IsoMass Xtreme Gainer, which packs on protein and calories, to go with breakfast. Another scoop of that with lunch. Another scoop after dinner. In all, it's 65 grams of protein, about 130 percent of the FDA's daily value. He'll use the N.O.-XPLODE and CELLMASS for a few weeks, lay-off for a few weeks and repeat the cycle.

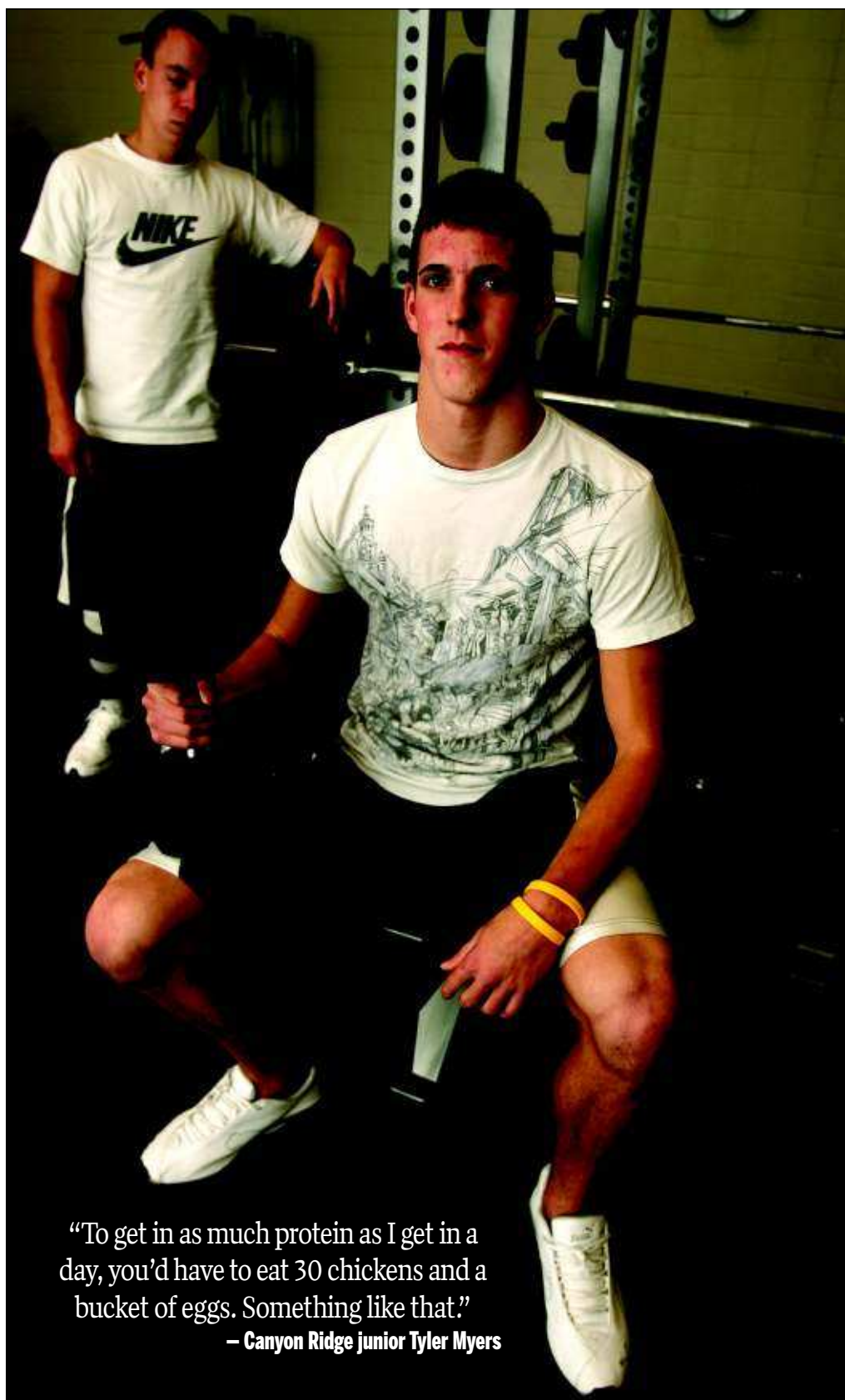
"That's what I do for my day," said the Riverhawks quarterback. "To get in as much protein as I get in a day, you'd have to eat 30 chickens and a bucket of eggs. Something like that."

Weight lifting and afternoon practices can burn thousands of calories and a lot of the nutrients found in a high school athlete's body. The necessity to replace those calories and nutrients pits athletes and their parents against a tough decision: should they rely only on a healthy diet or turn to supplements as a part of their training routine?

Tammy Dixon, whose son Tyler Dixon plays for the Riverhawks, said parents need to be involved.

"I don't see a problem," she said, "but I over-see him quite a bit. I think it's important to discuss it with someone who's educated."

Tyler Dixon would like to start a program similar to Myers' regimen, but for now he's hampered by a knee injury. He takes protein supplements twice a day, but not as much since



MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Canyon Ridge High School athletes Tyler Myers, right, and Tyler Dixon pause during a workout at the school's weight room.

he must limit his weight training to his upper body.

"Right now, it's pretty simple," he said. "I'll use a little less of it."

There's also players like Brett Kohring, a Twin Falls senior, who has decided to refrain from supplement use.

"If you're eating healthy, there's no reason," he said. "I just eat extra of the high-protein foods."

Protein and creatine supplements are legal in Idaho and can be found in grocery stores, pharmacies and specialty stores such as GNC, which is managed by Myer's father, Dustin Myers, in the Magic Valley Mall. They are not banned by the Idaho High School Activities Association, so

many school districts have no policy forbidding their use though some coaches discourage their use.

Burley football coach Eugene Kramer allows his players to take 100-percent whey protein but nothing else, and he estimates that half do so. His advice to players is to check labels carefully as some whey protein brands may still include some amount of creatine.

He is against creatine use and a supporter of testing for steroids and human growth hormone at the high school level, which is nearly nonexistent in the U.S. *ESPN The Magazine* reported in March that the only Texas, Illinois and

See SUPPLEMENTS, Sports 8

BSU's Koontz develops at tackle

By Dustin Lapray
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — Boise State is notorious for taking good players and developing them into ones.

When Darren Koontz's high school coach John Barnes told the BSU coaching staff he had a guy they needed to see, Koontz was mistaken for one of his teammates. Regardless, BSU defensive line coach Pete Kwiatkowski made the visit.

"He thought I was someone else," said Koontz, a redshirt freshman for the No. 5 Broncos. "He saw that I had the potential and took a chance on me. I'm just trying to make him proud."



Koontz

Koontz played offensive tackle through most of his career at Los Alamitos (Calif.) High, but secretly pined to play on the defensive line. Barnes' staff relented at the start of Koontz's senior year, but he still played a limited defensive role, making only 19 tackles in high school.

"I was just a big guy and didn't do much," Koontz said. "I didn't have a lot of the technique down. I just went hard and had a good motor. That will get you to plays. Once you get technique in there, you start making strides."

Having played on both sides of the ball, Koontz enjoys the aggressive nature of the D-line.

"I like hitting a person," Koontz said. "Offensive line, I feel like you're the one sitting there taking a hit. On defense, you're making the hit, controlling what you do. You can just let yourself go loose and make plays, do whatever you need to do to get the tackle."

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College of Southern Idaho sophomore Jessica Peacock spikes the ball as North Idaho College player Fei Gao goes for a block Saturday at CSI Gymnasium in Twin Falls.



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For the Times-News

Cardinal rule: NIC thwarts CSI

Golden Eagles third loss against N. Idaho

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

There's just something about North Idaho College that gives the College of Southern Idaho volleyball team fits.

Behind a dominating 18 team blocks and an emphatic 20 kills from Marketa Hanzlova, No. 3 NIC completed the SWAC sweep of No. 1 CSI, winning 23-25, 25-13, 19-25, 25-15, 15-13 in Twin Falls on Saturday afternoon, the third straight win for NIC over CSI and the

fifth in the past seven meetings.

The Golden Eagles won the first and third sets in tight fashion, but came unglued against the North Idaho block in the second and fourth.

"We work really hard on our blocking, and we were able to read the attack and get in the right position," said NIC middle blocker Aubree Chesnut, a fifth-year "freshman" — she played four years of women's basketball at Arizona State and is using her fifth and final year of athletic eli-

gibility this season to play volleyball — who had two solo blocks and seven block assists. "They're a great team, and really scrappy. We kept hitting and hitting and they just kept digging over and over again. It's great to get the win."

CSI fell behind 14-7 in the decisive set and won six straight points, but couldn't knock NIC off of match point. While not lacking in the emotion department, the Golden Eagles couldn't channel that into a focused intensity.

See CSI, Sports 8

Filer outlasts Buhl, Kimberly cruises at SCIC tournament

By Diane Philbin
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — With not much separating the Filer Wildcats and Buhl Indians, it seemed appropriate that the two teams would go five sets. Filer ultimately prevailed 14-25, 27-25, 21-25, 25-20, 15-10 on the opening day of the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference volleyball tournament.

The match between the Nos. 2 and 3 seeds was by far the best of Saturday's fare as top-seeded host Kimberly swept No. 4 Gooding in straight sets after Gooding swept fifth-seeded Wendell to open the day.

Buhl stayed alive by eliminating Wendell in straight sets to cap the day's play.

"Buhl is a really good team," Filer coach Ed Richards said after the grueling win over the Indians. "They have a good hitter in (Katherine) Hunter and a good setter, (Kelli) Gabardi. I was proud of how the girls played through our errors and focused on saying together to win a tight district match."

Three Wildcats totaled double-digits kills against the Indians with Danielle Schaal posting a double-double with a match-high

20 kills and 27 digs on defense. Krista Lewis was second with 17 kills while McKenzi Jasper recorded 12 kills and 19 digs. Filer setter Charmaine Weatherly led with 28 assists and Leah Schaal chipped in 19.

"We really wanted to show each other how much we wanted it," said Jasper. "So after making a couple of errors early in the match we each started playing harder to show each just other how much."

The Wildcats advance to face the Bulldogs at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

For the Indians, the loss to Filer was a matter of points not coming when needed.

"We just needed to string our points together," said Buhl coach Denny Moretto. "Point-by-point we probably outscored them, but we just didn't put them together at the right time. We just lost the determination we started the match with. We always play better when we are positive."

For Buhl, Hunter had 17 kills and 13 digs, while Emily Hosman had 10 kills and Courtney Azevedo had 12 digs. Gabardi finished with 27 assists and Toni Wuensch had 12.

"We weren't executing our blocks," said Gabardi.

"And then we started playing a little scared and we were afraid to try things."

KIMBERLY 3, GOODING 0

The Senators fought against top-seeded Kimberly but fell 25-15, 25-15, 25-21.

"I think we played well as a team," said Kimberly coach Lawrence Pfefferle. "We lost a little focus in the third set. This was the best that Gooding has played against us and they gave us a run. They hit the ball well and the dug well."

Alex Pfefferle led the Bulldogs with 11 kills and dished out 15 assists. Teighlor Bair had 23 digs and Jandy Altemore had nine assists. Allison Mayfield had 11 digs.

"We just played Gooding on Thursday so we knew we had to re-focus and get the job done," said junior defensive specialist Averie Schroeder. "Gooding is fun to play because they tip deeper and throw different stuff up at you. We are looking forward to playing Filer because they are good and will give us a challenge."

Gooding coach Luanne Axelson was happy with her team's play against the No. 1 Bulldogs.

"We came out and competed," said Axelson. "Kimberly has great ball control and they just don't make many errors. We just need to cleanup the little things that we can control."

GOODING 3, WENDELL 0

Senior Brittany Wirth and junior Angela Vitek led the Gooding offense as the Senators swept Wendell 25-17, 26-24, 25-10 to open play in the Sawtooth Central Idaho District Tournament.

"It was nice to come out and win the first match," said Gooding coach Luanne Axelson. "Hopefully it will set a standard for the rest of the tournament. We passed the ball with a little more precision and that enabled us to get into our offense. Wendell has improved and we had to work for the win which is how it is suppose to be in the tournament."

BUHL 3, WENDELL 0

Hosman had 13 kills for Buhl, while Liz Comer had nine kills and three blocks in a 25-12, 25-17, 25-19 win that eliminated Wendell. Hunter (nine digs), Azevedo (seven digs) and Toni Wuensch (11 assists) chipped in for the Tribe, which now faces Gooding at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Raft River holds off Lighthouse at SRC tourney

Times-News

The beginning and the end were pretty good for Raft River. The middle, not so much. The top-seeded Trojans battled to a 25-17, 18-25, 20-25, 25-9, 15-7 win over upset-minded Lighthouse Christian on the opening day of the Class 1A Snake River Conference volleyball tournament in Hansen.

Hailey Higley had 17 digs, 10 kills and was a perfect 12-for-12 on serves for Raft River, while Kassie Ottley had 17 digs and was 21-for-21 on serving. Chelzee Nye added 14 kills and seven blocks.

"We had pretty good momentum coming off that first game and maybe we let down in intensity a little bit and you can't do that against a team like Lighthouse," said Raft River coach Cami Schumann.

But after losing two games in a row to the Lions, the Trojans took control again.

"To come back and win strong in the fourth and fifth games, I was proud of them to bounce back and finish strong."

Whitney Hotlman (19 digs, four blocks) and Marissa Greenwood (27 assists, 21-for-21 serving) also had good outings for the Trojans, who will face Challis at 8:30 p.m. on Monday, with the winner advancing to Tuesday's championship match.

Chelsea Dille had 23 digs for the Lions, while Josena van Vliet tallied 13 kills and Brittany Schulz added 10 kills. Kyanna Jones had 20 assists.

SHOSHONE 3, OAKLEY 0

Shoshone, the tournament's other top seed, made quick work of Oakley, winning 25-12, 25-15, 25-17. Taylor Astle and Shelby Bozzuto each served for 13 points, while Kelcie Hutchins had 10 kills.

The Indians will face Hagerman at 7 p.m. on Monday.

HAGERMAN 3, CASTLEFORD 0

Hagerman swept Castleford 25-10, 25-10, 25-14. Allison Rodgers led the Wolves with 25 digs and four kills. The Pirates advance to face Shoshone at 7 p.m. Monday, while the Wolves fall to a 4 p.m. elimination match against Oakley.

CHALLIS 3, HANSEN 0

Second-seeded Challis swept host Hansen 25-12, 25-11, 25-15 in Saturday's late match. Challis advances to face Raft River on Monday night, while the Huskies will try to stay alive as they take on Lighthouse Christian at 5:30 p.m. Monday.

Girls soccer

FILER 1, BUHL 0

Filer advanced to the Class 3A state tournament with a 1-0 win over Buhl in the second-place game of the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference tournament.

Alyssa Lekkerkerk rebounded her own miss after hitting the sidebar of the game's only goal in the 20th minute of the first half.

"I'm really proud of the girls and we're looking forward to state," said Filer coach Shane Hild.

With keeper Katie Williams sidelined by illness, Allie Hull stepped in a did a solid job in front of the net for the Wildcats (13-3-5), who will face Fruitland at 2 p.m. Thursday in the first round at Vallivue High School in Caldwell.

MAGIC VALLEY SPORTS BRIEFS

Following are local sports announcements submitted to the Times-News.

Basketball

TRI-CITIES YOUTH SIGN-UPS OPEN

BURLEY — Tri-cities youth basketball sign-ups for girls in grades 1-8 and boys in grades 6-8 will be offered through Wednesday. The cost is \$16 (\$32 after Oct. 21).

Information: Rupert Recreation at 434-2400.

T.F. HOLDS ADULT HOOPS MEETING

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Parks and Recreation will hold an organizational meeting for its adult basketball leagues on Thursday at parks and recreation office (136 Maxwell Ave.). The women's meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m., with the men's meeting at 6. Discussion items include league fees, rules and season length. All teams wishing to participate need to have a representative present at this meeting.

Information: 736-2265.

JRD MEN'S HOOPS UPCOMING

JEROME — Registration for Jerome Recreation District men's basketball will be held through Friday, Oct. 30, for the general public. Registration is on a first-come first-served basis until all leagues are filled. The team fee is \$535, and player fees are \$15 in district and \$20 out of district.

Information: 324-3389.

HARLEM AMBASSADORS COME TO CRHS

TWIN FALLS — The Harlem Ambassadors basketball team will play at 7 p.m., Nov. 18 at Canyon Ridge High School in Twin Falls. Proceeds benefit the local Habitat for Humanity. The Ambassadors, a traveling team akin to the Harlem Globetrotters, will face a team of local community members and will be available for autographs following the game.

TWIN FALLS OFFERS PRESCHOOL BASKETBALL

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Parks and Recreation will hold a preschool basketball program for boys and girls ages 4-5. The program will run on Saturdays from 2 to 2:45 p.m., from Nov. 7 through Dec. 5 and will introduce fundamentals of basketball in a non-competitive environment. The cost is \$25 for those in the city limits and \$35 outside city limits.

Information: 736-2265.

Golf

T.F. MUNI LADIES HOLD BANQUET

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Muni Ladies Golf Association will hold its annual awards banquet Thursday, Oct. 29. Cocktail hour will start at 6 p.m. followed by a 7 p.m. turkey dinner. The cost is \$12 for members and \$14 for guests.

Information: 733-3326.

High schools

CRHS BOOSTERS MEET MONDAY

TWIN FALLS — The Canyon Ridge High School Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m., Monday in Room 301 at the high school. All interested parties are invited to attend.

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN HOLDS FUNDRAISER FOR ELDRIDGE

TWIN FALLS — Lighthouse Christian Fellowship will host a Dutch oven fundraising dinner and servant auction at 6 p.m., today.

Proceeds will help rehabilitation costs for Jeremy Eldredge, who is an assistant coach for the Lighthouse Christian Lions football team and a former player. Eldredge was injured in an auto accident earlier this year.

Tickets may be purchased at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, which is located at 960 Eastland Dr. in Twin Falls. Information: 737-1725.

FUNDS SOUGHT FOR IMPROVING JHS FIELD

JEROME — Jerome High School senior Mackenzie Ingraham is leading a proj-

ect to raise money to install artificial turf at the Tigers' football stadium to benefit the football and soccer programs. Donations may be made to the Jerome School District Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 140, Jerome, ID, 83338. Construction donations are also welcome to keep costs down.

Information: E-mail ingraham2010@hotmail.com.

Running

MINI-CASSIA TURKEY TROT PLANNED

BURLEY — The Mini-Cassia Turkey Trot, a 5K run or walk, will be held Thursday, Nov. 26. Check-in will be from 8 to 8:45 a.m., at West Minico Middle School with the race beginning at 9. The cost is \$10 per person (\$15 after Nov. 6 and \$20 on race day). The Trot Tot run or walk with a parent is \$6. Register at <http://www.minicas-siaturkeytrot.com>.

Information: Tosha Stapelman at tosha@minicassiatrkeytrot.com or Randy Sutton at westend@pmt.org or 208-438-4511.

CSI HOLDS GREAT PUMPKIN RACE

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho physical education program will sponsor the fourth annual Great Pumpkin Race 5K Run/Walk and One Mile Youth Challenge on Friday, Oct. 30.

The event will also include a children's carnival and trick-or-treating. The 5K Run/Walk is open to ages 13 and older. Prizes will be awarded in each age group for runners and walkers with separate divisions for men and women. Registration for this event will begin at 5 p.m. and the race will start at 6 p.m. The entry fee is \$25.

The Competitive Youth Challenge, a timed one-mile race, is open to ages 8-12. Registration for this event will start at 5 p.m. and the race will begin at 6:15 p.m. The entry fee is \$15.

The Halloween carnival will be held in the CSI Student Recreation Center from 4 to 7 p.m. Kids are encouraged to come in costume. This event is free of charge. The CSI Corn Maze will be open as well.

Information: Jaime Tigue at 732-6479 or at jtigue@csi.edu.

Volleyball

JRD HOLDS ICEBREAKER TOURNAMENT

JEROME — Jerome Recreation District will hold the Coed Icebreaker Volleyball Tournament Saturday, Nov. 7. The cost is \$125 per team and is due by 5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30. Teams registered in the JRD's adult volleyball league will receive a \$25 discount on registration.

Information: 324-3389.

EXPLOSION VOLLEYBALL CLUB HOLDS TRYOUTS

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Explosion Volleyball Club will hold open tryouts from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Monday, Nov. 2, and Wednesday, Nov. 4, at the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley gymnasium, located at 999 Frontier Road in Twin Falls.

The tryout is open to high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. Registration starts at 7:15 p.m., and parents need to attend. All players are encouraged to attend both tryout dates. The tryout fee is \$10. Practice will begin in February, and tournaments begin in March and continue through mid-May.

Information: Cloyce Corder at 948-0157 or mikbug1242@live.com.

JRD VOLLEYBALL SIGN-UPS OPEN

JEROME — Registration for Jerome Recreation District adult volleyball will be held through Friday, Oct. 30, for the general public. Registration is on a first-come first-served basis until all leagues are filled. The team fee is \$160, and player fees are \$5 in district and \$10 out of district.

Information: 324-3389.

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DISTRICT IV VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS

Class 4A

Great Basin Conference Tournament
At Twin Falls High School
(Odd numbered matches in Baun
Gymnasium, even in Bruin Gymnasium on
Monday)
Monday

Match 1: No. 4 Jerome vs. No. 5 Canyon Ridge, 5 p.m.

Match 2: No. 3 Wood River vs. No. 6 Burley, 5 p.m.

Match 3: No. 1 Twin Falls vs. Winner 1, 6:30 p.m.

Match 4: No. 2 Minico vs. Winner 2, 6:30 p.m.

Match 5: Loser 1 vs. Loser 2, 8 p.m.

Tuesday

Match 6: Winner 5 vs. Loser 3 or 4 (lower seed), 5 p.m.

Match 7: Winner 3 vs. Winner 4, 5 p.m.

Match 8: Winner 6 vs. Loser 3 or 4 (higher seed), 6:30 p.m.

Match 9: Winner 8 vs. Loser 7, 8 p.m.

Thursday

Match 10: Championship, Winner 7 vs. Winner 9, 6 p.m.

Match 10: Second championship, if necessary, 7:30 p.m.

Class 3A

Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference
Tournament
At Kimberly High School
Saturday

Match 1: No. 4 Gooding def. No. 5 Wendell 25-17, 26-24, 25-10

Match 2: No. 2 Filer def. No. 3 Buhl 14-25, 27-25, 21-25, 25-20, 15-10

Match 3: No. 1 Kimberly def. Gooding 25-15, 25-15, 25-21

Match 4: Buhl def. Wendell 25-12, 25-17, 25-19 (Wendell eliminated)

Tuesday

Match 5: Gooding vs. Buhl, 5 p.m.

Match 6: Filer vs. Kimberly, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Match 7: Loser 6 vs. Winner 5, 4:30 p.m.

Match 8: Championship, Winner 6 vs. Winner 7, 6 p.m.

Match 9: Second championship, if necessary, 7:30 p.m.

Class 2A

Canyon Conference Tournament
At Valley High School, Hazelton
Tuesday

Match 1: No. 2 Declo vs. No. 3 Glens Ferry, 5:15 p.m.

Match 2: No. 1 Valley vs. Winner 1, 8 p.m.

Wednesday

Match 3: Loser 1 vs. Loser 2, 4 p.m.

Match 4: Championship, Winner 3 vs. Winner 2, 5:30 p.m.

Match 5: Second championship, if necessary, 7 p.m.

Class 1A

Snake River Conference Tournament
At Hansen High School
Saturday

Match 1: No. 1 Shoshone def. No. 4 Oakley 25-12, 25-15, 25-17

Match 2: No. 3 Hagerman def. No. 2 Castleford 25-10, 25-10, 25-14

Match 3: No. 1 Raft River def. No. 4 Lighthouse Christian 25-17, 18-25, 20-25, 25-9, 15-7

Match 4: No. 2 Challis def. No. 3 Hansen 25-12, 25-11, 25-15

A LITTLE EXTRA

Yankees, Angels go late in Game 2

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez homered off Brian Fuentes leading off the 11th inning, and the New York Yankees and Los Angeles Angels were tied 3-3 after 12 at press time Saturday on another bitterly raw, rainy night in the AL championship series.

Los Angeles leadoff man Chone Figgins, who had been 0 for 18 in this post-season, gave the Angels a 3-2 lead with an RBI single in the top of the 11th off Alfredo Aceves, who had just relieved Mariano Rivera.

Rodriguez then sent an 0-2 fastball about 6 inches over right-field wall. When he rounded second, he stopped for a moment, unsure whether he had cleared the fence, but umpires signaled home run and he circled the bases.

A-Rod had a chance to win it in the 12th, batting with the bases loaded and two outs, but he flied to center against Ervin Santana.

Rain started falling in the ninth inning and kept gaining in intensity. By the 11th, many fans had left their seats to take cover.

Coming off a 4-1 victory in Friday night's opener, the Yankees were trying to take a two-game lead as



AP photo

New York Yankees batter Alex Rodriguez celebrates with teammate Freddy Guzman after hitting a solo home run against Los Angeles Angels pitcher Brian Fuentes during the 11th inning of Game 2 of the American League Championship baseball series Sunday in New York.

the best-of-seven series heads to the warmth of Southern California. Robinson Cano's RBI triple in the second and Derek Jeter's solo homer in the third had given New York a 2-0 lead.

But Erick Aybar singled in a run in the fifth off a suddenly shaky A.J. Burnett, who sent home another run with his second wild pitch of the inning.

Burnett, following up on

CC Sabathia's eight innings of four-hit ball, started 13 of his first 15 batters with strikes and allowed one hit through four innings, but started 10 of his last 12 with balls. He gave up three hits in 6 1-3 innings, walked two and hit two batters. Angels starter Joe Saunders, who hadn't pitched since Oct. 4, gave up six hits in seven innings, struck out five and walked one.

Los Angeles loaded the

bases in the seventh after Cano misplayed a grounder to second for an error, but Joba Chamberlain struck out Vladimir Guerrero to end the threat. After Jeter botched what should have been an inning-ending, double-play grounder in the eighth, Phil Hughes struck out Gary Matthews Jr. and Rivera came on and retired Aybar on a slow roller. Rivera pitched 2 1-3 innings of one-hit relief.

Utley's erratic throws hurting Phils

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Chase Utley makes two costly throwing errors, and suddenly he's being mentioned with Steve Sax and Chuck Knoblauch.

Utley's fielding gaffes were the talk of the town when the Philadelphia Phillies returned home Saturday after splitting the first two games of the NL championship series at Los Angeles.

Game 3 is tonight in soggy Philadelphia, weather permitting. The forecast calls for showers all day and it's expected to be 42 degrees at game time. Cliff Lee starts for the Phillies against Hiroki Kuroda.

The weather will make it tough to grip the ball and make accurate throws. Utley, a four-time All-Star second baseman, had enough problems throwing to first in sunny L.A. The Phillies overcame his blunder in Game 1, but it hurt them on Friday.

Trailing 1-0, the Dodgers got their first two

NLCS
Game 3
Dodgers at Phillies
6 p.m., TBS

runners on in the bottom of the eighth. After failing to put down a sacrifice, Russell Martin then hit a sharp grounder to third baseman Pedro Feliz. It was a routine double-play ball except Utley's relay throw sailed wide of first. Instead of two outs and a runner on third, the Dodgers had a run and one out. They went on to score again and held on for a 2-1 victory.

Utley typically wasn't around to speak to reporters during Saturday's one-hour, open clubhouse session. But manager Charlie Manuel and others had his back.

"I'm sure nobody in Philadelphia hates that more than Chase, but at the same time, he'll correct it," Manuel said. "I have all the faith in the

world in him as far as that goes. That's going to happen to anybody."

Ronnie Belliard was bearing down on Utley and slid hard into second, possibly forcing him to rush his throw. Belliard, a fellow second baseman, sympathized with Utley.

"It's nothing mental," Belliard said. "He's a good second baseman. It's a difficult situation to turn a double play like that. You have to forget about it and do your job."

In the series opener Thursday night, Utley made a similarly poor throw on what should have been an inning-ending, double-play grounder hit by Andre Ethier in the fifth inning. Phillies pitcher Cole Hamels was visibly upset that shortstop Jimmy Rollins and Utley couldn't make the turn. Manny Ramirez followed with a two-run homer that cut Philadelphia's lead to 5-4, but the Phillies won 8-6.

Rollins, a Gold Glove

winner the last two years, was slow to shuffle the ball and that may have thrown off Utley's timing.

"Looked like he had trouble gripping the ball, really taking it out of his glove," Manuel said of Utley. "Looked like he had trouble getting a hold of it."

In between the two errors, Utley made three iffy throws on routine grounders. All three resulted in outs, but his erratic tosses suggest this could be more than a simple case of two bad throws under difficult circumstances in clutch spots.

Dodgers third base coach Larry Bowa, who managed Utley when he first came up in Philadelphia, doesn't buy it.

"No, no, no," Bowa said when asked if Utley's issues are comparable to Sax and Knoblauch. "I don't think it's a problem at all. He rushed two throws. It was coincidental that he did it two games in a row."



AP photo

Cleveland Cavaliers players LeBron James (23) and Shaquille O'Neal (33) talk during a preseason game against Olympiacos Piraeus in Cleveland on Oct. 12.

NBA 2009-10: Whose big move will pay off biggest?

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press writer

Kobe Bryant was hours away from another championship when that large, looming shadow appeared again.

Game 5 of the NBA finals arrived along with a report that the Cleveland Cavaliers, realizing they needed more help for LeBron James, had renewed talks with Phoenix on a deal for Shaquille O'Neal.

The trade for Bryant's extra large ex-teammate went through on draft day, creating the tantalizing possibility of a Kobe vs. LeBron and Shaq final, and perhaps making Cleveland the favorite to face Los Angeles for this year's championship.

Unless it's Boston.

Or Orlando.

Or maybe San Antonio stops the Lakers from even getting out of the West.

All the top contenders made big moves, and the one that gets the best return on its investment could get the biggest reward next June.

"A lot of teams in the East got better, a lot of teams in the West got better," O'Neal said. "It's going to be one of the most exciting years ever since I've been in the league."

Economic woes this year and the lure of a blockbuster free agent class next kept most teams quiet this summer. Just not those whose championship window is open.

- The Cavs want O'Neal and James to be a championship pairing like O'Neal-Bryant — without the soap opera.

- The Lakers signed Ron Artest, an upgrade in talent on the court but a wild card in the locker room.

- The Celtics inked Rasheed Wallace, hoping the temperamental forward can either fill in for or play alongside of a recovered Kevin Garnett.

- The Magic traded for Vince Carter, believing he can replace what they lost with the departure of Hedo Turkoglu.

- The Spurs acquired Richard Jefferson, giving them some much-needed athleticism on the wing to play with their trio of stars.

Already among the best, those teams all could be even better.

"I think what happens is those teams, actually they were favored before the trades were made, and they became stronger," Boston coach Doc Rivers said.

And least one team may have needed to. James is the headline name in that free agent class next summer, which could also include Dwyane Wade, Chris Bosh, Amare Stoudemire, Yao Ming, Dirk Nowitzki and Joe Johnson.

Teams are lining up for a chance to be spenders — though a potential significant drop in the salary cap could hamper some plans. The Cavs don't want to risk losing their MVP from down the road in Akron, so they've continued trying to strengthen a team that had the league's best record last season before getting knocked off by the Magic in the conference finals.

Orlando also was busy, realizing it needed something more to finish the job this season.

"Our goal is not just to get back to the finals. We want to win championships. That's it. Championships are what matter, and we want to win a champi-

onship now," Magic general manager Otis Smith said. "The pieces we added were the pieces we thought we needed to win a championship. We're not content with just getting back to the finals. That's why we made the moves we made."

The Oct. 27 opening night features three of the contenders. The Celtics visit the Cavs in the first game of the season, an early chance to gauge Garnett's health after knee pain shut him down late last season, wrecking Boston's chance for a repeat. The Lakers raise their championship banner later that evening when they face the Clippers, featuring No. 1 draft pick Blake Griffin.

Those games could be officiated by replacement referees. The NBA has locked out its regular staff during a labor dispute and seems ready to open a season with backups for the first time since 1995.

Other difficulties remain. The economic downturn hit some markets hard and the league is prepared for perhaps a 5 percent decrease in revenues this season. The salary cap dropped this off-season for only the second time and the NBA has warned teams of another decline next summer, a potential damaging blow for teams like New York, Miami and New Jersey, who are hoping to rebuild through free agency and may find they have less money to do it.

But that's for later. For now, the game itself will provide a nice distraction.

"The game is what brought us here. It's always about the game and everything else we do is about making the stage or the presentation of the game even stronger, and the game itself is in the best shape that it's ever been in," commissioner David Stern said. "Our young stars, our future Hall of Famers, our rookies, our international talent pool, have made this a new golden age for the NBA."

Bryant sits at the top of it. James took the MVP award that Bryant won a year earlier, but the postseason belonged to the Lakers star and his teammates.

And they seem in great shape to make a run at a repeat. No team has won back-to-back since the Bryant-O'Neal Lakers from 2000-02, but by adding Artest and keeping sixth man Lamar Odom, Los Angeles might be better prepared than any team since — especially with Bryant saying he feels healthier after a summer off following two straight off-seasons playing for the United States.

"We'll just be ready to go. We understand the challenge of winning another one," Bryant said. "We have the chance here, we have the talent to win another one. If we don't, it's because of our lack of focus."

O'Neal would love to be the one to prevent a repeat, and thinks he can. He's already called the Cavaliers "probably the best team I've ever played on, on paper anyway" — which would be quite a feat, since he's played on four champions.

"On paper, we have 1 through 15 covered. That never really matters. You still have 82 games to play and the postseason to play," O'Neal said. "Whichever team is playing at the highest level, has all their guys healthy and has a little luck on their side is the team that makes it all the way. Hopefully that's us."

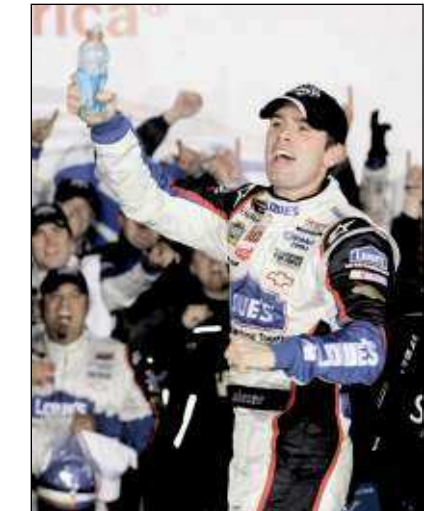
Johnson ends 4-year losing streak at Lowe's

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — Jimmie Johnson completed the perfect weekend with a win at Lowe's Motor Speedway to take control of the championship standings.

The three-time defending series champion raced to his third victory in the Chase for the Sprint Cup on Saturday night, extending his lead to 90 points over teammate Mark Martin.

Seeking a NASCAR-record fourth consecutive Cup championship, Johnson led every practice session and won the pole to complete yet another dominating run at Lowe's. He has been the driver to beat at the suburban Charlotte track since early in his career, and the victory was the Lowe's-sponsored driver's sixth on the 1.5-mile oval.

"Man, we pulled off a perfect weekend and we've always wanted to



AP photo

Jimmie Johnson celebrates in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Banking 500 Sprint Cup Series auto race at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C., Saturday.

do that," Johnson said in his first Victory Lane visit at the track since 2005.

Matt Kenseth was second, followed by Kasey Kahne and Jeff Gordon, Johnson's teammate at Hendrick Motorsports.

Martin, who started the race 12 points behind his teammate in the standings, finished 17th in part because of front-end damage received when he

ran into the back of Juan Pablo Montoya on an early restart.

It was that kind of night for several title contenders, as eight of the 12 finished outside the top 10 in a rare off night for the Chase drivers.

Montoya, who was third in the standings and just 58 points out of the lead at the start of the race, dropped to sixth and

is now 195 points out. He damaged the front and back ends of his car on the restart problem with Martin and Clint Bowyer, and fell two laps down trying to get pit road for repairs.

Denny Hamlin and Carl Edwards both blew motors, Greg Biffle was in a late spin and Tony Stewart never contended.

That left it up to Kahne and Gordon to chase down Johnson, and despite some thrilling late restarts, neither came close.

Gordon finished fourth, but lost ground to Johnson in the standings and is now 135 points out as only Martin is within shouting distance of the champion. Johnson will take the cushion into Martinsville, where he's won five of the last six races.

Johnson has six victories this year and 46 overall — 17 in Chase races.

Hall accounts for 4 TDs as BYU beats SDSU

SAN DIEGO — Max Hall was supposed to spike the ball, giving No. 18 Brigham Young time to kick a field goal before the first-half clock expired.

Hall, the do-everything quarterback, had other plans. Out of timeouts, he took the snap and, with the clock winding down, ran untouched around left end for a 1-yard score and a 21-14 lead over scrappy San Diego State.

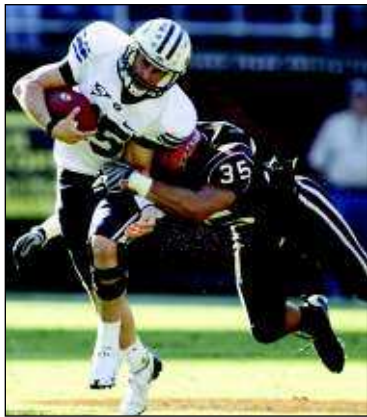
BYU went on to beat SDSU 38-28 for the 500th victory in school history.

Hall threw for 346 yards and three touchdowns, but it was his keeper that was the play of the game.

BYU used its last timeout with 32 seconds before halftime, and Hall then completed a 6-yard pass to tight end Dennis Pitta for a first-and-goal on the 1. Hall tried to score on a keeper but was stuffed for no gain.

Hall made the best out of a chaotic situation. The coaches were hollering for him to spike the ball, but he said he didn't hear them. Hall was signaling that he was going to try another sneak.

With the clock running down, the Cougars quickly lined up, Hall took the snap and ran untouched for a 21-14 lead.



AP photo

BYU quarterback Max Hall, left, tries to break the tackle of San Diego State's Luke Laolagi, right, on a 20-yard run during the second quarter Saturday in San Diego.

"They had four guys in the A gap, so I just took off to the outside with it," he said. "It was one of those last-minute decisions where I thought, 'This is either going to be really good or really bad.' It turned out pretty good."

Coach Bronco Mendenhall said he was upset because the Cougars didn't manage the situation well.

"We had players laying on the ground; one guy lost his helmet,

LATE IN VEGAS

No. 24 Utah was still in progress at UNLV at press time Saturday. For results, visit Magicvalley.com/sports.

he was trying to get that back on, so we were trying to get back aligned," Mendenhall said. "Max saw the clock running out, grabbed it and just took it on his own initiative, went around the end and scored a touchdown, which was phenomenal. If he wouldn't have scored I would have been upset, but he scored, and how do you now take that away from him? So it was a really nice job."

BYU (6-1, 3-0 Mountain West Conference) beat SDSU (2-4, 0-2) for the eighth time in the last nine games, although the Cougars said the Aztecs appeared much improved under first-year coach Hoke.

Running an effective no-huddle offense, Hall was 27 of 39 for his fifth 300-yard game of the season.

SDSU's Ryan Lindley also threw three touchdown passes, going 21 of 33 for 298 yards. SDSU kept pace with BYU into the third quarter, tying it at 21 before the Cougars'

massive offensive line wore down the Aztecs, allowing Hall to throw two touchdown passes in less than four minutes.

touchdown pass by Hill to Taylor with 1:32 remaining in the third quarter.

NEVADA 35, UTAH STATE 32

LOGAN, Utah — Colin Kaepernick threw for three touchdowns while the nation's leading rushing team continued to chalk up big yards as Nevada topped Utah State 35-32 Saturday.

The Wolf Pack (3-3, 2-0 Western Athletic Conference) had rushed an average 289 yards a game this season, but the team outdid itself, gaining 313 against the Aggies (1-5, 0-2).

Nevada took its first lead, 28-24, on a fourth-quarter 49-yard pass from Kaepernick to Brandon Wimberly. The Wolf Pack then got to 35-24 after Luke Lippincott ran for a 69-yard touchdown.

USU tried to come back when Nnamdi Gwacham caught a 14-yard pass from Diondre Borel, who also tossed three TDs. After a successful two-point conversion that brought the score to 35-32, USU attempted an onside kick.

The Aggies recovered the kick but were hit with a penalty. The Wolf Pack snagged the second attempt and ran out the clock.

— The Associated Press

No. 1 Florida edges Arkansas

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Tim Tebow kept Florida's perfect season intact.

Tebow directed a 69-yard drive in the final minutes, setting up Caleb Sturgis' 27-yard field goal with 9 seconds remaining that gave the top-ranked Gators a 23-20 win against Arkansas on Saturday.

Was it Tebow's Heisman moment?

Regardless, it kept Florida unbeaten and likely No. 1 in the country. And maybe even the Gators' chances to repeat as national champions.

On a day when little went right for the Gators, Tebow took over down the stretch. He threw for 255 yards and a touchdown, ran for 69 more and saved his best plays for when Florida needed him most.

NO. 19 GEORGIA TECH 28, NO. 4 VIRGINIA TECH 23

ATLANTA — Virginia Tech might have lost its shot at a national championship on another doomed trip to Atlanta.

Josh Nesbitt rushed for 122 yards and three touchdowns — the last of them tiptoeing down the sideline to finish off the Hokies with 3 minutes left — as Georgia Tech ran to a win that threw the Atlantic Coast Conference race up for grabs while perhaps finishing off the league's top contender in the national race.

Georgia Tech (6-1, 4-1 ACC) completed just one pass but ran for 309 yards out of its spread option offense — all but 37 of those yards coming in the second half.

PURDUE 26, NO. 7 OHIO STATE 18

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Joey Elliott and Purdue shocked mistake-prone Ohio State.

Elliott threw for 281 yards and two touchdowns, and the Boilermakers snapped a five-game losing streak by beating No. 7 Ohio State to effectively end what national-title chances remained for the Buckeyes.

Purdue dominated the first three quarters, then held on as Ohio State tried to mount a comeback behind Terrelle Pryor, who threw two interceptions and lost two fumbles.



AP photo

Florida offensive lineman Marcus Gilbert celebrates by clapping his hands together performing the 'Gator Chomp' after defeating Arkansas 23-20 in an NCAA college football game in Gainesville, Fla., Saturday.

The Boilermakers (2-5, 1-2) had lost five in a row since beating Toledo to start Danny Hope's first season as coach, and fans were starting to get uneasy. But when the clock ran out, joyous students poured onto the field to celebrate a major upset.

It was Purdue's first win over a ranked team since 2003 and its first win over the Buckeyes since 2004.

NO. 2 ALABAMA 20, NO. 22 SOUTH CAROLINA 6

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Mark Ingram rushed for a career-high 246 yards and a game-clinching touchdown, powering Alabama past South Carolina.

Ingram's tackle-breaking, defender-dragging runs and a punishing defense helped the Crimson Tide (7-0, 4-0 Southeastern Conference) overcome four turnovers — doubling their season total. It also helped 'Bama avoid the down-to-the-wire scares No. 1 Florida and No. 3 Texas had — or an upset defeat like No. 4 Virginia Tech endured.

Steve Spurrier's Gamecocks (5-2, 2-2) had never beaten a team ranked higher than No. 3 and were hoping for their second win over a top-five team this season.

NO. 9 MIAMI 27, CENTRAL FLORIDA 7

ORLANDO, Fla. — Jacory Harris completed 20 of 26 passes for 293 yards and a

touchdown, Javarris James rushed for another score on the way to topping the 2,000-yard mark for his career, and No. 9 Miami pulled away to beat Central Florida 27-7 on Saturday night.

Damien Berry added a fourth-quarter touchdown run for the Hurricanes (5-1), who matched their best start since 2005.

NO. 11 IOWA 20, WISCONSIN 10

MADISON, Wis. — No. 11 Iowa needed a second-half road rally to keep its perfect season alive.

Trailing by a touchdown at halftime, the Hawkeyes (7-0, 3-0 Big Ten) began the third quarter by turning an interception into a tying touchdown pass from quarterback Ricky Stanzi to tight end Tony Moeaki.

Iowa took the lead on a 10-yard touchdown run by Adam Robinson early in the fourth quarter, and the Hawkeyes' defense kept the Badgers scoreless in the second half.

NO. 12 TCU 44, COLORADO STATE 6

FORT WORTH, Texas — Jeremy Kerley tiptoed the sideline, then came to a near stop before finding an open lane to the end zone for his second punt return for a touchdown in three games and TCU remained undefeated with a victory over Colorado State.

Kerley's electrifying 69-yard return just before half-

time made it 17-6, and came less than 2½ minutes after TCU (6-0, 2-0 Mountain West) had finally taken the lead on Joseph Turner's 2-yard touchdown run.

NO. 14 PENN STATE 20, MINNESOTA 0

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Navorro Bowman led a stifling defense, Evan Royster ran for 137 yards and Derek Moyer had a disputed touchdown catch in Penn State's easy win over Minnesota.

Moyer's 12-yard reception in the end zone was initially ruled incomplete, then overturned after an official review for a TD on a drive that gave the Nittany Lions (6-1, 2-1 Big Ten) a 13-0 lead late in the first half.

TEXAS TECH 31, NO. 15 NEBRASKA 10

LINCOLN, Neb. — Steven Sheffield passed for a touchdown and ran for another in his first road start, and Texas Tech jumped out fast to upset Nebraska.

Sheffield, who passed for 490 yards passing and seven touchdowns in his debut as the starter against Kansas State last week, was nearly perfect early, completing 14 of his first 16 passes against the Cornhuskers. Playing for the injured Taylor Potts, Sheffield went 9-for-16 in the second half and finished with 234 yards.

COLORADO 34, NO. 17 KANSAS 30

BOULDER, Colo. — Tyler Hansen wanted to prove that he should have been Colorado's starting quarterback all along. He sure showed that he deserves to be the Buffaloes' main man from here on out.

Hansen, Cody Hawkins, the coach's son, in the starting lineup, ran for a touchdown and threw a TD pass to lead Colorado to a 34-30 upset of No. 17 Kansas on Saturday night.

NO. 23 HOUSTON 44, TULANE 16

NEW ORLEANS — Case Keenum's lowest passing total of the season was still pretty good, and more than enough to help Houston win its first conference game of the season.

Keenum was 30 of 43 for 334 yards and two touchdowns, and the Cougars defeated Tulane.

— The Associated Press

USC holds on for win at Notre Dame

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Jimmy Clausen and Notre Dame pushed Southern California to the very last second, showing the Fighting Irish could go toe-to-toe with their fiercest rival.

Beating the Trojans, well, Charlie Weis' team still hasn't figured out how to do that.

Clausen threw three incomplete passes into the end zone in the closing seconds, and No. 6 USC held on Saturday for a 34-27 victory, its eighth straight win against Notre Dame.

"When it came right down to it we found ways to make plays," USC coach Pete Carroll said.

Notre Dame's streak of last-minute victories ended at three, but the Irish (4-2) at least showed they could compete with USC.

"I think anyone that doesn't realize the fight that's in the Fighting Irish is missing the boat. It's evident if you watch the last five games. Every week it's the same thing," Weis said. "This team's a bunch of fighters. I'm proud of the fight. I'm disappointed with the loss, it's never OK to lose. But they're a bunch of fighters."

USC had dominated



AP photo

Southern California quarterback Matt Barkley, top, is sacked by Notre Dame defensive end John Ryan in the fourth quarter in South Bend, Ind., Saturday.

Notre Dame the past three seasons and led 34-14 in the fourth quarter Saturday. The Fighting Irish seemed on their way to the type of lopsided loss that would have their supporters grumbling about Weis again.

Instead, Clausen and the Irish rallied back, but couldn't score into the same end zone where the Trojans (5-1) famously scored four years ago on the Bush Push, which gave Reggie Bush, Matt Leinart and USC a 34-31 victory in Weis' first season.

McCoy struggles, but Longhorns beat OU

DALLAS (AP) — Colt McCoy was a mess. His right thumbnail was ready to fall off, a nagging cold was wearing him down and Oklahoma was confusing him with blitzes he'd never seen.

Then, with a chance to put the game away for No. 3 Texas midway through the fourth quarter, he threw an interception that could've turned into a go-ahead touchdown for the Sooners.

McCoy salvaged it all, though. He made a game-saving tackle on the pickoff return, then, after his defense got him the ball back, managed to grind out the final 3:31, sending No. 3 Texas to a 16-13 victory over No. 20 Oklahoma on Saturday.

"You've got to be confident in yourself and trust your teammates," McCoy said. "Let's find a way to win! We did!"

The sloppy performance did little for McCoy's chances of winning the Heisman Trophy and it won't earn much respect for a team that slipped a spot in last week's poll. But what matters most to McCoy and the Longhorns



AP photo

Texas quarterback Colt McCoy celebrates after running for a first down late in second half game against Oklahoma Saturday in Dallas.

(6-0, 3-0 Big 12) is remaining in line to play for the national championship — and, well, it always feels good to beat their rivals from across the Red River, especially in front of 96,009, the largest crowd in the 104-game history of this series.

Oklahoma lost Heisman winner Sam Bradford in the first quarter when he reagravated the right shoulder injury he sustained in the opener, but was never out of this one.

College scores

FAR WEST

Air Force 10, Wyoming 0
Arizona 43, Stanford 38
BYU 38, San Diego St. 28
California 45, UCLA 26
Colorado 34, Kansas 30
Drake 21, San Diego 14
Idaho 35, Hawaii 23
Montana 41, E. Washington 34
Montana St. 31, South Dakota 24, OT
N. Arizona 44, Portland St. 23
N. Colorado 30, Idaho St. 7
Nevada 35, Utah St. 32
Weber St. 49, Sacramento St. 10

SOUTHWEST

Florida Atlantic 44, North Texas 40

Navy 38, SMU 35, OT

TCU 44, Colorado St. 6

Texas 16, Oklahoma 13

MIDWEST

Bowling Green 31, Ball St. 17
Butler 23, Valparaiso 14
Cent. Michigan 34, W. Michigan 23
Indiana 27, Illinois 14
Iowa 20, Wisconsin 10
Iowa St. 24, Baylor 10

Kansas St. 62, Texas A&M 14
Kent St. 28, E. Michigan 6
Michigan 63, Delaware St. 6
Michigan St. 24, Northwestern 14
Ohio 28, Miami (Ohio) 7
Purdue 26, Ohio St. 18
Southern Cal 34, Notre Dame 27
Texas Tech 31, Nebraska 10
Toledo 20, N. Illinois 19

SOUTH

Alabama 20, South Carolina 6
Clemson 38, Wake Forest 3
East Carolina 49, Rice 13
Florida 23, Arkansas 20
Georgia 34, Vanderbilt 10
Georgia Tech 28, Virginia Tech 23

Houston 44, Tulane 16
Kentucky 21, Auburn 14
Louisiana Tech 45, New Mexico St. 7
Miami 27, UCF 7
Mississippi 48, UAB 13
Mississippi St. 27, Middle Tennessee 6
Southern Miss. 36, Memphis 16
Troy 42, Fla. International 33
Virginia 20, Maryland 9

EAST

Boston College 52, N.C. State 20
Buffalo 21, Akron 17
Connecticut 38, Louisville 25
Penn St. 20, Minnesota 0
Temple 27, Army 13
West Virginia 24, Marshall 7

NFL WEEK 6

Ravens look to regroup

The road to the Super Bowl gets tougher for the unbeaten Minnesota Vikings, who open a difficult stretch Sunday when they host a Baltimore Ravens team trying to get back on track after a pair of difficult losses to New England and Cincinnati.

OPEN DATES: Dallas, Indianapolis, Miami, San Francisco



St. Louis at Jacksonville
(0-5) (2-3)

A chance for the Jaguars to get going against a team that can't move the ball, can't stop anyone and has been outscored 146-34.



Carolina at Tampa Bay
(1-3) (0-5)

Panthers got healthier with a bye week and then rallied past the Redskins last week. Tampa Bay has been outscored 140-68.



Tennessee at New England
(0-5) (3-2)

The Titans are banged up, especially in the secondary, which means Randy Moss might finally get on track for the Patriots.



Baltimore at Minnesota
(3-2) (5-0)

Baltimore's usually formidable defense has been vulnerable and overly aggressive while Minnesota's unit has been balanced and opportunistic.



Kansas City at Washington
(0-5) (2-3)

Redskins face their sixth straight winless opponent. Chiefs have won just two of their last 29 games, worst streak in franchise history.



Buffalo at N.Y. Jets
(1-4) (3-2)

Bills put out one of its sorriest performances ever in a 6-3 home loss to the Browns. Jets D was manhandled by Dolphins Monday night.



Houston at Cincinnati
(2-3) (4-1)

Bengals come off their best game of the season against Ravens. Texans struggle in red zone, so they need to get the ball to Andre Johnson. Often.



N.Y. Giants at New Orleans
(5-0) (4-0)

Eli Manning returns to his hometown hoping his right heel problem is in the past. Saints rank first in PPG at 36 and defense rated sixth overall.



Philadelphia at Oakland
(3-1) (1-4)

Donovan McNabb returned from injury against Tampa Bay ... now faces Oakland. If NFL had relegation, the Raiders might be dropped.



Chicago at Atlanta
(3-1) (3-1)

Atlanta looked sensational in all areas in romp against the 49ers. Chicago has won three straight as QB Jay Cutler really heated up the offense.



Detroit at Green Bay
(1-4) (2-2)

Packers had a week off to mend and solve myriad blocking problems. Lions aren't projected to get much pressure on QB Aaron Rodgers.



Cleveland at Pittsburgh
(1-4) (3-2)

This could get real ugly if Cleveland plays as it did in 6-3 win last Sunday against the Bills. Steelers always take Browns seriously.



Arizona at Seattle
(2-2) (2-3)

With San Francisco idle, one of these teams will gain ground in the NFC West, which figures to go down to the wire anyway.



Denver at San Diego
(5-0) (2-2)

That one of these teams would be spotless this deep into the season hardly is shocking. That it's Denver, is almost unfathomable.

AP

NFL PICKS

Giants finally get a challenge in New Orleans

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press writer

At 5-0, the New York Giants match the best record in the NFL. Unlike the Colts, Broncos and Vikings, they've hardly played any one worth mentioning.

New York's toughest opponent has been Dallas, which had put together a 3-2 mark despite very mediocre performances. Otherwise, it's been Washington, Kansas City, Tampa Bay and Oakland.

YUCK!
That in-season vacation ends Sunday at New Orleans, where the Saints (4-0) are 3 1/2-point favorites and come off a bye week.

Plus, the hosts are far more healthy than the visitors — although can you really call Giants quarterback Eli Manning a visitor to the Big Easy, where he grew up? Manning was outstanding despite a problematic right heel against the Raiders last weekend, and wasn't needed in the second half.

New Orleans has found an impressive defense to go with one of the league's most prolific offenses. And the Saints have defeated the Eagles and Jets, far better competition than the Giants have faced.

"We don't really have to worry about where we stand against other people," Manning said. "We have to worry about going out there and playing the game each week and trying to find a way to get wins. We have to look at ourselves and see where we can improve from day to day and every week from the games."

They need to be better than in any game thus far. We think they will be.

GIANTS, 27-21

Philadelphia (minus 13 1/2) at Oakland

Until the Raiders show they belong in the NFL, they can't be taken seriously.

BEST BET: EAGLES 30-7

Denver (plus 4) at San Diego

The Broncos are everything the Chargers were supposed to be in THE AFC West. And vice versa.

UPSET SPECIAL: BRONCOS 20-10

Houston (plus 4 1/2) at Cincinnati

OK, we believe, we believe. But can the Bengals avoid the cliffhanger finish, for once?

Nope.
BENGALS, 17-16

Cleveland (plus 14) at Pittsburgh
OK, we don't believe; these aren't the Bills. Even a banged-up Steelers squad should breeze.

STEELERS, 23-7

Tennessee (plus 9) at New England

The Patriots sure don't look as good as nearly everyone expected. They look magnificent compared to 0-5 Titans.

PATRIOTS, 30-17

Kansas City (plus 4 1/2) at Washington

The mediocre Redskins conclude their journey through the dregs of the NFL.

REDSKINS, 13-10

Chicago (plus 3) at Atlanta

Intriguing matchup in prime time featuring two of the top young QBs, but running game will decide this one.

FALCONS, 20-16

Baltimore (plus 3) at Minnesota

Suddenly, the Ravens are one of the more mistake-prone teams in the league. Not a good thing here.

VIKINGS, 24-14

Buffalo (plus 9 1/2) at N.Y. Jets

Suddenly, the Jets are one of the more mistake-prone teams in the league. Won't hurt here.

JETS, 23-10

St. Louis (plus 12 1/2) at Jacksonville

Just what the pitiful Rams need: a revved-up Jaguars team after last week's humiliation in Seattle.

JAGUARS, 27-10

Carolina (minus 4) at Tampa Bay

Against most teams, we'd never give the points with the Panthers. Bucs are worse than most teams.

PANTHERS, 17-3

Detroit (plus 11 1/2) at Green Bay

Have the Packers shored up their blocking woes during bye week? Will be hard to tell against toothless Lions.

PACKERS, 30-13

Arizona (plus 2 1/2) at Seattle

Seahawks can tighten NFC West race with a win. Cardinals still are unsteady, but ...

CARDINALS, 24-23

RECORD:

Versus spread, 7-6 (34-38-1 season); Straight up, 8-6 (54-22 season)

Best Bet: 2-3
Upset Special: 3-2

Purple on Purple in Twin Cities

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press writer

A prevalent opinion around the NFL heading into this season was that if the Baltimore Ravens found some offense, they'd be a Super Bowl favorite.

It was also thought the Minnesota Vikings would contend if they got a quarterback who could threaten defenses and eliminate those eight-in-the-box alignments to deal with Adrian Peterson.

On Sunday, it's purple on purple as the Ravens visit the Vikings, but with the teams headed in different directions.

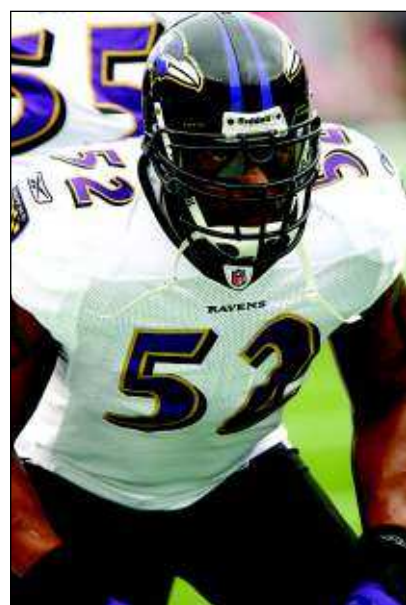
After winning their first three outings with a dominating offense and a big-play defense, the Ravens (3-2) have turned sloppy. Penalties, bad decisions, dropped passes — the stuff of losers — have infested Baltimore's performances.

Meanwhile, the Vikings (5-0) can't seem to do anything wrong. They've won big, including a 38-10 romp at St. Louis last week. They've won small, with Brett Favre's 32-yard TD pass to Greg Lewis — who hasn't caught any other balls — edging San Francisco 27-24 with 2 seconds to go in Week 3.

As Baltimore's usually formidable defense has been vulnerable and overly aggressive, Minnesota's unit has been balanced and opportunistic. The Vikings lead the league with a plus-8 turnover differential.

So which team is using cautious words?

"We're getting a lot of pats on the back," Vikings tight end Visanthe Shiancoe said. "But 5-0 can turn into

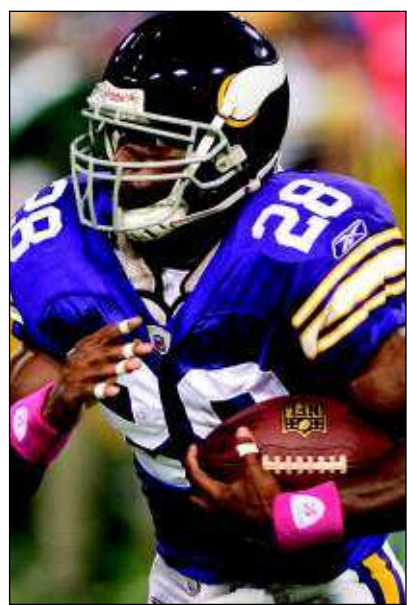


Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis, left, and Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson will meet today as the Vikings host the Ravens. Baltimore is just 3-2 on the season, while the Vikings are off to a 5-0 start with Brett Favre under center.

5-11 and we play a lot of good teams coming up. We can't get content or relax, because Baltimore's coming up. It's like hitting a bee's nest, rustling them up a little bit, they're going to be pretty mad coming in here."

Mad as can be after weak late-game showings in losses to New England and Cincinnati.

"It's not like we got blown out of the stadium," running back Ray Rice said. "These are games where, in the fourth quarter, there were one or two plays that if we make the play, we win the game. Those things get corrected. It's not a lack of effort, it's not a lack of



AP photo

intensity, it's not a lack of (being) physical."

Also Sunday, it's the New York Giants at New Orleans; Chicago at Atlanta; Cleveland at Pittsburgh; Houston at Cincinnati; Arizona at Seattle; Philadelphia at Oakland; Buffalo at the New York Jets; Tennessee at New England; Kansas City at Washington; Carolina at Tampa Bay; St. Louis at Jacksonville; and Detroit at Green Bay.

Unbeaten Denver is at San Diego on Monday night.

Off this week are Indianapolis, Dallas, San Francisco and Miami.

No flukes: Broncos, Bengals, Saints are for real this season

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press writer

The 2008 version of the Denver Broncos lost their final three games, blew the AFC West title, and got their longtime coach

canned.

Last year's New Orleans Saints were wonderful to behold when they had the ball, hideous to watch on defense.

And the '08 Cincinnati Bengals were like most previous incarnations: an also-ran almost from the get-go.

Now, meet three true contenders for playoff berths. And maybe even success in January.

Yep, the Broncos, Saints and Bengals are no flukes. They have

one loss among them — when Cincinnati fell to Denver on a tipped pass for a TD in the dying seconds of the opener.

"It's a different team, mindset and players," Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer said. "It's a more

mature group. We play with a lot of fire and energy — not necessarily calm, but more professional and mature."

So how did this happen so quickly? Let's look.

BRONCOS

The AFC West race was perceived as a runaway entering the season — with San Diego doing the romping. Denver? Too much turmoil. It started with a coaching change that saw the departure of Mike Shanahan, the only man to win Super Bowls in the Mile High City, and the arrival of untested Josh McDaniels. McDaniels then got off to a rocky start when he inquired about trading for former pupil Matt Cassel, who guided the

Tom Brady-less Patriots to an 11-5 mark in 2008 when McDaniels was New England's offensive coordinator. That so ticked off incumbent Jay Cutler, Denver's best QB since some guy named Elway, that he forced a trade.

Then there was a defense that was plain offensive, and not in a good way.

And now the Broncos are 5-0, with impressive wins against Dallas and New England the last two weeks. The rebuilt defense, under new coordinator Mike Nolan, ranks second overall and has allowed 43 points. Next lowest is Atlanta at 63, and the Falcons have played one fewer game.

"One thing about this locker room, we've got a bunch of guys who believe," star cornerback Champ Bailey said. "When you've got that kind of attitude, anything can happen."

Wisely, McDaniels and Nolan rebuilt the secondary, keeping Bailey as the anchor. They've turned loose linebacker Elvis Dumervil and his eight sacks lead the league. Their deep rotation on the line has kept people fresh, and it's made Broncos' D dynamic in the second half. Denver leads the AFC with 12 takeaways.

The offense, often spectacular but also inconsistent with Cutler, has been efficient under Kyle Orton. He's thrown for seven TDs and been picked only once, and the running game has been solid.

Then there's the emotion the 33-year-old McDaniels brings to the job. He might be a Bill Belichick disciple, but you'll never see Belichick scampering over to the stands to salute the fans, or rushing around the field hugging players.

BENGALS

The AFC North has turned powerful thanks to Cincinnati's revival. Well, revival might not be quite correct because the Bengals have had all of one winning season since 1990.

Criticism of the team's front office has been a theme in Cincy since Mike Brown replaced his father, Hall of Famer Paul Brown, at the top. When Brown stuck with Marvin Lewis as coach, it was considered a bottom-line decision: Brown refusing to eat a contract.

Yet Brown's patience seems to be paying off. Lewis, a defensive mastermind who was at the core of the Baltimore unit that catapulted the Ravens to the 2000 championship, has put together an aggressive, big-play group that is relatively young. That defense has forced the strong attacks of Pittsburgh and Baltimore to falter later in games, and that has been decisive.

When healthy, Palmer is among the league's best quarterbacks, just below the Brady-Manning-Roethlisberger level. In Cedric Benson, the Bengals have a workhorse running back to complement the passing game, and an offensive line expected to be a sieve has been staunch.

Having proven they can compete with — and beat — the big boys of the division, the Bengals also have games with Oakland, Cleveland, Detroit and Kansas City remaining. If they don't get to 10 wins, it might be as stunning as the 4-1 record they currently own.

SAINTS

Drew Brees was the NFL Offensive Player of the Year last season, and his collection of helpers has improved in 2009. So we know the Saints can score, whether Brees is throwing to Marques Colston, Lance Moore, Devery Henderson, Reggie Bush and, for once, a healthy Jeremy Shockey. They have a deep backfield, even with longtime star Deuce McAllister exiled.

But what's new in Nawlins is a fast, physical and, at times, intimidating defense under coordinator Gregg Williams, who is doing exactly what coach Sean Payton hired him to accomplish.

Payton and Williams shored up the secondary with big-play safety Darren Sharper and cornerback Jabari Greer as free agent signings, and cornerback Malcolm Jenkins in the first round of the draft. Sharper and top-notch linebacker Jonathan Vilma, who like Shockey is a difference maker when healthy, provides veteran leadership, too.

The Saints have been good recently, going to the 2006 conference championship game. They have 16 players still around from that squad.

And they have faith.

"I would argue the past two years we had more talent than in '06, we just got off to bad starts," linebacker Scott Shanle said. "When you start tracking up a couple of wins back to back, it's amazing in this league what it does confidence-wise. ... When it comes time in the game that either team can make a play to change the outcome of the game, we're doing it."

Expect them to continue doing it.



Champ Bailey



Carson Palmer



Jeremy Shockey

VOLLEYBALL



Courtesy RYAN THOMAS

Jerome freshman team unbeaten

The Jerome High School freshman volleyball team capped an unbeaten season this past week. The Tigers won tournaments at Highland and Filer during the season. "I attribute much of our success to how well the girls pulled together and played as a team each and every game," said freshman coach JaNae Hendrix. Pictured, from left, are Brittney Saur, K-lynn Walker (manager), Kaitlyn Kelly, Kolbie Stauffer, Nichole Dally, head coach JaNae Hendrix, Ali Bingham, Crystal Luna, Stephanie Martens, Kylie Bright, Megan Cummins and Paige Jackman.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE



Courtesy photo

Souper Bowl a success

In September, Minidoka and Cassia County schools held their annual "Souper" Bowl. The competition collects canned food to be used to help those in the community who are less fortunate. At Minico High School, the student body officers encouraged students to bring as many cans as possible, with the winning grade earning bragging rights for the year. They also encouraged the middle and elementary schools to do the same. The canned food drive brought in a total of 20,682 cans, topping last year's total. These cans were unloaded from trailers by the Minico football team and sorted and boxed by Minico High School's Key Club. The cans were donated to the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS



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Spuds enjoy truck convoy

The Minico Spuds Special Olympics team went on a truck convoy earlier this month, visiting Snake River Canyon in Twin Falls and other sites. The Spuds rode in their bus between two semi-trucks. They performed the song "Fill the World with Love" at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer, and participated in judging trucks. They concluded the event with a trip to Miracle Hot Springs.

Larson wins gold medal at Senior Games

Twin Falls resident Sterling Bryant Larson won a gold medal Oct. 10 in the triathlon at the Huntsman World Senior Games. Larson won with a time of 1 hour, 22 minutes. The Huntsman World Senior Games are a world-class,

Olympic-format, international sporting event for athletes ages 50 years and older. Founded 23 years ago, the games hosts more than 9,500 athletes annually. The two-week event is held each October in St. George, Utah.

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LADIES GAMES: Lois Tomlinson 200, Darla McCallister 187, Dorothy Moon 181, Claudene Stricklan 179.

PINBUSTERS SERIES: Dean Jensen 653, TC Tomlinson 646, Mitch Olsen 642, Jason Moon 622.
GAMES: TC Tomlinson 266, Harvey McCoy 256, Les Carender 254, Dustin McCallister 247, Dean Jensen 247.

LUCKY STRIKERS SERIES: Lois Tomlinson 551, Darla McCallister 539, Michelle Olsen 520, Cheryl Russell 472.
GAMES: Darla McCallister 213, Lois Tomlinson 199, Michelle Olsen 184, Dorothy Moon 172.

STARLITE MEN'S SERIES: Matt Olson 692, Dee Maier 621, Jordan Hicks 619, Dirk McCallister 601.
MEN'S GAMES: Jordan Hicks 255, Les Carender 247, Matt Olson 241, Mike Goodrich 237.

LADIES SERIES: Nita Maier 629, Jeanne Hicks 541, Kia Maier 535, Darla McCallister 534.
LADIES GAMES: Teresa Boehm 233, Nita Maier 220, Kia Maier 210, Darla McCallister 185.

SUNSET SENIORS MEN'S SERIES: Ed Hanna 571, Tom Kinnett 556, Wehman Caldwell 532, John Kodesh 529.
MEN'S GAMES: Tom Kinnett 213, Wehman Caldwell 205, Ed Hanna 202, Gene Schroeder 195.

LADIES SERIES: Verna Kodesh 523, Carol Ruhter 381, Bonnie Sligar 376, Dixie Schroeder 370.
LADIES GAMES: Verna Kodesh 212, Cathie Woods 142, Dixie Schroeder 136, Carol Ruhter 135.

MAGIC BOWL, TWIN FALLS MASON SERIES: Georgia Randall 522, Anna Moore 513, Rose Pope 507, Edie Barkley 494.
GAMES: Nancy Lewis 191, Virginia Mulkey 187, Edie Barkley 184, Vi Crowshaw 182.

VALLEY SERIES: Cobey Magee 710, Ron Dawson 688, Mike Tackett 665, Ray Turpin 664.
GAMES: Cobey Magee 259, Kyle Mason 248, Jeff Thuren 246, Bill Palmer 246.

FIFTY PLUS MEN'S SERIES: Blaine Ross 626, Jack Boyd 592, Tom Glass 585, Jim Brawley 579.
MEN'S GAMES: Jim Brawley 253, Blaine Ross 232, Jack Boyd 230, Howard Harder 225.

LADIES SERIES: Marie Bruce 511, Shirley Brill 508, Jean Stoksberry 496, Margie Howard 491.
LADIES GAMES: Shirley Brill 204, Margie Howard 186, Marie Bruce 185, Joan Leis 180.

THURS. MIXED MEN'S SERIES: Kai Mathews 547, Jeff Whittemore 524, Joe McClure 518, George White 500.
MEN'S GAMES: Jeff Whittemore 208, Kai Mathews 201, George White 197, Jared Ashmead 188.

LADIES SERIES: Elara Smith 519, Cheryl Kerr 488, Nancy Lewis 474, Donna Rhyne 466.
LADIES GAMES: Elara Smith 244, Cheryl Kerr 190, Donna Rhyne 188, Lori Williamson 172.

EARLY FRI. MIXED MEN'S SERIES: Joe McClure 640, Todd Dickenson 611, Marc Owens 577, Tad Capurro 571.
MEN'S GAMES: Clint Koyle 238, Joe McClure 226, Norm Hatke 223, Todd Dickenson 222.

LADIES SERIES: Julie Shaffer 601, Krista Wakley 523, Kathy McClure 512, Julie Capurro 498.
LADIES GAMES: Julie Shaffeer 230, Krista Wakley 197, Bobbi Justice 183, Julie Capurro 177.

BOWLADROME, TWIN FALLS SUN. EARLY MIXED MEN'S SERIES: Lin Gowan 557, Randy Sunde 469, Robert Dyer 446, Joe Harkins 415.
MEN'S GAMES: Lin Gowan 212, Robert Dyer 185, Joe Harkins 170, Randy Sunde 168.

LADIES SERIES: Barb Brant 328, Brandy

Dyer 327, Dana Gowan 319, Ludy Harkins 311.

MON. MIXED FOLLIES

MEN'S SERIES: Rocky Bennett 661, Kevin Hamblin 612, Doug Hamrick 553.
MEN'S GAMES: Rocky Bennett 246, Kevin Hamblin 225, Glenn Bessire 202, Dave Wilson 201.

LADIES SERIES: RaeNae Reece 529, Georgia Randall 502, Ann Shepherd 497, Susan McCann 495.
LADIES GAMES: RaeNae Reece 204, Michele Seckel 188, Ann Shepherd 183, Teya Moses 181.

SH-BOOM

MEN'S SERIES: Nick Parsons 613, Mike Olson 572, Mitch Barnes 559, Clint Koyle 545.
MEN'S GAMES: Nick Parsons 246, Mike Olson 216, Mitch Barnes 205.

LADIES SERIES: Julie Shull 220, Barbara Reynolds 500, Diana Brady 483, Kathi Jeroue 478.
LADIES GAMES: Krislyn Canary 220, Kathi Jeroue 210, Julie Shull 209, Barbara Reynolds 176.

MID MORN. MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Tom Smith 684, Gene Schulte 591, Blaine Ross 575, Blaine McAllister 574.
MEN'S GAMES: Tom Smith 245, Blaine Ross 214, Myron Schroeder 209, Jim DeVries 204.

LADIES SERIES: Vicki Kiesig 518, Kim Leazer 480, Imagine Morgan 469, Kimberlie Lee 469.
LADIES GAMES: Kim Leazer 200, Imagine Morgan 182, Vicki Kiesig 183, Kimberlie Lee 180.

TUES. A.M. TRIOS

SERIES: Gail McAllister 551, Barbara Frith 526, Joan Leis 490, Charm Petersen 481.
GAMES: Barbara Frith 218, Gail McAllister 203, Billie Mason 195, Londa Stour 189.

LATECOMERS

SERIES: Kristy Rodriguez 566, Gail McAllister 524, Susan Kepner 500, Penny Thaeete 484.
GAMES: Kristy Rodriguez 214, Heather Rackham 210, Susan Kepner 186, Gail McAllister 184.

TUES. MAJORS

BOYS' SERIES: Tyler Black 678, Anthony Vest 602, Cody Worden 471, Joe Campbell 452.
BOYS' GAMES: Tyler Black 258, Anthony Vest 216, Joe Campbell 163, Cody Worden 159.

GIRLS' SERIES: Kati Jo Moses 508, Miranda Curtis 469, Stevie Reeves 448, Paige Maher 374.
GIRLS' GAMES: Kati Jo Moses 182, Miranda Curtis 175, Paige Maher 154, Megan McAllister 152.

CONSOLIDATED

SERIES: Ian DeVries 692, Steve Gentry Sr. 681, Mark Breske 670, George Sanders 658.
GAMES: Steve Gentry Sr. 277, Todd Fiscus 269, Tony Cowan 267, Ian DeVries 259.

M.V. SENIORS

MEN'S SERIES: Bob Chalfant 540, Clayne Williams 504, Jim Vining 501, Darryl Cameron 491.
MEN'S GAMES: Bob Chalfant 219, Jim Vining 201, Clayne Williams 192, Victor Hagood 192.

LADIES SERIES: Linda Vining 474, Dee Hall 474, Charm Petersen 444, Shirley Kunsman 440.
LADIES GAMES: Linda Vining 180, Shirley Kunsman 177, Dee Hall 176, Lucy Anderson 171.

LADIES CLASSIC

SERIES: Barb Reynolds 558, Michele Seckel 528, Sharon Simmons 522, Brenda Miller 516.
GAMES: Sharon Simmons 212, Brenda Miller 212, Lisa Burton 211, Paula Long 210.

SUNSET

SERIES: Kim Leazer 612, Michele Seckel 573, Julie Shull 570, Gail Cederlund 547.
GAMES: Kim Leazer 223, Marie Bourn 222, Michele Seckel 214, Kristy Rodriguez 211.

FRI. P.M. SENIORS

MEN'S SERIES: Tom Smith 546, Blaine Ross 540, Blaine McAllister 527, Gene Schulte 519.
MEN'S GAMES: Tom Smith 204, Maury Miller 203, Ed Dutry 189, Skip Barrett 189.

LADIES SERIES: Joann Burket 499, Barbara Frith 493, Gail McAllister 486, Edith Sutherland 480.
LADIES GAMES: Joann Burket 185, Barbara Frith 180, Charm Petersen 179, Bernie Smith 170, Edith Sutherland 170.

MOOSE

SERIES: Nate Jones 697, Cory Moore 696, Dennis Seckel 669, Cobey Magee

642.
GAMES: Cory Moore 279, Nate Jones 268, Ward Westburg 251, Dennis Seckel 242.

MOONSHINERS

SERIES: Deanna Heil 469, Janina Webb 422, Tana Beehler 412, Hilarie Smith 387.
GAMES: Deanna Heil 181, Diann Roberts 175, Tana Beehler 152, Janina Webb 149.

GIANTS

BOYS' SERIES: Matt Thrall 490, Joe Campbell 403, Tom Upchurch 379, Jayson Makay 377.
BOYS' GAMES: Matt Thrall 170, Jayson Makay 168, Joe Campbell 167, Tom Upchurch 153.

GIRLS' SERIES: Cheyenne Uker 351, Brooke Newlan 349, Ashley Ethers 316, Katie Upchurch 309.
GIRLS' GAMES: Katie Upchurch 137, Ashley Ethers 132, Brooke Newlan 130, Cheyenne Uker 126.

PEEWEE & BUMPER

SERIES: Riley Magee 189, Lindsay Beem 259, Ravyn Barela 156.
GAMES: Riley Magee 96, Lindsay Beem 85, Ravyn Barela 80.

GAMES: Cory Moore 279, Nate Jones 268, Ward Westburg 251, Dennis Seckel 242.

SNAKE RIVER BOWL, BURLEY MONDAY MARAUDERS

SERIES: Diane Stroberg 515, Lori Parish 494, Derry Smith 476.
GAMES: Diane Stroberg 205, Diane Stroberg 176, Lori Parish 172.

LADIES TRIOS

SERIES: Annette Hirsch 609, Anna Rose 530, Stephanie Long 492.
GAMES: Tiffany Hager 220, Annette Hirsch 213, Stephanie Long 202.

MEN'S CLASSIC TRIO

SERIES: Jordan Parish 855, Brad Holm 235, Justin Studer 824.
GAMES: Jordan Parish 256, Brad Holm 235, Wally Studer 234.

TUESDAY MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Rick Hieb 653, Gene Smith 633, Duane Smith 614.
MEN'S GAMES: Gene Smith 253, Byron Hager 252, Duane Smith 248.

LADIES SERIES: Tiffany Hager 656, Stacy Hieb 557, Alicia Bywater 476.
LADIES GAMES: Tiffany Hager 246, Stacy Hieb 220, Alicia Bywater 192.

RAILROADERS

SERIES: Kristine Jones 521, Tammy Rains 502, Kyn Son 494.
GAMES: Kyn Son 205, Kristine Jones 189, Anita Phillips 183.

TUESDAY TEENS

BOYS' SERIES: Brody Albertson 503, Andrew Morgan 444, Cameron Black 248.
BOYS' GAMES: Brody Albertson 205, Andrew Morgan 197, Cameron Black 94.

GIRLS' SERIES: Bridget Albertson 480, Rachel Watson 386.
RACHEL'S GAMES: Bridget Albertson 177, Rachel Watson 146.

WED. MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Tyson Hirsch 711, Galan Rogers 606, Justin Studer 593.
MEN'S GAMES: Tyson Hirsch 246, Justin Studer 235, Jordan Parish 228.

LADIES SERIES: Annette Hirsch 488, Jessica Meyer 405, Sharon Smith 370.
LADIES GAMES: Annette Hirsch 190, Sharon Smith 141, Gayle Erekson 140.

THURS. MORN. DBLS.

SERIES: Kym Son 534, Derry Smith 479, Karen Dansie 472.
GAMES: Kym Son 213, Karen Dansie 195, Derry Smith 185.

HOUSEWIVES

SERIES: Missy Stuart 515, Patricia Hicks 476, Louise Wilkinson 435.
GAMES: Missy Stuart 212, Bonnie Murphy 183, Patricia Hicks 168.

MAJORS

SERIES: Bob Bywater 650, Rick Hieb 644, Jonny Amen 638.
GAMES: Richie Oppe 265, Jonny Amen 256, Gary Gallegos 247.

PINHEADS

BOYS' SERIES: Brody Albertson 567, Jared Studer 506, Andrew Morgan 492.
BOYS' GAMES: Brody Albertson 217, Andrew Morgan 189, Jared Studer 187.

GIRLS' SERIES: Kiara Hieb 527, Bridget Albertson 520, Cheyenne Powers 329.
GIRLS' GAMES: Bridget Albertson 215, Kiara Hieb 200, Cheyenne Powers 129.

LOONEY KIDS

BOYS' SERIES: Ethan 197, Keegan 170, Dredyn 118.
BOYS' GAMES: Ethan 116, Trevor 95, Keegan 93.

GIRLS' SERIES: Talisty 189, Ivri 144, Lillie 106.
GIRLS' GAMES: Talisty 102, Ivri 74, Lillie 63.

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CSI's Elisa Brochado bumps the ball against North Idaho College Saturday in Twin Falls.

Idaho

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fourth-quarter sack and fumble recovery.

Idaho's maligned secondary continued to struggle, but the defense held Hawaii (2-4, 0-3) to just seven points in the second half until the Warriors scored with 19 seconds left.

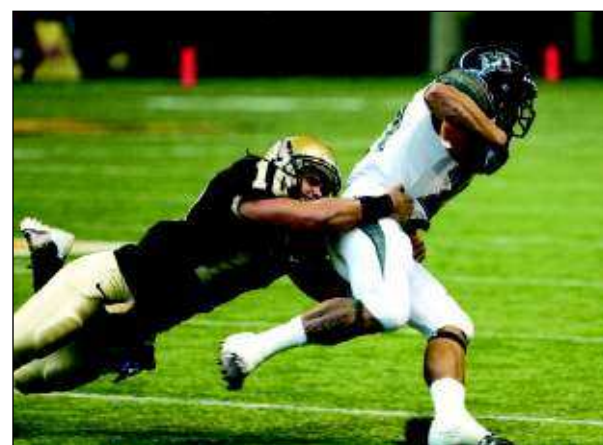
The turnaround after a rocky beginning came thanks to more pressure on quarterback Bryant Moniz. Defensive end Aaron Lavarias had his finest game of the season, securing two of the team's four sacks and popping the ball loose from Moniz to force a key fumble.

"That's what we pray for every single snap," Keo said of the D-line getting to the quarterback. "It allows (the secondary) to play a little easier and doesn't put a lot of stress on us."

A sterling start to the second half helped Idaho settle into a groove. The Vandals registered their first three-and-out on defense, then constructed a textbook scoring drive. They traveled 81 yards in 14 plays and chewed up 7-plus minutes off the clock before DeMaundray Woolridge punched in a 4-yard TD run.

Woolridge, a 241-pound senior, rambled for four scores on the ground — he now has 12 on the season — and finished with 81 yards on 17 carries. He was complemented by Princeton McCarty's 89 yards.

"I love it here," said Woolridge, a transfer from Washington State. "I mean, we're a family. We play together, we play as a team."



Photos by BRUCE MANN/University of Idaho

Idaho safety Shiloh Keo (10) tackles Hawai'i wide receiver Kealoha Pilares (21) in the first half Saturday.



Idaho running back De'Maundray Woolridge is lifted up by Kevin Small (84) after scoring a second-half touchdown on Saturday.

The running game was in a good rhythm for most of the game, but it was Enderle and his receivers who came up with huge third-down conversions when needed. The QB found Max Komar for a 26-yard connection on third-and-25 to set up Woolridge's last TD and tight end Daniel Hardy caught two key passes on third down.

An energetic Hardy helped pump up an otherwise quiet crowd with his first grab of the day. The satisfying return to the

Dome for the junior came after a kidney injury kept him out against Colorado State and limited his reps last week.

"It's almost like I've had so much energy pent up from sitting out the Colorado State game and not being 100 percent the San Jose State game," Hardy said. "Before the game, I just like it was time to go."

Akey was pleased that fans didn't rush the field like they had after the CSU contest. Indeed, Idaho faithful seem to be expecting the Vandals to win after a fantastic start. But the coach would still like more people in the seats.

"Those of y'all that weren't here," Akey said, "I was a little disappointed that you weren't. There were a few empty seats out there. I don't know what you're waiting for, but you better get here."

The game was delayed for about 10 minutes in the second quarter when Hawaii receiver Rodney Bradley was taken off the field in an ambulance. He's out for the season with a broken leg, Hawaii coach Greg McMackin said.

CSI

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"We learned a hard, hard lesson," said CSI right-side hitter Jessica Peacock, who had a team-high 16 kills. "We can't just start playing when we're down 14-7 in the fifth."

"It's definitely a mental thing with us against them," she added. "They're not at a higher level than we are. ... We just kept hitting into the block and didn't do anything to change it. We need to believe that we can hit through these blockers, and we don't know that we can right now."

The loss essentially kills any chance CSI (22-4, 4-2 SWAC) has of claiming the top seed for — and hosting — the Region 18 Tournament. NIC has the inside track and can wrap it up by beating

"We learned a hard, hard lesson. We can't just start playing when we're down 14-7 in the fifth."

— CSI right-side hitter Jessica Peacock

Salt Lake Community College at home later this month, assuming all three title rivals beat the three other conference opponents in Colorado Northwestern, Snow College, and Eastern Utah.

It also probably restores the Cardinals to the No. 1 national ranking they lost when they fell at Salt Lake a week ago.

"We don't really think about the ranking because in the scheme of things it doesn't matter until the end," Chesnut said. "But I

think it's amazing how good our conference is. When you've got three great teams in the top five, you're bound to swap positions a bit."

Three of CSI's four losses this season have come to NIC, with their other coming to Salt Lake.

CSI and NIC visit Colorado Northwestern and Eastern Utah this weekend.

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Koontz

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Koontz didn't get any formal training at defensive tackle until his redshirt season with the Broncos (6-0). He's still working out the kinks, but he already feels like he has a grasp on the position.

"I feel it in practice," Koontz said. "A guy will be coming to hit you in the side and the first couple times they get you, but you get your peripherals down and take that side step, learn muscle memory."

Defensive tackles must learn to feel the initial contact and immediately react to counter the force applied by offensive linemen. It's an ability that comes only through repetition and hours of film study.

"When somebody is trying to hit you one way, you know what the rest of the line is doing for the other team," Koontz said. "You need the strength to make the initial hit. Once you're locked up with him, that's when you get into the reading, looking for that 'fit' and get in the position to make a play."

Koontz is on a special diet to gain weight. The 6-foot-3, 265-pound tackle has put on 20 pounds of muscle since last fall. He has marks on his calendar, weight goals to reach. He tried to remain lean at defensive end, but playing tackle at BSU requires him to gain ballast in the trenches.

"You gotta keep the six-pack going, you gotta look good," Koontz joked. "You don't want to eat bad food, put bad weight on, because that's not making you any better."

There is no rush for Koontz to be truly ready. He sits behind Billy Winn and Chase Baker on the depth chart. Winn is second on the team with 25 tackles. Koontz plays sees mop-up duty and spells the starters. He has four tackles, one for a loss. He made a touchdown-saving tackle against Tulsa, showing the progress he's made since taking the field for the final three plays of the season-opening win over Oregon.

"The first couple games, I was in there, but I didn't feel like I did too much," Koontz said. "I was just going crazy. I feel like I've got enough

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— Darren Koontz

snaps in there to be under control, know what I have to do, make plays, get tackles. I can just keep improving from here."

Koontz is pursuing a double major in general business and business management with an entrepreneurial option. He wants to start his own business when his playing days are done. But for now, it's all football as the Broncos prep for Saturday's 9 p.m. (MT) game at Western Athletic Conference foe Hawaii.

"It's a thing you love to do," Koontz said. "You get to run around and have fun all day. What else do you want? You don't have to sit there and work a long, 9-to-5 job. You get to run around, go crazy and hit people."

Supplements

Continued from Sports 1

New Jersey had testing programs.

It is feared that some supplements may contain steroids or steroid precursors which are not identified by the product label. Earlier this month, the *Idaho Statesman* reported that Meridian-based Bodybuilding.com, a retailer of supplements, was raided by U.S. Food and Drug Administration agents following a two-year criminal investigation. An FDA affidavit alleges that special agent Robert Blenkinsop purchased 31 products and that 23 were positive for steroids such as madol, tren, superdrol, androstenedione and turinabol.

"I really wished every school in the state would start," Kramer said of steroid testing. "It's more than wins and losses. It's about their future health."

Twin Falls football coach Allyn Reynolds and his staff are also against supplement use.

"I always say if you're eating right, you don't need protein at this point in time at your age," Reynolds said.

What's in Myers' mix?

Canyon Ridge High School quarterback Tyler Myers is a proponent of responsible supplement use. Here's a brief look at his routine.

IsoMass Xtreme Gainer (1 scoop with 16 oz. milk, 3 times per day)
Main ingredients (percentage based on daily value listing on product bottle)
130 percent of protein (65g)
650 calories

BSN N.O.-Xplode (1 scoop with water, once per day)
Main ingredients (percentage based on daily value listing on product bottle)
2000 percent of B-12 (25mg)
1,250 percent of B-6 (120mcg)
100 percent Folic Acid (400mcg)
90 percent magnesium (360mg)
50 percent phosphorus (500mg)
Also includes other ingredients with the word "creatine" in them

BSN Cellmass (1 scoop with water, once per day)
Main ingredient (percentage based on daily value listing on product label)
4,250mg of a mixture containing various forms of creatine

* A full ingredient list can be found online at <http://www.bsn-online.net> and <http://www.ultimatenutrition.com>.

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three hours a day. We're in there 45 minutes a day.

"It's just not needed."

Even Myers' coach, Bill Hicks, shuns supplement use: "I don't encourage anything other than a multivitamin. I think it's a big waste of money. I'm sure there are people out there who disagree."

Guys like Myers and Dixon believe that as long as any supplement is researched and then used correctly along with a healthy diet and exercise, the pros outweigh the cons.

"The main thing I try to tell everybody is that you're not going to be some big maniac out on the field," Myers said, "and you're not going to get bigger in a couple of days if you're not lifting seriously."

"We try to get people eating healthy. A lot of meat, vegetables, breads, fruits. A healthy diet, but a lot of it as well. If you're not working out hard, it's not going to do you much good."

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Family Health Services opened their first medical clinic in Burley in 1982. Family Health Services is a non-profit, private corporation governed by a policy-making board of directors, a majority of whom are FHS patients. Board members are volunteer representatives of the local communities served by Family Health Services. There are now 11



L to R: Mike Duffy, Medical Director, Cameron Clark, PA-C, Talia Sierra, PA-C

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clinic sites providing medical, dental and behavioral health services in the Twin Falls, Jerome, Buhl, Fairfield, Burley and Rupert communities. Family Health Services offers a sliding fee discount and no one is ever refused care based upon inability to pay.

108 Family Health Services medical providers and support staff provide a variety

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In 2010, Family Health Services will begin construction on a new clinic in Jerome. This new clinic will provide space to expand medical services and add dental and behavioral health services. Permanent dental space will be added to the clinic in Buhl and an addition to the medical clinic at 388 Martin Street in Twin Falls will provide space for pharmacy services. These additional services will provide even more jobs for our area.

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**Idaho Housing and Finance Association
Notice of Public Hearing and Comment Period**

For proposed changes to the
State of Idaho's HOME Program 2010 Administrative Plan

Notice is hereby given to accept public comment for proposed changes to the 2010 HOME Administrative Plan **October 21 through November 20, 2009**. Written comments will be accepted until 5 pm, November 20, 2009. Comments should be directed to: Grants Department, IHFA; P. O. Box 7899, Boise, ID 83707-1899 or emailed to jenk@ihfa.org

Notice is hereby given for a **Public Hearing to be held October 28, 2009**, directly following the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Public Hearing which begins at 9:30 am, to receive public comment regarding proposed changes to the 2010 HOME Program Administrative Plan. The hearing location is the 1st Floor Conference Room, Park Plaza, 565 West Myrtle, Boise, Idaho. The public is invited to attend and make written or oral comments, including objections, concerning the proposed changes to the Plan.

Idaho Housing and Finance Association is the agency designated by the Governor to administer the State of Idaho's HOME Program and comply with the requirements at 24 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) Part 92. The purpose of the HOME Investment Partnership Program is to help increase the availability of safe and decent housing for low and very low-income individuals and families across Idaho (with the exception of Boise).

A copy of the plan with proposed changes is available at http://www.ihfa.org/grants_homeblk.asp beginning Sunday, October 18, 2009.

The location of the Public Hearing is accessible to persons with physical disabilities. Reasonable accommodation can be requested. Individuals who would like to participate in person, or testify by telephone and require language interpretation and/or special assistance to accommodate a physical, sight, or hearing impairment(s), which includes material provided in alternate formats, should contact IHFA at 1-877-4GRANTS (447-2687) or TDD (800) 545-1833 extension 400 at least 72 hours prior to the public hearing.

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Concepts Sudoku

By Dave Green

7								6
9	4	5	1					
	7	8						
2	6	1	5					
		9						
4	3	7	9					
	2	4						
1	9	6	2					
6								5

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

Answer to previous puzzle

7	2	4	1	3	6	9	8	5
8	6	3	7	9	5	1	4	2
1	9	5	4	8	2	7	3	6
2	4	1	8	7	9	5	6	3
3	7	6	5	1	4	8	2	9
9	5	8	2	6	3	4	1	7
6	3	7	9	4	8	2	5	1
4	1	2	6	5	7	3	9	8
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Being gracious to ungrateful girlfriend challenges parents

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have always had a warm and close relationship with our college-age children. We often host their friends in our home, making certain they're comfortable, well-fed and welcome.

My son brought his girlfriend home for long week-end several times this year. Not once has she said thank you for meals, gifts or entertainment. When I asked her if the standing rib roast I had served was OK — it's my specialty — she said it wasn't cooked the way she likes it. She shows absolutely no interest in us, our home or the community in which our children grow up. She does offer to clear the table, but that's the extent of it. Upon leaving, she will say, "thanks." With the exception of one brief e-mail, we have never received a written note from her.

We love our son, and he may love her. But we're not eager to clean, shop for, cook and host this young lady again. If our son wants to bring her home for another holiday, what do you suggest we say or do?

— DISGUSTED IN SEATTLE

DEAR DISGUSTED: While your feelings are understandable, and you may be tempted to tell your son what you have told me,



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

bite your tongue. If you say anything negative about his girlfriend, it will make him defensive and his instinct will be to defend her.

It would not, however, be "attacking" her to gently share with him that you and his father were "disappointed" that you never received a thank-you note from his houseguest, and wonder if she was raised without having been taught the social graces. If he's serious about her, he might clue her in. But if he doesn't, and he wants to bring her home for the holidays, I have the ideal gift for her — a book on etiquette.

DEAR ABBY: Last week my oldest daughter shocked me by informing me that her father had molested her and her sister many times when they were little. When I told her that I had known nothing about it, she screamed and called me a liar.

Abby, I was in great distress when my children were young. I didn't know what was going on. I divorced him when the two youngest were

5. He was an alcoholic and bipolar, in and out of jail and mental hospitals frequently. I would be in prison today had I known, because I would have killed him.

Now, 46 years later, I am asking your advice. Is there anything I can do to this child molester? He ruined both of our daughters' lives. My oldest has been drug and alcohol addicted for years. She is only now dealing with her addictions. He lives in a group home for bipolar people and often goes on rampages.

Please direct me to a resource for help. I have been in Al-Anon for 41 years and a born-again Christian for 37 years, which has helped me cope with the 19 years of hell my children and I have lived through.

— HOUSTON READER

DEAR READER: Talk to your daughters and ask them to report to the police what happened to them. It would be a step in taking back control of their lives, and because their father may have done this more recently with other little girls, the police should know his history. While it may be too late to prosecute your ex-husband for what he did to his daughters, if he has continued molesting, it may not be too late to get him for something he has done more recently.

IF OCTOBER 18 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:

All your dreams can come true. During December through February all your wishes, hopes and dreams can become a reality. That is the best time to launch new projects, make commitments or make important changes. December is particularly ideal for long range planning, obtaining counsel or support — and making key decisions. January is especially beneficial for romantic encounters, engagements, weddings, or job seeking efforts. Any promises you make or are made are highly likely to be kept so don't waste this golden period of time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Everyone is a hero in their own way. In the week to come you should direct your energy towards constructive outlets.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may need to work a bit harder than usual in the week ahead. The new moon today might alter your interests.

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Jeraldine Saunders

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Build mental muscle. In the week to come you may stumble upon priceless information or become intrigued by a new interest.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Today's new moon may serve to shift your everyday attentions over the next several weeks to family, home and creature comforts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You don't need to give up the battle in the week ahead. The lion that retires soon becomes his brother's breakfast.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Eliminate the fear of failure. There may be times when you will stumble, but don't let minor hiccups get you down in the week ahead.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The new moon falls in your sign. Your attention may

shift to new ways of gathering ideas and information in the upcoming week.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may be doubtful about attaining your goals, but tenacity will pay off as this week unfolds. Don't be bashful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Plan daily retreats in a quiet place where you can meditate. Be charming this week to make tremendous headway.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Busy beavers stay warm all winter long. This is a good week to work hard and ensure that your home is snug and warm.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The new moon may refocus attention toward education and communication for several weeks. You may be inspired by new ideas.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Trust others and they will trust you. Don't feel threatened by unavoidable failures or blockages within relationships this week.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Oct. 18, the 291st day of 2009. There are 74 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:
On Oct. 18, 1962, Dr. James D. Watson of the United States and Drs. Francis Crick and Maurice Wilkins of Britain were named winners of the Nobel Prize for Medicine and Physiology for their work in determining the double-helix molecular structure of DNA.

On this date:
In 1009 (by some accounts on Oct. 18), the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem was destroyed at the order of Fatimid caliph al-Hakim of Egypt. (The church was later rebuilt.)
In 1685, King Louis XIV signed the Edict of Fontainebleau, revoking the Edict of Nantes that had established legal toleration of France's Protestant population, the Huguenots. (The French Parliament recorded the new edict four days later.)
In 1858, the play "Our American Cousin" by Tom Taylor premiered at Laura Keane's theater in New York.
In 1867, the United States took formal possession of Alaska from Russia.
In 1892, the first long-distance telephone line between New York and Chicago was

TODAY IN HISTORY

officially opened (it could only handle one call at a time).
In 1931, inventor Thomas Alva Edison died in West Orange, N.J., at age 84.
In 1944, Soviet troops invaded Czechoslovakia during World War II.
In 1969, the federal government banned artificial sweeteners known as cyclamates because of evidence they caused cancer in laboratory rats.
In 1977, West German commandos stormed a hijacked Lufthansa jetliner on the ground in Mogadishu, Somalia, freeing all 86 hostages and killing three of the four hijackers.
In 1982, former first lady Bess Truman died at her home in Independence, Mo., at age 97.
Ten years ago: Career prosecutor Robert Ray was sworn in to replace Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr and wrap up the wide-ranging investigation of President Bill Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. The New York Yankees won a record 36th pennant, beating the Boston Red Sox 6-1 in Game

5 of the American League Championship Series at Fenway Park.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush and Democratic rival John Kerry traded biting accusations over the war in Iraq, with Bush saying his Democratic challenger stood for "protest and defeatism" while Kerry accused the president of "arrogant boasting." An Anglican church commission urged the U.S. Episcopal Church not to elect any more gay bishops and called on conservative African bishops to stop meddling in the affairs of other dioceses.

One year ago: President George W. Bush, speaking at Camp David, said he would host an international summit in response to the global financial crisis, but did not set a date or place for the meeting. Anti-American Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr urged Iraq's parliament to reject a pact that would extend U.S. presence in Iraq for three years. Cole Puffinburger, a 6-year-old boy kidnapped from a Las Vegas home by alleged drug dealers posing as policemen, was found safe in a neighborhood northeast of the Las Vegas Strip. Soul singer Dee Dee Warwick died in New Jersey's Essex County at age 63.

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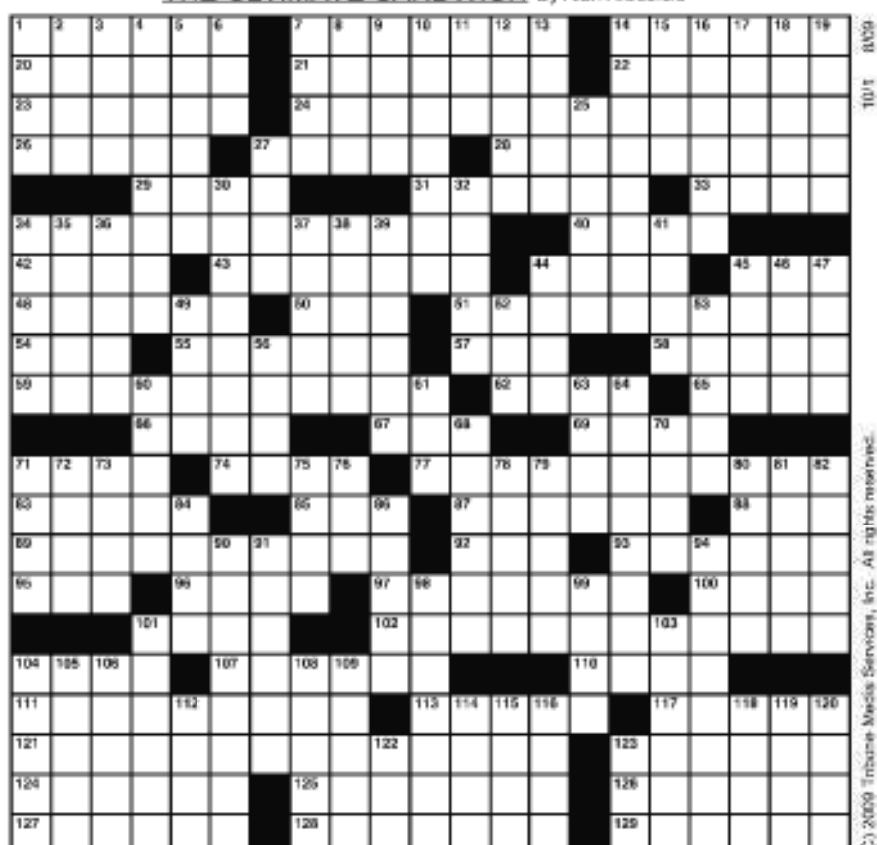
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Playing Safe, Salinas, Calif.

ANSWER: Partner is sure to deliver seven decent clubs at this vulnerability. If so, where do you want to play, facing that hand? It is not clear that you will make a slam on any lead (even assuming clubs split) unless partner produces a useful extra — but why should he? I'd just bid five clubs and apologize for my cowardice if I'm wrong.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
As a beginning player I find it very hard to count all the suits when I'm declaring. What would you advise?

Onesy-Twosy, Nashville, Tenn.

ANSWER: Don't even try to count all the suits. When dummy comes down, add up the trumps in your hand and dummy, subtract that number from 13, and keep count ONLY of the opponents' trumps from then on. If you decide there is another critical suit, try to keep count of that suit in the normal fashion, but go with your instincts for the rest of the hand. You'll soon get the hang of counting automatically.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
Holding ♠ J-7-6-5-3, ♥ 8-6, ♦ A-Q-4, ♣ 10-3-2, I bid one spade after my partner doubled one club. He now raised to two spades, which I took to be a real game-try, and I was not sure if I had enough to do more. What should I bid now?

Traffic Director, Madison, Wis.

ANSWER: If you trust your partner, he will have approximately 16-18 with four trumps. Since your hand is now clearly worth a game-try, three diamonds might get the message across. If partner tempo-

rizes with three hearts, I will go to game, but pass a three-spade response.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
What are the main advantages of playing the convention called New Minor Forcing? How does the bid work?

Dr. Gadgets, Pueblo, Colo.

ANSWER: When opener bids a minor and rebids one no-trump at his second turn, responder, if using standard methods, has no convenient way to distinguish between weak, invitational and forcing hands. New Minor (responder's bid of the unbid minor at his second turn in this sequence) guarantees invitational or better values and asks opener to show three-card support for him, or to introduce an unbid four-card major, or to make any other descriptive call. New (nonreverse) suits by responder at the two-level deny invitational values.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
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Minor Violations, Spokane, Wash.

ANSWER: With an essentially balanced hand like yours, you should not worry about stoppers when opening or rebidding one no-trump unless the opponents have put you on notice about a suit. Your hand is almost as balanced as can be, so do not tell partner you have a shapely hand by upping the auction unnecessarily. Mind you, if instead of bidding one no-trump you elected to raise to two hearts, you would get some sympathy from many people, especially me.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolf," contact luy13072@aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com.
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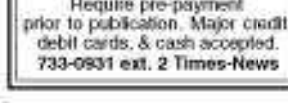


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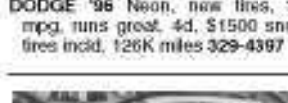


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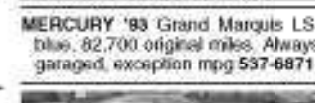
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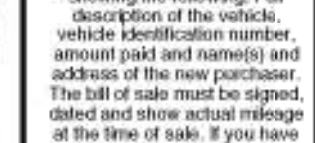


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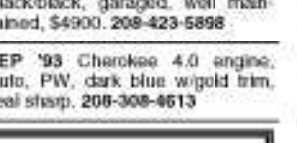


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Some parents shying away from

SCARY



MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Tiffany Eden reaches for another bag as she and others with Twin Falls Reformed Church make trail mix and fill goodie bags with candy Wednesday morning in preparation for the church's Halloween alternative — a harvest celebration on another day. Eden says costumes are welcome at the celebration, and organizers expect about 200 people to attend.

These families keep Halloween cheerful

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

Every Halloween, Joanna Davis decorates her Twin Falls house for Halloween with her four children. Last year's decor included a large plastic spider — obviously fake for adults, terrifying for one of Davis' girls.

"It was too scary. My little daughter did not like it at all," Davis said.

So Davis took the spider down, sticking to her rule of keeping Halloween more fun than scary and joining the ranks of parents who have to find the line between fun-scary and scary-scary in a season saturated with horror movies, gory props and creepy costumes.

Keeping the kiddies from getting frightened doesn't mean sheltering them from fun. Some haunted houses, including the Haunted Mansions of Albion, offer hours where the house transforms from scary to mild.

The kid-friendly haunted house at Albion features the same Halloween-themed props as the normal house — think spider webs and vampire paraphernalia — but no actors to jump out and startle the kids, said owner Heather Mortensen. The haunting

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— Joanna Davis, mother of four

music is turned down, and the lights are brighter.

Although there are no age restrictions at the normal haunted house, Mortensen said her employees encourage parents to limit children younger than 10 to the kid-friendly version. Not everyone listens, though. Families still bring their youngsters to the adult haunted house. And while some enjoy the scarier experience, many get freaked out almost immediately by foreboding music and dim lights — even before the actors attempt to scare them.

"We had some of them screaming and crying, and their parents had to take them out 20 feet into it," Mortensen said. "And I hate that."

But many families avoid the fright altogether. Twin Falls mother Melanie

Lewis said she takes her six children to a church party on Halloween instead of trick-or-treating. And Tiffany Eden, co-director of children's ministries at Twin Falls Reformed Church, said her family also used to ignore Halloween in favor of harvest celebrations.

When her two daughters — now 11 and 13 — became aware of Halloween, Eden let them dress up in non-scary costumes and go to Halloween parties or trick-or-treat at local businesses. At church, Eden celebrates the harvest with her charges the week before Halloween.

"We enjoy pumpkins. We enjoy scarecrows. We enjoy the fun aspects of this season," Eden said.

Like Eden, Davis doesn't ban all Halloween-related activities but stays away from stuff like severed-head props and vampires. Instead, they bake cookies for neighbors, visit pumpkin patches and trick-or-treat.

"(Scary) things are appropriate for when they're older," Davis said. "Just not right now."

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Halloween haters say Boo Humbug!

By Caryn Brooks
For The Associated Press

Carlee Smith is hardly in the no-fun category.

She hosts a monthly girls' night out at a bar in Portland, Ore., and co-runs a plus-size vintage boutique called Fat Fancy. But there's one thing that brings out the hate in her.

Smith, 33, is among a contrarian contingent that takes a boo humbug approach to Halloween.

"As a kid I remember always sort of dreading finding a costume," she says. "I'm not knocking it for other people, but I'm just not into the spectacle and pressure of it. I don't like tacky costumes. I like when people dress up for no reason."

Halloween haters aren't as easy to categorize as that odd old lady on the block who always pretends that she's not home on Oct. 31, or people who protest the day on religious grounds. The new Halloween Hater is young, loud and proud.

Online T-shirt retailer Zazzle.com has a whole line of anti-Halloween offerings that speak for the movement. Slogans include the saucy "I don't do costumes. But I might do you," and the simple and effective "I hate Halloween!" among more than 340 options.

Some Halloween haters say they've felt that way since childhood.

"I distinctly remember putting on one of my dance recital costumes, grabbing my pumpkin bucket, walking up to the door and bursting into tears," says Alejandra Owens, 27, of Washington, D.C. She has hated Halloween since she was 5. "I felt like the moment I walked out the door everyone would be pointing at me and laughing — and not in a good way?"

Does she consider herself a curmudgeon?

"Maybe in college a little, but now all my good friends know how I feel about Halloween so it's more like a running joke," she says.

If Halloween hating is born of

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Family Life 3



AP photo/Zazzle

This shirt is part of Zazzle's anti-Halloween line.

REGIONAL RUNDOWN

For Halloween and harvest fun both frightening and family-friendly, see the Events Calendar in the Times-News' Entertainment section on Fridays. Also on Magicvalley.com all week.

Here comes Halloween's hippest decor

By Kim Cook
For The Associated Press

Goth and glitter. Bones and ornaments dusted with lime, ebony, orange or purple sparkle. Startling images on dishware and textiles.

These are just some of the ways retailers and designers are playing up Halloween's theatrical vibe this year. Even for a holiday that's by definition a study in over-the-topness, there are standards to be kept.

Vases, bowls and candelabra cloaked in black lacquer. Papier mache decorations painted with old-fashioned Halloween imagery.

Martha Stewart has created elegant tablescape chandeliers, skulls and skeletons encrusted with colorful glitter, as well as a grinning

pumpkin clock, and black jack-o'-lanterns stacked in a threesome, ready to light the walkway, at GrandinRoad.com.

The retailer also has a glass bowl cupped by spooky, bony hands, a darkly handsome pre-lit willow tree, and ebony LED candles dripping faux wax.

Dress a sophisticated Halloween cocktail table with Pottery Barn's photoprinted skull appetizer plates and trays, and life-size crow candles. Placed on a black table runner printed with spider webs and bedecked in hand-beaded spiders, ghoulish becomes glamorous.

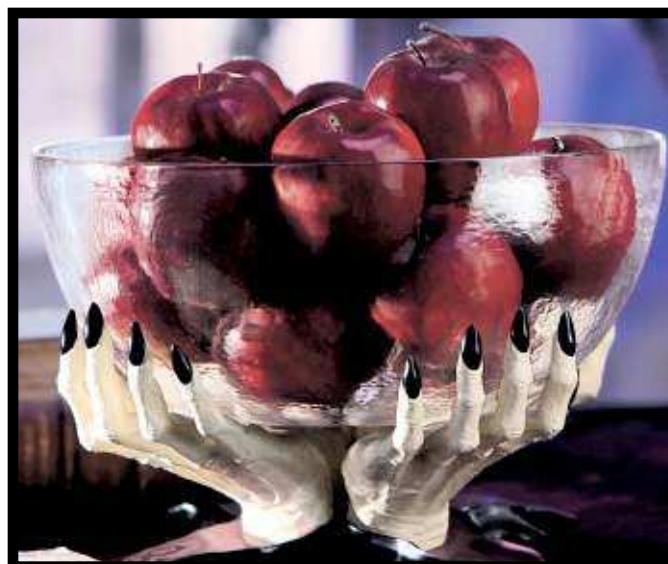
At Pier 1, whimsical papier mache ornaments feature vintage-style monsters or eyeballs; hang them in a "haunted" tabletop tree or

display them in a rustic basket. The retailer's stained glass pumpkin votive holder and harvest-hued feather wreath would do double duty

for Thanksgiving parties, too.

With Halloween falling on a Saturday this year, parties will

See **DECOR**, Family Life 3



From left: Grandin Road's \$59 Spooky Hands bowl; Pottery Barn's Papier Mache Cat Face Pumpkin basket, 3 for \$18; Black LED candles from Grandin Road, 2 for \$19.

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SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center

530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; lounge and pool rooms; bargain center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Daily lunches are available for take-out from 11 a.m. to noon; seniors 59 and under, \$5.50; seniors 60 and older, \$4.50. 734-5084.

MENUS:
Monday: Rib-a-cues
Tuesday: Beef and noodles
Wednesday: Stuffed green peppers
Thursday: Beef stew
Friday: Sweet-and-sour chicken

ACTIVITIES:
Today: Unitarian Church service, 10 a.m.

Monday: Quilting, 8 a.m.
 Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Bridge, 1 p.m.
 Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1
 Foot clinic, 1 p.m.

Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday at lunch

Duplicate bridge, 12:30 p.m.
 Oil painting by appointment, 734-0509

Official Bingo, 1:30 to 5 p.m.
 Let's Dance, 6 to 11 p.m.

Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls for sale, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.; \$1.50 each

Quilting, 8 a.m.

Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Blood pressure, 11 a.m. to noon

Gem State Fiddlers

Duplicate bridge, 12:30 p.m.

Pinochle, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Oil painting by appointment

Official Bingo, 6:30 to 10 p.m.

Friday: Quilting, 8 a.m.

Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Texas Hold'em, 1 p.m.

Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1

Saturday: Super Bingo

Democrats Chili Feed

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Chicken enchiladas

Wednesday: Grilled burger on bun

Thursday: Roast pork

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Bingo, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.

Bingo, 12:30 p.m.

Cards, 1 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.

Thursday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.

Bingo, 1 p.m.

Wendell Senior Meal Site

105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays. Hours, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60. Sunday buffet: 1 p.m.; \$5, seniors; \$6, under 60; \$4, under 12. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday.

MENUS:

Today: Salmon Wellington

Monday: Broccoli cheese soup and turkey sandwich

Tuesday: Chicken and noodles over potatoes

Wednesday: Bowl of chili

Thursday: Pork chops

ACTIVITIES:

Today: dinner, 1 p.m.

Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

Jackpot, Nev., trip, 3 to 11 p.m.

Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Energy assistance, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.

Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.

Bingo, 7 p.m.

Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch and full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; take-out; home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Sloppy Joe

Wednesday: Pizza

Friday: Oven-fried chicken

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

AA meeting, 8 p.m.

Al-Anon meeting, 8 p.m.

Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; everyone over 18 welcome

Wednesday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.

Friday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
 Gem State Fiddlers, 11:30 a.m.
 Bingo, 11:50 a.m.
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizen Center

308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Chicken-fried steak

Tuesday: Sweet-and-sour chicken

Wednesday: New England clam chowder

Thursday: Roast pork

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.

Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.

Wild card, 6 p.m.

Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.

Hand and foot, 6 p.m.

Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.

Foot clinic, 12:45 p.m.

Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.

Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.

Pool, 9:30 a.m.

Music with June Koonce

Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.

Saturday: Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; thrift shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free high-speed Internet.

MENUS:

Monday: Ham

Wednesday: Sloppy Joe

Friday: Lasagna

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E., Jerome. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free transportation to and from center Wednesdays through Fridays, call center for information at 324-5642.

MENUS:

Monday: Chicken a la king

Tuesday: Hash brown casserole

Wednesday: Hot turkey sandwich

Thursday: Polish sausage

Friday: Chicken salad

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m.

Bridge, 12:30 p.m.

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Comission for the Blind

Tuesday: SilverSneakers, 10:15 a.m.

Gem State Fiddlers
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Snack bar, 6 p.m.
 Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

Bridge, 12:30 p.m.

Dick and John

Threads of Time, 1 to 4 p.m.

Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Thursday: SilverSneakers, 10:15 a.m.

Energy assistance, 9 a.m. to noon

Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

Kids Club, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Birthday dinner

Silver and Gold Senior Center

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Clam chowder

Thursday: Rib-a-cue sandwich

ACTIVITIES:

Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.

Friday: Chuckwagon dinner, 5 to 7 p.m.

Auction, 7 to 9 p.m.

Carey Senior Center

Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors.

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Chicken chow mein

Wednesday: Split-pea soup, ham sandwich

Friday: Harvest Dinner leftovers

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Coffee, 10 a.m.

Quilting, 10 a.m.

Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Bingo

Wednesday: Black Out Bingo, 12:30 p.m.

Thursday: Annual Harvest Dinner

Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Bingo

Camas County Senior Center

127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$4,

under 60; \$2, under 10. Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Pizza

Wednesday: Swiss steak

Friday: Chicken pot pie

ACTIVITIES:

Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

MENUS:

Monday: Chicken pasta primavera

Tuesday: Fajita beef tortillas

Wednesday: Barbecue pork ribs

Thursday: Beef stew

Friday: Sausage zucchini casserole

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Twin Falls trip, 8:30 a.m.

Massage therapy, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m.

Salad and soup bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.

Tuesday: Foot clinic, 9 a.m.

Knitters anonymous, 10:30 a.m.

Blood pressure, 11:15 a.m.

Bingo, 1 p.m.

Wednesday: Board meeting, 8:30 a.m.

Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m.

Thursday: Blood pressure

Friday: Table tennis, 9 a.m.

Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m.

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

MENUS:

Monday: Spaghetti with meat sauce

Thursday: Grilled cheese sandwich, Italian meatball soup

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors; \$6, non-seniors; \$3, under 12; \$4.50, home delivery. Gift shop: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Baked potato bar

Tuesday: Meatloaf

Wednesday: Finger steaks

Thursday: Enchiladas

Friday: Chicken or fish

Saturday: Spaghetti

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday: Walking, 9 a.m.

Wednesday: Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.

Thursday: Walking, 9 a.m.

SHIBA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwindeman at 436-9107 or Kitty Andrews at 677-4872 for appointments

Friday: Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.

Bingo, 7 p.m.

Saturday: Halloween Dinnerfest and Costume Contest, 6 to 8 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors and children under 12; \$6, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Sweet-and-sour chicken

Tuesday: Turkey pot pie

Wednesday: Meatloaf

Thursday: Beefy tomato macaroni

Friday: Hot beef sandwich

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pool

Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Exercise

Tuesday: Pool

Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.

Radio show, 9:06 a.m.

Exercise

Community bingo, 7 p.m.

Wednesday: Pool

Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Exercise

Haters

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childhood bad experiences, does that make it more of a phobia than a matter of taste?

The scientific name for extreme fear of Halloween is "samhainophobia," named for the ancient Pagan festival of the dead Samain. Jerilyn Ross, president of the Anxiety Disorders Association of America, says actual phobias take things way beyond just a dislike or anxiety.

"To have a Halloween phobia, you avoid it all cost," she says. The fear in a phobia, she says, is excessive and irrational and the person knows it. Ross says she hasn't come across an actual Halloween phobic in her career, but she's counseled people who have phobias about things connected to Halloween, such as masks and dolls.

It's important, she says, for parents who have anxiety about Halloween to avoid projecting their fears on their children.

"It would be wrong for a parent who is cynical about Halloween to make the child feel bad about it," Ross says.

Dori Fern is a reformed Halloween hater who took back the holiday for the sake of her children. Fern grew up in New York City in the 1970s when, she says, there was a heightened fear of crimes against children.

"Mom was always anxious," says Fern.

Every year, Fern would put on whatever dance recital costume she had and was only allowed to visit a few homes that were closely monitored. The whole event felt oppressive and deflating to Fern, so she checked out of it.

When she was 14, she gave it one last try. She had just started at the High School of Performing Arts in Manhattan (the "Fame" school) so she thought that was the year Halloween would turn around for her. She spent a lot of time creating a Dolly Parton costume, but when she wore it to school, her first teacher of the day (a strict drama instructor) made her take it off before anyone got to see it. The costume was inappropriate for a class where students were performing, Fern was told.

Fern was officially over Halloween at that point.

"I could not love Halloween until I had my own children so they could enjoy the spirit of the day," she says. "I want them to feel all the possibilities that were so missing from my childhood."

But for resolute Halloween haters Smith and Owens, there's only one house they'll be visiting on Oct. 31 — their own. Both say they stay home.

Decor

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be plentiful. Go beyond the traditional "monster mash" bash with Celebration.com's fun alternative themes, such as True Blood, Wicked or Dead Rock Stars. The site's party planners suggest using orange roses, twisty branches, and lots of black and white dinnerware to set the stage — fashionable dining table decor at any time of year.

As for that iconic symbol of the season — the pumpkin — look no further than the pages of Martha Stewart's October issue. The magazine's crafty stylists don't disappoint when it comes to weird and wonderful carving ideas; this year, there are templates for snakes, feathers, goblets and entire eerie vignettes. If you're handy with a pencil and a linoleum cutter, inspiration awaits.

Don't forget to deduct the diapers

This week our baby son turns 1 year old. And while this may be a traditional reason to celebrate, I'm sweating the question whether I can even afford the birthday cake.

For 12 months I've been wondering just how much a child costs in his first year. And after I sorted through medical bills and the family checkbook and glanced back at newspaper ads for diapers, my homework is complete.

With our first four children, neither my wife nor I bothered to tabulate the costs of a baby's first year. Let's face it, your maiden voyage into parenthood is more anxiety and fascination than financial worry.

Not so with this child, who was born in a nasty recession. Having made

SPILT MILK

David Cooper



the trip four times already, we're painfully aware of the bottom-line bills.

So here, then, is a run-down of the money you can expect to shell out on a child's first year. All the totals are for the Cooper baby's entire year.

Delivery: \$1,658: First off, I'm not counting any bills for Mom's hospital stay or medical care. This is all for the babushka. Mom and child had a two-day stay in the hospital, delivery and nursery charges. This includes numerous trips to the all-you-can-eat Similac buffet.

Surgery: \$582: This was

nothing serious, just the standard circumcision. But my wife tells me the doctor saved us some money by doing this in his clinic, not the hospital. Of course, it's not a service you can compare on priceline.com. Anyway, props to my boy for waiting a few days, just to save his old man a few bucks.

Doctor visits: \$1,771: For the year we counted 14 visits, including one late-night trip to the emergency room. Higher-priced visits were for vaccinations. Our doctor was pretty lenient, though, not really requiring monthly check-ups unless the baby started growing antlers.

Clothing: \$600. This is an estimate, but we're pretty sure it was around \$50 a month because this kid grew awfully fast. We

gave away the clothing from our other boys' first years, so we had to reinvest in a wardrobe.

Food and formula: \$900. As mentioned in previous columns, my son's digestive system got hooked on the high-priced baby formula. But we weaned him off that after nine months for cheaper formula, and started adding solid food. So far, no complaints.

Diapers: \$600. Let me get right to the point: Discount diapers are *not* a wise investment. At \$50 a month, you're saving yourself sanity and tidiness.

Toys & miscellaneous: \$420. From pacifiers to bedding, Christmas gifts to bouncing equipment, you never really stop buying for the baby.

Grand total: \$6,531.

There are, of course, some disclaimers. The health care costs are before insurance-negotiated prices and paid based on a deductible and percentage. Still, we had a hefty chunk to pay out of pocket. We also don't use any day care — a huge expense for many parents, which pushes their child's first-year expenses much higher.

But in the end, we are thrilled with the investment, both financial and emotional. Most of all, we don't feel one bit guilty about the government's \$1,000-per-child tax credit. Because in future years these costs, just like the kid's size, are gonna explode.

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Moms love flag football, but so does everyone else

By Beth J. Harpaz
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — As I watched my 12-year-old play his first game of flag football, I started chatting with the father of another kid on the team.

I mentioned how happy I was that flag football was being offered in our neighborhood as an alternative to tackle.

"Yeah, this is football for moms," the dad said with a smile.

We both knew what he meant. My son wanted to play football, but I didn't want him to get squashed playing tackle. In this game, instead of tackling the kid who's carrying the ball, you simply pull one of the flags attached to the runner's belt to stop him.

But it turns out moms aren't the only ones who love flag football. The sport is growing for all kinds of reasons: Players don't need a lot of protective equipment, so it's cheaper and easier to field a team; and kids can play whether they are big or small.

"Tackle football is America's favorite sport, but we view flag as the No. 1 growth area of the sport," said Scott Hallenback, executive director of USA Football, which is the sport's national governing body on youth and amateur levels and the official youth football development partner of the NFL and NFL Players Association.

Interestingly, flag football for girls is seen as an especially ripe area for growth.

"Girls of all shapes and sizes can play," explained Samantha Rapoport, manager of the NFL Girls Flag Football Leadership



AP file photo

Western High School quarterback Kathryn Allen, left, goes back to pass as Hollywood Hills High School's Monica Codner rushes her during a flag football game in Hollywood, Fla., in 1999. Flag football is gaining new status as schools search for ways to meet gender-equity participation requirements.

Program. "And you don't have to be a phenomenal athlete to contribute. There is a position for every type of girl in the field."

A sport like baseball can be difficult for kids who don't start playing young. But flag football can be learned and enjoyed by just about anybody who can run and catch a ball.

"A girl who might not have played any sport before can play flag football," said Rapoport.

Tracy Dansker, 22, a senior at Rice University in Houston, grew up in New York City and says she "never even watched an entire football game" before she came to Rice.

Now she's captain of Rice's flag football team and plays tight end.

"Football is a really big cultural thing here," she said. "Everyone's into football."

Dansker was on her swim team in high school, and when she got to Rice, she was looking for "the camaraderie of a team." Flag football turned out to be the perfect option. At Rice, she said, "girls' flag is the most widely followed college sport. We call it 'powder puff football.' It's a lot of fun."

Just how many kids play flag is hard to pin down. Over 125,000 — girls and boys — play on teams affiliated with NFL youth

sports, Rapoport said, but there are thousands more who play on neighborhood or school teams that are not officially part of the NFL system.

"The number is high and it's growing," Rapoport said.

Rapoport says flag football for girls really got off the ground about 10 years ago in Florida, which now leads the country in girls playing the sport in high school. It's also big in Alaska and Texas, among other states, and there are even international girls' flag competitions with teams from Central America and Canada.

Bill Massey, athletic director at Boca Raton

High School in Florida, said Palm Beach County started with girls' flag teams at a half-dozen schools eight or nine years ago.

Now, he says, all 26 high schools in Palm Beach County have girls' flag teams, with many more around the state.

Massey said that before Boca Raton offered flag for girls, football was a boys' sport.

"But there was a tremendous amount of interest and excitement among girls in playing the game," he said. "The flag model gives them a chance to play the game they see on TV and become football players as well as fans."

Covering up your couch

The Washington Post

Owning a pet can be messy, but those of us who have them feel they are worth it. A new product by Sure-Fit, the pet couch cover, is worth investigating if you're constantly vacuuming pet hair or mopping drool off your sofa.

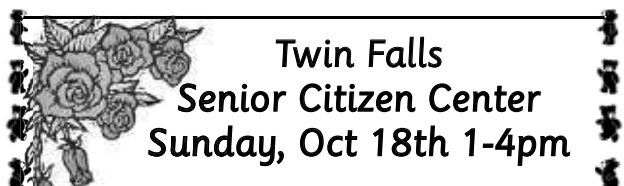
Some people use a blanket or a sheet to cover furniture when they're not at home so their pets can enjoy guilt-free lounging there. Some

even have matching slipcovers made. But if that isn't in your budget, this machine-washable quilted cover is perfectly acceptable. It is designed to unfold and lay on top of the seat, back and arms of your pet's favorite sofa or club chair, protecting the upholstery underneath.

It's available in chocolate

or taupe in two sizes — about \$30 for small and \$50 for large. You won't see them at a decorator show house, but they are in step with how real people are living with pets in their homes.

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No, No, No! Save the shower cap for places where people can't be seen! (Like the shower). I have a more socially acceptable solution for you. For \$20.95 you can rent a "spotter" machine that will extract nasty residue and oil stains from your upholstery. It is light weight and very easy to use. Combine that with some great spot removal products I can recommend, and you'll feel comfortable with even the greasiest guest-heads in your living room.

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Mattel introduces black Barbies, to mixed reviews

By Megan K. Scott
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Mattel has launched a new line of black Barbie dolls with fuller lips, a wider nose and more pronounced cheek bones — a far cry from Christie, Barbie's black friend who debuted in the 1960s and was essentially a white doll painted brown.

The "So In Style" line, which hit mass retailers this fall, features BFFs Grace, Kara and Trichelle, each with her own style and interests and a little sister she mentors: Courtney, Janessa and Kianna. The dolls reflect varying skin tones — light brown, chocolate, and caramel — and Trichelle and Kianna have curlier hair.

Barbie designer Stacey McBride-Irby, who is black and has a 6-year-old daughter, said she wanted to create a line of dolls for young black girls that looked like them and were inspirational and career-minded. For example, Kara is interested in math and music.

"I want them to see themselves within these dolls, and let them know that black is beautiful," she said.

Many black women are praising Mattel for its efforts — Black Barbie hit the shelves in 1980 with white features shared by many of the dolls following her.

But some say the dolls with long straight hair are not "black enough" and do not address the beauty issues that many black girls struggle with. In the black community, long, straight hair is often considered more beautiful than short kinky hair.

Chris Rock highlights the issue in his "Good Hair" documentary, which shows black women

straightening their tight curls with harsh chemicals and purchasing thousand-dollar hair weaves.

"Why are we always pushing this standard of long hair on our girls?" asked Gail Parrish, 60, a playwright in Alexandria, Va., and a mother of four grown children. "Why couldn't one of the dolls have a little short afro, or shorter braids or something?"

McBride-Irby said she originally designed all the dolls with long hair. Combing her Barbie's long hair when she was a girl was the "highlight of my play experience," she said. She was advised to create some dolls with curlier hair, so she did.

There is a So In Style hairstyling set so girls can curl, straighten and style their dolls' hair over and over. (It costs \$24.99, more than a pair of dolls at \$19.99.)

That is troubling to Sheri Parks, an associate professor of American Studies at the University of Maryland in College Park, because it actively involves girls in the process of straightening hair. She worries that it reinforces the message that there is something wrong with natural hair.

"Black mothers who want their girls to love their natural hair have an uphill battle and these dolls could make it harder," Parks said in an e-mail.

Aside from the hair, some black women are concerned about the dolls' thin frames. Barbie, which celebrated her 50th birthday in March, has for years come under fire for promoting an unrealistic body image, with her long legs, tiny waist and large breasts.

While white girls also deal with body-image issues, Kumea



'Barbie So In Style' designer Stacey McBride-Irby, in a photo released by Mattel.

Shorter-Gooden, co-author of "Shifting: The Double Lives of Black Women in America," believes Barbie has a more negative impact on black girls. They are already struggling with messages that "black skin isn't pretty and our hair is too kinky and short," she said.

Despite those complaints, Mattel seems to have gotten several things right.

Andrea Slaughter, 38, a mom of two in Newnan, Ga., said she likes how the designer highlighted values that are critical in the black community, such as education and mentoring.

"I want them to see themselves within these dolls, and let them know that black is beautiful."

— Stacey McBride-Irby

Sheila Adams Gardner, 41, a mother of three in Woodbridge, Va., praised the varying skin tones. She said when her daughter was 4, she became very self-conscious about being lighter than everyone else in her family.

"She has always had African-American dolls, but rarely dolls with skin like her own," she said. "Often the lighter dolls were Hispanic or Indian. It was very heartwarming to look at a series of African-American Barbies and

hear my daughter, now 11, exclaim, 'She looks like me!'"

Even Shorter-Gooden acknowledged the facial features "look like real black people?"

Mattel doesn't release sales figures. But Michelle Chidoni of Mattel said the dolls are resonating with girls of all colors and ages.

The line will be expanding next year with Rocawear clothing, new dolls Chandra and her little sister Zahara, and Darren, who will have a little brother he mentors.

New devices aim to help babies start learning before birth. But are they just a lot of noise?

By Rachel Saslow
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — For the first half of her pregnancy, Suzanne Ling played classical music for her unborn child whenever she drove her car. She had heard about "the Mozart effect" from a friend, who swore that classical music soothed her baby both pre- and post-delivery.

Around week 20, Ling discovered BabyPlus, an egg-shaped device that she wore around her growing abdomen. The device played 16 "audio lessons" of heart-beatlike tones and promised to teach a fetus to recognize patterns and differentiate sounds. After baby Alexander was born, Ling was certain that he was especially engaged, aware and smart. She's convinced that his exposure to the in utero "lessons" will help him avoid two conditions she fears: autism and attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder. Alexander, her first child, is now 11/2 years old.

"At four months, his pediatrician said, 'I can tell you right away he's not autistic,'" Ling recalls. "Those were her exact words, because he's so engaged. His focus was remarkable for his age."

BabyPlus is one of a small number of "prenatal learning systems" being marketed to expectant parents these days. With such names as Lullabelly, Bellysonic and FirstSounds, they offer up everything from soothing tones to foreign languages as they promise anxious parents a better, calmer baby. Yet even as some parents pay upward of \$100 for these devices, experts say there is no proof, no scientific studies, to support the claims.

"It probably won't do any good, and it can in fact be harmful," says Janet DiPietro, a developmental psychologist at Johns Hopkins University who has studied fetal development for 20 years. But, she added, many people "don't understand that anyone can say anything they want on that label and it's not vetted anywhere and those products are



SUSAN BIDDLE/For the Washington Post

Suzanne Ling wore BabyPlus, a device that promises to teach a fetus to recognize patterns and differentiate sounds, around her abdomen while pregnant with her son, Alexander, now 11/2 years old. The two are shown at home in Potomac, Md.

not FDA-regulated in any way."

Measuring the effect of one of these devices is difficult. After all, how can you tell whether your baby would have turned out less smart or alert without a prenatal learning system? A recent study in the journal Child Development found that fetuses, starting at 30 weeks, can acclimate to sounds over time and that they develop memory at 34 weeks. But does that suggest that the learning proposed by BabyPlus and other devices can occur?

Dutch obstetrician-gynecologist Jan Nijhuis, who conducted the study, hesitates to make a correlation. "How could that be proven?" he wrote in an e-mail. "It is questionable why one would interfere with the natural environment of the fetus, who is busy enough."

People agree on this much: Starting at 18 weeks, fetuses can listen to the mother's heartbeat, voices and other noises of daily life. Makers of prenatal learning devices say that the period between 18 and 40 weeks is an opportunity to give soon-to-be-born babies a head start. (The BabyPlus slogan? "Your womb ... the perfect classroom.")

Yet DiPietro and others say a mother's womb is already the ideal environment for the complicated human brain to develop, and messing with

that system is silly ... or possibly dangerous. The devices could damage a baby's hearing and disrupt its sleep, DiPietro says. "Fetuses are almost always asleep. Here, you are introducing a stimulus to them while they're asleep. This is akin to taking your newborn, and when they're asleep in a bassinet, blasting Mozart at them. That's exactly what you're doing with these devices."

Lisa Jarrett, whose company sells BabyPlus, says the device is set to a safe, unadjustable volume 40 decibels quieter than the mother's heartbeat. Jarrett's own experience as a mother of seven and anecdotal evidence from other mothers have convinced her that prenatal learning occurs. Jarrett first heard about the idea in the early 1990s when her husband, a reproductive endocrinologist, showed her a magazine article. The author, Brent Logan, who had no medical or scientific training, studied 12 babies who had gone through an in utero "curriculum" he devised; he wrote that simple rhythms boosted their cognitive development.

Logan says his interest in prenatal learning was sparked around 1980 when he saw pregnant women



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Makers of the Ritmo
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using the then-new Sony Walkman to pipe in music to their unborn children. So, he did his own study of what kind of sounds came into the womb.

"We were astonished," he says. "You could hear everything outside — speaking, television, radio, honking horns, dogs, but it was muffled, like listening underwater."

From this, he concluded that there was a way to provide specific stimulation to babies during gestation that would have a positive effect once they were born. He developed a version of the BabyPlus device, using cassettes to deliver 16 audio lessons of increasing complexity in rhythm and tone.

"They're much more ready for 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star' or 'Mary Had a Little Lamb' than they would be," Logan says.

Jarrett, who once worked at an in-vitro fertilization laboratory, sent away for the cassette tapes when she got pregnant with her first child and used them with subsequent ones. They were all calm babies, good nurseries and hit their pediatric mile-

stones early, she says. "The way they learned was efficient."

So she licensed the rights for BabyPlus, which is now sold in more than 60 countries. She expects to move 19,000 units this year. A spokeswoman for A Pea in the Pod says the national maternity chain sells 50 to 75 BabyPlus units per month, for about \$150 apiece. It sells the FirstSounds Deluxe Gift Set for \$50.

Jarrett acknowledges that the effects provided by BabyPlus have not been proven, but she says a clinical trial, funded in part by her company's new nonprofit arm and set to start in November, will look at prenatal auditory stimuli. She expects it to support the theories behind her device.

"So-to-speak 'experts' don't have any clinical trials, either, to defend that a prenatal curriculum might not be beneficial," she says. "It's hard for us because we're really seeking out further validation. ... We know that we're an entirely new niche and it's going to be legitimized in time. It just takes time."

NOW HEAR THIS, BABY

Several devices are designed to pump music, speech and other sounds to the unborn.

Product: BabyPlus
Slogan: "Your womb ... the perfect classroom"
Looks like: a large, flat egg inside a white fanny pack worn in front

Cost: \$149
What it does: plays a series of 16 rhythm patterns that are supposed to resemble a mother's heartbeat; rhythms speed up as the weeks go along

Product: Bellysonic
Slogan: "An early start for your baby ... relaxation and joy for you"
Looks like: a fuzzy, narrow money belt

Cost: \$69.95
What it does: attaches to an MP3 player and plays music or speech directly into the belly

Product: FirstSounds/Bebe Sounds
Slogan: "Listen, talk and play music to your unborn baby!"

Looks like: a medium-size air hockey pusher that you move around your belly
Cost: about \$50 for gift set
What it does: attempts two-way communication, recording womb sounds and sending them through headphones to you or sending speech, music or other recorded sound to the baby

Product: Lullabelly
Slogan: "The first investment in your child's future"

Looks like: a wide bandanna wrapped around your middle
Cost: \$49
What it does: attaches to an MP3 player and plays music or speech directly into the belly

Product: Ritmo
Slogan: "Bonding through music"

Looks like: a flat, cloth doughnut (belly goes through the hole) with four built-in speakers and a waist strap
Cost: \$149
What it does: attaches to an MP3 player and plays music or speech directly into the belly



Photo courtesy of Spagna family

Nicole Spagna, with her children Dominic Osorio, left, and Kristina Spagna at Christmas 2008, created the Dominator comic book to keep Dominic's morale up in his battle with brain cancer.

A superhero's fight for life

By Mary Gail Hare
The Baltimore Sun

No one has ever told 7-year-old Dominic Osorio that he has brain cancer. Instead, his mother devised a story and made him the lead character. When Dominic undergoes surgery, chemotherapy or radiation, he is not a patient; he is the Dominator, waging war with an evil enemy that he calls a megazoid.

His grandmother, Monique Spagna, recalled the day Dominic finished weeks of daily radiation treatments at Johns Hopkins Children's Center in Baltimore that required the Bel Air, Md., boy to wear a mask and remain motionless for what seemed an eternity to a child.

"His mother came up with this story to help him

deal with it."

Many have come to know the story of the indomitable child and joined his crusade. Dominic, who was diagnosed with cancer in 2007, has inspired not only the new superhero character, but a comic book, an official proclamation from Harford County government and a fundraising effort for children's hospice.

Dave Anderson often met Dominic and his family at the Bel Air restaurant he manages. The child would arrive with the usual hood bumps and scrapes and would banter with Anderson about how the arm was broken or the knee was scratched. But when Anderson learned about the Dominator and how Dominic was battling for his life, he went to work on fundraising and something

he never expected — a book.

"People need to hear this kid's story," Anderson said. "He is a real motivator. All kids are our motivators, and they are what is important."

The more he heard about Dominic's trials, the more determined he was to help him and other children with cancer.

"Dominic is an awesome kid, who never got scared at what he had to go through," Anderson said. "He really is the superhero in this story. This one little boy has touched many lives."

Anderson helped create "The Dominator" character and a comic book tailored to children. He contacted Getz-Calandra Productions, which put together the illustrated book with a story line based on Dominic's struggles.

"We took a simple approach with the story and made it readable especially for kids in the hospital," said Tony Calandra of Abingdon, Md., who also works as a physical therapy technician. "We have had big interest already. If this character takes off, there will be a second issue."

Anderson paid nearly \$9,000 to design, create and copyright the Dominator and to publish 2,000 copies of the book. About 1,000 copies have been sold since the \$5 book came out in September, with proceeds from sales benefiting children's cancer research.

"The more I got into this, the more I knew it was a powerful thing," he said. "I am dedicating 'The Dominator' to making sure that kids like Dominic have everything they need."

Subduing separation anxiety

The Washington Post

Nobody likes goodbyes, but for young children, they can be particularly upsetting. Episodes of separation anxiety — crying, clinging to you and refusing others' attention — are not uncommon in toddlers between 8 months and 2 years old. There may be some things you can do to make goodbyes easier:

- **If possible**, try to time your goodbyes for after snack or nap times. When kids are hungry or tired, they tend to be more emotional when it is time for you to leave.

- **Introduce** your child to new places and people grad-

ually. Before sending him or her off to a new school, visit it a couple times together to build a familiarity. If you have a new babysitter, invite that person over to visit while you're still around.

- **Be positive** in your goodbyes. Though you may be upset to see your child cry, don't let it show. Instead, say a firm and loving goodbye and tell them when you will be back. But don't linger — that can make the situation worse. Most children will calm down after a few minutes.

- **It may be tempting**, but don't sneak away when your child isn't looking. That could only increase their anxiety.

Is group dating OK for fifth-graders?

By Gregory Ramey
Cox Newspapers

Q: My daughter is entering the fifth grade, and has already talked about going on dates with other groups of kids to see a movie. I just think this is way too early for her to be thinking about boys, and want to discourage this. However, I understand this is typical at her age and I don't want my personal feelings to inhibit her social development.

A: You are her parent.

You know what's best for her. If you feel that her going on dates at her age is inappropriate, simply say no.

You owe her no other explanation other than to say that in your judgment she is too young to be dating boys even in group situations.

Gregory Ramey is a child psychologist and vice president for outpatient services at The Children's Medical Center of Dayton, Ohio.

Quick Study

By Linda Searing
Special to The Washington Post

The topic: Parenting

Older dads' young offspring may score lower on IQ tests

THE QUESTION

Does the age of parents at the time a child is born affect the child's general intelligence?

THIS STUDY

It analyzed data on 33,437 children born to parents of varying ages. At 8 months, 4 years and 7 years old, the children were given an array of standardized developmental and intelligence tests. The older the mother, the higher the child's scores on the tests. The older the father, the more likely the child was to have lower scores, except on one test of physical coordination. For example, offspring of 20-year-old fathers scored, on average, 106.8 on an IQ test and 109.2 on a reading test, whereas children of 50-year-old fathers posted average scores of 100.7 and 102.6 on the same tests.

WHO MAY BE AFFECTED?

Parents and their offspring. The age at which people have children is generally increasing in developed countries.

CAVEATS

The children were tested only until age 7, leaving it unclear whether lower-scoring children might catch up as they matured.

FIND THIS STUDY

It's in the March 9 online issue of PLoS Medicine.

LEARN MORE

Learn about child development at www.cdc.gov and www.mayoclinic.com.

The research described in Quick Study comes from credible, peer-reviewed journals. Nonetheless, conclusive evidence is rarely found in a single study.

WEDDINGS

Martin-Konz

Whitney Martin and Kevin Konz were married Aug. 8, 2009, at Woodriver Cellars in Eagle, Idaho.

The bride is the daughter of Randee and Connie Martin of Paul. The groom's parents are John and Shana Konz of Cedarville, Calif.

Whitney is a graduate of Minico High School and College of Idaho with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. She is currently working as a scribe at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, taking pre-requisite classes at Boise State and will be applying to medical school.

Kevin is a graduate of Sur-



Whitney and Kevin Konz

prise Valley High School in Cedarville, and is currently working on his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. He works for the Bureau of Land Management as a wildland firefighter on Boise Heiltack.

The couple resides in Boise.

ANNIVERSARIES

The Spradlings

Donna and David Spradling, who reside at 909 Moon Glo Road in Buhl, Idaho, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at the Turf Club in Twin Falls, Idaho. Attending were their children, Jay and Joni Spradling from Tempe, Arizona; Lisa Arthur from Tempe, Arizona and Tami and Tim Lauda from Twin Falls, Idaho and their families. Also other family members from Idaho and Utah.



David & Donna Spradling

The Spradlings were married on September 5, 1959 at the First Ward L.D.S. Church with Bishop Earle Quigley performing the ceremony.

The McKinlays



Dave and Lee McKinlay

Dave & Lee McKinlay will be celebrating 50 years of marriage on October 24, 2009 from 2-4 p.m. at the Kimberly II Ward building at 222 Birch Street South in Kimberly. Dave & Lee were married in Orem, Utah October 24, 1959.

They spent the early years of their marriage in North Ogden, Brigham City, Wellsville, Monticello and Provo, Utah. After graduating from B.Y.U., Dave and Lee moved to Idaho. They have spent the last 35 years in Kimberly. Dave was employed with the Federal Land Bank of Spokane for 16 years. He then started McKinlay Appraisal Company and is currently doing review appraisal work. Lee worked for the Kimberly School District for 13 years and has spent the last

20 years working for Dr.'s Gary P. Walker and Jared P. Walker.

The McKinlays are members of the Kimberly 2nd Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Their 5 children (and spouses) and 20 grandchildren provide lots of entertainment, and they love being anywhere with the kids and grandkids. Their 5 children are: Jed (Debbie) McKinlay of Colbert, Washington, Mark (Sandee) McKinlay of Snowflake, Arizona, Matt (Amy) McKinlay of Pocatello, Idaho, Cara (Jared) Walker of Kimberly, Idaho and Laura (Jake) Reynolds of Arco, Idaho.

Come join us for the celebration. Please, no gifts.

STORK REPORT

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Jessica Reyes, daughter of Arturo and Guadalupe Reyes of Gooding, was born Sept. 13, 2009.

Trey Johnathan White, son of Sierra Henderson and Kevin White of Jerome, was born Sept. 13, 2009.

Keane Eloy Contreras, son of Eloy and Bridget Contreras of Jerome, was born Sept. 21, 2009.

Irene Naomi Galvan, daughter of Gabriela Castandeda and Delfino Galvan of Jerome, was born Sept. 21, 2009.

Cristal Esmeralda Gonzalez, daughter of Christopher Gonzalez and Diana Fernandez of Jerome, was born Sept. 23, 2009.

Jaelyn Danielle Wise, daughter of Stephanie Flores and Joel Wise of Jackpot, Nev., was born Sept. 27, 2009.

Olivia Esperanza Loera, daughter of Daniel and Janie Loera of Gooding, was born Oct. 5, 2009.

Karla Analia Ortiz,

daughter of Maria and Julio Ortiz of Shoshone, was born Oct. 5, 2009.

Roland Lindley, son of Jamie Piland and Josh Lindley of Jerome, was born Oct. 6, 2009.

Kaelee Alet Fenstermaker, daughter of Morgan and Terry Fenstermaker of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 8, 2009.

Samantha Ann Slater, daughter of Christopher Slater and Kimberly Baxter of Jerome, was born Oct. 8, 2009.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

Kaleb Robert Barnes, son of Cortney Alassandra Wilson of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 27, 2009.

Mickyla Fallyn Drain, daughter of Sarah LeAnn Drain of Buhl, was born Oct. 1, 2009.

MacKenzie Ann Lavigne, daughter of Sandra Nichole Lavigne of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 1, 2009.

Fatima Graciela Rodarte, daughter of Graciela

Mercedes and Rodolfo Rodarte of Burley, was born Oct. 5, 2009.

Joseph Akio Ratto, son of Atsuko and Joseph William Ratto of Hansen, was born Oct. 6, 2009.

Brody Lee Springer, son of Rebecca Joann and Charles Dyane Springer of Kimberly, was born Oct. 6, 2009.

Ryker David Whaley, son of Brandi Ann and David Hershel Whaley of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 6, 2009.

Mickey Alfredo Flores, son of Cecilia Martinez and Manuel Margarito Flores of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 7, 2009.

August Everett Gardner, son of Sherri Helen Cash of

Twin Falls, was born Oct. 7, 2009.

Skylee Aleah Nelson, daughter of Dayna Jeneane Biorn and Charles Edward Nelson of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 7, 2009.

Dallee Mayo, daughter of Stacy Jean and Stephen Jackson Mayo of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 8, 2009.

Ryan James Carpenter, son of Amanda Rochelle and Cody James Carpenter of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 10, 2009.

Levi Ethan Bruce Millwee, son of Mischelle Anne and Bruce Daniel Millwee of Kimberly, was born Oct. 11, 2009.

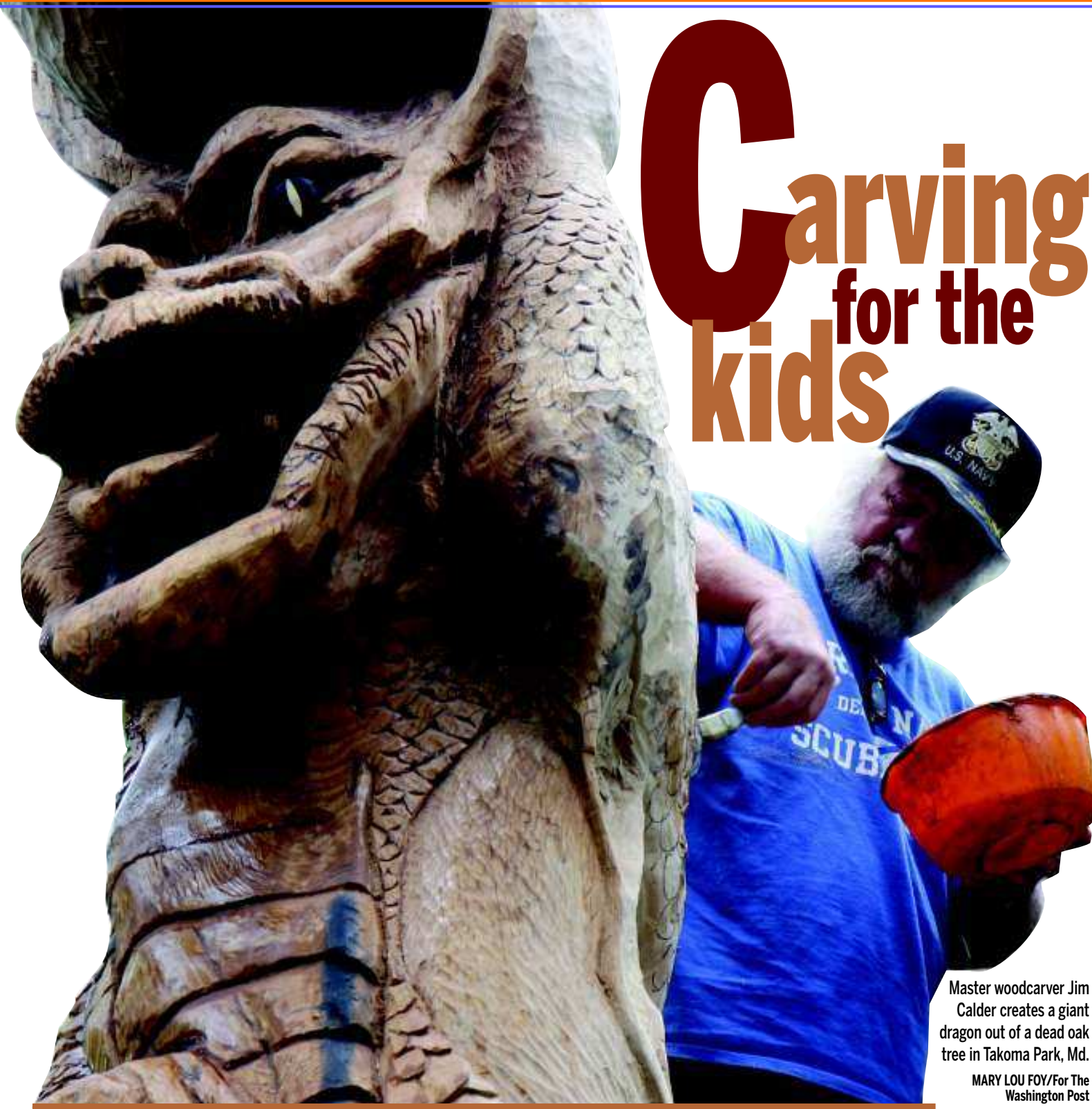
To submit engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements, contact Janet Cranney at 735-3253, or e-mail her at announcements@magicvalley.com.

Deadline is 5:00 pm Tuesday for the following Sunday.



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Kids Only



Master woodcarver Jim Calder creates a giant dragon out of a dead oak tree in Takoma Park, Md.

MARY LOU FOY/For The Washington Post

How tall can trees grow?

By Moira E. McLaughlin
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Climb any good trees lately? The United States is home to the world's tallest tree: the redwood. These trees are a little too tall for you to climb, though. They can grow to be more than 300 feet tall and can live to be 2,000 years old. (Redwoods are not the oldest trees in the world, though. Bristlecone pine trees in the western United States can live to be 5,000 years old!)

The tallest known redwood measures 379.1 feet. That's more than half the height of the Washington Monument. Scientists discovered the tree in 2006 and named it Hyperion. It lives somewhere in Redwood National Park in California, but scientists won't say exactly where in order to protect it.

Redwoods thrive in a moist climate and get more than 30 percent of their water from fog. They are resistant to bugs and fungus. Another reason for their survival: They can regenerate. If the top of the tree or a limb breaks, the tree can grow a new one. When they do that, they are called second-generation redwoods.

The giant sequoia tree is another tall tree that grows in California, but it's not quite as tall as the redwood. It can grow to be about 300 feet. It is, however, considered bigger than the redwood, because it's wider (or has a bigger diameter).

Prairie voles have human traits

The Washington Post

It's hard to imagine that such cute little creatures can hold such important information about humans, but that's what scientists have discovered about the adorable prairie vole.

Studying prairie voles is telling scientists more about human behavior than studies on "just about any other species," said Larry J. Young, researcher at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. It turns out this furry rodent, which lives in grassy fields in the Midwest, does a lot of things the same way humans do.

For example, prairie voles stay with one mate for life, which is unusual among mammals. They also produce two brain chemicals that play a role in how people feel and act. One helps human mothers bond with their babies. The other creates the kind of intense happiness you might feel after eating something delicious or even winning a football game.

Studying these creatures could lead to better understanding and treatment of autism and other disorders.

Maryland sculptor puts new life into dead trees

WASHINGTON — "I brought two sweet potatoes," says 8-year-old Catrina Calingaert.

She stands with about a dozen other kids holding sweet potatoes. The youngsters from Silver Spring and Takoma Park in Maryland huddle around a guy with a beard who looks a little like Santa Claus. He sits low in a chair in front of a tree stump carved into the figure of a big wooden momma bear and her cub.

He's Jim Calder, master woodcarver, the artist who carved the bear after the tree died. The Carter family of Takoma Park decided that

instead of chopping the tree up for firewood, they would ask Calder to carve the bear family to mark the arrival of their first child, Ben.

Every time Calder carves a wooden sculpture from a tree stump, he invites local kids to workshops to learn woodcarving. Thousands of kids and their parents and teachers all across America have joined him over the years.

"Only we use sweet potatoes, not the tree stump," said Calder, a Baltimore boy who celebrated his 61st

By Ray Lane

Special to The Washington Post

birthday recently. "They're easy to carve right now, but when sweet potatoes dry out, they get hard like wood in three days, and after a year or two, they start to get hard as a rock and can last for 300 years."

"Oh," Catrina cooed. "That's like forever?"

Over the next hour or so, Calder worked with every child, including some who were very shy at first, such as 5-year-old Eleanor Cardillo. But in no time, she and big brother Massimo, 8, were

crawling all over Calder and the other kids to watch the magic he works on everyone's potato.

After a quick scraping away of the skin, the pulpy-orange sweet potato inside glistened, and the smell was like an opened pumpkin. Calder gave each child a little wood awl, a tool good for making holes, and gently guided their hands as the potato was turned into a face, a bird, a fish, a flower or even a Christmas decoration.

"When you get home, paint your potato and let it dry out," Calder said. "You can give it to your grandchildren some day."

Writer returns to Alcatraz for sequel to 'Al Capone' books

By Margaret Webb Pressler
The Washington Post

"Anytime you write a book, kids want a sequel," said Jennifer Choldenko, author of the award-winning 2004 novel "Al Capone Does My Shirts." But Choldenko was worried about producing a second book featuring Moose, the 12-year-old son of a prison warden growing up on Alcatraz, the famous island prison in San Francisco Bay. She remembers, as a kid herself, being so excited to read the sequel to her favorite book, "Harriet the Spy," and then hating it when it came out. "I was furious," she said.

So she thought long and hard before writing a sequel. "You have to ask yourself, 'Is there a real reason to have a sequel, or is it just because kids want it?'"

Choldenko decided she had more stories to tell about Moose and life on Alcatraz, which for a few decades was home to some of the world's most famous criminals and also to the families of prison employees. Last month she published "Al Capone Shines My Shoes," set in 1935, in which the affable Moose gets even further drawn into life with the residents of Alcatraz — those behind bars and those not.

Choldenko has written several children's books. As historical novels her Alcatraz books required a



Penguin Group

Writer Jennifer Choldenko did lots of research for her 'Al Capone' books. Some characters in the books are based on real Alcatraz prisoners; others are fictional.

tremendous amount of research on what life was like on the island. For the first book, she even volunteered at the Alcatraz museum to help gather information. She could do that because she lives in San Francisco with her husband, 15-year-old son and 10-year-old daughter.

The details Choldenko gathered from this research helped create a realistic picture of life on the island. As characters, she used real Alcatraz

prisoners as well as fictional ones.

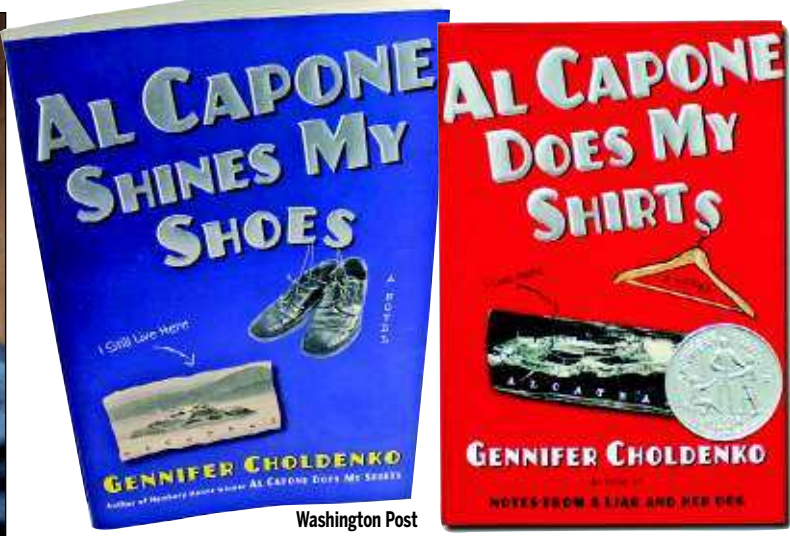
In the first novel, Moose asks the famous gangster and prisoner Al Capone to help get his autistic older sister into a special school that could be helpful to her. She gets in, and Moose never quite knows if Capone made it happen, except that he got a note from Capone in his prison-laundered clothes: "Done." The second novel begins with Moose getting another note from Capone: "Your turn."

As Moose gets more mixed up in this uncomfortable communication with a con, he feels helpless. It's even worse when his father explains — knowing nothing of his son's connection to Capone — that once

you owe a con a favor, he always "ups the ante."

Like many novelists, Choldenko based her fictional characters at least partly on reality. Moose, for example, is loosely based on her older brother. Choldenko, like Moose, also had an older sister with autism; she died when Choldenko was a teen-ager. "My brother and my sister had this really nice relationship," she said. "I was always jealous of that because he got a lot of attention around it. It was great; he deserved it."

Writing the character of Moose, she said, gave her a chance to live her brother's life a little bit.



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