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A GROWING PROBLEM

Twin Falls County Jail bracing for inmate increase, space crunch

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

Twin Falls County sheriff's deputies recently tossed around a tongue-in-cheek adage about the reality of local correctional facilities and the inmates they hold — "If you build it, they will come."

Of course, there remains a good chance that as Magic Valley jails such as those in Jerome and Twin Falls counties swell with inmates, even if you don't build it, they'll come anyway.

Twin Falls County Jail is edging toward full capacity in its 20-year-old facility, which has 154 secure beds for long-term holds, 24 minimum-custody beds for misdemeanor offenders and 49 program beds for inmates in work-release and other treatment programs. Sheriff Tom Carter and Capt. Doug Hughes, who oversees Twin Falls County's jail, have projected inmate numbers through 2015 and said that in 2012, the jail will face a shortage of secure beds.

In 2009 the jail saw 6,747 bookings and housed an average of 11 inmates per day in other jails and treatment facilities. According to Hughes' projections, the jail will see 9,557 inmates booked in during 2012, which will necessitate 47 inmates per day to be housed outside the county lockup.

The sheriff's office projections assume there will be no change in the number of beds in the county's facility.

"We need to solve this now before we have a problem like what Canyon (County) is going through," said Carter, referring to overcrowding issues in Canyon County's jail that led six inmates represented by the American Civil Liberties Union to file a class-action lawsuit against the county.

Here's a snapshot of the current jail situation in Twin Falls County: The sheriff's website listed 162 inmates held in the county's jail on Wednesday. That head count accounts for the inmate population in the jail's combined 178 secure and minimum-custody beds.

Hughes said he tries to keep 10 beds open per day to handle new bookings.

Also on Wednesday, 13 inmates were listed as "temporary out of custody" or housed offsite. If those inmates were housed at the county



Gooding County 6 inmates

Jerome County 1 inmate

Twin Falls County 162 inmates

Canyon View Behavioral Health Services (Twin Falls) 1 inmate

Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center (Burley) 1 inmate

Blaine County 2 inmates

Custer County 1 inmate

Twin Falls County Jail inmate head count

Secure and minimum-custody beds: 178

On Wednesday the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office listed 162 inmates housed in-county with 16 open beds for new bookings. Thirteen more inmates were listed as held outside the county jail. Here's where those inmates were that day.



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SANDY SALAS
/file photos



Dan Green of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game loads one of four sockeye salmon into a tank mounted on a truck for transport to the Eagle Fish Hatchery in Lewiston on Tuesday.

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Sockeye take step back from the brink

Biologists see success in recovery efforts

By Eric Barker
The Lewiston Tribune

LOWER GRANITE DAM — Mike Peterson saw something he'd never seen before at Lower Granite Dam's fish window.

Then he saw another, and another. By the time a half-hour had gone by on Tuesday about 10 sockeye salmon, the most endangered salmon species in the Columbia River basin, swam past the window.

"I would never have thought I could be here and see a sockeye come through the window. There is another

one," he said. "These things are pounding through right now."

Peterson, a fisheries biologist for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, has spent a lot of time looking at fish here. When he was in graduate school at the University of Idaho he used to visit the ladder every few weeks to watch steelhead and chinook salmon. He would sit for hours mesmerized by the fish.

He even visited in July hoping to see a sockeye.

But sockeye were the rarest

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Troops see challenge of taming Kandahar

By David Zucchino
Los Angeles Times

Afghan government has refused to build.

Adams promised to pass the complaint up the chain to his military superiors. But Rahmatullah simply sighed and said: "I'm sorry, sir. I've been here six years. I've heard these promises so many times I don't believe them anymore."

The encounter exposed the limits of good intentions in Kandahar, a city dominated by the Taliban, ill-served by a corrupt government, and patrolled by

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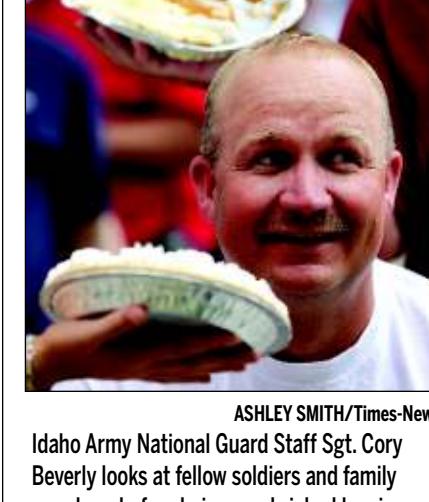


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Idaho Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Cory Beverly looks at fellow soldiers and family members before being sandwiched by pies during a Magic Valley Armed Forces Day fundraiser Saturday at Nat Soo Pah Hot Springs & RV Park east of Hollister.

Guardsmen let their guard down

Pre-deployment support event a time of camaraderie

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

HOLLISTER — Gathered in a tight huddle, the guardsmen pooled their ammo.

Twenty here, another five there. How much was it? One hundred five?

"One hundred five!" a soldier shouted, his fist clinched around a wad of bills.

Staff Sgt. Cory Beverly was next up in the free-fire zone. He sat s m i l i n g , watching as his daughter Katelyn held a pie in front of him. In the periphery to his right, another hand and another pie. Yet another behind him.

They hit almost consecutively, the soft slap of whipped cream on skin drowned out by the cheers of Beverly's peers.

The \$105 Beverly's fellow military police raised was part of the \$1,082 Saturday's pie raffle raised during Magic Valley Armed Forces Day at Nat Soo Pah Hot Springs & RV Park east of Hollister.

As members of the Idaho Army National Guard's 116th Cavalry Brigade Combat Team prepare to deploy to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn, events like Saturday's help gather funds for those not headed overseas — the spouses, children and other family members who sacrifice contact with their loved ones through the deployment.

"It's all in good fun and for a good cause — for family assistance programs," Beverly said while picking bits

ROAD TO IRAQ

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Pat's Picks

Three things to do today

Pat Marcantonio



• "Rally in the Valley," hosted by Snake River Bros., features music and more all day at Murtaugh Lake Park. Proceeds help children in need. Cost is \$15 to \$20.

• The always entertaining Idaho Old Time Fiddlers perform at noon and after the 1 p.m. luncheon at West End Senior Citizens Center, 1010 Main St., Buhl. It's free to listen.

• Catch the Ketchum Arts Festival from 10 a.m. to

5 p.m. at Festival Meadow on Sun Valley Road. Free admission and parking. Then stick around for the Jazz in the Park concert, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Rotary Park on Warm Springs and Saddle roads. Free admission.

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

Really, who needs to know where he's going?

Can you see through your spectacles? Be honest, now. Lots of folks can't.

Surveys show that many people with eyeglasses wear the wrong prescription strength, and even those with the right vision correction can't see through the lens because they're too dirty.

I have no idea if I'm wearing the right glasses — I got mine off the sale rack at Walgreens — but I haven't cleaned them since I bought them.

I hew to the philosophy of the great Radar O'Reilly of the old TV series "M*A*S*H." Radar was a myopic company clerk with a medical unit during the Korean War who wore goggles the thickness of shot glasses.

"Can you see anything through those filthy glasses?" asked his commanding officer, Col. Sherman Potter. "No, sir," O'Reilly replied. "But I know where everything is."

Just so. When I'm laboring at my computer to do justice to the language of Shakespeare and Wordsworth, I frankly don't have time to go find the Windex.

So I do what you do when you need to see something but can't. I squint.

Or tilt my head at an odd angle until I find a square inch or so of glass that isn't fogged with fingerprints and coffee stains.

Of course, there are limits. Wait too long to clean my specs, and I'll type one or two characters off so that my deathless prose looks as if it's Swahili.

I come from a long line of nearsighted people, and the women among them were almost all sewers and knitters. Having witnessed the eyeglasses they wore, I happen to know they didn't see a thing after age 50 or so.

Didn't matter. Remember

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DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

I have no idea if I'm wearing the right glasses — I got mine off the sale rack at Walgreens — but I haven't cleaned them since I bought them.

the movie "The Music Man" in which con-man/music teacher Harold Hill taught the town band to play through the "think system?" Same with my mom and my aunts.

They didn't need to see whether that scarf they were knitting for Uncle Albert was 2 inches long or 12 feet, for the product wasn't the point: It was the work. (It helps that I also come from a family of color-blind men, who really have no way of knowing whether the homemade cardigans they wore were gray or fuchsia.)

The only member of my family who ever consistently cleaned his glasses was my Uncle Fred, and he pretty much had to.

Fred farmed outside Soda Springs, where the wind blows without ceasing. To plow a field is to have your face — and your glasses — instantly covered with dust 2 inches thick.

It's a problem to clean your glasses under those circumstances, because the red bandanna stuffed in the back pocket over your Carhartt coveralls is also caked with silt. So Fred would stop from time to time, roll up his long-sleeved shirt and clear off the lenses of his glasses with his elbow.

Then he'd put his glasses back on and promptly run over an irrigation pipe.

But it's worth remembering that Benjamin Franklin essentially invented America when he couldn't see it. His eyesight was so poor that he kept switching spectacles of different strengths.

Annoyed, he cut two pairs of glasses in half and invented bifocals.

And you can bet they were dirty.

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Mannie's Jamboree and Arts in the Park, jamboree begins at 10 a.m., Arts in the Park open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Lincoln County Courthouse grounds, 111 W. B St., Shoshone, includes horse-drawn wagon rides, Union Pacific with rides on the Operation Lifesaver train and food vendors, no cost, 720-3358 or 308-5052.

Christian recording artist Scott Riggan in concert, presented by East End Ministerial Association, 1 p.m., Kimberly City Park, no cost, 423-5334.

"Miz Saigon," by Sun Valley Opera, featuring songs from Broadway musicals "Miss Saigon" and "Les Miserables," with music director Brett Strader, and performed by five singers, 8 p.m., Sun Valley Pavilion, \$28, \$49 and \$76, 888-622-2108, 622-2135 or seats.sunvalley.com.

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Rock Creek Station and Stricker homesite guided tour, 1 to 4 p.m., 5 miles south of Hansen, no cost, 731-3895.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Mirela Sulejamovic by e-mail at mirelas@magicvalley.com; by phone, 735-3278; 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.

FESTIVALS

Ketchum Arts Festival, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Festival Meadow on Sun Valley Road, no cost, 725-4090 or ketchumartsfestival.com.

Company seeks to buy Minidoka Co. BLM land

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Minidoka County may be growing a few more potatoes if a public land sale goes through.

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management announced Friday the potential sale of 262 acres northwest of Minidoka to Pasco, Wash.-based Western Mortgage. It also owns the surround-

ing land, so it proposed the purchase deal last year.

The company is aligned with the Oregon Potato Co., which has farms in several northwestern states.

The proposal prompted an environmental assessment. The January report found no impact on the land. If the sale is approved, the company will pay the

appraised fair market value of \$85,200. The money will go into an account that the government can use to buy other lands, such as inholdings.

The public is invited to comment on the sale until Aug. 23. Written comments should be sent to Ruth A. Miller, BLM Shoshone field manager, 400 W. F St., Shoshone, ID 83352.

PIE - RAFFLE FUN



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Guard

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of crust from his T-shirt.

For guardsmen like

Beverly, a former active-duty soldier who's been deployed to Haiti, Honduras

and Panama, a first deployment to "the big desert" remains something to take great care in preparing for.

For Guard families about to experience their first deployment, the lead-up to September's start of two months of training in Camp Shelby, Miss., is a time of uncertainty. Guard Family Readiness Group volunteers and the local Family Assistance Center hope to help with.

"We work together closely with a mutual goal to service the families," said Sonya Nowland, local family assistance specialist. "This is a first for a lot of military families."

On Saturday that service entailed providing a time of camaraderie and a message that support is available. Aside from the pie raffle, Snake Harley-Davidson of Twin Falls donated a motorcycle that helped raise \$20,000 for the Idaho Guard

and Reserve Family Emergency Relief Fund.

"We've had (guardsmen work for us) in the past and I have good friends in the Guard," said Snake Harley-Davidson representative T.J. Woodhall. "When they're deployed, they leave the community and our lives. I just don't think we can do enough to support them and their families."

The motorcycle was won by a Boise resident who nobody at the event knew, apparently, as a few calls of "Pull another one," came after the winning ticket was announced.

While participation in Saturday's event wasn't mandatory, Nowland said, it was coordinated with the month's weekend of training and turnout was good, with several hundred people in attendance.

"It's just that camaraderie," Beverly said of the value of the event. "My MP platoon, we're real close. The MPs I work with and work for, they're good guys."

Today their shoulders will trade the weight of Saturday's piggybacking toddlers for the gear the guard members will carry into Iraq.

As the event wrapped up, Capt. Douglas Uphoff reminded guard members of the task at hand: training resumes at 8 a.m.

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Proposed Snake River subdivision scrutinized by T.F. county board

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

The Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission will wait until at least September before deciding whether to approve development of a subdivision along the Snake River north of Buhl.

Washington state-based developer D&J Miller is seeking a conditional use permit to build a 12-lot residential subdivision called River's Edge on 34 acres of riverfront property. On Thursday P&Z tabled a decision after members decided they needed more information on the request.

Land owners Dan and June Miller of Washington state were represented by Rod Mathis of Twin Falls-based Riedesel Engineering. Mathis cleared up many of the board's questions, though some remain.

One potential red flag of the project was identified by South Central Public Health District Environmental Health Specialist Craig Paul, who said his agency's review of the plan wasn't complete.

"We cannot guarantee that all lots will have septic and drain fields," Paul said.

The board also requested developers note restrictions tied to the property, such as following special wetland and river setbacks for septic systems and buildings, along with considerations for a waterfall and springs that run through the property and public access along the river.

Mathis argued that land-use restrictions could be drawn up within subdivision homeowners' association rules. P&Z Director Bill Crafton said if such information was on the deed it would be permanent.

"We're going to want something that runs with the

land," Crafton said.

Some lots have limited land availability for building, P&Z Commissioner Kattie Wonenberg said, pointing out easements, setbacks and steep terrain builders would be subjected to.

"How conducive is that going to be to building a home?" she asked.

Another key issue, brought up by Commissioner Jay Barlogi, was how developers would control water runoff.

"How do you intend to manage storm runoff without eroding the road?" Barlogi asked.

Mathis said water would be collected onsite and individual homeowners would have to provide on-lot water storage. Developers also have to investigate water availability for a pressurized irrigation system and fire protection.

While many neighbors wrote the commission in favor of the project, saying

property values would increase due to the development, Jay Higley, who owns nearby property, contended home values may drop.

He said upfront cost to prepare the land to build homes on steep land parcels may lead the developers to decrease listed prices in an attempt to sell lots.

"This is an area sought after," he said. "There's high demand."

Commissioners seemed to favor the project Thursday, as long as county conditions are met.

"I think this is a great place for a subdivision," Wonenberg said. "However, there are a lot of things to get fixed."

The board will likely consider the matter during its September meeting.

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Accident claims motorcyclist in T.F. Co.

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noon after he failed to negotiate a curve, traveled 60 feet off the road and hit a tree.

County sheriff's deputies responded to the accident near the Lower Penstemon Campground after receiving a call on the incident at 2:15 p.m.

Stewart said the accident victim's name won't be released until his family is notified.

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Filer schools OK 2011 budget

By John E. Swayze
Times-News correspondent

FILER — The Filer School District board met Thursday to approve an \$8.6 million budget for fiscal year 2011, which began July 1.

District Superintendent John Graham presented rough details on a general fund revenue balance that will see a reduction of approximately \$570,000. The reduction comes after the Legislature approved a 7.5 percent cut to public schools funding for fiscal year 2011.

"If you combine that with last year's \$400,000 (cut), we are somewhere between \$900,000 and \$1 million short over a year period," Graham said. "You'll also see that next year's beginning revenue

Salaries, which include a 5.5 percent cut for teachers, are expected to be reduced by \$185,000.

balance will be down about \$40,000 from the previous year's starting balance of \$1.3 million."

Salaries, which include a 5.5 percent cut for teachers, are expected to be reduced by \$185,000. That figure is expected to be offset by a \$134,000 increase in what are categorized as other funds in the budget's salary line item.

"A good portion of that increase over the last year's \$686,000 figure is what's being utilized for what we're calling a buy-back for

furlough and professional development days," Graham said. "Teaching supplies and materials also has a reduction from \$200,000 to \$169,000. The reason is that the state had been providing extra funding and discontinued that."

Kermit Leir, the district's business manager, pointed out that exact details of the budget will not be known until an audit is completed in mid-August.

"There are a lot of estimates in here, and hopefully I'm somewhat close," Leir said. "I anticipate having a more detailed budget no later than the September board meeting and possibly by the August meeting."

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Twin Falls road projects progress

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A Friday city of Twin Falls press release reminds motorists traveling through construction along Washington Street North to proceed with caution.

Construction along Washington from Pole Line Road south to Addison Avenue is in full swing, with the section between Pole Line and Filer Avenue scheduled for completion by early winter. Before that, the permanent stoplight at the intersection of Washington and North College Road should be installed by the end of August. North College motorists are urged to turn right only at the current stop-sign-controlled intersection.

Falls Avenue West remains open to local traffic only as curb and gutter work

continues. The widening project is scheduled to be completed by late summer or early fall.

Replacement of the sewer line at the top of Canyon Springs Road continues

with intermittent traffic delays of up to 20 minutes during the day. Both lanes of traffic remain open during the evenings, and work is scheduled to be completed by the end of the month.



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Kandahar

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foreign forces just now getting around to governance and development, nearly nine years into the longest war the United States has ever fought.

In the struggle to coax Kandahar civilians away from the Taliban, U.S. commanders have ordered NATO troops to join with civilian development experts to create a competent government in a city where none exists. But the effort has so far seen few concrete results.

Development projects have been modest and plagued by insurgent attacks or threats against Afghan workers. Civilians complain of shakedowns by Afghan police. Many U.S. soldiers say they don't fully trust their nominal allies in the Afghan police or army, who are scheduled to take responsibility for security by next summer.

What little government exists in Kandahar is overshadowed by a cabal of Afghan hustlers who have milked connections to high government officials to earn illicit fortunes. Last month, a congressional subcommittee said Afghan warlords have siphoned off millions of dollars through protection rackets involving security escorts for NATO convoys.

All this weighs down U.S. efforts to bring Kandahar under control. The province is the focus of the "surge" of 30,000 troops ordered by President Barack Obama in December, but the heavy combat sweeps promised by top U.S. commanders in briefings to reporters last winter have not taken place. Those same commanders now say there will be no massive military operation here, instead describing a sustained effort designed to establish security bit by bit to pave the way for development and proper governance.

Most of the added troops have been patrolling Kandahar for weeks, pumping Afghans for information on insurgents while promising development and a responsive government. An accompanying civilian surge — specialists in government, development, agriculture, policing — is cranking out various community projects from their air-conditioned office redoubts.

The Taliban have responded with a surge of their own — an onslaught of assassinations, rocket attacks, car bombings and homemade bombs. The 103 NATO troops killed in June made it the deadliest single month since the war began.

This is the landscape that greets Gen. David H. Petraeus as he takes command following the firing of Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal, whose time at the helm lasted just a year. Petraeus has his own short timetable: he is under pressure to show swift results in order to meet Obama's determination to begin drawing down troop levels by August 2011.

The leadership change reinforces the sense here that the U.S. has been engaged in a series of one-year wars since toppling the Taliban in 2001. Because the typical troop rotation is about 12 months, each year brings a



Los Angeles Times/MCT photo

A member of the U.S. Army's military police, left, walks past an Afghan National Police Humvee at the start of a joint patrol operation on May 22 in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

"Why has it taken eight years to commit the resources to do what we really need to do here?

We took our eyes off the ball. So we've really been at this for a year, not eight years."

— Kevin Melton, an American contractor

new approach that often is at odds with the previous effort.

Kevin Melton, an American contractor who heads civilian operations in the Arghandab district northwest of Kandahar, said the U.S. began making a concerted effort in Kandahar only a year ago. From 2001 to 2006, there was no significant U.S. or NATO troop presence in Kandahar.

"Why has it taken eight years to commit the resources to do what we really need to do here?" Melton asked. "We took our eyes off the ball. So we've really been at this for a year, not eight years."

In Arghandab, Melton works in the same heavily guarded building on a U.S. military base as four Afghan district officials struggling to create a local government.

Afghans who wish to visit the district office must first pass through three security posts — a search by Afghan police, then Afghan Army and finally a U.S. search.

The tight security underscores the frailty of the fledgling local government, whose officials must take refuge on American military bases. When the Arghandab district governor, Abdul Jabar, ventured out June 15, he was killed by a car bomb.

Corruption is another corrosive problem. The national government of President Hamid Karzai is riddled with officials who have enriched themselves through bribery, government contracts and the nation's lucrative opium trade.

At Camp Nathan Smith in downtown Kandahar, the secured offices of U.S. development officials feature a chart of the Karzai family tree. Laid out like a prosecutor's crime family operation, the chart documents the expansive business empire of Karzai's extended family. Western officials have accused Karzai's brother, Ahmed Wali Karzai, of parlaying family connections into an enterprise that controls trucking, security, drug and protection operations.

The president and his

brother, who heads the Kandahar provincial council, have called the accusations false and politically motivated.

For soldiers charged with driving the Taliban from Kandahar, convincing ordinary Afghans that their government and security forces are honest and capable is daunting, especially because U.S. troops spend an inordinate amount of time trying to survive roadside bombs and ambushes on the roads.

"Our focus right now is on staying alive," said Sgt. 1st Class Jeremiah Mason, an 82nd Airborne Division paratrooper whose platoon has encountered nearly 50 roadside bombs during several hundred foot patrols in Arghandab.

The platoon has built good relations with local villagers, but has been able to mount only small aid donations. There is virtually no local government presence — only farming villages with no plumbing or electricity.

U.S. officers here carry "talking point" cards issued by the U.S. military. The message: The Afghan army and police are taking the lead. The Afghan government is ready to serve the people.

But for all the attempts to put an Afghan face on the future, it is clear to all that this is an American show. Even illiterate Afghan villagers know that the U.S. provides the money, the troops and the leadership for what is called "Operation Hamkari," or "cooperation" in Pashto and Dari.

"We're the funders, the people in charge, and the Afghans know that," said an American aid official in Kandahar. "But we have to act like the government until the actual government is able to take over."

Nor is U.S.-Afghan cooperation running smoothly on security operations. Afghan army and police units are housed in separate compounds next to U.S. bases. Soldiers say they fear the Afghans will steal supplies and weapons or leak infor-

mation to the Taliban. Officers say they do not tell Afghan security forces of impending missions.

One hot afternoon in Kandahar city, U.S. military police serving as mentors to Afghan police arrived at a police sub-station for a previously scheduled foot patrol. The Afghans had disappeared. Afghan National Police from a different unit had to be roused from mid-day naps and dragged into patrolling.

"The ANP is only good for five or six hours," said Capt. Michael Thurman, commander of the 293rd Military Police Company. "They take a long break at mid-day and they won't stay out overnight."

For all the challenges, civilian officials in Kandahar insist that progress is possible.

Bill Harris, the top U.S. reconstruction civilian for Kandahar province, said the troop withdrawal date next summer should convince Afghan that this is their last chance.

"Now is the time," Harris said. "We've never had the troop strength here we have now. We've never had the resources we have now. If we'd had this strategy two or three years ago, things would look a lot better than they do now," he said.

In Arghandab, Melton pointed to signs of progress. Seventeen "clusters" of local leaders representing 75 villages have been created, he said. They meet weekly at the district center on the U.S. base to air grievances. Village elders have signed agreements promising to cooperate with U.S. and Afghan forces against the Taliban.

Agricultural and irrigation projects have helped create 16,000 farm jobs. Local officials are predicting the best pomegranate harvest in seven years.

"For the first time, people are telling me: Yes, this is what we want," Melton said.

Even so, he said, security remains tenuous, and many Afghans in Arghandab have asked how long the U.S. will remain committed here, given Obama's August 2011 deadline.

"We are at the tipping point," Melton said. "My two pillars of governance and economic development are going in. Now we'll see if the table can stand."

Lemhi County sheriff retires after charges filed

SALMON (AP) — The Lemhi County sheriff in central Idaho has retired halfway through a four-year term following charges of disturbing the peace and second offense driving under the influence of alcohol.

Special Prosecutor Randy Neal on Saturday declined to discuss with The Associated Press details of what led to the disturbing the peace charge.

A message left at a phone number listed as Slavin's was not immediately returned on Saturday.

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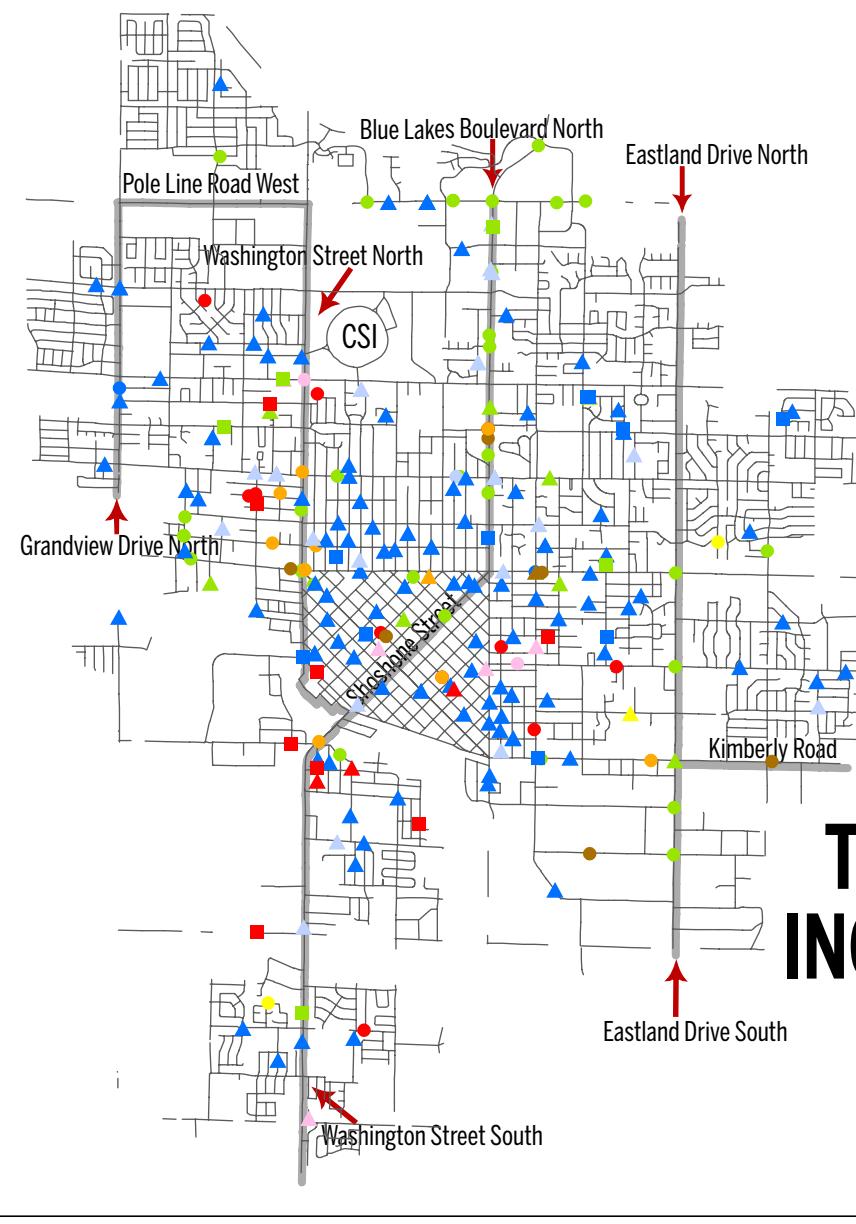
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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCING

Charles C. Pond, 28, Hazelton; driving under the influence; \$800 fine, \$400 suspended; \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee; 180 days jail, 178 suspended, one credited, eight hours work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

Jeffery M. Helseth, 32, Buhl; driving under the influence, excessive, second offense; amended to driving under the influence; \$1000 fine, \$500 suspended; \$187.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee; 180 days jail, 160 suspended, one credited; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

Larry K. Heward, 21, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, excessive; amended to second offense; \$1,000 fine, \$800 suspended; \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee; 180 days jail suspended, 48 credited; driving privileges suspended 365 days; 12 months probation; driving without privileges, two or more violations in five years; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$50 costs; 180 days suspended, 48 credited; driving privileges suspended 365 days; 12 months probation.

CIVIL FILINGS

Idaho State Police vs. One 2002 Silver Mitsubishi Gallant; complaint for forfeiture in rem; defendant vehicle was allegedly used/intended for use, to transport and/or to facilitate the transportation, delivery, receipt, possession or concealment, for the purpose of distribution/receipt of marijuana. Plaintiff prays for relief for vehicle to be forfeited and be awarded its costs and attorney fees.

State of Idaho vs. Michael A. Martin; fugitive complaint and order of detention.

CHILD SUPPORT CASES

The State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child support Services have filed claims against the following: Christina M. Combs. Seeking establishment for medical sup-

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port: 34 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; if delinquent, a lien will be placed upon defendant's real and personal property for at least 90 days or \$2,000 fine, whichever is less.

Curt D. Weeks Jr. Seeking establishment for child support: \$310 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$930 public assistance and child support reimbursement; 50 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

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Alfredo Guer. Seeking establishment of paternity, Medicaid reimbursement and child support: \$251 monthly support plus 59 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$8,034.28 birth costs reimbursement; 50 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

Valentine S. Ramirez, 20; lewd conduct with child under 16 amended to injury to a child, \$875.50 costs, five years probation, one to five years prison, nine days credited,

DIVORCES FILED

Harold D. Mort vs. Bonnie L. Mort
Kim C. Fife vs. Alan B. Fife Jr.
Robin M. Watkins vs. Tim S. Watkins
Barbara J. Harrell vs. Christopher A. Harrell
Nedra L. Jamison vs. Dale L. Jamison
Teresa Saucedo vs. Julian Saucedo

CASSIA COUNTY FELONY SENTENCING

Laford Earl Weeks Jr., 35; two counts burglary (persistent violator), \$850.50 costs, \$13,857.15 restitution, three to 20 years prison, 381 days credited, sentence includes count 2 part 2-persistent violator; two counts burglary, dismissed on motion of prosecutor; petit theft, dismissed on motion of prosecutor.

Gregory Eugene Higgins, 57; possession of controlled substance with intent to manufacture or deliver, \$860.50 costs, \$1,056.90 restitution, three to 10 years prison, 13 days credited, retained jurisdiction; possession of controlled substance, delivery, possession or manufacture of drug paraphernalia, possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use (misdemeanor), driving without privileges, all dismissed on motion of prosecutor.

Leonard Eriberto Archuleta, 54; driving under the influence, \$289 fine, \$328.50 costs, driver's license suspended 180 days, 24 months probation, 180 days jail, 157 suspended, 23 credited; providing false information to an officer, dismissed by prosecutor; resisting or obstructing officers, dismissed by prosecutor; driver's license violation, dismissed by prosecutor; contempt of court, one day jail credited.

penitentiary suspended; rape of female under age 18 (statutory rape), dismissed pursuant to amended information filed, dismissed on motion of prosecutor.

MINIDOKA COUNTY FELONY SENTENCING

Sergio Ricardo Romero, 47; injury to railroad property, \$125.50 costs, three to six years prison, 39 days credited, penitentiary suspended.

Gerald Perez, 28; driving under the influence (felony), \$920.50 costs, \$100 restitution, driver's license suspended five years, two to eight years prison, 11 days credited, retained jurisdiction; driving without privileges (third offense), misdemeanor, dismissed on motion of prosecutor.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCING

Yuliana Rodriguez, 21; driving under the influence (under age 21), \$100 fine; failure to purchase or invalid driver's license, \$100 fine.

Leonard Eriberto Archuleta, 54; driving under the influence, \$289 fine, \$328.50 costs, driver's license suspended 180 days, 24 months probation, 180 days jail, 157 suspended, 23 credited; providing false information to an officer, dismissed by prosecutor; resisting or obstructing officers, dismissed by prosecutor; driver's license violation, dismissed by prosecutor; contempt of court, one day jail credited.

Crapo, Risch oppose state Republicans on 17th Amendment

IDAHO FALLS— U.S.

Sens. Mike Crapo and Jim Risch, both Republicans, say they oppose repealing the 17th Amendment, a goal approved by the Idaho Republican Party at its convention last month.



Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter on Friday released a statement saying he sympathized with supporters of the resolution, but declined to state his own position.

Rep. Pete Nielsen, R-Mountain Home, is a backer of the resolution that he said is also supported by Otter, and that socialism in the federal government would be stopped by repealing the amendment.

"I have supported (repeal), and the governor has supported this, for a very long time," he said. "If we had the senators responsible to the state legislators, well that's the state of Idaho right there. We need to have those senators responsible to the state legislators."

Rep. JoAn Wood, R-Rigby, also supports repealing the 17th Amendment.

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Jackson shop owners say shootout show hurts business

By Kevin Huelsmann
Jackson Hole News & Guide

JACKSON, Wyo. — They're drawing a bead on the shootout that takes place nightly on Jackson Town Square.

In the past several months, business owners have sent a string of letters and e-mails to town councilors about the shootout in which they detail numerous incidents of property damage and crowds blocking the entrances to their businesses.

In the letters, business owners repeatedly say they support the shootout, which is held at 6 p.m. Monday to Saturday between Memorial Day and Labor Day, but do not think it should be held in front of their stores.

"We are not against the nightly shootout but believe that our corner is not appropriate for several reasons," said Leslie Still, proprietor of Buffalo Trails Gallery, in a letter sent to councilors. "Because of the design of the walk and the railing, people are forced into a narrow space. Our front door is completely blocked by the spectators, not allowing entry or exiting of our gallery."

Others have safety concerns because spectators sit and lean on balcony railings not designed to hold such weight. In addition, they report some property damage caused by the crowds.

The council moved the shootout, now in its 54th sea-

son, to the corner of Deloney Avenue and Center Street from its previous location on Broadway two years ago to relieve congestion on the road to St. John's Medical Center, councilor Mark Obringer said.

The changing 20-minute melodrama features bar maids, American Indians, snake oil salesmen and, of course, a duel. Still said the problems began immediately after the move.

After sending a letter to councilors in April, Still said she was directed to come to a meeting and address the council with her worries.

She did so in May and was told town staff would look into the matter and continue to monitor it. Since then, however, no action has been taken and the problem persists, Still said.

She and other business and building owners in the area requested that the town consider moving the shootout into the middle of the Town Square so no businesses are affected.

"They raise some legitimate concerns, and we need to address them," Town Manager Bob McLaurin said. "There has been some property damage, and if it stays there, we need to talk about what we can do to prevent that from happening."

McLaurin said he asked Town Clerk Roxanne DeVries Robinson to organize a meeting with business owners along the Town Square as well as with representatives

from the Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce to discuss the issue.

There are many supporters of the long-standing event, which began in 1957 and draws hundreds regularly.

"People come in and get stocked up before the shootout," said Rick Bickner, owner of Moo's Gourmet Ice Cream, which has a store at the corner of Deloney and Center. "It's been good for me, but it pulls people into town for dinner, too."

Bickner said the solution could be as simple as just reinforcing the railings on some of the elevated boardwalks.

"I think you can take a positive approach to this and not just say we need to get it out of here," he said.

Obringer said he was open to moving the event but said the council will likely have to deal with problems at any location.

"It started on the square and we could move it back there but there would probably be some problems with it there, too," Obringer said. "If we're going to hold a shootout, it's going to have to be somewhere."

Still said that moving the event to the grassy area in the middle of the Town Square would help reduce the

impacts on any business owner.

"We all pay a monthly rent to be on the square and have a short amount of time to make income to support our businesses," Still said in another

e-mail. "I am not against the shootout, but I think these and any other functions that are held should be on the Town Square park so businesses do not have to suffer and lose money."



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Fish & Game sets fall chinook season

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Once it starts, the season will continue daily until further notice — or Oct. 31, at the latest.

Fishery managers predict 23,075 adult hatchery chinook salmon will cross Washington state's Lower Granite Dam, the last of four federal dams on the lower Snake River on their way back to Idaho.

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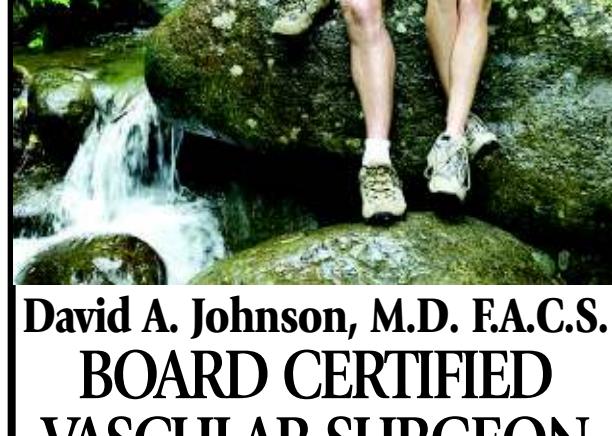
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jail, the day's head count would be 175, leaving only three beds open for new bookings.

One of Carter's options for dealing with the projected surge in jail population — leasing beds from Jerome County — again fell through in May when Jerome County voters rejected a lease-purchase funding proposal to build a \$13.5 million jail and sheriff's office north of the Snake River Canyon.

It was the second time funding for the proposed 165-bed Jerome County Criminal Justice Facility failed at the polls. In November the measure fell 21 votes shy of gaining 66.7 percent supermajority voter approval. It gained only 60 percent voter approval in the May primary election.

Today Jerome County officials are exploring more options to replace their existing 34-bed lockup, and Jerome County Commissioner Charlie Howell said a bond levy vote to fund a new facility is planned for November.

Gooding County is currently Twin Falls County's favored option to house excess inmates, as Sheriff Shaun Gough recently said that he had 20-plus beds



St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center, seen here, was briefly discussed as a potential site to jail Twin Falls County inmates once St. Luke's moves to a new building in north Twin Falls. That idea fell flat, however, as county commissioners determined retrofitting the building to house inmates would be cost-prohibitive.

open at his facility.

Of the 13 Twin Falls County inmates housed in other counties on July 7, six were housed in Gooding County. One inmate was held in Custer County Jail in Challis, two in the Blaine County Detention Facility in Hailey, one in Jerome County, and one in the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center in Burley.

Another was held at Canyon View Behavioral Health Services in Twin Falls.

The cost to the county to board one inmate for one day in Twin Falls is \$53, while the county pays between \$50 and \$60 per day to board each out-of-county inmate. Added to that cost is anywhere from \$69 to \$296 in transportation costs per trip to shuttle

each inmate to and from other facilities. This year, the county budgeted \$152,000 to house inmates outside of Twin Falls County.

Hughes said he doesn't expect counties to raise their boarding rates. But if gas prices ever increase to \$4 per gallon or beyond — which is what Carter has projected in the department's fiscal 2011 budget — transportation

costs will rise.

Deputy Aaron Koopmans, who handles many transport jobs, said deputies try to be as efficient as possible. When possible, the county moves multiple inmates at once if they're scheduled to appear in court on the same date.

Despite the gas costs, Koopmans said that deputy overtime is no longer the burden it was in 2002-03, as staffing is adequate enough that off-duty deputies no longer have to be called in to help with inmate transport. However, he couldn't speculate whether transportation-related overtime would increase again if Hughes' projections come to pass.

"Does it have the potential?" Koopmans said. "We can't control the crime rates."

So what's next for Carter and Hughes? The solution is obvious to Carter and his staff: "In a perfect world, we would expand this facility and take transportation (of inmates) out of the equation."

The reality is much more difficult.

Twin Falls County Commissioner Terry Kramer said that the county isn't in a position to invest money in the jail.

"Logistically, it's not a good time," he said.

Kramer said that the jail population is running in a tolerable range. He said that there's still hope for a Jerome County facility in the near future, from which the county could lease beds.

Other options were bandied about, including utilizing the hospital building on Addison Avenue East once St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center moves to its new facility on the north side of town. However, the old hospital isn't viable to hold inmates, Kramer said. Retrofitting the hospital with security features required to operate it as a jail is cost-prohibitive, he said. If anything, some space there could be used for programs such as drug and alcohol treatment or work release, Kramer added.

As it stands, Twin Falls County will continue to transport and board inmates in other counties while keeping an eye on Jerome's jail situation.

"All we can do is come up with plans — viable solutions," Carter said, "and submit them."

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Sockeye

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of fish then, on the brink of extinction. Some years only a handful made it as far as the dam, the last one on the Snake River that salmon and steelhead must pass on their drive for spawning grounds. Only a few years ago, seeing a sockeye at the dam would have been akin to drawing a royal flush when playing five-card stud poker.

Now Peterson sees sockeye all the time. He works on a sockeye conservation project where the returning fish are trapped in the Stanley Basin and bred in a hatchery.

That program has dramatically increased the number of sockeye smolts raised and released each year. The releases, which rose from about 30,000 to 200,000 annually, have led to an uptick in the number of adults that make it back to Idaho's Stanley Basin each year.

Last year more than 1,200 were counted at the dam and more than 800 returned to their spawning grounds.

This year as many as 1,500 might make it at least as far as Granite and perhaps 1,000 to Stanley Basin.

Peterson was at the dam to work on a new sockeye conservation strategy.

Although sockeye have taken a step back from the brink, they remain critically endangered.



An Idaho Department of Fish and Game truck bound for Eagle Fish Hatchery leaves Lower Granite Dam near Lewiston on Tuesday, carrying four sockeye salmon.

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They also return in the middle of summer when high water temperatures in the Snake and Salmon rivers can be lethal to salmon and steelhead.

best day so far," Peterson said.

Those four sockeye were loaded into tanks in the back of a pickup truck and whisked to the hatchery where they will be kept for a few months. In the early fall they will be spawned and their offspring will be released back into Redfish Lake or one of its sister lakes, Alturas and Pettit.

It's all part of an effort to make sure sockeye don't become extinct. Idaho hopes to build a new hatchery near American Falls devoted strictly to sockeye. When that happens, about 1 million sockeye smolts will be raised and released each year. Peterson said that could lead to returns of 5,000 to 10,000 adults each year.

On Monday, 142 sockeye were counted passing the dam. That is a record and it could be short lived. Peterson expects daily counts to be around 100 or above for a short period.

"It's a good feeling. Things are going well," Peterson said of the state of the sockeye run.

Biologists are learning that sockeye can succeed if they survive their outmigration to the ocean as juveniles.

"If we can get them to the ocean it appears right now they are going to come back," he said.

Unlike steelhead and chinook, Peterson said sockeye smolts tend to migrate quickly downriver and in one big group.

That safety-in-numbers strategy might help them survive better. It takes juveniles about nine to 12 days to make it from Stanley to

Lower Granite. Chinook take 25 to 30 days. The adults are also quick. Peterson said it takes adults about one month to travel from Granite, more than 400 miles upriver to Stanley.

During salmon and steelhead runs, a small portion of the returning fish are trapped at the dam. Currently Darren Ogden, a fisheries biologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, is trapping about 4 percent of the run. That means a trap on the fish ladder is open about 4 percent of every hour.

Every other day, Peterson and fish and game biologist Dan Green visit the dam to see if any sockeye are in the trap. On Tuesday there were.

"We got four, which is the

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Small Business Administration loans on the rise

By Sharon Bernstein
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Federally backed loans to small businesses are increasing as more banks participate in federal lending programs — at least for now.

The stepped-up lending through the Small Business Administration comes at a time when thousands of small businesses say they are choking from a lack of funds; many have gone out of business because they don't have the money to purchase inventory or equipment.

"The market has changed," said Gary Youmans, senior vice president of Pacific Alliance Bank in Rosemead, Calif., which recently stepped up its SBA lending.

"They've made it more attractive for both sides — the lenders and the borrowers."

The SBA supports bank lending in a variety of ways, including guaranteeing a portion of the loan amount and requiring lower down payments on some commercial real estate loans.

With cash from one of Youmans' loans, businessman Steve Williamson has been able to buy and begin reconstruction of a Robeks juice franchise in Fullerton, Calif. Williamson came to Pacific Alliance Bank after his regular lender stopped making loans through the federal program.

More than 1,350 banks have returned to the main SBA lending program after dropping out, the

SBA said last week. According to its data, financial institutions have made about 46,000 SBA loans so far this year, 30 percent more than at the same time last year.

SBA loans make up a small portion of total lending to small companies, but the SBA numbers are viewed as a good indicator of the financial health of small business.

Still, the credit crunch for small businesses is far from over, and many bankers say they're still not ready to trust the federal program. That's bad news for small companies that have been hurt in the economic downturn, because many no longer have the pristine credit required for regular bank loans.

Nearly two weeks ago, longtime Southern California retailer Ken

Crane's Home Entertainment began liquidation sales, in part because of difficulty in obtaining credit to buy merchandise to sell. The television and electronics chain is expected to close within weeks.

And Maurice Stein, the owner of make-up supply house Cinema Secrets in Burbank, Calif., said his company was teetering because it couldn't get loans to pay for the cosmetics, wigs and Halloween costumes that it sells.

"Not one lending institution has come through," said Stein, who said he had applied for loans at more than seven banks. "It's horrible.... I don't know how much longer we're going to last."

Bank of America Corp., which was among those rejoining the

ranks of lenders in one of the SBA's key programs, estimated that it would make only 500 new loans in that program nationwide this year and may reduce its participation going forward.

The American Bankers Association, the industry trade group in Washington, also greeted the federal loan numbers cautiously, saying that while many of its members are again testing the waters, the industry has not fully embraced federal small business lending programs.

"Some of those that are back in are not dramatically back in," said James Ballantine, the group's senior vice president. The thaw in small business lending is still just a slow melt, he said.

High tech is low key in S.C. Idaho

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

South-central Idaho has its strengths, but attracting high tech startups isn't one of them.

The absence of high tech — no matter how small the company may be — is one of the many reasons why Magic Valley reports one of the lowest median incomes in Idaho and even the nation.

In 2008, the average payroll tied to the high tech industry in southwestern Idaho, which includes giants such as Micron and Hewlett-Packard, was about \$1 billion. Southeastern Idaho, which houses the Idaho National Laboratory, also reported about a \$1 billion in high tech payroll, with more than \$530 million of that payroll attributed to small-to-medium sized companies conducting research and development.

South-central Idaho came in last, with about \$135 million in high tech payroll.

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and other industries that are unable or too costly to operate in other parts of the state.

The department of labor study classifies high-tech jobs as 71 areas such as computer science, mathematics, engineering, and programming.

Labor officials say job losses in the high-tech sector are not isolated to south-central Idaho. Idaho has lost 6,300 of its high tech jobs — about 11 percent in that sector. But they say there is good news too: Between 2007 and 2009, Idaho gained 250 small high-tech companies.

Entrepreneurs who lost their jobs or just left them have found an opportunity in the recession to capitalize on their ideas, said Jay Larsen, the president of the Idaho Technology Council, a statewide group dedicated to promoting high technology businesses.

Talented workers are in strong supply, Larsen added.

"Whenever you have a down economy like we have, you have a lot of people start things up," Larsen said. Despite the recession, "we still have an ecosystem that has a lot of opportunities."

Idaho's economy is limping badly, with unemployment at almost 9 percent. The state lost 39,000 jobs in 2008 and 2009, according to a report released recently by the Idaho Department of Labor. Overall, about 6 percent of Idaho jobs in all sectors disappeared in the recession; technology fared even worse.

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Photos by MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News
The front of TKO Custom Homes newest mixed-use development on Addison Avenue East in Twin Falls gets its finishing touches. The office center will house a cafe and boutique shops on the first floor, as well as office space on the second floor.

A place for work and relaxation

TKO builds mixed-use development with touch of Tuscany

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Addison Avenue East in Twin Falls has been largely ignored by developers in recent years, passed up in favor of property along the canyon rim and the Blue Lakes Boulevard corridor.

But it's along this route that TKO Custom Homes is building its next mixed-use development, which will house a new cafe, as well as retail and office space — TKO also built a mixed use development on Washington Street North that houses Zulu Bagels and office space.

TKO's newest development across from Smith's grocery store on Addison Avenue boasts more than 6,000 square feet with a Tuscany themed design.

"We felt that it was time to start this project, and we wanted to do something that looked really nice," said Jared Hunt, controller for TKO Custom Homes. "I think this accomplishes that, and it has some features that are hard to find anywhere else."

Some of those features include an indoor/outdoor fireplace, a private patio and meeting room. The stucco and stone design stands in



The second floor patio has an indoor/outdoor fireplace and a conference room. Jared Hunt, TKO Custom Homes controller, said all but one of the storefronts has been leased.

stark contrast to the older buildings that line the busy street. Individual office and retail spaces range from 800 square feet to about 1,000 square feet.

Hunt said Kim Ostrom, owner of Zulu Bagels, will open a cafe called After Hours, which is expected to serve food and craft beers.

"It's actually gone really well finding tenants," he said. "We have four tenants already and we're searching for one more that will be a good fit."

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Obama vs. big business: a losing battle for all

WASHINGTON — There is no denying it — bad blood has developed between big business and the Obama administration, and that's not a good thing.

Business executives dis-



Steven Pearlstein

like the uncertainty created by health-care reform and financial regulation, and the political stalemate over climate change and immigra-

tion. They hear the demonizing rhetoric directed at the health insurance industry, Wall Street and oil companies. They see a wave of new regulation heading

their way after years of writing their own rules. They know that balancing the budget will almost certainly mean higher taxes.

It's all true, and it's coming at a terrible time for the economy. And with trust in big business now down near single digits, it's no wonder these chief executives are feeling like the political deck is suddenly stacked

against them.

"When citizens distrust big business, governments will follow suit," Jeff Immelt, the chief executive of General Electric, wrote to shareholders earlier this year. "We can find ourselves in a sort of 'dark cycle,' where the people who can make our economy better are considered its worst enemies. The rallying cry

becomes, 'Why can't you clowns just create some jobs?'

That was in February. Today, many of those overpaid and coddled chief executives have convinced themselves that they're not the ones to be blamed for the lack of private-sector job growth, but rather the anti-business clowns at the White House and in

Congress.

There's little doubt that businesses are holding back. Right now they are sitting on more cash than they know what to do with, thanks to strong profits, depreciation that exceeds new investment and meager spending on researching, developing and marketing

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A SHOT IN THE DARK



Courtesy photo

A Shot in the Dark coffee house is the newest coffee shop in Twin Falls. There will be a grand opening with a ribbon cutting at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the coffee shop, between Big 5 Sporting Goods and Snake River Pool and Spa on North Blue Lakes Blvd. Live music will follow.

The business is locally owned and operated by Lisa McClain of Twin Falls, A Shot in the Dark offers the convenience of drive thru services and a cozy comfortable indoor atmosphere.

The coffee shop serves locally roasted beans from Hailey Coffee Co., and offers 'Grab and Go' breakfast items along with wraps and salads for lunch with a large drink menu. Plus, the coffee shop has a private meeting room, cozy fireplace, free Wi-Fi and an experienced staff. Pictured from left, front: Lisa McClain, Sierra Anderson and Danielle Schaal; back: Veronica Smith, Nicole Marona, Crystal Neil, Kelsey Mahler; and not pictured: Chantel Miller, Angie Clark and Jennifer Aarmga-McCurdy.

SNAKE RIVER JIU JITSU



Courtesy photo

Snake River Jiu Jitsu, at 222 Overland Ave., is a new business that recently opened in Burley. It is a mixed martial arts and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu gym for all experience levels to practice, learn striking and ground fighting techniques, discipline and get in shape. Brandon Christensen is the owner.

Brandon 'Bam Bam' Christensen is a professional fighter with 16 bouts and is the former Boise Middle Weight Title holder. Snake River Jiu Jitsu is an affiliate with Alliance Jiu Jitsu under Professor Mitch Coats of Boise, who is a black belt under Alexandre 'Gigi' Paiva. Classes available: Kids Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, Adult Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, MMA and Crossfit.

The business is open from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Business number is 949-8739. There are no monthly contracts.

Pictured: back row: Sam Einlander, Ricardo Reyes, Lance Robinson, Gerald Burton and Thomas Pike; next row: Anthony Trujillo, Agustin Gabiola, Keva Robinson, Juan Alvarado and Quentin Taylor; short row: Fletcher Taylor, Bo Warner and Lincoln Taylor; bottom row: Zach Hollibaugh, Professor Mitch Coats and Brandon Christensen.

Tech

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ups are cropping up in south-central Idaho — which will continue to keep the average wage in south-central Idaho lower than that state and national average.

At an average of \$70,000 per year, Idaho's high-tech workers bring in far more than the \$37,000 average of Idaho's other workers, but far less than high-tech workers in most other states, according to Idaho Department of Labor.

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Idaho's ranked 40th in the nation for its high-tech pay, a drop from 30th in 2006.

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are using their cellphones as street map, Yellow Pages and events guide to the neighborhood. The two college students are also among a fast-growing population of cellphone users — led by minorities — who are taking advantage of more powerful devices, an explosion of applications and cheaper access to the Web.

Six out of 10 African Americans and Hispanics use their cellphones to get onto the Internet, a greater portion than for the overall adult population, according

to a report by the Pew Research Center released this week.

Experts say the reasons for the high adoption rates are numerous. Ethnic minorities are often first-adopters of new technology. Cities such as Washington have become giant hot spots, with free Wi-Fi connections in public libraries, community centers, bookstores and coffee shops. And a phone with a flat-rate data plan — while still expensive for many — is more affordable than a \$1,000 computer and

monthly broadband connections of more than \$50 a month.

"There is a value proposition with a single device with a single payment plan that allows you to make phone calls, connect with friends with text messaging and enter into a broader online world," said Aaron Smith, author of the Pew Internet & American Life Project report.

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PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY SERVICES

Under the guidance of pediatric cardiologist Frederick Emge, MD, FACC, FAAP, Pediatric Cardiology Services are now available at St. Luke's Wood River.

Dr. Emge is the director of Pediatric Cardiology at St. Luke's Children's Hospital in Boise. He earned his medical degree from Albany Medical College and completed his residency at David Grant USAF Medical Center. He is board certified in pediatric cardiology.

Expert pediatric cardiac care through Idaho's only Children's Hospital includes EKG, Holter monitoring, exercise stress studies, echocardiogram, pediatric cardiac CT/MRI and fetal echocardiography. Appointments for adults with congenital heart disease are also available.

Dr. Emge will see non-emergent patients in the Hailey clinic the second Monday of each month, clinic hours start at 8 a.m. Please call 381-7385 to schedule an appointment or for more information.



Emge

CAREER MOVES

Sarah Klevmoen

On June 2-3, Sarah Klevmoen, EIT of McClure Engineering, Inc., completed a class on RISA 3D Structural Modeling software in Portland, Ore.

RISA 3D is a software program which allows quick and accurate design and analysis of wood, steel, concrete or masonry structures. Sarah looks forward to applying the knowledge gained in her class to provide structural design and evaluation services for McClure Engineering, Inc.



Sarah Klevmoen

Sam Evans

U.S. Bank Home Mortgage is pleased to announce that Sam Evans has joined the team as a mortgage originator at their Twin Falls office on Shoshone Street.



Evans

Reinke honored by Thrivent Financial

Terry L. Reinke, LUTCF, FIC, of Twin Falls, a financial representative with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, has qualified for the organization's prestigious Sierra level for 2009 achievements.

In order to qualify for the Sierra level, Reinke demonstrated outstanding sales and service to members. Reinke is with Thrivent Financial's Northern Rocky Mountain Regional Financial Office, serving Lutherans and their family members in Twin Falls, and the surrounding communities by providing financial guidance and solutions to help them achieve their financial goals. Nearly 650 of Thrivent Financial's 2,500 financial representatives qualified for the Sierra level. Reinke has been with Thrivent Financial and its predecessor organizations for 23 years and has been recognized for his performance 23 times.



Reinke

Medical student joins R/UOP

Shoshone Family Medical Center is pleased to announce that Marc Rohrbach, medical student in the WWAMI Medical Education Program, will be doing a Rural Underserved Opportunities Program (R/UOP) preceptorship with Keith Davis, M.D., for the next four weeks.

Rohrbach will be working side by side with Dr. Davis, learning the challenges and rewards of practicing primary care medicine and how the community healthcare system functions in the community. Rohrbach will also complete a community project while working in Shoshone.



Rohrbach

The R/UOP program was created in the summer of 1989, in partnership with the University of Washington School of Medicine WWAMI (Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho) regional medical program. The goal of the program is to connect medical students to rural and underserved communities to give them the experience working in clinical primary care practice.

POST CERTIFICATIONS



Courtesy photo

Renaissance Plastic Surgery, Tyler R. Wayment, M.D., recently held a ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of his office at 738 N. College Road, Suite B, Twin Falls, with the Twin Falls Chamber Ambassadors. Wayment and his staff are knowledgeable, friendly and professional.

They serve the Magic Valley with the cosmetic plastic surgery needs of both men and women. Contact their office at 735-2297. Pictured from left: Christean Hovey, Brea Wayment, Deborah Berkshire, Dr. Tyler Wayment, Brenda Haviland, Kerry Randall and Toni Romero.

Officer Brian Fischer received his Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Academy intermediate certificate, serving over four years as a police officer in Idaho, and exceeding the training requirement with number of hours served and college credits.

Officer Mynde Heil received her POST intermediate certificate after serving almost nine years as a police officer in Idaho, and exceeding 1,200 hours of training combined with college credits.

Det. Eric Barzee received his POST intermediate certificate after serving almost 12 years as a police officer in Idaho, and exceeding a 600-hour training requirement combined with college credits.

Pictured from left: Twin Falls Mayor Don Hall, Officer Brian Fischer, Officer Mynde Heil, Det. Eric Barzee, Vice Mayor Lee Heider and Twin Falls Chief of Police Jim Munn.

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Lashay Johnson and Simon Casselle walk along Washington's U Street corridor with their cellphones outstretched like urban compasses guiding their way. Johnson stares at MapQuest on her BlackBerry Tour, and Casselle is looking at a list of local businesses served up on his LG Chocolate.

They are summer interns doing old-fashioned door-to-door ad sales for a new online magazine. And they

are using their cellphones as street map, Yellow Pages and events guide to the neighborhood. The two college students are also among a fast-growing population of cellphone users — led by minorities — who are taking advantage of more powerful devices, an explosion of applications and cheaper access to the Web.

Six out of 10 African Americans and Hispanics use their cellphones to get onto the Internet, a greater portion than for the overall adult population, according

to a report by the Pew Research Center released this week.

Experts say the reasons for the high adoption rates are numerous. Ethnic minorities are often first-adopters of new technology. Cities such as Washington have become giant hot spots, with free Wi-Fi connections in public libraries, community centers, bookstores and coffee shops.

And a phone with a flat-rate data plan — while still expensive for many — is more affordable than a \$1,000 computer and

monthly broadband connections of more than \$50 a month.

"There is a value proposition with a single device with a single payment plan that allows you to make phone calls, connect with friends with text messaging and enter into a broader online world," said Aaron Smith, author of the Pew Internet & American Life Project report.

And although wireless Internet connections have their limitations, cellphones and laptops are recasting the access issue for minority and

recently signed off on an FCC proposal to free up airwaves over the next five years for robust networks that can handle a new generation of devices such as the iPad and the HTC EVO that blur the line between computer and cellphone.

"Wireless devices are a great gateway online for people who don't have other forms, but it's not a replacement for wire-line broadband," said Matt Wood, an associate director at the public interest group the Media Access Project.

low-income communities that have been disproportionately left behind as Facebook, Wikipedia and Skype become fixtures in homes and at businesses.

The Obama administration has made broadband access a cornerstone of education, health and energy-related policy objectives.

And the Federal Communications Commission has focused on getting 100 million homes connected to 10 megabit-per-second data service in the next decade. The administration

New rules, big changes coming for financial world

By Jim Kuhnhenn
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Big changes are in store for the financial world from a government crackdown more than a year in the making.

Democratic leaders in the Senate are trying to secure the final votes needed to pass legislation this coming week that would impose the most sweeping rules on banks and Wall Street since the Great Depression. The financial industry and consumers already are anticipating — in some cases bracing for — the impact.

Banks might see their bottom lines suffer. Lenders will have to disclose more information. Borrowers will have to prove their ability to repay. The masters of high finance will find it harder to sidestep regulations. Government watchdogs will be under orders to look more suspiciously at risky behavior.

Not all the changes will occur overnight once Congress gets the legislation to President Barack Obama. Throughout the 2,300-page bill, federal monitors are given one to two years to write the new rules of the road for Wall Street. In some instances, the timing isn't even specified.



In this June 29 file photo, Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, conducts business on Capitol Hill in Washington. Senate Democrat leaders will work this week to secure the last votes needed to pass legislation imposing the most sweeping new rules on banks and Wall Street since the Great Depression.

Diana Farrell, deputy director of the White House's National Economic Council, says some adjustments already are under way as big banks re-examine their trading business and prepare for a new oversight system that will require them to write their own funeral plans in the event of failure.

"There is some immediate impact," said Scott Talbott, senior vice president at the Financial Services Round-

table, an industry group representing some of the bigger banks in the United States. "But it will take about two years before the full impact is felt, before the uncertainty starts to dwindle."

"Overall," said Travis Plunkett, legislative director of the Consumer Federation of America, "starting with the consumer regulations, this is landmark legislation."

Votes on the bill have broken along highly partisan lines. The House passed it June 30 with only three Republicans voting in support.

It needs 60 votes in the Senate. Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., delayed a final Senate vote until after the July Fourth holiday because of the death of Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., and hesitation from three Republicans who previously had supported the legislation. One of those Republicans, Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, has since announced her endorsement.

The other two Republicans — Sens. Scott Brown of Massachusetts and Olympia Snowe of Maine — said they wanted to study the bill over the holiday break. Both have indicated the bill is more to

their liking after House and Senate negotiators dropped a plan to impose a \$19 billion tax on large banks and hedge funds to pay for the bill.

Also, Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., who had voted against a Senate version of the legislation in May, has said she will now vote for the bill.

But a fourth Republican who supported the Senate version — Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa — has reservations about the alternative financing mechanism negotiated by Senate and House Democrats and the White House. The new method of covering the cost of the bill would use \$11 billion generated by ending the unpopular Troubled Asset Relief Program — the \$700 billion bank bailout created in the fall of 2008 at the height of the financial scare.

Democrats also agreed to increase premium rates paid by commercial banks to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. to insure bank deposits.

Grassley's spokeswoman, Jill Kozeny, said the senator is concerned using the FDIC fees as a credit to the FDIC and as an offset, and prefers that the remaining bailout money help pay down the debt.

That leaves little room for

error in the vote counting. Without Grassley and with the timing of seating a replacement for Byrd still uncertain, Cantwell, Collins, Snowe and Brown would give the bill exactly the 60 votes needed to overcome potentially fatal procedural delays.

The finished legislation hews closely to the plan that Obama's administration released in June 2009.

"That's been one of the most pleasant surprises of this process," Farrell said in an interview.

In some instances, the final bill is even tougher. The administration and

Democrats in Congress squabbled over details on capital standards for banks and the breadth of restrictions on their derivatives business. Derivatives are financial instruments whose values change based on the price of some underlying investment. They were used for speculation, fueling the financial crisis.

The most symbolic and high-profile defeat for the president was an exception in the bill carved out for auto dealers, who won't fall under the supervision of a new consumer protection bureau.

Pearlstein

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new products. Business investment as a percentage of economic output is at its lowest level in more than 40 years, while hiring continues to lag behind growth in output.

While it is possible that this reluctance to hire and invest is the result of anxiety over taxes and regulation, experience suggests other explanations are more likely.

We know that this kind of groupthink and herd behavior are all too common, with irrational exuberance now giving way to a period of equally irrational and widespread pessimism and caution.

We know that financial markets have become particularly risk-averse, ready to punish any company that makes investments in long-term growth that might negatively impact short-term profits.

We know that, during the bubble years, companies misallocated capital buying up their own stock, making overpriced acquisitions, overpaying executives and bidding up financial assets. That money could have been used to develop new products and new markets. Instead, too many firms went into this downturn with a meager pipeline of ideas.

We also know of companies such as Google and Apple that didn't get the memo from Washington about looming threats and

have continued to invest and innovate. They're also making gobs of money.

Indeed, as James Surowiecki recently pointed out in the New Yorker, it has always been thus. The reason that Kellogg pulled ahead of Post in the cereal business, that Kraft came to dominate the mayonnaise market, and that Texas Instruments built a big lead in transistor radios, is they took advantage of downturns to make the investments needed to grow markets and market share. But then, as now, most firms prefer to hunker down.

Jeff Pfeffer, a professor at Stanford's business school and a man who knows his way around a boardroom, says that if corporate executives are looking for someone to blame for weak job growth, they should take their eyes off Washington and try looking in a mirror. "They follow the crowd, do what is conservative and play a very short-term game," he said.

While administration officials bristle at corporate leaders' accusations, they have largely refrained from returning fire, if for no other reason than they understand the importance of business confidence in any economic recovery. They also take some comfort from the fact that other Democratic presidents — Roosevelt, Truman, Kennedy and Clinton — likewise found themselves

at odds with the business community early in their terms. The truth is that this is a fight that neither the White House nor the business community can win — but everyone will lose if it continues to escalate. It would be useful if both sides could focus on finding common ground.

The business community could demonstrate its good faith by resolving its internal conflicts and agreeing on a credible plan to meet the widely accepted goal of reducing carbon emissions without adding to the deficit. For business leaders to blame Obama for creating that uncertainty is the height of hypocrisy.

For its part, the White House might find that it could enlist the support of the business community for extended unemployment benefits if it would pair the extension with a tax bill that would allow all businesses to deduct the full cost of investments and research in the year they were made.

Tax reformers have always supported this idea, small firms can already do this, and because it would shift the timing of taxes rather than the overall amount that companies pay, it wouldn't add to the long-

run deficit. In the short run, however, it will provide a big incentive to business investment.

Without retreating on other initiatives, the administration could also win back some business support by devoting more resources and high-level attention to winning those competitions for big new plants and research facilities that, increasingly, are winding up someplace else. Americans may be unaccustomed to presidents and Cabinet secretaries acting as glorified economic development directors, but in a globalized economy this is how the game is played and won.

Snaring multibillion-dollar projects with a midnight meeting at the White House or a last-minute pitch from a won't-take-no-for-an-answer secretary of commerce — a few wins like that would generate more votes and goodwill from the business community than those set-piece presidential factory visits peddling the latest version of "jobs, jobs, jobs."

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Louis W. Patterson

BURLEY — Louis Wesley Patterson, age 88, of Burley, died Wednesday, July 7, 2010, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center.

He was born May 27, 1922, in Festus, Mo., the son of James Walter and Aline (Carver) Patterson. He received his education in Festus. Following high school, Louis went through the electrical apprenticeship program at PPG Industries, Crystal City, Missouri Plant. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the United States Navy. He married Mildred Ann Govero on Aug. 10, 1944, in Corning, Ark. Louis worked as a journeyman electrician. He was employed at the PPG Industries in Crystal City, Mo., from 1948 to 1961, Pickstown Air Force Base from 1961 to 1963, U.S. Steel from 1963 to 1964, INL from 1964 to 1967, and completed his working career with Bonneville Power retiring in 1982.

Louis loved the outdoors. He was an avid fisherman, enjoyed hunting and golf and, after retirement, took up oil painting. Additionally, he liked all sports. He was an active member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert.

Survivors include his wife of nearly 66 years, Mildred of Burley; his children, Carole Ann Patterson of Sioux City, Iowa, Wesley Alan Patterson of Burley and Patric Louis Patterson of Logan, Utah; eight grandchildren; three



great-grandchildren; and his sister, Betty Jane Ellis of Fort Worth, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents; and one son, Thomas Steven Patterson.

The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 13, at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St. in Rupert, with the Rev. Father Justin Brady as celebrant. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley, with military rites provided by the Mini-Cassia Veterans Organization. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, July 12, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley. Friends and family may call from 6 until 8 p.m.

Helen Marie Moilanen Roth

The loving soul of Helen Marie Moilanen Roth has passed on to the arms of the Lord she has trusted and worshiped for most of the 99 years of her life. She died Wednesday, July 7, 2010, peacefully at the Shoshone Rehab and Living Center.

Born in Finland to Jack, a copper miner, and his wife, Anna, on Jan. 2, 1911, she emigrated at the age of 18 months with her mother to Houghton, Mich. Her father had preceded them. They soon moved to Hibbing, Minn., where Helen spent her growing years.

She married Joe Roth, an accountant, in Grand Rapids, Mich., March 20, 1948. Helen worked at and later owned the same gift shop in Hibbing until Joe retired in 1977. They moved to Twin Falls in 1978, joining Joe's brother, Maurey Roth, and his family. Joe passed away just three years later.

Helen was a giving and active member of the Twin Falls Presbyterian Church and her Circle 5, helping with the Scotch Shop, which they sponsored. She crocheted many hangers for choir robes and took joy in treating the minister, choir and Sunday school children to See's Candies every Easter and Christmas. One of her hobbies since childhood was memorizing the amazing amount of poetry that she loved. She admired Abraham Lincoln and presented his Gettysburg Address, from memory and without hesitation, often. The last time was at the Republican Lincoln Day Banquet at age 93.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Joe. She is survived by her niece, Helen Jean Oswald; and her two great-nephews and one great-niece; her sister-in-law, Ruth Merdler of Detroit, Mich.; and niece, Joan Basloe of Hartford, N.Y.

A celebration of Helen's life will be held at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, July 15, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. A viewing for family and friends will take place from noon until the time of the service Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be left for the family by visiting www.reynoldschapel.com.

Susan Keith

Susan Keith, 59, of Twin Falls, passed away Wednesday, July 7, 2010, in Twin Falls.



grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 2 p.m.

Monday, July 12, at Parke's Magic Valley

Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. The

funeral will follow at 2 p.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, with a luncheon to follow in the

Community Fellowship Room at Parke's Funeral

Home. Burial will follow at a

later date at Hillcrest Cemetery in Caldwell, Idaho.

Surviving are her daughter, Brenda (Steve) Gardner of Twin Falls, along with four

SERVICES

Janice Marie James of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 3 p.m. today at her home, 319 Seventh Ave. E., Twin Falls.

Margorie Pauline Minert King of Paul, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Wendell Cemetery in Wendell (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Danielle Madson of Butte City and formerly of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Lost River Funeral Chapel, 345 Sunset Drive in

Twin Falls, graveside service at 10 a.m. Friday at Visalia Public Cemetery in Visalia, Calif. (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Esther H. Kuykendall of

Orin Gar Loosli

RUPERT — Orin Gar Loosli, 83, of Rupert, passed away Tuesday, July 6, 2010, at Country Side Care and Rehabilitation with his family by his side.



in many callings in the church, including stake ward clerk and then bishop of the Rupert 3rd Ward. Gar was a member of the JCs, chamber of commerce and the

Rotary Club. He also served

8 1/2 years on the Rupert

City Council.

Gar is survived by his wife, Pamela Loosli; daughter, Amber (Eric) Christensen; his grandchildren, Jereud (Stacey) Uscola, Karlie (Luke) Short and Kayd Christensen; seven great-grandchildren; and 11 international granddaughters. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Verga Masoner and Reva Jordan; and six brothers, Verle, Marvin, Merlin, Dale, Clair, and an infant boy.

The funeral will be held at

11 a.m. Wednesday, July 14,

at the Rupert West Stake

Center, 26 S. 100 W. in

Rupert, with Bishop Max

Garner officiating. Burial

will follow at the Rupert

Cemetery. A viewing for

family and friends will be

held from 6 to 9 p.m.

Tuesday, July 13, at Hansen

Mortuary Rupert Chapel,

710 Sixth St., and one hour

prior to the service

Wednesday at the church.

Zippora P. Stahl

JEROME — Zippora P. Stahl, mother, grandmother and dairywoman, died at her home in Jerome, Idaho, on Saturday, June 26, 2010, at age 92, surrounded by her family.

Zippora was born in Coulter, Iowa, in 1918. Her parents, Hans and Marie Pedersen, were immigrants from Denmark. They met in America, married and raised seven children. They owned a dairy farm in Iowa until 1922, when they sold the farm and the whole family jumped into their Willys Knight car and drove the Lincoln Highway west to Chino, Calif. Zippora often told stories of opening cow pasture gates on this "highway" drive west. It took a whole month to arrive at their destination. She loved to travel, play golf and was proud to say she learned to snow ski after she was 60. She loved her family and life and she will be missed by us all.

Zippora is survived by her daughters, Kathleen (Robert) Krucker of Jerome, Zippora Stahl-Shults of Meeker, Colo., and Genevieve (John Pierre) Menville of El Centro, Calif., and a daughter-in-law, Marcia Stahl of New Mexico.

Also surviving are 12 grandchildren, Shawn Shults, Wade Shults, Elisa Meyer, Ken Sears, Matthew Krucker, Elisabeth Dupree, Michele Kimsey, Melissa Nickell, Victoria Diamond, Vernon Stahl, Marlene Antu and Marisa Key.

She is also survived by nine great-grandchildren; and friend Ted Miller's children and grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents; her brothers and sisters; her husband, Vernon; their son, Vernon O.C. Stahl Jr.; and her friend and companion, Ted Miller.

In accordance with Zippora's wishes, a private family gathering will be held at a later date. She will be interred with her husband, Vernon, in Ontario, Calif.

In lieu of flowers, her family suggests that memorials be made in Zippora's name to St. Jerome's Catholic Church, Bible Study Group, P.O. Box 169, Jerome, ID 83338. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Dorothy (Dot) Fae Yagues

RUPERT — Dorothy (Dot) Fae Yagues, 81, died from a 15-year fight from Alzheimer's complication Friday, June 25, 2010. She was surrounded by family as she



Natalie and their four children; and grandsons, Keith and Brad Yagues, all of Mountain Home, Idaho. Siblings include her brother, Steve; and sisters, Marie, Helen, Nadine, Linda and Bonnie. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis; son, Robert (Bobby) (killed in Vietnam); grandson, Scotty Yagues; and niece, Susan Garner.

Friends and family are invited to a celebration of Dorothy's life luncheon Sunday, July 18, at the home where she was raised, 262 S. Meridian Road in Rupert, Idaho. Luncheon will be served at 4 p.m. Questions can be answered by Bonnie at 436-6745 or Markay at 455-9579, 4407 Lake Ave., Caldwell, ID 83607.

Special thanks to the multitude of loving angels God sent through hospice St. Luke's of Boise, Juanita Coatney, Florence Conant, Kathryn Hanson and Jamie Johnson. Markay and family will never forget their unconditional love and support.

"Don't grieve for me; I am finally free from the shell of my body that was not me. I fly like a butterfly and dance over the seas to tend God's gardens that never have weeds" (by friend, Kathryn Hanson).

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magicvalley.com.

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would like to thank all of our friends, neighbors and community members for the food, floral arrangements, cards, telephone calls, emails, personal visits, memorials, and all other acts of kindness extended to all of us following Lynn's passing June 23.

A special thank you to Dr. Don C. Pates and the nursing staff at Minidoka Memorial Hospital for the excellent care Lynn received and for the care and concern extended to each of us.

We truly appreciate the outpouring of support and love we have received from all of you.

Joann Buttars

Terry Buttars and family

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DEATH NOTICES

Thomas Fleming

GOODING — Thomas Albert Fleming, 66, of Gooding, died Friday, July 9, 2010, at his home.

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

Wayne L. Hope

AMMON — Wayne Lauris Hope, 62, of Ammon, died Friday, July 9, 2010, at his home. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday,

Thomas McLemore

KIMBERLY — Kathleen Virginia McLemore, 73, of Kimberly, died Saturday, July 10, 2010, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the care of Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Wayne L. Hope

AMMON — Wayne Lauris Hope, 62, of Ammon, died Friday, July 9, 2010, at his home. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday,

Edith (Stanger) Utt

EDEN — Edith (Stanger) Utt, born to Albert and Luella Stanger (Hansen, Idaho) on March 7, 1927, died in Eden, Idaho, on July 7, 2010, after a rich, full life.

Married to Francis Utt on March 7, 1946, they had four children, Janet (Roy) Crumrine of Hazelton, Idaho, Theresa (Reiny) Kober of Eugene, Ore., Don (Karla) Utt of Eden, Idaho, and Karl (Jeannie) Utt of Colorado Springs; 12 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Edith worked for over 30 years as the Eden, Idaho, city clerk. Edith was recently recognized by the cities of Eden and Hazelton as Grand Marshal of the Fourth of July festival. She was known by friends and family for her



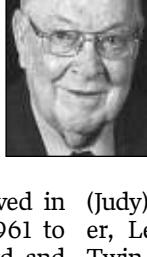
kindness in helping those in need and for her efficient operation of the city clerk duties. We will miss the family tales, sweet smile and warm hugs. Edith joins her husband, Francis; daughter, Janet; and grandson, Curtis, in heaven.

A viewing for family and friends will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, July 12, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park." The funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 13, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Edith's name can be made to the Hospice Visions, 209 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Jack Donald Frank

Jack Donald Frank met his Savior on Wednesday, July 7, 2010, at home after being on dialysis for nearly seven years.



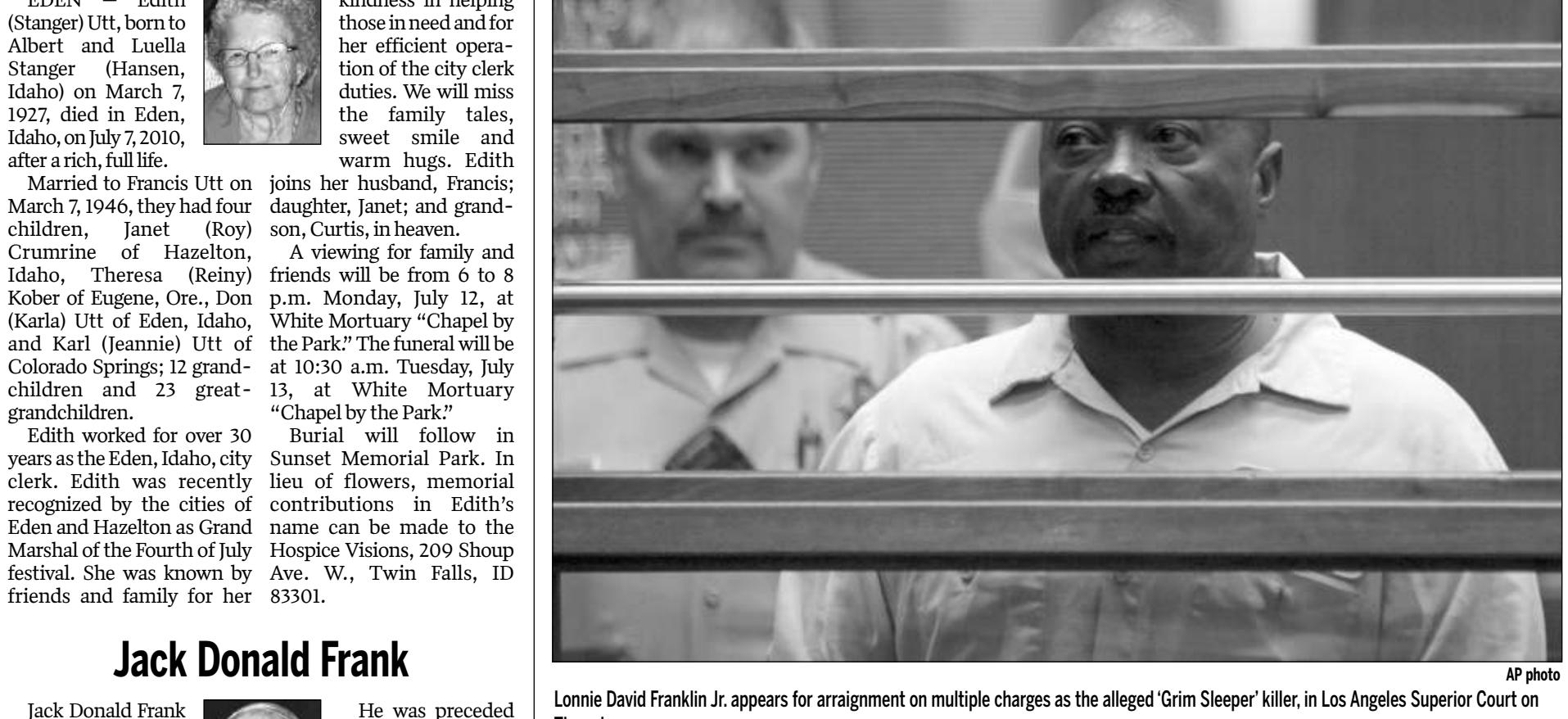
He was preceded in death by his parents; and first wife, Arlene Frank. Jack is survived by his wife, Edna Kuiken Frank; sons, Larry (Jenny) Frank of Morgantown, Pa., and Dan (Judy) Frank of Reno; brother, Leroy (Jan) Bylund of Twin Falls; stepchildren, the Rev. Rebecca (David Minehart) Kuiken, Dr. Todd Kuiken (Lisa) and Laurie (Roger) Good; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Jack has been described as a gentleman, hospitable, an outstanding manager, a man of high standards and integrity, a man with a great sense of humor, ethical, friend, loving husband, father and grandfather.

Special thanks to the Twin Falls DaVita Dialysis Center and to Dr. A.C. Emery for their long-term, compassionate care.

A celebration of Jack's life will be held at First United Methodist Church of Twin Falls and Parkside Bible Church in Fallon, Nev., at a later date. Arrangements are handled by Rosenau Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the First United Methodist Church of Twin Falls, 360 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301 in his name.



Lonnie David Franklin Jr. appears for arraignment on multiple charges as the alleged 'Grim Sleeper' killer, in Los Angeles Superior Court on Thursday.

L.A. Grim Sleeper suspect had record stretching back decades

By Christopher Weber
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — The man charged with 10 murders in the Los Angeles "Grim Sleeper" case was arrested at least 15 times over four decades but never sent to state prison despite recommendations of probation officers, including one who urged he receive a maximum sentence because it was a bad sign that a man in his 50s still committed crimes, court and jail records show.

Lonnie Franklin Jr., 57, was arrested for burglary, car theft, firearms possession and assaults. But his crimes never were considered serious enough to send him to state prison or to warrant his entry in the state's DNA database, authorities said.

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At a Saturday community forum on the murders, city councilman and former police chief Bernard Parks said law enforcement and police should not be faulted for their past handling of Franklin.

"That's not unusual," Parks said of Franklin's short sentences and frequent quick releases. He said jails are "constantly evaluating who can be let go to make room." But Parks, who as police chief from 1997-2002

ordered new examination of cold case files and as city councilman in the area of the killings raised a reward of \$500,000 before the arrest, said he understands frustration from victim's relatives and community.

"If people are dead, there is no consolation, there is no excuse," he said.

Parks said California was slower than many big states in adding property crimes to those where DNA is automatically collected from convicts, and that may have prevented an earlier arrest.

One of the victims was killed in July 2003, when records show Franklin should have been in county jail but was released early because of overcrowding.

Franklin pleaded no contest to receiving stolen property in that case, in which he was arrested at a Glendale mall driving a stolen luxury sport utility vehicle. A probation officer said it was unusual and disturbing that Franklin was still involved in such crimes at age 50, when most crimi-

nals have slowed down.

"If at this age the defendant is still engaging in criminal activities," the officer wrote, "the community can best be served by imposing the maximum time pos-

sible in state prison."

But Franklin received just a fraction of the maximum sentence — 270 days in jail — and was still released four months early, according to jail data obtained by the Times.

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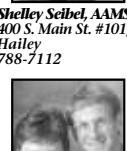
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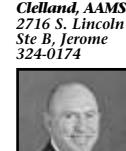
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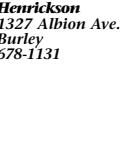
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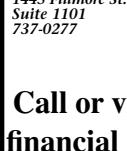
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Activists keep Nev. horses from going to slaughterhouse

RENO, Nev. (AP) — With the financial backing of a California winery owner, activists on Saturday purchased almost all 174 horses up for sale at a state-sanctioned auction in Nevada to keep the horses from going to the slaughterhouse.

Stephanie Hoefener of the Lancaster, Calif.-based Livesavers Wild Horse Rescue group said activists purchased 172 horses for \$31,415. The other two horses were acquired by private individuals for their personal use, she said.

"We're excited so many people came together to save the horses," Hoefener said. "This is amazing, and we all feel joyful."

The horses were rounded up by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management last month near the Nevada-Utah line and turned over to the Nevada Department of Agriculture for disposal.

Agriculture department officials acknowledge the stray horses could have wound up at slaughterhouses because they did not have the federal protections afforded to wild-roaming horses.

The horses are believed to be strays or descendants of horses abandoned by private owners over the years in Pilot Valley north of West Wendover.

"For advocacy groups to step up to the plate and make a financial commitment like this to save the horses, we think this is a wonderful thing," Nevada Department of Agriculture spokesman Ed Foster said.

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Jill Starr, president of Lifesavers, said the purchase of the horses at the Fallon auction was made possible by the financial backing of Ellie Phipps Price, owner of Sand Hill Durell Vineyards in Sonoma, Calif. Madeleine Pickens, wife of oil tycoon T. Boone Pickens, also contributed financially.

Starr said high bidders of such horses usually are representatives of slaughterhouses in Mexico and Canada. The meat of the horses is processed for sale in Europe and Asia, where it fetches as much as \$25 a pound, she added.

"We showed the BLM and the Nevada Department of Agriculture that we will not let them throw our wild horses away like yesterday's news," Starr said. "They are important to every American and hold high value as part of our country's history."

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Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low 56.

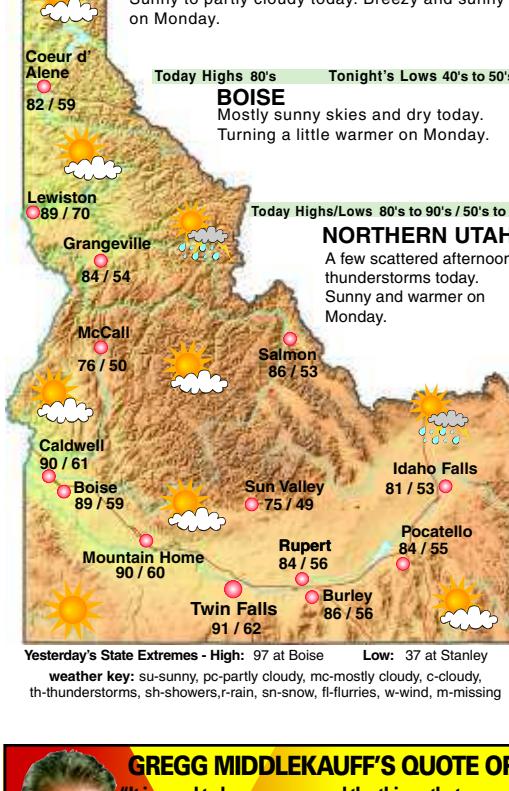
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Record Low 43° in 1983

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EDITORIAL

Frank Church reconsidered: Does his legacy still matter?

Fifty years ago today, the youngest member of the U.S. Senate stepped to the podium at the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles and introduced America to Frank Church.

"Scowls will never scuttle the communists," proclaimed Church, the convention's keynote speaker. "This can be accomplished only through a mighty striving to revive American principles, to restore American prestige and to rebuild American power."

The first-term Democrat from Idaho delivered a stemwinder to a national TV audience that evening: a muscular, Cold War oration that portrayed the Republican in the White House as neglectful, out of touch and tired.

"The Democratic Party, true to its tradition, will lift this country once again upon the high road of destiny, for only an awakened and rededicated America can ever raise that standard around the world to which the great fraternity of the free can rally — to summon from a newfound unity the resolution and strength to make history."

It was a speech, frankly, that Barry Goldwater might have made in 1964. Or Ronald Reagan in 1980.

And it sent Frank Church on his way, politically: four terms in the U.S. Senate as a Democrat from arguably America's most Republican state, chairmanship of the Foreign Relations Committee, and a presidential candidacy in 1976.

Church lost his Senate seat to a Republican in 1980 and his life to cancer four years later. He was the last Democratic senator from Idaho, but if he's forgotten here he's never quite gone.

Too much of the everyday lives of Idaho is tied to his legacy, from the 2.36 million-acre Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness through which thousands of Idaho have hiked or floated, to the legislation he brokered that kept Idaho water from being shipped to California, to the Sawtooth National Recreation Area that he was largely responsible for creating in 1972.

He was also, in ways little and large, a player in social legislation that came to affect most Idahoans, like the creation and development of Medicare and Medicaid.

A liberal? Sure? But never an easy target.

Church's Second Amendment credentials were unassailable, his command of the Farm Bill and ability to milk it to benefit Idaho farmers second to none. He knew every Republican county commissioner in Idaho by name, and it was Church — not Church's GOP colleagues Len Jordan and Jim McClure — they called first when they really needed someone to intercede with Washington.

There were senior citizens in Idaho who voted for Church who had never voted for another Democrat, and they did so because he'd rescued a Social Security check from the federal bureaucracy or helped get emergency leave for a grandson in the Army stationed in West Germany.

Church's early and vocal opposition to the Vietnam War didn't play well in Idaho, but it didn't have to. Nobody questioned his patriotism.

He was beaten by Republican Steve Symms by 4,200 votes — less than 1 percent — but Church may have won a fifth term had President Jimmy Carter not conceded to Reagan at 6:50 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on Nov. 4, 1980. After that, thousands of Democrats and independents in the Idaho Panhandle just didn't bother to vote.

McClure's theory is that Church lost the 1980 election when he became chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee in 1977. He could no longer disguise his liberal instincts from Idahoans, McClure says.

We're not so sure.

Idahoans were never much in doubt that Church was a liberal, but he was our liberal.

Some who knew Church say he achieved all he did because he believed he was living on borrowed time. As a 24-year-old Stanford University Law School student, Church was diagnosed with testicular cancer — a disease few men survived in 1948. Church did, but cancer finally caught up with him at age 59.

"Life itself is such a chancy proposition that the only way to live is by taking great chances," he said.

A half century after Church's moment in the spotlight, he's not the icon that another Idaho liberal, Republican William Borah, is. There's no Mount Church. No Church Street in his hometown of Boise. No bronze likeness of him in National Statuary Hall.

But neither is he a reviled symbol of an abandoned past, as some of his Democratic contemporaries from conservative states have become. Many contemporary Idahoans regard Church the way Spencer Tracy's judge character talked about Franklin Roosevelt in the movie "Judgment at Nuremberg."

"I'm a rock-ribbed Republican," Tracy said, "who happens to believe that Franklin Roosevelt was a great man."

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Surge of attacks kills six U.S. troops, 12 Afghans

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Snapshots from the farm

Some stuff you don't know about Idaho ag

Annually as part of its State of the Rockies Project, Colorado College takes an in-depth statistical look at agriculture in Idaho, Utah, Colorado, Nevada, Wyoming, Montana, Arizona and New Mexico. Here are some excerpts from this year's report.

Land use

Land in farms, percent change, 2002-2007

State	Change
Idaho	-3%
Nevada	-7%
Utah	-5%
Wyoming	-12%
Montana	+3%

Type of land use, Idaho

Cropland 55% Pasture/rangeland 40%

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Change in market real estate value, 2008-2009

State	Change
Idaho	-12%
Nevada	0%
Utah	-3%
Wyoming	-7%
Montana	-23%

Ag census

Number of farms

State	Farms
Idaho	25,349
Nevada	3,131
Utah	16,700
Wyoming	11,069
Montana	29,524

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Average farm size

State	Acres
Idaho	454
Nevada	1,873
Utah	664
Wyoming	2,726
Montana	2,079

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Irrigation

Irrigated cropland	% of farms
Idaho	64
Nevada	66
Utah	75
Wyoming	52
Montana	35

Percent irrigated farmland	% of land
Idaho	29
Nevada	12
Utah	10
Wyoming	5
Montana	3

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Average irrigated acreage

State	Acres
Idaho	3.3 million
Nevada	8 million
Utah	1.2 million
Wyoming	1.6 million
Montana	2 million

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Market value

Market value of ag products sold

State	Total
Idaho	\$5.7 billion
Nevada	\$513 million
Utah	\$1.4 billion
Wyoming	\$1.2 billion
Montana	\$2.8 billion

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Net farm cash income of operation

Market value of ag products sold

State	Total
Idaho	\$1.3 billion
Nevada	\$125 million
Utah	\$259 million
Wyoming	\$275 million
Montana	\$827 million

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Land value

Average market value of land and buildings per acre, 1997-2007

State	1997	2002	2007
Idaho	\$1,100	\$1,400	\$2,000
Nevada	\$450	\$500	\$750
Utah	\$700	\$800	\$1,300
Wyoming	\$250	\$325	\$500
Montana	\$400	\$500	\$600



The average market value of land per acre increased by nearly \$430 in the Rockies region from 1997 to 2007. Due in part to the rise of the dairy industry, the largest value increase in the Intermountain West was in Idaho, where the average market value of land per acre increased by \$937 from 1997 to 2007.

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Will Republicans be their own undoing in November?

As November's elections come into sharper focus, Democrats may have a secret weapon in their bid to keep their Senate majority: Republican candidates.

Though Democrats are on the defensive nationally, Republican candidates are encountering problems in six states that could make the difference between gaining only three to five seats or coming close to the 10 they need for control.

In Nevada, for example, embattled Majority Leader Harry Reid's uphill re-election battle received a boost from the GOP's nomination of Sharron Angle, a favorite of tea party groups with an array of controversial positions.

GOP woes may also help Democrats in Illinois, Kentucky and New Hampshire, where incumbents are retiring; in California, where liberal Democrat Barbara Boxer seeks a fourth term; and in Colorado, where appointed Sen. Michael Bennett faces primary and general election challenges.

Even optimistic Republican scenarios require the GOP to win virtually every marginal Democratic seat to go from their current 41 to the 51 needed for control.

Here is a look at these contests:

• Nevada: Angle has modified her pre-primary stances that angry Americans might resort to "second Amendment remedies" — a reference to the right to bear arms — and Social Security should be "phased out." She wants to abolish the



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Department of Education and says Nevada should abandon its fight against burying nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain.

Though Reid remains unpopular, the fact that Nevadans can choose "none of the above" may help him.

• **Illinois:** Republican Rep. Mark Kirk conceded he was "careless" in exaggerating aspects of his career. They included false claims he served in the 1991 Persian Gulf War and the 2003 invasion of Iraq, ran the Pentagon war room and won an "intelligence officer of the year" award.

His claim to have been a "nursery school teacher" was refuted by the school's director, who termed it a part-time job for a college work-study program.

Democrat Alexi Giannoulias also has problems. Regulators closed a family-owned bank after large commercial real estate losses.

• **Kentucky:** Republican nominee Rand Paul's lead dropped after he said he would have opposed the 1964 Civil Rights Act as an unconstitutional infringement on private business and criticized administration pressure on BP as "un-American."

• **New Hampshire:** Former state Attorney General Kelly Ayotte, who tops polls for the

Republican candidates are encountering problems in six states that could make the difference between gaining only three to five seats or coming close to the 10 they need for control.

GOP's Sept. 14 primary, is under fire for her handling of a fraud case that cost investors \$20 million and for telling a legislative hearing she had "no personal knowledge" of what happened.

Republican and Democratic rivals said she should have taken more responsibility. But the nonpartisan FactCheck.org criticized the likely Democratic nominee, Rep. Paul Hodes, for claiming falsely in a television ad that Ayotte covered up her role by making sure her e-mails would be deleted.

• **California:** GOP nominee Carly Fiorina stumbled out of the primary gate with her much-publicized comment about Boxer's hair. Her biggest handicap may be running as a conservative in a state that has consistently backed more liberal candidates, opposing abortion rights and criticizing a state climate control law backed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to curb greenhouse gas emissions.

• **Colorado:** Both GOP contenders in the Aug. 10 primary have encountered problems. Former Lt. Gov. Jane Norton angered conservative activists by refusing to participate in the pre-

primary, which endorsed Tea Party-backed rival Ken Buck. But Norton appeared to curry favor with conservatives by praising the "passion" and sidestepping the substance when questioners said President Obama was a Muslim and an "idiot" who wanted to let babies die alongside the road. Anti-immigration groups favor Buck for supporting a sheriff's raid on a tax preparer's office to identify persons with false identities, a raid the State Supreme Court later ruled unconstitutional.

At present, the non-partisan RealClearPolitics.com lists Nevada, Illinois and Colorado as toss-ups, Kentucky and New Hampshire leaning Republican, and California leaning Democratic.

Republicans are in the lead for Democratic seats in Arkansas, Delaware, Indiana and North Dakota. If most close races follow the historic pattern of joining a national trend, Republicans might win Senate control unless GOP candidates lose these potentially winnable races.

Carl P. Leubsdorf is the former Washington bureau chief of the Dallas Morning News.

Wolves

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On the other side are hunting groups that claim that wolves are "decimating" elk and other big game populations. There clearly are impacts on elk herds in many areas and states funded for wildlife management by hunters' dollars can't ignore that.

But elk are doing fine thank you, and if both species are managed and habitat improved the conflicts can be managed too.

Hunters and ranchers also have not allowed areas to be set aside for wolf

viewing, where the animals won't be hunted. This is has further angered the folks who see wolves as an attraction for the wild character of the region that is unique in the United States.

The legal uncertainty has empowered the people who don't want to compromise. That keeps the rhetoric machines on both sides funded and puts a comprehensive wolf and large carnivore solution farther in the future.

So what would collaboration look like? I don't think we are even at a place where that discussion can start.

I don't think it can come top down from the federal government even if Molloy returns wolves to the endangered species list. I can't see the states resolving it themselves since the people willing to compromise in Idaho and Montana will be spanked, not rewarded by a court reversal.

Indeed the number of people unhappy with wolves is growing in the West, not dropping. That fact will make a final resolution harder, not easier.

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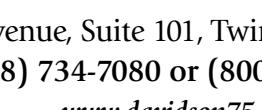
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Farm

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Cash income per farm, region, top five counties

County	State	Net cash income
1. Yuma	Arizona	\$653,151
2. LaPaz	Arizona	\$358,532
3. Gooding	Idaho	\$231,687
4. Cassia	Idaho	\$224,870
5. Lincoln	Idaho	\$165,862

Utah 45
Wyoming 51
Montana 42

Poultry operations %

Farms	State	%
Idaho	Idaho	7
Nevada	Nevada	10
Utah	Utah	8
Wyoming	Wyoming	7
Montana	Montana	6

U.S. barley inventory %

State	State	%
Idaho	Idaho	21
Nevada	Nevada	0
Utah	Utah	.9
Wyoming	Wyoming	2
Montana	Montana	14

... Organic

Organic agriculture acreage Acres
Idaho 110,000
Nevada 10,000
Utah 75,000
Wyoming 80,000
Montana 195,000

... Demographics

Average age of farmer

State	Age	Distribution of organic acreage, Idaho Percentage
Idaho	57	Hay and silage 61
Nevada	58	Grain crops 13
Utah	57	Livestock 6
Wyoming	57	Beans 6
Montana	58	Nursery/greenhouse 6
		Vegetables 2
		Oilsseeds 2

... Farm labor

Labor as percentage of farm expenses

State	%	State	%
Idaho	46	Idaho	12
Nevada	53	Nevada	17
Utah	38	Utah	13
Wyoming	49	Wyoming	10
Montana	49	Montana	8

... Family farms

State	%	State	%
Idaho	84	Idaho	12
Nevada	81	Nevada	17
Utah	82	Utah	13
Wyoming	79	Wyoming	10
Montana	77	Montana	8

... Corporate farms

State	%	State	%
Idaho	6	Idaho	12
Nevada	7	Nevada	17
Utah	6	Utah	13
Wyoming	9	Wyoming	10
Montana	12	Montana	8

... Water

Total water use, Idaho

Purpose	%	Regional high
Agriculture	98	Idaho
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Domestic	Less than 1	Nevada (2%)
Individual	Less than 1	Utah (3%)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Together, we will get through hard times

A little girl diagnosed with bone cancer in her leg faced the amputation of that leg. The family surrounded this courageous young lady with love. A Catholic nun who visited their home that Christmas said, "Even though there was much suffering in the family, we still had the most precious and loving Christmas I have ever had."

Why do some people handle their suffering, pain and failure with so much dignity, courage and love while others stagger with anxiety, fear and even hate? Two people from the same family respond differently to the same abusive situation. One is made stronger by overcoming and the other is destroyed by not letting go.

Authentic love is the lifeblood of human and spiritual connectedness. It is a commitment to the highest good of others. It brings the joy and excitement of belonging. It moves our creative expression of values, gifts, talents and energies to our greatest achievements. It helps us deeply appreciate and respect the uniqueness of others.

Those who see great value in life choose to make the most of opportunity as it unfolds before them. They will not allow imperfections, prejudices and failures to clutter their lives with debris to block a part of them. They share their blessings.

It takes courage to radiate inner values in daily life. In our hard times, we ask God to enable us to recognize and face the difficult, painful and dangerous aspects of life. We must asset ourselves to seek truth, love and justice in the world. Someone has so well said, "I cannot do everything, but I can do something." Together, we will get through our hard times.

LOYD BAKEWELL
Twin Falls

Refugee program needs input of others

The federal government's proposed refugee reforms (June 28, *Times-News*) is a promising start. What is missing, however, is any mention of reducing the numbers of refugees pouring into our communities year after year.

Finding employment and housing for the 300 or so refugees slated for Twin Falls is challenging enough, as Ron Black, manager of the CSI Refugee Center, stated in the July 1 *Times-News* article – even in times of prosperity.

Providing employment and housing for 300 or more refugees during times of 9.7 percent unemployment overall, 24 percent unemployment among teens, and approximately 15 percent among minorities, is simply unsustainable and irresponsible.

If you think the refugees arriving in Twin Falls have escaped the horror stories, as reported in the June 28 article, of chronic unemployment, homelessness and grinding poverty, think again. Among the dozen or so refugees at our parish, unemployment and non-functional English language remains high, even after the CSI Refugee Center's eight-month funding expired.

Then there is the homeless family of a single mother of four at a local shelter when funding ended with no place else to go.

And those unsustainable numbers and scenarios will keep coming to our community as dictated by unaccountable Washington, D.C., bureaucrats via the CSI Refugee Center, without our consent, without our input, without considera-

tion of our unemployment rate or the limitations of our social services system; and what's worse, without consideration for vulnerable refugee families. Without the establishment of a formal mechanism for community input and local decision making regarding the process of accepting and placing refugees, I fear more will end up at unemployment lines, homeless shelters, food banks and elsewhere. Local decision-making begins with you contacting Sen. Mike Simpson and Sen. Mike Crapo; Jerry Beck, president of CSI, and Ron Black, manager of CSI Refugee Center.

HILBER NELSON
Twin Falls

Parents should discuss healthy relationships with their children

At the midnight premier of Eclipse, Start Strong Idaho teens from Twin Falls, Buhl, Rupert, Boise and other southwest Idaho communities rallied for the Campaign for the Third Choice.

Eclipse "all begins with a choice." Bella is pressured to make a choice between Edward and Jacob. The Start Strong Idaho Campaign for the Third Choice asks teens if their choices are defined by or limited to your relationships. One thing is certain: every choice you make defines you. And in a healthy relationship, no one should be pressured to make a choice.

One in five Idaho high school teens has been hit, slapped or hurt by a dating partner (YRBS 2009). One in three girls who have been in a serious relationship say they've been concerned about being physically hurt by their partner, and one in four teens say their boyfriend or girlfriend has tried to prevent them from spending time with friends or family; the same number have been pressured to only spend time with their partner (Teens Research Unlimited 2006).

Bella is concerned about being hurt by both Edward and Jacob. She is prevented from spending time with friends or family and is pressured to make a choice between Edward and Jacob.

Parents should discuss the movie with young teens and listen to his or her opinions about the relationships in the movie. Express your concern or opinion about the accuracy of the movie. As a parent, you should provide reliable and accurate information to your 11- to 14-year-old about healthy relationships: what a healthy relationship feels like, looks like and sounds like.

Go to www.startstrongidaho.com for more information on healthy teen relationships. Start Strong Idaho is part of a national initiative funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to promote healthy teen relationships as a way to end adolescent dating abuse.

KELLY MILLER
Boise
(Editor's note: Kelly Miller is the executive director of the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence.)

Why reader bought sunglasses online

I really do try to shop locally, but it is sometimes discouraging. I know local businesses need business, but I am not sure they know that they need mine.

Store No. 1, when I asked for sunglasses to fit over my subscription glasses, the clerk said, "We don't carry them. Period." No "I am sorry" or suggestions where

they might be available. The young clerk seemed surprised at such a request as if his store didn't have them they couldn't exist.

Store No. 2 where I had previously bought a pair. No greeting by clerks. I went to the sunglass area and was handed a pair by a clerk who had appeared. I purchased them, went to my car and realized they were the wrong size, so I immediately returned them. The clerk from whom I purchased them had to call the manager on duty. She said defensively, "Yvette (another clerk) said that was all we had," so apparently she had not looked for other sizes. Silently the return transaction was completed. No "I am sorry" or offer to order another size.

At store No. 3, I was greeted, the clerk came out from behind the counter and helped me look at the display, knew what I was asking for and found several that might work. They didn't fit well, since I have to wear them to protect my eyes from wind and allergens as well as sun, so I didn't buy them, but would have if they had worked for me. I hope my white hair was not a factor in my receiving poor service in two out of three stops.

Store managers, please train your young clerks to serve customers.

So I went home and ordered sunglasses online.

MARIAN POSEY
Jerome

Idaho Democrats are up to the challenge

The Idaho Republican Party has just formed its 2010 platform, complete with a loyalty oath provision and a call for repeal of the 17th Amendment. Repeal of the 17th Amendment would return us to the State Legislature electing U.S. senators rather than the voting public. Add this to the Idaho Republican effort to close the primaries to anyone not a party member and it becomes clear that the Republican Party does not consider all voters to be equal.

The Democratic Party has chosen to embrace Keith Allred for governor. Since 2004, Mr. Allred has pointedly taken Idaho citizens' opinions over party positions in his work with The Common Interest and the Idaho Legislature. He is also a Twin Falls native.

Stan Olson is the retired Boise School District superintendent running for state superintendent. He has steered the Boise district through successful local campaigns to increase funding for schools and has expanded professional and technical programs in the largest school district in the state.

Gary Eller has stepped forward to run for county commissioner. Mr. Eller is a retired Special Forces officer. His education and his experience in managing budgets and complex assignments make him the best candidate for this job. Mr. Eller has served our country in war and is willing to serve the citizens of Twin Falls County as county commissioner.

The Idaho Republican Party wants candidates that will tow the party line and provide an outline of any differences they have with the party platform.

The Idaho Democratic Party chooses to focus on candidates who address immediate challenges facing the people of Idaho especially the economy and education system. Idaho Democrats aren't focused on party loyalty but on loyalty to the citizens of Idaho.

DEBORAH SILVER
Twin Falls

Don't dump your cats

I'm a cat lover. I've been really angry about all of the cats that are being dropped off at Rock Creek Park. I'm not accusing anyone or name calling, I just want people to stop abandoning these cats or dropping them off, even at the animal shelter without food or a donation for their upkeep.

These cats should be on a leash if they are at a park. I don't understand why people don't worry about these cats or dogs getting run over.

I'm just asking the readers to help with this problem. It's not the cats' fault. If you have cats, please be a responsible pet owner and spay or neuter your animals or put them in the paper "free" to a good home.

I'm going to make a \$5 monthly donation to the animal shelter for the care of both cats and dogs and I'm on disability. If I can do it, you can, too. No excuses, because we all have excuses. What could it hurt to give a monthly donation?

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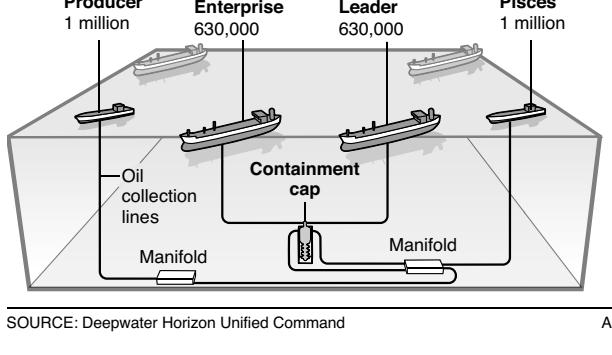
NATION & WORLD

Oil flows freely in new bid to plug well

BP says it's close to containment

As early as July 12, BP hopes to fully contain the oil leak gushing since the Deepwater Horizon exploded April 20. The plan calls for a larger cap over the blowout preventer, and a total of four vessels at the surface that can process oil and gas.

Capabilities of ships to process oil, in gallons



SOURCE: Deepwater Horizon Unified Command

By Tom Breen

Associated Press writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Robotic submarines working a mile underwater removed a leaking cap from the gushing Gulf oil well Saturday, starting a painful trade-off: Millions more gallons of crude will flow freely into the sea for at least two days until a new seal can be mounted to capture all of it.

There's no guarantee for such a delicate operation deep below the water's surface, officials said, and the permanent fix of plugging

the well from the bottom remains slated for mid-August.

"It's not just going to be, you put the cap on, it's done. It's not like putting a cap on a tube of toothpaste," Coast Guard spokesman Capt. James McPherson said.

Robotic submarines removed the cap that had been placed on top of the leak in early June to collect the oil and send it to surface ships for collection or burning. BP aims to have the new, tighter cap in place as early as Monday and said that, as of Saturday night, the work was going according to plan.

If tests show it can withstand the pressure of the oil and is working, the Gulf region could get its most significant piece of good news since the April 20 explosion on the BP-leased Deepwater Horizon rig, which killed 11 workers.

"Over the next four to seven days, depending on how things go, we should get that sealing cap on. That's our plan," said Kent Wells, a BP senior vice president, of the round-the-clock operation.

It would be only a temporary solution to the catastrophe that the federal govern-

ment estimates has poured between 87 million and 172 million gallons of oil into the Gulf as of Saturday. Hope for permanently plugging the leak lies with two relief wells, the first of which should be finished by mid-August.

With the cap removed Saturday at 11:37 p.m. MDT, oil flowed freely into the water, collected only by the Q4000 surface vessel, with a capacity of about 378,000 gallons. That vessel should be joined Sunday by the Helix Producer, which has more than double the Q4000's capacity.

Taking on Toyota

Japanese automaker lashed out at Illinois instructor during big recall

By Jim Suhr
Associated Press writer

CARBONDALE, Ill. (AP) — It's the kind of publicity any university might dream about: An instructor uncovers a possible flaw that's causing some of the world's most popular cars to accelerate suddenly. His groundbreaking work attracts interest from Congress and reporters worldwide.

But as Southern Illinois University's David Gilbert sought to show that electronics might be to blame for the problem in Toyotas, the world's largest automaker tried to cast doubt on his findings. One Toyota employee even questioned whether he should be employed by the school, which has long been a recipient of company donations.

Electronic messages obtained by The Associated Press show the automaker grew increasingly frustrated with Gilbert's work and made its displeasure clear to his bosses at the 20,000-student school.

"It did kind of catch us off-guard," university spokesman Rod Sievers said.

So did the fallout. Two Toyota employees quickly resigned from an advisory board of the school's auto-technology program, and the company withdrew offers to fund two spring-break internships.

"I didn't really set out to take on Toyota. I set out to tell the truth, and I felt very strongly about that," said Gilbert, who was among the first to suggest that electronics, not sticky gas pedals or badly designed floor mats, caused the acceleration that required the Japanese automaker to recall



AP file photo

David Gilbert, associate professor of automotive technology at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill., testifies at the House Oversight and Investigations subcommittee hearing on Toyota, on Feb. 23 on Capitol Hill in Washington.

millions of vehicles.

Toyota insists its relationship with the school remains "strong," and company officials say they have no plans to stop contributing to SIU.

They also say the two Toyota representatives who stepped down from the advisory board did so merely to avoid any appearance that the company was exerting influence over Gilbert's testimony.

"We have absolutely no issues with SIU and retain an excellent relationship. That won't change," Toyota spokeswoman Celeste Migliore said.

Driven by his own curiosity, Gilbert in January found he could manipulate the electronics in a Toyota Avalon to recreate the acceleration without triggering any trouble codes in the vehicle's computer. Such codes send the vehicle's computer into a fail-safe mode that allows the brake to override the gas.

Gilbert said he reported his "startling discovery" to Toyota, and the automaker "listened attentively." But

Gilbert said he never heard back from the company, which has steadfastly maintained the problems were mechanical, not electronic.

Next, Gilbert told the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, then made plans to tell Congress.

"I didn't feel I could just be passive in this," he said.

Along the way, Gilbert told the university in writing that he had been tapped as a consultant for a company called Safety Research & Strategies Inc., which asked him to study the safety of electronic throttle controls.

Gilbert's boss, Terry Owens, wished him well: "Good luck in your investigation," Owens wrote in a Feb. 10 e-mail. "I hope it leads to public safety and publications."

One of Gilbert's research partners, an assistant professor named Omar Trinidad, nervously asked Owens whether the findings would "negatively affect my tenure track or even jeopardize my tenure with SIUC?"

If you have any reservations on what we are doing, please

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— Southern Illinois University's David Gilbert, who was among the first to suggest that electronics, not sticky gas pedals or badly designed floor mats, caused the acceleration that required Toyota to recall millions of vehicles.

do not hesitate to inform me"

Owens tried to reassure Trinidad: "If your investigations are upheld and have major impact resulting in papers, presentations, and national recognition of expertise, these are all factors that will benefit your research productivity."

Hours later, on the eve of his congressional testimony, Gilbert appeared in an ABC News "World News" report showing correspondent Brian Ross driving a Toyota rigged to quickly accelerate. When it did, a shaken Ross said he had a hard time getting the car to come to a stop.

ABC News later acknowledged that a picture in the segment showing a tachometer with its needle zooming forward was taken from a separate instance in which a short-circuit was induced in a parked car.

But almost immediately after the ABC report, media outlets began calling the school looking for Gilbert. By then, he was headed to Washington — without a cell phone.



AP photo
An Afghan policeman inspects a damaged vehicle at the scene of an explosion in Kandahar on Saturday.

Surge of attacks kills 6 U.S. troops, 12 Afghan civilians

By Kay Johnson
Associated Press writer

the nearly nine-year-old war, and July has kept pace.

On Saturday, two U.S. troops died in the south in separate roadside bombings. In Kandahar city, a remote-controlled bomb on a motorcycle exploded, setting cars ablaze and shattering windows at a popular shopping center. The provincial government said one passer-by was also killed.

Other American service members died in the east: One as a result of small-arms fire, another by a roadside bomb, a third during an insurgent attack, and the last in an accidental explosion. Their deaths raised to 23 the number of American troops killed so far this month. Last month, 103 international troops died, 60 of them Americans.

In the spring, as NATO began stepping up patrols in the south, Adm. Mike Mullen, head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, warned such a rise in casualties would be inevitable. "I think we've been very clear for months now that this was going to be a very difficult fight in the south, and tried to set expectations, as tragic as it is, for these losses," said Mullen, who is Obama's top military adviser.

In spy swap, agents were pawns in a practiced game

By Calvin Woodward
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — In the rapid-fire spy swap, the United States and Russia worked together as only old enemies could.

Less than two weeks after the FBI broke the spy ring in a counter-intelligence operation cultivated for a decade, 10 Russian secret agents caught in the U.S. are back in Russia, four convicted of spying for the West have been pardoned and released by Moscow, and bilateral relations appear on track again.

In describing how the swap unfolded, U.S. officials made clear that even before the arrests, Washington wanted not only to take down a spy network but to move beyond the provocative moment.

So the U.S. made an offer. Russia was ready to deal.

Channels of communication that once coursed with world-shaking superpower crises were reflexively put into play. Moscow and Washington not only have a history of nuclear-tipped tension but also long experience keeping those tensions in check.

Just imagine if the U.S. had been

caught up in a spy flare-up with

Iran instead.

"This case has been done with electrifying speed," said John L. Martin, who oversaw Cold War espionage prosecutions and trades during a 27-year career at the Justice Department. "I've never seen so much pressure to do it quickly."



Panetta

The detailed case against the network of secret Russian agents was brought to the attention of the White House in February, officials said. On June 11, President Barack Obama was briefed on the matter.

Well before FBI agents moved against the operatives late that month, Washington had in mind that they might become bargaining chips to free Russians imprisoned for betraying Moscow and helping the West. The U.S. arrests were not made to facilitate a swap, said a U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss matters of intelligence. Rather, they were precipitated, at least partly, by the plans of several of the Russians to leave this country this summer. He said that

approached to take down the ring, the question officials asked each other was, "Once the arrests take place, what do we do?"

CIA and FBI officials decided that because the sleepers had been observed and tracked by U.S. agents for so long, there was nothing to be gained or learned from them, the official said. Once in custody, the operatives provided an opportunity for us to get something from the Russians."

The idea of a swap advanced.

The CIA was assigned to make the initial approach, "testing the waters, and following through," the official said. About a day after the arrests were made, the CIA contacted the Russian service to say, "We had a proposal to resolve the situation."

The Russians, despite crying

foul in public over the arrests, were ready to privately listen.

That set the stage for three phone calls between CIA Director Leon Panetta and Russia's spy chief, Mikhail Fradkov. Panetta identified the four prisoners being held in Russia that the U.S. wanted to free, several U.S. officials said.

"I think the U.S. government had its end game lined up when it started this process," said attorney Peter Krupp, who represented Donald Heathfield, one of the U.S. defendants.

"The Justice Department and perhaps the State Department moved mountains that couldn't be moved by local officials to orchestrate a meeting between my client in Boston on Saturday of the Fourth of July weekend," said Krupp.

Struggling states seek more aid from D.C.

By Liz Sidoti
Associated Press writer

BOSTON — Governors hamstrung by the sluggish economic rebound in their states and bound to balance their own budgets are pressing anew for Washington to step up with more help, some say even if it means adding to the nation's red ink.

Republicans and Democrats alike wrestled with how to capitalize on a fledgling rebound as they talked dollars and sense at their summer meeting just days into a new state budget year and as the economy shapes dozens of gubernatorial races across the country.

"All states still are facing tough fiscal situations even though I do believe we're in recovery," said West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin, a Democrat who's taking over as chairman of the National Governors Association.

Added Gov. Jim Douglas, R-Vt., the outgoing chairman: "Governors have done what is necessary to get through this" — repeatedly cutting budgets, restructuring government, laying off workers and draining rainy day funds.

But both men said states can't continue to climb out of the recession alone, and the NGA renewed its bipartisan appeal for Congress to pass stalled jobs legislation that includes billions of dollars in aid to states.

Just days before the new budget year began in states July 1, the House and Senate failed to complete legislation that would have extended, through June 2011, important parts of the federal stimulus program enacted last year to provide unemployment insurance and help offset recession-driven cuts to education, health care and public safety.

The measure offered \$35.5 billion for unemployment benefits for the long-term jobless and \$16 billion for Medicaid, the public health care program for the poor. It also would have added an estimated \$33 billion to the deficit.

Even so, several Democratic governors suggested in interviews and during panel discussions that the short-term gain was worth the long-term pain. But some Republican governors were more tentative in their support, suggesting any aid should be offset by paying for it from other areas of the budget.

In February, 47 governors sent a letter in February to Congress requesting lawmakers give states more money for Medicaid, and NGA leadership renewed that call as the three-day gathering opened. Said Douglas: "We've taken a pretty clear position on it. We're for it." Still, he acknowledged disagreements over how to pay for it and added: "We need to find that common ground."

Republicans privately said NGA didn't send a new letter during this meeting because support in the GOP ranks had thinned over the last several months.

Caught in a maze



AP photo

Sylvie Nelson, executive director of the Saranac Lake, N.Y., chamber of commerce, center, attends a ribbon cutting ceremony for a yoga studio on June 18 in Saranac Lake, N.Y. Nelson keeps getting snared at the Canadian border because she apparently shares some identity information with a man who is in trouble with the law. Federal officials have not fixed the problem after almost two years.

Officers repeatedly stop NY woman in identity mix-up

By Michael Hill
Associated Press writer

SARANAC LAKE, N.Y. — Sylvie Nelson's border crossings are anything but routine. Customs agents sometimes order her out of her car. Twice, they handcuffed her in front of her young children. Once, agents swarmed her car and handcuffed her husband, too.

She tells them: It's not me you want, it's a man with the same birth date and a similar name. Agents always confirm that and let her go.

Then it happens again. And again.

"I can understand one missed identification," Nelson said. "But over and over again?"

Nelson, a 44-year-old white woman, keeps getting snared at the Canadian border because she apparently shares some key identifying information with a black man, possibly from Georgia, who is in trouble with the law. While such cases of mistaken identity at border points and airports are not unique, Nelson's case is unusual in that only some of her crossings set off an alarm and because federal officials have not fixed the problem after almost two years.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials

told The Associated Press they cannot discuss Nelson's case, and they have shared few details with her. Still, it's clear from their correspondence with Nelson and her congressman that they acknowledge the problem, saying they have taken "positive steps" to address it.

The nation's 4,000-mile boundary with Canada is tested regularly by people trying to smuggle cigarettes, drugs and illegal immigrants. In New York, the drive-through crossings also are kept busy by steady streams of shoppers, tourists and people with personal ties to both countries, like Nelson.

Nelson was born in Canada, married an American and lives with him, her 6-year-old daughter and 2-year-old son in Saranac Lake, where she runs the chamber of commerce. She became a U.S. citizen in 2008.

Nelson crosses the border several times a month to visit relatives, friends and her family's second home, using her Canadian passport to leave the country and her U.S. passport to get back in.

Her U.S. passport first triggered an alarm in August 2008. Agents told her the mix-up would be corrected, and she crossed without incident many

times after that.

In December, she was ordered from her car and handcuffed as she came back from a Montreal shopping trip with her children. Nelson was mortified and melted into tears but was soon told she was free to go.

It happened again in February at a different New York crossing. Agents surrounded her car and her husband also was handcuffed. Again, she was let go.

"They never apologize," Nelson said. "They basically tell you that they're doing their job for the better good of the world."

Nelson has struggled to get information from Homeland Security officials. They will not tell her who she is being confused with or why the problem persists.

Obama promises more help for vets with PTSD

WASHINGTON (AP) —

The government is taking what President Barack Obama calls "a long overdue step" to aid veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder, making it easier for them to receive federal benefits.

The changes that Veteran Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki will announce Monday fulfill "a solemn responsibility to provide our veterans and wounded warriors with the care and benefits they've earned when they come home," Obama said in his weekly radio and online address Saturday.

The new rules will apply

not only to veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, but also those who served in previous conflicts. No longer will veterans have to prove what caused their illness. Instead, they would have to show that the conditions surrounding the time and place of their service could have contributed to their illness.

"I don't think our troops on the battlefield should have to take notes to keep for a claims application," the president said. "And I've met enough veterans to know that you don't have to engage in a firefight to endure the trauma of war."

Veterans advocates and some lawmakers have argued that it sometimes could be impossible for veterans to find records of a firefight or bomb blast.

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The undated image taken by the comet chaser Rosetta shows the asteroid Lutetia.

European Space Agency looking closely at asteroid

By Verena Schmitt-Roschmann
Associated Press writer

BERLIN (AP) — The European Space Agency has taken the closest look yet at asteroid Lutetia in an extraordinary quest some 280 million miles in outer space between Mars and Jupiter.

The comet-chaser Rosetta transmitted its first pictures from the largest asteroid ever visited by a satellite Saturday night after it flew by Lutetia as close as 1,900 miles, ESA said in Darmstadt, Germany.

"These are fantastic and exciting pictures," space agency scientist Rita Schulz said in a webcast presentation. She said it would take several weeks before all 400 pictures and all data from the high-precision instruments aboard Rosetta would come through to Earth.

"I am a very happy man," said ESA manager David Southwood. "It is a great day for European Science and for world science."

Though Lutetia was discovered some 150 years ago, for a long time it was little more than a point of light to those on Earth. Only recent high-resolution ground-based imaging has given a vague view of the asteroid, the agency said.

"At the moment we know very little about it," Schulz said. Lutetia is believed to be 83.3 miles in diameter with a "pronounced elongation," but scientists have been puzzled as to what type of asteroid it is — a "primitive" one containing carbon compounds or a metallic asteroid.

"We are now going to get the details of this asteroid, which is very important," Schulz said. "There will be a lot of science coming from that mission."

Scientists hope to find in the information and images gathered by Rosetta clues to the history of comets and asteroids and of the solar system, Schulz said.

Slaughtered for fish bait, Amazon river dolphins facing extinction

By Bradley Brooks
Associated Press writer

RIO DE JANEIRO — The bright pink color gives them a striking appearance in the muddy jungle waters. That Amazon river dolphins are also gentle and curious makes them easy targets for nets and harpoons as they swim fearlessly up to fishing boats.

Now, their carcasses are showing up in record numbers on riverbanks, their flesh torn away for fishing bait, causing researchers to warn of a growing threat to a species that has already disappeared in other parts of the world.

"The population of the river dolphins will collapse if these fishermen are not stopped from killing them," said Vera da Silva, the top aquatic mammals expert at the government's Institute of Amazonian Research. "We've been studying an area of 11,000 hectares (27,000 acres) for 17 years, and of late the population is dropping 7 percent each year."

That translates to about 1,500 dolphins killed annually in the part of the Mamiraua Reserve of the western Amazon where da Silva studies the mammals.

Da Silva said researchers first began finding dolphin carcasses along riverbanks around the year 2000. They were obviously killed by human hands: sliced open and quartered, with their flesh cut away.

The killings are becoming more common, researchers and environmental agents say. Even the government acknowledges that there is a problem. It's already illegal to kill the dolphins without government permission — as with all wild animals in the Amazon. But little is being done to stop it.

Less than five agents are tasked with protecting wildlife in a jungle region covering the western two-thirds of Amazonas state, which is more than twice the



An Amazon river dolphin swims in the Airao River in Brazil's Amazonas state in November 2005. Researchers say Amazon river dolphins are increasingly being slaughtered and used as fish bait in Brazil, which threatens to wipe out local populations of the mammal.

The dolphins are attractive to anglers for their fatty flesh that is a highly effective bait for catching a type of catfish called piracatinga.

Consumption in neighboring Colombia is driving the slaughter. Some 884 tons of the fish came from Brazil in 2007, according to the Colombian Institute for Rural Development. That jumped to 1,430 tons in 2008 and spiked to 2,153 tons in 2009.

Simple economics exacerbates the problem: Killing dolphins is free, and their meat is valuable. Using the flesh from one carcass, fishermen can catch up to 1,100 pounds of piracatinga. According to da Silva and other researchers, they can sell the catfish for 50 cents per kilogram, translating into \$550 for just a few nights' work.

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Back from the edge

How Guatemala nearly went 'narco'

By Tim Johnson
McClatchy Newspapers

GUATEMALA CITY — For a 17-day period that ended last month, Guatemala seemed to be falling under the direct control of suspected mobsters. A lawyer leading a posse of unsavory characters became the attorney general and started dismantling the state's legal apparatus.

Central America's most populous country teetered on the edge of "going narco."

A rugged coffee-growing nation of 13.5 million people, 40 percent of them disenfranchised Mayan Indians, Guatemala has largely been off the world's radar screen. But as U.S. anti-narcotics aid poured into Mexico and Colombia, bad guys flooded the region in between.

Guatemala became a prime destination. Its democracy is fragile, and while institutions of state appear to function, corruption is rampant.

Narcotics are pervasive. Some 275 to 385 tons of South American cocaine transits Guatemala each year, almost enough to satisfy all U.S. demand, according to a March estimate by the State Department.

Syndicates from neighboring Mexico brought violence to the steps of power — literally. Cartel enforcers demanding an end to a crackdown on organized crime dumped four decapitated human heads on the steps of Congress and other downtown Guatemala City sites on June 10.

Drug gangs operate largely unhindered. As many as seven of Guatemala's 22 provinces may not be under government control, making it "one of the world's

Troubled Guatemala

Though a 36-year civil war ended 14 years ago, crime and corruption remain endemic. Guatemala is one of the world's most violent countries.



Recent history

1954-85 Under military rule

1960 Civil war begins; government counterinsurgency campaign leads to widespread human rights violations by army; about 200,000 people killed or disappeared

2006 U.N. establishes commission to help strengthen the rule of law, fight corruption

Violence

6,451 Guatemalans were murdered in 2009, a trial carried out and verdict issued in 230 cases; a conviction rate of 4 percent

Drug-trafficking, kidnapping are major businesses

most dangerous countries," according to a report June 22 by the International Crisis Group, a Brussels-based organization.

Impunity is the rule. A weak judicial system keeps most of Guatemala's corrupt politicians, hired assassins, arms traffickers and drug dealers out of prison. It got so bad that the United Nations set up a special commission in 2006 to help Guatemala dismantle its vast clandestine networks of organized crime, and by doing so give Guatemalans hope for justice.

It remains a distant goal.

Even though President

Land and people

Population about 13 million; the most populous country in Central America

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Poverty Half of the population lives below poverty level

Indigenous people 38 percent of population; 76 percent of poor

Children 43 percent under age 5 are chronically malnourished

Remittances Largest recipient in Central America

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Source: ESRI, CIA Factbook, International Commission Against Impunity in Guatemala Graphic: Judy Treble, Tim Gheen

Alvaro Colom's administration has sacked more than 2,000 police officers from the national force, corruption corrodes the pillars of state. The last two national police chiefs are in jail on narcotics charges. Two former interior ministers are fugitives.

Leading the U.N.'s International Commission Against Impunity in Guatemala was Carlos Castresana, a hard-charging and outspoken former Spanish judge. At high personal cost, he yanked Guatemala back from the precipice last month in an extraordinary chain of events.

A starting point for the drama occurred at noon on May 25 when Colom administered the oath of office as attorney general to Conrado Reyes, a lawyer.

To the surprise of attendees, standing nearby was Juan Roberto Garrido Perez, a former army captain whose U.S. visa had been revoked because of suspicions of links to narcotics trafficking.

Once sworn in as attorney general, Reyes seized personal control of criminal investigations and the most sensitive bureau of the Public Ministry, the Special Methods Unit, which handles wiretaps of major drug traffickers, corrupt army officers, tycoons and politicians.

Within days of Reyes' takeover, more than a dozen seasoned prosecutors who'd been handling sensitive cases involving political murders, corruption and drug trafficking were swept out of their jobs.

Asked why he sacked the prosecutors, Reyes told reporters: "They weren't doing anything."

With key prosecutors gone, and suspected mafiosos calling the shots, however, Castresana saw his work coming undone. In desperation, he resigned June 7, issuing a broadside against Reyes.

"He is not the prosecutor that Guatemala deserves. He has ties with illicit organizations. His election was arranged by law firms that defend drug traffickers," Castresana said at a news conference.

Foreign governments leaned heavily on Guatemala, and its Constitutional Court felt compelled to act. On June 11, it annulled Reyes' selection as attorney general.

Baghdad kills 58,000 strays in 3 months

BAGHDAD (AP) — Teams of veterinarians and police shooters have killed some 58,000 stray dogs in and around the Iraqi capital over the past three months as part of a campaign to curb an increasing number of strays blamed for attacks on residents.

The Baghdad provincial government said in a statement released Sunday that 20 teams have been moving around Baghdad and the outer-lying districts daily looking for and putting down the dogs. The operation, which was first announced in late 2008, only truly took off this April after funds were allocated for the project.

The surge in strays — estimated by provincial officials to number around 1.25 million — is ironically linked to what officials say is an improvement in some elements of daily life in Baghdad, a city that for seven years has been struggling to return to normalcy after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion to topple Saddam Hussein.

Officials with the provincial veterinary directorate said that with open-air markets and bustling city life returning, the dogs are able to find more food and are having bigger litters.

Figures for the number of attacks by packs of stray dogs were not available Saturday, the last day of the weekend in Iraq.

But officials said resident complaints have increased steadily in tandem with the rise in the stray population. In the capital, dogs have attacked children, in some cases killing them.

Efforts since the campaign was first announced in 2008 met with limited success because of a lack of funding and follow-through. There are not believed to be any dog shelters in Baghdad.



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Big upside (down)

Tomlinson repeats at Wake in the Snake's outlaw champion

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Last year it was a broken leg. This year it was two broken collar bones.

Imagine how good of a wakeboarder Braxton Tomlinson would be if he could stay healthy.

Despite the setbacks, Tomlinson, 17, of Mud Lake repeated as outlaw champion at the 12th Annual Wake in the Snake on Saturday at Burley Golf Course Marina, which featured 30 riders in six classes.

"He's always a tough one to beat," said head judge Ryan Shimabukuro, from Salt Lake City. "He was solid, consistent, went big and had good composition."

For how big Tomlinson takes his tricks, it's ironic that none of his past injuries were wakeboard-related. Instead, they were a result of wrestling and dirt biking.

Still, there was no way he'd miss the chance to defend his Wake in the Snake title.

"Burley is a great place. This river out here is so nice, it's a great venue and great people," Tomlinson said. "It's fun to come out and hang out with everybody."

Tomlinson's set wasn't flawless, however. He repeated a trick in his first pass, which cost him a few points — not enough to make a difference, though.

"It knocked down his composition a little bit, but based on how the other riders rode, it didn't hurt him that much," Shimabukuro said. "If somebody was really close, it could have been a deciding factor, but in this case it wasn't."

With Tomlinson running away with the title, it was a tight race for spots 2-6.

Blake Hansen of Salt Lake City and Mitch Winchester of Boise were stellar bookends to the outlaw class riders, finishing second and third, respectively.

"Mitch Winchester came out, first rider off the dock, and set a high bar for others to hit," Shimabukuro said. "That's the best I've ever seen him ride in the years I've seen him competing here. Blake went last and was really consistent and mixed it up. But Braxton had a little

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RYAN HOWE/Times-News

Braxton Tomlinson won the outlaw division of Saturday's Wake in the Snake at Burley Golf Course Marina.

WAKE IN THE SNAKE

Saturday's results

Top 3 placers in each division
Outlaw: 1. Braxton Tomlinson, Mud Lake; 2. Blake Hansen, Salt Lake City, Utah; 3. Mitch Winchester, Boise.

Advanced: 1. Jordan Wayment, Ogden,

Utah; 2. Scott Nelson, Midvale, Utah; 3. Chad Lloyd, Eagle.

Women: 1. Nikki Willhoite, Layton, Utah; 2. Jenna Hines, Boise; 3. Ashlee Whitney, Chubbuck.

Intermediate: 1. Chandler Higgins,

Riverton, Utah; 2. Skyler Shaw, Ogden, Utah; 3. Morgan Winchester, Boise.

Beginner: 1. Brandon Williams, Rupert; 2. Faith Wray, Layton, Utah; 3. Jordan Liddil, Pocatello.

Grom: 1. Zac Whitney, Chubbuck.

BEATING THE HEAT



DREW GODLESKI/For the Times-News

Kaitlyn Nicholson, 11, competes in the 200-meter individual medley during the Fifth Annual Summer Heat Invitational Swim Meet Saturday at the YMCA/City Pool in Twin Falls. The three-day meet concludes today with swimming slated to run from 9:15 a.m. to about 3 p.m. For results from Friday and Saturday's event, see Sports 2.

Kunz, Mills lead Burley past Minico

Spartans rest several starters as teams play again Monday night

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

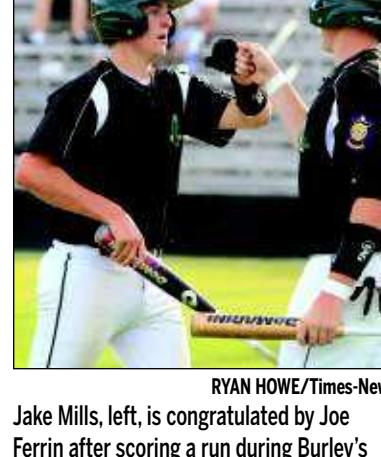
RUPERT — From the first pitch to the last, Burley dominated in a 12-1 American Legion Baseball victory over Minico Saturday at Warburton Field.

Burley leadoff hitter Jackson Kunz took Slade Winnill's first pitch of the game over the right field wall, and then Jake Mills struck out 10 — including the final two batters of the nine-inning affair — and walked one while allowing no earned runs in the two-hitter.

"Jackson set the tone early. That's probably the biggest momentum boost you can have," said Mills, who also batted 2-for-3 with three RBIs.

"We have to feed off of that and have good attitudes, and that's exactly what happened."

After Kunz's homer, Mills' double drove in two runs and Fonzie



RYAN HOWE/Times-News

Jake Mills, left, is congratulated by Joe Ferrin after scoring a run during Burley's 12-1 win over Minico on Saturday in Rupert.

Fonzie had an RBI fielder's choice to give Burley a 4-0 lead and put Minico on its heels.

"I think (the early lead) had a lot to do with (Minico's poor play)," Mills said. "Once you're in a hole, it's hard to dig yourself back out, and we put them in a big hole to start it off."

The Class A Green Sox matched up favorably against Class AA Minico, which gave seven of its regular starters the night off.

"Some of those kids hadn't gotten a chance to play all week, so I figured it would be better to get them innings against Burley than Poky," said Minico coach Ben Frank.

"It was a matter of timing. When we play them Monday we'll play everybody."

"I don't think we competed at all," Frank said. "They didn't attempt to win, they showed up to go through the motions."

Burley (22-11, 17-7 Area C) got solid hitting throughout its lineup, led by Fonzie Sanchez going 3-for-4 with two RBIs.

"It's Minico. Always got to be ready for that," said Mills. "It's a big deal for me, and it means a lot to the team, too."

The same two teams meet again at 6 p.m. Monday for a nine-inning game at Burley.

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Jake Mills and Kody Moon; Slade Winnill, Nate Hanks (5); Braden Winnill (6), Sager Nevarez (8) and Marty Pawson. W: Mills. L: S. Winnill.
Extra-base hits - 2B: Burley, Mills 2. HR: Burley, Jackson Kunz.

WORLD CUP FINAL Netherlands or Spain to get first title

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press writer

JOHANNESBURG — After all the bluster about Brazil and the awe inspired by Germany, the World Cup comes down to two of the all-time underachievers playing for their first title.

Spain and the Netherlands, teams with long histories of wasting their

biggest opportunities, meet Sunday at Soccer City to conclude the first World Cup held in Africa.

What began as a celebration of this continent, then turned into a South American fiesta for two rounds, finishes off with one European country discarding its also-ran label.

Which one?

"I am sure the Spanish can win any game because they are dominant and it's hard to contain their attack," Germany coach Joachim Loew said after his team lost 1-0 in the semifinals. "They have shown they can beat anyone."

Perhaps. But ...

"The Dutch can create a goal from any situation," coach Oscar Tabarez said after his Uruguay squad allowed three to the Netherlands, one more than it gave up in the rest of the tournament. "They play some beautiful football."

How nice it would be if this final featured just that: well-played, open, creative soccer. That's what both the Dutch and Spaniards do best. So if coaches Bert van Marwijk and Vicente del Bosque don't turn conservative all of a sudden, Sunday's showdown could turn into one entertaining shootout.

"I love attacking and beautiful football," the Netherlands' Van Marwijk said, "but you have to work together when the opponent has the ball and then you can go a long way."

The Dutch have gone a long way in the World Cup before. They simply couldn't finish it off in 1974 and 1978, losing in the final to host teams West Germany and Argentina. They carry one of the most impressive strings of success into the championship match that soccer has seen: 10 straight wins and 25 games without a loss. If they beat Spain, the Dutch will match Brazil's 1970 accomplishment of sweeping all qualifying and World Cup games.

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INSIDE

Germany beats Uruguay in third-place match

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RYAN HOWE/Times-News

Dan Pickens of Pocatello watches his tee shot Saturday during the first round of the 2010 MillerCoors Burley Amateur Golf Championship at Burley Golf Course. Pickens won the event in 2009.

Ward leads after Day 1 at 2010 Burley Amateur

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Alan Ward of Burley shot a 68 Saturday to lead the championship flight after Day 1 of the 2010 MillerCoors Burley Amateur Golf Championship at Burley Golf Course.

Darren Kuhn is second with a 70, while Chris Roland and 2009 champion Dan Pickens are tied for third at 71.

Victor Velasquez leads the first flight with a 72, while Breanna Pace tops the women's championship flight after carding a first-round 83.

The tournament concludes today.

2010 MillerCoors Burley Amateur Golf Championship

Saturday results

Men

Championship flight: 1. Alan Ward, Burley, 68; 2.

MAGIC VALLEY SPORTS BRIEFS

Following are sports announcements submitted to the Times-News.

JRD POOL HOLDS FAMILY NIGHT

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District Pool will be holding its second Friday Family Fun Night from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. July 30. Lifeguards will grill hot dogs and provide chips and Pepsi products. Photos, games and competitions will be offered. The cost is \$10 per family. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

JEROME OPTIMIST CLUB HOLDS GOLF SCRABBLE

JEROME — The Jerome Optimist Club will hold a golf tournament Saturday, July 24, at 93 Golf Ranch in Jerome. The cost is \$50 per person and includes cart rental. The four-player scramble begins with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Information: Julie Stadelman at 324-5469 or 308-2750.

JHS VOLLEYBALL CAMP OFFERED

JEROME — Jerome High School Volleyball Camp will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 13 through Thursday, July 15. Girls in grades 4-6 will attend at the new Jerome Middle School gymnasium, with grades 7-8 at the JHS gymnasium. The cost is \$35 and includes a camp T-shirt. Participants should bring athletic shoes and a water bottle. Information: Hannah Clark at 404-9292 or e-mail jeromevolleyball@hotmail.com.

CSI HOLDS GRASS VB TOURNAMENT

OAKLEY — The College of Southern Idaho Eagle Dorms will hold a grass volleyball tournament on Saturday, July 17 and Sunday, July 18 on the lawn behind the dorms. Two-person men, women and co-ed teams are invited to pre-register to play. The registration fee is \$20 per day. Check-in will start at 8:15 a.m. and the tournament begins at 9 a.m.

Online registration is available at <http://treasurevalleyvolleyball.com>. Information: George Moreno at 404-2838 or e-mail georgem23_88@hotmail.com.

JEROME CHAMBER HOLDS SCRABBLE

JEROME — The 2010 Jerome Chamber of Commerce Golf Scramble will be held Saturday, July 17 at Jerome Country Club, beginning with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. The cost is \$55 per golfer with six-man teams in a best-ball format. Mulligans are \$5 each. Information: Loralee McKee at 737-6733 or the Jerome Chamber of Commerce at 324-2711.

FILER HOLDS FOOTBALL CAMP

FILER — Filer High School's summer football camp will be held July 19-21 at the Filer High School football field. Grades 5-8 will attend from 9 to 11 a.m., with grades 9-12 attending from 6-8 p.m. The cost is \$20 and includes

a camp T-shirt. Information: Russ Burnham at 543-6249 or 521-7096.

GOODING TENNIS CAMP NEARS

GOODING — Gooding Summer Tennis Camp will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. July 19-30 at the tennis courts behind Gooding High School. The camp includes lesson in forehand, backhand, net play and scoring. The cost is \$25 per student and includes a T-shirt. Information: 358-5426.

CONDITIONING CAMP SET

The second annual Speed and Conditioning Camp for Magic Valley athletes in grades 7 through 9 will be held from 7 to 9:30 a.m., July 19-26 at Canyon Ridge High School. For high-schoolers in grades 10 to 12 a camp will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m., July 26-Aug. 6.

The cost for the junior high camp is \$40, and the high school camp costs \$65. Each camp will be capped at 80 participants and is designed to increase agility, speed, strength, coordination and endurance.

JRD HOLDS KIDS FITNESS NIGHTS

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District will offer Kids Summer Fitness Nights July 22, Aug. 5 and Aug. 19. The cost is \$5 per night and youth in grades 2-8 are invited to participate. Each night features games, crafts, swimming and pizza. Information: 324-3389 or www.jeromerecreationdistrict.com.

GOOSE CREEK RUN-OFF COMING

OAKLEY — The Goose Creek Run-Off will be held July 24 in conjunction with the Oakley Pioneer Days Celebration. The event features a 10k run, a four-mile walk and a one-mile children's race. Prizes will be awarded to overall winners and age division winners. Check-in for the 10k begins at 5 a.m. July 24. Buses leave at 6 a.m. with the race beginning at 7. Registration forms are available online at www.goosecreekrunoff.com or at Donnelley Sports, Curves, Impact Athletics and Gold's Gym. Information: Becky or Troy Woodhouse at 862-3809.

BUHL TO HOST THREE-DAY TOURNAMENT

BUHL — Buhl Youth Baseball, in conjunction with Sawtooth Baseball, will host a Minors and Majors baseball tournament July 23-25. There is a four-game guarantee. Camping will be available and College of Idaho coach Shawn Humberger will offer a free hitting clinic. Information: <http://sawtoothbaseball.com>.

FILER SOCCER HOLDS OPEN FIELDS

FILER — Open fields time for the Filer High School boys soccer team will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at Filer High School.

Cowboys earn road sweep of Gems

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Area C) hosts Upper Valley in a 6 p.m. doubleheader on Monday.

Game 1

Twin Falls 8, Boise Gems 4

Twin Falls 200 132 0 - 8 132
Boise 000 030 1 - 4 83
T.J. Ellis and Zayne Slotten, W. Ellis, Boise battery unavailable.
Extra-base hits - 2B: Twin Falls, Zeb Sneed. HR: Twin Falls, Zeb Sneed; Boise, Atkins.

Game 2

Twin Falls 9, Boise 4

Twin Falls 52 000 0 - 9 110
Boise 000 010 0 - 4 57
Zayne Slotten, Michael Williams (7) and Jayson Walker, Smith, Johnson (5) and Waters, W. Slotten, L. Smith.
Extra-base hits - 2B: Twin Falls, Williams, Welker, Ryan Petersen. HR: Twin Falls, Zeb Sneed.

BUHL SMASHES MORE HOMERS IN SWEEP OF BEAR LAKE

J.D. Leckenby smashed a grand slam and Marco Avelar hit two home runs as Buhl throttled host Bear

Lake 12-0 and 26-2 in a pair of five-inning, run-rule wins Saturday in Class A American Legion Baseball action.

Dylan Brooks gave up a single on the first pitch of Game 1 and then held Bear Lake hitless the rest of the way in getting the win. He recorded nine strikeouts and got plenty of run support as Avelar hit a two-run shot in the second and Leckenby connected for his grand slam in the fourth.

Avelar and Jack Hamilton each hit three-run home runs in Game 2.

In Friday's sweep of Marsh Falls and Saturday's wins at Bear Lake, the Tribe totaled eight homers and three

grand slams.

"Best we've played all season," said Buhl coach Brady Swallow, who praised his team for a business-like attitude on the road trip.

Buhl (26-4, 25-3 Area C) visits the Twin Falls Hawks for a 6 p.m. Tuesday double-header.

Game 1

Buhl 12, Bear Lake 0, five innings

Buhl 22 53 - 0 29 0
Bear Lake 000 00 - 0 16
Dylan Brooks and Jack Hamilton, Trent Michael and Justin Saxton.
Extra-base hits - 2B: Buhl, Jack Hamilton, Marco Avelar. HR: Buhl, Avelar, J.D. Leckenby.

Game 2

Buhl 26, Bear Lake 2, five innings

Buhl 705 303 - 26 25 3
Bear Lake 002 00 - 2 43
Steven Lively and Jack Hamilton, Eddie Matthews and Tyrell Anderson.
Extra-base hits - 2B: Buhl, Taylor Houtz, J.D. Leckenby and Marcus Lively. HR: Buhl, Marco Avelar and Jack Hamilton.

Fifth Annual Summer Heat Meet Invitational

Following are results from the Fifth Annual Summer Heat Meet Invitational, which concludes today at the YMCA/City Pool with swimming slated to begin at 9:15 a.m.

Fifth Annual Summer Heat Meet Invitational

(Top 5 only)

Saturday

Girls

50-meter freestyle (ages 13-14): 1. Kerri Starr 29.77 seconds, 2. Connor Tarver 30.13, 3. Kaedri Fry 31.3, 4. Kelsey Nelson 31.17, 5. Anna Kaiser 31.46.

50-meter butterfly (ages 15-19): 1. Lena Friesen 29.64 seconds, 2. Lauren Smith 29.98, 3. Elizabeth Fry 30.9, 4. Sydney Tracey 31.09, 5. Michael Coiner 31.58.

50-meter butterfly (ages 8 and under): 1. Anika Rubocki 47.63 seconds, 2. Molly Jacobson 53.8, 3. Hallie Hinckman 54.58, 4. Caitlyn Shelley 55.87, 5. Joey Miller 1:07.3.

50-meter butterfly (ages 9-10): 1. Nikita Rubocki 38.88 seconds, 2. Camille Andrus 40.69, 3. Whitney Vereeken 41.03, 4. Sammie Eylonson 43.02, 5. Alex Gordon 43.41.

50-meter butterfly (ages 11-12): 1. Taylor Anderson 34.14 seconds, 2. Maddie Johnson 34.31, 3. Christina Hoard 35.32, 4. Lilly Creswick 35.86, 5. Olivia Wentzell 36.73.

100-meter butterfly (ages 13-14): 1. Sarah Passay 1 minute, 23.8 seconds, 2. Randi Yarnell 1:29.1, 3. Kortnie Pimental 1:30.52, 4. Tasia Cook 1:31.2, 5. Jeanne Rogers 1:32.48.

100-meter butterfly (ages 15-19): 1. Erin Fuss 1 minute, 8.9 seconds, 2. Lena Friesen 1:14.8, 3. Elizabeth Fry 1:20.09, 4. Taylor Bates 1:20.29, 5. Hannah Biedenbach 1:21.98.

100-meter backstroke (ages 9-10): 1. Annie Bartolome 1 minute, 27.41 seconds, 2. Nikita Rubocki 1:31.74, 3. Whitney Vereeken 1:31.86, 4. Camille Andrus 1:34.81, 5. Alex Gordon 1:38.95.

100-meter backstroke (ages 11-12): 1. Taylor Anderson 1 minute, 16.57 seconds, 2. Kiana Phelps 1:23.02, 5. Randi Anderson 1:25.28.

200-meter backstroke (ages 13-14): 1. Kaedri Fry 2 minutes, 39.95 seconds, 2. Kerri Starr 2:41.17, 3. Darbie Armstrong 2:57.75, 4. Kortnie Pimental 2:57.25, 5. Allison Seedall 3:00.61.

200-meter backstroke (ages 15-19): 1. Michael Coiner 2 minutes, 45.13 seconds, 2. Taylor Collier 2:46.33, 3. Rachel Van Orden 2:50.86, 4. Tori Emerick 2:54.96, 5. Tearra Pabis 2:56.28.

50-meter freestyle (ages 8 and under): 1. Hallie Hinckman 37.73 seconds, 2. Anika Rubocki 41.33, 3. Molly Jacobson 45.09, 4. Joey Miller 46.27, 5. Caitlyn Shelley 47.43.

50-meter freestyle (9-10): 1. Camille Andrus 35.52 seconds, 2. Nikita Rubocki 35.87, 3. Annie Bartolome 36.13, 4. Sammie Eylonson 36.15, 5. Grace Mitchell 36.84.

50-meter freestyle (11-12): 1. Taylor Anderson 30.37 seconds, 2. Kiana Phelps 30.98, 3. Lilly Creswick 31.03, 4. Maddie Johnson 31.69, 5. Randi Anderson 31.79.

100-meter freestyle (ages 13-14): 1. Connor Tarver 1 minute, 6.41 seconds, 2. Kelsey Nelson 1:09.29, 3. Sarah Passay 1:09.46, 4. Kaedri Fry 1:09.56, 5. Anna Kaiser 1:10.21.

100-meter freestyle (ages 15-19): 1. Lena Friesen 1 minute, 39.93 seconds, 2. Lauren Smith 1:06.29, 3. Erin Fuss 1:06.43, 4. Michael Coiner 1:09.21, 5. Taylor Collier 1:09.24.

100-meter breaststroke (ages 9-10): 1. Sammie Eylonson 1 minute, 46.74 seconds, 2. Grace Mitchell 47.25, 3. Annie Bartolome 48.69, 4. Maggie Erwin 1:03.03, 5. Whitney Vereeken 1:05.59.

100-meter breaststroke (ages 11-12): 1. Ashley Davis 1 minute, 39.93 seconds, 2. Cameron Kendrick 1:29.48, 3. Jacque Eylonson 1:37.67, 4. Stephanie Shelley 1:42.07, 5. Lori Unser 1:46.84.

100-meter breaststroke (ages 13-14): 1. Jeanne Rogers 1 minute, 39.93 seconds, 2. Anna Kaiser 1:37.22, 3. Allison Seedall 1:38.45, 4. Kerri Starr 1:38.23, 5. Danielle Jacobson 1:42.91.

100-meter breaststroke (ages 15-19): 1. Elizabeth Fry 3 minutes, 9.74 seconds, 2. Abby Biedenbach 3:14.25, 3. Hannah Biedenbach 3:18.13, 4. Sydney Tracey 3:24.44, 5. Mary Jane Martin 3:24.45.

200-meter backstroke (ages 9-10): 1. Connor Tarver 2 minutes, 46.32 seconds, 2. Taylor Collier 2:41.33, 3. Stephen Wright 2:49.86, 4. Camren Langdon 2:56.0, 5. Austin Brown 1:58.08.

200-meter backstroke (ages 11-12): 1. Brandon Palmaier 1 minute, 21.35 seconds, 2. Caleb McAfee 1:25.74, 3. Steven Kiser 1:27.82, 4. Phillip Wright 1:38.8, 5. Devonte Smith 1:39.77.

Galarraga's imperfect game highlights 2nd quarter

By Jon Krawczynski
Associated Press writer

As the second quarter of the baseball season came to a close, the New York Yankees made their move.

The defending champions got off to a slow start by their sky-high standards due to injury, but have surged back to their usual spot on top of the AL East thanks to an MVP-type season from Robinson Cano, Nick Swisher's first All-Star bid and a starting rotation that has stood out even in the "Year of the Pitcher."

CC Sabathia, Andy Pettitte and Phil Hughes have combined to go 32-7 to help the Yankees take first place away from Tampa Bay and put some distance between them and the banged-up Boston Red Sox.

"Offensively, defensively, pitching, it was all there," New York first baseman Mark Teixeira said. "And it just shows what we're capable of when our pitching sets the tone like they did."

The San Diego Padres have used a similar formula to keep their surprising success going. Mat Latos,

Clayton Richard and Jon Garland have kept the offensively challenged Padres in games, and Heath Bell has closed them out to keep them atop the NL West.

Pitchers were dominating when The Associated Press identified some first-quarter trends at the end of May, and that didn't change in the second quarter this year. Two more no-hitters — from Roy Halladay and Edwin Jackson — were added to gems from Dallas Braden and Ubaldo Jimenez, while Washington's Stephen Strasburg has taken over the nation's capital.

Fittingly, the signature moment of the first half of this season also came on the mound with Armando Galarraga's near-perfect game for the Detroit Tigers. Jim Joyce's blown call that cost Galarraga a place in the record book renewed calls for extending replay in major league ballparks, but it was the classy way that Joyce and Galarraga handled the fallout that still resonates.

Here's a look at some of the stars, slumps, surges and

surprises over the second quarter of the year heading into the All-Star break. All statistics were as of Friday morning.

STARS:

- **Strasburg, RHP, Nationals:** Major League Baseball has a new rock star in a town that desperately needed it. He was 2-2 with a 2.45 ERA with 53 strikeouts in 36 2-3 innings. Only made six starts, but still got All-Star consideration.

- **Jimenez, RHP, Rockies:** On pace (15-1, 2.20) to challenge Denny McLain's 31 wins in 1968.

- **Joey Votto, 1B, Reds:** Numbers (.314, 22 HR, 60 RBIs) better than Pujols to lead Reds to first place in NL Central.

- **Cliff Lee, LHP, Mariners:** Put up incredible numbers for lowly Mariners, going 8-3 with a 2.34 ERA, 89 strikeouts and four — four! — walks. Is hottest commodity on trade market.

- **Miguel Cabrera, 1B, Tigers:** Led AL with .347 batting average and 73 RBIs and was just two off the lead in HRs with 21 for surging Detroit.

- **Honorable mention:** David Price, LHP, Rays (12-

4, 2.42, 100 Ks), Jered Weaver, RHP, Angels (8-4, 2.97, 130 K), Scott Rolen, 3B, Reds (.292, 17 HRs, 57 RBIs), Josh Hamilton, OF, Rangers (.345, 22 HR, 64 RBIs).

SURGES:

- **Josh Johnson, RHP, Marlins:** Stole some of the spotlight from Jimenez, who has struggled of late. Johnson was leading majors with a 1.70 ERA and was 9-3 with 123 strikeouts and only four HRs allowed.

- **David Ortiz, DH, Red Sox:** Was hitting .185 with 4 HRs on May 10 and facing questions about being washed up. Hit .298 with 13 HRs, 43 RBIs, .642 slugging in next 46 games for revived Red Sox.

- **Yankees:** Injury riddled Bombers were 26-18 and six games behind Rays on May 23. Won 27 of next 40 games to jump into first place in AL East.

SLUMPS:

- **Andre Ethier, OF, Dodgers:** Sensational in first quarter of season with .392, 11 HRs, 38 RBIs in 33 games. But has struggled since returning from DL with finger injury, hitting .248 with 3 HRs, 12 RBIs in 34 games.

• Carlos Zambrano, RHP, Cubs:

The \$91.5 million man was just 3-6 with a 5.66 ERA in 22 games. Has been demoted to bullpen and was suspended after a dugout tirade in game against White Sox a month ago.

• Nick Blackburn, RHP, Twins:

Went 5-0 with 2.65 ERA and only two HRs allowed in May. Went 1-5 with 9.28 ERA since to put his rotation spot in jeopardy.

• Carlos Pena, 1B, Rays:

Average has hovered below .200 for most of season and had two homers in 23 games, causing manager Joe Maddon to move him from fourth to seventh in order as Rays fell to second place.

NICE SURPRISES:

- **Arthur Rhodes makes the All-Star team:** The Reds 40-year-old setup man earned his first trip to the game in his 19th season.

• Alex Rios' health:

The White Sox center fielder hit .199 with three HRs in injury-plagued 2009. Hit .302 with 14 HRs in first 78 games to help Chicago climb back into AL Central race.

• San Diego Padres and Reds remain in first place:

Reds rebuilding project has been accelerated and Padres

have been doing it with great pitching from Mat Latos and Heath Bell.

BAD SURPRISES:

- **Joe Mauer's power outage:** Reigning AL MVP hitting below .300 (.297) this year in season for first time since 2007. After belting career-high 28 HRs and slugging .587 last season to earn an eight-year, \$184 million contract, Twins catcher has just four HRs and slugging has dropped to .431.

- **Tim Lincecum is human:** Two-time reigning NL Cy Young has pedestrian 3.16 ERA and four times has failed to reach sixth inning. Still has 131 strikeouts and 9-4 record.

• Phillies languishing:

After making World Series in consecutive seasons, Phillies were in third place because their talented lineup was struggling with injuries and inconsistency.

• Twins tanking:

Held a 4½-game lead in Central and were 11 games over .500 on June 11. Pitching woes from Scott Baker, Kevin Slowey and Blackburn contributed to 9-15 stretch that dropped them to third place.

Cliff Lee loses in Texas debut

ARLINGTON, Texas — Cliff Lee's complete-game debut for the Texas Rangers was spoiled by Chris Tillman, who took a no-hitter into the seventh inning in the Baltimore Orioles' 6-1 win Saturday.

Lee, the 2008 AL Cy Young winner, the Rangers got from Seattle in a six-player deal Friday, threw his

AL-best sixth complete game even though he trailed 1-0 after giving up hits on his first two pitches and later yielded home runs in three consecutive innings to Nick Markakis, Cesar Izturis and Adam Jones.

Tillman (1-3) didn't allow a hit until Ian Kinsler singled with one out in the seventh. The right-hander, recalled to start in place of injured Kevin Millwood, allowed two singles and an unearned run in his career-high 7 1-3 innings.

Lee (8-4) threw 95 pitches while allowing nine hits with two strikeouts and no walks.

TIGERS 7, TWINS 4

DETROIT — Johnny Damon's three-run shot in the fifth inning was Detroit's fourth home run against Nick Blackburn, and the surging Tigers went on to beat Minnesota.

Miguel Cabrera hit a two-run homer in the first, rookie Alex Avila and Magglio Ordonez followed with solo shots in each of the next two innings and Damon's drive gave the Tigers a four-run lead.

AL Central-leading



Texas Rangers starting pitcher Cliff Lee (33) center, sits in the dugout in the bottom of the sixth inning after giving up a home run as Chris Davis (19), foreground, and Vladimir Guerrero (27), background, look on Saturday in Arlington, Texas.

Detroit has won five straight overall and 17 of 19 at home to move a season-high 11 games over .500. The third-place Twins have lost four in a row and seven of nine.

BLUE JAYS 9, RED SOX 5

TORONTO — Jose Bautista hit his major league-leading 24th home run, Alex Gonzalez and Adam Lind also went deep and Toronto beat Boston.

The Blue Jays, who lead the majors with 135 homers, extended their streak of multihomer games to seven and have hit 20 home runs during that span. The club

record for consecutive multihomer games is eight, set in June 2000.

Lind had three hits and Gonzalez added three RBIs for Toronto. Fred Lewis doubled twice, scored twice, stole two bases and drove in the go-ahead run.

WHITE SOX 5, ROYALS 1

CHICAGO — Gavin Floyd pitched effectively into the eighth inning, Carlos Quentin hit two of Chicago's three homers off Brian Bannister and the White Sox beat Kansas City for its seventh straight victory.

Gordon Beckham also

homered for the White Sox, who are 24-5 in their last 29 games.

Floyd (5-7), who left after Jason Kendall's third single with two outs in the eighth, gave up six hits and a run. David DeJesus ruined the shutout bid with an RBI double off Matt Thornton.

RAYS 4, INDIANS 0

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Matt Garza allowed one hit over six innings, Gabe Kapler hit a two-run single and Tampa Bay beat Cleveland.

Garza (10-5), who struck out two and walked one during an 88-pitch outing, was on a pitch count of around 90 after he worked out of the bullpen earlier in the week. The lone hit off Garza was a one-out, second-inning single by Jhonny Peralta, who is 9 for 19 overall against the right-hander.

Grant Balfour, Joaquin Benoit and Lance Cormier completed a three-hitter for the Rays.

ATHLETICS 15, ANGELS 1

OAKLAND, Calif. — Rajai Davis capped Oakland's biggest inning of the season with a grand slam and the Athletics handed Scott Kazmir the worst pounding ever for an Angels pitcher.

Kazmir (7-9) allowed eight runs in the third inning and five more in the fifth, capped by back-to-back homers by Coco Crisp and Daric Barton.

The 13 runs are the most allowed by an Angels pitcher, topping the 11 Scott Schoeneweis gave up against Baltimore on May 23, 2001.

— The Associated Press

Major League Baseball

All times MDT									
American League									
East Division									
W	L	Pct	GB	WG&B	LIO	Str	Home	Away	
New York	55	.31	640	—	8-2	W-7	28-13	27-18	
Tampa Bay	53	.34	609	2½	—	8-2	W-1	25-20	28-14
Boston	50	.37	575	5½	3	4-6	L-1	29-17	21-20
Toronto	44	.44	500	12	9½	4-6	W-1	24-21	20-23
Baltimore	28	.59	322	27½	25	4-6	W-3	16-25	12-34

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	WG&B	LIO	Str	Home	Away
Detroit	48	.37	565	—	7-3	W-5	32-12	16-25
Chicago	48	.38	558	½	8	8-2	W-7	26-19
Minnesota	45	.42	517	4	8	3-7	L-4	19-25
Kansas City	39	.48	448	10	14	6-4	L-2	18-21
Cleveland	34	.53	391	15	19	4-6	L-1	17-22

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	WG&B	LIO	Str	Home	Away
Texas								

Reutimann cruises to win at Chicagoland

JOLIET, Ill. (AP) — David Reutimann blew by Jeff Gordon and cruised to the victory in the Sprint Cup race at Chicagoland Speedway on Saturday night.

Carl Edwards made a charge in the closing laps, cutting Reutimann's lead to less than a second, but he couldn't get close enough and finished second. Gordon was third, followed by Clint Bowyer and Jamie McMurray.

It was the second career victory for Reutimann, who also won a rain-shortened race at Charlotte in May 2009.

This one was much more satisfying.

"No rain tonight," Reutimann said in a television interview in Victory Lane. "We earned this one. Nobody gave it to us and that feels really good."

And it was a relief for a driver who'd been robbed of a few potential good finishes because of engine problems earlier in the season.

"He is a class act, and a really good guy," Edwards said.

Reutimann went around Gordon and took the lead on lap 213. He moved in front again after a cycle of pit stops.

It was a rough night for several strong Chase contenders — notably Jimmie Johnson, who dominated

the first half of the race but spun out and later scraped the wall to finish 25th.

Kevin Harvick entered with momentum and the points lead but struggled all day long, eventually pulling into the garage with engine problems on lap 194. He eventually returned to the race and finished 34th.

Greg Biffle also went to the garage with apparent engine problems late in the race and finished 35th.

Kyle Busch (17th), Dale Earnhardt Jr. (23rd) and Kurt Busch (26th) also had a rough night.

It was the 600th career start for Gordon, who said he's beginning to feel a little old.

"I do when I get out of that race car and everything aches," Gordon said. "It didn't used to be like that."

Johnson, McMurray and Tony Stewart appeared to have the strongest cars early in the race, although Stewart fell back into traffic after a jack problem during the first round of pit stops and never really made his way back into contention.

Johnson looked untouchable at times, but he made an uncharacteristic bobble when he missed the entrance to pit road on lap 94 and nearly spun out. It didn't hurt him much — he came back on the track in third place after finally completing a pit stop.

Stricker sets 54-hole PGA record

SILVIS, Ill. — Steve Stricker is making it look easy.

He insists that it's not, even after posting stunningly low scores.

Stricker already has broken a couple of PGA Tour records at the John Deere Classic and has more in sight after opening a six-stroke lead with a 9-under-par 62 on Saturday.

That followed rounds of 60 and 66 at the TPC Deere Run course, which has stood no chance against the assault Stricker and his fellow players have launched.

"It's never easy going out there," Stricker said. "It wasn't easy to start the round today. Coming to the course I felt like I'd never been in this position. I was nervous. I didn't feel like doing anything. I just wanted to get out there and starting playing."

And play he did.

Stricker's masterful round left the tournament's defending champion at 25-under 188, the best 54-hole score in PGA Tour history. He also has the best three-round score in relation to par. With a 65 Sunday, he'd break the 72-hole record of 254.

So dominant was Stricker that Jeff Maggert shot a 63 and lost ground. Paul Goydos, golf's latest Mr. 59 after a magical round on Thursday, played well enough to keep pace in most tournaments, just not this one.

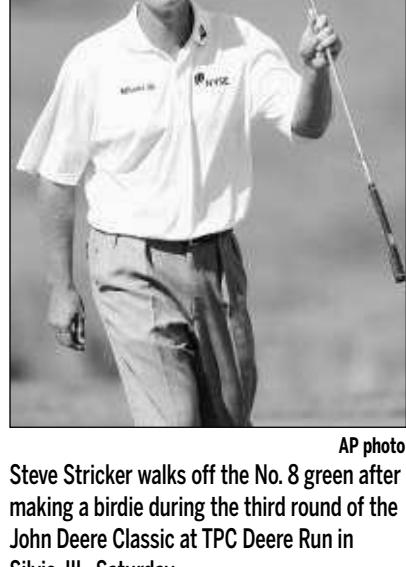
It would be hard for anyone to keep up with Stricker the way he's playing.

The 43-year-old from Madison, Wis., hit accurate approaches to give himself short putts for birdies in most cases and he deftly extricated himself the only two times he got in trouble.

So just what's going on here?

"If I knew, I would bottle this," Stricker said. "I don't know what's going on."

Maggert, who started the day five shots behind Stricker, was at 19-under 194 and tied with Goydos, who trailed Stricker by just one stroke going into the round. Playing in the last group



Steve Stricker walks off the No. 8 green after making a birdie during the third round of the John Deere Classic at TPC Deere Run in Silvis, Ill., Saturday.

with Stricker, Goydos saw his deficit grow steadily as his partner drilled birdie putts on seven of the last 11 holes.

Former PGA Champion Shaun Micheel also shot a 63 — and found himself 10 strokes off the lead. Rocco Mediate made a hole-in-one and an eagle en route to a 64 but trailed by 14. Matt Jones wriggled into fourth place with a 66 that left him nine strokes back.

CREAMER OPENS 3-SHOT LEAD AT U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN

OAKMONT, Pa. — One more day like this, and Paula Creamer will no longer be the best LPGA golfer who hasn't won a major.

Creamer kept her game together as a dozen others were losing theirs on a grueling day at the U.S. Women's Open on Saturday, taking a three-shot lead over Wendy Ward that she hopes will hold up in the final round.

That, and her left thumb.

Creamer, who has eight top-10 finishes in majors at age 23 but has yet to win one, is playing in only her fourth tournament since sitting out four months to surgically repair a hyperextended joint. The injury is so painful she limits her practice shots because she can't stand the constant pounding of her golf club striking the ground.

"I'll probably sleep with an ice bag on," Creamer said. "I'm afraid to take the tape off — my thumb is going to explode out of it. But the more I think about making pars, the less the thumb bothers me."

Maybe that was the best way to prepare for the demanding Oakmont Country Club, whose stray shot-grabbing bunkers and tricky-to-read greens doomed the hopes of contender after contender on a day when play began at dawn and extended to sundown. Namely, stay off it as much as possible.

Creamer, who played 29 holes Saturday, is 1 under for the tournament with five holes remaining in a third round that will be completed Sunday morning. The 37-year-old Ward, a four-time LPGA Tour winner, has only No. 18 to play. Suzann Pettersen is four back with four holes to go, while 15-year-old Alexis Thompson, Amy Yang and Brittany Lang are five back. Only Thompson completed the third round.

EDOARDO MOLINARI HAS 1-SHOT LEAD AT SCOTTISH OPEN

LUSS, Scotland — Edoardo Molinari of Italy has shot an 8-under 63 to take a one stroke lead into the final round of the Scottish Open at Loch Lomond.

Molinari was at 15-under 198 after an eagle and seven birdies Saturday. Darren Clarke of Northern Ireland was a shot back after a 67.

John Daly was in a three-way tie for ninth at 4-under after a 69.

— The Associated Press

Heat meet with point guard Derek Fisher

MIAMI — Derek Fisher might be why Miami's new trio of superstars left money on the table.

Fisher met Saturday with Heat president Pat Riley, one day after the team lavishly introduced LeBron James and Chris Bosh as Dwyane Wade's newest teammates.

James, Bosh and Wade all will make less than the \$16.6 million they could have commanded next season, giving Miami the chance to lure other players.

Riley declined comment Saturday.

Fisher has been part of all five Los Angeles Lakers championships in the Kobe Bryant era. After the Lakers won their second straight title last month, Fisher said he would return to Los Angeles, and Bryant insisted he wouldn't allow Fisher to play anywhere else.

But after Fisher reportedly received a \$2.5 million offer for next season from Los Angeles, he listened to other possibilities, including the chance to play in Miami, which had enough cap room to not only keep Wade and add James and Bosh, but could lure a slew of other talented players as well.

Fisher averaged 7.5 points and 2.5 assists while starting all 82 regular-season games last season. In the playoffs, he averaged 10.3 points and 2.8 assists, again the starter for all 23 postseason contests.

Wade, James and Bosh all have given names to Riley of various players they would

like to see join the Heat. Miami is closing in on a deal with Mike Miller and expects to keep Udonis Haslem.

TRAIL BLAZERS SIGN JAZZ GUARD MATTHEWS TO OFFER SHEET

PORLAND, Ore. — The Portland Trail Blazers have signed restricted free-agent

guard Wesley Matthews to an offer sheet.

Matthews spent last season playing for the Utah Jazz as a rookie. The Jazz have seven days to match the offer. Financial details of the contract offer, announced Saturday by the Trail Blazers, were not disclosed.

Matthews averaged 9.4

points and 2.3 rebounds in 24.7 minutes per game for the Jazz. He appeared in all 82 games last season and started in 48.

In the postseason, he averaged 13.2 points and 4.4 rebounds in 37.1 minutes per game. He started in all 10 of Utah's playoff games.

— The Associated Press

Germany gets past Uruguay for third

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa (AP) — In pouring rain on a ragged field, Germany and Uruguay staged a match entertaining enough to be for the World Cup title.

Too bad it was only for third place.

Sami Khedira scored in the 82nd minute to give Germany a 3-2 victory and third place for the second straight World Cup. But the Germans had to survive a final-second free kick by Uruguay star striker Diego Forlan from just outside the penalty area. It ricocheted off the crossbar, and the whistle sounded.

Rain-soaked players shook hands and awaited a medals ceremony that was not nearly what they wanted. The Netherlands and Spain will play for the championship on Sunday in Johannesburg.

Germany coach Joachim Loew, his voice still hoarse from the flu, said his team was going home "with a very good feeling."

"We achieved more than we perhaps expected," Loew said.

Khedira's header after the Uruguay defense failed to clear a corner kick by Mesut Oezil ended Uruguay's hopes of beating Germany for the first time in 82 years.

"We had hoped for more, and we did everything for it," Khedira said. "This was some kind of final and we did everything for it."

"We have a young team and set an exclamation mark here and can reach more."

Uruguay came from behind to lead 2-1 when Forlan brilliantly volleyed in



Germany's Thomas Mueller celebrates his side's 3-2 win after the World Cup third-place soccer match between Germany and Uruguay at Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, Saturday.

Egidio Arevalo's 51st-minute cross for his fifth goal of the tournament.

Germany defender Marcello Jansen tied it five minutes later with a header after goalkeeper Fernando Muslera misjudged a cross.

In the dying moments, on a rain-soaked pitch, Uruguay had one more opportunity. But Forlan, who has been especially dangerous on free kicks, hit the bar.

"Obviously it's something spectacular to be among the top four," said Forlan. "If someone would've asked us at the beginning, we would've liked it. It's something positive."

Uruguay has beaten Germany only once in 10 matches, in 1928.

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the Netherlands' winning streak, but they have lost only two games since November 2006 — both did come in South Africa, one in this tournament — and controlled the pace of the game against Germany in the semifinal.

Spain couldn't have been more efficient with its well-structured passing game

against the Germans, who played cautiously — not at all their style — and thus played right into the Spaniards' hands. If Spain remains as patient and precise with the ball against the Dutch as it was in the semifinals, can the Oranje defense hold firm?

Van Marwijk has seen how the Spanish respond when the Jabulani winds up on opposing feet: "When they lose the ball, they immediately join in (to get it back). Their big stars, too."

Most of Soccer City's orange seats figure to be filled with, well, Oranje fans. Sneijder virtually promised they will go home happy.

"We won every qualifying game, every game here. We are not going to allow Spain to beat us now," he said.

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Selection Sunday: Tour shakeout looming in Alps

LES ROUSSES, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong is predicting a shakeout among the top Tour de France contenders with the race heading to the Alps for its first serious climbing.

The seven-time Tour champion and his main rivals struggled under hot and muggy conditions Saturday when French rider Sylvain Chavanel won a seventh stage that included six low- and midlevel climbs in the eastern Jura mountains.

It was a foretaste of the climbs to come: the pack embarks on serious Alpine punishment Sunday with a 117.4-mile jaunt that features two very difficult climbs in the run between the Les Rousses and Morzine-Avoriaz ski stations.

If the Texan wants an eighth Tour crown, he'll need to excel in the mountains. The stages in the Alps on



AP photo

From right, Lance Armstrong, Geraint Thomas of Britain, Alberto Contador of Spain and Andy Schleck of Luxembourg ride in the pack during the seventh stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 165.5 kilometers with start in Tournus and finish in Station des Rousses, France, Saturday.

Sunday and Tuesday are Saturday, "there will be important, but four leg-straining days in the Pyrenees in the third week may be decisive.

While he "suffered"

world champion and two-time runner-up Cadel Evans by 1 minute, 51 seconds.

Despite Sunday's uphill finish into Morzine-Avoriaz, Armstrong believes the day's first big climb — the 8.9-mile Ramaz pass — will be the key. It has patches where the gradient rises to nearly 10 percent.

"It's super hard if we have temperatures like this, people will just be stuck on the road," he said.

The forecast was for temperatures up to 91 degrees in the plains, and the 38-year-old Texan, who is competing in his 13th Tour, noted that roads can melt under the heat and cause havoc for riders.

"If you hit it just right (your tire) will slip for a while and then it will grab, and you'll just high-side (topple off) immediately," he said.

On Saturday, Armstrong and other leading contenders

finished 1:47 behind Chavanel, the Quick Step rider who won his second Tour stage this year in the 101-mile trek from Tournus to Station des Rousses.

The Frenchman is known more for riding strong in breakaways than scaling high mountains and the pre-race favorites don't see him as a threat to their title hopes.

Chavanel wrested the yellow jersey back from Fabian Cancellara of Switzerland, who struggled on the final climb and trailed 14:12 back.

The Swiss rider wore it for six days this Tour and has no hope of recovering the coveted shirt now — he plunged to 58th overall.

They are the only two riders to have worn yellow this Tour: Cancellara won the prologue, Chavanel took the jersey with a breakaway win Monday and then the Swiss rider recovered it a day later

when Chavanel ran into a mechanical problem on a cobblestone stretch — and lost time.

"I had legs of fire today. ... These are the types of climbs that suit me," Chavanel said. "I'm going to savor it."

A staffer from Chavanel's Quick Step team squirted him with water as he ascended the mid-grade Lamoura pass into Les Rousses, the last climb, baring his teeth as he pedaled solo in the searing heat.

"It's the type of climb that I like, a 3- to 4-percent gradient," said Chavanel, after collecting his third career Tour stage victory. "You have to upshift into high gear."

On the final climb, Armstrong kept toward the front of the main group of contenders, with Astana leader Contador shadowing him. None of the overall favorites attempted an attack.

WAKE IN THE SNAKE



Photos by RYAN HOWE/Times-News
Outlaw class runner-up Blake Hansen of Salt Lake City jumps the wake during Saturday's Wake in the Snake at Burley Golf Course Marina.



Nikki Willhoite of Layton, Utah, won the women's division of the 2010 Wake in the Snake on Saturday at Burley Golf Course Marina.

Zac Davis, above, of

Wendell finished fourth in

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more in his bag today."

Zac Davis of Wendell finished fourth for his run that included a nice melon roll to revert and toeside off-axis 540.

"I wrecked on my whirlybird, but other than that it's the first contest of the year so it's good to make it all the way through a run," Davis said. "(Tomlinson) has perfect technique on most of his tricks, they're very smooth. He nailed some big tricks."

Nikki Willhoite of Layton, Utah, won the women's division.

"She came out and threw in a couple of inverts and seemed really solid," said Shimabukuro.

Jordan Wayment of Ogden, Utah, won the advanced division, and Chandler Higgins of Riverton, Utah, was the intermediate winner.

Brandon Williams of Rupert placed first in beginner and Zac Whitney ruled the grom (9 and under) division.

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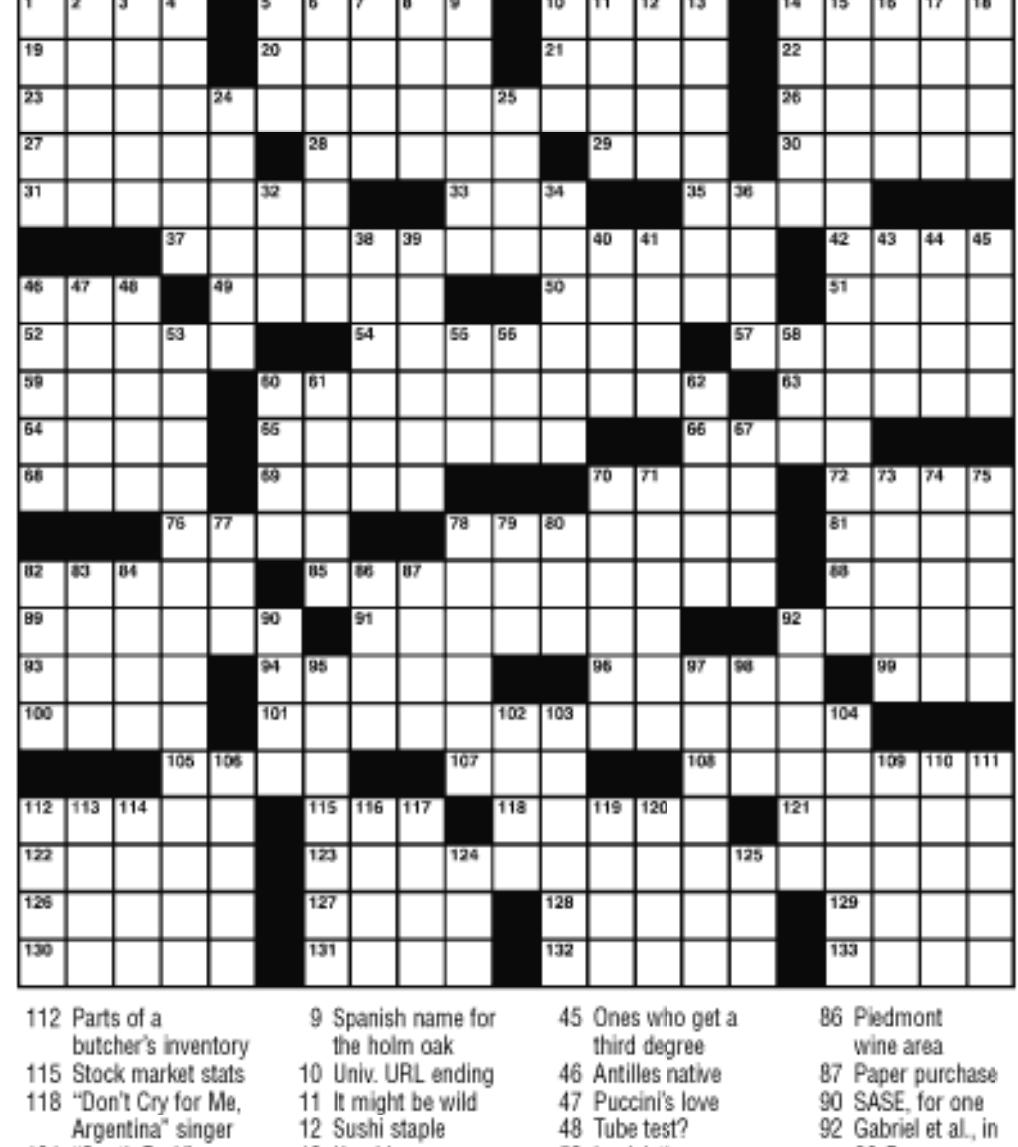
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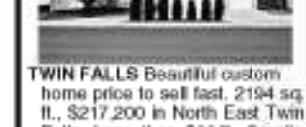
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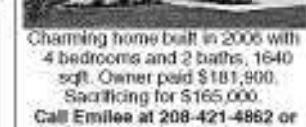
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How much talking is acceptable
across the board between partners
during the bidding? For example,
your partner has opened in a suit,
the bidding has come around to you,
and you jump-shift. Are you allowed
to say "I jump shifted?"

Blabbermouth, Detroit, Mich.

ANSWER: No such communication

is allowed. Nowadays in tournament
bridge (and even in most rubber
bridge games), jump bids
should be preceded with the
words "Skip bid, please wait."
This is not to alert partner to your
jump, whether it be a weak or
strong call. It is to ensure that the
next player gets 10 seconds to bid.
This way he does not give unauthorized
information to his partner
on whether he has a problem
or a straightforward call.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

I opened one heart with
♦ Q-9-8-4-3, ♠ A-K-J-9-7-3, ♦ 10,
♣ A. My partner responded one
spade, I tried a jump to five
spades, my partner bid the grand
slam ... and the defenders cashed
the diamond ace. What should I
have done to explore for slam
without getting too high?

Leap of Faith, Sioux Falls, S.D.

ANSWER: I think maybe the right
call is four clubs, a splinter bid
showing short clubs and setting
spades as trumps, planning to
pass four spades. That way you do
not get overboard facing a quite
normal hand with four spades to
one honor and no diamond ace,
when even four spades is not entirely
comfortable and five spades
is no bargain.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

In most bridge columns South is
the declarer. Is there a reason for
this that I don't understand?

Southern Comfort, Wilmington, N.C.

ANSWER: I could make some
frivolous remark about South
holding better cards than the other
players, but the fact is that
when South is declarer, his cards
are virtually in the reader's lap.
When I see a deal with North as
declarer, I feel I should turn the
page upside down.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

How should I respond with ♠ 3,
♥ 9, ♦ Q-J-10-8-7-3, ♣ J-10-6-4-2,
facing my partner's two-no-trump
opening? Do people still play minor-suit Stayman?

Stuck in the Minors, Lake Worth, Fla.

ANSWER: I'd ignore the clubs
and jump to five diamonds. I don't
see how clubs can play that much
better than diamonds, but if I offer
partner the choice, he'll get it
wrong with 3-3. These days, using
a three-spade response as minor-suit
Stayman is a minority position.
Many play it as a puppet to
three no-trump to show a slamtry
with one minor or both.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

I opened one club, partner re-
sponded one heart, and the next
hand butted in with one spade.
How much do I need to bid one
no-trump now? I thought it
showed extras as a free bid, but
nobody agrees with me.

Extra Credit, Union City, Tenn.

ANSWER: My view is that the re-
bid shows a maximum 12-14 hand
with a good spade stop. You
could, I suppose, upgrade some
dead minimums, but I'm not sure
I would do that. It certainly can't
be a balanced 15-17 or 18-19.
You'd have opened one no-trump
or rebid two no-trump as appropriate.
And if you weren't balanced, you would not bid no-trump now.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolf," contact kay19672@aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com.

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Today is Sunday, July 11, the 192nd day of 2010. There are 173 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On July 11, 1960, "To Kill a Mockingbird," Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel about childhood innocence and racial injustice in a small Southern town during the Great Depression, was first published by J.B. Lippincott and Co.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:

In 1767, John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States, was born in Braintree, Mass.

In 1798, the U.S. Marine Corps was formally re-established by a congressional act that also created the U.S. Marine Band.

In 1804, Vice President Aaron Burr mortally wounded former Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton during a pistol duel in Weehawken, N.J.

In 1859, Big Ben, the great bell inside the famous London clock tower, chimed for the first time. (The clock itself had been keeping time since May 31.)

In 1864, Confederate forces led by General Jubal Early began an abortive invasion of Washington D.C., turning back the next day.

In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt became the first incumbent chief executive to travel through the Panama Canal.

In 1952, the Republican national convention, meeting in Chicago, nominated Dwight D. Eisenhower for president and Richard M. Nixon for vice president.

In 1960, the National League defeated the American League 5-3 in the first of two All-Star games, this one played at Municipal Stadium in Kansas City, Mo. (The second game was played two days later at Yankee Stadium.)

In 1979, the abandoned U.S. space station Skylab made a spectacular return to Earth, burning up in the atmosphere and showering debris over the Indian Ocean and Australia.

In 1989, actor and director Laurence Olivier died in Steyning, West Sussex, England, at age 82.

Ten years ago: A Middle East summit hosted by President Bill Clinton opened at Camp David between Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. The African Methodist Episcopal Church, the nation's oldest black church, elected the Rev. Vashti McKenzie of Baltimore its first female bishop. Robert Runcie, the former archbishop of Canterbury, died in Hertfordshire, England, at age 78. The American League defeated the National League 6-3 in the All-Star Game.

Five years ago: A top al-Qaeda lieutenant and three other terror suspects escaped from a U.S. military jail in Afghanistan. (The identity of Omar al-Farouq wasn't acknowledged until Nov. 2005.)

One year ago: During a visit to sub-Saharan Africa, President Barack Obama addressed Ghana's Parliament, where he challenged the continent of his ancestors to shed corruption and conflict in favor of peace. Funeral services were held in Hattiesburg, Miss., for former NFL star Steve McNair, who had been shot to death in Nashville a week earlier by Sahel Kazemi, who then took her own life.

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Jeraldine Saunders

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can't control the wind, but you can adjust your sails under adverse conditions. You may face situations that are outside your control in the week ahead, but rather than fight them, you can bend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): If love were a drug, you could sell it by the gram. During the first half of the week, you could be immersed in passion and brimming over with romantic ideas. Consider career contingencies carefully.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Those who choose to be trendsetters sometimes feel they are running on a hamster wheel. In the upcoming week, make a mental breakthrough and become comfortable with existing possessions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The new moon in your sign may give you a chance to start afresh. During the upcoming month you might have several opportunities to update your wardrobe or reevaluate your personal goals.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Uncover mental abilities you never knew existed. Pinpoint areas where you feel uncomfortable or inept. In the week to come, you can widen your horizons through focused study and mental discipline.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It's much easier to throw stones when you're sitting far away. That way you are less likely to experience retaliation. In the week ahead, keep your criticisms to yourself and try to be more understanding.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Sometimes you must modify the vision to fit reality. In the week to come, you may feel more passionate about relationships, but at the same time you must keep enthusiasm within reasonable bounds.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): "Sustainable" may be a buzzword, but so is "survival." Poise yourself to be seen as the fittest if you want to survive in the week ahead. It isn't going to be enough to just tread water or stick to the status quo.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The more you stretch, the more you can reach. Train yourself to overcome rigidity and eventually you will have a wider range of motion. In the week ahead, listen to what others have to say.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Never throw someone under the bus if you expect to ride on it. It is important to support your friends. Even be kind to your enemies if you see that their interests are the same as yours this week.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You must strive to be in the limelight, not caught in the headlights. In the week to come you need to be prepared for publicity. Don't do anything that won't bear up under scrutiny or close examination.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Have the last word. Use all the tools at your disposal to keep communications alive and well during the week to come. You can tweet, post on Facebook, send an e-mail or IM — or simply make a quick phone call.

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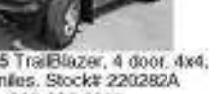
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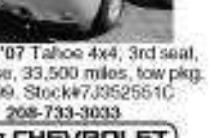
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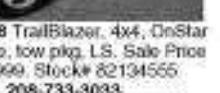
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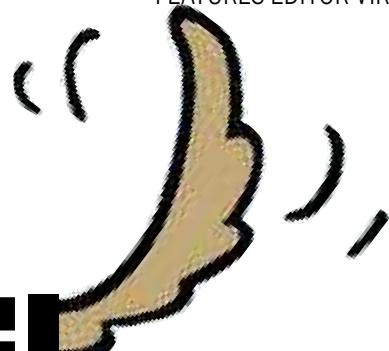
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A wagging tail for troubled youth



MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Connie Sharkey, a volunteer with Intermountain Therapy Animals, sits with her dogs Chase, left, and Buddy as she demonstrates how the dogs can be used to help children learn to read. Chase and Buddy use this and other therapeutic exercises with teens at the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center in Twin Falls.

Therapy dogs visit juvenile detention center

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

When Connie Sharkey puts on her red shirt and pulls out her dogs' scarves, the pups get excited. The two Shetland sheepdogs, Buddy and Chase, bark and run circles around the house.

"Dogs love having a job," Sharkey said.

These dogs' job brings smiles to a lot of faces. Once a week, Sharkey and another Intermountain Therapy Animals volunteer bring dogs to the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center in Twin Falls.

A 2005 Pet Care Trust-funded study, conducted by University of California Los Angeles, shows that visits from therapy animals lower blood pressure and anxiety levels in cardiac patients. Those benefits transfer to others, Sharkey said, including juvenile offenders.

Last fall, Linda Mann, administrator of Snake River Juvenile Detention, approached Sharkey about bringing therapy dogs to her facility for the youth. In October, she requested permission for the program from Twin Falls county commissioners, telling how a 12-year-old withdrawn inmate was moved by a chance to hold one of the dogs.

Since then, Sharkey has visited every Friday, and another volunteer visits on Wednesdays. The presence of a soft, cuddly, friendly face is significant for juvenile offenders, whose sparse living quarters are made of concrete and cinder blocks.

The facility has a no-touch policy between people, but the teenagers can handle the dogs. And they do, Sharkey said. The

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"You really learn to trust these (dogs) because they can pick up on stuff that we're too dull around the edges to pick up on," Sharkey said. She might see a young man with crossed arms as having an attitude, but the dogs can sense that he wants some affection.

It's not all cuddles and love on the visits.

Sometimes,

the

teenagers

practice

their read-

ing skills

with the

dogs. Buddy

and Chase are

trained through

the Reading

Education Assistance Dogs

(READ) program and sit calmly

while the readers work out

words. Many of the juvenile

offenders have underdeveloped

reading skills, and being able to

practice with a dog allows them

to let down their guard.

"The dogs don't judge. The

dogs don't laugh. The dogs' love

is unconditional," Sharkey said.

Whether the teenagers read to

the dogs or just pet them, the

short visits have made a differ-

ence, Mann said. Other Idaho

juvenile detention centers,

including those in Idaho Falls

and Coeur d'Alene, have

inquired about starting pro-

grams of their own.

"You put a little bit of normal-

cy into their lives for maybe

20 minutes," Sharkey said.

Melissa Davlin may be reached at 735-3234 or melissa.davlin@lee.net.

CHILDREN DON'T COME CHEAP

Cost of raising kids up 22 percent from 1960

Hola, baby

How Magic Valley's different cultures welcome children

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

As Damanta Siwakoti gets ready for her first baby, she is enjoying the relative luxury of her modest Twin Falls apartment.

The living arrangements are much more comfortable than the Nepal refugee camp in which she spent nearly 20 years. Siwakoti, whose family fled Bhutan with more than 100,000 other ethnic Nepalis in the early 1990s, enjoys the access to medical care, the cozy furniture and the plentiful baby supplies.

But she has brought some aspects of a Nepali pregnancy with her. She will have a traditional naming ceremony 10 days after her baby is born this fall, and she won't cut her baby's hair for six months.

Immigrants living in south-central Idaho have different ways of welcoming babies into their lives. Some traditions are religious, some practical and some superstitious, but all blend culture with a family's love for their children.



MELISSA DAVLIN/Times-News
Sunny Upreti of Twin Falls holds a cash gift as she naps during her naming ceremony in August 2009. Nepali families tuck money into infants' cribs 10 days after the baby is born.

Before birth

Monserrat Vargas, who moved to Twin Falls from Durango, Mexico, when she was 9 years old, said Mexican women wear safety pins on their clothing by their stomachs.

"It's just kind of like a protection for any illness that might be floating around," said Vargas, 26. "It's something superstitious."

Bringing baby home

When Bosnian parents leave the hospital, they don't carry the baby to the car themselves, said Eldina Husejnagic of Twin Falls, originally from Bosnia. Rather, they recruit their favorite person in the hopes that the baby will turn out to be like them. Husejnagic had her best friend carry her son Alen out of the hospital when he was born two years ago.

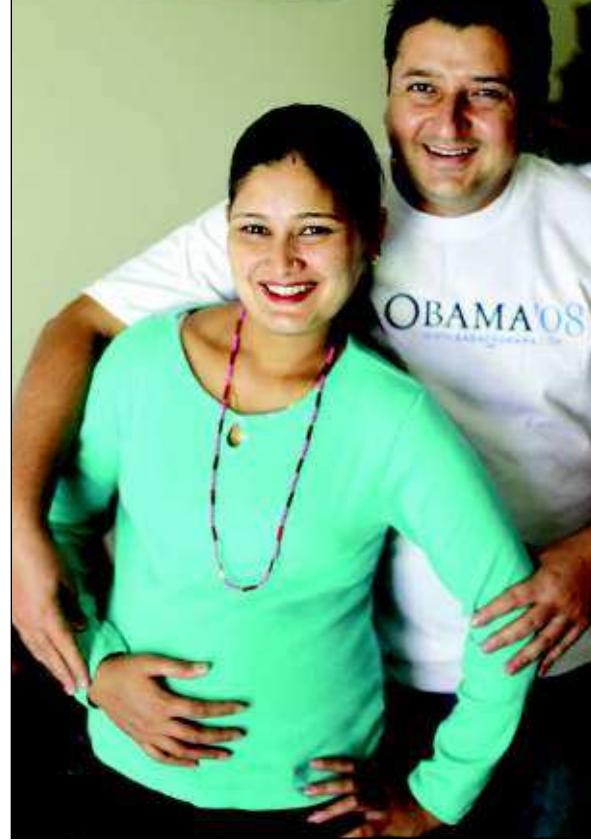
Mexican families make an outfit specifically for the baby to wear when they leave the hospital, Vargas said.

Naming

In Iraq, family members give input on what a child's name should be, said Ali Makki, who came to Twin Falls from Baghdad. Bosnian parents also take input from family members.

Nepali families wait 10 days, then have a naming ceremony at which families let the priest pick the baby's name. More and more, though, parents give the baby a second, more modern name, Siwakoti said. That one isn't a middle name — rather, it's just something else to call the child, she said.

See BABY, Family Life 2



ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News
Damanta Siwakoti and her husband, Abi Kadariya, here photographed in their Twin Falls apartment, both grew up in a refugee camp in Nepal and will keep some of the traditions for their new child.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center

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Wednesday: Chef salad
Thursday: Chicken
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Tai chi, 1 p.m.
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Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon
Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
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Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon
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Bingo, noon
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MENUS:

Monday: Squash soup
Tuesday: Chicken and home-made noodles
Wednesday: Sliced ham
Thursday: Birthday dinner, ribs and sauerkraut

ACTIVITIES:
Today: Ham dinner, 1 p.m.
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Foot clinic, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.; minimum cost is \$9; public welcome
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon Tuesday through Thursday. Suggested donation: \$4. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Bingo, 6:30 p.m.; public welcome
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Thursday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch and full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; take-out; home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2.50, children 12 and younger. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

MENUS:

Monday: Fish sticks
Wednesday: Chicken and noodles
Friday: Baked ham

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: 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: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 11:50 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizen Center

308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon Monday through Thursday. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Squash soup
Tuesday: Chicken and home-made noodles
Wednesday: Sliced ham
Thursday: Birthday dinner, ribs and sauerkraut

Wild card, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Morning out, 9 a.m.
Friday: Duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.

Wendell Senior Meal Site
105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays. Hours: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center

140 E. Lake St., Hagerman. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors 60 and older; \$5, non-seniors; \$2, 12 and younger. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; thrift shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free high-speed Internet.

MENUS:

Monday: Brazilian chicken
Wednesday: Sweet and sour pork with rice
Friday: Baked cod

ACTIVITIES:

Friday: Foot clinic; bring a towel; \$5
Computer class available; Barbara Adamson at 731-2249

Jerome Senior Center

520 N. Lincoln St., Jerome. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Trans IV bus runs Monday through Friday, call 736-2133.

MENUS:

Monday: Salisbury steak
Tuesday: Chicken salad
Wednesday: Roast beef
Thursday: Polish sausage
Friday: Lasagna

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m. and 5:20 p.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m., free massage
Tuesday: Tai chi, 10:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 5 p.m.
Wednesday: Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Dick and John
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Yoga stretch, 10:30 a.m.
SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. and 5:20 p.m.
Potluck, 6 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Dick and John
Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Camas County Senior Center

127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors 60 and older; \$4.50, non-seniors; \$2.50, children 10 and younger. Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m. and 5:20 p.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m., free massage
Tuesday: Tai chi, 10:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 5 p.m.
Wednesday: Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Dick and John
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Yoga stretch, 10:30 a.m.
SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. and 5:20 p.m.
Potluck, 6 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Dick and John
Pinochle, 7 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: French dip sandwich
Tuesday: Pork chop
Wednesday: Chicken strips
Thursday: Spaghetti and meatballs

Saturday: Heath Fair and Senior Expo, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Center

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Barbecue chicken
Thursday: Chicken tetrazzini

ACTIVITIES:

Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

MENUS:

Monday: Fish
Thursday: Meatball soup

ACTIVITIES:

Wednesday: Open-faced turkey sandwich

MENUS:

Tuesday: Grilled cheese sandwich

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Open-faced turkey sandwich

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Board meeting, 10:30 a.m.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:

Wednesday: Black-out bingo, 12:30 p.m.

MENUS:

Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:

Saturday: Pancake breakfast

Carey Senior Center

Main Street. Lunch at noon.

Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors.

MENUS:

Monday: Soup and salad bar, sandwich

ACTIVITIES:

Thursday: Pork roast

Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors 60 and older; \$6, non-seniors; \$2.50, children 12 and younger. For rides: 366-2051. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Baked salmon

ACTIVITIES:

Tuesday: Chicken alfredo

ACTIVITIES:

Thursday: Sloppy Joe

MENUS:

Monday: Fair opens, 1 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:

Wednesday: Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.

ACTIVITIES:

Friday: TOPS, 10 a.m.

ACTIVITIES:

Cardio: 1 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.

ACTIVITIES:

Tuesday: Community bingo for age 18 or older; doors open at 6 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:

Wednesday: Table tennis, 9 a.m.

ACTIVITIES:

Thursday: Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.

ACTIVITIES:

Friday: Wood carving, 6 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:

Saturday: Community pinochle, 6 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:

Sunday: Pool

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Exercise, 11 a.m.

ACTIVITIES:

Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:

Wednesday: Wood carving, 6 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:

Empty Nest 101: College orientation for parents

By Beth J. Harpaz
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Call it Empty Nesting 101: Colleges around the country are holding orientations for families of incoming freshmen. But these are not simple "Meet the Dean" receptions held the day before school starts. These are elaborate two- and three-day events, often held on midsummer weekdays, requiring parents to take time off from work and pay \$70 or \$80 in addition to lodging, food and travel expenses.

They're packed with workshops, tours and speeches on subjects ranging from letting go to campus safety. Reed College in Portland, Ore., even invites parents to read "The Odyssey" and attend a lecture and discussion similar to what their kids will experience in a freshman humanities course.



Parent Landi Tang looks over a booklet during an orientation for families of incoming freshmen at Northeastern University in Boston.

You might think parents facing massive tuition bills would balk at more demands on their budget and time. But many colleges report that well over half their freshmen have family in attendance at these events, and lots of parents think the orientations are the greatest thing since "What To Expect When

You're Expecting."

"What I've heard across the country from parents is that these events are marked on their calendar with a big red heart," said Natalie Caine, who counsels parents through her business, Empty Nest Support Services in Los Angeles. "They'll pay the airfare, they'll go into debt to

attend parent orientation if they have to. They're worriers. They say, 'I need to go. I need to see what it's like. I want to hear what they have to offer, what the security system is like, who's the contact person if there's a problem?'

Joe Mondy said he was skeptical when he saw a long lecture on "letting go" scheduled for the parent orientation at his daughter's school, Stonehill College in Massachusetts. But he ended up thinking the session was terrific.

"My generation, the Baby Boom generation, wants to over-control and manage things," said Mondy. "You want to make sure everything goes smoothly, familiarize yourself with the college and what it stands for."

Kristine Goodwin, associate dean for student life at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., says the

orientations try to show parents that the school is on their side: "Don't we both want to prepare the student for independent living?"

Holy Cross also warns parents that kids may call home in the first few weeks saying they're unhappy. "They don't have emotional support yet," Goodwin said. "Your job is not to overreact. Don't panic! They're just venting."

At Northern Michigan University in Marquette, parents get to hear exactly what those desperate calls sound like. The school plays tapes during the parent orientation of upperclassmen recreating actual calls they made home. One girl tells mom and dad she'll be spending Thanksgiving with her new boyfriend instead of her family.

In another call, a boy confesses that he's not doing well in school, and P.S., he's in trouble for alcohol violations. A third call is from a student who's homesick and lonely.

"The girl's voice in the homesick tape makes many parents cry every time we do it," said Christine Greer, dean of students at NMU. The tapes were made some years ago, but "the issues haven't changed — independence, breaking rules, not doing well in classes, homesickness. They are still things that parents worry about, and students deal with, every year."

Parents only hear the kid's side of the call; they're then asked to imagine their own reactions before being told what really happened: The parents of the girl with the boyfriend let her go to his house for Thanksgiving, and she ended up marrying him. The boy in trouble became a police officer. And the lonely girl became a resident adviser and later a teacher; she's now married with three kids.

Learning to handle your baby's separation anxiety

By Heidi Stevens
Chicago Tribune

Your child just turned 1 and suddenly won't let you out of her sight without a major meltdown. Is something wrong?

Parent advice

Congratulations! Your child has a secure attachment to you. It is perfectly normal for a 1-year-old to protest when the parent leaves the room or the house. However, it's also important for her to see that while Mom sometimes leaves, she will also always come back. The best way to handle these separations is to calmly and affectionately kiss your baby goodbye and then leave. Her wailing will stop soon enough, and as she develops, she will handle your departures much more calmly.

— Mary Rayis

Expert advice

"Nobody will ever be more devoted to you than your 6-month-old baby — except that same baby when she is 9 months or a year," says Penelope Leach, renowned child development expert and author of the newly released "The Essential First Year" (DK Publishing).

"At least one special person to attach herself to is crucial to your baby's development — and more are better," Leach says. "The baby spent her first months learning to know you apart from everyone else and to love you better. By the second half of the year she loves you so much that she'd like to have you with her every minute. She wants your attention and she wants physical contact; to be held and carried, rocked and bounced. She behaves as if your body belonged to her, playing with your hair and your hands, stroking your face, inspecting your teeth and your ears. By 8 or 9 months, your baby so much wants you to be with her that she can scarcely bear you to leave her, even with her father, a grandparent or a loved care-provider."

It doesn't mean your baby had a negative experience with her sitter or grandparent, it just means they're not you.

"When the baby loses sight of you, she really minds," Leach says. "She sees herself and everything else as a reflection of your reactions, and cannot manage herself or anything else without you. When you go away from her she has no idea where you have gone.

What's more, while she registers your absence she cannot yet hold an image of you in her mind so as to anticipate your return. Over the next few months your baby will discover 'object constancy' — that things and people do not cease to exist just because they go out of sight. And, from continual experience, she will learn that wherever you have gone you will always return.

"If you accept that your baby's feelings are real and reasonable, separation anxiety becomes much easier for both of you. Take her around with you whenever you can and let her follow when she is able. When you are going to leave her, warn her with a phrase she can come to recognize — 'Bye-bye, back soon!'

"Above all, though, make sure that you only ever leave her with somebody with whom she's had time to get to know; somebody with whom she has a real, loving relationship whom she can rely on until you return."

determinedly she will cling to you. If you try sneaking out of the room or house when she is busily occupied, she will play less and less because she will keep an ever-closer eye on your movements.

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A BLOG BY SUSAN HILVERDA

Lazy, hazy, crazy days

It's summer and, apparently, all semblance of order has gone to the dogs. The first month of this vacation has given us two types of days: 98 percent of them have been crazy, chaotic, running here and there, too much sun, too much junk food, not enough sleep but lots and lots of good times. The other 2 percent of our days have been spent lying around on the couch watching cartoons in our jammies, too exhausted to even think about moving as we rest up for more upcoming days of craziness.

On neither of these days does my house get clean. Or my grocery shopping done (hence the junk food). ...

But I have incredibly happy children. They end every day with sun-kissed cheeks and sticky hands and faces. They fall asleep (well past school-year bedtime) at the exact second their heads hit their pillows and wake up the next morning ready to do it all over again.

In reality, the only place they have "been" this summer is to Sun Valley for a long weekend. In their imaginations, they have been to the moon and back.

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Christopher William Farrell III and **Ezmae Rhaeyne Farrell**, twins, son and daughter of Brianna Rose Gillen and Christopher William Farrell Jr. of Jerome, were born June 23, 2010.

Jace Micah Herndon, son of Kristen Jolene and Jonathan William Herndon of Buhl, was born June 27, 2010.

McKinley LeAnn Burgess, daughter of Teresa LeAnn and Joshua David Burgess of Jerome, was born June 28, 2010.

Kyler Anthony William Collins, son of Whitney Chambrea and Nicholas Quinn Collins of Twin Falls, was born June 28, 2010.

Elijah Lee Adam, son of Deborah Kelly and Jason Lee Adam of Jerome, was born June 29, 2010.

Izel Acevedo Yaranga, son of Patricia Acevedo Dedios and Neno Levi Yaranga of Twin Falls, was born June 29, 2010.

Emilyn Rose Ordyna, daughter of Kristin Anne and Steven Royer Ordyna of Twin Falls, was born June 29, 2010.

Karsten James Asher and **Keegan Colter Asher**, twin sons of Lacie Shilo and Russell Ray Asher of Burley, were born June 29, 2010.

Zarina Ana-Sue Alvarado, daughter of Ariel Rochelle Bolish and Daniel Alvarado Jr. of Twin Falls, was born June 30, 2010.

Dylan Flores Cabrera, son of Noemi Guadalupe Cabrera Maldonado and Jose Manuel Flores Cruz of Twin Falls, was born June 30, 2010.

Brody James Livingston, son of Allison Marie and Michael James Livingston of Kimberly, was born June 30, 2010.

Alivia Rose Marie Valdivia, daughter of Donna Tracy and John Robert Valdivia III of Twin Falls, was born June 30, 2010.

The pressure's on for GROOMS

with two LEFT FEET

By Leanne Italie
Associated Press writer

Looking silly — or worse — during the first dance as a married couple rates way up there on the scale of wedding stress for grooms who are terrified of anything fancier than the high school prom sway.

"It's not Emily Post's dance anymore," said Crista Tharp, a wedding planner in Kokomo, Ind. "Some are doing rap, hip-hop, break dancing in little snippets. Most grooms would probably nix the dance, but they're not given that option."

Motivated by television's "Dancing with the Stars" and wacky wedding dance YouTube videos, more couples are building fancy footwork into their big-day budgets, turning up the pressure on members of the wedding party with two left feet.

For those who can't dance — but will be singled out by cameras and watching guests — setting a clear goal is a good place to begin, dance instructors suggest. Are you merely looking to survive with a few basic steps, or are you going all-in with dance sequences put together with help from an instructor or a wedding choreographer?

Groom-to-be Jerry Karran, 28, a video editor in New York City, decided on regular lessons at a dance studio ahead of his wedding in July with 400 invited guests. He tried watching instructional videos online, but they left him confused.

"I'm very nervous," he said. "I'm not nervous about anything else concerning the wedding but that. I can't dance, like, at all. Everybody's looking at you. I don't want to look stupid messing up, or stepping on her toes or something."

Dance lessons helped calm Jeremy Gorelick, 30, when he got married in April at Johns Hopkins University, where he met his wife. He has always enjoyed dancing in clubs, but slow dancing was "the worry of the wedding for both of us."

They took lessons together, but he often practiced on his own with a broom. That, Gorelick said, was a misstep because it wasn't at all like leading his bride on the dance floor.

"A broom will do whatever you do, so it was actually an exercise in futility and probably did more damage," said Gorelick, of New York City.

Start taking lessons well in advance of the big day to make your movements more instinctive and less dependent on shaky, short-term memory, instructors recom-

mend. Beginning at least six months ahead of a wedding is ideal, but six weeks would suffice, so long as at least four lessons are involved.

Start with group lessons, many suggest, to get comfortable on a dance floor and boost confidence. Then take private instruction to work on a specific routine or dance.

Jackie Horner, who was Gorelick's instructor, often teaches whole wedding parties how to dance. While women, too, can be dance-challenged, men are often more nervous because they must also learn how to lead, she said.

"I say to them, dancing is just walking to music," Horner said. "I have them walk around the room for me to just feel the music a little bit, because there are men who do not have any rhythm at all. Usually it's a little easier than they thought."

Gorelick said beginners should advocate for a short song. He and his wife chose "The Way I Am" by Ingrid Michaelson after their instructor steered them away from a longer tune, "based on the fact that I seemed so tense. She didn't want me to be out there for an eternity, which is sort of what it felt like."

James Joseph, who wrote

the book "Every Man's Survival Guide to Ballroom Dancing" (BlueChip, 2010), said taking lessons is fine if couples have the time, money and inclination. For those in dance-floor survival mode, try embellishing the basic side step with a simple change of footprint, a slow rotation or some underarm turns.

"If anyone asks, tell them it's a foxtrot," he said.

Change steps when the music changes, from verse to chorus, for instance, to avoid getting lost. Making four or five changes, with a dip in the



Michael Draizin, left, and Shelley Kapitulik take a dance lesson in preparation for their June wedding at the Arthur Murray Dance Studios in Greenwich, Conn.

AP photo

middle and at the end, can look more difficult than it really is.

Working with a choreographer, Joseph said, may be more trouble than it's worth.

"If you work with a teacher, there's a temptation to add choreography that you might not be able to handle," he said. "Don't get in over your head."

Practicing in wedding clothes, including shoes, also helps lessen anxiety, said Joseph, a former two-left-footer who lives in Jackson Hole, Wyo. Videotape a practice session to see what

needs work — and practice, practice.

Shelley Kapitulik, 29, and her fiance, Michael Draizin, 27, both of Greenwich, Conn., hope to do more than just get by when they dance to the Michael Bublé cover of James Taylor's "How Sweet It Is (To Be Loved by You)" at their reception. They plan a swing dance, and took les-

sions to get a nervous Draizin over the hump.

"The more we dance and I make mistakes, we figure out how to just keep going, which has decreased the anxiety level," he said.

Selling the Daddy track

By Armin Brott
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

adds up to a little over a week.

The good news is that it looks as though some cracks are developing in what I like to call "the other glass ceiling" — the obstacles that make it hard for men to be with their children as much as they'd like.

A growing number of companies are discovering that not having father-friendly policies can be incredibly expensive, and that having them is just plain good for business. Let me give you a few examples, some of which were drawn from a wonderful report, "Defining Paternity Leave: Shifting Roles, New Responsibilities in the Family and the Workplace," produced by The Boston College Center for Work & Family. You may want to print out this column and give it to your boss?

A: Over the past decade or so, more and more companies are offering family-friendly benefits. But when it comes to male employees, the messages about whether it's okay to actually use those benefits are, as you've discovered, mixed at best. For example, about 13 percent of U.S. employers offer paid paternity leave. But even at those companies, only about half of eligible men take it. The rest don't, largely out of fear that they'd be committing career suicide. Overall, compared with mothers, fathers are only one-tenth as likely to have ever used parenting leave and one-sixth as likely to have ever worked part time.

What it comes down to is what attorney Kari Palazzari calls the "daddy double-bind."

Men are still expected to be the primary breadwinner, so "success" at work means spending less time at home. But today's dads are now expected to be actively involved in every part of their family life, and "success" at home requires spending less time at work. It's nearly impossible to reconcile the two.

But dads — like you — are certainly not giving up. Even those who don't take paternity or family leave manage to carve out some time to be with their newborns by cobbling together sick days, comp time, vacation days and so on. On average, that

29 times as a bridesmaid, finally a bride

By Jamie Stengle
Associated Press writer

DALLAS — After walking down the aisle 29 times as a bridesmaid, it wasn't until Julie Caldwell was moments away from the church that it sank in that she was finally the bride.

"I didn't get nervous till the ride to the church. It was like, 'Whoa, this is me,'" said Caldwell, 39.

A delayed reaction at her December wedding could be forgiven for the woman much more versed in playing the supportive role in the wedding party. Caldwell did "27 Dresses" a couple better, and her story ended up on the WE television reality show "Girl Meets Gown."

The Dallas pharmacist who lives in nearby Ennis calls being a bridesmaid "my other career."

Most women end up being a bridesmaid about five times, said Rebecca Dolgin, executive editor of TheKnot.com, who adds that women in the South tend to do a few more stints since wedding parties there are usually bigger.

Caldwell said her vast experience as a bridesmaid led her to be sure to not be too demanding as a bride with her three bridesmaids — no requests for matching shoes and jewelry.

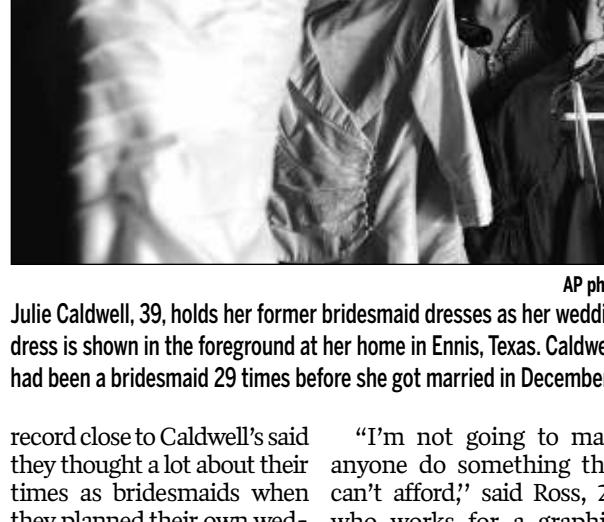
"When somebody is a bridesmaid many times — four or five or six times — it really does affect their decisions when they're a bride," Dolgin said.

After being in that many weddings, she also didn't shy away from creating the exact dress she wanted.

"I don't know which is stronger, the fact that they've seen that many wedding gowns, or seen mistakes," said Jenny Cline, co-owner of Plano's Stardust Celebrations, where Caldwell bought her gown.

It was at Cline's salon that "Girl Meets Gown" was filmed, and an episode featured Caldwell's mission to make her strapless gown more unique with beading and a flourish of feathers on the skirt.

Even brides without a



Julie Caldwell, 39, holds her former bridesmaid dresses as her wedding dress is shown in the foreground at her home in Ennis, Texas. Caldwell had been a bridesmaid 29 times before she got married in December.

record close to Caldwell's said they thought a lot about their times as bridesmaids when they planned their own weddings.

When Lisa Pratt, a seven-times bridesmaid from Westminster, Md., got married in the fall, the 39-year-old business analyst's thoughts went to the money she'd spent on travel and hotels as a bridesmaid. So she decided to pay for her bridesmaids to stay at the wedding's venue the night before and after.

She was also inspired to get small bouquets after struggling to hold both her own large bouquet and the bride's during one ceremony.

Sara Ross, of Nashville, Tenn., said that her seven times as a bridesmaid led her to first think of the bridesmaid dresses for her own wedding, choosing strapless knee-length dresses in purple for her six girls even before figuring out her own gown for her upcoming wedding.

First on the priority list for bridesmaids' dresses: Eliminate anything shiny.

After figuring out that the cost of being in two weddings and attending a third constituted a down payment on a car, she's also vowed to let her bridesmaids know that she won't be upset if they can't travel to every pre-wedding event. To that end, she'll probably have a bachelorette party and shower on the same weekend in a town close for a majority of the girls.

"I'm not going to make anyone do something they can't afford," said Ross, 28, who works for a graphics company.

Many women can relate to Caldwell's many-times-a-bridesmaid story, though "maybe not to that extreme," says Annabelle McDonald, executive producer at WE.

Caldwell's entry into the world of weddings had an inauspicious start when she learned at the age of about 3 that she wouldn't be in her aunt's wedding.

"The day before, they broke it to me and I was just destroyed — that was the last time that there was a wedding that I wasn't in," she said.

As a young girl she went on to perform various wedding roles. Then, she said, came the "waves" of bridesmaid stints — high school friends,

college friends, then those she met as she pursued her career. As a redhead, she said, the worst was when she was asked to wear clashing pink.

She has never added up the cost of being a bridesmaid 29 times, and said that while the role can be demanding, she enjoyed each time.

Hilary LiDestri, Caldwell's friend for 15 years, said she wasn't shocked that Caldwell ended up in so many weddings. LiDestri chose her as her only bridesmaid.

"I tell her all the time that's a measure of how good a friend she is," LiDestri said.

Caldwell said there came a point after being in wedding after wedding that she began to wonder when she would meet the right man. It didn't help when people started commenting on her string of bridesmaid stints.

"I always had to hear the adage over and over again, 'always a bridesmaid,'" Caldwell said.

When she did begin her courtship with her future husband, it all came together quickly: They dated for four weeks before getting engaged the last week of June last year.

Caldwell ended up dressing LiDestri, her matron of honor, in burnt orange and her other two bridesmaids in chocolate brown.

"I wanted them to have a dress they'd wear again," Caldwell said, quickly adding, "All brides say that."

And as Caldwell knows well, it rarely happens.

"I've never, never put them on again," she said.

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This 1984 file photo shows Fred Rogers, star of Public Television's 'Mister Rogers' Neighborhood.' In 1968, the show broke ground by addressing children's interests and concerns through electronic media.

How much screen time is too much for kids?

By Melissa Rayworth
For The Associated Press

LATROBE, Pa. — It's not easy to press pause on today's hyper-wired kids. But in the next year, the National Association for the Education of Young Children will attempt to do just that.

Members of the group gathered this spring to begin revising their guidelines governing children's use of technology.

The current guidelines were released in 1996, when the digital revolution was in its infancy and "Baby Einstein" had yet to be born. At the time, the team "felt gadgets were impinging on children's growth and development," says Jerlean Daniel, the NAEYC's executive director designate. They focused on the growing presence of computers.

"Back in early '90s," she says, "we had no idea what we were talking about in terms of the media that could come and has come today."

Enter the inaugural Fred Forward conference, held here at the Fred Rogers Center for Early Childhood Learning and Children's Media. Experts in education, media and child development got together to rewrite the guidelines to encompass everything from texting and viral videos to online chatrooms for kids and DVD players in the family car.

The old guidelines don't make specific recommendations about how much screen time is too much, and say that used appropriately, technology can be positive for learning.

But how do you write guidelines to cover technology that is constantly changing? And how do you recommend that what is now a billion-dollar industry be scaled back, if that's determined to be best for child development?

Technology has come to occupy a central role in children's lives so quickly that its impact has barely been studied. Possible links have been found between extended hours of screen media consumption and ADHD, with some children experiencing elevated

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blood pressure.

Other data suggests that indoor consumption of technology is keeping kids from playing outdoors. But kids can also learn from digital media. And its power to connect kids from around the world can help increase multicultural understanding.

The NAEYC and the Fred Rogers Center will explore all of this, seeking additional data and contributing their own research as they collaborate on the new guidelines. Those invited to participate include more than 200 experts in education, media and technology, child development, research and child advocacy.

They have begun with the most elemental questions: How do we even approach writing guidelines for technology we're just beginning to understand? Which things do we try to regulate?

It's apt that this process will happen at the Fred Rogers Center. In 1968, one year before "Sesame Street" premiered, "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" broke ground by addressing children's interests and concerns through electronic media. He merged documentary-style segments about real people with scenes in a sitcom-like living room and excursions into a fantasy world populated by puppets. And yet he was wary of using every technological tool at his disposal.

As decades passed (production ended in 2001), Rogers consciously chose not to incorporate the frenzied editing and eye-popping digital animation that became the norm in children's programming.

That same restraint and careful deliberation is needed in determining how children can best be served by 21st-century technology, says Maxwell King, codirector of the Rogers Center. "Fred Rogers," he points out, "was often the first person to say that sometimes the best use of a television is when it's turned off."

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Children don't come cheap

Report: cost of raising kids up 22 percent from 1960

By Kristin Samuelson and Becky Yerak
Chicago Tribune

Expecting children? Expect to cough up some big bucks.

The grand total for middle-income parents raising one child from birth to age 17 is \$222,360, which doesn't include college tuition, according to the recently released U.S. Department of Agriculture's 2009 Expenditures on Children by Families report.

That's 22 percent higher than the 1960 inflation-adjusted cost of \$182,857.

"Annual child-rearing expense estimates ranged between \$11,650 and \$13,530 for a child in a two-child, married-couple family in the middle-income group," the report's abstract says.

"We currently spend more than that on day care alone," said Carlo Hontiveros, an associate director for SNL Financial in Charlottesville, Va. Eight months ago, he and his wife, a physical therapist, welcomed their first child, Mia. "Mia currently attends what we feel is the best day care facility in the region."

Indeed, the report called child care and education expense "the most striking



Meredith Rives and her children, from left, Charlie, 4, Paige, 1, Meryl, 4, and Ben, 1, eat snacks after they get home from day camp.

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change in child-rearing expenses over time." Those expenses grew from 2 percent of total child-rearing expenses to 17 percent.

"Day-care costs are so expensive," agrees Berwyn resident Sue Quinn, a letter carrier. She and her husband have three children, ages 13 to nearly 2.

"It's \$90 a day for the babies," and the 13-year-old attends summer camp, she said.

Taxes keep rising and overtime for her husband, who still works full-time in construction, has all but disappeared.

The family sticks close to home and has become well-acquainted with Netflix, the local library, Aldi and Costco. When they had one child, they traveled everywhere, including Florida, Europe and Mexico. Now, vacation amounts to spending time — during the week — at a friend's place in Michigan.

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the overall costs have fallen, due to increased competition and other factors. "Changes in agriculture over the past 50 years have resulted in family food budgets being a lower percentage of household income," the report said.

"We are looking to buy a bigger house but just haven't yet because it's cost-prohibitive. It's more important for me to stay home (to watch the kids) than have a bigger house."

Rives she buys almost no clothes. "I get hand-me-downs and shop at garage sales, mothers groups, rummage sales," she said. "If I buy retail, I never buy full price."

Indeed, a child's clothing and miscellaneous expenses decreased as a percentage and in real terms from 1960 to 2009, due partly to "globalization," the report said.

The USDA examined child-rearing expenses of 11,800 husband-wife households and 3,350 single-parent households.

A child's health care expenses doubled as a percentage of total child-rearing costs from 1960 to 2009. It also climbed in real terms.

Friend's arrival suddenly makes siblings enemies

By Wendy Donahue
Chicago Tribune

Your sons get along great — until they have friends over. Why do your kids turn on each other when their buddies are around?

Parent advice

With our kids, a behavior chart has been immensely successful. One category in which they can earn a stamp is "Be nice to your siblings."

We point this out when the arrival of a friend is imminent.

With a spot on the chart on the line, the kids are much less likely to throw a left cross or go seriously dental on somebody (as in biting).

— Clay Nichols

When my oldest has a friend over, my youngest is invariably in tears at some point because he wants to hang with the big boys but gets left in the dust. When my youngest has a play date,

my oldest only gets upset when the little guys get into his stuff or get a little wound up. I try to make things easier (on them and me!) by keeping the numbers even — letting them each have a friend over. Or I do a swap: When one of my sons is over at someone's house, the other can have a friend here.

— Kathi Anderson

As the eldest of four brothers, I tended to side with the third-born. My second brother protected my youngest brother. Once you add someone else into the mix, you're aligning yourself or defending yourself. Children search for these allegiances and work toward strengthening their position in that hierarchical structure. That introduction to competition and allegiances ... is just a microcosm of what you experience the rest of your life.

— Carter Kennedy

The boys behave that way because they are showing

off. Their buddies can tell the playground gang how much your kid dominates his brother. Not so nice, but normal. Explain to your sons that you appreciate they want to look macho to their friends, but they should try not to be so nasty to each other in front of company. When those kids are long gone, they still will be brothers.

— Marie Grass Amenta

Expert advice

Siblings are natural rivals for household resources, parental attention and family standing, as well as social dominance within and beyond the family circle, said Carl Pickhardt, author of "Why Good Kids Act Cruel" (Sourcebooks, \$14.99).

Three Cs — comparison, competition and control — are the lifeblood of sibling rivalry, Pickhardt says, and are generally heightened when the siblings are the

same sex and close in age.

"A visiting friend can add fresh fuel to the rivalry between the sons around a series of hard questions," Pickhardt notes. "For example, who will control the play, who will the friend like best, who will take sides against whom, who will be included and who will get left out?"

Parents can resolve those sorts of questions before the friend is invited by setting ground rules such as these:

Everyone will be included in the play.

Everyone will be treated well in the play.

Everyone will have a share in creating the play.

Parents may notice that siblings, as well as friends, often get along best when a parent isn't hovering, because the children aren't vying for an adult's attention. So you might consider securing agreement on the rules upfront, then keeping a safe distance.

Celebrations

Weddings

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Jim and Diane Kreis of Colville, Washington announce the marriage of their daughter Roxanne Marie Kreis to Matthew Jon Bos, son of Larry and Debbie Bos of Jerome, Id.

The couple was married Saturday July 3rd, in Kettle Falls, Washington. A dinner reception immediately followed at Mingo Gardens in Kettle Falls. A dinner reception to honor the couple will be held on Friday July 16th, at Blue Lakes Country Club in Twin Falls, Id.

Both newlyweds graduated from Eastern Washington University on June 11th, 2010. Roxanne graduated with a degree of Bachelor in Science



Roxanne Marie Kreis and Matthew Jon Bos

in Applied Development Psychology and a Minor in Sociology, and a Bachelor of Arts in Children's Studies and Research. Matthew graduated with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Chemistry/Biochemistry with a Concentration in Forensic Science.

Following the honeymoon the couple will reside in Cheney, Wa.

Anniversaries

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To Our Family & Friends,

Because you are a special part of our lives, we invite you to celebrate with us 50 years of caring and loving each other at an Open house on Saturday, July 24, 2010 from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the home of Ed and Dona Fuchs, 2148 Hillcrest Lane, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

~ Larry and Pat Sackett.



Pat and Larry Sackett

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Jason Sadler shows Jasmine Cousins how to properly label samples aboard the Thomas Jefferson research ship operated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The Thomas Jefferson crew studies oil that is staying far below the surface, where it is harder to find, difficult to remove and presents dangers to undersea creatures that scientists don't fully understand.

NOAA photo by Lt. Liz Crapo

Studying oil's hidden dangers

By Margaret Webb Pressler
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico has been going on for more than 80 days, and a huge network of ships and equipment is in place trying to stop the leak and clean up the worst oil spill in the nation's history. But there are also many ships in the gulf doing scientific research to figure out how the oil is affecting animals, marine life and the water itself in ways we can't see.

"This has touched people's hearts, first of all because we can't stop it," said Judy Braus, education director for the National Audubon Society, a non-profit group working to protect birds and habitats.

"Especially kids ... it's really touching them in a way that some of the other disasters haven't."

Reporter Margaret Webb Pressler spoke with Shepard Smith, the commander of the research ship Thomas Jefferson, a 208-foot vessel operated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Smith



Shepard Smith is the commander of the research ship Thomas Jefferson, a 208-foot vessel operated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

explained his team's mission and the role it plays in the massive effort underway to deal with the disaster.

"We're looking for subsurface oil in the deep water around the oil spill and in

the coastal areas. It's certainly one of the big unknowns," Smith said. "There still are more unknowns than there are knowns in this spill, scientifically."

Oil typically floats on

water, and most oil-spill cleanup technology is focused on getting oil off the surface or the land. But there may be another disaster looming: oil that is staying far below the surface, where it is harder to

find, difficult to remove and presents dangers to undersea creatures that scientists don't fully understand. The Thomas Jefferson has made three trips into the waters just above the leak to try to

assess this hidden danger.

The ship sends bursts of sound into the water, then listens for the echo as those sound waves bounce off things in the sea. This sonar technology can detect even the smallest creatures, including "fish or layers of plankton," Smith explained. Sensors also measure the saltiness, temperature and murkiness of the water. Water samples from far below the surface will be tested in the next few weeks.

Smith has also followed advice from his kids, 11-year-old Morgan and 9-year-old Ben, who live in Norfolk, Va.

"I told Morgan what we were going to be doing," Smith said. "She said we ought to follow the animals and find out what the animals are doing. Interestingly, that largely has come to pass. Some of the most interesting signals that we have seen are not where the animals are, but where the animals are not."

The animals are fleeing the oil — and that helps Smith and his team figure out where, and how much, oil is out there.

Riordan's 'Red Pyramid' is a nonstop thrill ride

By Margaret Webb Pressler
The Washington Post

"The Red Pyramid" by Rick Riordan. Published by Hyperion Books. 516 pages. Recommended for age 9 and older.

If you've ever read Rick Riordan's books, you know he writes adventure stories that keep you turning the pages — and holding your breath. His new novel, "The Red Pyramid," is no exception.

This book kicks off Riordan's Kane Chronicles series, something his fans have been waiting for since "The Last Olympian," the fifth and final book of the Percy Jackson series, was published last year. Like that series, "The Red Pyramid" deals with mythology (although this time it's Egyptian instead of Greek), features kids who discover they have connections to the gods and unknown powers, and is written with lots of humor, action and danger.

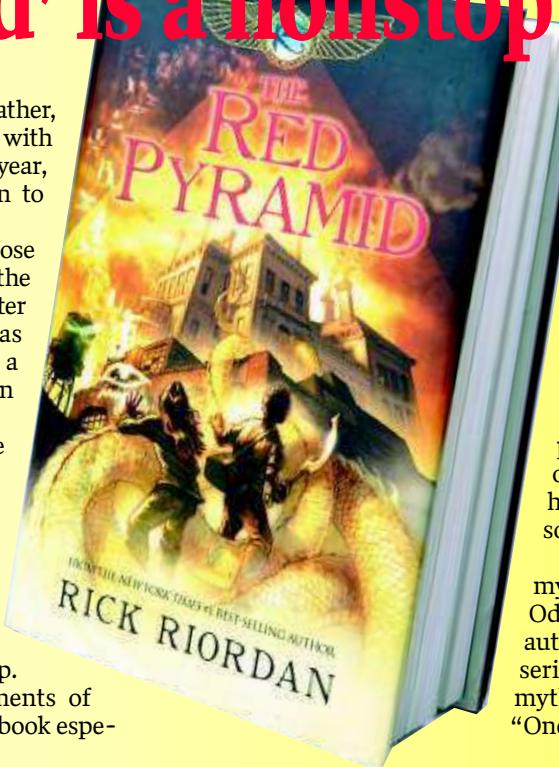
The main characters are 12- and 14-year-old siblings Sadie and Carter Kane, who spend only two days a year together because Carter lives

with their traveling archaeologist father, Julius, and Sadie lives in London with their grandparents. But twice a year, Julius and Carter come to London to spend a day with Sadie.

The action begins on one of those visits, when Dad takes the kids to the British Museum. The next thing Carter and Sadie know, the museum has blown up, their father is gone and a host of Egyptian gods has been released.

Sadie and Carter end up on the run together, trying to save their father. They gradually unearth the truth about him, his powers — and their own.

The story is cleverly told by both siblings; they alternate as narrators, and their styles of storytelling help frame their relationship. Riordan also includes many elements of Egyptian mythology that make the book especially interesting.



You might also like ...

If you like "The Red Pyramid," you might also enjoy reading "Anna Smudge: Professional Shrink," by Mac (yes, the author goes by just one name). This book features an 11-year-old who becomes a celebrated psychiatrist in Manhattan — never mind that she has none of the schooling or degrees required to be a real psychiatrist. She ends up on the case of a mysterious crime figure and gets her school friends to help out. With some cool illustrations. Age 9 and older.

Younger readers who are fascinated by mythology will enjoy "Tales From the Odyssey," by Mary Pope Osborne (the author of the terrific "Magic Tree House" series). The "Odyssey" books retell the myths from Homer's "Odyssey," including "One-Eyed Giant." Age 6 and older.