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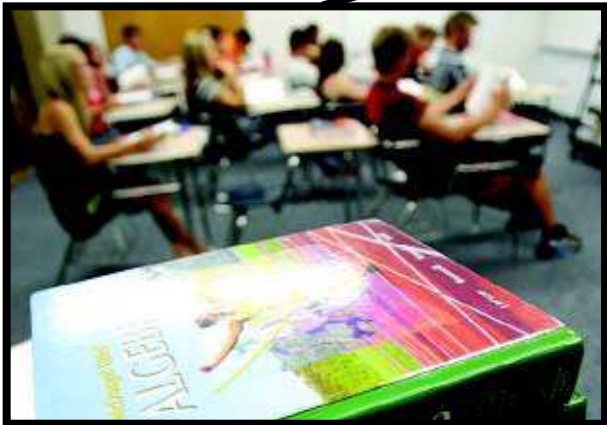
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The spotty past ...



The Idaho State Department of Education performs background checks on teachers who apply for certification or change districts. But the checks don't notify school districts of an applicant's misdemeanor criminal record. Already dealing with child-sex charges related to former teacher Chad Burnett, the Cassia County School District has learned that suspended teacher Michael Scott Brinkerhoff, now facing child-sex charges, had a string of petit theft convictions when he was hired in 2006.



Times-News photo illustration

By Ben Botkin ♦ Times-News writer

Michael Scott Brinkerhoff's criminal record went unnoticed.

When the Cassia County School District hired the Burley Junior High School English and drama teacher in 2006, district officials were unaware that he had a string of misdemeanor petit theft convictions in Bonneville County. While misdemeanor convictions don't prevent teachers from being certified in Idaho, the State Department of Education completes criminal background checks on all new applicants and teachers moving into an Idaho district from another in-state district or elsewhere.

But details of Brinkerhoff's four petit theft charges spanning from 1994 to 2005 — three of which led

to convictions — never made it to Cassia County School District officials through that process.

Brinkerhoff, 42, is now charged with sexual abuse of a minor under the age of 16 and enticing children over the Internet, both felonies. He has pled not guilty to the charges, and was placed on paid leave from the district in September, pending the case's outcome.

While the difference is great between misdemeanor petit theft and felony charges of sexual abuse

of children when it comes to student safety, the case raises questions about the system now in place to check the backgrounds of teachers — and the level to which school districts and the state should investigate the background of a new teacher.

Public records and interviews with school districts and State Department of Education officials reveal that the state's background check process for applicants falls short of giving school districts a full picture of a new teacher's criminal background. While the

checks warn the state and districts of any felony convictions that would eliminate a teacher from certification, they currently don't share information on misdemeanor convictions.

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of state education background checks

Teacher arrest brings to light hole in system

Overpass equals safety; wildlife use U.S. 93 bridge

By Rishi Daulat
Elko Daily Free Press

ELKO, Nev. — Though the 10 Mile Summit, a wildlife safety crossing on U.S. Highway 93 north of Wells, Nev., was finished in the summer, it took until the start of the fall season to gauge how much safer the overpass made the highway.

"Deer migration periods are usually only four to six weeks in the fall and then four to six weeks in the springtime," said Joe Doucette, a conservation educator with the Nevada Department of Wildlife. "For now we have just had a few scattered cases of deer using the crossing."

The wildlife safety crossing is equipped with motion detectors and cameras to track exactly how many deer or other wild animals cross the bridge at certain times.

Time will tell whether or not the



Ross Andreson/Elko Daily Free Press

Traffic travels south on U.S. Highway 93 at the recently completed wildlife overpass.

bridge is effective, but for now the overpass has been a welcome innovation.

"We built this crossing mainly for motorists," Scott McGruder, lead spokesman for the Nevada Department of Transportation, said. "Collisions with deer cause

billions of dollars in damage each year so we hope this will prevent some of those accidents."

U.S. 93 has had one of the highest vehicle-animal accident rates in Nevada, according to NDOT.

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Army vet from Hope runs 4,425 miles to honor troops

By David Sharp
Associated Press writer

ROCKLAND, Maine — An Army veteran who pounded the pavement from coast to coast to honor the nation's fallen troops finished his grueling journey in rain and high winds on Friday in Maine.

Mike Ehredt of Hope, Idaho, placed a flag in the ground every mile along the way to honor military personnel killed in Iraq and on Friday the final flag honored Marine Maj. Jay Aubin, a pilot from Waterville who died when his CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter went down near the Iraq border.

The 49-year-old extreme runner kicked off his journey on

May 1 in Astoria, Ore., averaged about 29 miles a day and took only four days off. All told, he ran 4,425 miles.

Howling winds and sheets of rain accompanied his finish on the Rockland waterfront, where supporters gathered wearing bright yellow T-shirts emblazoned with "Thanks Mike!"

"Who needs blue skies and sun when it can be like this in Maine?" he joked as he was surrounded by supporters, including some high school runners who joined him.

Friday's weather aside, the operation ran with military precision. Ehredt kept to his schedule and stayed with a different

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TODAY’S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

The 21st annual Sun Valley Swing 'n' Dixie Jazz Jamboree, featuring more than 30 bands, continues, 9:30 a.m. to midnight, at 12 venues around Sun Valley Resort, \$45 to \$62 day badges; \$21 to \$28 Jive After Five badges (allows entry to events beginning at 4:30 p.m. each day); and \$25 high school student badges; \$55 with ID for college badges, at Sun Valley Lodge, sunvalleyjazz.com. **“Oliver!” musical**, presented by St. Thomas Playhouse, 2 and 7 p.m., nexStage Theatre, 120 S. Main St., Ketchum, \$20 for adults and \$10 for children, at Iconoclast Books in Ketchum and St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Sun Valley and at 726-5349, ext. 15.

CHURCH EVENTS

Jason Car open house, to welcome the new pastor and his family, 4 to 6 p.m., Community Christian Church, 303 Grandview Drive, Twin Falls, no cost, 733-2886.

SEASONAL EVENTS

College of Southern Idaho’s corn maze, 5 to 10 p.m., in a 12-acre cornfield behind CSI’s Health Sciences and Human Services building, North College Road, bring flashlights for visits after dark, parking available at Health Science building, \$2 for adults and \$1 for students, 732-6431.

OUTDOORS

Jerome Gun Club Sporting Clays shoots, 100-target event, sign-up 9 a.m. and shotgun 10 a.m., 11 miles north of the junction of U.S. Highway 93 and I-84 at mile marker 64, if you have never shot at Sporting Clays at Jerome Gun Club, your first 50 targets are free, all others: \$20 adults, \$14 for juniors younger than 18, plus a \$5 charge for non-members, www.jeromegun.club.com.

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Army

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family every night. He suffered no knee or hip problems, which often plague distance runners. He didn’t even lose any weight. Each morning, he popped a couple of painkillers, and hit the road.

“I never opened the door of doubt. You’d never get it shut again. So every day it was like, ‘Let’s get up and go,’” Ehredt said before heading into the rain for the final six miles.

Ehredt hatched the idea for the coast-to-coast run three years ago. And it took three years of planning to pull it off. It took 4,424 small flags and 1,000 feet of yellow ribbon to create the tributes, each bearing the name of a service member, that he placed on the ground at 1-mile intervals.

Along the way, Ehredt went through 19 pairs of trail-running shoes, drank 40 gallons of chocolate milk (one quart a day) and consumed 668 Aleve (two each morning and night).

Though he didn’t personally know any military personnel killed in Iraq, Ehredt said he felt a kinship that all former service members feel and wanted to honor the fallen. And many were moved by his gesture. A mother from Alabama drove 28 hours to Colorado to be there when he placed a flag honoring her son, he said.

“For whatever reason I can’t explain, I just felt a connection to those young people and people my age from Iraq. And I just wanted to do a personal tribute,” he said.

Maj. Gen. John Libby, adjutant general of the Maine National Guard, said soldiers, Marines, sailors and airmen and women all



AP photo

Mike Ehredt, of Hope, Idaho, talks to reporters after completing his 4,425-mile run Friday in Rockland, Maine.

appreciate Ehredt’s efforts.

“What a remarkable feat. All of us are just looking for some validation that people appreciate what we’ve done. But this validation is on the extreme edge,” he said.

Ehredt is no stranger to pushing his body to its limits. He got the running bug at a young age and as a soldier in Germany he won the Army Cross Country Championships.

Later, he took up trail running in Colorado and Idaho, and continued to push toward more difficult runs like the 250-mile Trans-Himalayan run in Nepal, the six-day Marathon des Sables, and the Rocky Mountain Slam, which consists of Bighorn, Hardrock, Wasatch and the Bear 100-mile races.

Ehredt said he didn’t mind the stinging, wind-driven rain and thunderclaps on the final day of his run. He noted that it was a raw day on which he began in Oregon.

“After that first mile, and the first flag was planted, I turned around and there was a rainbow. It was an omen,” he said.

The truth about December-May romances

For the past, say, 195,000 years, men of a certain age have wondered why women of the same age don’t find them attractive.

(And never mind the ear hair and the quintuple chins).

Nowadays, the term for older women who prefer younger men is *cougars*. Seems they’re taking their life in their hands.

In an article in the journal *Demography*, Sven Drefahl of the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research in Rosstock, Germany, writes that the greater the age gap between a woman and her husband, the shorter her life expectancy.

According to Drefahl’s report, a gal who is between seven and nine years older than her spouse has a 20 percent greater mortality rate than if she were with a man the same age.

Health records have shown previously that men

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Steve Crump



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live longer if they have a younger wife, an effect researchers expected to see mirrored in women who married younger men.

Not so much. It could be that women with much younger husbands die younger on average because they experience more stress, Drefahl told the the British newspaper *The Guardian*.

Some explanation may lie in the quality of friendships

men and women form throughout life. Women tend to have more close friendships outside marriage and so benefit less than men from having a partner.

“Unlike the benefits of a younger wife, a younger husband wouldn’t help extend the life of his older wife by taking care of her, going for a walk with her and enjoying late life together,” told *The Guardian*. “She already has friends for that. The older man, however, doesn’t.”

Heck, Courteney Cox could have told you that.

On the ABC sitcom *Cougar Town*, Cox — she of *Friends* fame — plays a divorced mom who’s both dating and aging. Her character tries to make up for lost time by dating men in their 20s, but comes to terms with the limitations of her age and has relationships with men her age.

Of course that’s not every woman’s opinion.

According to the BBC documentary *Sugar Mummies*, 30 percent of all British women fit the definition of being a cougar. Thirty-five percent of women not now dating prefer younger men. And 34 percent of women 40 and older actually date younger men.

But here’s the unkindest number of all: 17 percent of women in their 50s prefer men in their 40s.

My 58-year-old ego is crushed. Fortunately, I married a woman eight years younger than me.

According to Drefahl, a man who is between seven and nine years older than his wife has an 11 percent lower mortality rate than a guy whose wife is the same age as him.

Plus, my wife is a redhead. I’m gonna live forever.

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Buhl to sponsor grant for Seneca Foods

By Blair Koch

Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Seneca Foods plans to invest in its Buhl operation.

The City Council on Tuesday unanimously approved City Engineer Scott Bybee’s recommendation to name Susan Riddle, a grant administrator from Twin Falls, to prepare an Idaho Community Development Block Grant.

If awarded, the grant will help offset some of the cost Seneca incurs for additional infrastructure needed for the company to shift operations from canning to freezing.

“There is the potential that they will need some power, water, sewer and a rail expansion to support its

operational plans,” Bybee told the *Times-News*.

The IDC awards block grants, up to \$500,000 each, to support public facility construction and improvements that support new or expanding companies.

Bybee did not know the capital investment Seneca was making for the project, but said the company was pursuing industrial revenue bond opportunities as well as private investments. The grant application must be submitted to the Idaho Department of Commerce some time in November, Bybee said.

“There will be a significant amount of private dollars invested alongside the grant funding, if awarded,” Bybee said. “The amount of

the grant applied for has not yet been determined ... we are in the very early stages.”

Seneca Plant Manager Bob Severa would only confirm the company is “working with the city,” deferring to Chief Financial Operator Roland Breunig, who could not be reached for comment Friday.

“This is an exciting project,” Bybee said. “The grant is very competitive and it helps maximize our points by having a grant administrator already lined up.”

Riddle has a long history of administering grants for the city, including a block grant awarded in support of the city’s sewer and water system upgrades.

Mayor Tom McCauley said while the city is spon-

soring the grant and approved of Riddle as administrator, it will not pay for her services.

“It really is the city’s responsibility to help Seneca find funds for this project,” McCauley said. “They are making an investment in improving its operation and we want to do what we can to keep the company in Buhl, to retain as many jobs as possible.”

Seneca currently has about 100 year-round workers at the plant. It remains unknown how the operational shift will affect permanent and seasonal employment figures.

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Kelley M. Stewart and Nova O. Simpson, UNR; NDOT and NDOW

Deer cross U.S. Highway 93 safely using the wildlife overpass about 10 miles north of Wells, Nev. Their use of the overpass is being studied by Dr. Kelley M. Stewart and Nova O. Simpson of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences at the University of Nevada, Reno, with the aid of the state transportation and wildlife departments.

Overpass

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The Wildlife Safety Crossing has been an intriguing topic — so much so that a student at the University of Nevada Reno is doing a study on the contraption to measure its effectiveness.

Nova Simpson, a graduate student at UNR, is working on her master’s degree by tracking the success rates of the overpass and the behavioral habits of the deer using the WSC.

“We have had 53 individual deer cross over so far, but pretty soon we should have large groups using the over-

pass,” she said.

Deer populations should remain heavy in the area since no shooting is allowed within a half-mile range of the crossing.

The overpass cost approximately \$1.8 million to build and is the biggest wildlife overpass in the western United States. It is 162 feet across the roadway and is about 23 feet above the road at its apex. There are three miles of fencing on both sides of the highway to prevent deer from directly crossing the roads.

According to Randy

Hesterlee of NDOT’s Elko district office, there have been no vehicle-animal collisions in the area since the project was finished.

McGruder believes that this project and the future crossings being built will significantly cut down the amount of collisions in Northern Nevada.

“This overpass was built to protect motorists first and foremost,” he said. Vehicle-animal collisions cost billions of dollars in damage each year and are a tremendous problem. Because of that we are also building three under-

passes and another overpass all along Highway 93 north of Wells.”

The underpasses are nearly completed and the second overpass should be finished by the end of November, weather permitting, McGruder said.

Traffic near the final overpass is currently one-lane, and controlled by stoplights. McGruder said the highway will return to normal and the stoplights removed by the end of next week.

This new overpass will cost \$3.1 million to build, while the three underpasses cost a total of \$2.2 million.

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Courtesy city of Twin Falls

Traffic restrictions to change Monday in south Twin Falls

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Due to progress made on the city of Twin Falls' federally mandated arsenic reduction project, a significant traffic change in the south part of the city is scheduled to occur on Monday.

Owyhee Construction is finishing pipe and paving

work on Orchard Drive, according to a city press release, and will move on to Blue Lakes Boulevard between Kimberly Road and Orchard. Orchard between Washington Street South and Blue Lakes is scheduled to be opened to traffic. Blue Lakes between Kimberly Road and Orchard is scheduled to be closed to through traffic.

Jerome Co. Fair decides winter use for new barn

Times-News

JEROME — It's the first winter for the new livestock barn at the Jerome County Fairgrounds. The barn will see its share of snow and cold weather outside but fair board members hope the barn will house RVs, trailers and boats inside.

The board made the decision on Tuesday to make the facility open to the public until March 1 for storage. The goal is to eventually make the building available for special events or have it serve as an equestrian facility but until improvements are made Kathleen Diederich, Jerome County fair and rodeo manager, said the best possible decision is to rent the build-

ing for storage.


"It's going to take dirt, panels and interior barriers on the wall," Diederich said. "Just work and money — like all things."

The facility doesn't have heat and other facilities for public use like restrooms and parking, but the goal is to make these improvements for next year. The new barn replaced the 80-year-old beef barn and is currently just four walls and a hard-packed dirt floor.

The cost to rent the 80 foot by 150 foot building is \$500 for the day and \$7 per foot for each vehicle for the season.

For more information on storing vehicles in the livestock barn: Kathleen Diederich at 324-7209.

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After a year in the dark, Gooding to have Christmas decorations for downtown

Glanbia Foods steps in with donation to complete funding

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — The Grinch didn't steal Gooding's Christmas decorations last year; the décor couldn't be hung on street poles and over Main Street because they were unsafe.

This year, however, the city's downtown will have Christmas decorations, thanks to a recent \$6,000 donation by Glanbia Foods to the Gooding Chamber of Commerce.

"The chamber has been raising funds to replace the decorations for two years. We knew they were in bad shape," said Chamber President Julie Burton. "But last year the city decided they couldn't be hung because the electrical equipment was so bad, it was unsafe."

The decorations had been used since their purchase in the 1950s.

Burton said not having decorations during last year's holiday season gave residents a wake-up call.

"Even though the city doesn't own the lights (the chamber does) it was getting a lot of calls from angry residents wanting to know why they weren't up," Burton said.

The chamber had raised about half its goal until Glanbia Foods stepped up with the needed funds earlier this month. In 2008 the chamber raised about \$2,000 during the city's centennial and had received other donations from the community.

Peggy Watland, Glanbia executive public relations administrator, told the

Times-News the company's donation was an example of stewardship.

"We are largely represented in Gooding, as we have a plant in the community. We have a committee that includes citizen representatives that explores communities need," Watland said. "Glanbia recently met its charity challenge to give over \$1 million to the communities that we are in."

Glanbia's annual fund-

raising golf tournament brought in \$115,000 — money that goes right back to the community. Watland said the company recently helped get lighting erected at the Dietrich High School football field and has other charitable projects in the works.

Decoration Committee Chairwoman Shellie Amundson said in a press release that Gooding City employees will hang the new decorations in November.

"The decorations and street lines were selected with the hope of keeping the same look the city has had since the 1950s," Amundson said. "Although the same street lines are no longer available, we purchased ones as close to the original as possible."

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY FELONY SENTENCINGS

Kenneth M. Noakes, 22, Twin Falls; count one possession of marijuana with intent to deliver; five years penitentiary; three determinate, two indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction; \$1,500 fine; \$165.50 costs; possession of marijuana with intent to deliver; five years penitentiary; three determinate, two indeterminate; \$1,500 fine; concurrent; correctional alternative placement program recommended; \$1,424 court compliance fee; \$2,745.74 restitution.

Timothy J. Miner, 20, Buhl; injury to child; 10 years penitentiary; four determinate, six indeterminate; three years probation; \$125.50 costs; \$500 public defender fee.

Todd L. Stark, 40, Twin Falls; possession of methamphetamine; five years penitentiary; three determinate, two indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction; \$1,000 fine; \$165.50 costs; \$500 public defender; \$902.13 restitution.

Johnny L. Brashier, 54, Hansen; driving under the influence (one previous felony within 15 years); eight years penitentiary; 1.5 determinate, 6.5 indeterminate; \$270.50 costs; driver's license suspended for one year.

Kristopher E.L. McKean, 20, Jerome; burglary; 10 years penitentiary; five determinate, five indeterminate; grand theft; 10 years penitentiary, five determinate, five indeterminate; conspiracy to commit burglary; 10 years penitentiary, five determinate, five indeterminate; concurrent sentences; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction; \$1,500 fine each count; \$225.50 costs; \$34,638.41 restitution.

Phaydra L. Anderson, 34, Twin Falls; aggravated battery; five years penitentiary; two determinate, three indeterminate; three years probation; \$225.50 costs; \$500 public defender fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; 16 hours community service; complete GED; provide DNA sample and right thumbprint impression; \$5,572.50 restitution.

Lorin Jesse Watson, 21, Twin Falls; delivery of marijuana; five years penitentiary; two determinate, three indeterminate; delivery of marijuana; one year penitentiary determinate; consecutive; judge granted retained jurisdiction sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction; \$2,500 fine; \$265.50 costs; \$500 public defender; \$205 court compliance fee; \$5,537.89 restitution; correctional alternative placement program recommended.

Charles M. Marovich, 17, Hansen; burglary; six years penitentiary; three determinate, three indeterminate; grand theft; six years

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penitentiary; three determinate, three indeterminate; concurrent; \$1,000 fine suspended for each count; \$225.50 costs; \$500 public defender fee; shall not possess or consume any controlled substance unless specifically prescribed to him; \$34,638.41 restitution; complete GED.

Luis E. Martinez-Alvarez aka Juan M. Alvarez-Martinez, 26, Twin Falls; possession of methamphetamine; 84 months penitentiary; eight months determinate, 76 months indeterminate; \$265.50 costs; \$500 public defender fee; \$823.93 restitution.

Christopher D. Higley, 24, Twin Falls; possession of marijuana with intent to deliver; five years penitentiary; three determinate, two indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction; \$1,500 fine; \$265.50 costs; \$500 public defender fee; correctional alternative placement program recommended; \$660.51 restitution.

Ricardo C. Beraun Jr., 24, Twin Falls; possession of methamphetamine; six years penitentiary; three determinate, three indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction; \$265.50 costs; \$500 public defender fee; 100 hours community service.

Steven K. White, 54, Twin Falls; possession of methamphetamine; five years penitentiary; two determinate, three indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction; \$265.50 costs; \$500 public defender fee; 100 hours community service.

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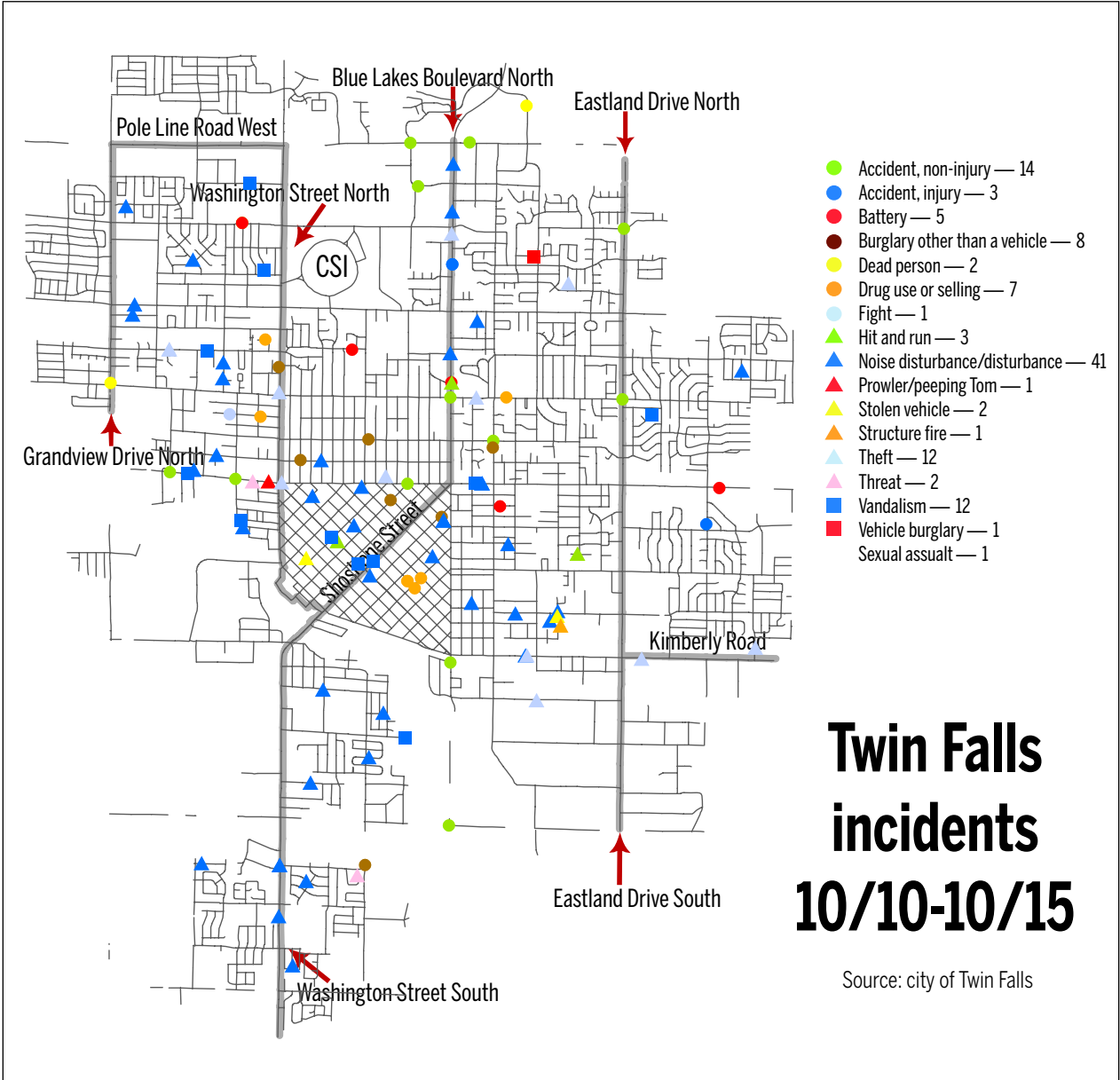
Andrew Del Sunderland, 21, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; withheld judgment; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 86 suspended, four credited; driving privileges suspended 120 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Dillon D. Mayes, 30, Hansen; driving under the influence; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$182.50 costs; 90 days jail, 89 suspended, one credited; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Jennifer D. Moss, 25, Jerome; driving under the influence; withheld judgment; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$182.50 costs; 90 days jail, 89 suspended, one credited; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

CIVIL FILINGS

Tirzo A. Muro vs. State of Idaho; petition for post-conviction



Twin Falls incidents 10/10-10/15

Source: city of Twin Falls

relief; allegedly petitioner was not adequately advised of immigration consequences on his plea and received ineffective assistance of counsel during the defense of the case.

Donnetta I. Kafader vs. Kimberly A. Baumann. Seeking judgment against the defendant for special and general damages; amount to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiff seeking reimbursement for injuries allegedly sustained in a vehicle accident.

Wynee Gensey vs. Randal Lent, and John and Jane Does. Seeking judgment against defendant of stolen jewelry, amount to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiff seeking reimbursement of alleged stolen jewelry or demand for jewelry to be delivered back to the plaintiff.

Arica Smith vs. Mike Jansson and Claire Jansson, doing business as MCJ Properties; John Does and Corporations X, Y and Z. Seeking judgment against defendants for special, general and medical expenses; attorney's fees and costs; plaintiff was allegedly bitten by black widow spider in utility/laundry room in the rental, while she was 4.5 months pregnant. Plaintiff seeking reimbursement for injuries sustained due to alleged negligence of said defendants.

CHILD SUPPORT CASES

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

Ivan J. Smith. Seeking establishment of consolidation and child support: \$672 monthly support plus 52 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance;

provide medical insurance; 52 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

Jason P. Janes. Seeking establishment of child support: \$259 monthly support plus 52 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; 52 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

Aaron T. Wilcken. Seeking establishment of child support: \$168 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; 50 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

Christopher D. Wilder. Seeking establishment of medical support: 45 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; lien will be place on defendant's real and personal property if delinquent in obligation for at least 90 days, or \$2,000 fee, whichever is less.

Eric D. Austin. Seeking establishment of child support: \$497 monthly support plus 70 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; 70 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

Mark A. Wolfe. Seeking establishment of paternity and child support: \$691 monthly support plus 69 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; 69 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

Nadia T. Hussein. Seeking establishment of medical support: 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; lien will be place on defendant's real and personal property if delinquent

in obligation for at least 90 days, or \$2,000 fee, whichever is less.

Chauncey S. Harris. Seeking establishment of medical support: 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; lien will be place on defendant's real and personal property if delinquent in obligation for at least 90 days, or \$2,000 fee, whichever is less.

Amanda M. Hall. Seeking establishment of child in foster care: \$209 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$431.93 for reimbursement of foster care expenses and child support.

DIVORCES FILED

Alan B. Pierce vs. Jami M. Pierce

Raymond L. Cox vs. Verna J. Emery

Terry J. Kingston vs. Tabatha J. Kingston

Larae L. Sweeney vs. David P. Sweeney

Carey A. Matkovich vs. Brett B. Matkovich

Jason McLemore vs. Brandie McLemore

Evelina J. Meinhold vs. Cloud M. Meinhold Sr.

Mikeal R. Wise vs. Brandie M. Wise

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Brandon J. Huffman, 19, Jerome; driving under the influence;

\$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$182.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days jail, 110 suspended, 70 credited; driving privileges suspended 120 days; 12 months probation; driving without privileges; amended to fail to purchase/invalid license; \$50 costs; 70 days jail credited.

Lindomar J. Avelar, 27, Buhl; driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine, \$900 suspended; \$182.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 60 days jail, 14 credited; driving privileges suspended 365 days; 24 months probation.

Richard R. Young, 50, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; \$500 fine suspended; \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 88 suspended, two credited; driving privileges suspended 120 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol; 16 hours community service.

Edgar Farfan-Galvan, 23, Twin Falls; driving under the influence (second offense); \$1,000 fine, \$700 suspended; \$182.50 costs; 180 days jail, 170 suspended; driving privileges suspended 365 days; 24 months probation; no alcohol.

Michael T. Kay, 50, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$182.50 costs; 90 days jail, 88 suspended, one credited; one day work detail; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

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Checks

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For about a year prior to a 2009 audit of its back-grounding practices, the state had a system in place that assigned an offense code to applicants with low-level misdemeanor convictions. That information was then made available to school districts.

The code's purpose was simply to give a "heads-up" to employers so they could investigate the misdemeanor convictions and get more documentation on their own if they had concerns, said Christina Linder, ISDE director of certification and professional standards.

But that had to stop when the audit, completed by the Idaho State Police, resulted in the ISDE being told that the system of providing a code offered more information than what the law allows, Linder said.

"We would like to have more transparency," she said.

Records show that the state's practice of posting offense codes ended in November 2009.

In the 2009 compliance audit, ISP auditor Bill Edwards recommended that information about background checks on the department of education's password-protected website must be limited, citing a federal law that prevents private entities that contract with school districts from viewing the content of an FBI background check.

"The Department of Education's background check website must be changed; the website cannot inform content of the criminal background investigation, the Department of Education can only post pass/fail results," Edwards wrote in the audit report.

ISP's Bureau of Criminal Identification funnels state background check requests to the FBI.

State education officials stress that while they cannot provide misdemeanor information to school districts, the districts themselves are free to set their own background check policies and can be more thorough — and strict about whom they hire — if they wish.

In Cassia County School District, for example, the district has added its own step into the background check process, which involves running an applicant through the free state courts website to look for convictions. That move followed Brinkerhoff's September arrest in Cassia County and a *Times-News* investigation into Brinkerhoff's criminal history.

"That's basically the information that we're now having access to that we were previously unaware of," said Superintendent Gaylen Smyer. "And we had depended on just the state information, which I think is thorough, but they hadn't shared everything"

Instead, the state simply tells districts whether a teacher has passed its background check or not, he said.

"Some of those other activities that were less than a felony we were not made aware of," Smyer said.

In Twin Falls School District, applicants are also checked through the state courts website and the sex offender registry, said spokeswoman Beth Pendergrass.

FBI helps plug a hole

One problem with the state's backgrounding system was discovered in 2008, when the FBI completed an audit of the State Department of Education's procedures for collecting fingerprints that are submitted for background checks.

There was no system in place that confirmed that applicants being fingerprinted at local law-enforcement agencies were asked to provide photo identification, according to an Oct. 27, 2008, letter sent by the FBI to Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna.

"Applicants were directed to be fingerprinted at a local

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or state-level law enforcement agency," wrote Robert Casey, an official with the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services Division. "SDE personnel could not confirm that photographic identification was required when the fingerprints were captured. The fingerprint cards were returned to the applicants to submit to the SDE. Although not a policy violation, these procedures increased the possibility of an inaccurate record search."

That problem was corrected by providing a form that law officers now use to verify that they have asked applicants for their identification, officials said.

"There's always that expectation that the person rolling the prints would check the ID and verify the person standing in front of them was that person," Linder said. "It just wasn't written procedure. We do now have a verification form that must come back."

State eyes expansion of checks

While the current background checks still don't give a complete picture of an applicant's criminal



Times-News file photo

Twin Falls High School students fill the halls during their first day back to school on Sept. 7. District spokeswoman Beth Pendergrass said the district checks teacher applicants through the state's online court records database to augment the information it receives from FBI background checks the Idaho State Board of Education performs on new or transferring teachers.

past, Idaho education officials point to recent improvements in the system.

In 2008, for example, state legislation passed that required background checks for more people who work within a school district, such as student teachers and independent contractors and their employees. That extended the checks to other employees who have regular contact with children.

It also sped up the process, requiring checks to be completed within five days of a new employee's start date.

Before the law passed, background checks needed only to be completed within

the first 90 days of an employee's start date.

At the same time, state officials have future goals they'd like to pursue.

"We really feel like our work is not done," Linder said.

Currently, for example, if teachers never move to another district or change their type of certification, they aren't required to undergo further background checks.

"We would like to have every person working in a school reprinted at least every five years," Linder said. "As it is now for certified teachers, if they stay in the same district under the same (job) title, they may never be printed again."

Changing that system would require legislation, though it's uncertain whether it will be pursued in the 2011 session.

Other states, other rules

Washington state's education agency gives more information to districts than those in Idaho receive.

"All convictions show up and those convictions are viewable by districts when they want to hire the person," said Nathan Olson, a spokesman for the Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. "That includes misdemeanors."

The only exception would be charges that resulted in no convictions or convictions that are expunged.

In Utah, teachers are required to undergo new background checks each time they renew their license, which occurs every three to seven years, said Travis Rawlings, educator licensing coordinator for the Utah State Office of Education.

In 2009, the state started a database that began compiling the fingerprints of all Utah educators so that the state doesn't have to keep reprinting teachers. With the fingerprint database, the state will be notified when a teacher is arrested — even before a conviction. It's estimated that all Utah teachers' fingerprints will be entered into the database within

seven years.

In Oregon, teachers also go through a background check when renewing their license, which comes every three to five years.


Melody Hanson, director of professional practices for the Oregon Department of Education, said that a hit on a criminal record is reviewed individually by the state on a case-by-case basis to see if there's a pattern resulting in concern for the safety of students.

In Montana, teachers are only checked when they are recertified or if their license lapses and they apply for recertification, said Bev Marlow, a paralegal for the Montana Office of Public Instruction.

Montana doesn't typically report teacher misdemeanor convictions to its school districts, but the licensee can request a copy of the background check to be sent to the district if it's required. Marlow noted that school districts are able to set their own standards beyond what the state requires, if they wish.

"Once they get their license that's where we stop, unless we get a request to send the report on further. And once they have a license then we don't do anything further unless something comes to our attention," she said.

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Nevadans begin voting in Reid-Angle Senate race

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Nevada voters began casting ballots Saturday to determine the outcome of the tight race between Democratic Sen. Harry Reid and Republican challenger Sharron Angle.

Nevadans turned out at grocery stores, shopping malls, libraries and other sites to take advantage of early voting, which lasts until Oct. 29 — four days before the Nov. 2 election.

In Clark County around Las Vegas, a steady stream of voters was reported at some of the 21 voting locations. In Washoe County around Reno, about 1,500 voters had already cast ballots by noon.

Henderson voter Germaine Rocco told the *Las Vegas Sun* that she voted with Nevada's finances in mind.

“For me, if you don’t vote for (Harry Reid), you are cutting off your nose to spite your face,” Rocco said.

Others disagreed and blamed Reid for the state’s stagnant economy.

“Tell Harry Reid he’s wrong,” said Recardo Espinosa of Henderson.

Voting began only two days after the only Reid-Angle debate of the campaign. The two traded barbs and found little to agree on as polls found the race to be a dead heat.

In the presidential election year of 2008, about 60 percent of Nevada voters cast their ballots early. The voter turn out rate that year was about 80 percent.

Secretary of State Ross Miller is predicting a voter turnout of 60 percent this year. That’s only slightly higher than the turnout for the last two non-presidential years.

“I’m hopeful it will be higher, but looking at past off-presidential years, it’s difficult to get people to vote,” Miller told the Sun.

Final registration figures show 470,919 active Democratic voters compared to 410,811 Republicans. There are 175,094 non-partisan voters and 48,997 Independent Americans. The rest is divided among minor parties.

Nevadans also will decide races for statewide constitutional offices and three U.S. House seats, including the dead-heat race between Rep. Dina Titus, D-Nev., and Republican Joe Heck.

Fish and Game hopes to open shooting range

BAYVIEW (AP) — Officials with Idaho Fish and Game say safety improvements made at a northern Idaho shooting range bring it into compliance with a judge’s order and are hoping to open it to the public.

The 60-year-old gun range in Farragut has been shuttered since 2007 after 1st District Court Judge John Mitchell agreed with nearby residents that bullets were striking their homes.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game has been installing equipment meant to keep bullets from escaping and to muffle noise. On Friday, the agency received its seventh grant from the National Rifle Association to continue adding safety features.

Dave Leptich, regional wildlife habitat biologist with the agency, said the 200-yard range will be complete in a month.

“It is impossible for a bullet to directly leave this range in a down-range direction,”

Leptich told The Spokesman-Review. “We’ve got vertical containment and horizontal containment.”

But Harvey Richman, an attorney for opponents of the range, said bullets can still leave the range due to mistakes or negligence and that puts the range out of compliance with the judge’s order.

“The court’s order does not allow for error,” Richman said. “It requires 100 percent bullet containment.”

The state has installed three-sided shooting sheds with roofs partially backed by steel plates, as well as other safety features, to produce a “no blue sky” effect. That means shooters firing down range can’t see sky.

But Richman said blue sky can be seen to the left and right from the shooting stations.

“It is my opinion with an extremely high degree of confidence that the judge will be obliged to find they are not compliant with the order,” Richman said.

Busy beavers to relocate to N. Idaho

By Becky Kramer
The Spokesman-Review

COEUR D’ALENE — A few years ago, two beavers took up residence at Red Lake near Tum Tum, Wash.

Each spring, they produced kits, until the small, spring-fed lake was home to nine of the industrious rodents. Neighbors watched with concern as the beavers chewed their way through stands of cottonwoods and alders, and started girdling pine trees.

“The lake had been surrounded by trees,” said Les Smith, who lives nearby. “They were altering the look of the land.”

Calls to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife resulted in a humane solution. The neighbors were referred to a beaver relocation program.

The nine beavers were live-trapped by The Lands Council, a Spokane-based nonprofit. They’ll be released on private property near Priest River, where the landowner wants beaver dams and ponds for wildlife

habitat and water storage.

Most nuisance beavers are euthanized, so relocation is “a nice option to have,” said Madonna Luers, a Fish and Wildlife spokeswoman. “Some people have too many beavers, but they want alternatives. They don’t have to kill them.”

A \$50,000 state grant through the Spokane County Conservation District is funding The Lands Council’s beaver relocation program.

Once trapped to near extinction for their luxurious pelts, beaver populations are on the rebound. Pests in some settings, North America’s largest rodents are welcomed in others.

Researchers view beavers as natural allies in stream bank restoration. In the arid West, beaverdams could help mitigate the impact of climate change’s hotter, drier summer by creating natural water storage.

“I think they’re going to save the West,” said Mike Petersen, The Lands Council’s executive director.

“If there were millions of beaver around, it would be a different place.”

Through Craigslist, word-of-mouth and communication with wildlife agencies, the council’s staff is working to find new homes for beavers deemed nuisances in their existing locations.

The Lands Council has identified 10,000 miles of Eastern Washington’s creeks and streams where beaver could be re-established. Beaver dams connect streams to the flood plain, storing water and slowing a river or creek’s velocity. Their ponds also create rich habitat areas for other wildlife.

Petersen said some of the stream miles need willows and alders to grow back first, to provide food and building material. The council’s staff also wants to avoid transplanting beavers to areas where they could cause future problems, such as building dams in road culverts.

The Red Lake beavers are the third family unit relocated this fall. When the beavers build a new dam at the new site, measuring equipment will track water levels.

“We’re trying to monitor the ways that beavers change the ecosystem,” said Joe Cannon, beaver-program assistant.

Earlier this week, Amanda Parrish approached a beaver in a trap at Red Lake.

“Hey, mister,” cooed Parrish, the nonprofit’s beaver program manager. “Don’t be scared.”

The beaver a 20-pound yearling shifted uneasily as the trap was loaded into the back of a Jeep Cherokee. Forty minutes later, two beavers caught that day were paddling in a water trough in her backyard. They joined seven others in a secure pen.

The Lands Council’s trapping permit was issued by the Washington Fish and Wildlife Department. During their short time in captivity, the beavers eat fresh-cut willow and cottonwood branches.

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Home seizures reach new record

By Dan Levy
Bloomberg News writer

SAN FRANCISCO — More than 100,000 homes were seized by lenders in September, a record number that probably will decline in coming months as major banks halt repossessions and review their foreclosure practices.

Idaho ranked fifth, with one in 86 households. Filings were up almost 14 percent from a year earlier.

Lenders took over 102,134 properties last month, RealtyTrac Inc. said in a report Thursday. That was the highest monthly tally since the company began tracking the data in 2005, surpassing the August record of 95,364. Foreclosure filings, including default and auction notices, rose 3 percent from the prior month to 347,420. One out of every 371 households received a notice.

Sales of properties in the foreclosure process accounted for

almost a third of all U.S. transactions in the month, a sign that a prolonged delay in repossessions may hurt the housing market, RealtyTrac said. Bank of America, the nation's largest lender, said last week it would curtail foreclosures across the country, while JPMorgan Chase and Ally Financial stopped seizures in 23 states where court approval is required.

"We're talking about loans that are almost certain to be foreclosed

on," Rick Sharga, senior vice president of Irvine, Calif.-based RealtyTrac, said in an interview. "The delays are only providing a stay of execution."

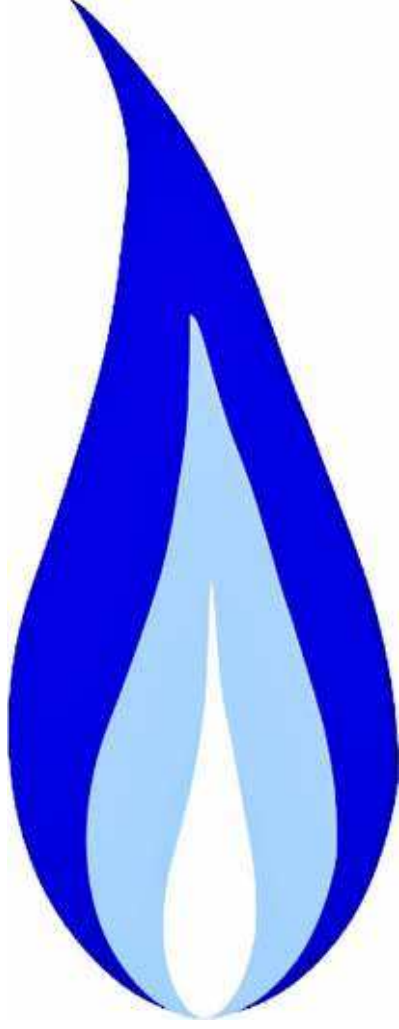
The National Association of Attorneys General announced Wednesday that 49 states would be participating in an investigation of home foreclosures, with Alabama the holdout. Alabama later joined the probe, even though "no violations of Alabama law have been alleged at this time," Attorney

General Troy King said in an e-mailed statement.

"Banks treat their customers with contempt, but if someone can't pay the mortgage, the lender gets the collateral," Mark Goldman, a real estate professor at San Diego State University, said in a telephone interview. "At the end of the day, this is a procedural situation, and banks will revise their procedures."

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NATURAL GAS



AP photos

Driller Robert Arnold works on drilling a well from the cab of a flex rig during a tour of facilities of natural gas producer Williams in Rulison, Colo. Natural gas is abundant and cheap these days and it seems to be staying that way, a sharp reversal from a few years ago that is causing major disruptions and opportunities across the U.S. energy sector.

Fossil fuel elbows its way to center stage

By Jonathan Fahey
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — By unlocking decades' worth of natural-gas deposits deep underground across the United States, drillers have ensured that natural gas will be cheap and plentiful for the foreseeable future. It's a reversal from a few years ago that is transforming the energy industry.

The sudden abundance of natural gas has been a boon to homeowners who use it for heat, local economies in gas-rich regions, manufacturers that use it to power factories and companies that rely on it as a raw material for plastic, carpet and other everyday products. But it has upended the ambitious growth plans of companies that produce power from wind, nuclear energy and coal. Those plans were based on the assumption that supplies of natural gas would be tight, and prices high.

Billions of dollars' worth

"We once thought we could face gas shortages and (electricity) brownouts. Now we are facing an enormous oversupply of natural gas. We have not scratched the surface of potential of gas in the U.S. and across the world."

— Fadel Gheit, senior oil and gas analyst at Oppenheimer and Co.

of plans to build wind farms and nuclear reactors have been delayed or scuttled, including Constellation Energy's Calvert Cliffs nuclear project in Maryland. The company signaled this week it was in peril because of higher-than-expected financing costs.

And coal power, already struggling under tighter environmental regulations, is now under even more pressure. Natural gas emits fewer dangerous chemicals and about half as much carbon dioxide as coal.

The new natural gas discoveries, mostly beneath states in the East, South and Midwest, have kept prices remarkably low, even as demand has begun to come back since the end of

the recession.

"We once thought we could face gas shortages and (electricity) brownouts. Now we are facing an enormous oversupply of natural gas," said Fadel Gheit, senior oil and gas analyst at Oppenheimer and Co. "We have not scratched the surface of potential of gas in the U.S. and across the world."

The U.S. uses natural gas to produce 21 percent of its electricity. Coal is the dominant fuel, accounting for 48 percent of the electricity mix. By 2015 natural gas is predicted to reach 25 percent while coal is expected to fall to 44 percent.

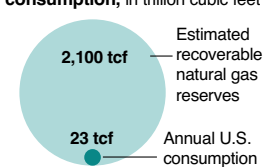
In the middle of the last decade, natural gas looked to

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Cheap natural gas

The wealth and low price of natural gas is expected to cause major disruptions and opportunities for the U.S. energy sector.

U.S. natural gas supply and consumption, in trillion cubic feet



Average natural gas price
Weekly, as of week ending Oct. 11
\$15 per thousand cubic feet



SOURCE: Natural Gas Intelligence; Massachusetts Institute of Technology AP



A flex rig towers over the floor of a well during a tour of facilities of natural gas producer Williams in Rulison, Colo.

Income gap hangs over tax debate

By Lori Montgomery
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — For months, President Obama has stressed the budgetary rewards of eliminating tax breaks for the wealthy. But many Democrats see a more fundamental reason to let the Bush-era tax cuts expire in January: narrowing the growing divide between the rich and everyone else.

When Congress returns to Washington next month, a solid core of Democratic lawmakers says it will urge party leaders to seize a rare opportunity to reverse three decades of rising income inequality by resisting any effort to extend the cuts for the richest 2 percent of households.

Obama and Democratic

leaders want to let those cuts expire. But they are playing down the social-justice angle — fearful, said Democratic congressional aides, of fanning conservative allegations that Obama is a closet socialist looking to redistribute wealth.

"I find it ironic that we're nibbling around the edges on this issue," said Rep. Raul Grijalva, D-Ariz., co-chairman of the House Progressive Caucus. "I talk about the deficit because it's the party line right now. But this is a disparity issue. It's about poverty. It's about fairness. And, as Democrats, we need to stand for those things."

Republicans, who want to extend the cuts for everyone, say the correct response to income

inequality is not more taxes on the wealthy but greater opportunity for those at the bottom of the income scale. They accuse Democrats of waging "class warfare" in a bid to cling to power in the Nov. 2 congressional elections.

"The administration believes that we ought to pit one group of people — those who have less — against those who have more and vilify those who have been successful. That's not what America means to me," said Rep. Eric Cantor, Va., the second-ranking House Republican. "All of us want to make sure that the benefits of society flow to everyone and not to a selective few. I just disagree that it's

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Wage cuts hurt, but we need them

Last week, General Motors and the United Auto Workers announced agreement on a new two-tier wage structure that would allow the automaker to produce its next-generation subcompact car in Michigan rather than in South Korea. Sixty percent of the workers at the Orion plant, those with the most seniority, would continue to be paid \$28 per hour, while the least senior 40 percent would have to settle for \$14. For the company, that works out to an overall 20 percent reduction in wages.

This story provides a interesting prism through which to think about the U.S. economy.

The fundamental economic challenge facing the



Steven Pearlstein

United States is to get what we consume more in line with what we produce after years of living beyond our means.

Obviously there are two ways to correct this imbalance — increase production or reduce consumption — and given the magnitude of the adjustment, it's likely we're going to have to do both.

Since the economic downturn, we've made some progress. Households have gone from saving almost nothing at the height of the bubble to saving

about 5 percent of their income, even as incomes have declined slightly. As a result, our collective standard of living has declined, at least in the way economists think about it.

Public goods are a different story. Although we're consuming fewer services from state and local governments, the federal government for the moment is spending considerably more. On balance, government overspending is not much worse, but not much better, either.

Put it all together and our annual overspending has gone from a high of \$800 billion in 2006 to about \$500 billion this year, according to the best gauge,

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YOUR BUSINESS

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TWIN FALLS COUNTY REPUBLICANS



Courtesy photo

Twin Falls County Republicans cut the red ribbon as they opened the doors of the Twin Falls County Republican Election Headquarters at 430 Blue Lakes Blvd N., Twin Falls, with the Twin Falls Area Chamber Ambassadors.

The office will be open 10 a.m. to 6 pm Monday through Friday. For information, call 731-5982 or 733-5982 after hours.

Pictured from left, front row: Kristina Glascock, Leon Mills, Lee Heider and Sharon Block; back row: Grant Loebs, Steve Hartgen, Debbie Kauffman, Leon Smith and Doriene Knight.

RASMUSSEN REAL ESTATE COMPANY



Courtesy photo

Rasmussen Real Estate Company, 1146 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls, cut the red ribbon with the Twin Falls Area Chamber Ambassadors. Nathan Lyda is the new owner.

Whether you are investing in commercial properties, residential properties, land or other real estate properties, Rasmussen Real Estate Company can help. Lyda and his professional team can assist you in your real estate needs. Rasmussen Real Estate Company is a member of the chamber. Business number is 733-5600.

Pictured is Nathan Lyda, cutting the red ribbon, joined by his staff of real estate professionals.

SERENDIPITY SPA AND BOUTIQUE



Courtesy photo

Serendipity Spa and Boutique, 1330 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, cut the red ribbon in celebration of its new business to the Magic Valley.

Welcoming Serendipity Spa and Boutique as a new member to the chamber were the Twin Falls Area Chamber Ambassadors.

The spa and boutique offers pedicures, massages and facials, with a variety of gifts available for purchase.

To make an appointment: 733-7772.

Pictured is Lisa Hawkins, owner, joined by her professional staff.

Dental Network Program is new member of Jerome Chamber of Commerce

Dental Network Program is a new member of the Jerome Chamber of Commerce. Jennifer Bond owns the business.

The Dental Network Program is a locally based company, but it is located in six states: Idaho, Oregon, Utah, Arizona, Colorado and New Jersey. Within three to five years, Dental Network Program officials hope to be nationwide.

The company offers low-cost dental plans to individuals, families and companies.

The business is located at 137 E. Main St., Jerome, and can be reached at 324-8171.

CAREER MOVES

Terrie Sievers

Terrie Sievers of Jensen Jewelers has completed a course through the Diamond Council of America of Nashville, Tenn., obtaining a certified diamontologist degree. The 21-lesson course on diamonds included lessons on the 4 C's (color, clarity, cutting and carat weight), diamond treatments, synthetic diamonds and facts about diamond jewelry. It also presented information on where diamonds come from, how they are mined and processed, how they are cut and how they come to market. This program focused on customer service and professionalism in the retail jewelry business.

Sievers is a diamond buyer for Jensen Jewelers and is employed at the Jensen Jewelers corporate office in Twin Falls.

Mark E. Jones

The Idaho Association of REALTORS installed Mark E. Jones as the 2011 President during the Idaho Association of REALTORS convention on Sept. 25 in Boise.

Jones is the associate broker of Robert Jones Realty, Inc. and for the last 13 years has worked alongside his father, Robert Jones, broker.

He is a past president of the Greater Twin Falls Board of REALTORS, a South District vice president, a 2002 graduate of the Magic Valley Leadership Academy, was awarded Realtor of the Year in 2005, a graduate of the Real Estate Institute and a 1993 graduate of the University of Idaho, majoring in advertising with a minor in psychology. Mark has volunteered and worked with numerous community agencies and boards. He and his wife, Julie, have three daughters and one son.

Jones can be contacted at Robert Jones Realty, Inc., 733-0404 or 308-3030.



Jones

Justin Winson

Canyonside Irwin Realty in Twin Falls has announced they have added Justin Winson to their sales team.

Winson has joined the real estate office located at 800 Falls Ave. Suite 1, Twin Falls. He has 14 years of experience in southern Idaho's real estate market. He recently spent the last seven years working for Wolverton Homes in the new construction market. He has sold and closed more than 900 homes in the Magic Valley.

Winson can be contacted at 280-4663 or justinwinson@ciragent.com.



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Pearlstein

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the current account balance. It's not necessary for economic health to drive that number to zero, but at best we're only halfway to where we need to be.

One person's reduced consumption, of course, is another person's reduced income, and that reduced consumption now manifests itself in an a rate of unemployment and under-employment of 17 percent. In effect, the burden of adjustment has now fallen disproportionately on a minority of households whose incomes and standards of living have fallen much more than everyone else's.

From a policy standpoint, this appears to put us in a terrible bind: either reduce unemployment by returning to our free-spending ways, or finish the job of reducing consumption by pushing unemployment up even further. For the moment, we've decided to choose neither.

There is, of course, a way out of this bind: produce more without consuming more. For all practical purposes, that means grabbing a bigger share of global markets, either by exporting more goods and services, or replacing some of the stuff we import by producing it at home.

Which brings us back to the story of GM's Orion plant. There are lots of reasons why American companies like GM have lost market share (yes, I wrote about currency manipulation last week), but one is that in too many industries, our labor costs are now too high to be globally competitive. Reducing wages and benefits in those industries would not only help to create and save jobs, but would also force a further reduction in consumption and living standards that is necessary to bring the U.S. economy back into balance.

The question is not whether this is an ideal outcome — obviously it's not. But for the 1,550 auto workers who would be called back to work at GM's Orion plant, the real-world choice is to either accept a wage cut or remain unemployed with little prospect of getting another job at the old union wage. For them, and for the economy as whole, the better choice is to take the jobs at the globally competitive, market-clearing wage and hope to build back up from there.

While that was the reluctant conclusion of UAW leaders, not all their members agree. When a similar proposal was put last month to workers at a GM stamping plant in Indianapolis that is slated for closure next year, they turned aside the advice of the UAW leadership and overwhelmingly rejected

it, arguing that it would inevitably spread and undermine the existing union wage structure.

And, of course, they're right about that. However unfair or unpleasant, it is precisely these kinds of structural adjustments that are necessary if the U.S. economy is to find a new equilibrium, one that provides not only for full employment but a sustainable balance between how much we consume and how much we produce.

What happens in most markets when supply exceeds demand is that falling prices bring in enough new customers, or cause enough producers to cut back on their output, until supply and demand get back into balance.

But labor markets are different. Unlike the markets for tomatoes or stocks, prices — that is, wages — don't necessarily rise or fall for everyone based on the result of the last transaction. Workers tend to get very grumpy if their pay is reduced, while employers don't want to risk losing their best workers by forcing them to take a pay cut.

As a result, companies generally respond to falling sales by laying off workers, which, when it happens economy-wide, creates a vicious cycle that depresses sales and employment even further. That's the trap we're in right now.

In many cases, a better alternative to layoffs is to cut everyone's hours and pay and spread the pain more widely. That's a popular approach in Germany, where the export sector is booming and the unemployment rate is now comfortably well below ours. California has also experimented successfully with a job-sharing plan, as it is sometimes called, using money from the state's unemployment insurance fund to help compensate employees for the reduction in pay.

I'm sure many of you are reading this and thinking that if anyone is forced to take a pay cut to rebalance the economy, surely it ought to be overpaid investment bankers, corporate executives and newspaper columnists. That's how things would work in a socialist paradise, but not in market economies, which are much better at producing efficiency than fairness.

Unless we're prepared to settle for 10 percent unemployment for the next decade, we might want to follow the lead of GM and the UAW and look for creative new wage structures that will allow us to better spread the burden of getting the economy back into balance and make it possible to increase what we produce rather than what we consume.

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government's job to confiscate the wealth of some and redistribute it to others."

With the recovery flagging and some influential economists urging lawmakers not to raise anyone's taxes, many analysts expect lawmakers to extend all the cuts, if only temporarily. One potential compromise: Democrats could offer a one-year extension of tax cuts for the rich in exchange for GOP support for additional measures to spur hiring, such as a payroll tax holiday or a package of business tax breaks that Obama recently proposed.

But Obama campaigned on a vow to repeal the cuts, and many Democrats say even one more year of lower taxes for the rich would amount to a betrayal.

"I just really believe it's an argument we can win," said Rep. Tim Ryan, D-Ohio. "If you look at our tax structure from World War II to 1980, we had a system where the wealthiest paid

more, we kept reinvesting back into our country, and we had a strong middle class." Since then, the rich have raked in a growing share of the nation's income even as their tax rates have fallen. "It's just been this sucking sound up the ladder to the wealthiest Americans," he said.

Using the tax code to address income inequality has been a staple of Democratic politics at least since the Clinton presidency, and the idea has been endorsed by some of Obama's top economic advisers.

In a 2008 speech just before he was named director of the National Economic Council, Larry Summers said rising income inequality presented "a critical problem of legitimacy" for U.S. capitalism.

A year earlier, Summers and Jason Furman, now his deputy, argued in a Hamilton Project paper that raising taxes on the rich — "progressive taxation" — is the "preferred path" to "offset some, but not all, of the increase

in inequality."

By their calculations, letting George W. Bush's tax cuts expire for married couples making more than \$200,000 a year "would offset roughly one-sixth of the entire increase in inequality since 1979."

Today, with the economy struggling and the national debt rising, Summers said in an interview that there are better reasons to let the upper-income cuts expire, such as "maximizing job growth in the short run and keeping the country solvent in the long run." Ending the cuts would bring in an extra \$700 billion over the next decade.

"Bang for the buck is most important. Whatever capacity there is for running deficits, this is a bad use of what is clearly scarce fiscal space," Summers said, reeling off a list of preferable uses for the money, including investing in job-creating infrastructure projects and expanding tax incentives for businesses that hire new workers.

Making sense of Google's seemingly kooky concepts

By Michael Liedtke
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — In its self-proclaimed drive to make the world a better place, Google has immersed itself in far more than Internet search and online ads. But driverless cars and a wind energy farm in the Atlantic Ocean?

It may not always be immediately apparent to frustrated investors — they wish management would be more frugal and focus more on the stock price — but there's usually some calculated logic underlying Google's unconventional strategy.

Google's brain trust — founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin, along with CEO Eric Schmidt — clearly think differently than most corporate leaders, and may eventually encourage more companies to take risks that might not pay off for years, if ever.

The time is ripe for long-term thinking, with memories still fresh of the financial meltdown — a byproduct of Wall Street's demands for companies to deliver ever-higher profits every three months and meet earnings targets set by analysts.

"Everywhere you look in this country, it seems that we are suffering from the consequences of too much short-term thinking," said longtime Silicon Valley forecaster Paul Saffo, managing director of foresight for Discern Analytics.

"Google doesn't have this disease," he said. "It is one of the few lone bright spots we have in that regard."

Even so, it might be difficult to fathom how Google can justify paying for the development of robotic technology that has driven cars thousands of miles on California roads without a major accident and committing potentially hundreds of millions of dollars to



AP photo

A consortium of technology and investment companies including Google, announces that they are devoting \$1.8 billion to building a network of transmission lines to connect future offshore wind farms along the Atlantic from New Jersey to Virginia, during a news conference in the National Press Club in Washington, Tuesday. From left to right, are Dan Reicher and Rick Needham, both from Google, John Breckenridge, from Good Energies, Richard Straebel, from Marubeni Power, and Bob Mitchell, from Trans-Elect.

help build a wind farm hundreds of miles from the Eastern Seaboard.

With a little imagination, it's easier to see how Google might benefit. For instance, Saffo surmises that the driverless technology eventually could be implanted into a fleet of vehicles used for car sharing.

Google then could use a camera to take new pictures of streets and highways that appear in its online maps, another example of a service that once seemed like a diversion from its Internet search engine but is now an indispensable tool that helps the company sell advertising.

The company announced Tuesday it would buy a 37.5 percent stake in the Atlantic Ocean wind energy project, investing in a network of deepwater transmission lines to bring power from still-to-be-built offshore wind farms.

That makes more sense when you realize Google

already sucks up massive amounts of energy from the power grid and expects to consume even more in the next decade as it opens more data centers filled with row upon row of computers to run its Internet services.

And if the value of renewable energy rises, as many analysts expect, Google eventually could even sell its stake for a tidy profit.

Or it could turn out to be a total bust, something Page and Brin warned potential investors could happen in April 2004 when they laid out their iconoclastic approach to business before Google sold its stock in an initial public offering.

"Our long-term focus may simply be the wrong business strategy," they warned. "Competitors may be rewarded for short-term tactics and grow stronger as a result. As potential investors, you should consider the risks around our long-term focus."

The Google founders also told investors that the company would be willing to finance projects with just a 10 percent chance of yielding a return of at least \$1 billion — bets that seem "very speculative or even strange."

Google's transparency about its unorthodox ways may be one reason the company hasn't been stung yet by an outcry from its shareholders, although most analysts agree the stock price probably would be higher if management were to use some of the company's \$30 billion in cash to pay a quarterly dividend or buy back shares.

Google stock closed at \$541.39 on Tuesday, down 13 percent for the year and far off its all-time high of nearly \$750 three years ago.

The company's uninterrupted streak of prosperity since its August 2004 IPO hasn't hurt, either.

Google can afford to gamble more frequently than most

companies because it dominates the Internet's most lucrative market, the ads running alongside search results. And Google has seized on that opportunity in a manner that would make Gordon Gekko proud, beating back its competitors to boost its annual revenue from just \$86 million in 2001 to nearly \$30 billion now.

The company, based in Mountain View, Calif., began branching out beyond search well before it went public.

It set up an online news section that compiles the day's top stories in 2002. Just a few months before its August 2004 IPO, Google unveiled a free e-mail service that boasted an unprecedented — and still expanding — amount of space per inbox.

In 2004, it bought an obscure digital mapping service called Keyhole that eventually turned Google into the place to go for directions. Even rival CEOs, such as Yahoo's Carol Bartz, say it's the best around.

More recently, Google created a free mobile operating system called Android that now powers millions of smart phones. This month, it's rolling out technology with Sony that weds traditional television viewing with Web surfing.

Google's expansion into mobile phones and television never seemed like quantum leaps for the company because they are little more than attempts to transplant its advertising model onto other Internet-connected screens that attract a lot of eyeballs.

The company also has poured money into building more widely available and faster ways for people to connect to the Internet, reasoning that it will make money if more Web surfers have the opportunity to use its ubiquitous services.

Record

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Foreclosure filings totaled 930,437 in the third quarter, a 4 percent rise from the previous three months and a 1 percent decline from the same period of 2009, according to RealtyTrac. Lenders seized a record 288,345 properties in the period, up 22 percent from a year earlier.

"We expect to see a dip in those bank repossessions — and possibly earlier stages of the foreclosure process — in the fourth quarter," RealtyTrac Chief Executive Officer James Saccacio said in the report.

Filings in the states most affected by courts reviews of foreclosure documents accounted for 40 percent of the total in the third quarter, RealtyTrac said. Those states had 36 percent of repossessions.

Nevada had the highest foreclosure filing rate for the 16th straight quarter. One in every 29 households got a notice, almost five times the national average. A total of 38,429 Nevada homes received filings, down 20 percent from a year earlier.

Arizona had the second-highest rate for the fifth straight quarter. One in 55 households, three times the national average, got a filing. Florida ranked third with one in 56 households and California was fourth at one in 70, RealtyTrac said.

Five states accounted for more than a third of all filings, led by California's 191,016. Filings in the most populous state fell 24 percent from a year earlier and 1.

Florida ranked second with 157,026 filings, little changed from a year earlier. Arizona was third at 49,103, down 2 percent from the third quarter of 2009.

Natural gas

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be in short supply. Production in the U.S. was slowing, imports from Canada were rising and plans for importing liquefied natural gas from the Middle East and elsewhere were drawn up.

Natural gas, which had traded at about \$2 per 1,000 cubic feet in the 1990s, hit nearly \$15 in 2005. It is now about \$3.50, driven lower by reduced industrial power demand and rising production by drillers who are learning to make a profit from shale gas at ever lower prices.

Starting in about 2006, after decades of work, natural gas drillers like Devon Energy, EOG Resources and XTO Energy, now owned by ExxonMobil, perfected methods first tried in 1981 that now allow them to cheaply drill down and then horizontally into gas trapped in formations of shale never before thought accessible.

To release the trapped gas, drillers inject a slurry of water, sand and hazardous chemicals deep into the ground to break up rock and create small escape channels, a process known as hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking."

There is a fear that fluids or wastewater from fracking could contaminate drinking water supplies. Congress has asked the Environmental Protection Agency to study the issue.

But in just a few years, a number of shale gas fields around the country are suddenly producing gas, including the Barnett field in Texas, the Fayetteville field in Arkansas, the Haynesville field in Louisiana and the massive Marcellus field that stretches from Western New York through Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and West Virginia.

While these developments are almost certain to boost U.S. gas production for years to come, they will have little effect on imports of foreign oil, at least in the short term. There are proposals to use more natural gas as a transportation fuel, but it is now used mainly to gen-

erate electricity, heat homes, and as an industrial feedstock.

A recent study by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on the future of natural gas found that 80 years' worth of global natural gas consumption could be developed profitably with a gas price of \$4 or below.

Plans for nuclear plants and wind farms were made under the assumption that gas prices would average \$7 to \$9. At that level, electricity prices would be high enough to make wind and

nuclear power look affordable. Now many of these projects suddenly look too expensive.


Plans for three dozen new nuclear plants were drawn up in the middle of the last decade, and the nuclear industry hailed what it called a renaissance. Lawmakers, aiming to help stave off high electricity prices, authorized an \$18.5 billion loan guarantee program to help the nuclear industry begin building new plants after two decades of inactivity.

Now almost all of those

plans have been delayed or shelved. Even companies that are finalists for federal

loan guarantees, NRG Energy and Constellation Energy, announced recent-

ly that they have nearly stopped spending on their projects.




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So you bought a foreclosed home – Now what?

By **Dave Carpenter**
Associated Press writer

It seemed too good to be true: You bought a house in foreclosure at a fraction of the former price. Maybe you even knocked out a wall or two and remodeled with all the money you saved.

But now thousands of foreclosures around the country may be invalid because of bank paperwork problems. Should you worry?

“Anyone who’s purchased a foreclosed property in the last three years should really be concerned,” says George Babcock, a Providence, R.I., attorney who represents homeowners who have been foreclosed on.

“They should call the attorney that did their closing and say, ‘Hey, do I have a problem?’”

Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase and other major lenders have frozen tens of thousands of foreclosures in at least some states while they review the paperwork for errors or mishandling.

For homeowners, there are several questions to ask. But first, experts say, they should check to make sure they have title insurance, which protects the homebuyer from any claim on the property that surfaces after the deal has closed.

Those claims can arise from unpaid taxes or legal glitches in the ownership documents. Most people who take out mortgages are



AP photo

Realtor Teresa Sciubba, left, talks with real estate investor Kristin Gragg on Wednesday outside a foreclosed property in Chandler, Ariz.

required by their lenders to buy a policy. For those paying cash, it’s optional but highly advisable, especially now.

“If you’re a bona fide purchaser with title insurance and no knowledge of any irregularities in the transaction, courts are going to be extremely loath to set aside the sale,” says Diane Thompson, an attorney with the National Consumer Law Center.

This new twist to the foreclosure crisis is no trivial matter for the large and growing number of people buying homes out of foreclosure.

The foreclosure listing service RealtyTrac Inc. says that nearly 250,000 homes

sold from April to June, or 24 percent, were in foreclosure. In Nevada, it was 56 percent. Arizona was next with 47 percent and California third with 43 percent.

The cost of title insurance varies by state and circumstance but is often roughly 0.5 percent of the mortgage — in the neighborhood of \$1,000 for a \$200,000 loan. Premiums are expected to rise as title companies brace for new claims.

A homeowner with title insurance shouldn’t have to worry if the previous owner stakes a claim to the home. Even a successful claim, experts say, would almost certainly end up with the title company settling — and the

evicted homeowner, not the new buyer, out on the curb.

If they failed to make payments repeatedly, evicted homeowners might not be able to afford their old homes anyway, something a judge would consider. They’re more likely to seek a large check than a return to a house with an outsized debt.

The situation is murkier for people who bought their homes with cash and didn’t bother with title insurance. The issue of who has proper title in that situation could be uncertain.

“It is not clear, which is why the banks have imposed their own moratoriums on foreclosure,” says CEO Tim Dwyer of Entitle Direct

Group, the holding company for EnTitle Insurance Co., an Ohio title insurer. “Potentially, you face a legal battle in that situation.”

Analysts expect the sudden questions to lead to a flurry of claims on homes now in the hands of other people, some spurred by lawyers trying to capitalize on the uncertainty.

“Lawyers who represent homeowners in foreclosure are going to see an explosion in demand,” said Tom Lawler, an independent housing economist in Virginia. In most cases, he noted, “it’s unlikely that the foreclosure will actually be reversed and the title will revert to the original borrower. But it’s possible.”

Babcock, for one, says his phones have been ringing off the hook with calls from people who were foreclosed on and want to know if he can get their houses back.

He has sent off dozens of letters to recent buyers of those homes, alleging that because of defects in the foreclosure process they don’t actually own the property, and suggesting impending legal action.

“I’m not saying that all of the titles are toxic,” he says. “But many, many, many are.”

Mark Stopa, a Tampa, Fla., lawyer who represents hundreds of homeowners facing foreclosure, contends that perhaps a quarter of cases have title problems that merit challenges.

Legal experts concede it’s possible that there may be a

judge somewhere who’s disgusted enough with how the banks conducted themselves to throw out foreclosures. So if you’re the new owner of a foreclosed property and worried, what should you do?

First, check to make sure you have a title policy and the title is clear, which means there are no liens against the property and the ownership is clearly established.

The fee to have a title search conducted should be \$35 to \$100, according to Jason Biro, a 14-year veteran of the mortgage industry who now runs the nonprofit consumer advocacy firm Saving Your American Dream.

If no problems surface, you may still want to run another title search every six months or so if you are interested in selling anytime soon, given the current confusion, Biro says. If you’ve had the property four years or so, it should be OK, Stopa says.

Those who paid cash and without title insurance will not necessarily be forced to pack up and leave.

That’s because many states provide protections for those who bought in good faith, according to Biro — essentially anyone who wasn’t trying to exploit a flaw in the foreclosure system. So the buyer of a foreclosed property should still be able to fend off a title-related claim. The downside: That fight could entail significant legal expenses.

Dollar keeps falling as investors wait for Fed to pump more money into economy

By **Martin Crutsinger**
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The dollar keeps falling around the world, tumbling against other major currencies because investors expect the Federal Reserve to pump more money into the economy next month to try to stimulate growth.

The effects can be seen almost everywhere.

Since late summer, when Chairman Ben Bernanke first hinted that the Fed was ready to act, anticipation of the move has rippled across the economy: Stock prices have surged. So have oil prices. Commodities like gold, silver and corn have risen. Treasury yields have slid. Mortgage rates have sunk, too, along with yields on money markets and CD accounts.

The steep decline has even raised worries of a global currency war in which nations would compete to keep their currencies from rising in value as the dollar sags.

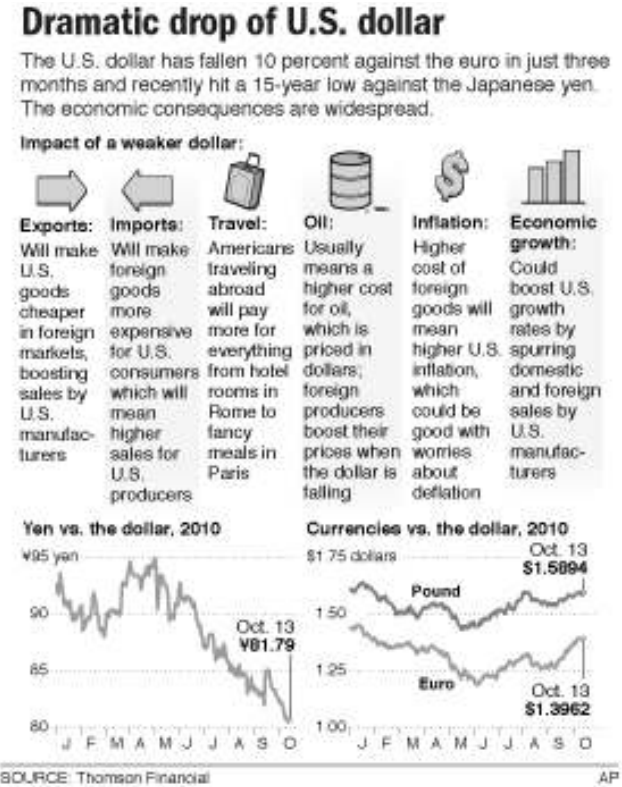
On Thursday, the dollar fell to a 15-year-low against the yen in Tokyo, after flirting with a post-World War II bottom. It also touched its lowest level against the euro since January. The dollar has slid more than 10 percent against the euro in the past three months.

What does all this mean for American consumers and businesses?

For one, imports can cost more. So does travel abroad. Goods from U.S. companies become cheaper for foreigners, and oil tends to cost more. Even the likelihood of some new price bubble in investments such as stocks or real estate could rise.

When you total it all up, the U.S. economy is so weak right now that the Fed considers a cheaper dollar to be a good thing. That’s especially true when a low dollar is accompanied by super-low interest rates.

Those cheaper rates, on mortgages, corporate debt and other loans, could help rejuvenate the economy. Consumers and businesses are more likely to borrow and spend — at least those who can afford to or who qualify for credit. The idea is that higher spending would course through the economy, boosting corpo-



rate revenue, creating jobs and driving down unemployment.

“The weaker dollar should give the United States more growth and more inflation,” said Paul Dales, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics. “It could be just what the doctor ordered.”

The Fed is widely expected at its Nov. 2-3 meeting to launch a program to buy more government bonds. By doing so, the Fed would be injecting billions of dollars into the economy.

It’s the move that Bernanke signaled in a speech Aug. 27 at an annual Fed conference in Jackson Hole, Wyo.

Here’s what’s happened since:

- The Standard & Poor’s 500 stock index has soared 10.6 percent. The S&P 500 is a common investment for Americans’ 401(k) accounts, which means their retirement savings have enjoyed a healthy gain.

- The price of a barrel of oil has risen 10 percent. And retail gasoline prices have increased 5 percent. Americans are now paying

nearly \$400 million a week more for gas. Oil is priced in dollars around the world. So when the dollar sinks, it becomes cheaper for those who hold yen or euros. Overseas buyers then buy more oil, pushing up its price.

- Gold, silver, corn and other commodities have benefited, too, in part for similar reasons: They, too, are priced in dollars. So they’ve become more of a bargain for traders who buy them with foreign currencies. Gold has risen 11 percent since Bernanke’s speech — to \$1,377.60. Silver has surged 28 percent. Corn futures have soared more than 30 percent.

- The yield on the 10-year Treasury has sunk from 2.65 percent to 2.5 percent. Mortgage rates, which tend to track 10-year Treasury yields, have followed. This week, the average rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage fell to 4.19 percent, the lowest point since the 1950s. Those lower rates have been a gift for home buyers and refinancers. The federal government has benefited, too, from falling Treasury yields: As it rolls over its debt into new Treasury bonds, it can borrow at lower rates.

- Savings rates, already nearly invisible, have sunk even further. The average interest rate paid on a one-year certificate of deposit was 0.55 percent Thursday,

\$ DECLINE COULD BOOST ECONOMY

DOLLAR DECLINE: The dollar keeps falling in value against a number of major currencies, hitting a new 15-year low against the Japanese yen and touching its lowest level against the euro since January.

FED ACTION: The main reason for the slide has been investor anticipation of a move by the Federal Reserve, possibly starting in early November, to give a boost to the lagging economy.

FED AND DOLLAR: Economists believe the combination of lower long-term interest rates from the Fed and a weaker dollar, which would give a boost to U.S. exports, could be the right medicine to jump-start growth.

down from 0.61 on Sept. 1. A typical bank money market account will earn you 0.19 percent, down from 0.2 percent on Sept. 1. Low rates are especially hard on people living on fixed incomes who are earning

scant returns on their savings.

The biggest question is whether the Fed’s expected action next month will actually achieve its goal of stimulating spending and hiring.

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San Diego border inspector charged with bribery

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A border inspector nicknamed “Hammer” pleaded not guilty to taking bribes to help vehicles loaded with illegal immigrants and tons of marijuana get through his lane.

Lorne Leslie Jones accepted more than \$500,000 in bribes from January 2000 to December 2009 to allow illegal immigrants and drugs to cross into the United States from Mexico, according to an indictment unsealed Thursday.

During a brief court hearing, Jones also pleaded not guilty to lying to investigators. He was arrested Sept. 30 while on the job at the San Ysidro Port of Entry.

Prosecutors are seeking criminal forfeiture of \$500,000 from Jones, representing the bribes he received. A second forfeiture allegation seeks \$60,000 for a failed attempt in May 2007 to smuggle in 9,397 pounds of marijuana hidden in a tractor trailer, the San Diego Union-

Tribune reported.

The driver of that truck was arrested after he was directed away from Jones, who was assigned at the time to work with dogs who sniff vehicles as they approach inspection booths.

The driver told an investigator that he had successfully crossed four times at the Otay Mesa Port of Entry with 5 tons of marijuana in his truck each time.

Authorities also said Jones worked with an ex-

wife and an unidentified investment adviser, both of whom are identified as unindicted coconspirators.

The indictment said Jones accepted payments between \$10,000 and \$20,000 per vehicle for allowing vehicles full of illegal immigrants to be smuggled into the U.S. The money was stuffed in paper bags or wrapped in cellophane at clandestine meetings in restaurants and strip malls, authorities said.

The indictment said Jones would inform the smuggling

ring which lanes he was scheduled to work on certain days. The vehicles loaded with drugs or people would then go to those lanes and cross.

Jones, 46, of Chula Vista, has worked as a U.S. Customs and Border Protection inspector in San Diego since 1994. He was assigned to both the San Ysidro and Otay border crossings.

The Border Corruption Task Force, which investigates allegations of wrong-

doing among border agencies, began investigating him late last year after a witness revealed that Jones was accepting bribes, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Edward C. Weiner.

CBP said 114 current or former employees were arrested or charged with corruption related to their jobs between October 2004 and August. There were 15 cases from October 2009 through August, 29 during the previous 12 months, and 21 the year before.

Feds vow showdown with Calif. if Prop. 19 legalizes marijuana

By Marcus Wohlsen
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — The U.S. government will “vigorously enforce” federal laws against marijuana even if voters next month make California the first state to legalize pot, Attorney General Eric Holder says.

Holder’s warning, contained in a letter to ex-federal drug enforcement chiefs, was his most direct statement yet against Proposition 19, and it sets up another showdown with California over marijuana if the measure passes.

With Prop 19 leading in the polls, the letter also raised questions about the extent to which federal drug agents would go into communities across the state to catch small-time users and dealers, or whether they even had the resources to do it.

If the ballot measure passes, the state would regulate recreational pot use. Adults could possess up to one ounce of the drug and grow small gardens on private property. Local governments would decide whether to allow and tax sales of the drug.

But Holder stressed that the Justice Department remains committed to enforcing the Controlled Substances Act in all states.

“We will vigorously enforce the CSA against those individuals and organizations that possess, manufacture or distribute mari-



Susan Recht, right, buys marijuana on Friday from James Kyne, left, manager of the San Francisco Medical Cannabis Clinic in San Francisco.

juana for recreational use, even if such activities are permitted under state law,” he wrote.

The letter was dated Wednesday and was obtained by The Associated Press.

Medical marijuana users and experts were skeptical, saying there was little the federal government could do to slow the march to legalization.

“This will be the new industry,” said Chris Nelson, 24, who smokes pot to ease recurring back pain and was lined up outside a San

Francisco dispensary. “It’s taxable new income. So many tourists will flock here like they go to Napa. This will become the new Amsterdam.”

Holder also said legalizing recreational marijuana would be a “significant impediment” to the government’s joint efforts with state and local law enforcement to target drug traffickers, who often distribute pot alongside cocaine and other drugs.

The attorney general said the ballot measure’s passage would “significantly undermine” efforts to keep

California cites and towns safe.

Officials in Los Angeles County, where authorities have aggressively moved to tamp down on an explosion of medical marijuana dispensaries, vowed that they would still assist the federal government in drug investigations.

County Sheriff Lee Baca and District Attorney Steve Cooley said at a news conference that the law would be unenforceable because it is trumped by federal laws that prohibit marijuana cultivation and possession.

Brain study shows why new romance can ease pain

By Lauran Neergaard
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON — Sometimes love does feel like it should.

Falling in love can act as a potent painkiller, and now scientists have figured out why: It stimulates the brain’s reward pathway, much like the rush of an addictive drug.

The next question is whether better understanding of the love-pain relationship might somehow help scientists tackle chronic pain. Falling head over heels isn’t exactly something a doctor can prescribe.

But “maybe prescribing a little passion in one’s relationship can go a long way toward helping with one’s chronic pain — assuming it’s passion with the one you’re with,” said study co-author Dr. Sean Mackey, chief of pain management at Stanford University.

They’re very excited, have loss of appetite, sleep loss, they’re active, full of energy,” noted Dr. Nora Volkow, director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse and a dopamine expert.

Then pain specialists noticed that if someone in an intense romance gazes at a picture of his or her amour while being poked or prodded, they feel less pain.

Is that because their love is distracting them from the pain? After all, specialists often advise sufferers to listen to music or try other steps to take their mind off the pain. Or did love work some other way? Mackey and Stanford colleague Dr. Jarred Younger teamed with Aron to find out.

The story begins with psychology professor Arthur Aron of the State University of New York at Stony Brook, who studies the neurology of love. His work has linked that euphoric phase of a fresh romance to brain regions rich in the chemical dopamine. Dopamine is key to what’s called the brain’s reward pathway, the feel-good mechanisms that encourage certain behaviors. Eating sweets, for example, boosts this system — and addictive drugs like cocaine hijack it.

“When people are in love, in many ways it’s not dissimilar to what they get when they take amphetamines or stimulants:

They put up campus signs seeking love-struck Stanford undergrads and within hours couples were flocking in, “the easiest study we have ever recruited for in my entire career,” said Mackey.

Fifteen people underwent a battery of tests. They looked at either a picture of their new love or a picture of an attractive acquaintance, or were given distracting tasks such as to list sports that don’t involve balls. Researchers touched them with a hot wand to induce moderate pain, and scanned their brains.

Looking at their loved one and distraction produced equal pain relief — but the distraction worked through cognitive pathways while the romance triggered a surge in that reward pathway, the team reported Wednesday in the journal PLoS One.

Fox, Cablevision suspend negotiations

By Samantha Gross
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Cablevision, the service provider for 3 million customers in the New York area, and Fox parent News Corp. failed to solve a dispute over rates Saturday, leaving baseball fans who wanted to watch the opener of the National League Championship Series with a blank screen instead of a marquee pitching matchup.

Both sides met throughout the afternoon Saturday but adjourned before the start of the playoff game between the Phillies and the San Francisco Giants, said Cablevision spokesman Jim Maiella. Negotiators plan to meet again Sunday.

The stalemate that led to Fox pulling its channels and, briefly, online content from subscribers in parts of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut early Saturday was the latest in a series of programming fee disputes

that have led to blackouts of programs such as the Oscars. But the impasse amounted to more than corporate wrangling for Bronx resident Clifford Taylor.

“We live for sports,” Taylor said. “Die-hard New Yorker fans, we love to see the Yankees and Giants play.”

Hard-core hometown fans like Taylor could still hold out hope: No New York teams were scheduled for games broadcast on Fox until Sunday, when the New York Giants play the Detroit Lions.

The American League Championship Series between the Yankees and Texas Rangers, which began Friday, is airing on TBS and isn’t affected by the dispute.

On Saturday night, Theresa McCluskey, 42, of Hicksville was at a bar in Penn Station with three friends as they waited for a train and watched All-Star pitchers Roy Halladay and Tim Lincecum in the first

game of the NLCS.

“We pay enough money for every station that we get now,” she said. “Why subject us to not having our stations that we paid for originally?”


“We’ll have to come out to the bar, spend more money,” she added, laughing.

According to Cablevision, the dispute is about \$80 million, to be precise. The cable company says that News Corp. is asking for that much more a year for access to 12 Fox channels, including those in dispute. That would more than double the yearly rate to \$150 million, says the company, which is demand-

ing that Fox enter into binding arbitration.

Fox, meanwhile, blames Cablevision Systems Corp. “In an effort to avoid this very situation, we started this process in May and made numerous reasonable proposals, Mike Hopkins, president of Fox Networks Affiliate Sales and Marketing, said in an earlier release.

“As long as there is a serious effort on the part of Cablevision, we will be at the table,” Fox spokesman Scott Grogan said Saturday. “We want to settle this as quickly as possible.”



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Sarah Palin tells supporters ‘soon we’ll all be dancing’

By Amy Taxin
Associated Press Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin on Saturday urged a roaring crowd of Republicans to exhaust themselves over the next two weeks to take back California and the country for the “little guy.”

The former vice presidential candidate addressed more than 2,000 supporters at a Republican National Committee rally in Orange County, a conservative stronghold in a state where Republicans hope to make gains this year.

“The momentum is with us but now is not the time to let up, now is not the time to celebrate — not quite yet,” Palin told a crowd wearing T-shirts reading “Proud Conservative” and buttons reading “Is it 2012 yet?”

“We can’t be thinking that it’s over yet and we’ve got it in the bag. As Yogi would’ve said, ‘It ain’t over till it’s over,’” she said, referring to New York Yankees great Yogi Berra.

“Soon we’ll all be dancing,” Palin added.

The event was the culmination of a three-day promotional and political swing for Palin through California — a state where she gets mixed reviews.

A Field Poll released last week found that 58 percent of the state’s registered voters hold a negative view of Palin, although she remains quite popular among Republicans. In addition,



AP photo
Former Alaska governor Sarah Palin gives a thumbs up while speaking at a rally in Anaheim, Calif., on Saturday.

two-thirds of independent voters would be less inclined to support a candidate endorsed by her.

The state’s two most prominent Republican candidates this year — gubernatorial hopeful Meg Whitman and Senate candidate Carly Fiorina — were absent from the rally, citing scheduling conflicts. At a campaign stop in Chico, Whitman said she

candidate Jerry Brown and Democratic U.S. Rep. Loretta Sanchez on Friday and will campaign in San Jose and Napa today.

President Obama will visit Los Angeles next week to support Brown and Sen. Barbara Boxer.

Invoking former President Ronald Reagan, Palin told the roaring crowd she wanted a return to principles he espoused: “lower taxes, smaller, smarter government, less overreach and intrusion, strong, unapologetic national defense.”

Reagan, she said to a thunderous applause in a Marriott hotel ballroom in Anaheim, understood the little guy.

Palin railed against the federal stimulus package and tore into the recent health care reform law, which she said amounted to a takeover of private industry.

All reasons she urged Republicans to put in 20-hour days to help turn out the vote over the next two weeks.

Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele said California was no longer just a donor state for Republicans and that the party was working closely with those affiliated with tea party groups that are furious at the government.

“There is no struggle, rift, fight between those who claim the banner of the tea party and those who are in the Republican Party. We work together,” Steele said.

Influential Republican to run Utah Dem’s Senate campaign

By Nicholas Riccardi
Los Angeles Times

PROVO, Utah — Jim Bennett hadn’t meant to cross party lines when he went on Facebook a few days after his father, longtime Republican U.S. Sen. Robert F. Bennett, lost the GOP primary in May.

Jim Bennett, who had managed his father’s reelection campaign, clicked “Like” for the man his father would have run against in the general election — Democrat Sam Granato. An hour later, he got a call from Granato’s campaign manager. Would Bennett like to meet the candidate?

And so Jim Bennett, lifelong Republican and member of one of Utah’s most prominent GOP families, found himself working for the long-shot Democrat in this year’s Senate race. “A friend said, ‘You’re throwing away your future in the Republican party,’ “ Bennett, 42, said recently. “But there isn’t a Republican Party. There’s the ‘tea party’ and the Democrats.”

In Utah, where Republicans have a 2-to-1 registration edge on Democrats, Jim Bennett is not alone in defecting from a GOP that has veered sharply to the right. Sheryl Allen, a veteran Republican state legislator, bolted to the Democrats to run for lieutenant governor. Tiani Coleman, former chairwoman of the Salt Lake County Republican Party, is running the campaign of a business professor — another former Republican — challenging the incumbent GOP congressman in this district.

Experts say that the

switches may be noteworthy but that they won’t have much of an impact on the Utah races. “There’s a group of moderate Republicans that are disappointed in the direction the state party is taking, but the problem is they’re not as large and energized as the group that took out Senator Bennett,” said Quin Monson, a political science professor at Brigham Young University.

A spokesman for the campaign of the Republican who beat Sen. Bennett, Mike Lee, noted that the senator himself had endorsed Lee, and that Bennett’s former campaign chair and other staffers are now working for Lee. “Jim’s an interesting guy, and he’s free to work for whoever pays him,” Boyd Matheson said.

Sen. Bennett said in an interview that he’d moved on since his loss and was not focused on the race. But he’s being a good Republican and hopes that victory by Lee, a former clerk for Supreme Court Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr., would help the GOP retake the Senate. There are no hard feelings toward his middle son.

“Jim Bennett has always been irrepressible and done things his own way,” the senator said. “We decided we can either clamp down on him and force him to conform, or let him go and see what happens.”

The third of six children, Jim Bennett grew up in Los Angeles, where his father held a variety of business positions. His grandfather had been a Utah senator, and when Robert Bennett won an open seat in 1992, Jim stayed behind to study theater at USC.

Wife gives new details on border lake slaying

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The wife of an American tourist reported shot to death by pirates on a border lake has given helpful new details about the incident to Mexican authorities, Mexico’s government said Saturday.

The Attorney General’s Office said Tiffany Hartley gave a second statement Friday at the Mexican consul in McAllen, Texas, on what happened to her husband Sept. 30 on the Mexican side of Falcon Lake.

“Mrs. Hartley provided valuable information that will allow federal investigations to continue,” the state-

ment said.

The agency did not give any specifics on her statement.

She has said that she and her husband, David Hartley, rode Jet Skis into Mexico’s portion of the lake to take pictures of a historic church that was half submerged when the Rio Grande was dammed in 1946 to create Falcon Lake.

Mrs. Hartley said that pirates shot her husband in the neck and that she barely escaped when they shot at her when she tried to retrieve him.

Brian Quigley, spokesman for the U.S. consulate in

Matamoros, across from Brownsville, Texas, said Thursday that David Hartley might have been the victim of a misunderstanding.

His comment was in response to a report by Stratfor, an Austin, Texas-based public policy research group that analyzes the Mexican drug war, suggesting that the couple from may have been attacked because they were mistaken for drug runners.

Texas officials have warned boaters to stay away from the Mexican side of Falcon Lake since several fishermen were robbed ear-

lier this year. Hartley’s death was the first violent attack on the lake.

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School cafeterias to try psychology in lunch line

By Marilyn Marchione
Associated Press writer

Hide the chocolate milk behind the plain milk. Get those apples and oranges out of stainless steel bins and into pretty baskets. Cash only for desserts.

These subtle moves can entice kids to make healthier choices in school lunch lines, studies show. Food and restaurant marketers have long used similar tricks. Now the government wants in on the act.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced what it

called a major new initiative Tuesday, giving \$2 million to food behavior scientists to find ways to use psychology to improve kids' use of the federal school lunch program and fight childhood obesity.

A fresh approach is clearly needed, those behind the effort say.

About one-third of children and teens are obese or overweight. Bans on soda and junk food have backfired in some places. Some students have abandoned school meal programs that tried to force-feed healthy choices. When one school district put fruit on every lunch tray,

most of it ended up in the garbage.

So instead of pursuing a carrot or a stick approach, schools want to entice kids to choose the carrot sticks, figuring children are more likely to eat something they select themselves.

"It's not nutrition till it's eaten," said Joanne Guthrie, a USDA researcher who announced the new grants. The initiative will include creation of a child nutrition center at Cornell University, which has long led this type of research.

Some tricks already judged a success by Cornell researchers: Keep

ice cream in freezers without glass display tops so the treats are out of sight. Move salad bars next to the checkout registers, where students linger to pay, giving them more time to ponder a salad. And start a quick line for make-your-own subs and wraps, as Corning East High School in upstate New York did.

"I eat that every day now," instead of the chicken patty sandwiches that used to be a staple, said Shea Beecher, a 17-year-old senior.

"It's like our own little Subway," said Sterling Smith, a 15-year-old sophomore. (Hint to the school:

Freshen up the fruit bowl; the choices are pretty narrow by the time Smith gets to his third-shift lunch period.)

Last year, the USDA asked the Institute of Medicine for advice on its school lunch and breakfast programs, which provide free or subsidized meals to more than 31 million schoolchildren each day. The institute recommended more fruit, vegetables and whole grains with limits on fat, salt and calories. But it was clear this wouldn't help unless kids accepted healthier foods, Guthrie said.



This undated photo shows David McDurham, right, his wife, Amy, and their adopted daughter, Ella, in Arlington, Texas.

Adoptions from Ethiopia rise, bucking global trend

By David Crary
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — As the overall number of international adoptions by Americans plummets, one country — Ethiopia — is emphatically bucking the trend, sending record numbers of children to the U.S. while winning praise for improving orphans' prospects at home.

It's a remarkable, little-publicized trend, unfolding in an impoverished African country with an estimated 5 million orphans and homeless children, on a continent that has been wary of international adoption.

Just six years ago, at the peak of international adoption, there were 284 Ethiopian children among the 22,990 foreign kids adopted by Americans. For the 2010 fiscal year, the State Department projects there will be about 2,500 adoptions from Ethiopia out of fewer than 11,000 overall — and Ethiopia is on the verge of overtaking China as the top source country.

The needs are enormous; many of Ethiopia's orphans live on the streets or in crowded institutions. There's constant wariness, as in many developing countries, that unscrupulous baby-sellers will infiltrate the adoption process.

However, a high-level U.S. delegation — led by Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., and Susan Jacobs, the State Department's special adviser on children's issues — came back impressed from a visit to Ethiopia last month in which they met President Girma Wolde-Giorgis.

"What's encouraging is they want to work with us, they want to do it right," Jacobs said in a telephone interview. "Other countries should look at what Ethiopia is trying to do."

The global adoption landscape has changed dramatically since 2004. China, Russia and South Korea have reduced the once large numbers of children made available to foreigners while trying to encourage domestic alter-

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— Randy Daniels, vice president of international operations at Buckner International, a Dallas-based Christian ministry

natives. There have been suspensions of adoptions from Guatemala, Vietnam and Nepal due to fraud and corruption.

In contrast, Ethiopia has emerged as a land of opportunity for U.S. adoption agencies and faith-based groups. Several have been very active there in the past few years, arranging adoptions for U.S. families while helping Ethiopian authorities and charitable groups find ways to place more orphans with local families.

Buckner International, a Dallas-based Christian ministry, has about three dozen Ethiopian children lined up for adoption by U.S. parents, but it's also engaged in numerous programs to help Ethiopia build a domestic foster care system.

In one village visited by Jacobs and Landrieu, Buckner has built a school and housing for teachers while beginning a slow assessment of the orphan population to determine which children can be cared for locally and which might benefit from U.S. adoption.

Randy Daniels, Buckner's vice president of international operations, said the children who do head to adoptive families in the United States generally seem to flourish.

"They're some of the warmest, most loving kids of any I've worked with in the world," he said. "It's amazing to how quickly they adjust to the families stateside, to the

language, the culture."

Buckner's clients include David McDurham and his wife, Amy, of Mansfield, Texas, who adopted their daughter, Ella, from Ethiopia in 2008 and are preparing to pursue a second Ethiopian adoption. Unable to have a biological child, the McDurhams had been considering adopting from China. But that can now be a four-year process, and they became increasingly intrigued by Africa.

"They were just opening up the Ethiopia program," said McDurham, a Baptist minister. "We were thinking, where did the needs of children and our needs coincide?"

McDurham said Ella, who just turned 3, is thriving in their Dallas suburb. They've become popular customers at a local Ethiopian restaurant and have forged ties with several other families who adopted from Ethiopia.

"We want her to see other families like hers — to know other people who have that same story," McDurham said.

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Iran frees American held for 2 years in Tehran

By Anne Gearan
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Iran on Saturday set free an American businessman jailed in Tehran for more than two years on suspicion on ties to an allegedly violent opposition group.

Reza Taghavi, 71, hadn't been charged with a crime and denied knowingly supporting the organization, known as Tondar.

"He admitted to nothing and he continues to maintain his innocence," his lawyer,

Pierre Prosper, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from Tehran after his client's release from Tehran's Evin prison. He's not expected to return to Southern California before the middle of next week.

Iranian officials are "comfortable that he was in fact used by this organization, and comfortable that he does not pose a threat to them and that he can leave and go back to the United States," Prosper said.

Iran had accused Taghavi of passing \$200 in cash to an

Iranian man tied to Tondar. Taghavi, who regularly visits Iran to conduct business and see family, had received the money from a friend in California with instructions to pass the cash to an Iranian, according to Prosper.

"I didn't do anything wrong. Someone just asked me take this money to help someone," Taghavi told ABC News.

"Sometimes I feel relief, sometimes, I feel angry. What happened? Two-and-a-half years for what?" he said.

His family had said he has diabetes and was in poor health, and his lawyer has asked Iran to free him on humanitarian grounds.

Prosper said Taghavi won't able to leave until this coming week because of conditions attached to his release. While Taghavi never was charged formally or presented with paperwork indicating a charge, Prosper said there is a case within the Iranian justice system. He plans to meet with a judge in the next week in hopes of getting that case dismissed.

The best way to describe the situation, he said, is that the case is suspended and Taghavi is free to leave.

"We welcome the release of Reza Taghavi from detention in Evin Prison in Iran, and are pleased that he will soon be reunited with his family. We urge Iranian authorities to extend the same consideration to Josh Fattal and Shane Bauer, and other detained Americans by resolving their cases without delay," said State Department spokesman Noel Clay.

Fattal and Bauer are two American hikers jailed in Iran since they were arrested near the Iran-Iraq border in July 2009. The Iranians released Bauer's fiancée, Sarah Shourd, a month ago.

Prosper said he and Taghavi will visit the southern Iranian city of Shiraz, site of an April 2008 bombing at a mosque that killed 14 people. Iranian authorities blame the group that Taghavi is suspected of being involved with, and told Taghavi to meet with victims of the attack.

Auto oil change reignites debate over GPS trackers

By Paul Elias
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Yasir Afifi, a 20-year-old computer salesman and community college student, took his car in for an oil change earlier this month and his mechanic spotted an odd wire hanging from the undercarriage.

The wire was attached to a strange magnetic device that puzzled Afifi and the mechanic. They freed it from the car and posted images of it online, asking for help in identifying it.

Two days later, FBI agents arrived at Afifi's Santa Clara apartment and demanded the return of their property — a global positioning system tracking device now at the center of a raging legal debate over privacy rights. One federal judge wrote that the widespread use of the device was straight out of George Orwell's novel, "1984."

"By holding that this kind of surveillance doesn't impair an individual's reasonable expectation of privacy, the panel hands the government the power to track the movements of every one of us, every day of our lives," wrote Alex Kozinski, the chief judge of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in a blistering dissent in which a three-judge panel from his court ruled that search warrants weren't necessary for GPS tracking.

But other federal and state courts have come to the opposite conclusion.

Law enforcement advocates for the devices say GPS can eliminate time-consuming stakeouts and old-fashioned "tails" with unmarked police cars. The technology had a starring role in the HBO cops-and-robbers series "The Wire" and police use it to track every type of suspect — from terrorist to thieves stealing copper from air conditioners.



YASIR AFIFI/AP photo

This undated photo shows a GPS monitoring device that a mechanic found on Yasir Afifi's car during an oil change recently in Santa Clara, Calif.

That investigators don't need a warrant to use GPS tracking devices in California troubles privacy advocates, technophiles, criminal defense attorneys and others.

The federal appeals court based in Washington D.C. said in August that investigators must obtain a warrant for GPS in tossing out the conviction and life sentence of Antoine Jones, a nightclub owner convicted of operating a cocaine distribution ring. That court concluded that the accumulation of four-weeks worth of data collected from a GPS on Jones' Jeep amounted to a government "search" that required a search warrant.

Judge Douglas Ginsburg said watching Jones' Jeep for an entire month rather than trailing him on one trip made all the difference between surveilling a suspect on public property and a search needing court approval.

"First, unlike one's movements during a single journey, the whole of one's movements over the course of a month is not actually exposed to the public because the likelihood anyone will observe all those movements is effectively nil," Ginsburg wrote.

More intellectually disabled youths enrolling in college

WARRENSBURG, Mo. (AP) — Advocates say students with Down syndrome and other intellectual disabilities are leaving high school better prepared than ever and a growing number are going on to college.

Debra Hart runs a program that provides services to people with disabilities at the University of Massachusetts-Boston.

She says eight years ago, advocates could find only four university programs that provided mentors and

tutors to help students with intellectual disabilities. Last year, there were more than 250 such programs in three dozen states and two Canadian provinces.

University of Central Missouri student Gabe Savage says college has given him the chance to make new friends, try out for a school play and brush up on his computer skills. The 26-year-old with developmental issues says it's been "an answer to my prayer."

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AP photo

Paula Jost, of Palm Springs, Calif., wears a campaign button at a rally for Republicans in Anaheim, Calif., Saturday.

As Dems lag, GOP awaits huge wins

By Charles Babington
and Liz Sidoti

Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — Two weeks before Election Day, Democrats fear their grip on the House may be gone, and Republicans are poised to celebrate big gains in the Senate and governors' mansions as well.

Analysts in both parties say all major indicators tilt toward the Republicans. President Barack Obama's policies are widely unpopular. Congress, run by the Democrats, rates even lower. Fear and anger over unemployment and deep deficits are energizing conservative

voters; liberals are demoralized.

Private groups are pouring huge sums of money into GOP campaigns. An almost dizzying series of Democratic messages has failed to gain traction, forcing Obama to zigzag in search of a winning formula.

With early voting under way in many states, Democrats are trying to minimize the damage by concentrating their resources on a dwindling number of races.

"The poll numbers and the enthusiasm on the right versus the lack of the enthusiasm on the left suggest a pretty big Republican

night," said former Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey, who once headed the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

With Democrats in power while the unemployment rate stands at 9.6 percent, "it's difficult to say, 'Well it could have been worse,'" Kerrey said.

Polls, campaign finance reports and advisers in both parties indicate that Republicans are in line to seize on a level of voter discontent that rivals 1994, when the GOP gained the House majority for the first time in 40 years. Democrats are embattled at every level.

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Republicans need to win 40 seats to regain the House majority they lost four years ago. Even some Democratic officials acknowledge that their losses could well exceed that.

A GOP takeover would depose Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., as the first female House speaker and force Obama to negotiate with Republicans on every significant legislative issue.

Every day brings fresh evidence of Democratic officials virtually abandoning House members whose reelection bids seem hopeless.

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Obama urges Dems to not get discouraged

By Julie Pace
Associated Press writer

BOSTON — With the congressional elections fast approaching, President Obama acknowledged Saturday that the hope and energy he stirred during his presidential campaign may have faded in the face of a grinding economic crisis.

"We're doing the grinding, sometimes frustrating work of actually delivering change. I know it can be discouraging," Obama told a crowd of 10,000 at an energetic rally at Boston's Hynes Convention Center.

Obama came to Boston to campaign for his friend and political ally, Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick, who is struggling to overcome the anti-incumbent mood that has swept across the country during this election season. Obama said Patrick's oppo-



AP photo

President Obama rallies for his longtime friend and political ally, Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick, who is seeking a second term, Saturday at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston.

nent is banking on the same strategy as national Republicans.

"They figured they could ride people's anger and frustration all the way to the ballot box," said Obama, dressed more casually for the weekend rally, in a sport coat but no tie.

With just over two weeks until election day, Obama has been campaigning coast to coast, raising money for candidates and looking to energize dispirited Democratic voters. While the White House says it still believes Democrats will retain control of the House

and Senate, a sputtering economy leaves the political climate perilous for the president's party.

Recent polls suggest Republicans may well retake the House and make major gains in the Senate.

"There is no doubt that this a difficult election. That's because we've been through an incredibly difficult time as a nation," Obama told the crowd of mostly Democrats.

As he has throughout this campaign season, Obama sought to frame the election as a choice between his policies, which he says are moving the country forward, and those of the GOP, who he says want to return to the policies of the past.

"The worst thing we could do is go back to a philosophy that nearly destroyed our economy," Obama said.

The silent majority:

Disgusted, frustrated voters

By Faye Fiore and Mark Z. Barabak
Los Angeles Times

MIDDLETOWN, Pa. — Ann Quinn is in her red camp chair watching her 10-year-old son at Friday afternoon soccer practice. There's a bin of blue and gold hats in the back of her SUV and a big flag. When she isn't working full time at the local Navy base, she is cubmaster for her son's pack and class-room volunteer at his school.

If all that isn't enough, there is an election coming up next month and her husband, John, comes home most nights all spun up about what a lousy job President Barack Obama and the Democrats are doing. She likes Obama and the Democrats. But she's tired from juggling work, parenting, cooking and voting in these dispiriting times seems like just one more chore.

Ann feels like she's stuck at a ping-pong match. Wasn't it only yesterday the Democrats were promising to shake things up in Washington? Now it's the Republicans, and it looks like control of the House and maybe the Senate is about to change hands.

When she looks at Washington, this is what she sees: Nobody compromises. Nobody watches out for people like her, people too busy working, selling Cub Scout popcorn and pulling



Ann and John Quinn of Middletown, Penn., haven't agreed on anything political in 15 years of marriage. If they can figure out how to make it work, they wonder, why can't politicians in Washington, D.C.?

coupons off the Internet to go around yelling about which party did what to ruin America.

"I try to be informed, but there's no one out there I love. They can throw stones at the other guy, and as long as they win, they are happy. Nobody wants to govern,"

she says, one eye on Patrick running around the field. "It's just been so disappointing."

For all the sound and fury of the "tea party" movement, the chorus of marchers descending on the Capitol and the nightly racket on cable TV, there are

untold millions of Americans who are not angry so much as frustrated, anxious and resigned that, whatever happens Nov. 2, little the politicians say or do will change their stressed-out, stretched-thin lives.

Call them, in the old phrase, the silent majority:

voters like Ann Quinn, disgusted with Washington, nervous about the future but so busy getting by day-to-day that the election is almost an afterthought.

A survey published last month in Newsweek found that self-described angry voters — the ones grabbing all the attention — make up about 23 percent of the electorate. Most of them are Republicans.

As for the rest, many of them are not terribly partisan, though they may lean toward one party over the other. Immigration, earmarks, same-sex marriage — those things that exercise activists — are of little interest. Mainly, what they want is for lawmakers to stop bickering and address the problems they deal with on a daily basis, "putting food on the table, gas in their car and ... getting the kids through college," said Democratic pollster Margie Omero.

"They feel they're living on another planet in D.C.," said Alex Bratty, a Republican pollster who partnered with Omero on a series of focus groups with women around the country they dubbed "Wal-Mart" moms to capture their straitened circumstances. "The way they see it is a lot of partisanship, not getting anything done. They ask, 'Why can't they compromise?'"

Jon Stewart leads rival Glenn Beck in likability

By Nicholas Johnston
Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — In the right corner, Glenn Beck, the emcee of a "Restoring Honor" rally in September that he claims attracted 500,000 Tea Party supporters to Washington. In the left, Jon Stewart, the faux anchorman who plans to host a "Rally to Restore Sanity" in the capital this month.

As they take their on-air rivalry to the streets, Stewart has the edge in appeal among Americans, according to a Bloomberg National Poll conducted Oct. 7-10.

Stewart, the host of Comedy Central's "Daily Show," gets a favorable rating from 37 percent of the poll respondents. Beck, the Fox News host, is viewed favorably by 28 percent.

Their fans, the poll indicates, represent distinct groups. Admirers of one host mostly think little of the other one.

Among Americans who like Beck, 37 percent take a dim view of Stewart, compared with 29 percent who see him favorably.

Stewart's enthusiasts have even a stronger reaction to Beck: 59 percent view him unfavorably, compared with 23 percent who have a positive opinion.

Beck's favorable rating rises with the age of respondents, hitting 31 percent among people 55 and older. Beck does best among self-described Tea Party supporters: about two out of three view Beck favorably.

Stewart is popular with Democrats and people who are 35 years old or younger. Among Democrats and independents, Stewart is viewed favorably by 43 percent of respondents; just 20 percent of Republicans had that opinion.

The poll by Des Moines, Iowa-based Selzer & Co. surveyed 1,000 Americans and has an error margin of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points.

Beck's Aug. 28 rally in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington was closely aligned with the Tea Party and featured former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin as a speaker.

Campaigns

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Republicans are expanding the field to pursue races that once appeared unattainable. In the coming week, Republicans or GOP-leaning outside groups plan to spend money in a 82 House races that they see as competitive or within reach of a last-minute upset.

Democrats, desperate to hold their losses to three dozen seats, plan to run TV ads in 59 races in the remaining days. But their chief House campaign committee has recently canceled millions of dollars worth of advertising for struggling Reps. Steve Driehaus and Mary Jo Kilroy of Ohio, Suzanne Kosmas of Florida, Betsy Markey of Colorado and Steve Kagen of Wisconsin.

They are shifting some of that money to incumbents once considered safe, such as Arizona Rep. Raul Grijalva. But in a sign of the election's volatility, they also are helping viable incumbents they had expected to be trailing significantly — South Dakota Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin, for example.

The Democrats' House campaign committee raised almost \$16 million in September and has \$41.6 million in the bank.

That's a big fundraising advantage over the GOP's House campaign committee. But the figures are mis-



AP file photo

Former Nebraska senator Bob Kerrey, president of The New School, speaks before the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission in New York on June 2. Kerrey, who once headed the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, see big Republican wins in the Nov. 2 elections.

leading because heavy spending by outside groups, which often hide their donors' identities, clearly favors Republican candidates.

SENATE

To gain the Senate majority, Republicans must hold all 18 of their seats on this year's ballots while picking up 10 of the 19 Democratic seats. It's a tough task, but not inconceivable.

Democrats trail badly in states where they once held some hope of supplanting Republicans: Missouri, New Hampshire, Ohio and Florida. Kentucky is the only

one that's still close. But Democrats have reduced their spending there, a sign that Republican and tea party favorite Rand Paul is clearly ahead.

Among seats now held by Democrats, Republicans are favored to win open races in North Dakota and Indiana, and to oust Sen. Blanche Lincoln in Arkansas.

In Pennsylvania, where Republican Pat Toomey had comfortably led Democrat Joe Sestak in polls, the race has tightened in recent weeks, forcing the GOP to spend more than it had planned. The Republican Party also is pouring an additional \$2 million into

Illinois, where Republican Mark Kirk has slipped somewhat in polls in his race against Democrat Alexi Giannoulias for Obama's old seat.

That said, Democrats say Wisconsin Sen. Russ Feingold is struggling mightily, and Colorado Sen. Michael Bennet is in a tough fight.

Races are extremely close in West Virginia and Nevada, where Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid is battling tea party-backed Republican Sharron Angle in a bitter and costly campaign.

Democrats are anxiously watching Sens. Barbara Boxer in California and Patty Murray in Washington. Private polls show Republicans pulling closer but still trailing.

Should Republicans win all the close races and knock off either Boxer or Murray, they may rue the nomination of tea partier Christine O'Donnell, who badly trails Chris Coons in Delaware. That once-promising state could have provided the 10th GOP win needed to take the Senate majority.

GOVERNORS

Democrats risk losing a dozen governors' chairs they now hold, including those in pivotal presidential states such as Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, Maine and New Mexico.

Also possibly falling into GOP hands are Oklahoma, Kansas, Wyoming, Tennessee, Illinois and perhaps Oregon.

Democrats have good chances to pick up GOP-held governorships in four or five states, including California and possibly Florida.

The Republican Governors Association's \$31 million haul over the past three months enables the GOP to jump into more races. The Democratic Governors Association raised \$10 million in that period.



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Navy birthplace in dispute; five towns lay claim

By Jay Lindsay
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON — The old sign near its border that proclaims the upstate New York town of Whitehall to be the birthplace of the U.S. Navy is a bit worn out, town clerk Elaine Jones admits. Residents of several other Northeast towns might describe it another way: Not true.

Five communities claim to be the Navy's birthplace, from a wealthy former fishing hub north of Boston to Whitehall, a town about 200 miles from the nearest ocean.

On the Navy's official birthday Wednesday — its 235th — the Archivist of the United States, David Ferriero, may try to settle the question at a meeting in Boston at the museum of the USS Constitution, the country's oldest commissioned Naval warship.

Ferriero will bring documents from the National Archives that detail the claims of the parade of communities asserting Navy

paternity, which also include Marblehead and Beverly, Mass.; Philadelphia and Providence, R.I.

But will he rule on the location of the Navy's true birthplace? Ferriero says only, "We'll see."

There are questions about Ferriero's impartiality. He grew up in Beverly.

Ferriero, who's married to a woman from another claimant — Marblehead — wouldn't say last week if he's already leaning one way or another. "No comment," he said with a laugh.

Whatever Ferriero rules, it likely won't prompt other Navy birthplaces to gracefully give way.

"It won't matter to Marbleheaders, we know what's right," said Karen MacInnis, curator of the Marblehead Museum.

Ferriero set his staff researching the Navy's origins shortly after he was appointed the archivist last year. Curiosity about the competing claims to his hometown's title was one



AP photo

A welcome sign that includes the phrase 'Birthplace of the American Navy,' is shown Tuesday in Marblehead, Mass. No fewer than five communities claim to be the birthplace of the Navy.

reason, he said, but he added the real purpose is not to settle the argument. Rather it's to use the good-natured debate to send a message about the archives: "These are your records, you should be using them, we provide access to them and there are all kinds of stories to be told from the records of your government," Ferriero said.

The claims of Beverly and Marblehead revolve around

the same schooner, the Hannah. In September 1775, it became the first vessel that George Washington, commander of the Continental Army, ordered outfitted as a warship, for the purposes of harassing British supply vessels.

The Hannah was modified and launched in Beverly, which are the basis of that city's claim. But to people in Marblehead, an old-time

fishing port now known as a monied enclave, those are just details. MacInnis notes the Hannah was owned and manned by Marblehead residents.

"It was Marblehead men and Marblehead ownership, and there endeth the story," MacInnis said.

Not to the people of Whitehall, N.Y., a small town along Lake Champlain and three states due west of the ocean. Under the command of Benedict Arnold, several naval vessels were built in present-day Whitehall in the summer of 1776 and they were later used that year in an important early war battle on the lake.

"We built the ship(s) and you can't sail unless you got one," Jones said.

The U.S. Congress officially declared Whitehall the Navy's birthplace in 1965. Jones said another community can try to wrest away the title, but predicted they'll have the same success as those who've tried to knock down another one of the

community's claims to fame: that Bigfoot has been sighted there several times.

"Some things are indisputable, you know?" Jones said. "How are you going to claim it's not true?"

Valdine C. Atwood, a historian in Machias, Maine, disavows that the town is the Navy's birthplace, though the title's been foisted on the community several times and it's one of the places the archivist is investigating.

In fact, Atwood said, Machias was the site of the first naval battle of the American Revolution in June 1775, after several woodsmen refused to hand over their lumber to a British commander, Lt. James Moor, in exchange for badly needed supplies. The woodsmen later commandeered a vessel and attacked his ship, seizing the supplies and killing Moor.

No cannon fire accompanies Providence, R.I.'s claim to cradle of the Navy. The city just points out its residents were the first to call for the establishment of a Navy.

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Fuel supplies low as French protest pension reform

By Elaine Ganley
Associated Press writer

PARIS — Officials have taken the extraordinary step of warning some flights landing at France’s main airport to come with enough fuel to get back home, bracing for a possible fuel shortage after a new round of protests Saturday against plans to raise the retirement age to 62.

Police estimated some 825,000 people marched in cities across France to protest President Nicolas Sarkozy’s plan to extend the retirement age to keep pension coffers full. That is fewer than during an Oct. 12 march — and far lower than the union estimate of 3 million. But unions



AP photo
Students shout slogans as they demonstrate in Paris, Saturday.

are not relenting in fighting for what the French see as a near-sacred right to retire at 60.

A sixth round of nationwide protests is scheduled for Tuesday, a day before the Senate votes on the retirement reform, which must still return to both houses due to amendments tacked on during debates.

“I think the French understand that those who are blocking the country are at the head of the government,” Francois Chereque, head of the moderate CFDT union, said on BFM-TV. He later called on the government to “suspend the parliamentary debate.”

Schools, trains, public transport and even garbage collection in Marseille have been blocked by intermittent strikes to pressure Sarkozy to back down. The possibility of a long-term fuel shortage appears to be the most worrisome outcome of the protest movement.

All 12 of France’s fuel-producing refineries have been hit by strikes that started Tuesday and numerous fuel

depots are blocked, triggering a run on gas pumps by fearful motorists. In an extraordinary move, police were called in Friday to force three crucial fuel depots to reopen.

Finance Minister Christine Lagarde tried to assuage fears, insisting Saturday that there was no shortage of gasoline.

“Today, there is no reason, no reason, I repeat, to panic because there is no risk of shortages,” she told BFM-TV on Saturday, noting that only 230 of the country’s 13,000 gas stations were out of fuel. “There are weeks of reserve.”

The same could not be said for Charles de Gaulle airport, north of Paris, which moved

into a Plan B mode to keep planes flying in and out of the European hub while conserving a limited fuel supply.

The Civil Aviation authority sent out an advisory Friday night to airlines making short- and medium-haul flights to Paris’ Charles de Gaulle airport to arrive with enough fuel to get home, spokesman Eric Heraud said Saturday.

“They must come with a maximum capacity in their fuel tanks,” Heraud told The Associated Press by telephone. “Obviously, these instructions apply only to short- and medium-haul flights” of no more than four to five hours because trans-Atlantic flights cannot “double carry” fuel, he said.

Hepburn stamps fetch \$606,000 for childrens charity

By Mary Lane
Associated Press writer

BERLIN — A rare sheet of 10 stamps depicting Audrey Hepburn fetched \$606,000 at a charity auction in Berlin, two-thirds of which will go to help educate children in sub-Saharan Africa.

The mint-condition sheet of 10 stamps featuring Hepburn, a coy smile on her face and a long, black cigarette holder dangling from her lips, brought a profitable outcome to a botched stamp series that should have been destroyed years ago — and evokes Hepburn’s starring role in the 1963 thriller “Charade,” in which the characters chase a set of rare stamps.

“Andreas almost fell backward and had an apoplectic fit when he heard this,” Ferrer said.

Ferrer then signed a contract with the German Finance Ministry, securing rights to sell the stamp sheet for charity and ensuring the government would not be able to sell either of its sheets until 2040.

That move helped drive up the price of the auction, said Mercer Bristow, director of stamp authentication for the American Philatelic Society.



AP photo
The set of Audrey Hepburn stamps that was up for auction in Berlin on Saturday.

Sean Ferrer, 50, Hepburn’s son with actor and director Mel Ferrer, and the chair of the Audrey Hepburn Children’s Fund, said he was thrilled that the sale Saturday brought “focus on children in need,” but wished the stamps had sold for a higher price.

Two-thirds of money raised will go to the Audrey Hepburn Children’s Fund, and one-third to UNICEF Germany.

The German postal service originally printed 14 million of the Hepburn stamps in 2001 showing the Belgian-born actress in her most famous role as the ebullient Holly Golightly in “Breakfast at Tiffany’s.”

Only after the stamps were printed was Sean Ferrer, 50, Hepburn’s son and the chair of the Audrey Hepburn Children’s Fund, contacted to grant copyright — but he refused, arguing that the image had been altered.

“In the original photo, she’s got sunglasses hanging from her mouth, but they had flipped the negative and replaced the glasses with the cigarette holder,” he told The Associated Press.

Ferrer suggested using either the original photo or an alternative, but the postal service ended up scrapping the stamp and ordering those produced destroyed.

Deutsche Post says it saved only two sheets of the stamps — one for its own archive and one for the German Post Museum. But in 2004, a single stamp with Hepburn smoking, post-marked Berlin, landed on auctioneer Andreas Schlegel’s desk.

“I was obviously very surprised, because they never were supposed to be used as stamps at all,” Schlegel said.

Between 2004 and 2009, four other Hepburn stamps turned up and were authenticated. They sold at auction for between 62,500 and 173,000 euros.

After his success selling the fifth stamp, Schlegel contacted Ferrer to suggest asking the German government if they could sell one of the archived stamp sheets for charity. But Ferrer had a better idea: Why not the pristine sheet Germany sent him in 2001, which he still had?

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Jericho hits wall on way to 10,000th birthday

By Edmund Sanders
Los Angeles Times

JERICHO, West Bank — Imagine you turned 10,000 years old — and nobody showed up at your birthday party.

That's a bit how they're feeling in the ancient West Bank city of Jericho, believed to be one of the world's oldest continually inhabited settlements.

Three years ago, Palestinians made big plans for Jericho's historic birthday. Nobody really knows the exact anniversary, but Palestinians thought 10-10-10 had a good ring to it.

The idea was to host an international blowout to rival the 2000 millennium, including fireworks, laser shows, half a million guests and a who's who of international dignitaries. They dreamed of bringing singer Shakira to perform, and city officials figured they'd need to build at least a couple of new hotels and some restaurants to handle the crowds.

But when Oct. 10 rolled around, the party — to say the least — fell flatter than the city's walls once did.

A single balloon floated over the city square, a local band named Culture Shock performed on a



portable stage, and some new artwork and an ancient mosaic were unveiled.

No foreign diplomats attended the opening ceremony, Shakira was not there to sing or shake, and even Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas was a no-show. Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Salam Fayyad, greeted by a few dozen Jericho children, unveiled a Jericho-themed postage stamp.

Like much in the West Bank, Jericho's birthday fete appears to have fallen victim to inadequate finances, poor organization and political infighting. City officials said they received no funds to prepare. A planning committee fell into disarray as members and chairpersons kept changing. And a publicity firm was not even hired until 10 days before the event.

"Unfortunately, we've been late in everything," sighed Jericho city spokeswoman Weam Iriqat.

Palestinian officials are now trying to put their best face forward, de-emphasizing Sunday's festivities and stressing that the celebrations will continue over the coming four to five years.

"This is just the kickoff," said Khouloud Daibes, the Palestinian Authority's minister of tourism. "Besides, whatever we did would not have been enough to give this occasion its proper value."

Still, some Palestinians blame the Palestinian Authority for missing an opportunity to boost the West Bank's international profile and local economy.

"We had a chance to celebrate 10,000 years of Jericho, which should have been one of the biggest events in the Middle East," said Yousef Aldek, a television pro-

duction manager from the West Bank city of Ramallah who said he attended several disorganized brainstorming sessions that yielded no results.

"What better occasion than this to prove our claim and ties to the land," he said, complaining that Palestinian officials misused funds by hiring family members to help organize the event. "In the end, no one even knew anything about it."

Jericho's mayor expressed disappointment that the opening ceremony was scaled back, but he noted that an extravagant party might not have been appropriate anyway, given the city's poverty and lack of infrastructure.

"We're 10,000 years old and we don't even have a sewage system," Mayor Hassan Saleh said. He added that he's nonetheless hoping to parlay the city's birthday into some much-needed development projects, including a new airport. So far nothing has been confirmed.

Jericho has a history of high hopes and lost opportunities. With skeletal remains dating back to the Stone Age and a prominent place in the Bible, the renowned city has long been seen as the West Bank's most promising tourist destination.

This is the spot where the Bible says Israelites ended their desert-wandering and brought down Jericho's walls with a trumpet. There's a sycamore tree said to be the one Jesus once passed and a monastery built into a hillside where Jesus is said to have resisted Satan's temptations.

After the 1993 Oslo peace accords, Jericho blossomed, drawing Palestinian investors and throngs of Israeli tourists enjoying a new casino and luxury hotel.

But after the 2000 Palestinian uprising, the Israeli military banned its citizens from visiting Jericho. The casino was shuttered, and today tourists generally swing through town in a couple of hours, barely getting off the bus.

The historic Old City, which wasn't even included in Sunday's celebration, is little more than some dirt mounds, with no guides or signs to orient visitors. Indeed, there is nary a placard in sight to show where the walls once stood.

Swedish tourists Torsten and Ingrid Gunnarson, two of a handful of foreign visitors who joined Jericho's birthday celebration, were unimpressed.

"To be frank," Torsten Gunnarson said, "they really need to get their act together."

New film highlights dangers for big cats in South Africa

By Michelle Faul
Associated Press writer

BROEDERSTROOM, South Africa — Lions raised in captivity in South Africa are set loose in enclosed areas where hunters, many from the United States, gun them down. The toll: about 1,000 lions each year.

Kevin Richardson hopes a new movie, "White Lion," which opened in a few U.S. cities Friday, will give people second-thoughts about participating in such hunts.

"I just can't understand how anyone would want to shoot a lion that is clearly confined to a finite space with absolutely no hope in hell of ever escaping the so-called hunter," said Richardson, a self-taught "Lion Whisperer" and first-time film producer.

"Canned lion hunting, in my opinion, is likened to fishing with dynamite in a pond and then calling yourself a fisherman."

"White Lion" is about a rare white lion, who as a cub is cast out of his pride because of his color. He is near starvation when he befriends an older lion who teaches him the ways of the wild. John Kani, a Tony Award-winning actor and playwright, is the storyteller. A young man helps the lion, whose name is Letsatsi, because his Shangaan tribal tradition says a white lion is God's messenger and must be protected. Tension builds as Gisani becomes a tracker on a game farm where he and a foreign hunter encounter Letsatsi.

Trophy hunting is big business in South Africa, worth \$91.2 million a year, according to the Professional Hunters Association of South Africa. Foreign tourists pay up to \$40,000 to shoot a lion.

The government promotes hunting as a revenue source and calls it a "sustainable utilization of natural resources." Provincial governments sell permits allowing hunters to kill rhinos, elephants — even giraffes. Hunters killed 1,050 lions in 2008, the last year for which figures are available, according to the South African Predator Breeders Association.

The hunters' association says 16,394 foreign hunters — more than half from the United States — killed more than 46,000 animals in the year ending September 2007.

Almost all lions hunted under permit in South Africa are bred in captivity. But a new report by Animal Rights Africa says animals that wander out of the huge Kruger National Park into neighboring private reserves

have become fair game.

About 3,600 lions were kept in breeding facilities in 2009, to be sold to zoos, safari farms and for hunting on game farms, said Albi Modise, spokesman for South Africa's Department of Environment.

Animal Rights Africa says trophy hunting is incompatible with South Africa's push into ecotourism, noting that ad campaigns promoting tourism and game viewing showcase the same species that are offered up to be hunted. The government in 2007 introduced legislation that would reduce the financial incentive to breed lions for the hunt but the Predator Breeders Association challenged the laws and earlier this year won an appeal.

Richardson, the movie's producer, first befriended a pair of lion cubs at the Lion Park outside Johannesburg 12 years ago, when the cubs were 6 months and he was 23.

He began shortening his hours as a therapist in post-operative rehabilitation to play with his new friends. Soon, park owner Rodney Fuhr offered him a part-time job that became full time.

Today, Richardson cares for 39 lions at his 800-hectare Kingdom of the White Lion in Broederstroom, an hour-and-a-half drive from Johannesburg, where the film was shot to include tawny gold lions as well as those born white because of a recessive gene.

Lions are nocturnal and spend most of the day sleeping, so filming was limited to a couple of hours in the morning and perhaps another couple in the afternoon — if the cats were willing. Letsatsi was portrayed by several lions over the four years it took to make the movie. A cuddly cub filmed in the summer of 2006 might be sprouting a mohawk-style tuft of hair the following year, the precursor to a mane.

Richardson said he breaks every rule in the book in han-



AP photos



Richardson is seen with a lion in its enclosure at the Kingdom of the White Lion park. Foreign tourists are willing to pay up to \$40,000 to shoot a big cat in South Africa.

dling lions. On a recent morning, the lions welcomed Richardson with rumbling purrs. One shut its eyes in ecstasy and rolled onto its back as Richardson scratched its chin. Another licked Richardson's hand, the tongue as rough as sandpaper. Too many licks can cause bleeding.

Two 400-pound lions wrestled him to the ground and a lioness jumped on his back, covering Richardson for a tense minute. He emerged from a tangle of furry blond limbs, face red. One lion threw a casual paw on Richardson's shoulder.

"Ugh, no claws you naughty boy!" he admonished, slapping away a paw larger than his face.

He's been attacked by his lions twice. Once during filming, a lion named Thor grabbed Richardson's arm and pinned him against the cage holding the camera

crews, who looked on terrified and unable to help.

"I thought: There goes my arm, and it's my own fault. I was provoking him to get a fight sequence that we needed," Richardson said. The lion stared him in the eyes for what seemed five minutes but couldn't have lasted more than a few seconds, before releasing him, he recalled.

"Lions are 99 percent chill and 1 percent lethal," Richardson said.

Kevin Richardson, a.k.a. the Lion Whisperer, piggybacks on the back of a lion in its enclosure on Oct. 11 at the Kingdom of the White Lion park in Broederstroom, South Africa. A new film that opened in the United States on Friday about a rare white lion who escapes trophy hunters is a rare happy ending in a country where more than 1,000 lions are killed legally each year.

ON THE NET

The movie: <http://www.white-lionthemovie.com/>
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Ho-hum



Boise State running back Doug Martin (22) celebrates a rushing touchdown against San Jose State along with teammates during the first half of Saturday's game in San Jose, Calif.

AP photo

Broncos post another lopsided win, beat SJSU 48-0

By Josh Dubow
Associated Press writer

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Titus Young ran for one score and caught a pass for another touchdown to help Boise State post a lopsided win on the eve of the release of the first Bowl Championship Series standings, beating San Jose State 48-0 on Saturday night.

Kellen Moore completed 14 of 16 passes for 231 yards and two touchdowns before putting on a baseball cap and headset to signal plays in the second half of the latest blowout for the Broncos (6-0, 2-0 WAC).

Doug Martin also ran for 68 yards and two scores and Young had 105 yards receiving to help Boise State extend the longest active winning streak in major college football to 20 games.

San Jose State (1-6, 0-2) lost its 18th straight game to a ranked opponent, including five already this season. The Spartans have been outscored 204-33 in those contests against Alabama, Wisconsin, Utah, Nevada and now Boise State.

Boise State is in the midst of a much easier run on its schedule. After beating Virginia Tech and Oregon State early in the season, the Broncos have only one game

remaining against a ranked team, coming at No. 19 Nevada on Nov. 26.

That strength of that schedule will be a major topic when it comes to the BCS standings. Boise State was projected to be in the top spot last week and could be there again when the standings make their debut Sunday. The Broncos have never been higher than fourth in the BCS standings, placing at that spot in last year's initial list. They fell to sixth by the end of the regular season, despite remaining undefeated.

The Spartans have played as tough a schedule as anyone,

opening the season against then-No. 1 Alabama and following that with a visit to a Wisconsin team that upset No. 1 Ohio State on Saturday.

This might have been the biggest mismatch of all those games. The 41-0 halftime deficit was the biggest San Jose State had faced all year and Boise State reached 500 yards of offense before the Spartans got to 100. San Jose State was outgained 537-80 on the night, the fewest yards in a game for the Spartans since also getting 80 in 1971 against Stanford.

See **BSU**, Sports 8

Bobcat boys, Bruin girls earn state berths

By Stephen Meyers
Times-News writer

JEROME — Burley coach Wes Nyblade has said all season his team is one of the elite in the rugged Great Basin Conference.

But the Bobcats were still overcome with emotions of awe and shock and disbelief after finally defeating No. 1 seed Jerome 1-0 Saturday to claim the final District IV Class 4A state berth.

"It's just unbelievable," said defender Nathan Searle.

Forward Alex Greener headed in the game's only goal 30 seconds into the contest on a cross by defender Miguel Magana for his second huge goal in two games, after scoring the winner against Twin Falls Thursday.

Then it was time for the defense to hold on to the lead.

For 79 minutes, the Burley defense, led by brothers Nathan and Logan Searle, kept the Jerome offense bottled up.

Nyblade made the decision for Logan Searle to man-mark midfielder Salvador Mercado. Anywhere Mercado went, Searle was attached to his hip.

"(Mercado) is an outstanding player. He's their playmaker and hurt us earlier this season, so we tried to limit his touches as much as possible and not let him create," Nyblade said.

Mercado still created a few scoring opportunities for the Tigers.

Late in the game, the senior ran down the ball along the sideline, shook his defender and centered the ball to freshman Adrian Chavez for the header attempt, but Burley goalie Juan DeLeon guarded the post and snagged the ball for the save.

DeLeon saved another clean look at goal on a shot by Martin Becerra from 20 yards out.

"They just kept pressing and attacking," DeLeon said. "I got my hands on the ball and just wanted to make sure nothing goes through."

Jerome's relentless attack during the final, frantic five minutes fell short, ending the Tigers' run of three straight state playoff appearances.

"Our team went out there and fought the entire game. We were just on the losing side this time," said Jerome coach Robert Garcia. "We had a great season. It is such a close league. Every year the teams are all really competitive. Anything can happen."

Burley returns to the 4A state playoffs after a two-year absence and will play Bishop Kelly Thursday at Lake City High School in Coeur d'Alene.

"I've felt all season long that we were just right there. We always believed in ourselves and knew what we could do," Nyblade said.



"Our team went out there and fought the entire game. We were just on the losing side this time."

— **Robert Garcia,**
Jerome soccer coach

Vandals can't handle La. Tech offensive barrage

Bulldogs pile up 678 yards

For the Times-News

RUSTON, La. — Ross Jenkins threw for three touchdowns and ran for another, and Louisiana Tech had 678 yards of offense in a 48-35 win over Idaho on Saturday.

The Bulldogs (3-4, 2-1 Western Athletic Conference) needed their fifth-highest offensive total in school history as the Vandals (3-3, 0-1) totaled 526 offensive yards.

Louisiana Tech trailed 14-10 midway through the second quarter, but answered with three straight scores by Jenkins.

"We didn't play well. They did. Bottom line," said Idaho coach Robb. "We didn't play well enough on defense. We didn't



Louisiana Tech running back Lennon Creer (5) runs past Idaho defensive backs Quin Ashley (12), Gary Walker (3) and Aaron Grymes (6) during the first half of Saturday's game in Ruston, La.

AP photo

n't wrap up, didn't make tackles."

Jenkins threw a 32-yard TD

pass to Ahmad Paige, ran for a 4-yard score and threw a 7-yard touchdown to Paige for a 31-14

lead.

Jenkins was 31-for-44 for 417 yards, Rich Casey caught nine passes for 117 yards and Lennon Creer added 179 yards and two touchdowns on 22 carries for the Bulldogs.

Nathan Enderle had 365 yards and three touchdowns on 24-for-50 passing for the Vandals and Justin Veltung had six catches for 141 yards and four touchdowns.

Louisiana Tech took the first on its first drive of the game after Idaho failed to be the first to score when Trey Farquhar's 44-yard field goal attempt was wide left. The Bulldogs went up 7-0 when Creer went up the middle for six yards to cap an eight-play, 73-yard drive with 9:05 left in the first.

See **IDAHO**, Sports 6

Gooding, Declo cruise at Canyon tourney

By Diane Philbin
Times-News writer

GOODING — There was one mild upset on the first day of the Class 2A Canyon Conference volleyball tournament Saturday, but it wasn't at the top end of the bracket.

No. 1 Gooding and No. 2 Declo won easily to set up a showdown Tuesday night, while third-seeded Valley will play No. 5 Glenns Ferry to stay alive after the Pilots eliminated No. 4 Wendell.

Gooding swept Glenns

Ferry, 25-15, 25-20, 25-8 and Declo handled Valley 26-24, 25-15, 25-17 in their opening matches. Valley faced Declo after beating Wendell 25-19, 25-22, 25-19, and Glenns Ferry finished the Trojans off in five sets, winning 19-25, 25-14, 25-11, 20-25, 15-10.

GOODING 3, GLENN'S FERRY 0

The Senators cruised to victory despite a mild let-down in the second set.

"We seemed to come out for the second game kind of down for some reason,

maybe we were too confident," said senior Danielle Baker. "We need to go out and keep up our intensity. And we can always play better."

Gooding coach Luanne Axelson was just happy to get the first match out of the way.

"Glenns Ferry is a scrappy team," said Axelson. "They just don't let the ball hit the floor."

Angela Vitek had a team high 11 kills to lead the Senators over the Pilots. Danielle Baker, Allison Flora

and Audrey Youren, all chipped in five kills apiece and Youren recorded six blocks.

Glenns Ferry coach Jolinda Solosabal hoped that a defensive change might make the outcome different. "We switched up our defense," said Solosabal. "And the girls came in mentally prepared. I was proud of the team."

Jacqueline Brennan contributed four kills and had three serving aces to lead the

See **CANYON**, Sports 6



Gooding's Allison Flora (30) spikes the ball as Glenns Ferry's Mollee Shrum goes for the block during the 2A District Volleyball Tournament Saturday afternoon at Gooding High School.

DREW NASH/
Times-News

Raft River squad rallies to defeat Shoshone, advances to championship

By **Ryan Howe**
Times-News writer

BURLEY – The top seed from the South will face the top seed from the North for the Snake River Conference District IV-V-VI championship on Tuesday.

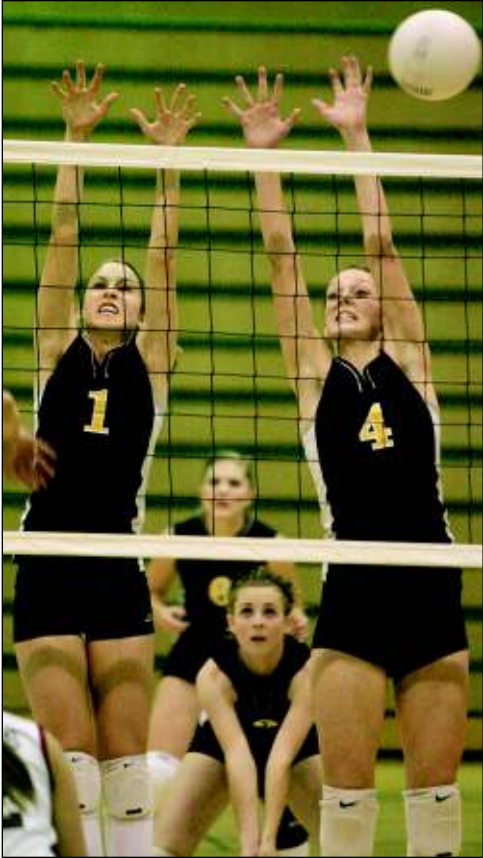
Led by senior Kassie Ottley's 17 kills and 27 digs, the South's No. 1 Raft River defeated Shoshone in four sets in the tournament semifinals Saturday night at Burley High School.

The Trojans had to rally after dropping the first set, but stayed focused to win 22-25, 27-25, 25-20, 25-8.

"All year long these girls have stayed level and they keep playing," said Raft River coach Cami Schumann. "Shoshone is a tough team and it would have been easy for us to quit after one set. But these girls don't have any give-up-and-fold moments."

Schumann said it was the first time this season that Raft River has lost the first set and come back to win three straight. Taylor Whitaker distributed 25 assists and Hailey Greenwood had 18 assists. Wynter Holtman had 12 kills and Echo Hansen added 11 kills and four blocks.

Defensively, Holtman had



Raft River's Hailey Greenwood (1) and Echo Hansen (4) go up for a block while their teammates Sydney Hitt and Holly Scott back them up during the Trojans' match against Shoshone Saturday at Burley High School.

RYAN HOWE/
Times-News

36 digs and Holly Scott added 32 digs for Raft River, which will face Challis, the North's No. 1-seeded team, in the title match at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Burley High.

"Challis is an amazing team. We're going to go back home Monday and work hard in practice we're going

to come out and play our best volleyball. Things will work out one way or another," Schumann said.

Shoshone fell to the elimination bracket where it will face Grace at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

RAFT RIVER 3, OAKLEY 1
Raft River reached the

semifinals after beating Oakley in the first round 25-7, 23-25, 25-13, 25-7.

HAGERMAN 3, GRACE 0

Katee Hines had 17 kills, Aly Sauer had 16 kills and Cheyenne Crist had 34 assists as the Pirates defeated the Grace Grizzlies in the first round 25-13, 27-25, 26-24.

SHOSHONE 3, HANSEN 0

Shoshone got through the first round with a win over Hansen, 25-16, 25-22, 25-12.

For Hansen, Taylor Harris had nine kills and six blocks and Connilyn Hursh had six blocks.

CHALLIS 3, HAGERMAN 0

After a first-round bye, Challis beat Hagerman in a semifinal match 25-15, 25-17, 25-18. Hines had nine kills for the Pirates.

Hagerman will play Hansen in an elimination match at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

HANSEN 3, OAKLEY 0

Hansen eliminated Oakley from the tournament, 25-13, 25-22, 25-22.

Taylor Harris had seven kills and Dori Lockwood had five kills to lead Hansen, which will face Hagerman in a loser-out match on Tuesday.

Bruins poised to defend GBC title

Dark horse Minico eyes surprise

By **Mike Christensen**
Times-News writer

Some might call it looking ahead. But for the Twin Falls Bruins, lofty talk about the Class 4A state volleyball tournament is simply due to confidence.

"Our team has set some big goals for the state tournament," said Twin Falls coach B.J. Price, whose team is the No. 1 seed and host for the Great Basin Conference Tournament, which begins Monday. But the Bruins' path to a second straight District IV title and a berth to the Oct. 29-30 state tournament at Kimberly High School won't be an easy one — even if the Bruins went 10-0 in conference play.

Just look at fifth-seeded Minico. The Spartans went just 3-7 in GBC games, but pushed Twin Falls to five sets last week before sweeping second-seeded Wood River.

"We've gotten better throughout the season," said Minico coach Kris Christensen. "We're playing some of our best volleyball right now at the end of the season. We have tons of enthusiasm and we're looking forward to the tournament."

It's teams like Minico, last year's district runner-

up, that have Wood River coach Tim Richards saying, "Everybody's kind of dogged our area for volleyball, but I feel like we've had some pretty good teams."

Rivals Burley and Minico meet at 5 p.m. Monday as the fourth and fifth seeds, respectively, with the winner playing Twin Falls at 6:30 p.m. The other side of the bracket features third-seeded Jerome against No. 6 Canyon Ridge, with the winner taking on Wood River at 6:30.

While the Bruins are likely to earn one of the district's two state berths, the other is clearly up for grabs as none of the other teams has matched Twin Falls' consistent play.

"We feel comfortable with the rotation of players we have right now," said Price. "We have five really good hitters. Everyone in the gym knows we go to Cheltzie (Williams), but we have other players who step up for us."

But everything's different in the postseason, which will add additional spice to an already tasty tournament.

Said Price: "I'm interested in seeing how the team responds to some pressure."

Mushers, Blue Devils roll at Northside tourney

Times-News

The first day of the Class 1A Division II Northside Conference volleyball tournament went as expected, as top seeded Camas County and No. 2 Dietrich easily rolled to victory to advance.

The Mushers and Blue Devils swept Murtaugh and Community School and third-seeded Richfield swept Carey.

Fourth-seeded Lighthouse Christian, however, needed all five sets to defeat Castleford 17-25, 25-20, 20-25, 25-23, 15-7.

Kyanna Jones and Andrea

Helman led the Lions with six kills and four aces each and Brooklyn Vanderselt dished out 21 assists.

"It was a great, back-and-forth match," said Lighthouse Christian coach Tobie Helman.

Karli Bower led Castleford with 10 kills and 13 blocks.

"We played really well tonight as a team. We hit the great," said Castleford coach Oscar Flores.

The Lions will play Camas County, while No. 3 seed Richfield faces off against Dietrich.

Both games are Monday at Carey High School begin-

ning at 4 p.m.

CAMAS COUNTY 3, MURTAUGH 0

Camas county is perfecting a new offense and so far, so good as the No. 1 Mushers easily swept No. 8 Murtaugh Saturday 25-10, 25-9, 25-4.

Katelyn Peterson led the team with 12 kills and Carly Strom added seven. Taylor Gorringer recorded seven aces, while Peterson and Strom each added five.

"They came out tonight and really polished our new offense we've been working on," said Camas County coach Shelly Schroeder.

On the defensive side of

the ball, Sierra Savin recorded 10 digs.

DIETRICH 3, COMMUNITY SCHOOL 0

Libero Charlie Bingham recorded 10 service points, including eight consecutive to lead No. 2 seed Dietrich past Community School 25-17, 25-5, 25-12.

"All of the girls played great tonight," said Dietrich coach Traci Perron.

RICHFIELD 3, CAREY 0

Third-seeded Richfield swept No. 6 Carey 25-15, 25-23, 25-18, setting up a match with Dietrich on Monday.

NIC outlasts CSI in five-set contest

Cardinals close in on SWAC title

Times-News

The long road to nationals just got a little longer for the College of Southern Idaho volleyball team.

Sixth-ranked North Idaho survived blowing a two-set lead and outlasted No. 10 CSI 28-26, 25-22, 18-25, 22-25, 15-8 on Saturday in Coeur d'Alene, a result that all but clinched the Scenic West Athletic Conference championship for the hosts.

The Golden Eagles (20-7,

4-2 SWAC) brought out their new look with Taylor Wilkinson in the middle and Alyssa Everett on the right in attack, a formation honed against Blue Mountain Community College on Thursday.

CSI coach Heidi Cartisser said she liked the way it worked offensively, but a new rotation defensively cost CSI in the fifth and final set after having rallied to force five.

"We just got stuck in a rotation and didn't play mistake-free. If we would have gotten out of that (rotation)

I think we'd have been fine," she said. "That's something we have to iron out. It sucks to lose but we did better against them than what we did last time. And the next time we see them it's hopefully a different result."

If there is a next time between the two teams it would probably be in the region championship match.

Barring a spectacular collapse by the Cardinals (19-5, 6-0), the Region 18 Tournament will be staged in Coeur d'Alene in three weeks' time. For it to be held

anywhere else North Idaho would have to lose at least twice in its final four conference matches. CSI currently sits third, half a game behind Snow College (5-2) after the Badgers swept Eastern Utah and Colorado Northwestern.

Salt Lake (3-4) is in fourth after splitting with the same two squads, including a five-set loss to Eastern Utah on Saturday.

CSI returns to action this week for its final two home matches of the season, against Eastern Utah on Thursday and Colorado Northwestern on Saturday.



District IV volleyball tournaments

Class 4A

Great Basin Conference Tournament
At Twin Falls High School
Monday, Oct. 18

Match 1: No. 4 Burley vs. No. 5 Minico, 5 p.m.
Match 2: No. 3 Jerome vs. No. 6 Canyon Ridge, 5 p.m.
Match 3: No. 1 Twin Falls vs. Winner 1, 6:30 p.m.
Match 4: No. 2 Wood River vs. Winner 2, 6:30 p.m.
Match 5: Loser 1 vs. Loser 2, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 19

Match 6: Winner 5 vs. Loser 3 or 4 (lower seed), 5 p.m.
Match 7: Winner 3 vs. Winner 4, 5 p.m.
Match 8: Winner 6 vs. Loser 3 or 4 (higher seed), 6:30 p.m.
Match 9: Winner 8 vs. Loser 7, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 21

Match 10: Championship, Winner 7 vs. Winner 9, 6 p.m.
Match 11: Second championship, if necessary, 7:30 p.m.

Winner and second place advance to state tournament Oct. 29-30 at Kimberly High School.

Class 3A

Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Tournament
At Filer High School
Monday, Oct. 18

Match 1: No. 2 Kimberly vs. No. 3 Buhl, 5:15 p.m.
Match 2: No. 1 Filer vs. Winner 1, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 20

Match 3: Loser 2 vs. Loser 1, 5 p.m.
Match 4: Championship, Winner 2 vs. Winner 3, 6:30 p.m.
Match 5: Second championship, if necessary, 8 p.m.

Winner advances to state tournament Oct. 29-30 at Wendell High School.

Class 2A

Canyon Conference Tournament
At Gooding High School

Saturday, Oct. 16

Match 1: No. 3 Valley def. No. 4 Wendell 25-19, 25-22, 25-19
Match 2: No. 1 Gooding def. No. 5 Glenns Ferry 25-15, 25-20, 25-8
Match 3: No. 2 Declo def. Valley 26-24, 25-15, 25-17
Match 4: Glenns Ferry def. Wendell 19-25, 25-14, 25-11, 20-25, 15-10 (Wendell eliminated)
Tuesday, Oct. 19
Match 5: Valley vs. Glenns Ferry, 5 p.m.
Match 6: Declo vs. Gooding, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 20

Match 7: Winner 5 vs. Loser 6, 4:30 p.m.
Match 8: Championship, Winner 7 vs. Winner 6, 6 p.m.
Match 9: Second championship, if necessary, 7:30 p.m.

Winner advances to state tournament Oct. 29-30 at Buhl High School. Second place faces District VI runner-up in state play-in at 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 23, at American Falls High School.

Class 1A

Snake River Conference Tournament
At Burley High School
Saturday, Oct. 16

Match 1: North No. 3 Hagerman def. South No. 2 Grace 25-13, 27-25, 26-24
Match 2: South No. 1 Raft River def. South No. 4 Oakley 25-7, 23-25, 25-13, 25-7
Match 3: North No. 2 Shoshone def. South No. 3 Hansen 25-16, 25-22, 25-12
Match 4: North No. 1 Challis def. Hagerman 25-15, 25-17, 25-18
Match 5: Raft River def. Shoshone 22-25, 27-25, 25-20, 25-8
Match 6: Hansen def. Oakley 25-13, 25-22, 25-22 (Oakley eliminated)
Tuesday, Oct. 19
Match 7: Hagerman vs. Grace, 4 p.m.
Match 8: Shoshone vs. Hansen, 4 p.m.
Match 9: Championship, Challis vs. Raft River, 5:30 p.m.
Match 10: Winner 7 vs. Winner 8,

5:30 p.m.
Match 11: Loser 9 vs. Winner 10, 7 p.m.

Winner and second place advance to state tournament Oct. 29-30 at Declo High School. Third place faces District III third-place in state play-in at 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 23 at Mountain Home High School.

Northside Conference Tournament

At Carey High School
Saturday, Oct. 16

Match 1: No. 1 Camas County def. No. 8 Murtaugh 25-10, 25-9, 25-4
Match 2: No. 2 Dietrich def. No. 7 Community School 25-17, 25-5, 25-12
Match 3: No. 5 Lighthouse Christian def. No. 4 Castleford 17-25, 25-20, 20-25, 25-23, 15-7

Match 4: No. 3 Richfield def. No. 6 Carey 25-15, 25-23, 25-18
Monday, Oct. 18

Match 5: Camas County vs. Lighthouse Christian, 4 p.m.
Match 6: Dietrich vs. Richfield, 5:30 p.m.
Match 7: Murtaugh vs. Castleford, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 19

Match 8: Community School vs. Carey, 4 p.m.
Match 9: Winner 7 vs. Loser 6, 5:30 p.m.
Match 10: Winner 8 vs. Loser 5, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 20
Match 11: Championship, Winner 5 vs. Winner 6, 4 p.m.
Match 12: Winner 9 vs. Winner 10, 5:30 p.m.
Match 13: Second place, Loser 11 vs. Winner 12, 7 p.m.

Winner and second place advance to state tournament Oct. 29-30 at Burley High School. Third place faces District V-VI runner-up in state play-in at 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 23 at American Falls High School.

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12. (2) Carl Edwards, Ford, 334, 87.2, 132.	
13. (32) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 334, 70, 124.	
14. (4) Mark Martin, Chevrolet, 334, 108.8, 126.	
15. (13) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 334, 99.5, 118.	
16. (14) Marcos Ambrose, Toyota, 334, 72.5, 115.	
17. (20) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, 334, 74.4, 117.	
18. (7) Reed Sorenson, Toyota, 334, 72, 114.	
19. (21) Scott Speed, Toyota, 334, 70.7, 106.	
20. (18) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 334, 75.4, 108.	
21. (29) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 334, 66.2, 100.	
22. (30) Bobby Labonte, Chevrolet, 333, 57.2, 97.	
23. (10) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 333, 57.3, 99.	
24. (5) Paul Menard, Ford, 333, 73.8, 91.	
25. (3) A.J. Allmendinger, Ford, 333, 71, 93.	
26. (9) Elliott Sadtler, Ford, 332, 63.4, 85.	
27. (31) Brad Keselowski, Dodge, 332, 53.9, 82.	
28. (36) David Gilliland, Ford, 332, 46.1, 84.	
29. (40) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 331, 56.8, 76.	
30. (15) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 331, 51.7, 79.	
31. (42) Travis Kvapil, Ford, 331, 39.4, 70.	
32. (41) Dave Blaney, Ford, 331, 37, 67.	
33. (39) Robby Gordon, Toyota, 327, 38.2, 64.	
34. (38) Andy Lalor, Chevrolet, 315, 31.8, 61.	
35. (37) Bill Elliott, Ford, 305, 35.6, 58.	
36. (11) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 312, 29.9, 55.	
37. (35) Patrick Carpenter, Ford, Accident, 217, 38.2, 57.	
38. (25) Kasey Kahne, Ford, 214, 44, 49.	
39. (33) Michael McDowell, Chevrolet, Rear Gear, 127, 35, 51.	
40. (39) Sam Hornish Jr., Dodge, Accident, 122, 47.7, 43.	
41. (43) Jeff Green, Toyota, Transmission, 91, 32, 40.	
42. (28) Brandon Cassill, Chevrolet, Rear Gear, 89, 29.4, 37.	
43. (40) J.J. Yeley, Chevrolet, Ignition, 73, 34.2, 34.	

Rate Statistics

Average Speed Of Race Winner: 140.391 Mph.
Time Of Race: 3 Hours, 34 Minutes, 7 Seconds.
Margin Of Victory: 1.866 Seconds.
Caution Flags: 9 For 39 Laps.
Lead Changes: 27 Among 19 Drivers.
Lap Leaders: J.Gordon 1-7; C.Edwards 8; Ky.Busch 9-25; D.Gilliland 26; M.McDowell 27-28; Ky.Busch 29-76; M.Martin 77; J.Burton 78; J.Montoya 79-80; M.Kenseth 81; C.Bowyer 82; P.Carpenter 83; Ky.Busch 84-127.
M.Martin 128-155; J.McMurray 136-169; Ky.Busch 170-173; D.Hamlin 174; J.Logano 175; K.Harvick 176; G.Biffle 177; C.Edwards 178; J.McMurray 179-188; J.Johnson 189-203; Ky.Busch 204-292; R.Sorenson 293; A.Allmendinger 294-298; Ky.Busch 299-313; J.McMurray 314-334.
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led):
Ky.Busch, 6 Times For 217 Laps; J.McMurray, 3 Times For 65 Laps; J.Johnson, 1 Time For 15 Laps; M.Martin, 2 Times For 9 Laps; J.Gordon, 1 Time For 7 Laps; A.Allmendinger, 1 Time For 5 Laps; J.Montoya, 1 Time For 2 Laps; C.Edwards, 2 Times For 2 Laps; M.McDowell, 1 Time For 2 Laps; D.Hamlin, 1 Time For 1 Lap; G.Biffle, 1 Time For 1 Lap; M.Kenseth, 1 Time For 1 Lap; J.Logano, 1 Time For 1 Lap; K.Harvick, 1 Time For 1 Lap; C.Bowyer, 1 Time For 1 Lap; R.Sorenson, 1 Time For 1 Lap; J.Burton, 1 Time For 1 Lap; D.Gilliland, 1 Time For 1 Lap; P.Carpenter, 1 Time For 1 Lap.
Top 12 In Points: 1. J.Johnson, 5,843; 2. D.Hamlin, 5,802; 3. K.Harvick, 5,766; 4. J.Gordon, 5,687; 5. Ky.Busch, 5,666; 6. T.Stewart, 5,666; 7. C.Edwards, 5,643; 8. G.Biffle, 5,618; 9. Ku.Busch, 5,606; 10. J.Burton, 5,604; 11. M.Kenseth, 5,587; 12. C.Bowyer, 5,543.

Nascar Driver Rating Formula

A Maximum Of 150 Points Can Be Attained In A Race.
The Formula Combines The Following Categories:
Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While On Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, Lead-Lap Finish.

BASEBALL

MLB Postseason All Times MDT

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

American League

Friday, Oct. 15

Saturday, Oct. 16	
Texas vs New York 7 p.m.	
Monday, Oct. 18	
Texas (Tex 12-9) at New York (Pettitte 11-3), 8:07 p.m.	
Tuesday, Oct. 19	
Texas (Hunter 13-4) at New York (Burnett 10-15), 6:07 p.m.	
Wednesday, Oct. 20	
Texas at New York, 2:07 p.m.	
Friday, Oct. 22	
New York at Texas, 6:07 p.m., if necessary	
Saturday, Oct. 23	
New York at Texas, 6:07 p.m., if necessary	
National League	

Saturday, Oct. 16	
San Francisco 4, Philadelphia 3, San Francisco leads series 1-0	
Sunday, Oct. 17	
San Francisco (Sanchez 13-9) at Philadelphia (Oswalt 13-13), 6:19 p.m.	
Tuesday, Oct. 19	
Philadelphia (Hamels 12-11) at San Francisco (Cain 13-11), 2:19 p.m.	
Wednesday, Oct. 20	
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 5:57 p.m.	
Thursday, Oct. 21	
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 5:57 p.m., if necessary	
Saturday, Oct. 23	
San Francisco at Philadelphia, 1:57 p.m. or 5:57 p.m., if necessary	
Sunday, Oct. 24	
San Francisco at Philadelphia, 5:57 p.m., if necessary	

ALCS Box												
RANGERS 7, YANKEES 2												
New York			Texas									
ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi					
Jeter ss	4	0	1	Andrus ss	4	1	2	0				
Grinds cf	2	0	0	Milone 3b	5	0	1	1				
Teixeira 1b	4	0	0	J.Herrin cf	1	0	0	0				
ArDreZ 3b	5	0	1	O.Guerr dh	5	0	1	0				
Cano 2b	5	2	2	N.Cruz rf-H	4	2	2	0				
Swisher rf	3	0	1	Kinsler 2b	3	1	1	1				
Posada c	3	0	1	D.Mrpf lf	3	2	2	2				
Birkinn dh	3	0	1	Franci ph-H	1	0	0	0				
Gardn lf	2	0	0	Moloin c	4	0	1	1				
Thoms ph-H	2	0	0	Morlid 1b	3	1	2	1				
Totals	33	2	7	Totals	33	7	12	6				
New York	000			000	—							
Texas	122			021	00x	—						
DP—New York 2, LOB—New York 12, Texas 9, 2B—Cano (1), Swisher (1), M.Young (2), N.Cruz 2 (2), Dav.Murphy (1), B.Molina (1), 3B—Kinsler (1), HR—Cano (2), Dav.Murphy (1), SB—Andrus 2 (2), J.Hamilton 2 (3), S—Kinsler.												
IP			H	R	ER	BB	SO					
New York												
P.Hughes L-O-1			4	10	7	7	3					
Chamberlain			1	1	0	0	1					
D.Robertson			11-3	1	0	0	1					
Logan			2-3	0	0	0	1					
Mitre			1	0	0	0	2					
Texas												
C.Lewis W-1-0			52-3	6	2	2	3					
Rapada			1-3	0	0	0	0					
Osgando			1	1	0	0	1					
D.Oliver			2-3	0	0	0	1					
O'Day			1-3	0	0	0	0					
N.Felz			1	0	0	0	2					
P.Hughes pitched to 2 batters in the 5th. Logan pitched to 1 batter in the 8th. HBP—by C.Lewis (Granderson). WP—P.Hughes, C.Lewis. Umpires—Home, Tony Randazzo; First, Jim Reynolds; Second, Angel Hernandez; Third, J.Felix Culbreth; Right, Gerry Davis; Left, Brian Gorman. T-3:52, A-50:362 (491,70).												

NLCS Box												
GIANTS 4, PHILLIES 3												
San Francisco			Philadelphia									
ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi					
Atorrs cf	5	0	0	Victorn cf	5	0	1	0				
F.Snch 2b	5	0	0	Polanc 3b	4	0	1	0				
A.Huff 1b	4	0	1	O.Ulley 2b	3	1	1	0				
Br/Wlsn p	0	0	0	O.Howard 1b	4	0	1	0				
Posey c	4	1	1	O.Werth rf	3	1	2	2				
Burrell lf	3	0	2	1.Rollins ss	4	0	0	0				
Schrlft pr-rf	1	0	1	O.Ibanez lf	3	0	0	0				
Uribe ss	4	0	1	C.Ruiz c	3	1	1	1				
Fontent 3b	4	0	0	O.WValdz pr	0	0	0	0				
C.Ross rf-H	3	2	2	2.Halladay p	2	0	1	0				
Lincnc p	3	0	0	O.Dbrwn ph	1	0	0	0				
JaJozp p	0	0	0	O.Madson p	0	0	0	0				
Ishikaw 1b	0	0	0	Gload ph	0	0	0	0				
Totals	36	4	9	Totals	33	3	7	3				
San Francisco	001			002	000	—						
Philadelphia	001			002	000	—						
DP—San Francisco 1, LOB—San Francisco 7, Philadelphia 7, 2B—Burrell (1), Polanco (1), Howard (1), HR—C.Ross 2 (2), Werth (1), C.Ruiz (1), SB—Fontenot (1).												
IP			H	R	ER	BB	SO					
San Francisco												
Linccum W-1-0			7	6	3	3	3					
Ja.Lopez H-1			2-3	0	0	0	0					
Br/Wilson S-1-1			11-3	1	0	0	0					
Philadelphia												
Halladay L-O-1			7	8	4	4	0					
Madson			1	0	0	0	0					
Lidge			1	0	0	1	1					
HBP—by Br.Wilson (C.Ruiz), by Lidge (Ishikawa), PB—Posey. Umpires—Home, Derryl Cousins; First, Dan Iassogna; Second, Ted Barrett; Third, Wally Bell; Right, Tom Hallion; Left, Jeff Nelson. T-2:59, A-45,929 (434,651).												

BASKETBALL

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

All Times MDT				
ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	6	1	.857	—
New Jersey	2	3	.400	3
Toronto	2	3	.400	3
Philadelphia	1	4	.200	4
New York	0	3	.000	4

GAME PLAN

TV SCHEDULE

EXTREME SPORTS	
2 p.m.	
NBC — Dew Tour Championships	
GOLF	
8 a.m.	
TGC — European PGA Tour, Portugal Masters, final round	
11:30 a.m.	
TGC — Nationwide Tour, Miccosukee Championship, final round	
2 p.m.	
TGC — PGA Tour, Frys.com Open, final round	
5:30 p.m.	
TGC — LPGA Challenge, final round	

SOUTHEAST				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Orlando	5	0	1.000	—
Washington	3	2	.600	2
Wiami	2	3	.500	2½
Atlanta	1	3	.250	3
Charlotte	1	4	.200	4
CENTRAL				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	4	1	.800	—
Milwaukee	3	2	.600	1
Indiana	2	3	.400	2
Chicago	2	4	.333	2½
Detroit	2	4	.333	2½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Memphis	5	0	1.000	—
Houston	4	2	.667	1½
Dallas	3	3	.500	2½
San Antonio	2	2	.500	2½
New Orleans	1	4	.200	4
NORTHWEST				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Utah	5	0	1.000	—
Denver	4	1	.800	1
Minerota	2	1	.667	2
Oklahoma City	1	2	.333	3
Portland	1	3	.250	3½
PACIFIC				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Golden State	2	1	.667	—
L.A. Lakers	1	1	.500	½
Sacramento	2	3	.400	1
Phoenix	1	2	.333	2
L.A. Clippers	1	5	.167	2½

Indiana 101, New Orleans 98
Boston 117, Toronto 112
Minnesota 99, Detroit 88
Dallas 109, Chicago 105, OT
Saturday's Games
Houston 95, New Jersey 85
Charlotte 97, Detroit 94
Orlando 105, Chicago 67
Utah 103, L.A. Clippers 91
Boston 97, New York 84
Memphis 91, Milwaukee 77
Atlanta 84, New Orleans 74
Golden State at Portland, late
Denver at L.A. Lakers, late
Sunday's Games
Phoenix at Toronto, 11 a.m.
Washington at New York, 4 p.m.
Orlando vs. Minnesota at Sioux Falls, SD, 6 p.m.
Monday's Games
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 5 p.m.
Charlotte at Miami, 5:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Memphis, 6 p.m.
Orlando City at San Antonio, 6:30 p.m.
Portland at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.

Texas get big lead again, hold on to even ALCS

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Rangers relievers got quick redemption, and Texas finally has won a postseason game at home for the first time in its 50-season history.

Elvis Andrus got the Rangers off to a running start, David Murphy led a parade of extra-base hits and the bullpen that faltered the night before held strong this time as Texas got even in the AL championship series with a 7-2 victory over the New York Yankees in Game 2 on Saturday.

The Rangers again built an early 5-0 lead — and stayed ahead this time, unlike the series opener when the Yankees had their biggest postseason comeback in the seventh inning or later. Texas snapped a 10-game postseason losing streak against New York.

The best-of-seven series now switches to Yankee Stadium for Game 3 on Monday night, when Texas will have hired ace left-hander Cliff Lee on the mound. Lee has won his last four starts in New York, including a complete game for Philadelphia in last year's World Series.

Colby Lewis limited New York to two runs over 5 2-3 innings and the bullpen rebounded from the eighth-inning debacle in Game 1 that allowed the defending World Series champion Yankees to



Texas Rangers shortstop Elvis Andrus beats the throw to New York Yankees second baseman Robinson Cano during Game 2 of the American League Championship Series Saturday in Arlington, Texas.

escape with a 6-5 victory even though CC Sabathia lasted only four innings.

“That’s what they have been doing for us all year. That’s how we got to this point,” manager Ron Washington said. “Last night, we didn’t get it done. We didn’t make any excuses. ... I was going to give to ball back to those guys if it presented itself. It presented itself, they did a great job. I expected that.”

New York’s postseason winning streak over the Rangers included knocking them out of the playoffs in 1996, 1998 and 1999, Texas’ only other post-

season appearances.

These Rangers don’t plan to be easily dismissed by the Bronx Bombers, who have won 27 World Series titles and 40 pennants.

Andrus led off the first with an infield single on a chopper that deflected off starter Phil Hughes’ glove. Andrus went to second on a wild pitch, then stole third before Josh Hamilton drew a walk.

With Nelson Cruz batting and two outs, Hamilton took off for second base, and Andrus ran home when Jorge Posada threw the ball to second. The double-steal put Texas up 1-0 before

Cruz’s inning-ending strike-out.

“Elvis got on and basically took three bags,” Lewis said.

“Opportunity seemed right, so I took a chance. That’s the way we play,” Washington said. “It worked. Got us going”

Murphy homered off the facade of the second deck of seats in the second for a 2-0 lead, then an inning later he and Bengie Molina had consecutive RBI doubles to make it 5-0.

Texas had lost its first seven home playoffs games, the most by any team before finally getting a victory in front of its own fans, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. Five of those losses had been to New York, plus two to Tampa Bay last weekend in the first round when the Rangers had to go back to Florida for a deciding Game 5 with Lee pitching to win a post-season series for the first time ever.

Andy Pettitte pitches for the Yankees against Lee on Monday night. Manager Joe Girardi decided before this series started to swap the rotation order of Hughes and Pettitte, who will be going for his 20th postseason victory.

“Cliff Lee doesn’t beat himself. And he’s going to throw a lot of strikes,” Girardi said. “The guy that’s getting lost in this is Andy Pettitte, and he’s pretty good.”

Giants edge Phillies 4-3 in NLCS Game 1

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Tim Lincecum shrugged off his pirouette at the plate, ignored the derisive whistles he heard in the batter’s box and did his thing on the mound — where he’s most comfortable.

Lincecum outduelled Roy Halladay, Cody Ross hit a pair of solo homers and the San Francisco Giants beat the Philadelphia Phillies 4-3 in Game 1 of the NL championship series Saturday night.

In a mega-hyped matchup between marquee pitchers, neither starter came close to matching his sensational post-season debut last week. Both gave up homers to the No. 8 hitters.

“It’s tons of confidence, but I think it’s more about winning Game 1 for us, setting the pace,” Lincecum said.

Halladay’s bid for a second straight no-hitter lasted until Ross connected with one out in the third.

“It was just enough to squeak by for us,” Lincecum said.

Lincecum, who had tossed a



two-hitter, gave up three runs on homers to Jayson Werth and Carlos Ruiz in seven innings.

But the Freak got the big outs when he needed them, and the Giants earned their fourth one-run win in the playoffs. The two-time NL champion Phillies lost their first series opener since getting swept by Colorado in 2007.

“Lincecum, he hung in there and he battled and he pitched pretty good,” Phillies manager

Philadelphia Phillies outfielder Jayson Werth (28) breaks up a double play by sliding in hard on San Francisco Giants shortstop Juan Uribe during the fourth inning of Game 1 of the National League Championship Series Saturday in Philadelphia.

Charlie Manuel said.

Game 2 is Sunday night. Jonathan Sanchez tries to send the Giants back to San Francisco just two wins from their first World Series appearance since 2002. Roy Oswalt goes for the Phillies.

The notoriously tough Philly fans came up with a unique way to mock Lincecum instead of the usual boos. They serenaded him with whistles when he batted in the fifth and seventh,

presumably poking fun at his long, shaggy hair.

His first time up, Lincecum struck out, spinning on one leg after swinging at a slow curve.

Lincecum gave way to Javier Lopez, who got two outs in the eighth. All-Star closer Brian Wilson finished with a four-out save.

The Phillies led the majors in wins (97) for the first time in franchise history, captured their fourth straight division title and are trying to become the first NL team in 66 years to win three straight pennants.

The Giants are seeking their first World Series title since moving from New York in 1958.

Ross, a Phillies nemesis, ripped a 2-0 pitch to the seats in left to give the Giants a 2-1 lead in the fifth. He was 3 for 16 off Halladay before taking him deep his first two at-bats.

“It’s just awesome to be in this situation right now, to be able to come here and help this team where it wanted to be,” Ross said.

McMurray upstages Chase drivers for NASCAR win

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — Jamie McMurray picked up his third big victory in his comeback season, beating all the championship contenders Saturday night at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

McMurray, winner of the Daytona 500 and the Brickyard 400 this year, passed Kyle Busch on a restart with 21 laps to go to cruise to the win in his Chevrolet. It came eight years after his first career victory, which came at Charlotte, in his second event with Chip Ganassi Racing.

McMurray is not eligible for

the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship, but was better than all the title contenders to become the first non-Chase driver to win a Chase race at Charlotte since the format began in 2004.

Busch led a race-high 218 laps but had to settle for second in a Toyota after McMurray easily passed him on the restart. Busch had to hang on for his spot when four-time defending series champion Jimmie Johnson charged hard over the

closing laps.

“Nobody can put it perspective for me, it’s very, very disappointing,” said Busch, who was apoplectic on his radio about the debris caution that wiped out his lead. He also ranted about the restart that allowed McMurray to move ahead of him, and refused to accept that second place was a decent day.

Johnson, who spun early and dropped to 37th, completed an improbable comeback in a Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet. Denny Hamlin was fourth in a Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota, and lost more ground to

Johnson in the Chase race.

With five races remaining, Johnson holds a 41-point lead over Hamlin. They go next to Martinsville Speedway, where Johnson and Hamlin have combined to win the last eight races.

Greg Biffle and Roush-Fenway Racing teammate Matt Kenseth finished fifth and sixth in Fords, Joey Logano was seventh to put all three JGR cars in the top seven. Kevin Harvick was eighth and maintained the third spot in the standings, but dropped 77 points behind Johnson.

Trio of eagles help Mediate keep lead at Frys.com

SAN MARTIN, Calif. — Rocco Mediate holed out with a pitching wedge from 111 yards on the par-5 15th hole for his third eagle of the week and finished with a 4-under 67 to maintain a three-stroke lead Saturday in the Frys.com Open.

The 47-year-old Mediate, looking for his first PGA Tour victory in eight years, became the first player to make three eagles in a tournament since Tiger Woods in the 1998 Sprint International. Mediate had a hole-in-one on the par-3 third hole Thursday and holed out from 160 yards Friday on the par-4 fourth hole. He had a 17-under 196 total on the

CordeValle Golf Club course in the Fall Series event.

Bo Van Pelt was second after a 65, rookie Alex Prugh (66) and Ryuji Imada (69) were five strokes back at 12 under, and U.S. Ryder Cup player Rickie Fowler (68) was 11 under.

Mediate got into a conversation with a group of people as he approached the tee on the 15th hole. They wanted to follow him, but were more interested in watching the NLCS opener between the San Francisco Giants and Philadelphia Phillies.

“I told them I don’t blame them,” he said. “I would do the same thing if I could.”

Three other player also recorded an eagle, all on the short par-4, 298-yard 17th hole.

Prugh used a 3-wood off the tee to get within 23 inches of the cup for his eagle. That capped a 5-under 66, which included five consecutive birdies and helped ease the pain of a couple of bogeys.

“I hit it perfect right up the left fringe,” Prugh said. “It kind of rolled around the backstop and came back.”

THREE SHARE LPGA LEAD

DANVILLE, Calif. — Michele Redman holed out from 126 yards for an eagle on the par-4

18th hole for a 4-under 68 and a share of the third-round lead in the CVS/pharmacy LPGA Challenge with Spain’s Beatriz Recari and South Korea’s Ilhee Lee.

The 45-year-old Redman, who had a double bogey on the par-3 16th, hit an 8-iron approach that landed 16 feet from the pin, then rolled into the cup as the crowd cheered.

Lee also shot a 68, and Recari had a 70 to match Redman at 12 under on the Blackhawk Country Club course. Wendy Ward (69) and France’s Gwladys Nocera (71) were 11 under.

— The Associated Press

Patriots have lots to prove against Baltimore

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press writer

The Patriots remember. Vividly.

Last January, in the wild-card round of the playoffs, the Baltimore Ravens thumped New England at Foxborough in the most thorough beatdown Bill Belichick’s team has experienced in the postseason. On Sunday, the Ravens, with the league’s best record, are back in town.

Are the Patriots ready?

“We got manhandled by a damn good team,” says Tom Brady, who with a win over Baltimore would surpass John Elway for second-most consecutive regular-season wins at home with 23 (Brett Favre set the mark with 25 for Green Bay). “And everything we said we wanted to do, we didn’t do. Penalties, turnovers, we couldn’t convert on third down, couldn’t control the tempo of the game.

“I have a lot of respect for these guys. They play really hard. They’re very well coached. They have a very physical front, a very emotional team. They play with energy and enthusiasm for what they’re doing. I think you have to be able to match that. Once they get fired up, it’s tough to calm them down.”

Baltimore (4-1) certainly won’t be intimidated about playing in Gillette Stadium after that 33-14 playoff romp. Its defense is just as fierce and formidable as ever.

“They create a lot of issues with their different packages and their blitz packages and where they line up,” Brady says. “They do try to cause some confusion. Sometimes you’re snapping the ball not quite sure if you have everything picked up, but you have to do the best you can do against a defense like this. I think that’s why they’re one of the best defenses in the league.”

New England (3-1) plays its first game without Randy Moss, who was traded to Minnesota just before the Patriots had their bye. They brought back Deion Branch, the 2005 Super Bowl MVP, in a deal with Seattle.

The Patriots’ offense will need to keep up with the Ravens’ balanced unit that has become particularly dangerous through the air with the addition of standout receiver Anquan Boldin.

Elsewhere Sunday, it’s Cleveland at Pittsburgh as Ben Roethlisberger returns to the Steelers; Dallas at Minnesota; Atlanta at Philadelphia; Kansas City at Houston; Miami at Green Bay; Indianapolis at Washington; the New York Jets at Denver; New Orleans at Tampa Bay; Seattle at Chicago; Oakland at San Francisco; Detroit at the New York Giants; and San Diego at St. Louis.

Monday’s game has Tennessee at Jacksonville.

Off this week are Buffalo (0-5), Cincinnati (2-3), Arizona (3-2) and Carolina (0-5).

DALLAS (1-3) AT MINNESOTA (1-3)

What a juicy matchup this could have been. Instead, one of these presumed contenders will be looking at a long climb back.

As if Minnesota needed any more woes, the ongoing investigation of Favre’s off-field conduct can be a distraction. And Favre is bothered by tendinitis in his right elbow. But he does have Moss to throw to — finally — and the Vikings outplayed the Jets late in their Monday night loss at the Meadowlands.

Imagine the angst in Big D if the Cowboys drop this one with the Giants (twice) and Packers coming up soon on the schedule.

NEW YORK JETS (4-1) AT DENVER (2-3)

If there is a more banged-up team than the Packers, it has to be the Broncos. Particularly decimated is the defense, with safeties Brian Dawkins and Darcel McBath, cornerback Andre’ Goodman and linebackers Robert Ayers and Wesley Woodyard all out.

“Nobody wishes for them (injuries), but we play a violent game,” says David Bruton, a likely starter at safety. “Injuries happen: ankle, shoulder, knee, foot, tooth.”

New York might be without star cornerback Darrelle Revis, who has a sore hamstring, possibly the fallout from his preseason holdout. The Jets can become the first team to commit one or fewer turnovers in the first six games of a season. New York hasn’t turned over the ball since Week 1 and has won all four games since.

SEATTLE (2-2) AT CHICAGO (4-1)

The schizophrenic Seahawks are good enough at home, where both wins came, and awful on the road. Pete Carroll keeps shuffling personnel, seeking the right mix that could steal the weak NFC West. But his team must find some away victories.

With Jay Cutler back, the Bears should be more efficient on offense, especially if coordinator Mike Martz swallows hard and hands the ball often to Matt Forte. If not and Seattle can muster a pass rush, it could be a sackfest.

OAKLAND (2-3) AT SAN FRANCISCO (0-5)

Not much of a Battle by the Bay with the Niners so dreadful. The Raiders have displayed a lot of spirit, and their first win in 14 tries against San Diego last week has to be a boost. San Francisco is a minus-10 in turnover margin and ranks 30th in rushing despite the presence of Frank Gore.

Upsets hit college football world

Ohio State, Nebraska lose

Texas gave Nebraska a send-off all right — knocking the wind from the Cornhuskers’ national championship hopes. Ohio State was one and done as No. 1, while Auburn’s title aspirations are still on the rise.

In Madison, Wis., John Clay ran for 104 yards and two touchdowns and James White darted in for the clinching score as No. 18 Wisconsin took down the Buckeyes 31-18 Saturday night.

For the second week in a row, there will be a new No. 1, with Ohio State (6-1, 2-1 Big Ten) falling the way Alabama was beaten last week — on the road and in its conference.

Wisconsin hadn’t defeated a No. 1 since 1981, when the Badgers knocked off Michigan.

David Gilreath returned the opening kickoff 97 yards for a touchdown and the Badgers (6-1, 2-1) proceeded to run over the Buckeyes in the first half, taking a 21-3 lead into the break.

Terrelle Pryor, who threw for 156 yards and ran for another 56, guided Ohio State on two long scoring drives in the second half and Dan Herron capped them both with touchdowns to cut the Wisconsin lead to 21-18 with 11:38 left in the fourth. But the Badgers responded with another long touchdown drive, then added a field goal to put No. 1 up for grabs again.

Just in time for the BCS standings to make their season debut today.

No. 2 Oregon was idle this week and has never been No. 1 before. The Ducks must have enjoyed watching the show at rowdy Camp Randall, and No. 3 Boise State and No. 4 TCU also must have been smiling as the scores rolled in from around the country.

In Lincoln, Neb., Garrett Gilbert ran for two touchdowns and Texas’ defense shut down Taylor Martinez to lead the Longhorns to a 20-13 upset of No. 5 Nebraska.

Texas (4-2, 2-1 Big 12), which came in as a 9½-point underdog, surprised Nebraska (5-1, 1-1) by turning Gilbert loose in the run game. The quarterback went for a 71 yards on 11 carries, scoring from 3 yards and 1 yard, and Cody Johnson had 58 of his 73 yards in the second half.

The Longhorns stymied a Nebraska offense that had been averaging 494 yards a game, holding it to just 202, but the Huskers were still within a touchdown late in the game.

Auburn should take advantage of the Huskers’ loss, thanks again to Cam Newton.

The quarterback ran for 188 yards, passed for 140 and accounted for four touchdowns as No. 7 Auburn beat No. 12 Arkansas 65-43. The teams set an SEC record for most points in a non-overtime game. The previous mark



Wisconsin running back James White (20) runs from Ohio State’s Andrew Sweat, center, and Brian Rolle (36) during the second half of an NCAA college football game Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010, in Madison, Wis. Wisconsin upset No. 1 Ohio State 31-18.

was South Carolina’s 65-39 victory over Mississippi State in 1995.

Arkansas (4-2, 1-2) hung on, even after losing star quarterback Ryan Mallett to a head injury in the first half, mostly because backup Tyler Wilson threw for 332 yards and four TDs.

NO. 6 OKLAHOMA 52, IOWA STATE 0
NORMAN, Okla. — DeMarco Murray scored three times to set Oklahoma’s career record for touchdowns, and Ryan Broyles broke his own mark for receptions in a game for the Sooners.

Murray ran for 112 yards and two TDs, and scored on a screen pass to surpass 1969 Heisman Trophy winner Steve Owens’ record of 57 touchdowns. Owens played before freshmen were eligible.

NO. 9 LSU 32, MCNEESE ST. 10
BATON ROUGE, La. — Stevan Ridley ran for two touchdowns, Michael Ford added the first two scoring runs of his career and LSU eventually wore down feisty McNeese State.

They’ll need a much better performance next week against No. 7 Auburn, and the crowd at Tiger Stadium must have realized it. The fans booed more than once, despite the Tigers (7-0) pushing their victory margin to double digits in the second half.

KENTUCKY 31, NO. 10 SOUTH CAROLINA 28
LEXINGTON, Ky. — Randall Cobb caught a 24-yard touchdown pass with 1:15 remaining then added the two-point conversion to cap a furious second-half for the Wildcats.

Mike Hartline threw for a career-high 349 yards and four touchdowns for Kentucky (4-3, 1-3 SEC), which overcame an 18-point halftime deficit to stun South Carolina (4-2, 2-2).

South Carolina drove to the Kentucky 20 in the final minute, but Stephen Garcia’s heave into the end zone was intercepted by Anthony Mosley with 4 seconds remaining.

NO. 13 MICHIGAN STATE 26, ILLINOIS 6
EAST LANSING, Mich.

— Kirk Cousins threw a 48-yard touchdown pass to B.J. Cunningham in the third quarter, helping Michigan State to its best start in more than four decades.

The Spartans (7-0, 3-0 Big Ten) started slowly a week after beating Michigan, but they outscored the Illini 23-0 in the second half. They are 7-0 for the first time since 1966, when they won their first nine games before famously tying Notre Dame 10-10.

NO. 15 IOWA 38, MICHIGAN 28
ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Ricky Stanzl threw his third touchdown pass to Derrell Johnson-Koulianos early in the fourth quarter and Michael Meyer kicked a 30-yard field goal with 2:53 left, helping Iowa hold off Michigan.

The Hawkeyes (5-1, 2-0 Big Ten) led the Wolverines (5-2, 1-2) by three TDs early in the fourth quarter. Tate Forcier came in for injured Denard Robinson and threw a 45-yard pass to Junior Hemingway and his 3-yard run made it 28-21 with 6:55 to play.

NO. 16 FLORIDA STATE 24, BOSTON COLLEGE 19

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Bert Reed’s 42-yard touchdown run on a reverse lifted Florida State to its fifth straight victory.

The Seminoles (6-1, 4-0 ACC) overcame four turnovers by quarterback Christian Ponder to win their fifth straight. Boston College (2-4, 0-3) had taken a 19-17 lead early in the fourth on Nate Freese’s fourth field goal of the game. That followed Ponder’s fumble at the Eagles’ 44.

NO. 17 ARIZONA 24, WASHINGTON STATE 7

PULLMAN, Wash. — Keola Antolin ran for two touchdowns and Arizona overcame the loss of quarterback Nick Foles by leaning on its little-used ground game.

Matt Scott relieved Foles and threw for 139 yards as Arizona (5-1, 2-1 Pac-10) rebounded from its loss to Oregon State last weekend to remain in the conference title hunt.

NO. 20 OKLAHOMA STATE 34, TEXAS TECH 17

LUBBOCK, Texas — Justin Blackmon had a career-high 207 yards receiving with a touchdown to lead Oklahoma State to its first win in Lubbock since 1944.

Blackmon’s 62-yard touchdown catch in the third quarter was the longest play of the game and put the contest out of reach for the Cowboys (6-0, 2-0 Big 12). Brandon Weeden completed 24 of 35 passes for 356 yards, the touchdown and two interceptions.

NO. 21 MISSOURI 30, TEXAS A&M 9

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Blaine Gabbert threw for a 361 yards and three touchdowns and Missouri remained undefeated.

Gabbert connected with Wes Kemp for touchdowns in the first and third quarters to help the Tigers (6-0, 2-0 Big 12) improve to 6-0 for the fifth time in school history.

MISSISSIPPI STATE 10, NO. 22 FLORIDA 7

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Vick Ballard ran for 98 yards, Chris Relf added 82 and a touchdown on the ground and Mississippi State controlled the clock, dictated the tempo and kept Florida’s mostly inept offense on the sideline.

SAN DIEGO ST. 27, NO. 23 AIR FORCE 25

SAN DIEGO — Freshman Ronnie Hillman scored on runs of 65 and 44 yards, finishing with 191 yards on 24 carries.

Hillman broke his 44-yarder with two minutes left, on the first play from scrimmage after SDSU (4-2, 1-1 Mountain West) recovered an inside kick.

Air Force (5-2, 3-1) pulled to 20-18 on Nathan Walker’s 4-yard run with 2:08 to go. SDSU defensive back Andrew Preston stopped Asher Clark at the 1-yard line on a two-point conversion. The conversion play originally was ruled a score, but was overturned after a lengthy review, with the officials ruling Clark’s knee was down.

— The Associated Press



AP photo

TCU wide receiver Josh Boyce (82) runs for a touchdown after a reception in the second half as BYU linebacker Jadon Wagner (49) tries to tackle him during Saturday’s game in Fort Worth, Texas.

Dalton’s four TDs lead TCU over BYU

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Andy Dalton threw four touchdown passes, including two barely a minute apart late in the first half, and No. 4 TCU narrowly missed a third consecutive shutout in a 31-3 victory against BYU on Saturday.

The Frogs led just 3-0 with two minutes left before halftime when a sack forced the Cougars to punt from their 4-yard line. Given good field position, Dalton found Josh Boyce on a 35-yard score two plays later.

TCU (7-0, 3-0 Mountain West) got the ball right back on an interception, and Dalton hit a wide-open Jimmy Young in the end zone for a 14-yard score that made it 17-0 with 26 seconds left in the half.

BYU (2-5, 1-2) had just 14 total yards in the first half but ended TCU’s shutout streak at 10 quarters with a 70-yard drive to a short field goal late in the third.

The Cougars didn’t pick up a first down until early in the second quarter and didn’t cross midfield the until shutout-ending field goal drive. BYU finished with 147 total yards, the third straight time and fourth overall that TCU’s nation-leading defense held an opponent to less than 200 yards.

The Frogs weren’t much better offensively most of the first half. They finally broke through late in the

first quarter thanks to a short field, with Dalton’s 20-yard run — his 20th first-down run of the season — setting up a short field goal.

BYU’s longest current losing streak against a Mountain West opponent is now at three, by a combined score of 101-17. BYU might not get another crack at TCU for some time, since the Cougars are going independent after this season.

The Cougars kept TCU close early with several hard hits in the first half, including a blind-side sack of Dalton by Corby Eason that knocked the Frogs out of field goal range.

Dalton still had another strong passing game — his fourth in four home games. He went 24 of 36 for 273 yards with four touchdowns and no interceptions. He has now thrown for 992 yards, with 10 touchdowns and no interceptions at home.

Ed Wesley, TCU’s leading rusher, had a rough first quarter, starting when he scrambled 20 yards behind the line of scrimmage to recover a bad shotgun snap and came up limping after he was swarmed by BYU defenders. He left the game again later in the quarter with his left arm hanging to his side. But he came back again, finishing with 53 yards on 10 carries.

Wynn leads Utah past Wyoming 30-6

LARAMIE, Wyo. — Jordan Wynn passed for 230 yards and two touchdowns, Matt Asiata ran for 109 yards and No. 11 Utah remained unbeaten with a 30-6 win over Wyoming on Saturday.

The Utes were held below their 49-point scoring average mostly due to three interceptions thrown by Wynn, including two in the end zone. But they still had no problem with Wyoming.

The Utes (6-0, 3-0 Mountain West) now will be heavily favored next week against Colorado State before testing their BCS credentials against No. 23 Air Force, No. 4 TCU and Notre Dame.

Wyoming (2-5, 0-3) ended an eight-quarter scoring drought and scored its first fourth-quarter points this season when backup quarterback Dax Crum threw a 10-yard TD pass.

All five of Wyoming’s losses have come against teams ranked in the Top 25. The Cowboys have played the third-toughest schedule in the nation, according to Sagarin computer ratings.

Wynn, who completed 16 of 25 passes in about 3½ quarters, connected with Luke Matthews on a 45-yard score and with DeVonte Christopher on a 16-yard TD.

Asiata was the workhorse on the ground, rushing 16 times, while Eddie Wide and Reggie Dunn each scored on

touchdown runs.

The Utes amassed 431 total yards on offense, close to their average for the year.

WEBER STATE 16, IDAHO STATE 13

POCATELLO — Cameron Higgins threw for 200 yards and rushed for a touchdown to lead Weber State.

Vai Tafuna scored the game-winning touchdown on a 3-yard run with 13:23 left in the fourth quarter.

Higgins was 16 for 31 with three interceptions for the Wildcats (3-3, 2-2 Big Sky), and Joe Collins caught five passes for 88 yards.

Brendon Garcia missed three field goals in the fourth quarter for Idaho State (1-6, 0-5), including a 55-yard attempt that sailed wide left as time expired.

NORTHERN ARIZONA 34, MONTANA STATE 7

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — Michael Herrick threw for 281 yards and three touchdowns and Northern Arizona beat Montana State.

The Lumberjacks (4-2, 2-1 Big Sky) scored 28 points while keeping Montana State (5-2, 3-1) scoreless in the first half.

MONTANA 23, PORTLAND STATE 21

HILLSBORO, Ore. — Brody McKnight kicked a 25-yard field goal as time expired to help the Grizzlies steal a win at Portland State.

— The Associated Press

College scores

FAR WEST

Arizona 24, Washington St. 7
Baylor 31, Colorado 25
Boise St. 48, San Jose St. 0
Colorado St. 43, UNLV 10
E. Washington 35, N. Colorado 28
Montana 23, Portland St. 21
N. Arizona 34, Montana St. 7
San Diego St. 27, Air Force 25
Southern Cal 48, California 14
Utah 30, Wyoming 6
Weber St. 16, Idaho St. 13

MIDWEST

Indiana 36, Arkansas St. 34
Iowa 38, Michigan 28
Miami (Ohio) 27, Cent. Michigan 20
Michigan St. 26, Illinois 6
N. Illinois 45, Buffalo 14
Notre Dame 44, W. Michigan 20

Ohio 38, Akron 10
Purdue 28, Minnesota 17
Texas 20, Nebraska 13
Toledo 34, Kent St. 21
Wisconsin 31, Ohio St. 18

SOUTHWEST

Fla. International 34, North Texas 10
Missouri 30, Texas A&M 9
Oklahoma 52, Iowa St. 0
Oklahoma St. 34, Texas Tech 17
Rice 34, Houston 31
TCU 31, BYU 3
Tulsa 52, Tulane 24

SOUTH

Auburn 65, Arkansas 43
Clemson 31, Maryland 7
East Carolina 33, N.C. State 27, OT
Florida St. 24, Boston College 19
Georgia 43, Vanderbilt 0

Georgia Tech 42, Middle Tennessee 14
Kentucky 31, South Carolina 28
LSU 32, McNeese St. 10
Louisiana Tech 48, Idaho 35
Louisiana-Monroe 35, W. Kentucky 30
Miami 28, Duke 13
Mississippi St. 10, Florida 7
North Carolina 44, Virginia 10
Southern Miss. 41, Memphis 19
Troy 31, Louisiana-Lafayette 24
UAB 21, UTEP 6
Virginia Tech 52, Wake Forest 21

EAST

Navy 28, SMU 21
Pittsburgh 45, Syracuse 14
Rutgers 23, Army 20, OT
Temple 28, Bowling Green 27

MARTIAL ARTS



Courtesy photo

Four JMA students earn black belts

Four Jerome Martial Art Academy students recently tested and were promoted to the 'Kenpo' or 'Raven' stage of black belt. Pictured, from left, front row: Isaac Nebeker, Johnny Lancaster, Dallin Peters and Josiah Wayment received their first-degree black belts Sept. 17, marking the first time in the Jerome school's 25-year history that four students were tested and promoted the same evening. The testing was done and the promotions were recognized by Jerome Martial Art Head Instructor Dale Shropshire, back left, and his instructor and special guest Bill Owens of Oakland, Calif., back right. Owens is the founder of the 'Fa Chuan' or Blossom Fist Martial Art Training System that is taught at the Jerome Martial Art Academy. Information: 324-6494.

Your Scores

BOWLING

SUNSET BOWL, BUHL
SPARE PAIRS
MEN'S SERIES: Kenny Moore 628.
MEN'S GAMES: Mitch Olson 246.
LADIES SERIES: Dorothy Moon 527.
LADIES GAMES: Lois Tomlinson 191.
STARLITE
MEN'S SERIES: Matt Olson 719.
MEN'S GAMES: Matt Olson 268.
LADIES SERIES: Mandi Olson 586.
LADIES GAMES: Mandi Olson 225.
SUNSET SENIORS
MEN'S SERIES: Ron Fugate 489.
MEN'S GAMES: Charlie Hill 194.
LADIES SERIES: Dixie Schroeder 507.
LADIES GAMES: Dixie Schroeder 212.
LUCKY STRIKERS
SERIES: Mandi Olson 538.
GAMES: Mandi Olson 196.
PINBUSTERS
SERIES: Mitch Olsen 678, Keith Simmons 646, Alex Wagner 642, Trevor Webb 636.
GAMES: Arik Wagner 267, Mitch Olsen 244, Alex Wagner 241, Karl Nejezchleba 235.
MAGIC BOWL, TWIN FALLS
SUNDAY ROLLERS
MEN'S SERIES: Kyle Mason 663, R.D. Adema 629, Keith Kelly 605.
MEN'S GAMES: Kyle Mason 257, Harvey McCoy 237, R.D. Adema 225.
LADIES SERIES: Amanda Crider 533, Kim Dreisigacker 482, Brenda Staley 471.
LADIES GAMES: Robin Mason 212, Kim Dreisigacker 208, Amanda Crider 189.
COMMERCIAL
SERIES: Leon Klimes 703, John Bonnett 652.
GAMES: John Bonnett 244, Leon Klimes 243.
MASONS TROPHY 9/26
SERIES: Georgia Randall 546, Vee Peterson 522, Glenda Barrutia 512, Dot Van Hook 497.
GAMES: Skeet Donaldson 205, Dot Van Hook 196, Vee Peterson 192, Georgia Randall 188.
MASON TROPHY 10-5
SERIES: Shanda Pickett 624, Vee Peterson 531, Julie Capurro 529, Gloria Harder 515.
GAMES: Shanda Pickett 277, Gloria Harder 202, Vee Peterson 192, Skeet Donaldson 188.
THURSDAY NIGHT MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Zach Black 793, Jim Brawley 678, Buddy Bryant 638, Charles Lewis 638, Jody Bryant 638.
MEN'S GAMES: Zach Black 300, Charles Lewis 259, Jim Brawley 258, Buddy Bryant 235.
LADIES SERIES: Cindy Price 566, Sylvia Wood 554, Tawnia Bryant 529, Kelsie Bryant 524.
LADIES GAMES: Cindy Price 214, Sylvia Wood 205, Michelle Bryant 194, Tawnia Bryant 185.
50 PLUS SENIOR
MEN'S SERIES: Jim Brawley 638, Ed Dutry 621, Felix McLemore 615, Russ Bartlett 596.
MEN'S GAMES: Russ Bartlett 257, Bud Whismore 246, Felix McLemore 243, Tom Smith 235.
LADIES SERIES: Gail Cederlund 569, Bernie Smith 556, Dot Moody 527, Barb Smith 519.
LADIES GAMES: Gail Cederlund 205, Dot Moody 196, Joan Leis 193, Bernie Smith 191.
EARLY FRIDAY MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Jody Bryant 628, Norm Hatke 588, Jared Ashmead 586, Kia Mathews 585.
MEN'S GAMES: Jody Bryant 257, Jared Ashmead 222, Kia Mathews 215, Tom Reynolds 213.
LADIES SERIES: Julie Shaffer 486, Elara Smith 473, LaDona Molsee 461, Melody Hartke 422.
LADIES GAMES: Elara Smith 183, Julie Shaffer 182, Melody Hatke 175, LaDona Molsee 166.
BOWLADROME, TWIN FALLS
SUNDAY EARLY MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Jake Carnahan 595, Robert Dyer 569, Paul Goswell 534, Lin Gowan 533.
MEN'S GAMES: Paul Goswell 237, Jake Carnahan 210, Robert Dyer 202, Lin Gowan 192.
LADIES SERIES: Debbie Westburg 434, Ludy Harkins 402, Brandy Dyer 391, Emily Cook 385.
LADIES GAMES: Carla Sunde 165, Debbie Westburg 157, Stephanie Olson 152, Ludy Harkins 147.
MONDAY MIXED FOLLIES
MEN'S SERIES: Ed Dutry 612, Terry McKnight 574, Dennis Seckel 571, Rick

Morrow 562.
MEN'S GAMES: Ed Dutry 224, Dennis Seckel 218, Kevin Hamblin 214, Terry McKnight 213.
LADIES SERIES: Ann Brewer 528, RaeNae Reece 519, Lorenia Rodriguez 492, Tonia Collins 475.
LADIES GAMES: Ann Brewer 189, Dee Hall 186, RaeNae Reece 184, Lorenia Rodriguez 183.
SH-BOOM
MEN'S SERIES: Clint Koyle 691, Rick Ceperich 642, Kelly Jeroue 586, Dave Marshall 558.
MEN'S GAMES: Clint Koyle 257, Rick Ceperich 235, Dale Black 233, Kelly Jeroue 213.
LADIES SERIES: Barbara Reynolds 598, Diana Brady 489, Kathi Jeroue 487.
LADIES GAMES: Barbara Reynolds 224, Diana Brady 194, Kathi Jeroue 180.
MID MORNING MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Josh Groves 645, Ron Barrett 597, Tom Smith 564, Carey Moser 562.
MEN'S GAMES: Ron Barrett 234, Josh Groves 228, Myron Schroeder 213, Carey Moser 204.
LADIES SERIES: Kim Leazer 518, Bonnie Draper 501, Linda Vining 493, Vicki Kiesig 489.
LADIES GAMES: Linda Vining 190, Vicki Kiesig 185, Bonnie Draper 183, Margie Howard 173.
TUESDAY A.M. TRIOS
SERIES: Jean McGuire 516, Sandra Topholm 513, Mary Ann Bruno 501, Betty Wartgow 477.
GAMES: Mary Ann Bruno 203, Sandra Topholm 200, Evelyn Haslam 197, Betty Wartgow 191.
CSI TUESDAY
MEN'S SERIES: Cody McKnight 524, Jared Purcell 517, Jake Carnahan 500, Cameron Searle 410.
MEN'S GAMES: Jared Purcell 92, Cody McKnight 188, Jake Carnahan 179, Brady Quigley 152, Spencer Stacey 152.
LADIES SERIES: Shammae Patchett 394, Jessica Price 290, Valerie Barker 277.
LADIES GAMES: Shammae Patchett 195, Valerie Barker 134, Samantha Boyd 115, Jessica Price 109.
LATECOMERS
SERIES: Charlene Anderson 602, Lisa Allen 523, Linda Vining 520, Susan Kepner 514.
GAMES: Charlene Anderson 215, Janell Maloney 204, Kristy Rodriguez 202, Susan Kepner 199.
TUESDAY MAJORS
BOYS' SERIES: Tyler Black 612, Anthony Vest 586, Anthony Brady 558, Matt Thrall 541.
BOYS' GAMES: Anthony Vest 236, Wyatt Berg 220, Tyler Black 215, Anthony Brady 209.
GIRLS' SERIES: Koti Jo Moses 549, Megan McAllister 475, Miranda Curtis 448, Kaitlyn Klassen 384.
GIRLS' GAMES: Koti Jo Moses 204, Megan McAllister 176, Miranda Curtis 168, Kaitlyn Klassen 161.
CONSOLIDATED
SERIES: Tony Cowan 737, Rick Frederikson 709, Tony Everts 704, Tim Bowman 673.
GAMES: Tim Bowman 276, Tony Cowan 266, Nate Jones 261, Chad Kepner 247.
MAGIC VALLEY SENIORS
MEN'S SERIES: Duke Stimpson 481, Del McGuire 453, Gary Hartruft 443, Ken Cameron 441.
MEN'S GAMES: Del McGuire 181, Duke Stimpson 168, Ken Cameron 158, Gary Hartruft 148.
LADIES SERIES: Tina Holland 488, Jean McGuire 473, Jeannine Bennett 440, Shirley Kunsman 437.
LADIES GAMES: Tina Holland 203, Jean McGuire 177, Jeannine Bennett 163, Shirley Kunsman 148.
LANIAMS CLASSIC
SERIES: Kay Puschel 535, Diana Brady 520, Shirley Long 517, Carol Quaintance 503.
GAMES: Kay Puschel 207, Carol Quaintance 187, Debbie Ruhter 185, Diana Brady 184.
THURSDAY CSI
MEN'S SERIES: Austin Humphries 339, Ryan Larson 421, Rhyann Greenwell 376, Austin Humphries 339.
MEN'S GAMES: Luther Haynes 180, Rhyann Greenwell 166, Ryan Larson 145, Austin Humphries 128.
LADIES SERIES: Ashlee Nowak 368, Kristen Magalogo 340.
LADIES GAMES: Ashlee Nowak 146, Kristen Magalogo 133.
SUNSET
SERIES: Corinne Goble 571, Kristy

Rodriguez 557, Lorie Lancaster 542, Lorraine Rasmussen 537, Tracey Hoffman 537.
GAMES: Lorraine Rasmussen 231, Kristy Rodriguez 223, Tracey Hoffman 210, Lorie Lancaster 203, Karla Williams 203.
FRIDAY P.M. SENIORS
MEN'S SERIES: Tom Smith 567, Dave Wilson 564, Clayne Williams 546, Ed Dutry 540.
MEN'S GAMES: Clayne Williams 235, Bob McClain 206, Dave Wilson 203, Ed Dutry 200.
LADIES SERIES: Barbara Frith 495, Carolyn Hanson 489, Dee Hall 466, Linda Vining 456.
LADIES GAMES: Carolyn Hanson 186, Shirley Merrill 183, Barbara Frith 182, Dawn Kulm 177.
MOOSE
MEN'S SERIES: Tony Cowan 719, Ray Turpin 657, Cobey Magee 651, Zach Black 645.
MEN'S GAMES: Tony Cowan 268, Zach Black 246, Bill Ranalli 246, Ray Turpin 245.
LADIES SERIES: Kim Leazer 574, Julie Shull 483, LeaAnna Magee 431, Stephanie Evans 426.
LADIES GAMES: Kim Leazer 232, Stephanie Evans 189.
GIANTS
BOYS' SERIES: Dylan Mace 460, Tom Upchurch 412, Cooper Hildreth 339, Jacob Hildreth 318.
BOYS' GAMES: Dylan Mace 161, Tom Upchurch 150, Jacob Hildreth 143, Cooper Hildreth 127.
GIRLS' SERIES: Alexs Ybarra 335, Ashley Etters 328, Katie Upchurch 285.
GIRLS' GAMES: Alexs Ybarra 126, Ashley Etters 116, Katie Upchurch 115.
PEEWEE & BUMPER
BOYS' SERIES: Riley Magee 233, Donovan Howell 190, Eli Cook 180, Brock Hanson 155.
BOYS' GAMES: Riley Magee 125, Donovan Howell113, Eli Cook 95, Brock Hanson 85.
GIRLS' SERIES: Mikila Wisdom 146, Lindsay Beem 132.
GIRLS' GAMES: Mikila Wisdom 74, Lindsay Beem 66.
SNAKE RIVER BOWL, BURLEY
MONDAY MARAUDERS
SERIES: Derry Smith 492, Lori Parish 462, Edna Renz 444.
GAMES: Lori Parish 183, Derry Smith 177, Edna Renz 172.
LADIES TRIOS
SERIES: Tiffinay Hager 547, Sharon Hayden 515, Jachelle Lowe 509.
GAMES: Tiffinay Hager 228, Sharon Hayden 210, Glenda Mecham 191.
MEN'S CLASSIC TRIO
SERIES: Brad Holm 872, Justin Studer 789, Logan Parish 773.
GAMES: Brad Holm 242, Justin Studer 237, Logan Parish 223.
TUESDAY MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Rick Hieb 691, Gene Smith 629, Jordan Parish 587.
MEN'S GAMES: Rick Hieb 278, Gene Smith 221, Byron Hager 216.
LADIES SERIES: Annette Hirsch 576, Tiffinay Hager 546, Alicia Bywater 517.
LADIES GAMES: Annette Hirsch 201, Tiffinay Hager 192, Alicia Bywater 183.
RAILROADERS
SERIES: Kristine Jones 586, Tammy Raines 561, Theresa Knowlton 544.
GAMES: Sharon Hissung 243, Kristine Jones 214, Kym Son 212.
WEDNESDAY MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Devon Rucker 702, Justin Studer 700, Ryan Swalling 654
MEN'S GAMES: Ryan Swalling 257, Devon Rucker 256, Justin Studer 242.
LADIES SERIES: Annette Hirsch 571, Susan Fowler 467, Alexis Studer 436.
LADIES GAMES: Annette Hirsch 223, Gayle Erekson 184, Bobbi Crow 180.
HOUSEWIVES
SERIES: Bonnie McClellan 541, Brenda Schenk 532, Sharon Rathe 518.
GAMES: Bonnie McClellan 208, Sharon Rathe 204, Brenda Schenk 188.
MAJORS
SERIES: Justin Studer 749, Jonny Amen 652, Justin Mayer 646.
GAMES: Justin Studer 269, Darrin Carter 264, Chris Warr 263.
PINHEADS
BOYS' SERIES: Brody Albertson 493, Quentyn Roberts 461, Karrigan Hollins 274.
BOYS' GAMES: Brody Albertson 175, Quentyn Roberts 165, Trevor Hager 132.
GIRLS' SERIES: Bridget Albertson 421, Dominique Powers 419, Abrina Blount 412.
GIRLS' GAMES: Cheyenne Powers 161, Dominique Powers 158, Bridget Albertson 148.



AP photo

Louisiana Tech defenders, from left, Justin Goodman, Jay Dudley, Roosevelt Falls and Myke Compton try to stop Idaho wide receiver Justin Veltung (24) during Saturday's game in Ruston, La.

Idaho

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Idaho responded when Veltung capped an 83-yard drive with a 15-yard pass catch with 4:30 remaining in the first for the 7-7 tie. The catch capped a drive that featured a 36-yard pass from Enderle to Kama Bailey and a 34-yarder from Enderle to Daniel Hardy. Louisiana Tech went ahead, 10-7, early in the second quarter when Matt Nelson connected on a 31-yard field goal just nine seconds into the quarter. Safety Gary Walker gave the Vandals the opportunity to take the lead when, with slightly less than nine minutes left before the half, he recovered a Phillip Livas fumble at the Idaho 42 and returned it 54 yards to the Louisiana Tech 11. On the next play it was Enderle to

Veltung again for the 11-yard score and the lead, 14-10 with Farquhar's PAT kick, with 8:45 to go in the half. The momentum went the other way as the end of the first half neared when the Bulldogs covered 75 yards in eight plays to score. Ross Jenkins' 32-yard pass to Ahmad Paige with 38 seconds to go gave Louisiana Tech the 17-14 lead, then it cemented the game with two more scores. Enderle found Veltung behind the defense near the Louisiana Tech 40. He hit him in midstride and Veltung raced untouched to score on the 76-yard hookup with 3:25 left in the third. Farquhar's kick made it 31-21. Jenkins went to Livas for Louisiana Tech's next TD.

By the time Livas completed the 52-yard connection it was a 38-21 Bulldog lead with 1:36 left in the third. Brian Reader came in when Enderle went down on the next possession. He finished the drive that started at the Louisiana Tech 42 when he found Eric Greenwood in the endzone for a 21-yard touchdown to close the gap to 10, 38-28, with 10:55 left in the game. Louisiana Tech answered with back-to-back scores — a 39-yard field goal and Creer's 1-yard run before Idaho scored for the final time Veltung's fourth TD reception — a 3-yarder from Reader with 55 seconds remaining in the game.

Information from The Associated Press was used in this report.

Canyon

Continued from Sports 1

Glenns Ferry offense. Sydney Sterling dished out six assists and Mollee Shrum added three aces. For the Pilot defense, Jade Gorrell and Karli McHone registered eight digs and Rebecca Woody had eight blocks.

DECLO 3, VALLEY 0

The Hornets came out slow but being the more aggressive of the two teams won it in the end. "We were not guilty of too many mental errors and once we got going, we didn't look back," said Declo coach Keri Wilson. "My girls kept their heads in the game. They came in here to win. They have the desire and have been putting in a lot of hard work and have been shooting for this (tournament) all season."

Declo recorded a team total of 33 kills, seven blocks, 27 assists, 10 digs and five aces. Keva Robinson led the Hornets with 13 kills and also had two digs and a serving ace. Kaylee Holmstead picked up nine kills, Sydney Webb seven kills and four blocks. Tanisha Adams dished out 16 assists and Brinlee Breshears added nine.

Valley coach Julian Escobedo felt his team was on its heels too much of the match.

"We weren't aggressive enough and we were a little tentative," said Escobedo. "With these kind of teams, you just can't wait on the other team to make errors." Cheyanna Nelson had four kills and Sonya Fenton had six assists for the Vikings.

VALLEY 3, WENDELL 0

Kiersten Hilt had 13 kills, nine digs and five blocks for the Trojans but Hilt and her teammates still came up short against the Vikings.



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Gooding celebrates beating Glenns Ferry during the 2A District Volleyball Tournament Saturday afternoon at Gooding High School.



Gooding's Kayleigh Erickson goes up for a block as Glenns Ferry's Mollee Shrum spikes the ball during the 2A District Volleyball Tournament Saturday afternoon at Gooding High School.

"This was the best we have played," said Wendell coach Amber Smith." The girls showed definite improvement. The girls made some mistakes but they competed. They are fighters."

Kendal Mowery had eight digs and Megan Sousa recorded 15 assists for Wendell.

"We just kept fighting to win every point," said Escobedo.

Kaylee Kent led the Vikings with four kills, Lindsey Moncur added three

and Fenton finished with 11 assists.

GLENN'S FERRY 3, WENDELL

"No one should underestimate the underdog," said Glenns Ferry coach Solosabal after her team eliminated the Trojans in five games. "My girls just weren't ready to end the season."

Woody led the Pilots with six kills and nine digs, followed by Gorrell with 10 digs, Shrum added six blocks and McHone had nine aces.

Soccer

Continued from Sports 1

TWIN FALLS 10, BURLEY 0

Claire Goss scored three goals and dished out an assist and Morgan McInnes also added three goals to lead Twin Falls past Burley 10-0 to grab the final District IV

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Erin Grubbs-Imhoff, Jordyn Clark, Stephanie Peck and Isabel Von Zastrow each added one goal. Jennifer Jackson recorded two assists, while Maddie Watkins and Grubbs-Imhoff added one each.

"Everybody played well. It was good to see a lot of good passes and some good energy from the team," said Twin Falls coach Katie Kauffman. Twin Falls will play Bishop Kelly on Thursday in Post Falls.



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Andrea MacCabee: age 5

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3rd: Sheri Greenwood

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3rd: John Ruprecht 0:46:12.253

FEMALE

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2nd: Sandra Burch 0:59:04.227
3rd: Kasey Heward 1:00:24.772

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Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff:

When declaring a contract against competent opponents, which is better, to try to give yourself an extra chance at the risk of being defeated by best defense, or to assume the lie of the cards (however unlikely that may be) that you need to make the hand? I suppose either could be right, but I think, in an expert game, you must assume best defense and play accordingly.

Table Turner, Tupelo, Miss.

ANSWER: Your question of whether to try the best line in abstract or in practice has no simple answer, but I'm big on what is best in practice. If I would not solve the problem I'm setting for my expert opponent, I'll go for the swindle. I went down in a slam in a world championship by trying a Chinese finesse when missing six clubs to the king (and yes, the king WAS singleton!) so I'll put my money where my mouth is.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

I held ♠ K-9, ♥ A-10-9-3, ♦ 10-4-3-2, ♣ Q-8-5. My LHO opened a weak two diamonds and my partner doubled. When my RHO bid three diamonds, should I double or bid hearts? If the latter, should I bid game?

Olive Oyl, Cartersville, Ga.

ANSWER: You have a good hand for hearts facing short diamonds, but your partner knows his short diamonds will be useful. I'd bid four hearts with as little as the heart jack instead of the three, but as it is, I feel three hearts is enough. A double should show both majors here, I believe, and is for takeout, not penalties.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

In one of your columns you showed a system that I did not recognize. The opener bid two clubs, explained as "natural, 11-15 points." What does "natural" mean? Do you have a pamphlet or book that explains your system?

Lost in Neverland, Seattle, Wash.

ANSWER: I was not recommending this system. With hands from real life I present the bidding as it happened, not what I suggest you

play! The pair in question use a strong club, so they bid one club with all hands of 16 or more points; hence two clubs is natural (showing clubs) and limited. Please forgive me if I did not make this clear.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

Holding ♠ A-10-4-3-2, ♥ K-9, ♦ 2, ♣ A-Q-J-10-3, I opened one club and rebid one spade over my partner's one-heart response. When my partner rebid one no-trump, I tried two spades and played there, making eight tricks when trumps split 3-3. My partner said this sequence suggested six clubs and five spades, but I thought the suit-quality disparity was such that a one-club opening bid was sounder. What do you say?

The Major or the Minor?, Erie, Pa.

ANSWER: Your idea used to be the mainstream position. Players with 5-5 in the black suits would open one club no matter which suit was better. These days the reverse holds true; majors come before minors at all times, it seems. I'm somewhere in the middle: I like to bid good suits before bad ones — particularly on strong hands — so I can sympathize with your approach here.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

In a recent column, your hand was ♠ 10-4, ♥ K-9-7-4-3, ♦ Q-9-2, ♣ J-7-3. Partner opened two clubs, you responded two diamonds, and partner rebid two spades. You recommended a call of two no-trump, saying you'd prefer "better hearts" to bid them. How good does the heart suit have to be to become biddable?

Rags to Riches, Winston-Salem, N.C.

ANSWER: Off the cuff, I'd say the minimum standard is a five-card suit headed by two of the top four honors — thus Q-J-9-x-x or so. However, with more shape in the minors I might bid three hearts. So, if that hand had queen-jack-fourth of diamonds and two small clubs, I'd bid hearts instead of no-trump.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolff," contact kay19972@aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com.

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SALE OF GRAZING PRIVILEGES

Sealed bids for grazing privileges under permits on Range Units; 1,3,6A,6B,21,23,25,26,27 of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation for a five (5) years permit period beginning in January 1,2011 and terminating no later than December 31, 2015. Bids must be received in the Tribal Range office by 4:30 pm MST, October 29, 2010 or must be post marked no later than October 29, 2010. Bids not received by the date or postmark by closing date or time will not be considered. Minimum acceptable bids will be \$14.50/AUM. Bids will be opened on November 3, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at the Fort Hall Housing Authority Conference room. Bidders may attend. Bid packet and additional information can be picked up at the Tribal Range Department (located at the Bureau of Indian Affairs Building) or by calling (208) 238-2311. Some restrictions may apply on Units 23 and 27 due to Fires in 2010.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Case No. 61360-L-rtb

On February 9, 2011, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock p.m. of said day at the lobby of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 111 West B, Shoshone, Idaho, **TITLEFACT, INC.**, an Idaho corporation, as Trustee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Lincoln, State of Idaho, and described as follows to-wit:

Lot 23, **DEPEW HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION**, as set out in plat dated March 19, 1992, recorded March 19, 1992, as Instrument No. 155703, and Amended Plat recorded May 14, 1992, as Instrument No. 155972, Lincoln County records, Lincoln County, Idaho.

The above-described property is sometimes known as: **217 East 10 South, Shoshone, Idaho 83352.**

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust from **Anthony E. Flores and Mary Flores, husband and wife**, to TitleFact, Inc., Trustee and Elizabeth L. Peyman and John Peyman, wife and husband, Beneficiary, dated September 21, 2006, recorded September 25, 2006, as Instrument No. 181724, records of Lincoln County, Idaho.

The above Grantors are named to comply with Section 45-1508 (4)(a), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation.

Default for which this sale is to be made is failure to pay:

- At this time, accumulated deficiency in payments of \$217.00 per month, for the months of July 2010 through September 2010, is \$651.00;
- The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$19,978.33, plus 8% interest and foreclosure costs; and
- The taxes were assessed on Parcel TR #RP066180010230A as follows, and are **delinquent**, plus penalty and interest:

Tax Year	Delinquent Tax
2007	\$31.14
2008	\$246.14
2009	\$215.48

DATED this 6th day of October, 2010.

TITLEFACT, INC.

By R. Todd Blass, Vice President

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE 2011 HOME ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN

The **Comment Period** begins October 1, 2010 through 5 p.m. November 1, 2010.

The **Public Hearing** for the proposed changes will be held October 27, 2010 directly following the Low-income Housing Tax Credit QAP hearing, scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. in the 1st Floor Conference Room of the Park Plaza, 565 West Myrtle, Boise, Idaho. Oral and written comments will be accepted.

The Hearing is accessible to persons with physical disabilities, and IHFA will consider all requests for reasonable accommodation for those wishing to testify. Individuals requiring assistance such as language interpretation; accommodation of physical, visual, and/or hearing impairment(s); or materials in alternate formats must request a reasonable accommodation at least 3 business days prior to the public hearing. Please contact IHFA at 1-877-4GRANTS (447-2687) or TDD (800) 545-1833 extension 400.

Idaho Housing and Finance Association is the designated administrator of this federal housing program. With the exception of Boise, who receives its own HOME allocation, IHFA's HOME Investment Partnership Program helps to increase and maintain safe and decent housing for low and very low-income households throughout Idaho.

The proposed 2011 HOME Administrative Plan and a summary of the proposed changes will be available at http://www.ihfa.org/grants_homebik.asp and all IHFA Branch Offices October 1st - November 1st.

During the comment period, questions regarding the proposed changes can be emailed to HOMEAdminPlan2011@ihfa.org. Submit written comments to: IHFA-Grants Department; P. O. Box 7899, Boise, ID 83707-1899 or jerik@ihfa.org

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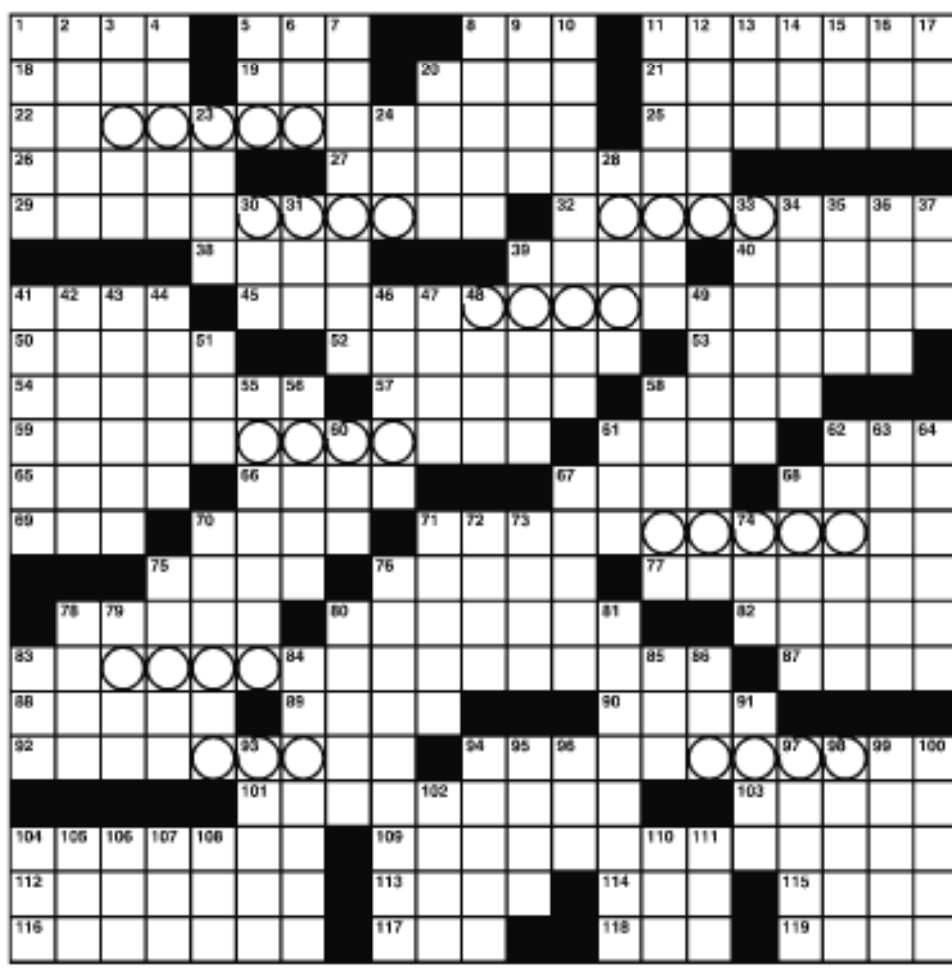
Sunday Crossword

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

I HAVE A WEIRD FEELING ... By Julian Lim

ACROSS

- Hied
- Redbox rental
- Ford du ____ Wisconsin
- NH3
- Apple part
- Service station offering
- "Rubáiyát" rhyme scheme
- Trying to catch a break?
- "The Age of Turbulence" memoirist
- Speculator's reply to "Where's all your money?"
- Bob Marley, e.g.
- Pupil of Plato
- Still in Hollywood
- Event with a "six metres club"
- Vet
- Suvari of "American Pie"
- Big name in beauty
- "The X-Files" extras
- Treaty of Paris conflict, 1763
- Dr. Alzheimer
- Dwells
- Stretch out using
- Many of their pieces are nearly identical
- Sushi bar supplier
- Homeys
- Defense strategy that's not an option in some states
- Like pheasant
- Little rat
- Slave
- Corrosive fluids
- What vacationers are without, by choice
- Batman co-creator
- It "enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time": Merton
- Exploded
- Scandal mongers, often
- "Charlie's Angels" angel Munroe
- Fracas
- Ball Park Franks maker
- Links site
- Bread component?
- Key of the overture to Mozart's "The Magic Flute"
- Nintendo game that involves rescuing a princess
- "See ya!"



- Buddy List user
- Heading under
- Which cabs are listed
- Yeats's "____ and the Swan"
- "It's Still Rock and Roll to Me" performer
- Common cell
- Heart stimulant brand
- Romantic cocktail garnish
- First frat at U.C. Berkeley
- Conflict, and a hint to unraveling the puzzle's circled letters
- Delta follower
- Sacha Baron Cohen character
- ____ de Cologne
- Tenth: Pref.
- She played
- Sasha Monroe on "Third Watch"
- 83-Across console
- Banned pesticide
- "Understood"
- Gobble (down)
- Opposite
- Make blank
- Pasta order word
- ____ es Salaam
- Fight (for)
- Less upbeat
- Error
- Like ____ out of 79-Down
- Spam-revealing aid?
- Deodorant targets, anatomically
- 1957 Bobbette's hit
- Great Leap Forward architect
- Cries of dismay
- Niggling detail
- Trattoria menu suffix
- Thespian's rep.
- "____ sure you've heard ____"
- Wondering look
- Org. with many arms
- Theater awards
- No. after a phone no.
- Alphabet trio
- Indeed
- Boneheads
- Old CIA plane
- Like times of famine
- Thrice, in Rx's
- Euripides tragedy
- Sizzling Tex-Mex meat
- "The Ladies' Man" author Lipman
- Watch Fido, say
- Hemp fiber
- Filters (through)
- German donkey
- Odious
- Arbored
- Southwestern walkway
- Japanese honorific
- Game
- Optical maladies
- Montmartre's city
- Longbow wood
- Fed. auditor
- Valencian rice dish
- Depose
- Old Catalan coin
- Former Yankee Boyer
- Singles promoter?
- Prickly, plantwise
- Final purpose to Aristotle
- First Hebrew letter: Var.
- Daimler contemporary
- Game opener?
- Survivor of Krypton's destruction
- Broker
- K.J. ____ first Korean to win on the PGA Tour
- See 9-Down
- Villainous look
- 1967
- Temptations hit
- Check
- Disintegrating
- Penn. neighbor
- Lemon add-on
- PDA entry
- 39-Down's spouse
- Leg hiders
- Designer Cassini
- Didn't pass, in bridge
- Alpine protagonist
- Siouan tribesmen
- '30s V.P.
- John ____ Garner
- Milk pitcher?
- River past Thebes
- 104 Buddhist sect
- Start to cure?
- Hijack-prevention org.
- Feel peaked
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HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

ARIES (March 21-April 19): She loves me, she loves me not. You can't measure love with a slide rule or a pocket calculator, but it is fun to try. You might rely on intuitions in the week ahead rather than on facts and figures.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You don't need to have the best of everything to make the best of everything. In the week ahead, use good judgment about spending — but don't be upset if you can't buy everything you would like to buy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make it a mental boot camp. Deep thinking can provide you with the answer you need. A break in routines could occur late in the week. Some stellar assistance might come from an unexpected source.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Remain relevant by staying on top of the latest technology. Accentuate your good looks by taking more interest in your appearance. You might meet an exciting new hookup on the Internet this week.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be strong without expecting others to be weak. In the week to come, you can show your vulnerability without appearing to be a fool. Compassion and kindness do not detract from your inner strengths.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get a reality check and then cash it. It makes little sense to worry about things you cannot control since there's nothing you can do about them. In the week ahead, concentrate on the spiritual, not the material.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Friends don't let friends drive daringly. You can be a friend in need during the week to come. When called upon to be the responsible person of your set you will show your true colors in more than one way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Ride the bucking bronco of bravado in the week ahead. You have Venus in your sign, guaranteeing more social activity. You also have Mars in your sign, invigorating and stimulating your sense of adventure.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Money can't buy you love. You can consider yourself rich if you consider all the things you have that money can't buy. In the upcoming week, you should concentrate on matters above and beyond finances.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Sticks and stones are hard on bones, but cash can never hurt you. You enjoy having the very best that money can buy. This week, you may spend money to have the things you dream of having.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Small victories may be the only ones that count. It is understanding and compassion that should be of the most importance to you this week. Pulling the wool over someone's eyes is pointless.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Gather forward momentum. Like riding a bicycle, it's hard to maintain your balance when standing still. During the week to come, you might want to take a break, but must keep your hand in.

REMEMBER
 That birthday or anniversary picture you ran in the paper. Now is the time to come in and pick up your pictures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**101
Lost and Found**

FOUND Dark gold Dog. Medium size, long hair, pink collar w/playing card designs, 2-5 years old, 10/13 in Wendell. Call 536-2461

FOUND Hunting Dog, black & white young male, at 400 E 450 N in Rupert. Call 532-4453 / 431-4453.

FOUND Llama, full grown male, brown & white. Call Sgt Rick Uatlick at 208-644-2770.

FOUND Pit Bull, brindle colored female, northeast of Castleford. Call 208-543-6040.

FOUND Puppy NE of Jerome. Large 2-tone red female wearing pink camo collar. 324-2404 after 6pm.

LOST Camera in black case on CSI campus on 10/9. REWARD!!!! Please call 208-308-8190.

LOST Cat yellow & white striped, male, neutered, wearing red collar. Lost near Carriage Ln in Twin Falls. Call 208-404-6052.

LOST Cat, Maine Coon, female, has microchip. Black & brown with white stomach, Addison & Blake in Twin Falls. 530-209-1393

LOST Cat, male, big beautiful orange & white, neutered. "Baby". Missing from Elizabeth Park Dr. Call 208-316-6683 or 404-6920.

LOST Chihuahua Wed. Oct. 6 off of Caswell in Cameo Estates. Female, wearing pink harness. 734-3301

LOST Cockatiel Bird, our "Sparky", on 9/18/10 in Jerome, Idaho. He is gray with yellow head and orange cheeks. Please call Susan at 329-1516. \$100 Reward.

LOST Springer Spaniel SE of Balance Rock. 2 year old female, wearing collar with the name "Bell" & owners phone number. Reward! 208-308-2144 or 308-3721

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Jeanne Phillips

DEAR LOVESTRUCK: It's not unusual for a first relationship, but you're right to be concerned. Take a step back and look at what you're doing. We cannot depend on someone else to make us happy or make us whole. When a woman spends all her time tracking what her boyfriend is doing when he's not with her and waiting for the phone to ring, it makes her a less-interesting person to be around than she could be. And that kind of dependency can drive a man away.

It is important that you create a balance between what's going on in the relationship and continuing to develop yourself as an individual. Your boyfriend seems to have no problem doing this.

DEAR ABBY: I have a hard time empathizing with people who are sick. My mother suffered from all sorts of medical issues and it affected me greatly.

My husband, "Glen," and I are in our 50s. He's nearing 60, and as we age I expect our health will decline. Glen already takes medications for several conditions. I, on the other hand, have always enjoyed excellent health.

I find myself becoming impatient when Glen is sick. It's not that I think he's faking; I just think he needs to "get over it" and not let it affect him. I hide my feelings pretty well. I take care of him, make chicken soup, let him rest, pick up his medicine or whatever. But I'm afraid if he were to become seriously ill that I wouldn't take good care of him. I love him dearly, but I don't seem to be able to work up sympathy when he (or anyone) is sick.

I'm afraid to tell this to Glen because I'm afraid he'll keep his conditions from me and think I don't want to be there for him. How can I increase my "caring gene"? I have had therapy for other issues. What can I do?

—NURSING A
FLAW IN TEXAS

DEAR NURSING: Lack of empathy is the inability to relate to the feelings of others. Some individuals have such an overabundance of empathy that they become literally paralyzed by the pain of another person. Be glad you aren't one of those.

When a spouse becomes sick and dependent, it can be a challenge. You can minimize or ignore it, or you can choose to be solicitous and helpful. Tolerating the complaints that go along with being ill isn't always easy, but if you visualize how you would want to be treated if the situation were reversed, it might help you be less impatient.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

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In 1807, Britain declared it would continue to reclaim British-born sailors from American ships and ports regardless of whether they held U.S. citizenship.

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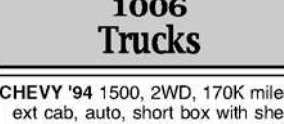
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Yip Tse, 7, waits while his mother, Sokry Heng, unwraps a package of dried seaweed Monday at her store, Asian Food Market in Twin Falls. Yip has multiple food allergies and can eat only a limited selection of items, so his mother sends his food to school in a thermos.

Magic Valley schools must be vigilant in face of kids’ food allergies



ABOVE: Yip displays some of the prepared foods he can safely eat. He eats mostly fresh vegetables and other foods that have a few fresh ingredients — no school cafeteria fare for him.

BELOW: Yip gulps a Chrysanthemum Tea Drink. His mother doesn't give finger food to Yip for school, fearing the boy might touch a tabletop or doorknob after a child who has eaten peanuts has touched it.



By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

When it comes to her son’s diet, Sokry Heng can’t take chances.

Yip Tse, 7, has several food allergies, some of which are potentially fatal. Exposure to eggs, dairy, wheat, fish or peanuts can make the Twin Falls boy swell up, break out into hives or have trouble breathing. Past reactions have almost killed him, Heng said, and as a baby, Yip spent three weeks at a research hospital in Colorado while doctors tried to determine what made him react so strongly.

So like many parents whose children have food allergies, Heng sends her son to first grade with a touch of anxiety. But as more children show up to class with serious allergies, parents and school officials are learning how to meet students’ needs.

Nationally, 3 million children have food allergies, and those numbers are rising, according to the Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network. Milk, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, shellfish, fish, wheat and soy account for 90 percent of those allergies.

Peanut-free classrooms or school kitchens are a common way for south-central Idaho schools to deal with peanut allergies. Murtaugh schools have done away with all peanut products in their cafeteria except for a pre-packaged Smuckers Uncrustables sandwich that they keep away from Murtaugh’s peanut-allergic student.

“We just don’t want to take any chances,” said

food service director Terri Andersen. The school also provides soy milk for students with milk allergies.

Although the cafeteria at Burley’s White Pine Elementary School still serves peanuts, employees know which students need to stay away from peanut-containing products.

“We know the kids,” said cafeteria employee Carma Oldham. And signs on classroom doors indicate which classes have students with peanut allergies.

Beth Olmstead, principal of Lincoln Elementary in Twin Falls, said signs on some classroom doors there designate the room a peanut- and nut-free environment. Teachers and staff also go through training to make sure they know how to use Epi-pens, which provide epinephrine in the event of an anaphylactic allergic reaction. There are no peanut-free tables in the school’s cafeteria, but all tables are continuously wiped down.

Yip’s food allergies are varied and severe enough that school cafeterias can’t accommodate him. Heng now sends

Yip’s fried rice in a thermos that keeps the food hot throughout the day.

At first, Heng and her husband, whose name is also Yip, were upset that Immanuel Lutheran employees wouldn’t heat up the boy’s lunches. But she soon realized that the Twin Falls school couldn’t possibly accommodate every dietary restriction.



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A daughter’s duty?

Adult daughters often expected to caregive for older parents

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

In 2005, Jorjan Sarich and her dad moved from California to Idaho. It was where he had grown up, and it was where he wanted to die.

“I left my occupation, I left my friends; he did the same thing,” said Sarich, who bought a house with her father, George Snyder, in the China Gardens neighborhood of Hailey after his health began to decline. Though a graduate student struggling to finish her dissertation, Sarich chose to be her dad’s full-time caregiver.

“It’s only now, several years later, that I’m realizing how much work it was. It’s

“Women do not resent this. What they resent is that everyone just assumes they’ll do it.”

— Author Laurel Kennedy, talking about adult daughters who care for their elderly parents

the kind of exhaustion that sleep doesn’t cure,” she said.

About 6 million Americans provide care to elderly relatives or friends living outside of nursing homes. Laurel Kennedy, author of “The Daughter Trap” (Thomas Dunne Books, \$25.95), says that women bear a disproportionate share of the burden — about 70 percent of hands-on caregiving such as bathing and grooming.

“I want to be clear: Women do not resent this,” Kennedy said. “What they resent is that everyone just assumes they’ll do it.”

Kennedy is calling for a social revolution on par with the rise of (relatively) affordable child care and day care: Employers should help working caregivers by offering accommodations such as flex time. Caregivers should network for change. Men should step up more often.

Sarich said that despite the toll it took on her — interrupted sleep, the strain on her relationships with her father and others, the knowledge that his 2007 death was the endgame — she would do it again.

“I couldn’t have lived with myself if I hadn’t done it. Although I essentially put my life on hold for some years, I didn’t regret that, I don’t regret that,” she said.

Kim Coonis, executive director of the Blaine Senior Connection in Hailey, said she has often seen women choosing to or being drafted into providing care for an elderly family member.

“It’s a bias that’s set up by

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Photo courtesy Jorjan Sarich

In the last few years of his life, George Snyder, center, was cared for by his daughter, Jorjan Sarich, left. Kim Coonis, executive director of the Blaine Senior Connection in Hailey, right, said caregiving for elderly relatives is often the responsibility of women, especially daughters.



Brother from another mother?

We all have the family we're born into, like 'em or not, and some of us have extended our genealogical trees through marriage. But the luckiest also have "second families," groups of friends that can be even closer emotionally than siblings, cousins and other relatives.

Reporter Ariel Hansen is looking for stories of these second families. Call her at 788-3475 or send an e-mail to ahansen@magicvalley.com, and include your name, a phone number where you can be reached during the day, and a brief description of the family you have chosen for yourself.

Instilling reading habits in children

By Wendy Donahue
Chicago Tribune

Should children be encouraged to read above their grade level?

Parent advice

The building of vocabulary and language skills is directly linked to exposure to any and all resources or experiences, provided of course that the storyline is appropriate. My parents fed my desire to learn at a very young age and, therefore, I always read about two to three grade levels ahead, which paid off in all of my classes throughout my school years.

— Diane Beaulieu

Respect your child's individuality. Know what will spark his/her curiosity. Be careful, many "chapter books" may be boring when read aloud. Be satisfied with their reading comfort zone. So what if the family down the street is reading the adventures of Percy Jackson! Frog and Toad have some pretty excellent adventures too! It's important for reading to be a joy, not a chore.

— JoAnne Loper
Reading "above" gives



you a chance to introduce them to good literature early. My husband and I read to our boys from a series of beautifully illustrated books about the Greek gods — and what a violent bunch they were. As a result, they knew about Pan and Apollo and Hercules, and were ahead of their peers in many ways because of those stories. The Brothers Grimm fairy tales are especially grim, but our kids loved them as well. This is a perfect opportunity for life lessons. Questions will be asked and you are in a position of controlling what you want them to know and when.

— Marie Grass Amenta

I wouldn't be as concerned with the recommended age as with the content. Before reading any book to a child I would read it myself and determine if it

seemed appropriate. As with most things, a little common sense goes a long way!

— Joanne Perpoli

Expert advice

Out of their own boredom, parents often seek out advanced reading material for a child. But repetition of a favorite book will not, in itself, dull a preschooler's faculties, said Sue Adair, director of education at The Goddard School, a preschool franchise with locations throughout the United States. Repetition is one building block toward independent reading.

Adair suggests reading a young child books with predictable texts, but also those with a richer vocabulary and more complicated plots. Younger children like to turn pages, so consider longer picture books, or "chapter books" that can be read over several sessions.

"Reading above grade level is perfectly fine if your child shows an interest in the content," Adair said. "Remember that attention spans vary, so if your child becomes restless, it may be time to move on to another

activity — one that is active, to shake those sillies out — and then come back to the book."

Or change to a book that engages him, which may be a familiar one. To enliven it, discuss it: "What did you think of the ending?" When introducing a book, ask your child what he thinks it may be about, based on the cover illustrations. "It's important to make reading fun, so even if you're asking questions, don't make it feel like a test," she said.

As children get older, if you are uncomfortable with a book that they want to read, avoid forbidding it outright, suggested Dawn Lantero, author of "S.P.L.A.S.H. Parenting Principles" (Growth Spurt, \$14.99).

"Just explain that they can read it but not yet, because there are things in the book aimed at older readers," Lantero said. "Then help them get excited about reading something else."

At any age, encourage children to read independently by placing a lamp next to their bed and keeping a variety of books within reach. Let them see you reading for enjoyment too.

Duty

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the system, that women are caregivers," Coonis said, acknowledging that she has seen sons jump in and do amazing jobs as well. "Quite often it starts as a positive experience, but the daughter has to start assuming the parental role in a lot of cases. (For example, the parent is) a diabetic, and they're eating lots of candy, they're doing things they're not supposed to do."

Caring for her father changed how each saw the other, Sarich said.

"He was expecting more from me than in reality I could give," she said. "He always had an image of me that was me when I was the person who lived at home (as a child and young adult). Since some 40, 50 years had gone by, I wasn't the person he remembered, and he wasn't the person I remembered either."

Sarich's daughter questioned how her mother interacted with her grandfather, she said. "She couldn't appreciate the reasons behind all the choices I made, quite deliberately making choices to make things as smooth and even as possible," Sarich said.

Sarich recognized that the intimacy of the parent-child bond provided the love needed to take on such an exhausting task, but also gave them emotional power over each other. "If a stranger hurts your feelings or threatens you, it doesn't really get to the core of you, whereas (if) your daughter disappoints you and says, 'I can't do that today,' the pain is greater."

That intimacy makes it difficult to set appropriate boundaries, Coonis said.

"If you don't, it does become very consuming,



Photo courtesy JORJAN SARICH

Jorjan Sarich, front right, and her father, George Snyder, front center, enjoy a raft trip on the Salmon River in this undated photo. In 2005, the pair moved from California to Idaho, where Snyder was born, for the last two years of his life.

and your health suffers, your marriage suffers," she said. "You have no idea how many women have sat here in my office and bawled because they can't take one more day. People think it's weakness, but it's not."

Coonis' own mother was the primary caregiver for her parents, so she has seen the emotional fallout on more than a professional level. She said her mother's siblings seemed to assume it wasn't their responsibility.

"Their words to us, back when Grandpa was still alive, about 1995, were ... that 'we have a life,' somehow implying that my mother did not," she said. "When my grandmother passed away, their comments were, 'Well, she's got free rent, she's got a place to live.' That's kind of what the family does, they kind of choose to imply that this person has a positive situation, that they're not working 24 hours a day."

GIVE CARE, RECEIVE SUPPORT

The College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging offers monthly caregiver support group meetings on the first Monday of the month. The free meetings are held at the South Central Public Health District's Katz Conference Room, 1020 Washington St. N. in Twin Falls. Information: Shawna Wasko, 736-2122. To contact the Eldercare Locator, a public service of the U.S. Administration on Aging, visit www.eldercare.gov or call (800) 677-1116; the Family Caregiver Alliance is at caregiver.org. For more on "The Daughter Trap," (Thomas Dunne Books, \$25.95) visit daughtertrap.com.

Now Sarich's daughter is caring for her father, who is suffering from Parkinson's disease and just underwent major surgery. It is bringing up a question that Sarich said more parents and children need to talk about.

"My daughter asked me, 'What do you want the end of your life to be like?'" she said. "I wish my parents had talked more about getting older as they did it, because it would have prepared me. ... I don't think people have a clue about it at all — I didn't."

And that could be just the kind of conversation that breaks down the assumptions and expectations of daughters as caregivers, helping each family to find a balance that honors their values and acknowledges every family member's needs.

McClatchy-Tribune Information Services contributed to this story. Ariel Hansen may be reached at ahansen@magicvalley.com or 788-3475.

STORK REPORT

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

Daniel Caliz, son of Evelyn and Eduardo Caliz of Buhl, was born Oct. 3, 2010.

Lilly She Rie Webb, daughter of Rebecca Lynne and Jacob Donald Webb of Hollister, was born Oct. 5, 2010.

Noah Andrew Callison, son of Holly Genean and Jeremy Dean Callison of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 5, 2010.

Colbi Madison Hollifield, daughter of Christina Lyn and Lawrence William Hollifield of Hansen, was born Oct. 5, 2010.

Mollie Mae Hymas, daughter of Candice Annette and Chad Monroe Hymas of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 5, 2010.

Allie Lynn Paige, daughter of Kimberly Marie and Travis Levi Paige of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 6, 2010.

Madelyn Louise Germann-Page, daughter of Jessica Marie Page and Kyle Eugene Germann of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 6, 2010.

Jack David Studebaker, son of Bethani Stellene and Eric James Studebaker of Kimberly, was born Oct. 6, 2010.

Ellif Salvarova, daughter of Nargisa Umarova and Ilyes Salvarov of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 6, 2010.

Jaeleigh Marie Veenendaal, daughter of Brianne Marie and Tyler Jon Veenendaal of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 6, 2010.

Reiney J. Rupert, daughter of Jamie Lynn and Jeffery James Rupert of Jerome, was born Oct. 6, 2010.

Landon Leon Johnson, son of Kassie Jenae and Tyson Leon Johnson of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 7, 2010.

Kalliyan Elena Dooley, daughter of Sophal Chum and David William Dooley of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 8, 2010.

Braxtyn Roberto-Wesley Campos, son of Sarah Daniyel and Eduardo A. Campos Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 8, 2010.

Adelynn Rae Nipper, daughter of Melissa Anne and Jared Micheal Nipper of Buhl, was born Oct. 8, 2010.

Cooper Malcom Rogers, son of Rachel Elizabeth and Clint Everett Rogers of Gooding, was born Oct. 8, 2010.

Trevor Roy Bergstrom, son of Suzanne Jeanne and Marc Everett Bergstrom Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 9, 2010.

Levi Thiago Trevino, son of Elizabeth Popoca and Jose Luis Trevino Jr. of Jerome, was born Oct. 9, 2010.

Aoife Lin Dempsey, daughter of Rita Christine and Lee Joseph Dempsey of Kimberly, was born Oct. 10, 2010.

Paige Olivia Harvey, daughter of Shauna Lee and Sam Wyatt Harvey of Buhl, was born Oct. 10, 2010.

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Allergies

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"We have to understand their side, also," Heng said.

Peanut allergies affect other parents, too. Twin Falls mom Mari Gonzales doesn't have any children in school yet, but her 3-year-old son, Joey, is a picky eater and loves his peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

If he ends up in a peanut-free classroom when he goes to school, Gonzales wouldn't complain; she knows how dangerous peanut allergies can be, she said. But she wasn't sure her son would be as understanding.

"We would definitely need to find another favorite," she said.

Olmstead said Lincoln Elementary hasn't gotten any backlash from parents whose non-allergic children are in peanut-free classrooms.

"Most parents seem to understand," she said. "They have kids, too. They know how it is."

Of course, schools can't police what kids do all the time, so parents must prepare their kids for encountering allergens outside of the home. Heidi Connor's son Eugene has milk allergies (and has grown out of other food allergies, including peanuts). The grade-

schooler knows enough to avoid dairy.

"He's just so darn smart, he just asks everybody, is there milk in there?" Connor said.

Heng doesn't give finger food to Yip for school, fearing the boy might touch a tabletop or doorknob after a child who has eaten peanuts has touched it. She asked her son's teacher to make sure no

one else touches Yip's food for fear of cross-contamination.

Even with lurking dangers, preparation can make it easier for kids with food allergies to attend school safely.

"You just have to be aware," Olmstead said.

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SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center

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MENUS:

Monday: Polish sausage and sauerkraut
Tuesday: Lasagna
Wednesday: Beef stroganoff
Thursday: Chicken patty
Friday: Roast beef

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10:30 a.m.
 Bridge, 1 p.m.
 Tai chi, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday at lunch
 Line dancing, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls for sale, 8 a.m. to noon
 Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon
 Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.
 Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Super bingo, 6:30 p.m.; adults only (minimum \$7, medium \$11, average \$15; 16 games)
Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon
 Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.
 Bingo, noon
 Tai chi, 1 p.m.
 Musical event, 6 p.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Sunday buffet: \$5, seniors, 60 and older; \$6, non-seniors; \$4, children 12 and younger. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday. Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m. today, Tuesday and Thursday. Energy assistance by appointment, 736-0676.

MENUS:

Monday: Beef stew
Tuesday: Chicken
Wednesday: Chef salad
Thursday: Hamburger patty for birthday lunch

ACTIVITIES:

Today: Chicken dinner, 1 p.m.
 Last Resort
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Foot clinic, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
 Foot clinic, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Jackpot, Nev., trip, leave at 3 p.m. and return at 10 p.m.
 Bingo at 7 p.m.; minimum cost is \$9; public welcome
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Blood pressure checks, 11:45 a.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, 7 p.m.; public welcome
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11 a.m. Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11 a.m.
Thursday: Puzzles, 11 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: Enchilada
Wednesday: Lasagna
Friday: Salisbury steak

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Tai chi, 10 a.m.
 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
 AA meeting, 8 p.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; everyone over 18 welcome
Wednesday: Tai chi, 10 a.m.
 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday: Tai chi, 10 a.m.
 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. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Macaroni and cheese
Tuesday: Sausage and sauerkraut
Wednesday: Beef stroganoff
Thursday: Stuffed chicken breast with sauce

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
 Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.
 Wild card, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
 Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
 Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Morning out, 9 a.m.
 Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
 Music by fiddlers
 Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Pinochle, 7 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, 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. Energy assistance appointments: 736-0676.

MENUS:

Monday: Tuna noodle skillet
Wednesday: Pork chops
Friday: Chicken

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: Barbecued ribslets
Tuesday: Burritos
Wednesday: Ham
Thursday: Polish sausage
Friday: Country steak

ACTIVITIES:

Today: Dance with music by Melody Masters, 2 p.m.
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m. and 5:20 p.m.
 Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
 Last Resort Band
Tuesday: Tai chi, 10:30 a.m.
 Gem State Fiddlers
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Snack bar, 5 p.m.
 Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. and 5:20 p.m.
 Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
 Dick and John
 Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: YogaStretch, 10:30 a.m.
 Free Will Baptist Church
 Potluck, 6 p.m., Creekside SilverSneakers, 5:20 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
 Last Resort Band, 12:30 p.m.
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Center

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Chili
Thursday: Chicken fried steak

ACTIVITIES:

Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

MENUS:

Monday: Baked potato bar with toppings
Thursday: Hot dog

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors 60 and older; \$5.50, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Meatballs and gravy

Wednesday: Turkey sandwich

Friday: Turkey or ham

ACTIVITIES:

Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Bingo
Wednesday: Black-out bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Thursday: Harvest dinner, 4-7 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Bingo

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.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Chicken pot pie
Wednesday: Beef broccoli casserole
Friday: Meatloaf

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$6, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

MENUS:

Monday: Chef's choice
Tuesday: Braised beef tip in red wine
Wednesday: Baked Hawaiian chicken breast
Thursday: London broil with au jus
Friday: Salisbury steak

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Twin Falls shopping trip, 8:30 a.m.
 Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10 a.m.
 Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Foot clinic, 9 a.m.
 Blood pressure checks, 12:30 p.m.
 Bingo, 1 p.m.
 Wii bowling, 2 p.m.
Wednesday: Board meeting, 8:30 a.m.
 Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m.
 Crocheters and Knitters Anonymous, 1-2 p.m.
 Bone health seminar, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Movie "Harry and the Hendersons," 1 p.m.; \$2
Friday: Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m.
 The Society of Inspired Women workshop, 6 p.m.
Saturday: The Society of Inspired Women workshop, 10 a.m.

Carey Senior Center

Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$6, non-seniors.

MENUS:

Monday: Soup and salad bar, sandwich
Thursday: London broil with au jus

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors; \$6, non-seniors; \$3, children 10 and younger; \$4.50, home delivery. Gift shop: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Medicare Part D assistance by appointments: Kitty Andrews at

677-4872, ext. 2.

MENUS:

Monday: Finger steak
Tuesday: Enchilada
Wednesday: Tuna sandwich
Thursday: Salisbury steak
Friday: Chicken or pork

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Spaghetti dinner, 7-9 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors and children 12 and younger; \$6, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Super nachos
Tuesday: Baked ham and cheese sandwich
Wednesday: Enchilada
Thursday: Potato bar
Friday: Fried chicken

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pool
 Exercise, 11 a.m.
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
 Radio show, 9:30 a.m.
 Community bingo for age 18 or older; doors open at 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool
 Exercise, 11 a.m.
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Wood carving, 6 p.m.
 Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
Friday: Pool
 Exercise, 11 a.m.
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry. Lunch at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. 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.

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.



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Sweating the small stuff

I will admit that at this stage of what I have encountered in my parenting experience I would eagerly take on the sleepless nights of newborn feedings and even tantrums over potty training. Almost everyone I talk with agrees that their boys were much harder than girls to potty train. I hear amazing stories of 18-month- to 2-year-olds eager to potty train and there is always one common factor: They are the girls. You also just have to love how everyone has the perfect age of when you should potty train and no matter how you are tackling it you just aren't doing it right.

My theory is that boys just have better things to spend their time on and personal hygiene is at the bottom of the list. Sometimes I say you just can't sweat the small stuff, but we all know that is easier said than done.

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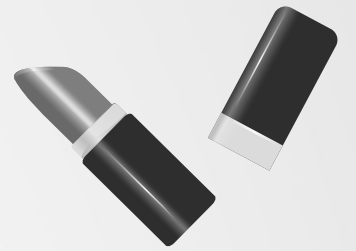
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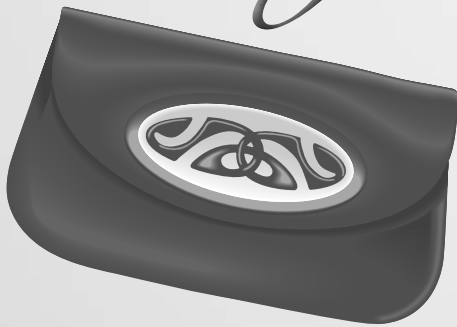
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Moving ways to inspire active children

By Renee Enna
Chicago Tribune

In the midst of a school year, it's hard to help kids find time for fitness. Come to think of it, it's hard for grown-ups to find the time too.

Dr. Adam Shafran and Lee Kantor offer a bounty of suggestions in "35 Things to Know to Raise Active Kids" (Turner Publishing, \$9.99). Fostering a positive attitude toward physical activity while kids are young, the authors contend, will be a gift they will use throughout their adult lives.

A few suggestions from the authors:

Active rituals: Developing regularly scheduled activities elevates fitness into an opportunity for family bonding. Among the authors' examples are post-supper walks around the neighborhood, which will encourage conversation as well as exercise, weekend bike rides that wind up with a picnic, and going out for a weekend breakfast — but walking to the restaurant, not driving.

Competitive housework: Hey, the chores have to be done, so why not exploit their physical demands and have some fun? Shafran and Kantor suggest writing down the various chores and putting them in a bowl; let everybody in the family select one. Then set a time limit; the whole family cleans as fast as they can for the allotted time. Setting a buzzer adds a bit of drama to the proceedings.

Another suggestion, especially for larger tasks such as raking leaves, is to separate the family into teams. (Small prizes can't hurt either.)

Treasure hunt: Create your own or participate in existing events. Don't limit this to the family, they suggest; invite your children's friends to participate too: "This activity combines two things kids love to do: figuring out puzzles and competing with their friends!"



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‘Savior sibling’ raises decade of life-and-death questions

By Josephine Marcotty
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

MINNEAPOLIS — Ten years ago a little girl from Colorado made medical history when her parents and her doctor at the University of Minnesota used genetic screening to create a baby that could save her life.

Now, 16 years old and back in Minnesota for her 10-year checkup, Molly Nash is unimpressed that her little brother — her irritating little brother — became a “savior sibling” by giving her his umbilical cord blood — the sole reason she’s alive today to back sass her parents.

Her parents, however, know what was at stake. Jack and Lisa Nash were offered a long-shot chance to save the life of their daughter and to have more children who did not have the fatal disease they both carry in their genes.

“I thank God every day that I have a 16-year-old to fight with,” said Lisa Nash, who brought Molly to the university.

When their story first became public, reaction from around the globe ranged from astonishment to horror and helped fuel the backlash against embryonic research. Molly’s doctor at the university, Dr. John Wagner, was accused of playing God.



MCT photos
Fanconi anemia patient 6-year-old Molly Nash, left, cuddles with her 4-week-old brother, Adam, in 2000 in Bloomington, Minn. Molly was scheduled to undergo an umbilical cord blood transplant from her baby brother.

Over the decade the ethical debate has subsided and the reproductive technologies they used to conceive and test their second child have become mainstream.

But Wagner and others who have watched the technologies advance and spread say the larger ethical questions raised by the Molly Nash case are more urgent than ever. They say government and professional oversight of reproductive technology is long overdue.

“The question is: Will you say no to anything that parents will ask for?” said Jeff Kahn, director of the university’s Center for Bioethics.

Molly Nash was born with a severe type of Fanconi anemia, a blood disorder that almost always results in leukemia by the age of 10. It’s rare, but far more common among people of Eastern European Jewish descent like the Nashes, who live in Englewood, Colo. Until Molly was born they had never heard of it and had no idea that they each carried a gene for it.

The only treatment is a bone marrow transplant. The greatest likelihood of success is when the donor marrow comes from a sibling who has genetically identical tissue, called HLA.

The Nashes thought they would never have more children — until Wagner, an expert in bone marrow transplantation, came to them with a novel idea.

They could use in-vitro fertilization (IVF) to produce several embryos, then genetically test all of them for both Fanconi anemia and HLA type. If the genetic dice rolled in their favor, they would choose the healthy embryo, have a healthy baby and Wagner could use the infant’s umbilical cord blood as a source of new bone marrow for Molly.

It took several rounds of in-vitro fertilization, and tens of thousands of dollars borrowed from Jack’s parents, to get an embryo that cleared both hurdles. But six

blood that would otherwise “have hit the trash can,” Lisa Nash said. “And Adam is not a designer baby?”

Since Molly’s transplant Wagner has done the same with “savior siblings” for dozens of other children with Fanconi anemia and other disorders. Genetic testing of embryos is done for hundreds of different types of diseases at IVF clinics and transplant centers across the country. Wagner has recently pioneered “savior sibling” bone marrow transplants for children with a type of genetic skin disease, and he’s finding that the transplanted marrow cells are capable of making new skin.

But he’s encountered a number of cases that have made him uneasy and, he said, make the case for regulation and oversight of IVF clinics and transplant centers.

One of his patients, for example, had four embryos implanted in her uterus because the testing for their genetic tissue typing failed. Her IVF doctors said they



Molly Nash, 16, has her height checked before seeing her doctor for a checkup in September at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

would test the fetuses and abort the ones that didn’t match her sick child.

“I wasn’t aware of it,” Wagner said, because IVF clinics create the embryos and do the genetic testing. He hears from the parents of his young patients once they succeed or give up.

In that case, none of the fetuses matched the sick child, and the parents decided to abort all four. Their sick child received a bone marrow transplant from a nonrelative but died. “I thought that was misuse of the technology,” Wagner said.

Today all the major IVF

clinics do genetic testing of embryos at the parents’ request. The Nashes used it for their third child, who is now 7.

Most of the time, according to a 2005 survey of IVF clinics, they did it to test for diseases and HLA tissue typing. But about one time out of 10, it was used for gender selection, according to the survey. Eventually, Kahn said, as more genes for traits such as hair color or height or skin type are identified, the choices facing parents will expand as well.

“Is it time to think about external oversight?” he said.

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Clyel and Nellie Berry

October of 2008 due to poor health.

They have four children. Velma Porter of Shoshone, Treva (Jules) Harrison of Poulso, Washington, Wilma (John) Thompson of Buhl, and L. Clyel (Jill) Berry of Kimberly.

The couple has 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren.

They still enjoy gardening, family get togethers and visiting with friends and neighbors.

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Geckos on display



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Anthony Lombardo, 7, of Bethesda, Md., gets up close and personal with a gecko at a Washington museum.

By Tracy Grant
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The first thing Colin Walker does every morning is count the geckos.

And this particular morning, he is coming up one short. One skunk gecko, to be precise. He eventually spies its dark head poking out between two branches in the habitat it shares with four other skunk geckos.

"But, man, I was getting worried," says the zookeeper responsible for the 80 to 90 animals on display as part of the "Geckos: From Tails to Toepads" exhibit at the National Geographic Museum in Washington.

Escaping geckos is a very real concern. "You can open a habitat to water the plants and one can scoot out. They're quick. Or a little one could land on your shirt and you could be walking around wearing a gecko and you might never know it," Walker explains.

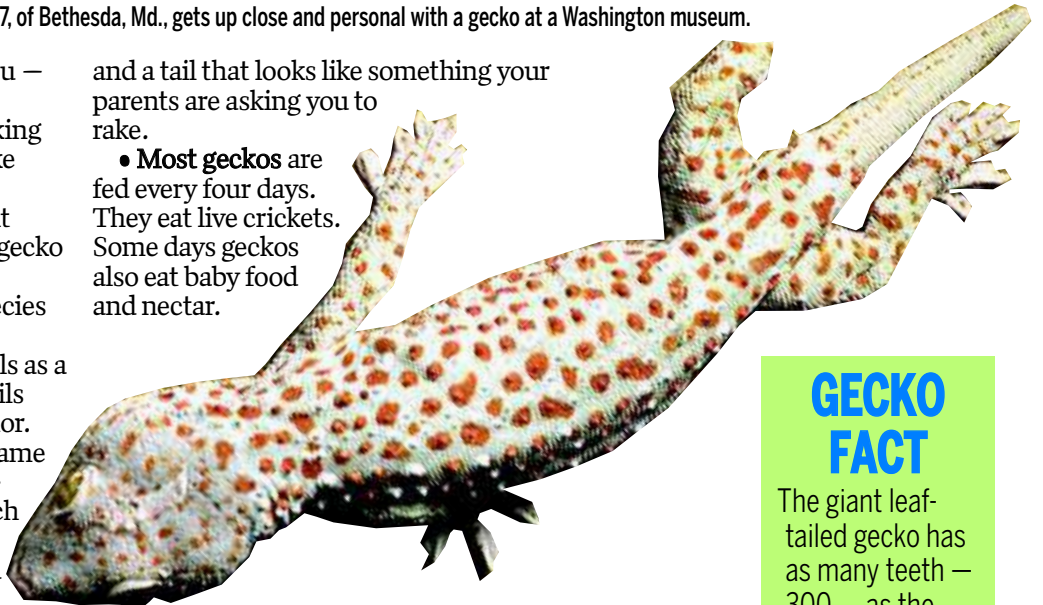
The exhibit is part scavenger hunt, part interactive adventure. It features creatures that are creepy-crawly gross and stunning in their beauty. Mostly, it's as much fun as any kid (or kid at heart) could ever expect to have in a museum. We spent a recent morning with the geckos, and

here's some — just some, mind you — of what we uncovered.

- **Geckos clean** their eyes by licking them with their tongues — just like windshield wipers!
- **Geckos live** on every continent except Antarctica. There's even a gecko population in Baltimore.
- **There are** more than 1,250 species of geckos.
- **Geckos shed** their skin and tails as a way to escape predators. When tails grow back, they are a different color.
- **Geckos put** Spider-Man to shame with their ability to stick to buildings. They can do this because each toe is covered with tiny hairs, and each hair has a flattened tip called a spatula that allows geckos to cling to surfaces. Each gecko toe has up to 50 million spatulae.
- **The Satanic leaf-tailed gecko** has red eyes, little horns

and a tail that looks like something your parents are asking you to rake.

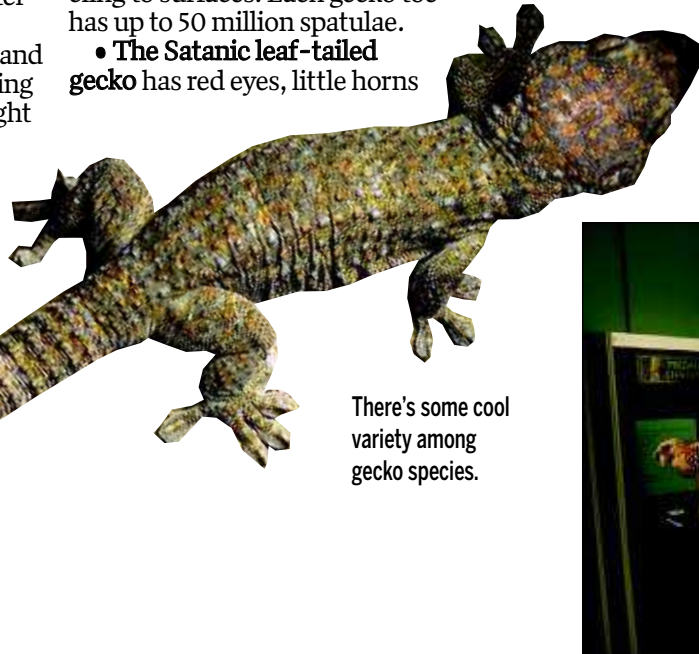
- **Most geckos** are fed every four days. They eat live crickets. Some days geckos also eat baby food and nectar.



GECKO FACT

The giant leaf-tailed gecko has as many teeth — 300 — as the great white shark.

At the 'Geckos: From Tails to Toepads' exhibit at the National Geographic Museum in Washington, there are interactive stations where kids can build a gecko, hear gecko sounds and spot geckos in the wild.



There's some cool variety among gecko species.



The wonder of duct tape



Duct tape is a household product so versatile that the government recommends that every home have a roll for emergencies, and an annual contest is held to design the best duct-tape prom dress and tuxedo.

Photo by DEB LINDSEY/for The Washington Post

By Moira E. McLaughlin
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Ever wonder about the wonders of duct tape?

We have! And once we started digging a bit, we realized that we're not alone. According to Duck Tape, a duct tape brand, in the past 10 years Americans have bought enough duct tape to go around the Earth about 50 times!

Two guys from Wisconsin, Tim Nyberg and Jim Berg, are so into duct tape they have written seven (seven!) books about the uses of duct tape. A lot of what they write is supposed to be funny, but there are plenty of people out there using duct tape to make sensible, if unique, things, too.

In 1999, Keith Drone, who was going to high school in a small town in Illinois, started making wallets and belts for friends out of duct tape. Eventually he set up a website to sell his products, and since then, he has made tens of thousands of dollars selling woven purses, fitted hats and even roses, all made out of duct tape. Duct tape, he says, paid for college. Wow!

But duct tape doesn't limit itself to only practical things. A Canadian named Todd Scott is a duct tape sculptor. He has made flowers, animals and even an 8-foot-tall Tyrannosaurus rex, all out of duct tape.

Duct tape hasn't missed the fashion world, either. In 2001, a class at Parsons School of Design in Manhattan showcased duct tape clothes. Every year high schoolers compete in a

contest to make prom dresses and tuxedos out of duct tape. Also in 2001, a couple had a duct tape wedding. It took designer Brian McKinney more than 150 hours and 48 rolls of duct tape to make the bride's dress and the groom's jacket. (Whether the couple has stuck together since then, we don't know.)

All this might seem funny to the unknown inventor of duct tape, originally made for the U.S. government during World War II. It was strong, flexible and waterproof tape that soldiers could use to repair almost anything. It was originally called "duck tape," perhaps because water rolled off it just as it rolls off a duck's back. After the war, it became known as duct tape because people building

houses used it to tape together heating and air conditioning ducts. Today, the government recommends that every home have a roll of duct tape for emergencies.

Earlier this year, the Discovery Channel show "MythBusters" tested the strength of duct tape. The team took a car apart, put it back together using only duct tape, and then drove the car around a parking lot 10 times at 40 to 60 miles per hour. The car held together.

So the next time you need a new polka-dot wallet, a fashionable purple dress or a functional car, look no further than duct tape. Or maybe you have your own ideas about duct tape possibilities.

Whatever you do, stick with it and roll on!

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EDITORIAL

Crapo on the brink of big things in the U.S. Senate

If he's reelected on Nov. 2, Republican U.S. Sen Mike Crapo will join some elite company. Apart from Democrat Frank Church and Republicans William Borah, Jim McClure and Larry Craig, he's probably already the most influential Idahoan ever to serve in the Senate. And if the Senate flips from Democratic to GOP control in this election, he'll get a lot more powerful.

Consider:

Crapo sits on three of the most influential committees in the Senate — Budget, Finance and Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs:

- Because of the retirement of Sen. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., and the electoral defeat of Sen. Bob Bennett, R-Utah, Crapo is in line to become the No. 2 Republican on the Banking panel with jurisdiction over financial institutions, deposit insurance, federal monetary policy and government contracts. Crapo is also the senior Republican on the Subcommittee on Financial Institutions, which oversees banks, savings associations and credit unions, including deposit insurance and e-commerce. It also has responsibility for regulatory activities of the Federal Reserve System, the Office of Thrift Supervision and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
- If reelected, Crapo will become the fourth-ranking Republican on the Budget committee, which is responsible for drafting Congress' annual budget plan and monitoring action on the budget for the federal government.
- He's the fifth-ranking Republican on the Finance Committee, which deals with taxation and other revenue measures, Medicare and Medicaid, reciprocal trade agreements; tariff and import quotas.

In addition, Crapo serves on the 18-member, bipartisan National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, charged by President Obama to recommend ways to reduce budget deficits. The commission's report is scheduled to be released in December.

And he's in line to become the fourth-ranking Republican on the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. Crapo is already the top Republican on the Subcommittee of Water and Wildlife, which has jurisdiction over the Clean Water Act, wetlands, fisheries and wildlife and — critically for Idaho — the Endangered Species Act.

But we're endorsing Crapo for a third term not for the power he wields but for the person he is — essentially, the same guy who represented Idaho Falls in the Idaho Senate for eight years back in the 1980s and '90s, including four as Senate president.

In Boise he presided over a body closely divided between Republicans and Democrats and populated by some of the better senators in recent Idaho history: Republicans Phil Batt, Laird Noh, John and Dennis Hansen, Jerry Twiggs and Atwell Parry and Democrats Karl Brooks, Mike Burkett and Mary Lou Reed.

During his whole tenure, Crapo served with Democratic governors. He

learned how to compromise without giving away his principles.

Far more than for Craig, McClure or Sen. Jim Risch, politics is the art of the possible for Crapo.

None of those other three senators — gifted politicians all — could have pulled off the historic compromise between ranchers and environmentalists that resulted in the creation of the Owyhee Wilderness last year. Their partisanship would have run too high and their patience too thin.

But there's no Idahoan, regardless of his or her political philosophy, who can't talk to Crapo. Maybe that's the single best reason why he's one of the more successful senators Idaho has ever sent to Washington.

The one thing we would like to see change is the senator's willingness to accept big money from special interests. According to OpenSecrets.org, since the 2004 election Crapo has received \$4.1 million in political contributions, including \$29,732 from JP Morgan Chase, \$27,500 from Credit Suisse and \$20,500 from Gold Sachs — financial institutions with a keen interest in the actions of the Banking committee. The securities and investment industry has given Crapo \$365,283 over the past five years and the insurance industry another \$253,250.

Just last week, The Associated Press reported that Crapo is one of three Senate candidates responsible for nearly half the notices the Federal Election Commission has issued in the past year for taking contributions that appear to exceed federal limits.

Crapo holds perhaps the safest Republican seat in the Senate. Simply put, he doesn't need that kind of money.

Building the future



The economic impact of Idaho's six primary airports is \$2.1 billion in annually, with 23,000 direct jobs statewide and nearly \$720 million in annual payroll. The passage of HJR5 — a constitutional amendment on the November ballot — would increase the likelihood of additional development at airports without increasing property taxes or any other taxes.

Passing 3 constitutional amendments means jobs and business for Idaho

By Rep. Fred Wood
and Sen. Joe Stegner

Idahoans have a chance in November to vote on three proposed amendments to the Idaho Constitution. In one way or another, each of the three deals with creating jobs, strengthening the economy and most importantly, protecting the tax payer.

HJR 5 is the constitutional amendment that addresses the future of Idaho airports. This measure, if approved, authorizes Idaho airports to employ user-fees and not tax dollars to acquire land and develop public purpose projects for economic development projects and facilities.

The Idaho Transportation Department recently published a comprehensive study of the economic impacts of Idaho's airports. The numbers are pretty astounding: \$2.1 billion in annual economic impact, 23,000 direct jobs statewide and nearly \$720 million in annual payroll.

The Boise airport is responsible for more 15,500 jobs ... a \$510 million annual payroll and \$1.3 billion in total economic impact. The constitutional amendment will give us the tools — with absolutely no impact on the property tax or any other tax — to grow those numbers, encourage new economic investment and create new jobs.

Consider a hypothetical, but not at all unrealistic situation: A major air

cargo provider needs a new, regional maintenance facility and wants to locate that facility in Boise at our airport. Under the current circumstances, if the Boise airport wanted to construct a facility and then enter into a long-term lease with the air cargo company, we would need to seek voter approval, even though no tax dollars would be involved — in any way — with the transaction.

Under this proposed change, the airport could negotiate a business deal with the air cargo firm, undertake construction financed by the lease terms or other airport generated revenue, and move with efficiency to meet a business need and create jobs and strengthen the economy.

And, yes, we have had just such circumstances in the recent past and because we couldn't move fast enough and with certainty, we lost the chance to use the airport as a driver of economic growth.

This amendment is not about taxes — it is very much about a businesslike approach to running a major economic engine in our community and our state. As it stands, Idaho is at a competitive disadvantage with nine other Western states that do not require voter approval.

These states have the ability to move more quickly to secure new business opportunities. At this point, only California requires voter approval for future projects.

“These amendments may well represent the single most important economic development tool that Idahoans have ever considered.”

WHAT THE COURTS SAY

A distinguishing feature of revenue bonds is that their holders have no claim upon funds raised by taxation in order to secure payment of their obligations:

- In 2003, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal of a lower court decision that held neither the Industrial Development Board of Nashville, Tenn., nor the city of Nashville “can be held liable to pay any portion of the principal or interest on the bonds or any costs incident to their issuance. No state or local government tax revenues have been or will be spent as a result of the issuance of the bond.”
- In 2006, the Missouri Supreme Court ruled that revenue bonds issued by a city don't result in general fund obligations upon the city (upholding the issuance of revenue bonds for a power plant to be leased to a private corporation).
- In 2001, the Arkansas Supreme Court held that capital improvement revenue bonds were not general obligations of the city of Little Rock, but were special obligations payable solely from fees derived from operation of city parks and recreational facilities.

HJR4 is similar and would restore an important tool that public hospitals used for more than 30 years to make regular upgrades and improvements to maintain high quality patient care. HJR4 guarantees that no tax dollars could be used to finance public hospitals' investments in quality care without a vote of the people.

Idaho's community hospitals directly employ more than 20,000 people. While the implications of these good paying careers are clear in terms of their importance to driving our local economy, the most important thing these highly trained professionals do is provide high quality care to patients.

As the health care industry faces increasing challenges, including numerous federal mandates, Idaho's community hospitals need as much flexibility as possible to ensure our hospitals can maintain as much local

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control as possible over the future of Idaho's health care.

Again consider this hypothetical but all too real situation. Many of our public hospitals compete with other hospitals around the country to purchase used medical equipment, like MRI machines for example. These pieces of equipment and technology are essential to providing the best care possible. Instead of being able to enter into a long-term agreement to make the acquisition immediately hospitals must hold an election each and every time they want to upgrade their standard of care even

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THE FRAZIER DECISION

As a result of the 2006 Idaho Supreme Court ruling in City of Boise v. Frazier, municipal governments and political subdivisions face significant limitations on their ability to finance facilities and equipment.

Article VIII, Section 3 of the Idaho Constitution generally bars cities from incurring debt without first holding an election — and getting the approval of two-thirds of the voters. But there's a notable exception: No public vote is required if the expenditure is for an “ordinary and necessary” expense authorized by the laws of the state, provided that a district judge approves.

In 2004, the city of Boise sought a judicial confirmation for construction of a new

five-level parking structure at the Boise airport. Boise resident David Frazier objected, but after a hearing a Fourth District judge granted the city's request. Frazier appealed that decision to the state Supreme Court.

Echoing an 1897 Idaho Supreme Court decision, the high court ruled that in order for an expenditure to qualify as “necessary,” there must exist a necessity for making the expenditure within the same year. The required urgency can result from a number of possible causes, such as threats to public safety, the need for repairs, maintenance or preservation of existing property, or a legal obligation. Building a parking garage, the court said, doesn't meet

those criteria.

Before the Frazier decision, the Supreme Court's interpretation of ordinary and necessary expenses had been defined as including repair of existing facilities, or new construction if the project was related to a facility that had been maintained by the municipality on a long-term basis and had become obsolete or created public safety concerns.

As a result of the Frazier ruling, many projects now face a difficult election or a long and costly judicial confirmation process. That was the impetus for the constitutional amendments that will appear on the Nov. 2 ballot.

— Source: Idaho Law Review

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though tax payer dollars are not at risk
Oftentimes the window of opportunity closes before hospitals can act quickly enough. It should be noted that in the 30 years of issuing revenue bonds not one hospital has defaulted on the loan.

HJR7 would enable power cities to strategically purchase electric power when market conditions are favorable, rather than having to wait for the next available election date.

Eleven Idaho cities own municipal electric utilities. These cities purchase power supplies from the Bonneville Power Administration and other suppliers under multi-year contracts. Energy costs, like many other commodities, vary widely depending up supply and demand.

If HJR7 does not pass, such cities would be restricted to purchasing energy on short-term contracts with pricing terms which can be very volatile and unpredictable — potentially endangering not only the economies of these cities but also the regions in which they are located.

In addition, HJR7 would allow a city owning a municipal electric system to responsibly upgrade and modernize electricity-related facilities and help to stabilize electric rates. Such cities would be allowed to issue revenue bonds, with the assent of a majority of voters, in order to finance investment in electric generation, transmission and distribution infrastructure.

The revenue bonds must be payable solely from the revenues derived from the electric system and are not secured by the taxing power of the city or state.

These amendments may well represent the single most important economic development tool that Idahoans have ever considered and deserve your consideration and affirmative vote.

Fred Wood, a Burley Republican, has represented Cassia, Power and Oneida counties and part of Bingham County in the Idaho House since 2007. Joe Stegner, a Lewiston Republican, has represented Nez Perce County in the Idaho Senate since 1999.

What the amendments ask

The official language for the three constitutional amendments proposed on the Nov. 2 general election ballot:

HJR5 AIRPORTS

“Shall Article VIII, of the Constitution of the state of Idaho be amended by the addition of a new Section 3E, to provide for the issuance of revenue and special facility bonds by political subdivisions of the state and regional airport authorities as defined by law, if operating an airport to acquire, construct, install, and equip land, facilities, buildings, projects or other property, which are hereby deemed to be for a public purpose, to be financed for, or to be leased, sold or otherwise disposed of to persons, associations or corporations, or to be held by the subdivision or regional airport authority, and may in the manner prescribed by law issue revenue and special facility bonds to finance the costs thereof; provided that any such bonds shall be payable solely from fees, charges, rents, payments, grants, or any other revenues derived from the airport or any of its facilities, structures, systems, or projects, or from any land, facilities, buildings, projects or other property financed by such bonds, and shall not be secured by the full faith and credit or the taxing power of the subdivision or regional airport authority?”

HJR5 passed the Idaho House of Representatives 52-12 on Feb. 24 and the Senate 34-1 three weeks later. Voting for HJR5 were Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley; Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome; Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls; Sen. Bert Brackett, R-Three Creek; Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert; Sen. Chuck Coiner, R-Twin Falls; Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo; Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum; Rep. Jim Patrick, R-Twin Falls; Rep. Donna Pence, D-Gooding; Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls; Sen. Michelle Stennett, D-Ketchum; Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert. Rep. Rich Wills, R-Glenns Ferry; Rep. Fred Wood, R-Burley. Voting against was Rep. Stephen Hartgen, R-Twin Falls.

HJR4 HOSPITALS

“Shall Section 3C, Article VIII, of the Constitution of the state of Idaho be amended to authorize public hospitals, ancillary to their operations

and in furtherance of health care needs in their service areas, to incur indebtedness or liability to purchase, contract, lease or construct or otherwise acquire facilities, equipment, technology and real property for health care operations, provided that no ad valorem tax revenues shall be used for such activities?”

HJR4 passed the Idaho House 65-5 on Feb. 23 and the Senate 34-0 on March 16. Voting yes were Bedke, Bell, Block, Brackett, Cameron, Coiner, Darrington, Jaquet, Patrick, Pence, Smith, Stevenson, Wills and Wood. Voting against was Hartgen. Stennett was absent.

HJR7 POWER CITIES

“Shall Article VIII, of the Constitution of the state of Idaho be amended by the addition of a new Section 3D to provide that any city owning a municipal electric system may: (a) acquire, construct, install and equip electric generating, transmission and distribution facilities for the purpose of supplying electricity to customers located within the service area of each system established by law and for the purpose of paying the cost thereof, may issue revenue bonds with the assent of a majority of the qualified electors voting at an election held as provided by law; and (b) incur indebtedness or liability under agreements to purchase, share, exchange or transmit wholesale electricity for the use and benefit of customers located within such service area; provided that any revenue bonds, indebtedness or liability shall be payable solely from the rates, charges or revenues derived from the municipal electric system and shall not be secured by the full faith and creditor the taxing power of the city, the state or any political subdivision.”

HJR7 passed the Idaho House 67-3 on Feb. 25 and the Senate 35-0 on March 16. Voting yes were Bedke, Bell, Block, Brackett, Cameron, Coiner, Darrington, Jaquet, Patrick, Pence, Smith, Stennett, Stevenson, Wills and Wood. Voting against was Hartgen.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pence won't let education languish

As the recently retired superintendent of Blaine County School District (2009) and past president of the Idaho Administrators Association (2008), I would like to submit a letter in support of Donna Pence for continued service in the Idaho House of Representatives for District 25.

In this time of budget short-falls and priority spending, we cannot allow education to be put on the back burner or languish in the line of shortsighted funding choices currently being made by the legislative decision matrix. We must send someone who is willing to fight for the future of our children as well as the future of our state. We must send someone who understands education and will stand up to the notion that children's futures can, and will, be sacrificed in order to balance the budget without even a consideration of funding enhancements, just to make voters happy.

As a retired teacher, Donna Pence has the pertinent background to help all of the schools in District 25 as she has in the past and will continue to do. She believes in a student's right to receive a complete and thorough education opportunity regardless of where they live in the state. I have worked extensively with Donna and have found her to be a consistent friend of education.

Since District 25 has a multitude of rural school districts whose opportunities of online learning, technical training programs, and the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind all depend on legislative funding choices, please send Donna Pence to fight for our kids.

JIM LEWIS
Fairfield

Take another look at school budget cuts

I'm writing to you about my concern of the school's budget cuts. I am very worried about them.

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am worried about not having enough resources at the school. Some of the teachers can't retire as planned because of the short-age of funds in the retirement fund. The teachers aren't getting paid much money. The school doesn't get to do a lot of stuff that it used to do.

I think the budget cuts should be re-evaluated.

BRETT SCHWABEDISSEN
Kimberly

(Editor's note: Brett Schwabedissen is an eighth-grader at the Kimberly Middle School.)

Autumn brings relief, appreciation for life

I savor these cool, crisp days of fall where the sun slants to the earth making it feel like morning all day. It's as if everything sighs with relief from all the summer's abundant growth and finally just relaxes into blessed change. I love that! It sort of makes me relax, too, and also makes me realize (thankfully) that all our concerns and problems are going to pass ... they will undoubtedly become memories and valued experience.

This morning as I rode the bike trail, I was stopped short by two river otter darting across my path. They were full grown with luxuriant fur rippling over frantically pumping muscles — their presence absolutely made my day!

How appropriate that this rather jolly animal, well known for its energetic zest for life, would make a fleeting appearance to remind me that life is basically good, beautiful and worth every sorrow we might encounter.

Indeed, it will be a very good day today!

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--Randy Stapilus,
Ridenbaugh Press
Sept. 17, 2010



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Dire predictions for the 2010 Legislature

By Dan Popkey
Idaho Statesman, Boise

Entering his third decade in the Legislature, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Dean Cameron expects 2011 will be his toughest session yet, with a budget shortfall that could reach 18 percent of current spending.

“There will be funding decisions made that will alter the direction of state government for many years,” said Cameron, R-Rupert. “Our reserves are gone. We can’t expect more federal stimulus. This may be the most difficult session any Legislature has faced in a long, long time.”

The May primary brought the defeat of four Republican senators by more conservative GOP opponents. Coupled with strong public sentiment against spending, a frugal Legislature looks to become downright stingy. That’s especially — and critically — true in the Senate, which has been a backstop to the fiscally hawkish House.

“It may change the tone and change the outcome on everything from education to how we get out of Boise with a balanced budget,” said House Minority Leader John Rusche, D-Lewiston.



Editor’s note:
Westword is a sampling of opinion from Western newspapers and other media.

“The question is who gets first in line when revenues rebound,” Rusche added. “Is it tax cuts or rebuilding education and other programs we’ve already cut? When does pulling the belt tighter become a noose?”

Rusche hopes for a pickup of four seats in the 105-member Legislature in the Nov. 2 election, but adds, “I’ll understand it if we stand pat. The wind isn’t at our backs in this election, that’s for sure.”

Jonathan Parker, executive director of the Idaho Republican Party, said his goal is to gain six to eight seats. Parker’s assessment seems more likely.

Whatever the numbers, Republicans will retain veto-proof majorities. Even if Democrat Keith Allred upsets GOP Gov. Butch Otter, the Legislature will have the upper hand.

Rusche predicts a protracted session. Cameron hopes for a short meeting. Long or short, Cameron says it will be so painful that several members of his Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee will leave the budget-writing panel because “they no longer have the stomach for the cuts we’ll see.”

Rusche, Cameron, House Speaker Lawrence Denney and Senate President Pro Tem Bob Geddes agree that if revenue doesn’t bounce back soon, lawmakers will be looking at a \$300 million to \$400 million gap in a \$2.3 billion budget.

“I suspect it will take a combination of things, looking at tax exemptions, looking at spending, to come up with a way to balance the budget,” said Denney, R-Midvale.

One possibility, though no legislators want their name on it yet: Ending the grocery tax credit, which saves taxpayers \$100 million. That would mean conflict

because it would hit the poor hardest during hard times.

But Cameron says an estimated \$150 million shortfall in Medicaid, which provides health care to the poor, will mean high drama. He recalled 2003, when lawmakers proposed cutting denture coverage for the elderly, before backing down.

“We had busloads of seniors shake their dentures at us,” Cameron said. “That was minuscule compared to what we’re facing now.”

Geddes doubts a broad review of tax breaks will get anywhere but said sin taxes may be part of the solution, with Idaho’s relatively low tobacco and beer and wine taxes the low-hanging fruit. But he said the Senate’s rightward shift dims prospects for raising transportation taxes, despite recommendations expected from an Otter task force.

“It will be a very, very hard line,” said Geddes, R-

Soda Springs. “There’s no appetite for a general tax increase,” agreed House Assistant GOP Leader Scott Bedke, R-Oakley.

A key test of how far the Senate shifts ideologically will come in December, when party caucuses elect leaders. Sen. Chuck Winder, R-Eagle, is considering challenging Senate Assistant GOP Leader Joe Stegner of Lewiston. If the more conservative Winder prevails, it could signal the end of the Senate’s moderating effect on the House.

Whatever the outcome, Cameron speaks with the authority of experience when he says the budget-cutters will find it tougher than they think to take away health benefits constituents have enjoyed for years.

“Everybody wants accountability until it’s their program,” he said. “I think you’ll see a parade of advocates and a parade of providers. But I do not see cuts in K-12 education to solve Medicaid’s problem.”

Dan Popkey covers politics for the Idaho Statesman.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Allred will do a much better job than Otter

Never has it been so important to have a new governor for Idaho. Butch Otter has utterly failed. He only cares about catering to corporate America. His horrible zeal to kill wolves is biologically and intellectually cruel and inhumane. His drastic cuts to education are well documented. He is good at standing around grinning at a football rally, but his management skills are threadbare. His hatred of the federal government is pathologically perverse. His opposition to needed health care reform is bone-headed. He utterly wasted \$100,000 of your precious tax dollars in an ideological grandstanding stunt to sue. As a multimillionaire, he gladly takes \$4,500 per month in a “housing allowance,” since he refused to live in the governor’s residence.

His most mind-boggling, infuriating stupidity of all is his zeal to allow the Exxon Mobil monster loads (500,000 lbs. each) on U.S. Highway 12 yards away from the federally designated Lochsa Wild and Scenic River. The 250 massive loads would drastically impact the proven tourism economy of north Idaho, ruin the rural life style of hundreds of residents and seriously damage the Wild River Corridor. The narrow

two-lane roads and old bridges simply cannot handle these loads without spending yet millions more of your tax dollars to rebuild them. Public safety issues abound. It’s utter social, environmental and economic madness. I suspect Butch has told the Idaho Transportation Department to just ignore the “little people” and the law and “make it happen.” It’s Big Black Oil for Butch! Idaho citizens would pay a horrific price. Bumbling Butch is a \$50 haircut on a \$5 head.

Conversely, Mr. Allred has proven management and people skills.

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SCOTT PHILLIPS
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