

Adapting to Magic Valley life

One month after her arrival in Twin Falls, 20-year-old Bhutanese refugee Tirtha Rai is enjoying almost every part of her new life, except American food. “I don’t like that taste,” says Tirtha, here photographed on the porch of her family’s apartment. Using a neighbor’s computer, she’s been posting photos on Facebook for her friends in Nepal’s refugee camps. And she’s dreaming of the possibilities: a car, a nursing career, a Nepali boyfriend. For Tirtha and other new arrivals from Nepal’s camps, the transition to Magic Valley life is sometimes confusing, sometimes isolating, but also hopeful. *Read reporter Melissa Davlin’s story on People 1.*



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Luna’s tech task force to meet for first time

By Amy Huddleston
Times-News writer

Thirty-nine members of a new task force will travel to Boise for their first of a series of face-to-face meetings that will ultimately decide how a wave of new technology will be used in Idaho’s schools.

The Students Come First task force will start its discussions to the estimated tune of \$11,300 for travel expenses. Members will add to that number every month as they travel from as far away as Sandpoint.

The task force budget wasn’t set before the first meeting, but Idaho State Department of Education spokeswoman Melissa McGrath said the state will have a better estimate of costs after reimbursements are completed.

The funds will come from the \$13 million set aside for the start of the classroom technology implementation in the fall.

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‘Plane crash’ at Friedman draws responders to drill

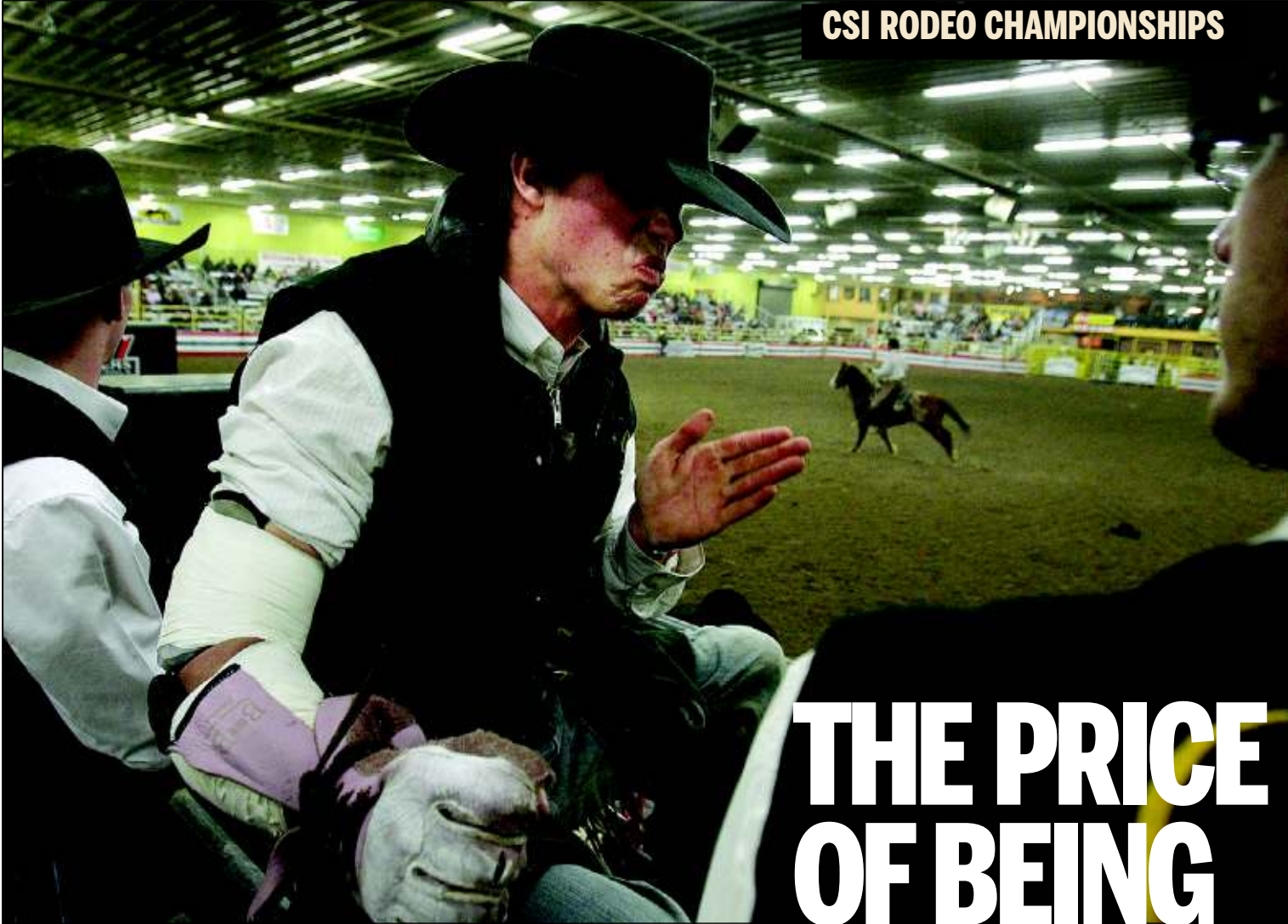
By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

HAILEY — Wrapped in a gray blanket, her face black and blue, Shelly Shoemaker smiled cheerily at the other plane crash survivors across the lunch table from her as firefighters and other first responders milled around the wreckage nearby.

The bruises were fake, and so was the crash — they were part of a drill held at Friedman Memorial Airport in Hailey on Saturday morning. Similar exercises are held every three years at the airport as a Federal Aviation Administration requirement, and involve fire and police departments from across the Wood River Valley.

“I love to act,” Shoemaker said, describing how she and her 8-year-old son enjoyed playing the part of victims for the drill. “Hopefully, he’ll be back from the hospital soon.”

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Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

College of Southern Idaho rodeo team member Orin Larsen prepares moments before launching out of the gates in the bareback riding competition at the college’s annual indoor rodeo on March 18. Larsen is among the nine cowboys and cowgirls from CSI’s top-ranked rodeo teams who will compete at the College National Finals Rodeo this week in Casper, Wyo. **BELOW:** Team member Chuck Povey feeds her horses on April 26 at the school in Twin Falls.



By the numbers

The College of Southern Idaho rodeo program will spend more than \$200,000 to compete this year. Here’s a snapshot of where some of the money will go:

- \$83,290 for coach salaries
- \$10,133 for team travel
- \$6,426 for scholarships
- \$42,263 to host rodeos and boxing smoker
- \$11,055 for livestock feed
- \$15,000 for CNFR expenses

Follow the action

Times-News reporter Amy Huddleston will be in Casper, Wyo., Thursday through Saturday to report on CSI’s quest for its fourth national rodeo championship. Follow the action and learn more here:

- Check the *Times-News* sports section and **Magicvalley.com/sports** for updates.
- Visit **rodeo.trib.com**, the Casper Star-Tribune’s dedicated rodeo site.
- Visit the official website of the College National Finals Rodeo, **www.cnfr.com**.

IN SPORTS: COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL RODEO PREVIEWS

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THE PRICE OF BEING AT THE TOP

Long days and financial burdens are part of the lifestyle for CSI’s top-ranked rodeo athletes.

By Amy Huddleston
Times-News writer

Chuck Povey lives in her boots. She wears through them the way a runner goes through pairs of shoes.

The College of Southern Idaho rodeo cowgirl’s boots have been witness to frosty mornings spent mucking out stalls. They’ve traveled miles in a truck, the right boot on the gas pedal pressed toward another rodeo. They’ve seen their share of mud, hardening on the sides of their soles, flung off when a horse is spurred on toward a running calf.

Rodeo is what Povey lives and breathes. Her love of cowboy boots, western shirts and hard work is what keeps her going day after day.

Orin Larsen travels from rodeo to rodeo in a van, a Canadian rough stock rider surviving on adrenaline, cups of noodles and vegetables when he can afford them. His bull-riding father raised Larsen on a ranch and taught him the cowboy life, instilling in his son a love of long days and the rush of a winning ride until they felt as natural as dirt in the creases of work-weathered hands.

Rodeo, Larsen said, is something he will do until his body can’t handle the rigors of the sport.



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Rodeo

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Povey, Larsen and seven of their CSI teammates are in Casper, Wyo., this week, seeking to add to the program's litany of championships at the College National Finals Rodeo. Twin Falls is home to the nation's top-ranked men's and women's college rodeo teams, as both the Golden Eagles cowboys and cowgirls tore through the Rocky Mountain Region before the regular season wrapped up in late March.

It's the best position CSI has held heading into the championships since Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame coach Shawn Davis retired in 2006 and current coach Steve Birnie took the program's reins. But rodeo is as unpredictable as a new bull coming out the chute for the first time, and Birnie knows both skill and the luck of the draw will be on equal display this week.

"It's a clean slate once you get there," Birnie said. "Anything can happen. It depends on the draw and when you're up for an event?"

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Povey wakes in the dark to stock grocery store shelves from 5 a.m. to noon, but said her real job starts after work.

When CSI wrapped up its spring semester in early May, Povey, 19, returned to her family's farm in Clifton, a 259-resident hamlet northwest of Preston. It's there where she has put in days of practice she hopes will lead to the pay-off in a year that has seen Povey and her teammates establish themselves as the best in the nation — on their own merits and mainly on their own dollar.

Povey practices six days a week for the goat tying and breakaway roping events she'll enter in Casper. Her horses need to stay in shape, but most of the work she does is on the ground.

A first-generation rodeo athlete, Povey practices tying the goats on her family farm in quick but tightly wound packages of four skyward-pointed hooves. On foot, she chases a calf dummy mounted on a four-wheeler her mom drives away from her. Povey said it allows her to control her practice speed without wearing out her horse. She'll practice until 7 p.m. most nights and then help out with farm chores.

Even on the days she's running low on energy, the thought of her competition practicing spurs Povey out of bed and into the arena.

"I want to practice the best I can so when I get to the rodeo I know I did my best," she said. "If I'm not practicing, I know my competition is practicing. Do I want that on my shoulders if I don't do well?"

Povey is quick to point out that while competition is fierce on the college rodeo circuit, the sense of community is stronger. It's not uncommon to see a cowboy put in the best ride of the performance, only



Members of the College of Southern Idaho rodeo team watch the competition with other teams competing in CSI's annual indoor rodeo on March 19. Below: Chuck Povey competes in the barrel race on March 19 during the College of Southern Idaho's annual indoor rodeo at the Eldon Evans Expo Center in Twin Falls.



Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

to cheer on his competition the next time the chute opens. Povey compared rodeo to the basketball team she played on in high school.

"When do you ever hear people cheering for the opposite team to make a basket?" she said. "In rodeo, we want to boost everybody up. You know, in rough stock people go crazy because it is awesome. We feed off of each other."

Cowboys like the 20-year-old Larsen also feed off an unflappable need to push themselves to their limits. He'll compete in bareback and bull riding in Casper, and said his competition is first against himself, with external forces like the cowboys he competes against providing a secondary push.

Larsen said he's competed in about 50 rodeos since CSI's season wrapped up in March, as every weekend he's headed toward another town and another go. This week, he said, will be no different.

"I just think of it as another rodeo, another horse to get on," he said.

The time investment to work rodeo's intense schedule of practice, travel, animal care and competition around getting a college education is great. But it can almost be dwarfed by the actual cost of competition.

All told, Birnie said the program will pay about \$15,000 to send nine students to the CNFR. That will cover transportation for the athletes and their animals, hotel costs, food and livestock feed. It also represents only a fraction of the cost

of CSI's 11-stop season and what for some can be year-round practice and competition.

Unlike other college sports, competitors in the National Inter-collegiate Rodeo Association can also compete professionally throughout the year, as long as the pro events don't interfere with college rodeos. Anyone can apply to compete in a Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association event, but competitors must first win \$1,000 in professional rodeos to be eligible to buy a membership card.

College rodeo athletes can supplement the cost to rodeo with professional winnings, which can be important, since they're also expected to pay their own entry fees for college competition.

Larsen said fees can cost anywhere from \$90 to \$250, depending on the size of the rodeo. This week, the CSI rodeo program will cover the cowboys and cowgirls event fees for the CNFR at a cost of \$220 for each event they spend all year working to qualify for.

Birnie said there isn't much time available during the school year for his athletes to get jobs, but the scholarships they receive for tuition help them get through college. This year, the program spent \$6,426 on scholarships, and the athletes are also eligible for academic scholarships from the school.

All told, it'll cost CSI about \$203,000 to run its rodeo program this year. Salary and benefits for Birnie and assistant coach Brian

Tubbs come out of the college's athletic and maintenance department funds, respectively. The separate "CSI Aggies" budget includes about \$120,000 in expenses so far.

Birnie said the team raised two-thirds of that money through sponsorships, its annual boxing smoker and hosting events at the Eldon Evans Expo Center. The program has received about \$151,000 in revenue this year, including its \$30,000 share of athletics fees paid by students.

Povey said her family is a big supporter for her rodeo dreams, and Larsen said he sometimes wins enough from his rodeo weekends to cover his costs for the next rodeo.

The tack and trailers, the hay, veterinary costs and entry fees add up quickly, but the cost to do what they love hasn't stopped Povey, Larsen or their teammates on their quest for gold buckles and national glory. Larsen said sleeping in his van or a \$50 hotel room after a late night behind the chutes has become the norm. But rodeo has provided him an avenue into higher education — although he admits he will stay at CSI for four years just so he can take advantage of his college rodeo years.

Povey said that without the scholarship she receives at CSI, she wouldn't be able to afford college and her rodeo lifestyle.

"I love it. It's what I love to do. It's the drive, the competition," Povey said. "There are so many people that are so much better than me, but I want to be the best I can and live with no regrets and win. Everyone loves to win."

And while winning is optimal, throwing your hat in the arena is what it's all about.

"People think rodeo cowboys are rich and high-class — and some are — but people don't see what we've sacrificed to get there," Larsen said. "I want to rodeo until I can't rodeo no more."

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Meet the team

The nine cowboys and cowgirls from the top-ranked College of Southern Idaho team that will compete in the College National Finals Rodeo:

Chuck Povey
Freshman
Hometown: Clifton
Events: Breakaway roping and goat tying



Samantha Logan
Freshman
Hometown: Jerome
Event: Barrel racing



Traci Bailey
Sophomore
Hometown: Centerville, Wash.
Event: Goat tying



Orin Larsen
Freshman
Hometown: Inglis, Manitoba
Events: Bareback and bull riding



Zach Hutchison
Sophomore
Hometown: Malta
Event: Bareback riding



Bailey Tubbs
Sophomore
Hometown: Filer
Event: Saddle bronc



Monty Johnson
Sophomore
Hometown: Hamer
Event: Saddle bronc



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Sophomore
Hometown: Kimberly
Event: Team roping



J.D. Johnson
Sophomore
Hometown: Tremonton, Utah
Event: Team roping



Steve Birnie
Head coach

Brian Tubbs
Assistant coach

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SEE more photos of the CSI rodeo team and its quest for championship gold.

IF YOU DO ONE THING TODAY

Hear female voices raised in song as the Whitney Women's Choral of Boise performs in Hagerman, featuring sacred music, secular classics, Hawaiian tunes and spirituals. Concert starts at 11 a.m. at Hagerman United Methodist Church. Free.

Feds offer emergency flood funds

Times-News

The U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service is making \$3 million available to five western states, including Idaho, for emergency restoration projects in flooded areas.

Each state will receive \$600,000 to provide assistance to areas in which massive mountain snowpack runoff has led to water

damage, soil erosion and watershed impairments. The money comes from the Emergency Watershed Protection Program.

The agency's Snow Survey and Water Forecasting Program estimates regional snowpack levels at 200 percent more than normal for this time of year.

Other states receiving money are Colorado, Montana, Utah and Wyoming.

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COMING THIS WEEK IN THE TIMES-NEWS



Dogging your heels

Ariel Hansen reports on equipment and etiquette for walking, running or hiking with your furry friend.

MONDAY IN HEALTHY & FIT

Eva Stutzman explores the subtleties of Oakley's Victorian architecture.

TUESDAY IN HOME & GARDEN



INTO THE FRYING PAN

Where's the best place to catch trout? How about bass? Andrew Weeks will tell you.

THURSDAY IN OUTDOORS



Let's talk turkey

Ariel Hansen reports behind the scenes on a Fairfield turkey farm as workers welcome the pullets that will grace tables this Thanksgiving.

WEDNESDAY IN FOOD

Outdoor concert series

Melissa Davlin tells you why to spend your Wednesday evenings in downtown Twin Falls this summer.

FRIDAY IN ENTERTAINMENT

Suspect in robbery of Jerome bank found with cash, arrested

Times-News

Police apprehended a suspect in a bank robbery that occurred Friday afternoon in Jerome.

Police responded to D.L. Evans Bank, 980 S. Lincoln Ave., after a call came in at 4:12 p.m. saying that the bank had been robbed.

After searching the area, police found the suspect, 23-year-old Joseph Jacobs,

at a friend's house, said Jerome Police Officer Jon Lenker.

Jacobs was arrested and booked into the Jerome County Jail, charged with robbery. Jacobs, who was found with an undisclosed amount of money, was unarmed, Lenker said, and the money was handed over to the bank.

Jacobs is scheduled to be arraigned on Monday.

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Do statistics lie? Not as a habit

The Oakland Athletics scored three runs in the top of the ninth inning Friday night to beat the Chicago White Sox 7-5 in a game between also-rans in baseball's American League.

But did you know that by so doing the A's became the first team since 1900 to end a losing streak of at least 10 games with a last at-bat victory in which they trailed by more than a run with two outs and nobody on base?

Honest. Somebody actually keeps track of this stuff.

Baseball is notorious for statistics dweebs, but it's amazing what minutiae folks think is significant enough to record.

My grandmother, for example. When my mom, aunts and uncles cleaned out her house after she died, they found she had tracked the price of artichokes at the local supermarket since 1948, and kept a record.

Grandma used to run a café in Soda Springs, so I can see why she started monitoring artichoke prices.

But she retired in 1951. Af-

DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

ter that, why did she care?

One part indignation, I guess, and two parts morbid curiosity. OK, and three parts boredom.

Having grown up in Pocatello around employees of the Union Pacific Railroad, I know that there are retired railroaders who to this day keep copies of the Portland Rose passenger train's timetable from the mid-1940s.

The Rose, which also ran through Minidoka, Rupert, Shoshone, Gooding and Bliss, was for a time the fastest way to get to the West Coast from Idaho. You could, for example, board the Rose in Shoshone at 5:30 in the morning, and be in Portland by late afternoon.

Try that in your Buick.

Statistics — and the more arcane the better — are comforting somehow, evidence of a reality that most

people don't share with you.

It's like when Idaho Power calls you up and claims you didn't pay your bill for April, and you're able to dig out a copy of the canceled check. You win; they lose.

For statistics are confirmation. And whatever else confirmation is, it's a small victory.

Grandma took her encyclopedic knowledge of artichoke pricing to the local grocery store manager in the early 1960s and got a discount backdated to 1948 rates — not in cash, but in S&H Green Stamps.

Green Stamps were popular from the 1930s through the late '80s, distributed as part of a rewards program by a company named Sperry and Hutchinson. Customers would receive stamps at the checkout counter of supermarkets, department stores, gas stations and other retailers that they could swap for merchandise at local "redemption" centers or through a catalog.

For 25 years during the middle of the 20th century, it was hard to overstate the

importance of Green Stamps in rural America. You pasted them into a book, "redeemed" them, and they were better than cash. Cash, after all, went astray; Green Stamps — which had to be pasted onto little squares in the redemption booklets — were evidence of thrift, resolve and perseverance.


And you couldn't spend them at Walmart.

I'm pretty sure Grandma never swapped her Green Stamps for artichokes, but no matter. That new toaster sitting on her Formica kitchen counter was the consequence of sticking up for herself.

Which wouldn't have happened, of course, if she hadn't kept track of artichoke prices all those years.

I wish the Oakland A's many more ninth-inning comeback victories. And Grandma's toaster? It's sitting on my kitchen counter, 50 years on.

Steve Crump is the Times-News Opinion editor. Here him Fridays at 8:30 a.m. on KLIX-1310 AM.




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Friedman

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This year's scenario? A passenger plane crashed through the north fence of Friedman, onto Idaho Highway 75 and into a semi-truck and trailer hauling groceries, causing some small fires, fuel leaks and an eventual explosion and hazardous materials situation in the grocery truck — all simulated on a graveled area northwest of the Friedman terminal, away from rubberneckers and others who might be concerned the "emergency" was real rather than a drill.

The semi-truck was donated, the trailer belongs to Hailey Fire Department, and the "plane" in this case was an old bus that Friedman has been using for training exercises for years, with a "wing" added on to one side for realism.

"This was its last hurrah," said Pete Kramer, Friedman airfield operations chief, of the bus, which will go to its final resting place after having been sheared, sawn and hacked into to complete Saturday's exercise.

The drill was a success, agreed Kramer, Hailey Fire Department Chief Mike Chapman, and Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security regional exercises and training coordinator Autumn Roberts. Homeland Security was primarily responsible for the costs of the exercise, through a grant to the participating agencies, although Kramer said a total cost couldn't be estimated at this time because of the large amount of in-kind donations from all the departments involved, including hours for the many per-call first responders.

About 18 volunteers played victims, while about 35 first responders took time away from one of the first beautiful-weather Saturdays this summer.

Participating departments included Friedman Aircraft Rescue Fire and air traffic control; fire departments from Hailey, Bellevue, Ketchum and Sun Val-



ARIEL HANSEN/Times-News

First responders check on the 'victims' of an airplane crash drill held at Friedman Memorial Airport in Hailey on Saturday. The exercise was primarily funded by the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security.

ley; Wood River Fire & Rescue; Hailey Police Department; Blaine County Sheriff's Office; and St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center.

"Some of our evaluators were from out of town, and they were really impressed with how well the different agencies in the valley just mold together at a situation like that and work almost seamlessly," Kramer said.

Chapman noted that, because many of the personnel were kept in the dark about the scenario until it unfolded, it had a realistic hectic vibe. "No battle plan ever

survives the first few minutes," he said. "You get to plan Q by the end of the incident."

As the scenario wound down, airport manager Rick Baird noted that in a real commercial aircraft crash, the National Transportation Safety Board would be en route from Boise or Washington, D.C. to assess the site, while a hazardous materials team would be called in from Pocatello, so it would likely be a few days before the whole scene could be cleaned up and traffic could resume its usual route along

the highway.

In this case, though, both victims and responders just enjoyed lunch and headed home.

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TWIN FALLS COUNTY FELONY SENTENCINGS

Dewey D. Voorhees, 64, Buhl; possession of methamphetamine, five years penitentiary, two determinate, three indeterminate, two years probation, \$1,000 fine, \$265.50 costs, \$650.60 restitution \$500 public defender fee, \$590 court compliance costs, 100 hours community service, shall not drive without valid driver's license and insurance, undergo substance abuse and mental health treatment, submit to hair testing two times a year, shall not possess or purchase a weapon or firearm.

Chelsie M. Miller, 20, Twin Falls; criminal possession of a financial transaction card, four years penitentiary, two determinate, two indeterminate, two years probation, \$1,000 fine, \$800 suspended, \$225.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee, \$319 restitution, obtain and abide by all recommendations of alcohol evaluation, 50 hours community service, shall not have a checking account or any credit cards unless approved by probation officer, shall not have any indebtedness over \$250 without approval of probation officer.

Susan A. Torrez, 43, Twin Falls; forgery, six years penitentiary, three determinate, three indeterminate, four years probation, \$1,000 fine, \$750 suspended, \$225.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee, shall not have a checking account or any credit cards unless approved by probation officer, shall not have any indebtedness over \$250 without approval of probation officer, shall participate in Consumer Credit Counseling, shall not drive without valid driver's license and insurance, 100 hours community service.

Trae A. Petzoldt, 20, Eden; possession of methamphetamine, four years penitentiary, two determinate, two indeterminate, three years probation, \$265.50 costs, \$557 restitution, \$370 court compliance costs, shall complete GED, obtain and follow all recommendations of alcohol evaluation, 100 hours community service.

Daniel E. Quintana, 48, Jerome; burglary, eight years penitentiary, four determinate, four indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at therapeutic community, \$1,000 restitution, \$255.50 costs.

Myndee S. Rascon, 29, Buhl; possession of methamphetamine, acceptance into child protection drug court, \$740.33 restitution.

FELONY DISMISSAL

Daniel E. Johnson, 40, Twin Falls; lewd conduct with a minor under 16, state dismissal.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Jason J. Ward, 35, Twin Falls; driving under the influence (one or more priors in five years), 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, \$1,800 fine, \$270.50 costs.

Charles M. Jackson, 32, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$1,000 fine, \$600 suspended, \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, 90 days jail, 87 suspended, three credited, driving privileges suspended

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Jose De Jesus Zaragoza-Acosta, 22, Castleford; driving under the influence, \$1,000 fine suspended, \$50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, 180 days jail, 129 suspended, 51 credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 18 months probation, no alcohol, obtain and follow all recommendations of alcohol evaluation, do not re-enter United States illegally; failure to purchase or invalid driver's license, \$300 fine suspended, \$137.50 costs, 90 days jail, 39 suspended, 51 credited, 18 months probation.

Preston E. Higgins, 23, Kimberly; driving under the influence (second offense), \$1,000 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, 180 days jail, 170 suspended, one credited, driving privileges suspended 365 days, 24 months probation, no alcohol, obtain and follow all recommendations of alcohol evaluation.

Timothy S. Mood, 27, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$1,000 fine, \$600 suspended, \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, one credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation, no alcohol, obtain and follow all recommendations of alcohol evaluation.

CIVIL FILINGS

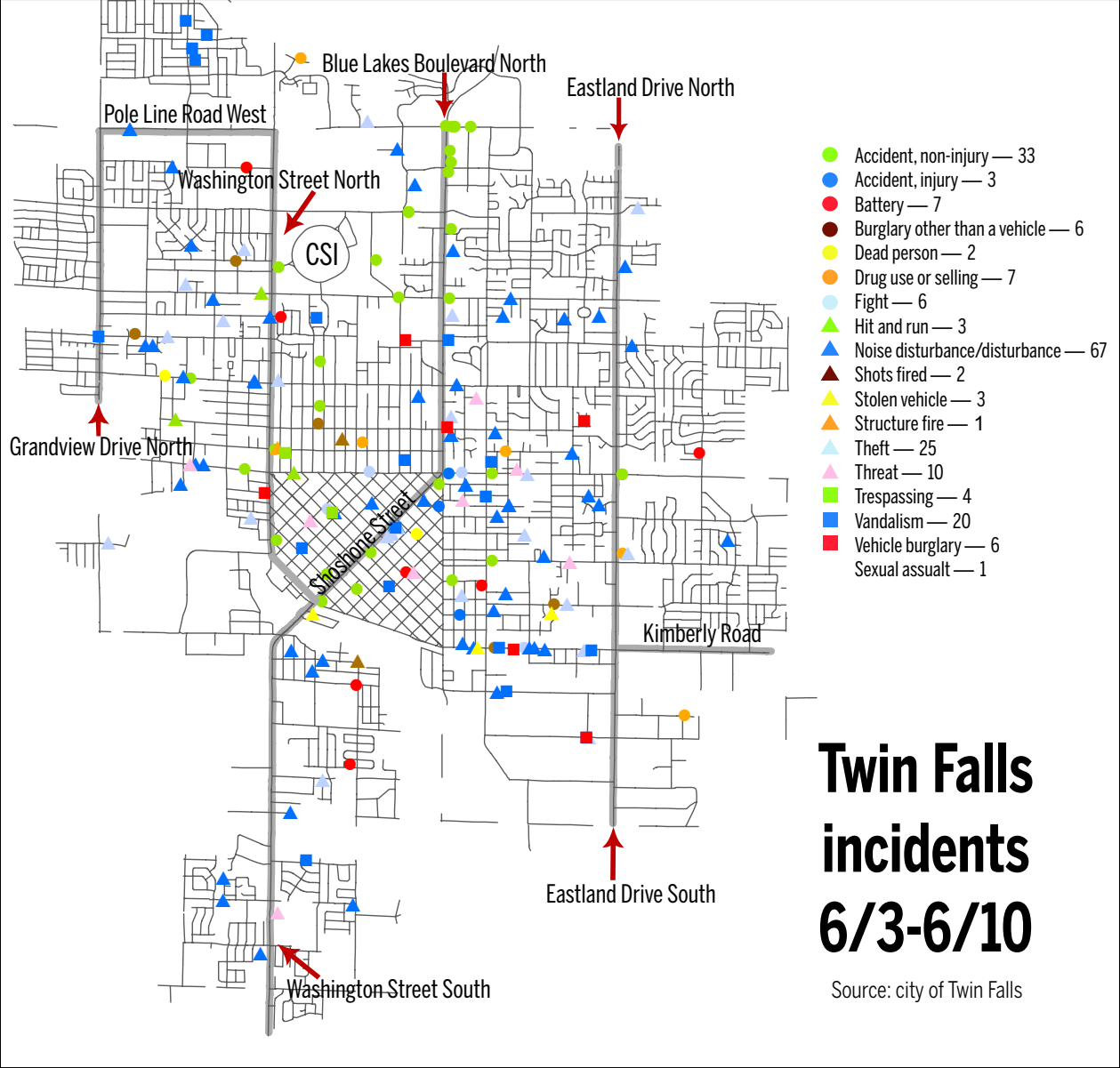
EHM Engineers Inc vs. Modern Construction of Idaho LLC and Derek Stanger and Kasey Stanger. Plaintiff alleges defendant failed to pay for engineering services, per contract. Seeking judgment and \$7,616 of principal balance, plus interest and attorney's fees.

State of Idaho Industrial Commission vs. Sagebrush Inn Inc. and James E. Hohnhorst. Plaintiff alleges defendant failed to provide workers' compensation insurance for employees. Seeking \$1,600 damages, that defendants be enjoined and restrained from operating a business with employees without obtaining a policy of workers' compensation insurance.

CHILD SUPPORT CASES

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

Eric M. Becerra. Seeking estab-



Twin Falls incidents 6/3-6/10

Source: city of Twin Falls

lishment of child support: \$84 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, 50 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

Eric M. Becerra. Seeking establishment of child support: \$255 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, 50 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

Kelsey A. Springer Horrocks. Seeking establishment of support for child in third party care: \$222 monthly support plus 100 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, 100 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

Kelsey A. Springer Horrocks. Seeking establishment of support for child in third party care: \$174 monthly support plus 45 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, 45 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

Lori L. Vega. Seeking establishment of support for child in third party care: \$209 monthly support plus 50 percent of

medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, 50 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

Lori L. Vega. Seeking establishment of paternity and child support: \$101 monthly support plus 69 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, 31 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

DIVORCES FILED

Kyle Abbott vs. Nayeli Torres-Rubio.

Ellis Pruitt vs. Pamela Pruitt.

Sharon Lehrman vs. Ralph Lehrman.

Brittany H. Steele vs. Eric F. Steele.

Kevin Koonce vs. Tammy Koonce.

Missie M. Gossett vs. Tony L. Motes.

Julie Derrick vs. Robert S. Derrick.

Jessica M. Garcia vs. Edgar E. Garcia.

Sarah Gailey vs. Jason Gailey.

CITY OF TWIN FALLS DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Joseph W. Nelson, 29, Twin Falls; driving under the influence (excessive), amended to driving under the influence (second offense), \$1,000 fine, \$300 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 365 days jail, 255 suspended, two credited, driving privileges suspended 365 days, 24 months probation, no alcohol, obtain and follow all recommendations of alcohol evaluation, SCRAM unit authorized; leaving the scene of an accident, amended to failing to notify upon striking an unattended vehicle, \$500 fine, \$300 suspended, \$50

costs, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, two credited, 24 months probation.

Holly A. Wendel, Fort Washakie, Wyo.; driving under the influence, \$500 fine, \$200 suspended, \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, two credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation, no alcohol.

Teresa T. Shank, 53, Filer; driving under the influence, amended to inattentive or careless driving, \$300 fine, \$150 suspended, \$137.50 costs, 10 days jail suspended, six months probation.

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T.F. woman bikes across America for housing cause

By Emily Katseanes
Times-News correspondent

Caitlin Stanley didn't consider herself a cyclist. She was a student at Boise State University (now a graduate) and a professional dancer for Idaho Dance Theatre, but just a casual cyclist who got a bike last summer.

So her friends and family were considerably shocked last Thanksgiving when she announced she would spend the summer biking across the country.

Stanley decided to spend her first summer after college graduation traversing from Portland, Maine, to Santa Barbara, Calif., on a set of two wheels pedaled by her own feet. The Twin Falls native will join about 30

other cyclists and spend two and a half months helping to build affordable housing.

But even the good cause didn't help lessen the shock for some of Stanley's loved ones.

"When I told my mom, she about died," Stanley said. "It took them a long time to come around. I think they were just worried more than anything else because I'm not really a cyclist."

Peggy Stanley said once she knew her daughter would be safe between June 18 and Aug. 27 on the road, her next feelings were more positive.

"It's something that she's passionate about and it's for a good cause. It's something she can do for herself and see the country," Peggy said. "Needless to say, her dad

and I are very proud."

Stanley said she leaned on her dance background before buckling down and focusing on bike training in May. Since then, she's been tackling hills and taking longer rides. Now, she's focusing on the details of her upcoming trek from packing to some dreaded weather conditions.

"Rain's OK on a bike. Wind is just hugely demoralizing," she said. "I'm not really looking forward to those windy days."

But wind isn't the only thing ahead of her. On June 28, Stanley will celebrate a special build in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. It will be the anniversary of her first build 10 years earlier — and her birthday.



Courtesy photo

Follow Caitlin Stanley on her cross-country cycling adventure at her blog, www.caitlincruises.com. For more information about the organization that got her on the road with a hammer in hand, visit bikeand-build.org.

Kimberly man dies in two-vehicle crash

Times-News

A Kimberly man is dead after a crash that happened a little before 3 p.m. Saturday near Red Cap Corner in Kimberly.

The victim is Michael Mitchell, 63, of Kimberly.

Mitchell was traveling southbound on 3500 East in a 1994 Nissan pickup, while 28-year-old Jacob Udy, of Twin Falls, and his passengers, Rachel Udy, 28, of Hansen and her two children, were traveling westbound on U.S. Highway 30 in a 2001 Dodge pickup. The two vehicles crashed at the intersection

of 3500 East and Highway 30, according to a news release by ISP.

Mitchell was transported to St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center, where he succumbed to his injuries.

All occupants in the Udy vehicle were wearing seat belts, according to the news release. It was not known Saturday night if Mitchell had been wearing a seat belt.

Alcohol was not believed to be a factor in the crash.

The road was closed for about two hours during the investigation and cleanup.

Charge filed in motel murder case

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A murder charge has been filed against a man in the death of a woman whose body was found stuffed in the wooden frame of a bed at a Salt Lake

City motel.

The *Deseret News* of Salt Lake City reported that the charges were filed Friday in 3rd District Court against 28-year-old Thomas Kunalac.

Luna

Continued from Main 1

While the legislators didn't put a cap on the task force's spending, McGrath said all members must follow the Board of Examiner rules when planning travel, which require them to find the least expensive transportation available.

Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, said legislators didn't discuss the task force budget in session and said this is the time for Luna to get down to the "nitty-gritty of business." Jaquet said she has housing in Boise and won't ask the state for reimbursement for food.

To her, the task force is an opportunity to explore professional development for teachers and administrators as well as how technology fits into higher education.

All members are traveling to the meetings on their own time to develop specific plans for the one-to-one ratio of mobile computing de-

BY THE NUMBERS

Estimated cost to send task force members to monthly meetings:

\$3,700 for hotels	To watch the task force meetings live online, visit http://www.idaho-ptv.org/leglive/
\$3,300 for mileage	
\$2,700 for flights	
\$1,600 for meals	
\$11,300 total first meeting estimated cost	
\$79,100 for total estimated meeting costs	

vices in high schools. The task force will also develop implementation plans for the online course requirements and development for teachers.

The team, chaired by Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna, is made up of superintendents, technology directors, principals, finance specialists, teachers, parents and a few at-large members. Four members will travel from south-central Idaho to Boise, including Jaquet, Cassia County School Board Chairwoman Debbie Critchfield, Gooding teacher Marne Curtis and Minidoka County School Board Chairman Brian Duncan.

The two-day meeting will

start with opening remarks from Luna and will continue with presentations from former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and former West Virginia Gov. Bob Wise.

Luna said both of the governors have assisted their states in advancing technology and virtual learning.

"As the task force works to reform every Idaho classroom into a 21st century classroom, I hope we can learn from the experience of Florida, West Virginia and other states and districts across the country," Luna said.

The Monday meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. and will end at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday. The meetings are open to the public and will be held

in the Senate Auditorium.

Critchfield, who will chair one of the five subcommittees, said getting involved in the task force was an effective way to learn how technology would be implemented in her own children's lives.

"But it's not just about my kids. It's about all the students. I really care how things will look in our district," Critchfield said.

Amy Huddleston may be reached at 735-3204.



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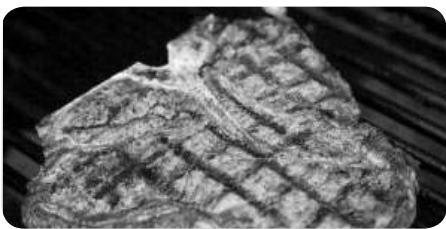
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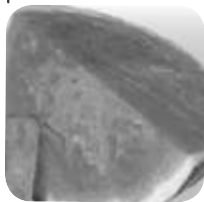


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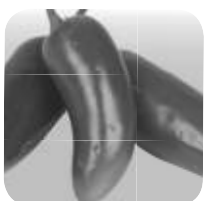
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Shooting case goes to district court; second charge dismissed

By **Bradley Guire**
Times-News writer

A Twin Falls county judge says there's enough probable cause to convict a Twin Falls man for allegedly assaulting a female with a pistol.

Brandon Rosenberg had one felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon sent to district court by Magistrate Judge Nicole Cannon. A second felony charge of the same was dismissed at the Friday morning hearing, according to the court minutes. Twin Falls County Senior Deputy Prosecutor Stan Holloway called the alleged victim as the state's only witness at the hearing.

Rosenburg, 30, of Twin Falls, is accused of using a Glock .40-caliber pistol against a male and female at a residence on Ninth Avenue East. Police arrested Rosenberg after responding to a report of shots fired.

Rosenburg's arraignment in district court is scheduled for June 27 with Judge Randy Stoker presiding.

Brackett faces child pornography charges

Robert Brackett, of Twin Falls, has been charged with 12 felony counts of sexually exploitative material, adding on to six charges of sexual battery of a minor and second-degree kidnapping.

Brackett, 42, was arrested and charged with sexual battery in January. Investigators claim to have found pictures of the alleged victim, a 16-year-old girl, on a digital camera at Brackett's residence. He faces an August trial on those original felony counts.

A preliminary hearing on the new criminal complaint is slated for Friday. Brackett is held at the Twin Falls County Jail on \$100,000 bond for each case.

Jury convicts Albertson on 1 of 5 charges

A Twin Falls County jury convicted Jason Albertson of misdemeanor battery on Thursday in 5th District Court.

He was acquitted of four felony charges: second-degree kidnapping, sexual crime against nature, forcible penetration with a foreign object and battery with intent to commit a felony. Sentencing for the lone conviction is set for Tuesday. He was accused of sexually assaulting a woman in her home over a period of four or five hours in January.

Albertson, 31, remains in custody at the Twin Falls County Jail on charges of receiving a stolen vehicle and forging or altering a vehicle title. His next trial date is set for Aug. 16.

San Jose man accused of embezzlement

The owner of a Twin Falls auto parts store says a former employee embezzled thousands from the business.

Gregory Doushgounian, 27, of San Jose, Calif., is charged with felony grand theft for allegedly stealing \$4,207 from Harris Automotive and Repair by changing or deleting entries from

the financial records.

Store owner Samuel Harris Jr. filed the report with Twin Falls police in February. The report claims Doushgounian confessed to Harris and promised to pay the money back when confronted in November 2010.

He was arrested and held on \$50,000 bond at the Twin Falls County Jail. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for June 17.

Burley teen gets probation

Christian Winmill received a withheld judgment on Monday for his role in a smash-and-grab of Kimberly storefronts last winter.

The 19-year-old Burley man was placed on a two-year probationary term for malicious injury to property, during which he must pay \$8,779.50 in restitution. In addition, he must perform 100 hours of community service within the next 200 days. A \$1,000 fine was suspended as well.

He and five other defen-

dants were accused of breaking the windows of Quickdraw Embroidery & Screenprinting and Tianna's Coffee House during a Dec. 5 burglary attempt. Winmill pleaded guilty in April.

May 23 and June 7, when the agency conducted high-visibility seat belt patrols.

The number reflects both adult and child restraint violations.

In addition, troopers made 18 driving under the influence arrests, apprehended four fugitives and made 31 drug arrests. They also issued 616 speeding tickets and 99 non-insured motorist citations.

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Savory Summer

Businesses prepare for Savor Southern Idaho

By Emily Katseanes
Times-News correspondent

For anyone who still thinks the only thing Idaho can grow is potatoes, Savor Southern Idaho is out to prove them wrong. The event, put on by the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce and Southern Idaho Tourism, pairs food, from roasted pheasant in a citrus-white-wine reduction to sturgeon with a coriander rub and cilantro-lime butter, with local wines and beers.

But leaving Elevation 486, the chefs of the event, with a full belly isn't the only

reason for the Thursday event. Southern Idaho Tourism executive director Debbie Dane said the dinner gives producers a chance to connect to consumers.

"I think the best thing that it can do is make people aware of the products we have here and learn about where they can buy them to support our local economy," Dane said.

In addition to the main event, producers will be on hand with edible and drinkable samples, distribution information and products for sale, all presented with the goal of beefing up interest in local food and drink. With this year's attendance expect-

ed to tap out at 350, about 100 more than the year before, the event is on track to succeed. In addition to attendance, the number of wines offered also grew from six to a maximum of 10, though more wineries showed interest.

"I think (locally sourced food) is a platform we can promote and that will flow into tourism," Dane said. "People want to come, and they want to eat local products."

One local producer, Stacie Ballard, said even though her company, Ballard Family Dairy and Cheese, gets invited to events all

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Savor Southern Idaho

What: Learn about local products, from fish to fine wine, by sampling the best Southern Idaho producers have to offer and the chefs of Elevation 486 have to cook. There will also be a raffle and silent auction, with all money going to the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce and Southern Idaho Tourism.

When: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Where: Twin Falls Center for the Arts, Twin Falls. Tickets: \$25 per person, \$40 per couple. Call 733-3974 or go online at visitsouthidaho.com.

Information: For tickets or more information, contact Kyle Tarbet at kyle@twinfallschamer.com or Debbie Dane at ddane@csi.edu.

Sprucing up the streets

Towns prepare for weeklong Operation Facelift

By Blair Koch
Times-News writer

After months of planning, volunteers in 12 Magic Valley communities are almost ready to roll up their sleeves and get dirty—all in the name of cleaning those towns up and sprucing up selected storefronts and other distressed buildings.

Operation Facelift is set to begin Monday with a kick-off during Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's "Capital for a Day" event in Castleford, one of the communities participating in the initiative.

"Castleford just recently joined SIEDO," said Jan Rogers, SIEDO executive director.

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SEE a slide show of more Operation Facelift photos MAGICVALLEY.COM

SIEDO is sponsoring Operation Facelift. It put \$12,000 toward the project, giving each city \$1,000 to use for supplies.

Donations from Idaho National Laboratory, area businesses and individuals have been given to help support the weeklong event. The communities participating are members of SIEDO and include: Paul, Rupert, Heyburn, Burley, Kimberly, Twin Falls, Filer, Castleford, Jerome, Wendell, Gooding and Glenns Ferry.

As in Castleford, each city selected volunteer coordinators, who identified potential properties and areas needing some elbow grease and coats of new paint.

Although Castleford volunteers will focus their efforts on three buildings, some cities really ran with the project, Rogers said.

For instance, Kimberly spread the work over two weeks, giving the many youth, civic and government agencies volunteering time to focus on 11 properties.

"Operation Facelift really gave everyone reason to get excited about their town," said Planning and Zoning Director Jenny Nickerson. "The project is going to help the entire city. When your city looks better it is easier to sell as a place where other businesses may want to relocate to."

Charmianne Leavell, owner of the Gooding Cinema, is looking forward to having the front of her historical building

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Kimberly High School cross-country member April Adamson, 16, helps out with teammate Halie Wilsey, 17, right, and her coach Kelly Gibbons, top, along with others in preparation for Operation Facelift as they paint buildings in downtown Kimberly Thursday evening in Twin Falls.



The Kimberly High School cross-country team and their coach Kelly Gibbons, standing, help out in preparation for Operation Facelift as they paint buildings in downtown Kimberly Thursday evening in Twin Falls.

A Tale of Two Mitts

WASHINGTON — The Good Mitt could be the next president of the United States. The Bad Mitt won't make it past Super Tuesday. The problem for Romney is that he just can't decide which Mitt he wants to be.

I found both Mitts while reading his obligatory pre-campaign book, "No Apology," with the lapel-pin subtitle, "Believe in America."

Despite what you might think from the title, the book doesn't have anything to do with explaining why Mitt once drove to Canada with the family dog strapped on the roof or why the former governor helped create a mandatory health-care plan for Massachusetts that looks very much like the Obama plan he now vows to repeal.

Rather, it's meant to be a dig at President Obama and other Democrats who, he asserts with very little evidence, don't believe in free markets, free enterprise and free trade — or freedom of any kind for that matter. It's a sneaky way of accusing people who don't agree with him of having so little faith in America that they're constantly apologizing for it, from which we are meant to conclude that they don't love America as much as Mitt and the Republicans. This is the Bad Mitt talking.

Then there is the Good Mitt, the Mitt who graduated from Harvard Business School and was a successful strategy consultant and private-equity investor. This Mitt writes thoughtfully about productivity and entrepreneurship and innovation — about how they thrive in an environment of limited government, low taxes, free trade and open competition and how they can be hampered by special interests that try to slow or subvert the sometimes painful process of creative destruction.

The Good Mitt has a firm grasp of what's wrong with the current health-care system, acknowledges the culpability of Wall Street and the private sector in causing the financial crisis, and even admonishes fellow Republicans for being "overly fond of bashing regulation as the constant enemy of growth and competition." While I surely don't agree with all his analysis and many of his prescriptions, in terms of knowledge and sophistication about business and economics, he's near the top of the Republican class.

But just when you're beginning to think maybe you've misjudged the guy, the Bad Mitt jumps in and grabs the key-board. Suddenly we're asked to believe that less than 10 percent of the Obama stimulus funds created any jobs in the private sector, as if the money that goes

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Steven Pearlstein

Would positive news save the U.S. economy? Doubtful.

Would the markets perform better if the press reported employment at 91 percent or unemployment at 9 percent?

According to Zions Bank Residential Lending Group Manager Lee Carter, economic improvement — or the perception of it — would

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Blair Koch



be better assisted along if the press would only report

good news, or at least put a positive spin things.

Huh?
"How nice would it be to hear ... that for 91 percent of us, things haven't changed much because of the economy? That 91 percent of Americans are still working?" Carter quipped during a brief speech.

During Thursday's 2nd Quarter 2011 Real Estate Summit in Twin Falls, Carter went so far to say that stimulus money would have been better spent to essentially buy the press. Want the money? Then only report good news.

His reasoning was met with hearty applause.

But did the press really contribute to the fallout of the nation's economy after the housing bubble burst? Probably not.

Even reporters have mortgages and retirement savings tied to Wall Street. They knew the drama unfolding would hit their pocketbooks.

The stage had long been

set for the housing bubble's burst.

Loose regulations led to lenders signing contracts with people they knew didn't have the ability to pay.

But with housing prices only escalating, the risk of default was overshadowed

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YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES

Prater elected president of jewelers guild

Members of Leading Jewelers Guild (LJG), a prestigious member-owned jewelry organization of 145 independent retail jewelry stores, recently assembled in Sarasota, Fla., for its annual owners meeting.

Tony Prater, CEO of Jensen Jewelers, was elected president of he Leading Jewelers Guild for 2011-2012. He has been with Jensen Jewelers for 33 years and has been the CEO since 2006. Jensen Jewelers has been headquartered in Twin Falls for 55 years and is one of the top independent jewelry chains in the U.S.



Prater

Bella Couture celebrates ribbon cutting

The Kimberly Business Owners Association and the city of Kimberly held a ribbon cutting June 8th for one of Kimberly's newest businesses, "Bella Couture".

Owner Jill Wright first opened for business in her Main Street store location March 1st.

Her beautifully renovated downtown location is situation in the retail heart of Kimberly and is the perfect addition to the charming mix of specialty retail businesses.

Bella Couture offers a full line of designer clothing, hats, shoes, and accessories for woman in a variety of sizes. Bella Couture is open for business Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-6 p.m.



Wright

M.V. Urgent Care celebrates ribbon cutting

Dr. W. Scott Appleton's Magic Valley Urgent Care, at 496 Shoup Ave. W. Ste. F Twin Falls, celebrated its grand opening with a red ribbon cutting attended by the Twin Falls Chamber's Ambassadors.

Appleton and his team are new members of the chamber.

Magic Valley Urgent Care is a fully bilingual clinic (everyone speaks both English and Spanish).

It provides professional care: examinations, pediatrics, DOT physicals, immigration physicals, infections, injuries, lacerations and have access to digital X-rays.

Drop by its office today or call (208)733-6882 www.magicvalleyurgentcare.com.



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Cameron included in Idaho Business Review's Accomplished Under 40

Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce Director Kae Cameron was recently named one of the "Idaho Business Review," Accomplished Under 40 award winners.

Cameron was chosen out of 187 nominees to be included in the annual list, which names 40 men and women.

A 10-member selection panel of peers was



Cameron

TWIN STOP MANAGERS



Managers from Twin Stop Chevron recently attended an awards ceremony in Las Vegas. Twin Stop was presented six awards for outstanding customer service and clean facilities. Pictured are Paul Brady, Beckie Farrell, Stephanie Lemmons, Erica Evans, King Kadlec, Darlene Lassiter, Brian and Lori Donaldson.

comprised of past Accomplished Under 40 recipients from 2003 to 2010, who considered each nominee on the basis of professional accomplishments, leadership skills, community involvement and longterm goals.

This year's chosen recipients will be honored during a reception in Boise on Tuesday.

Twin Falls Public Library Foundation appoints Sonnie Strolberg to board

The Twin Falls Public Library Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit, charitable organization, announced the appointment of Sonnie Strolberg as a new board member.

Strolberg is a native of Kimberly and graduated from the University of Idaho.

She is also a retired school teacher. Strolberg and her husband, Ray Strolberg, have two daughters and four grandchildren.

The Foundation officers for the new fiscal year are Ron Silvers, president; Gale Kleinkopf, vice-president; Carol Tombre, secretary; and Bill Baxter, treasurer. The Foundation's mission is to procure books and materials for the Twin Falls Public Library.



Strolberg

S. Idaho Transport presented safety award

Southern Idaho Transport was presented a platinum award by Great West Casualty Company as part of the 200 National Safety Awards Program.

Southern Idaho Transport is a haul-for-hire trucking company located in Twin Falls and has been in business for more than 40 years.

Owner and President Harold Caldwell passed away in December, at the age of 92.

The National Safety Awards program recognizes carriers in similar operations (truckload and less than truckload) with awards based on their year-end preventable accident results.

Great West Casualty Company is the nations leading provider of property and casualty insurance for the trucking industry. The company is headquartered in South Sioux City, Neb., and has a regional office in Meridian.

Aerospace project to bring jobs to Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Buoyed by \$33 million in tax credits from Utah state officials, an aerospace company is planning an expansion of their manufacturing facilities in Salt Lake City that could create 2,700 jobs over the next 15 years.

The project announced by ITT Corporation, which is based in White Plains, N.Y., will considerably

boost the company's workforce in Utah. The jobs will mostly be in a composites plant that manufactures part for airplanes and will be built in northern Utah.

ITT currently employs about 400 people at a plant in Salt Lake City.

"This initiative builds on 40 years of business success in Utah," said ITT's Jim Barber.

Savor

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the time, the Gooding-based artisanal cheese maker is more popular in the Treasure Valley than the Magic Valley.

"We're probably more popular in Boise than we are here," she said. "It is more expensive and it is hard for people to afford it here."

But that is starting to turn. With growth in Twin Falls, Ballard said more people are living in the area that can afford her products and there are more people who are looking for entertainment. Both factors make Savor Southern Idaho an attractive event for her company. And after last year's event, Ballard said sales in her company's cheeses at WinCo Foods in the Magic Valley soared — and stayed high.

"Our sales in Winco went up a lot last year after we did it and they still are," she said. "When you have a cheese out there that is more than Kraft or whatever, people don't want to spend that extra money without trying it."

Events like Savor South-

ern Idaho allow customers to do just that.

Savor Southern Idaho is also attracting newcomers. Mary and Gregg Alger launched Huston Vineyards out of Caldwell last October and will attend Savor Southern Idaho for the first time this year.

Alger said attending events like this helps to bring people around the idea of Idaho wines — an important mission since the Snake River Valley has received recognition as an excellent climate to grow wine grapes.

"We have the sort of Good Housekeeping seal of approval that Idaho is a great place to grow grapes," Alger said. "It's good for the economy, it's good for the environment, it's good for small business."

That environment is exactly the kind that Dane is hoping will allow Savor Southern Idaho to showcase Idaho's victual variety, which in some cases, can get overwhelming.

"You have to make really hard decisions," Dane said. "Thank God the chefs do this."

Pearlstein

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to pay the salaries of state workers or finance public works projects winds up in a black hole rather than circulating through the economy.

According to the Bad Mitt, Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner has been "opaque" and "heavy-handed" in managing financial rescue funds while his Republican predecessor, Hank Paulson — the man who organized the first tranche of the auto bailout, forced banks to take bailout funds some of them didn't want, and insisted on paying off every last one of AIG's creditors and counterparties while refusing to disclose their names — was a hero who saved the financial system. This revisionist history is contradicted by every account of the crisis published so far.

Indeed, the Bad Mitt is addicted to hyperbole, particularly when talking about the Obama administration's economic policies. In the book, we discover that Obama is the first president in history to "declare war on private enterprise."

Mitt knows this because deficit spending has risen during a deep recession, a federal health reform bill has passed, a financial crisis has led to tighter regulation on Wall Street and a plan to deal with global warming was proposed but not enacted.

Just to review: The Bolsheviks have taken over, capitalism as we know it is about to come to an end

and, yet, somehow the Dow Jones industrial average has gained 47 percent since the Obama inauguration, private-sector profits are back at record levels and business investment in new equipment and software is growing at the annual rate of 11.7 percent. How weird is that?

These days, the Bad Mitt blames Obama for home foreclosures whose roots are in a housing bubble that began in the late 1990s. He also blames him for the rapid rise in global oil and food prices — the economic logic behind that one is still a mystery. I can't wait for the speech in which he blames Obama for the Missouri River flooding.

Honestly, it breaks my heart to see what has happened to Romney. The Good Mitt had so much potential: the distinguished political pedigree, the successful career, the beautiful family. The latest Washington Post poll has him beating Obama.

The Bad Mitt jeopardizes it all by pandering so shamelessly and so inertly to the Republican right wing. Instead of demonstrating the honesty and character to boldly lead the country beyond the partisan feud and the ideological holy war, the Bad Mitt reveals himself to be just another ambitious, poll-tested pol that no one can trust. It's why he lost last time. And my guess is it's why he'll lose again.

I just hope he doesn't take it out on the dog.

Biz

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by widespread belief that banks would recoup their losses — and then some, largely because of increasingly inflated property values.

But that's the point: values weren't based on much more than speculation and hot air.

That's the way bubbles work. History has repeated itself time and again in the years since the legendary tulip bubble that began in the late 1590s in Holland.

Just like members of the press that were sounding the alarm on the housing

bubble before 2005, people surely saw that the tulip madness would need dead-heading after such a spectacular bloom.

So. The good news?

Plenty of people (including Berkshire Hathaway's Warren Buffet) foresaw the economic mess our nation is still entangled in.

The bad news?

Regulators and the lending industry didn't heed the warning.

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Bernanke sees rosier second half of 2011

By Kevin G. Hall
McClatchy Newspapers

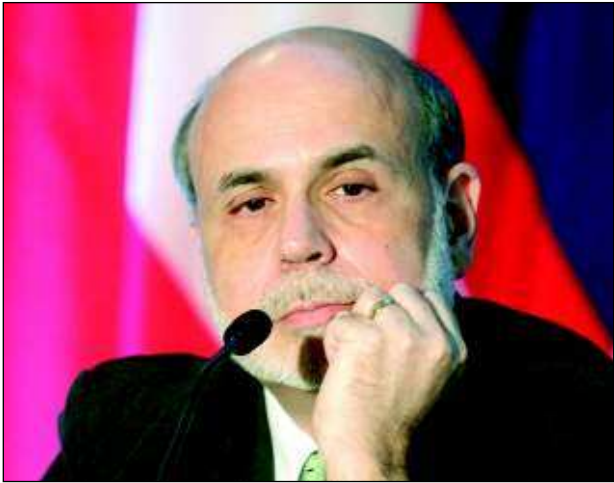
WASHINGTON—Shrugging off last week's dismal May jobs report, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said Tuesday that he expects the U.S. economic recovery to revive later this year as headwinds from outside factors will ease.

Speaking to an international monetary conference in Atlanta, Bernanke said that high energy prices and spillover effects from the devastating natural disaster in Japan have hurt U.S. growth since April.

But these headwinds, which help explain the weak 54,000 jobs added in May, are likely to "dissipate in coming months" and "growth seems likely to pick up somewhat in the second half of the year," the chairman said.

"Overall, the economic recovery appears to be continuing at a moderate pace, albeit at a rate that is both uneven across sectors and frustratingly slow from the perspective of millions of unemployed and underemployed workers," Bernanke said.

In a highly unusual move, the chief executive of J.P. Morgan Chase, the strongest



AP photo

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke listens to a question Tuesday during a speech to a meeting of the International Monetary Committee in Atlanta.

U.S. bank, confronted Bernanke during a question-and-answer session. Jamie Dimon read off a long list of regulatory and market fixes to the problems that brought the global financial system to its knees in 2008, then complained about a 3 percent global tax being considered on large banks.

"Has anyone bothered to study the cumulative effect of these things?" Dimon asked in a rare public confrontation with the world's most powerful central banker, asking, "Is this holding us back" from a more robust economic recovery?

Bernanke shot back that the financial regulations being put in place are the "most comprehensive reform since the 1930s" and are warranted given the several financial crisis the global system has suffered through in recent years.

Private-sector economists in recent weeks have scaled back their growth projections, which had been as high as 3.5 percent for the year, and many are now projecting an annual growth rate of 3 percent or less. That would suggest hiring is likely to be tepid, and that there would be insufficient eco-

nomc activity to bring down the jobless rate, now 9.1 percent.

Appearing with German Chancellor Angela Merkel at the White House on Tuesday, President Barack Obama also suggested that the recent spate of weak economic indicators is likely to be transitory.

"I'm not concerned about a double-dip recession. I am concerned about the fact that the recovery that we're on is not producing jobs as quickly as I want it to happen," Obama said. "Prior to this month, we had seen three months of very robust job growth in the private sector. And so we were very encouraged by that. This month you still saw job growth in the private sector, but it had slowed down. We don't yet know whether this is a one-month episode or a longer trend."

Obama singled out gasoline prices as weighing on consumer psychology and family budgets.

Bernanke signaled clearly that he plans to keep interest rates low, and that there aren't yet signs that the U.S. economy can stand on its own feet without what the Fed calls "accommodative" policies to spark lending and investment.

N.Y. tells pet cemeteries to stop taking in humans

By Jim Fitzgerald
Associated Press writer

HARTSDALE, N.Y. — A state agency has told New York’s animal cemeteries to stop burying the ashes of pet owners alongside their beloved cats, dogs and parakeets.

The order from New York’s Division of Cemeteries comes as a growing number of Americans are deciding to share their final resting place with their pets.

The ruling has blocked at least one burial at the 115-year-old Hartsdale Pet Cemetery, which claims to be the nation’s oldest. And it has upset a woman who had prearranged to have her ashes interred there along with five pets, four of which are already buried.

“Suddenly I’m not at peace anymore,” Rhona Levy of the Bronx said Friday. “You want to be with the people



AP photo

Headstones marking the graves of pets on Jan. 19 are spread throughout the Hartsdale Pet Cemetery, where the remains of humans and their pets have been buried together for years. The director of the cemetery says he’s been told by the state that he can no longer inter the ashes of pet owners who want to spend eternity alongside their beloved animals. The order from New York’s Division of Cemeteries has blocked at least one burial, so far.

you are closest with, your true loved ones. The only loved ones I have in my life right now are my pets, which I consider my children.”

Levy, 61, said she has no

backup plan and is hoping the state order will be reversed.

Taylor York, a law professor at Keuka College in Penn Yan, N.Y., said the state order

compounded the grief in her family after the April death of her uncle, Thomas Ryan.

Ryan’s wife, Bunny, and their two dogs, B.J. I and B.J. II, are buried at Hartsdale. Ryan had arranged, and pre-paid, to join them, York said. There’s also a space for B.J. III, who’s still alive.

But Ryan’s ashes sit in a wooden box at his sister’s home because the state’s new rule won’t allow him into Hartsdale.

“My mother is completely distraught over this,” York said. “She breaks down in tears again and again, every time it crosses her mind. After watching her brother die, she has to go through this insanity?”

Hartsdale was ordered to stop taking in human ashes — it never allowed intact human remains — on Feb. 8, three days after it was featured in an Associated Press story about human burials in pet

cemeteries. The order was issued statewide in April, said Lisa MacSpadden, spokeswoman for the New York Department of State, which includes the cemetery division. She said that remains buried in human cemeteries benefit from state protections more so than if they are buried at pet cemeteries. For instance, she said human cemeteries qualify for the state-mandated permanent maintenance fund, which ensures that lots and cemeteries are maintained.

Hartsdale, 20 miles north of Manhattan, has an estimated 700 humans interred with about 75,000 animals. It has added 10 or 12 in each of the past few years, compared with three to five before, Ed Martin Jr., the cemetery’s president and director, said in February. The International Association of Pet Cemeteries and Crematories has also noted a recent in-

crease nationwide.

The New York cemetery division said any cemetery providing burial space for humans must be operated as a not-for-profit corporation. And by promoting the human-interment service and charging a fee — \$235 to open a grave and add ashes — Hartsdale was violating laws governing not-for-profit corporations, it said.

However, Martin says the pet cemetery is a private, for-profit business. And the Division of Cemeteries’ own website says private cemeteries do not fall under its jurisdiction.

“It seems ridiculous we can’t do it,” Martin said Friday. “As of now, we’ve suspended the human part of it, but it’s our position that they don’t have the authority to do this.” He said the service was an accommodation for customers and never raised significant revenue.

Mont. man builds 30 years of quadriplegic gaming

By Stephen Dockery
Associated Press writer

HELENA, Mont. — For Ruben Rios to throw a touchdown, it takes a flick of his tongue. To break away from a tackle, he puffs into a tube.

Rios is a quadriplegic with no use of his body below his shoulders. For Rios to play video games like “Madden NFL 11” he uses a controller that combines lip controls, puff and sip tubes and a head-operated joystick.

That mouth controller is an innovation from Ken Yankelevitz, a Montana engineer whose hobby is hand-making unique controllers to give quadriplegics access to video games usually requiring two hands.

But with the retired Bozeman engineer’s 70th birthday approaching, disabled gamers say they fear there will be no one to replace Yankelevitz, who has sustained quadriplegic game controllers for 30 years almost entirely by himself. The retired aerospace engineer hand makes the controllers with custom parts in his Montana workshop, offering them at a price just enough to cover parts.

Gamers and gaming advocates say the Yankelevitz controller’s functionality and price is unrivaled for quadriplegics.

Yankelevitz began his work on mouth-operated video game controllers in 1981 for the Atari game console to give quadriplegic people a chance to engage with one of the few activities open to them. The design was simple on the early models; users only needed to be able to push a few buttons and move a joystick through their controllers.

Over time Yankelevitz adapted the designs to more complex consoles including the Xbox and PlayStation platforms. He has no formal relationship with any of the

companies, saying they aren’t interested because there isn’t a sufficient market.

Quadriplegic gamers now have around a dozen different actions they can work with their mouth.

It’s a complicated system that can be difficult to learn. But for quadriplegics, who suffer paralysis of both arms and both legs and who are largely dependent on others, the device gives them something entirely their own.

“After my injury there really wasn’t anything that I could do that I was actually in control of,” said Rios, who lost control of his body after a gunshot wound in 1988.

When Rios began using a Yankelevitz controller in 1991 that changed. It was a relief, he said, to enjoy something on the same level as his friends.

With video games and online communities, quadriplegics have access to friends and freedoms not possible otherwise. It’s not just a basic level of control, either. Quadriplegics have proven competitive against and sometimes besting two-handed gamers.

“I can’t emphasize enough how important this (is) to people with high spinal cord injuries,” Rios said.

That meaning is what prompted Yankelevitz to embrace the challenge of his 30 year hobby, the reward of helping others.

“As long as I’m making a controller that will work, then they are motivated,” said Yankelevitz, a former aerospace engineer.

Quadriplegics are a small portion of a growing community of gamers with all types of disabilities who are pushing for more accessible games and game controllers, according to Mark Barlet, 37, a disabled veteran, gamer and president of the AbleGamers foundation. His organization works to promote gaming access.

Barlet said gaming is an important connection to the world for those with disabilities. “People have relationships that are completely and totally digital, and they are meaningful relationships,” he said.

Barlet said Yankelevitz’s controller is the only one like it out there, calling it “unique in terms of accessibility.”

But gaming by quadriplegics is a tiny corner of the market that Yankelevitz has sustained by himself for three decades and his output is slowing.

He doesn’t want to quit now, but said that he won’t be going on forever.

Recently he shut down operation of his shop for half the year to spend time in Southern California, where he used to work.

If someone wanted to fill his shoes, it wouldn’t be an easy task.

He puts each controller together by hand, using his engineering skills to solder dozens of switches and circuits. Controllers are offered for just over \$200 and include a 1-year warranty for repairs.

“If the bottom line is profit, there’s no way to make a profit on these,” Yankelevitz said.

Yankelevitz said larger companies and game manufacturers have shown no interest in producing the controllers because the market is so small. He’s sold just over 800 of the devices through 30 years. Factory construction of the controller would be cost prohibitive, over \$1000 each, he said.

Other products don’t offer near the same functionality and they come at a much higher price. There looks to be no comparable substitute available in the near future.

“If Ken (Yankelevitz) stops making these controllers we’re going to be pretty much left out to dry,” Rios said.

Crews report progress in fight vs. Utah wildfire

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) — Crews reported progress in their battle Saturday against a human-caused wildfire that forced a temporary evacuation of residents on the Shivwits Band of Paiutes Reservation in southern Utah.

The 1,250-acre Barn Fire burning on the reservation about 10 miles northwest of St. George was about 50 percent contained late Saturday afternoon, said Nick

Howell, a spokesman for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

He said the blaze prompted the evacuation of about 20 homes Friday on the reservation, and had burned Saturday within a quarter mile of homes in the community of Kayenta.

The fire destroyed one barn, but no damage to homes or injuries were reported.

“Kayenta is considered to

be on watch if the fire makes another run,” Howell told The Associated Press. “The winds are still gusty and could cause us some problems if they pick up.”

“But the firefighters are making a lot of progress. We haven’t seen the forecasted winds that we thought, so that has worked out to our advantage. We hope to have the fire 75 percent contained by Saturday night,” he added.



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NYC mayoral race shifts as Weiner all but certainly out

By Samantha Gross
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — There are many things that Rep. Anthony Weiner was never shy about, and one was telling people he hoped to become New York City’s mayor.

But with a 2013 candidacy all but out of the picture for the embattled Democrat, and with Mayor Michael Bloomberg approaching the halfway mark of his third and final term, Weiner’s Internet sex scandal has reshaped the political fight already simmering beneath the surface of New York City politics. It has even led a celebrity, “30 Rock” actor Alec Baldwin, to publicly toy with the idea of jumping in to the game.

Weiner “combined appeal to striving, middle-class people in the outer boroughs with the ideological left,” many of them wealthier Manhattanites, said Hunter College political science professor Kenneth Sherrill. “That’s a very hard combination to pull off.”

More than half of city voters saying in a recent poll that Weiner shouldn’t make a City Hall bid, leaving up for grabs the broad swath of votes that seemed destined for the Queens congressman.

A seven-term Democrat, Weiner acknowledged this week that he sent sexually explicit messages over Twitter to six women over the past three years and then lying about it. He got married last year; his wife is pregnant with the couple’s first child.

Weiner announced Saturday he was entering professional treatment at an undisclosed location and requested a leave of absence from Congress amid pressure to resign.

Spokeswoman Risa Heller said in a statement that Weiner left home “to seek professional treatment to focus on becoming a better husband and healthier person. In light of that, he will request a short leave of ab-

sence from the House of Representatives so that he can get evaluated and map out a course of treatment to make himself well.”

The statement did not say where he would receive treatment or what type was involved. A day earlier, Weiner acknowledged he had exchanged online messages with a 17-year-old girl in Delaware. He said nothing improper had passed between the two of them.

It’s debatable who could most benefit from Weiner’s downfall. Sherrill argues that one of those with the most to gain is Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer, who runs the risk of fading into the background if the race becomes crowded with white male candidates. Now he could gain supporters from the ranks of Weiner fans who loved the congressman for his very public and very loud opposition to Republicans on national issues. Stringer, the professor said, can be similarly aggressive and authentic.

“You see him, you hear him, you say, ‘That’s a New Yorker,’ as you do with Weiner,” Sherrill said.

City Public Advocate Bill de Blasio and former city Comptroller Bill Thompson, the 2009 Democratic nominee for mayor, could also win support from those same progressives.

Many of Weiner’s middle-class supporters living outside of Manhattan could shift to current Comptroller John Liu, a union ally who like Weiner is based in Queens, and who enjoys strong support among the Asian community there, Sherrill said. De Blasio, too, is closely allied with the city’s unions and lives in Brooklyn, where Weiner grew up and has many supporters. Meanwhile, City Council Speaker Christine Quinn’s work on housing issues and her own middle-class background could also win her some of those outer-borough votes.

Weiner seeks leave of absence from House

By David Espo
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Under fierce pressure from fellow Democrats to resign in a sexting scandal, Rep. Anthony Weiner announced Saturday he was entering professional treatment at an undisclosed location and requested a leave of absence from Congress.

An aide for the embattled New York lawmaker made the disclosure in a statement shortly after several Democratic party leaders demanded he quit for exchanging messages and photos ranging from sexually suggestive to explicit with several women online.

“This sordid affair has become an unacceptable distraction for Representative Weiner, his family, his constituents and the House,” Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, the party chairwoman, said in a written statement calling for the 46-year-old married lawmaker to step down.

The House Democratic leader, Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California, said Weiner “has the love of his family, the confidence of his constituents and the recognition that he needs help. I urge Congressman Weiner to seek that help without the pressures of being a member of Congress.”



AP photo

Rep. Anthony Weiner, D-N.Y., carries his laundry to a laundromat near his home in the Queens borough of New York, Saturday. The 46-year-old congressman acknowledged Friday that he had online contact with a 17-year-old girl from Delaware but said there was nothing inappropriate.

Aides said later that Pelosi had been aware of Weiner’s plan to enter treatment when she issued her statement, and her call for a resignation had not changed because of it.

Weiner’s spokeswoman, Risa Heller, said in the statement that the congressman departed during the morning “to seek professional treatment to focus on becoming a better husband and healthier person. In light of that, he will request a short leave of absence from the House of Representatives so that he can get

evaluated and map out a course of treatment to make himself well.”

The statement did not say where he would receive treatment, or what type was involved. Others familiar with his plans said he had left New York by air.

Also joining in calls for Weiner to quit was Rep. Steve Israel, D-N.Y, chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee and a member of the party’s leadership.

In an interview, Israel said he had told Weiner in a phone call during the day “that I was going to call on him to resign and he absorbed that. Obviously he had much more personal and pressing issues that he was addressing.

“He didn’t give me any indication of whether he was going to resign or not,” Israel said.

Pelosi also spoke with Weiner during the day to let him know that she, too, would be joining the calls for resignation.

The developments occurred one day after Weiner acknowledged he had exchanged online messages with a 17-year-old girl in Delaware. He said nothing improper had passed between the two of them.

Nor was there even an allegation that Weiner had a physical relationship with

any of the women with whom he maintained virtual relationships. That made his case a departure from the norm, a sex scandal without sex, a phenomenon of the age of Facebook, Twitter and other social media.

Democrats said the concerted call for a resignation had been brewing for days, as senior party officials concluded the scandal was interfering with their attempts to gain political momentum in advance of the 2012 elections.

“We had decided we were not going to have one more week of Anthony Weiner-gate,” said one official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations.

This official added that Pelosi and Israel had spoken numerous times in the past several days with Weiner, hoping to persuade him to step down for the good of the party, telling him that because of the media focus on his predicament, their attacks on a Republican Medicare proposal were largely unnoticed.

Publicly, Pelosi, Wasserman Schultz and others had been notably reticent in the days since Weiner held a news conference on Monday to announce he had exchanged lewd photos, and more, with a handful of women.

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Small Okla. town suffers one tragedy after another

By Justin Juozapavicius
Associated Press writer

WELEETKA, Okla. — People in this small town once considered their community immune from the violence and misfortune of larger cities. Far from urban troubles, they enjoyed a seemingly safe landscape of green dotted with church steeples and laced with miles of back-country roads.

But Weleetka has suffered one tragedy after another: the unsolved murder of two little girls; a house fire that killed six people; the death of a beloved youth minister in an oil tank explosion; and a fire that tore through several downtown buildings, wiping out the popular cafe and three other businesses — all in less than three years.

Some residents have come to believe their town of barely 900 is virtually cursed.

“It’s heartbreaking to think we’ve come to big-city life,” said librarian Debbie Wallace, who grew up playing in the beauty parlor her mother used to run on the main drag — one of the buildings that burned down in the 2009 fire.

The adversity has prompted some families to move to neighboring towns. Others want to go, too, but can’t afford to live anywhere else. Young people stay only a short while, fleeing after high school for college or jobs in Tulsa and Oklahoma City.

Rows of empty houses with overgrown lawns are common, and homes are difficult to sell.

“The sales are slower in Weleetka,” said Carl Alls, an area real estate broker. “A lot of terrible things have happened there.”

What the downtown fire didn’t destroy was wrecked by the recession, and many shops along Main Street have long since closed. When the K&G Roundup Cafe burned to the ground, so went one of the city’s major sources of revenue.

Today, the town 70 miles



AP photos

Wanda Mankin, left, principal of Graham School, Tammy Smith, center, school secretary, and Debbie Wallace, right, library media specialist and teacher, walk in the memorial garden at Graham School Weleetka, Okla., on Monday. People in this small town once considered their community immune from the violence and misfortune of larger cities, but Weleetka has suffered one tragedy after another in the past few years, leading some residents to believe their town of barely 900 is virtually cursed.

south of Tulsa is a shell of its former self, and some locals doubt whether Weleetka will ever thrive again.

“Have you been here lately?” asked longtime resident Geneva Smith. “Do you see anything worth being proud of?”

Smith said she’s ashamed to admit it, but when she goes out of town, she tells people she lives between Henryetta and Okemah — two small towns near Weleetka.

Janis Anglin, former manager of the floral shop that burned down in the fire, described what remained of her business as a pile of dirt. She remembers a time when travelers used to get off the nearby interstate to explore the quaint downtown and take in a hearty meal at the cafe.

“Now it’s like there is nothing,” Anglin said. “There’s nothing here to say this was a place.”

Those who have stayed in town continue to search for a larger meaning to make sense of the calamities.

“I’m telling you, the devil brought devastation to this town,” warned the Rev. John Overton, pastor at Christ’s

Community Church, which, like most of the parishes around here, averages a congregation of 75 or 80 on a decent Sunday. “The devil has a foothold here, and it’s our job to run him out.”

Kelli Rector, a cashier at the Med-Econ drug store on Main Street, which proudly displays a copy of the Ten Commandments in the storefront window, knows several families that have left seeking a fresh start and better opportunities.

“There’s no jobs down here,” Rector said.

Also gone is the security and comfort that townspeople cherished. Frightened schoolchildren only recently started sleeping alone in their own beds again; residents write down the tag numbers of cars that don’t look like they belong; grandparents rock on front-porch swings with pistols in their laps, watching over grandchildren in the yard.

The tragedy that set the town’s string of misfortunes into motion was the brutal slaying of two young girls in 2008.

Like they had countless times before, 11-year-old Skyla Whitaker and her 13-

year-old girlfriend, Taylor Placker, went for a walk one June afternoon down an unpaved road less than a half-mile from Taylor’s home. Their destination: Bad Creek Bridge, where they planned to wade through waist-high weeds to the river bank to collect shells and pebbles.

Skyla was the bubbly one, who took to wearing chunky high heels to school and tried out for basketball and cheerleading. She adopted stray cats — Gracie, Roxie and C.J. were some of the names she gave them — and the animals seemed to follow her everywhere. She wanted to be a veterinarian.

Taylor was the curious one, who could take apart and reassemble a carburetor in short order and had a habit of rescuing turtles crawling along roadways because she thought they didn’t have enough to eat. She wanted to be a forensic scientist.

The girls were heading home when they were gunned down by one or more assailants who shot



An investigator walks out of the scene of a deadly house fire in August 2010 in Weleetka, Okla. Six people died in the fire.

them a total of 13 times. Their bodies were discovered in a ditch by Peter Placker, Taylor’s grandfather who raised the girl.

For days after the crime, state investigators canvassed the area, and theories abounded in the months that followed: Did the girls stumble on a methamphetamine deal? Were they the victims of a random thrill killing? Did they somehow meet a predator online? Did an out-of-town visitor murder the girls and then hop onto nearby Interstate 40 and disappear?

In the neighboring town of Henryetta, where Peter Placker and his family moved after the murders, locals still come to the auto-repair shop where he works as a mechanic to offer tips on who might have committed the crime. They still motion for him to roll down his window at traffic lights to tell him they support him.

Bikers see the decal on the back of his red pickup, “In Loving Memory of Taylor Placker and Skyla Whitaker,” and give him a thumbs-up or a peace sign.

“I don’t have a life anymore,” Placker said on a recent morning outside the shop. “Every time I go out there, I still see two little girls laying in that ditch.”

The ordeal has also tested Placker’s faith.

“I believed in God” before the murders, he said. “But

how can you believe in him when he let something like this happen to two innocent girls?”

With the town still reeling, more catastrophes followed, one by one: the fire in 2009 that burned a part of downtown to the ground; 21-year-old Zach Pangle, who was part of Pastor Overton’s youth-outreach program, dying in an oil tank explosion in April 2010; the house fire that killed six people months later.

Even though some residents are separated by miles of wooded terrain, the town is close-knit. Many people recall the excruciating details of each tragedy because they were neighbors or kin or classmates of the victims.

The series of events “really gave this town a stigma,” Smith said.

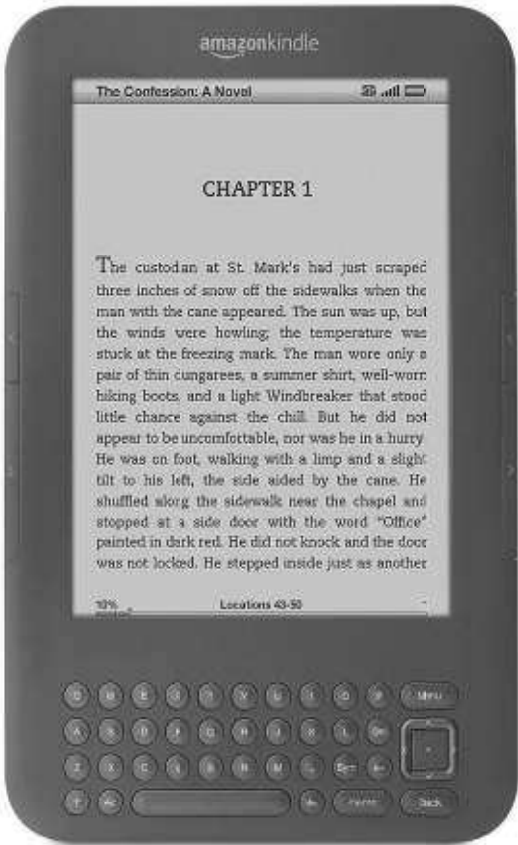
The fear and sadness is reflected in a certain emptiness that settles over the town. On Main Street, where locals once congregated on hot summer nights, “there’s nobody hanging out,” Overton said.

“I’m not going to lie to you. There’s people out here that worry about letting their children out.”

Rector was born in Weleetka and says the town is now a shadow of the one she knew growing up.

“In the last few years, we’ve gotten a black eye,” she said. “It’s changed so much and not for the best.”

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Mont. flooding isolates hundreds near Roundup

By Keith Ridler
Associated Press writer

Emergency workers on Saturday continued bringing in supplies by boat to more than 300 people in a rural area near the town of Roundup in central Montana cut off by the Musselshell River.

“We’ve got a helicopter if we need it for medical emergencies,” said Jeff Gates, Musselshell County’s director of Disaster and Emergency Services.

He said it’s unclear how many of the homes in outlying areas are flooded due to the Musselshell being nearly 3 feet above flood stage. But he said the river was dropping.

The National Weather Service said many rivers crested late in the week before dropping on the weekend, though much of the rain-soaked state remained in the precarious situation of simply having lost the ability to absorb more water. Dams have not been able to absorb the excess in some instances, most notable among them Fort Peck Dam on the Missouri River that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has ramped up to a record release of 60,000 cu-

bic feet per second. Jody Farhat, chief of the Missouri River water management office, said that could go up another 5,000 cfs in the next several days as the reservoir on Saturday was taking in 81,000 cfs. She said the reservoir is within 2 inches of reaching a record level and will likely exceed the record by half a foot once the snowmelt starts.

“Montana has been hammered with this record rainfall plus record snowpack in areas,” she said. “I would think that nearly all the reservoirs (in the state) are experiencing similar situations.”

One of those is a concrete dam forming the Gibson Reservoir on the Sun River that’s releasing more than 7,300 cfs, said John Blank, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service. Downstream, the high water is affecting some 100 homes in the town of Sun River, located west of Great Falls.

“The reservoir became filled,” Blank said. “The flooding is primarily in that town. They’ve gotten the worst of it.”

Meanwhile, Montana Disaster and Emergency Services spokeswoman Monique Lay said the agency is eyeing the

Clark Fork River in more densely populated Missoula in western Montana where a second and more severe round of flooding has been occurring this week.

Michelle Mead of the National Weather Service on Saturday said water is up to the foundations of about a dozen houses in the Orchard Homes neighborhood and at least two are surrounded by water.

But Mead said the Clark Fork is expected to drop to just below flood stage and stay there at least through Monday morning.

“The next seven days look fairly benign,” she said. “We will have 24-hour snowmelt, but it won’t come off at a real quick rate. The progressive pattern will keep us pretty status quo for a while.”

Officials said the majority of flooding in the state has been caused by the unusually wet spring, but additional flooding is expected when the weather warms and mountain ranges begin shrugging off a huge winter snowpack.

“The scariest part of this whole thing is we haven’t, for the most part, seen snow come out of the mountains,” said Lay.

Huntsman is testing GOP primary waters with a different kind of lure

By Philip Rucker
The Washington Post

NEWMARKET, N.H. — Jon Huntsman stood in a young couple’s living room here giving his spiel about a 21st-century America. He began by reciting in Mandarin an ancient Chinese aphorism about harmony in the family. He spoke so softly he had to hold a microphone to be heard. And by the time he finished a half-hour later, he hadn’t attacked President Barack Obama. He hadn’t even mentioned him.

This is not your typical Republican presidential candidate. Not this year, not in the age of the tea party and bumper-sticker slogans and birth certificates.

Huntsman, the former Utah governor and China envoy, is testing whether Americans want a different kind of politician — someone who doesn’t yell but is a global thinker who can solve the country’s difficult problems. And he thinks he’s that someone.

“I think we’ll be defined by our style, which is natural, it’s truth-telling, it’s authentic, it’s who we are,” Huntsman said in an interview Saturday during a visit to New Hampshire, referring as he often does to himself as “we.” “Most people get caught up in the drama and they miss the most important part for the voting public, and that’s just to give us a sense of what you believe and where you’re going to take this state and this country.”

On the stump, Huntsman says the nation is in “a deep funk — we’re depressed, we’re dispirited, we’re dejected. There’s no road map, there’s no game plan, there’s no one saying, ‘Get on the train, we’re moving.’”

But a key question for Huntsman is where exactly is his train moving.

nehly, a New Hampshire GOP strategist who is unaligned. “What is his niche? What is his strength and appeal to certain segments of voters?”

In the 2012 sweepstakes, Huntsman is the mystery man. He stepped off a plane from Beijing six weeks ago and into the control of a cadre of Republicans, most of whom had been assembling a Huntsman campaign without ever having met Huntsman. At first,

Huntsman was said by one adviser to have been “shocked and somewhat reluctant.” Now, after visits to 12 states and “probably a thousand conversations,” Huntsman says he is ready. “We’re basically approaching the finish line,” Huntsman said in the interview. “We’ve checked all of those boxes, and we’ll probably sit down one more time as a family this week and we’ll be off and running from there.”

Getting his wife, Mary Kaye, and their seven children on board won’t be hard. Three of the Huntsman daughters hoppedscotched New Hampshire this weekend with their parents, testing out Harley-Davidsons and chitchatting with strangers about their braces and choice of lipstick.

Huntsman is planning an announcement within 10 days, and aides said he would soon after deliver foreign and economic policy speeches. Last week he secured financial commitments from big names in Republican donor circles, including FedEx founder Frederick W. Smith and former ambassador David F. Girard-diCarlo.

The 2012 race appears as wide open as any in decades, with polls showing former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, the nominal front-runner, with 20 to 30 percent support nationwide among Republicans.

candidacy into a sound-bite pitch. His campaign remains a work in progress, with his senior staff scattered in California, Washington and Florida, where Huntsman would base his campaign. (Huntsman is now living in Washington’s Kalorama neighborhood, although he is planning a regional headquarters in Utah.)

And he’s not quite ready for prime time, which might explain why he opted out of Monday’s debate in New Hampshire, the first major event of the Republican race.

But Huntsman’s advisers can already see how he’ll eventually fit in.

“When the Miss America pageant of electoral politics happens, which is the debates and it’s a really cheesy set and red, white and blue everywhere and there are these uncomfortable guys getting ready to eviscerate one another, there’s one guy who will stand there as radically different,” said Fred Davis, Huntsman’s media strategist. “He isn’t going to eviscerate anyone. He doesn’t have a fake, loud, podium-pounding hatred for anybody. He’s going to stand out because he’s an incredible breath of fresh air.”

“That will either work or it won’t,” Davis said, “and I think it’ll work.”

In New Hampshire, Huntsman stuck with low-key crowds of 40 or 50. His advisers wonder whether he can win over 1,000 people from behind a lectern — and millions more on television — just as easily as he does in living rooms. That evolution, they say, could be the difference between winning and losing.

On the campaign trail, Huntsman often dwells on how America is viewed from abroad. “From 10,000 miles away, folks, let me just tell you that we lack humanity, we lack civility, we lack basic respect for which this country should be known,” Huntsman told one crowd.

He also sells himself as a listener and consensus seeker: “The most underutilized part of the human anatomy for most politicians is the ear.”

GOP strategist Mark McKinnon, who is unaligned, said that Huntsman “speaks a language of inclusion, tolerance and diplomacy. Huntsman is unconventional and the uncola of the GOP bunch. No one has ever done it quite like he is doing it, but that’s always how winners win.”



Huntsman

U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan working on ‘plan B’ for public schools

By Dorie Turner
Associated Press writer

Frustrated by what he called a “slow motion train wreck” for U.S. schools, Education Secretary Arne Duncan said he will give schools relief from federal mandates under the No Child Left Behind law if Congress drags its feet on the law’s long-awaited overhaul and reauthorization.

That could mean everything from granting waivers on test score requirements to flexibility on how schools spend federal funding, though Duncan offered few details because he said the department is just beginning to work on its plan.

The Obama administration has called for an overhaul of the 9-year-old federal education law by the fall, but lawmakers have indicated that won’t be possible. Duncan told reporters Friday that his first goal is for Congress to rewrite the law but he wants to put other plans in place in case that doesn’t happen this year.

“This is absolutely plan B,” Duncan said. “The prospect of doing nothing is what I’m fighting against.”

Duncan has warned that 82 percent of U.S. schools could be labeled failures next year if No Child Left Behind isn’t changed. Education experts have questioned that estimate.

Still, no one thinks states will meet the law’s goal of having 100 percent of students proficient in math and English by 2014. A school that fails to meet targets for several consecutive years faces sanctions that can include firing teachers or closing the school entirely.

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And Duncan hasn’t been shy about granting waivers. In 2009, he granted more than 300, significantly higher than the number given out a year earlier by his predecessor.

Federal lawmakers — even Democrats — aren’t thrilled about Duncan’s new plan after months of closed-door, bipartisan meetings hashing out changes to the law, which is four years overdue for reauthorization.

“It seems premature at this point to take steps outside the legislative process that would address NCLB’s problems in a temporary and piecemeal way,” said Senate education committee Chairman Tom Harkin, a Democrat from Iowa.

House education committee Chairman John Kline, a Republican from Minnesota, said he’s slowed down the reauthorization process because Democrats on his committee “have really started to engage.”

Kline plans to introduce a bill that would give local school districts more flexibility in how they spend federal money. For example, he would like to allow them to move money for teacher training to underfunded special education programs.

Republicans and Democrats agree the law is broken. The Bush-era legislation has led to schools being labeled failures even though they are making improvements, and has discouraged states from adopting higher standards.

Duncan said he’s encouraged by talks with federal lawmakers in recent weeks indicating the law might see revisions this year. But he

said he wants a backup plan in case that doesn’t happen.

“We can’t afford to do nothing,” he said.

Duncan said the department is talking to state officials, teachers, principals and parents about how to help schools if the law isn’t rewritten. He said any actions taken by the department would not prevent Congress from continuing to negotiate reauthorization.

The news comes as relief for governors, who say their schools should not be punished because of an outdated law. In Georgia, for example, the state Department of Education is creating a “performance index” that measures growth in academic achievement rather than just year-to-year test scores and looks at more subjects than just reading and math, the only two required under the federal law.

“I would like the flexibility to use this performance index as it focuses on what makes a school successful and academic growth in each area,” said Gov. Nathan Deal.

But some observers say Duncan’s plan might backfire with Congress because waivers aren’t popular with lawmakers who want more accountability for schools.

“I don’t get all the drama. It almost has the feel of a threat to Congress,” said Sandy Kress, who served as an education adviser to President George W. Bush in the passage of No Child Left Behind in 2001. “One has to worry that what they’re really saying is, ‘We’re going to open up the candy store and let people in and they can have as much as they like.’”

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Tonight: Lingerin t-storms. Low 49.

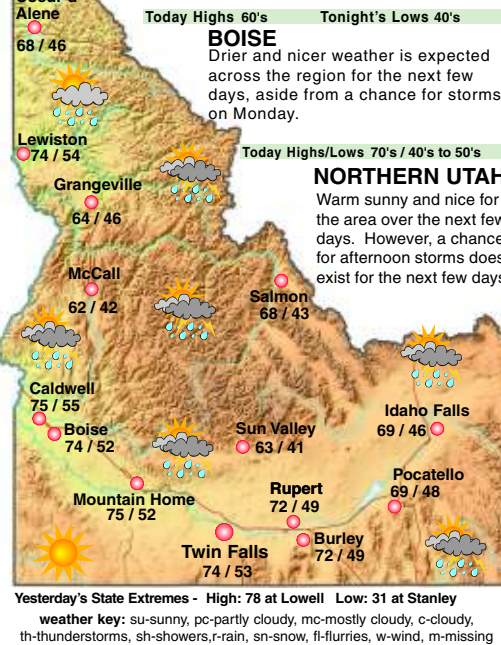
Tomorrow: Drier, PM t-storms possible. High 74.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Temperature	Precipitation
Yesterday's High 68°	Yesterday's 0.01"
Yesterday's Low 43°	Month to Date 0.25"
Normal High / Low 77° / 47°	Avg. Month to Date 0.36"
Record High 93° in 1994	Water Year to Date 10.60"
Record Low 34° in 2008	Avg. Water Year to Date 8.44"

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
The weather remains unsettled across the region. Expect to see sunny and dry mornings with stormy and cloudy afternoons.



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Mostly sunny and nice	Increasing clouds overnight	A few PM storms	A bit more cloud cover	Partly cloudy and mild	Partly cloudy, scattered showers
High 74°	Low 53°	77° / 50°	80° / 50°	79° / 47°	70° / 44°

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High 70°	Yesterday's 0.07"	Yesterday's High 86%	5 pm Yesterday 29.85 in.	Today Sunrise: 6:00 AM Sunset: 9:16 PM
Yesterday's Low 46°	Month to Date 0.27"	Yesterday's Low 38%		Monday Sunrise: 6:00 AM Sunset: 9:16 PM
Normal High / Low 71° / 46°	Avg. Month to Date 0.39"	Today's Forecast Avg. 61%		Tuesday Sunrise: 6:00 AM Sunset: 9:17 PM
Record High 88° in 1979	Water Year to Date 12.00"			Wednesday Sunrise: 6:00 AM Sunset: 9:17 PM
Record Low 35° in 2008	Avg. Water Year to Date 9.32"			Thursday Sunrise: 6:00 AM Sunset: 9:18 PM



REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Boise	Hi 52 Lo 26	Hi 51 Lo 27	Hi 51 Lo 26
Bonniers Ferry	68 46	69 48	70 48
Burley	72 49	74 48	76 48
Challis	71 42	70 42	75 42
Coeur d'Alene	68 46	68 46	69 46
Elko, NV	75 43	77 44	80 44
Eugene, OR	71 52	68 52	71 52
Gooding	72 52	75 49	76 49
Grace	65 43	68 41	68 41
Hagerman	77 53	80 51	81 51
Halley	68 44	69 45	73 45
Idaho Falls	69 46	71 46	74 46
Kalispell, MT	67 43	66 44	69 44
Jerome	73 52	76 49	79 49
Lewiston	74 54	76 54	76 54
Malad City	69 48	71 47	73 47
Malta	68 49	71 47	73 47
McCall	62 42	64 39	67 39
Missoula, MT	68 45	67 47	71 47
Pocatello	69 48	72 49	73 49
Portland, OR	72 54	68 54	71 52
Rupert	72 49	74 49	76 49
Rexburg	65 45	69 45	70 45
Richland, WA	80 56	81 56	80 56
Rogerson	62 45	64 44	65 44
Salmon	68 43	67 43	72 43
Salt Lake City, UT	78 59	78 52	77 52
Spokane, WA	72 47	71 48	72 48
Stanley	62 35	61 33	66 33
Sun Valley	63 41	63 39	67 39
Yellowstone, MT	51 32	55 31	51 31

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	Hi 62 Lo 29	Hi 65 Lo 30
Atlantic City	87 62	77 63
Baltimore	90 62	79 58
Billings	71 51	72 52
Birmingham	95 72	95 70
Boston	65 56	68 55
Charleston, SC	85 77	88 73
Charleston, WV	79 56	78 53
Chicago	84 54	68 56
Cleveland	68 56	71 57
Denver	84 56	85 56
Des Moines	75 60	77 66
Detroit	69 54	73 52
El Paso	101 70	101 74
Fairbanks	70 48	68 48
Fargo	73 60	76 61
Honolulu	84 72	83 72
Houston	96 76	96 75
Indianapolis	74 56	78 58
Jacksonville	90 72	91 73
Kansas City	78 69	91 72
Las Vegas	93 73	95 75
Little Rock	93 72	95 73
Los Angeles	68 58	73 61
Memphis	92 74	93 73
Miami	88 77	89 77
Milwaukee	63 50	65 53
Nashville	88 63	86 68
New Orleans	92 79	94 76
New York	80 62	75 61
Oklahoma City	94 73	97 75
Omaha	76 63	82 69

CANADIAN FORECAST

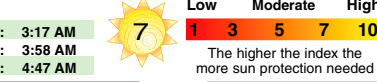
City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	Hi 30 Lo 10	Hi 30 Lo 10
Cranbrook	63 38	62 37
Edmonton	73 44	76 51
Kelowna	64 37	65 36
Lethbridge	69 47	72 49
Regina	71 55	71 56
Saskatoon	75 55	75 55
Toronto	65 47	61 50
Vancouver	60 45	63 47
Victoria	62 53	64 51
Winnipeg	63 54	66 59

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prcp
Boise	72	48	0.00"
Challis	67	46	0.04"
Coeur d'Alene	70	52	0.42"
Idaho Falls	70	47	0.00"
Jerome	70	44	Trace"
Lewiston	76	53	Trace"
Lowell	78	50	0.02"
Malad City	n/a	n/a	n/a"
Malta	n/a	n/a	n/a"
Pocatello	69	44	0.04"
Rexburg	67	45	Trace"
Salmon	64	46	0.00"
Stanley	59	31	0.00"
Sun Valley	63	39	0.00"

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Low 3	Moderate 5	Moderate 7	Moderate 10	Moderate 10

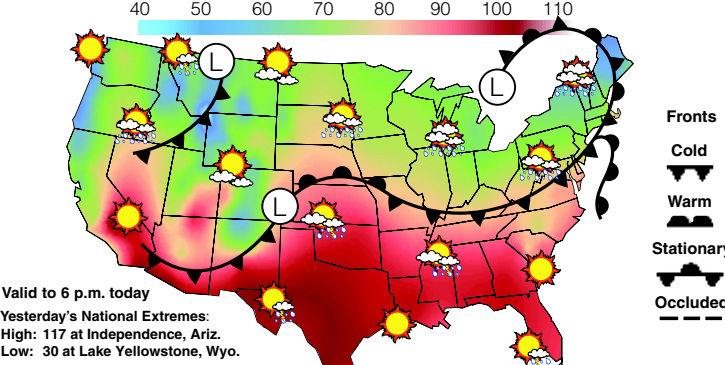
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WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Acapulco	Hi 90 Lo 79	Hi 91 Lo 78
Athens	76 70	76 71
Auckland	59 52	58 53
Bangkok	88 80	87 81
Beijing	94 65	97 71
Berlin	76 53	78 58
Buenos Aires	62 40	54 40
Cairo	92 66	90 66
Chennai	100 91	97 89
Geneva	62 44	62 40
Hong Kong	84 81	83 82
Jerusalem	87 68	85 68
Johannesburg	62 43	61 44
Kuwait City	110 87	105 87
London	58 46	63 42
Mexico City	78 50	77 49
Moscow	70 48	70 48
Nairobi	72 51	71 49
Oslo	60 46	59 50
Paris	62 53	69 46
Prague	68 44	74 53
Rio de Janeiro	70 57	75 56
Rome	75 62	75 65
Santiago	69 44	72 45
Seoul	78 53	80 56
Sydney	62 55	60 56
Tel Aviv	76 73	75 73
Tokyo	79 63	78 64
Vienna	74 54	77 55
Warsaw	75 50	75 52
Winnipeg	63 54	66 59
Zurich	60 41	56 39

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
Laughter gives us distance. It allows us to step back from an event, deal with it and then move on.

Bob Newhart

Anti-nuke protests in Japan, 3 months after quake

By Jay Alabaster
Associated Press writer

TOKYO — Protesters held mass demonstrations against nuclear power across Japan on Saturday, the three-month anniversary of the powerful earthquake and tsunami that killed more than 23,000 people and triggered one of the world's worst nuclear disasters.

Streets in parts of Tokyo were completely jammed with thousands of chanting protesters, paralyzing sections of the city. Some marchers called for the country's nuclear plants to be shut down immediately and for stricter radiation tests by the government.

The magnitude-9 earthquake that hit March 11 off Japan's northeast coast caused a massive tsunami that devastated the coastline. The disasters knocked out power and cooling systems at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant, about 140 miles (225 kilome-

ters) northeast of Tokyo, setting off explosions, fires and large radiation leaks at the facility.

Government reports released earlier in the week said the damage and leakage were worse than previously thought, with some of the nuclear fuel in three reactors likely having melted through the main cores and inner containment vessels. They said the radiation that leaked into the air amounted to about one-sixth of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in 1986 — double previous estimates.

The disasters have renewed a national debate on nuclear power in Japan, which has few natural resources. Japan relied on nuclear energy for 30 percent of its electricity before the disasters and planned to raise that to 50 percent by 2030, but the government has announced it will abandon that target and promote renewable energy instead.



"Since the earthquake, I've realized that nuclear power is just too dangerous for use," said Takeshi Terada, 32, a shipping worker who marched with 10 friends in Tokyo.

Some nuclear plants across the country remain shut in the wake of the disaster, leading to fears Tokyo and other areas may not have enough electricity for the

peak summer months. Residents of the capital are reducing their use of lights and air conditioning, and some companies are moving crucial operations like computer centers to parts of Japan with more stable power supplies.

At the Fukushima plant, hundreds of workers are still struggling to bring the crippled reactors to a "cold shutdown" by early next year and

end the crisis. Radiation fears have forced more than 80,000 people to evacuate from their homes around the plant.

Many more people have had to leave their homes along the northeast coast because of tsunami damage. Three months after the disasters, 90,000 are still living in temporary shelters such as school gyms and community centers.

Along the tsunami-ravaged coast Saturday, residents bowed their heads in a moment of silence at 2:46 p.m., when the earthquake struck.

Embattled Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan visited Kamaishi, a hard-hit coastal city. Kan has been under fire for his handling of the disasters and the country's recovery plans, surviving a no-confidence vote earlier this month by promising to step down once the recovery takes hold.

Speculation about when he will quit has been ram-

pant, with his party and the main opposition hinting at a coalition to speed the recovery. But Kan's visit Saturday was seen by some as a suggestion he will attempt to prolong his tenure.

"It is not just a matter of listening to what people say at the destroyed areas. I want to incorporate what I hear into government measures," he said.

In Tokyo, protesters carried colorful banners and banged drums as they walked in orderly rows past the Economy Ministry and the head offices of Tokyo Electric Power Co., which operates the Fukushima plant. Entire families marched, their toddlers and even dogs wearing clothing with anti-nuclear slogans.

"I'm worried about the children. It's not just in Fukushima, there are radiation problems even here in Tokyo," said Mika Obuchi, 45, who marched with her husband and 9-year-old daughter.

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WHAT WILL BE YOUR Passion?

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2011

Huge Ariz. wildfire spreads, health conditions worsen

By **Brian Skoloff**
Associated Press writer

SPRINGERVILLE, Ariz. — An eye-stinging, throat-burning haze of smoke spewing from a gigantic wildfire in eastern Arizona is beginning to stretch as far east as central New Mexico, prompting health officials to warn residents as far away as Albuquerque about potential respiratory hazards.

The 672-square-mile blaze was no longer just an Arizona problem on Saturday as firefighters moved to counter spot fires sprouting up across the state line and lighting their own fires to beat it back. The forest fire remained largely uncontained and officials worried that the return of gusty southwesterly winds during the afternoon could once again threaten small mountain communities that

had been largely saved just a few days ago. Levels of tiny, sooty particles from the smoke in eastern Arizona were nearly 20 times the federal health standard on Saturday. The good news was that was down from roughly 40 times higher a day earlier, but it was all at the mercy of the ever-changing winds. Sunday could get even worse, said Mark Shaffer of

the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. “Things got better but they’re still bad,” Shaffer said Saturday. The microscopic particles, about 1/28th the width of a human hair, can get lodged in the lungs and cause serious health problems, both immediate and long-term, Shaffer said.

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TOO LITTLE SLEEP, TOO MUCH RISK



AP photo

Rescue personnel work on a bus that overturned May 31 in Bowling Green, Va. The commercial tour bus went off Interstate 95 in Virginia and flipped on its roof, killing four people and injuring many more, state police said.

Fatal Va. bus crash shines light on driver fatigue

By **Michael Felberbaum and Joan Lowy**
Associated Press writers

BOWLING GREEN, Va. — Energy drinks, coffee and even talking on his cell phone weren’t enough to keep bus driver Kin Yiu Cheung awake after a night on the road. About an hour before dawn, nearly seven hours into his shift, Cheung dozed off as his bus carrying 59 passengers barreled northward on Interstate 95 in Virginia on May 31, according to court documents. The bus veered off the highway. When Cheung tried to swerve back onto the road, the bus hit an embankment and overturned, authorities say. Four passengers were killed and dozens more injured. Attorneys for

“The consequence is an entire industry populated by people not getting enough sleep.”
— **Larry Hanley, president of the Amalgamated Transit Union, which represents drivers at Greyhound and other companies**

Cheung, who remains in jail without bond, have called the wreck a “tragic accident.” Prosecutors have charged Cheung, 37, of Flushing, N.Y., with four counts of involuntary manslaughter. But sleep scientists, safety advocates and labor leaders say the roots of the accident lie with an industry whose economic model often results in drivers on the road with too little rest and at hours when their bodies naturally crave sleep. “The consequence is an entire industry populated by people not getting enough sleep,” said Larry Hanley,

president of the Amalgamated Transit Union, which represents drivers at Greyhound and other companies. Studies show that between 13 percent and 31 percent of commercial vehicle crashes are due to driver fatigue, according to the National Transportation Safety Board. Recent deadly crashes involving motor coaches — large buses that travel between cities, like the vehicle Cheung was driving — have heightened concern about driver fatigue. In March, a bus returning passengers to New York’s Chinatown after a night of gambling ran off an

elevated highway and hit a utility pole, shearing off its roof. Fifteen passengers were killed and many more injured. The driver has said he was awake and alert, but passengers told police the bus was swerving. A lawsuit filed by one passenger claims the driver was asleep. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, which oversees the nation’s estimated 4,000 passenger bus companies, had flagged the bus company in the New York crash, World Wide Travel, for possible extra scrutiny due to violations involving driver fatigue. Sky Express Inc. of Charlotte, N.C., which employed Cheung to drive from North Carolina to New York, had been cited for 46 violations

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Obama faces more voter anxiety, less excitement

By **Jim Kuhnhen**
Associated Press writer

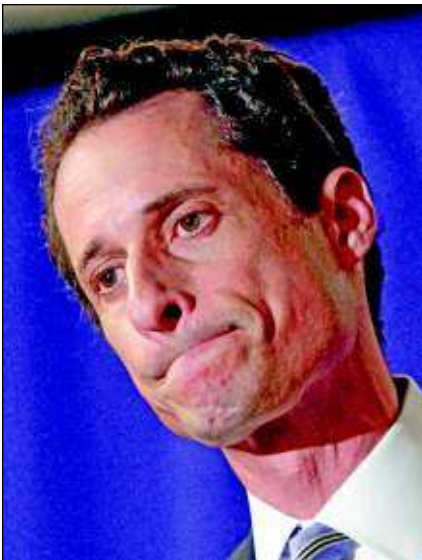
GREENSBORO, N.C. — If President Barack Obama wants North Carolina in his win column again next year, he might have to count on Elliott Johnson’s quiet, even grudging, acceptance rather than the riotous enthusiasm that propelled him to the White House in 2008. Johnson, a 23-year-old college graduate with a new accounting degree in hand, is an intern at a commercial real estate firm. He would like something more permanent. But many of his college friends aren’t finding work, either,

and he’s counting on a breakthrough in the economy. “We have to do something different,” he said, pausing at a downtown street corner on a sweltering afternoon. Johnson supported libertarian-leaning Republican Ron Paul, a Texas congressman, for president in 2008, but he’s now open to giving Obama a try. “I feel like there’s better out there, but, honestly, I’m not seeing the better right now,” he said. “So he may be the best we have.” For the president, struggling against 9.1 percent unemployment and a sluggish economic recovery, that

might be as good as it gets these days. Nationally, his approval ratings hover around or just below 50 percent. But public opinion surveys find that a large majority disapproves of his handling of the economy and even more believe the economy is in a rut. That means the economy will be a dominant factor in determining how many people vote for president next year. That will be especially critical in contested states such as North Carolina, which hadn’t voted for a Democratic presidential candidate since Jimmy Carter in 1976 until Obama eked out a

victory three years ago. Obama is committed to winning here again. The Democratic national convention will be held in Charlotte next year, and Obama is traveling to Durham on Monday to make a jobs pitch and raise his profile. In 2008, Obama galvanized voters en route to his closest state victory. He beat John McCain by a mere 14,177 votes in North Carolina. Interviews last week in the state, which has the 10th highest unemployment rate in the country, revealed widespread economic anxiety

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U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner, D-N.Y., talks to reporters Monday in New York, N.Y. Weiner’s survival skills will be tested after the seven-term New York Democrat admitted to sending a lewd photo of himself to a woman via Twitter.

AP photo

Political history shows Anthony Weiner could persevere past scandal

By **Steve Leblanc**
Associated Press writer

If he manages to keep his seat in Congress, Anthony Weiner would join a handful of political figures who survived what initially looked like a career-ending debacle. And even if the experiences of the likes of Bill Clinton, Barney Frank, David Vitter and others weren’t enough, a new poll points to a forgiving constituency. Both factors point to what observers call a truism in the fast-paced world of seamy gossip and online revelations — the first few days after a politician comes clean are invariably the worst. “By sitting tight, most of the politicians were able to stay in office,” said Julian Zelizer, professor of history and public affairs at Princeton University. “In general, voters are interested in these sex scandals, but they are not willing to kick their senators or representatives out of office.” Weiner, a married seven-term Democrat, this week acknowledged sending sexually charged photos and messages to six women he did not know. The scandal started with the release by a conservative blogger of a man’s bulging underpants, a picture the blogger said Weiner had sent to a 21-year-old follower on Twitter. The congressman initially said it was a hack job, then a prank, then at a candid half-hour news conference tearfully acknowledged sending the photo. Further revelations of additional explicit photos and online exchanges with other women quickly escalated

the matter, and several colleagues have called for him to resign. On Friday, police in Delaware said they interviewed a 17-year-old girl about online contact she’d had with Weiner, but didn’t obtain any information about illegal conduct. Weiner acknowledged in a statement that he had communicated with the girl online but said his communications were “neither explicit nor indecent.” Until recently, most political observers and media outlets considered it a foregone conclusion that his career was over. But those reports may be premature, judging by the NY1-Marist Poll showing that 56 percent of registered voters polled in Weiner’s district think he should stay on the job, as well the experience of other politicians who have survived sex scandals. In a nutshell, experts say, the lessons are these: Ride the scandal out as best you can. Hope that voters back home are in a forgiving mood. Pray that time and the nation’s short attention span will do the rest. In 1989, Rep. Barney Frank’s political and personal life lay in tatters. Allegations that a companion had run a gay sex-for-hire ring out of the Massachusetts Democrat’s Washington apartment seemed like a career death knell. Frank was reprimanded by the House for using his influence on behalf of the assistant, Stephen Gobie, although the Ethics Committee rejected Gobie’s allegations that Frank knew about the prostitution ring.

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AP photo

Retired teacher Shirley Tate of Gibsonville, N.C., stands Wednesday in the gift shop of the International Civil Rights Center and Museum where she works in Greensboro, N.C. Three years ago during Barack Obama’s race for the White House, Tate campaigned for him, knocking on doors and making phone calls.



AP photo

Firefighters set a backburn to fight the Wallow Fire in Nutrioso, Ariz., Friday. A massive wildfire in eastern Arizona that has claimed more than 30 homes and forced nearly than 10,000 people to evacuate has started to spread into New Mexico, threatening more towns and possibly endangering two major power lines that bring electricity from Arizona to West Texas.

Wildfire

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“Larger particles, you breathe in and you cough and it tends to get rid of it,” he said, adding that the tiny particles get “very, very deep into your system and are very difficult to expel.”

Shaffer said the forecast for Sunday was “pretty scary.”

“It’s looking very unsettled, and they’re predicting winds out of the southeast to the northeast and heavy impact along Interstate 40 ... It’s very problematic for both states.”

New Mexico officials were continuously monitoring air quality in their state and are advising residents from the Arizona border to Albuquerque to pay close attention to conditions.

“The people we’re most concerned about are obviously those with chronic health conditions but when air quality gets this bad it can actually have negative effects on everybody,” said Chris Minnick, a spokesman for the New Mexico Department

of Health.

He said the state planned to issue an alert to residents Saturday to take precautions if the smoke gets worse, such as avoiding strenuous outdoor activities, not using their swamp coolers to cool their homes because it will suck the smoke indoors and stocking supplies of needed medications.

“Just because you can’t see the fire doesn’t mean there isn’t an effect from the smoke blowing into the state,” Minnick said.

Guarding the picturesque mountain town of Greer, where 22 homes and cabins were destroyed earlier in the week, firefighter Matt Howell, 28, described the difficulty of working in such smoky, choking conditions.

“You get in there and it’s hard to breathe,” he said. “You start coughing, can’t get that good nice breath of air.”

More than 30 homes have been destroyed since the fire began May 29, thousands of residents have fled commu-

nities and the blaze posed a potential danger to two major power lines that bring electricity from Arizona to West Texas, although officials said Saturday they had so far been able to protect the routes.

The fire began spotting across the state line Friday night and 150 additional firefighters and several fire engines were sent to bolster forces already waiting in New Mexico, officials said.

Lighter winds Thursday and Friday helped the 4,400 firefighters make progress, but critical fire conditions remain for the 4,400 firefighters working the blaze.

Containment regressed slightly to just 5 percent, on the northeastern edge.

In Greer, a smoky haze clung to fields, grayed out the sky, and scattered plumes of smoke rose from the forest where spot fires persist.

“We expect the winds to be testing a lot of our lines out there,” fire spokeswoman Karen Takai said.

Firefighter R.J. Carnright,

28, a local protecting his own town, reflected Saturday morning on the fight just days ago and looked ahead to what’s to come.

“We put up a good fight and we’re ready to do it again,” he said, his face smeared with soot.

Nearly 10,000 people have been evacuated from the towns of Springerville and Eagar and from several other mountain communities in the forest, where officials said residents may be allowed back in soon, but also warned of lingering air pollution.

“Even when the word is given that you can come home, there’s still going to be some air quality issues,” said Eagar Town Manager Bill Greenwood.

The fire is the second-largest in state history and could eclipse the 2002 Rodeo-Chediski fire in size, although only a fraction of the homes have burned. That blaze burned 732 square miles and destroyed 491 buildings.

Scandal

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Two decades later, Frank had not only weathered the scandal, winning every election since, but had risen to one of the most influential posts in the House, controlled by Democrats at the time — chairman of the House Financial Services Committee.

He continues to serve in Congress.

Former President Bill Clinton conceded while in office that he’d had an inappropriate relationship with intern Monica Lewinsky. He was impeached but finished the rest of his presidency largely with popular support.

Today, Clinton inspires fondness and reverence among Democrats, with the Lewinsky scandal only a prominent footnote.

Key to their success were the survival skills honed in the crucible of the public spotlight, the kind that will be sorely tested in the case of Weiner, who appears already to have learned a few damage control lessons.

When he finally decided to offer a mea culpa, Weiner appeared alone instead of alongside his wife. That’s a departure from other politicians who’ve had their wives stand with them at news conferences — even as they admitted to cheating on them.

Weiner adopted another strategy designed to blunt the story — getting many embarrassing details out of the way

and answering reporters’ questions for as long as possible in the hopes that the story will starve from a lack of new tidbits.

While politicians may survive the initial shock, their political careers can be irreparably doomed in the long term, said Paul Watanabe, a political science professor at the University of Massachusetts.

Former Republican Sen. John Ensign of Nevada announced in June 2009 that he had an extramarital affair with a married former member of his campaign staff. His parents had provided the woman and her husband with \$96,000, described as a gift, and Ensign had helped find the husband a lobbying job.

Ensign served until April, when he announced his resignation. During his farewell speech, he revealed that Craig was one of the first to call with support after Ensign had admitted his affair.

Craig pleaded guilty in 2007 to disorderly conduct after he was accused of soliciting sex in a bathroom at the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport; he drew ridicule for trying to explain it away as a misunderstanding because of his “wide stance.” He later tried to withdraw his plea but served out his term.

In his farewell, Ensign said, “A person understands mercy a lot more when they need it and when it’s shown to them.”

Congratulations!



Nate Krapf

We are so proud of you!

Love, Mom

OH MY! She's 60!

This girl is a Senior Citizen




Happy Birthday Lana

Love Ted & Family

The family of

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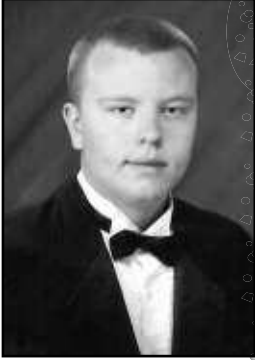

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2011 Minico High Graduate

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And I am, Love, Dad

Obama

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among voters.

“I don’t think that enthusiasm is quite as broad as it was,” said Shirley Tate, a 66-year-old retired teacher and reading specialist from Gibsonville. She knocked on doors and made phone calls for Obama’s campaign three years ago.

“We’ll have to work two times harder than we did the last time,” she said, as she watched for visitors at the gift shop of Greensboro’s International Civil Rights Center and Museum where she now works.

Obama does have advantages here that past Democratic presidential candidates did not.

More than 21 percent of the state’s population is African-American. The state’s Hispanic population is on the rise, a fact not lost on Obama advisers as he mobilizes support for overhauling immigration laws.

What’s more, the state’s partisan divide between Democrats and Republicans has softened with an increase in unaffiliated voters.

Like Virginia, Florida and Georgia, three other southern states that Obama wants in play in 2012, North Carolina has seen huge population growth in the past 25 years. Most of that growth has been concentrated in metropolitan areas where finance, pharmaceuticals and high tech have replaced old industries such as tobacco and textiles. Some rural areas are hurting under the weight of unemployment that ranges from 12 percent to more than 15 percent.

Major corporations such as IBM, Bayer, and DuPont have a home in North Carolina’s Research Triangle in the heart of the academic triad of Duke University, North Carolina State and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. High technology is leaving its imprint elsewhere in the state, too. Apple has invested \$500 million toward a \$1 billion data center in rural Maiden to handle its new iCloud storage and retrieval service.

Those demographic and economic changes have made states such as Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia and Florida more competitive for Democrats.

Nevertheless, Obama still faces a huge challenge motivating voters again like he did in 2008.

Tom Hedrick, a 52-year-old engineer from Lexington said Obama and his advisers have been overly optimistic about his job creation plans. A McCain supporter in 2008, he’s looking at the Republican field for a candidate in 2012.

“Three, four months ago they were talking about how it felt like the recession was over and we were pulling out of it,” he said as he tasted a cheese dip at a farmers’ market about 30 miles from his home. “It’s just not happening.”

As they do elsewhere in the country, people in North Carolina measure the economy through their own personal indicators. While all express anxiety, some see spring-like signs of rejuvenation while others find little cause for optimism.

At a busy library in Cary, a fast-growing suburb of Raleigh, branch manager Liz Bartlett said that when the recession was at its worst she noticed more residents using the library instead of buying books and using library computers instead of their own.

“It’s gotten better over the last two years,” she said. “With libraries, we saw fairly deep cuts about three years ago, medium cuts last year, very limited cuts in what we see as our projected budget for the coming year.”

Dave Bryson, who runs a jewelry store with his wife in downtown Greensboro, said merchandise sales practically disappeared over the past three years and that he had to rely almost exclusively on his service and repair business to keep the shop going.

“Since Christmas, merchandise has been moving again,” he said, interrupting his repairs and pulling off his jeweler’s visor. “For our particular business, we just had Christmas, Mother’s Day, we had anniversaries and we’ve sold some engagement rings and some wedding sets recently — and that business

had really dried up.”

Bryson would qualify as an unaffiliated voter. He voted for Republican George W. Bush in 2000 and 2004 and for Obama in 2008. He’s ready to back Obama again.


“This economic thing we’re going through right now, he inherited that,” Bryson said. “Quite honestly I just don’t see anybody in the Republican side that’s strong enough to win the thing.”

A few miles away, arranging peaches at his farm stand, 72-year-old Bernie Watts said he would take any Republican over Obama. He said he finds the president arrogant and cites Obama’s blunt “the election is over” rejoinder to McCain during a 2010 health care summit.

“That just turned my stomach,” Watts said. “I guess he can feel he can tell everybody what to do.”

Republicans, he said, are making an effort to cut spending and “get us out of all this mess.”

“We’re in debt so deep, I have an 18-month old grandbaby and she’s going to have to pay our loss,” he added. “And it just tears me up to see that.”



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Total lunar eclipse this week, not visible in U.S.

By Alicia Chang
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — The year's first total eclipse of the moon will last an unusually long time, a rare celestial treat for a wide swath of the globe. Except if you're in the United States and Canada. North America will be left out of Wednesday's lunar spectacle, which will be visible from start to finish from eastern Africa, central Asia, the Middle East and western Australia — weather permitting. The period when Earth's shadow completely blocks the moon — known as totality — will last a whopping 1 hour and 40 minutes. The last time



This March 2007 file photo shows a full moon eclipsed by the Earth's shadow in a seven-pictures combination, from left, seen in Nairobi, Kenya. Mark your calendars. This year's first total eclipse of the moon will last unusually long, a rare celestial treat for a wide swath of the globe. Except if you're in the United States and Canada. But if you're in eastern Africa, central Asia, Middle East and western Australia, you should be able to view the entire lunar spectacle if the weather cooperates. The total lunar elipse will occur Wednesday.

the moon was covered for this long was in July 2000, when it lasted 7 minutes longer than that. The full moon normally glows from reflected sunlight. A total lunar eclipse occurs

when the moon glides through the long shadow cast by the Earth and is blocked from the sunlight that illuminates it. As the moon plunges deep-er into the Earth's shadow, the

disk will appear to gradually change color, turning from silver to orange or red. This is because some indirect sunlight still reaches the moon after passing through the Earth's atmosphere, which

scatters blue light. Only red light strikes the moon, giving it an eerie crimson hue. It's difficult to predict the exact shade the moon will take, which will depend on how much dust and clouds

are in the atmosphere during the eclipse. Since the moon will pass close to the center of the Earth's shadow, the total eclipse phase will be longer than usual, said NASA eclipse expert Fred Espenak at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland. The entire eclipse will last a little over 5 1/2 hours. Observers in Europe will miss the first part of the show because it will occur before the moon rises. Eastern Asia and eastern Australia won't catch the final stages, which will happen after the moon sets. Portions of South America will be able see the moon entirely shrouded.

Fatigue

Continued from Nation 1 involving driver fatigue rules over two years, ranking it in the bottom 14 percent of motor carriers. Passengers on the bus that crashed overheard Cheung complaining in a cell phone call that he was tired and that he didn't have much turn-around time between trips, according to a court affidavit. Federal officials were in the process of shutting down the company at the time of the crash. A timeline released by the Department of Transportation showed Sky Express would have stopped operations the weekend before the May 31 crash if regulators hadn't extended their review an extra 10 days. Bus industry officials say motor coaches have a good safety record. The popularity of motor coach travel has soared over the past decade, in part because it's relatively inexpensive. The industry transports an estimated 750 million passengers annually in the U.S., roughly equivalent to the domestic airline industry — yet only about 20 passengers a year are killed in accidents. Pete Pantuso, president of the American Bus Associa-

tion, said fatalities are primarily the fault of a handful of small operators who ignore safety regulations to cut costs. When the government orders them to shut down, they reopen under a new name or in a new location. The problem is so common they are known in the industry as reincarnated or chameleon carriers. That's what federal officials say Sky Express did following the crash. Regulators ordered the company to shut down hours after the accident. But Sky Express continued to operate using two other names, 108 Tours and 108 Bus. The department issued a cease and desist order. Last Thursday, federal inspectors shut down a company in East Point, Ga., that was operating its three buses under two different names from the same location. JCT Motor Coach, also known as JT's Travel & Charter, made no effort to comply with regulations limiting drivers' hours, among a raft of other safety violations, according to the order shutting the carrier. The company didn't even have a system for recording drivers' hours, it said. James Turner, the company's manager, did not return

a phone message left Friday by The Associated Press. Hanley, with the drivers' union, blamed the problem on deregulation of the bus industry in the early 1980s. The result, he said, has been a phenomenal growth in cut-rate bus companies, driving down ticket prices. As a result, bus companies have slashed driver pay and benefits to stay competitive. It's not uncommon for companies to juggle schedules up until the last minute, calling drivers into work with as little as an hour's notice. Even if a driver feels short on sleep, there is strong incentive to make the trip — drivers who don't take an assignment go to the bottom of the call list, Hanley said, and most drivers are paid only for trips they make. It's also common for drivers to work second and third jobs be-

cause the pay is so low, Hanley said. Federal regulations allow bus drivers up to 10 hours behind the wheel followed by a minimum of eight hours rest. That adds up to 18 hours, making it legal for a driver to work an entire shift and start a second shift all in one 24-hour period, said Greg Benkeny, a sleep expert at Washington State University and former neuroscience division director at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. Bus drivers also have a 15-hour window in which they can be considered on duty. For example, they could drive five hours, wait five hours at a terminal to pick up passengers, and then drive five more hours. That 15-hour window can be extended if drivers have off-duty breaks in between.

Rules differ for truck drivers, who are permitted to drive for 11 straight hours after 10 hours off. They have a hard 14-hour window, which can't be extended. Even bus companies that want to abide by rules on rest breaks and driving hours may find it hard to ensure their drivers are taking advantage of their time off to sleep. "There's a lot of pressure for them to keep to their schedules and sometimes those schedules are hard to meet," said Henry Jasny, general counsel for Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, a safety and consumer group supported by the insurance industry. Fatigue can be a problem for any driver on the road overnight, especially between the hours of 4 a.m. and 6 a.m. when the human body's circadian rhythms —

physical and behavioral changes that respond to light and darkness — are telling the brain to sleep, according to sleep experts. Cheung's driving log said he finished a driving shift at 5:45 a.m. on May 30, awakened at 6 p.m., and started his next shift at 10 p.m., police said. The bus left Greensboro, N.C., at 10:30 p.m. and made several stops before crashing shortly before 5 a.m. the following day. "No matter how much sleep you have had, no matter how young you are, that time of day is extremely dangerous to drive a motor vehicle," said transportation and public safety consultant Darrel Drobnich, an expert on driver fatigue. The problem is exacerbated by a high rate of obesity and sleep apnea among commercial drivers, he said.

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NSA leak trial exposes dilemma for prosecutors

By Ellen Nakashima
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A critical moment in the United States’ case against former National Security Agency official Thomas Drake came a week ago Friday, when a federal judge ruled that the prosecution could not shield from public disclosure classified information it wanted to present as evidence.

So the prosecutors, rather than reveal what the NSA considered sensitive material, withdrew their proposed exhibits.

That decision effectively doomed the government’s effort to put Drake behind bars for as many as 35 years for unlawfully retaining classified information. As the prosecution crumbled, so went the government’s opportunity to turn Drake’s case into a cautionary tale for would-be leakers.

On Friday, Drake accepted lead prosecutor William M. Welch II’s offer to plead guilty to a single misdemeanor of misusing a government computer to provide information to an unauthorized person. Drake is expected to serve no prison time.

“This is a just result,” said Debbie Boardman and Jim Wyda, Drake’s attorneys, in a statement. “Tom Drake should never have been charged under the Espionage Act. Tom never intended to harm his country. And he didn’t.”

The Drake case exposes a fundamental dilemma in prosecutions involving national security: How do you prove that a leaker released sensitive information without discussing that information in public? The case also raises the question of whether the Obama administration, which has brought more leak-related prosecutions than any

previous administration, is overreaching in its desire to discourage leaks.

“There’s a real trade-off for the government, in which prosecuting may be more harmful to the nation’s interests than in not being able to prosecute,” said Geoffrey Stone, a University of Chicago constitutional law expert, referring to the balancing act between protecting classified information and a defendant’s right to a fair and open trial.

“The two goals are inherently in conflict,” said Barry J. Pollack, a lawyer defending a former CIA official, Jeffrey Sterling, in another leak-related prosecution. “A lot of these cases end up imploding because of that tension.”

The sudden collapse of the Drake case after years of preparation calls into question whether the Justice Department accurately assessed the likelihood of prevailing at trial, analysts said.

“It wasn’t a strong case to begin with,” said Steven Aftergood, a national security expert with the Federation of American Scientists. “Even the most basic facts, such as whether the documents in question were classified, were in dispute. So the government was beginning from a difficult position.”

The prosecution asked U.S. District Judge Richard Bennett to allow it to replace classified references with unclassified substitutions, but the judge said to do so would harm Drake’s ability to defend himself.

“These are tough cases by their very nature, but it is an important principle that people who have access to classified information follow the law and the agreements they signed to protect classified information,” said Laura Sweeney, a Justice Department spokeswoman.

The Sterling case may illus-

trate other hurdles. The prosecution, led by Welch, is seeking to compel New York Times reporter James Risen to testify about his relationship with Sterling in order to establish Sterling was the source of classified information that appeared in his book.

“It seems they are unable to make their case without taking the extreme step of subpoenaing a reporter,” Aftergood said. “So the case is morphing into an assault on the press.”

The judge in that case has quashed one subpoena of the reporter. He is expected to oppose the government’s effort to force him to testify.

Sweeney said that in issuing subpoenas to reporters, the government “seeks to strike the proper balance between the public’s interest in the free dissemination of information and effective law enforcement.” She said Risen’s testimony “is directly relevant to facts that are squarely at issue in this trial.”

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Rules make it easier for fish farm ventures

By Juliet Eilperin
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration released new guidelines that would make it easier to farm fish in federal waters, a move that could transform the nation’s coasts and the food Americans will consume in years to come.

The proposal, which sparked immediate criticism from some environmental groups, aims to increase the amount of farm-raised seafood in the United States by authorizing regional fisheries management councils to approve aquaculture operations off the coasts and in the Gulf of Mexico.

Currently there are no fish farms in federal waters, only in the three-mile band of state waters. Some operators have applied to build fish farms in federal waters in the past, but none have won approval yet.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Fisheries Service officials said new ventures could ease fishing pressures on wild stocks and cut the nation’s seafood imports.

The new policy, released late Thursday, underscores the extent to which the United States and other nations are struggling to find enough seafood to supply their growing populations. Aquaculture — in which operators cultivate everything from oysters, mussels and algae to top predators such as salmon — now accounts for roughly half the fish consumed, as the

world’s wild stocks continue to dwindle.

But it has also raised serious environmental questions, ranging from whether raising carnivorous fish ends up depleting forage fish stocks to concerns about farmed fish escaping and mixing with wild species.

Michael Rubino, who directs the aquaculture program for NOAA Fisheries, said the rules seek to address the fact that the United States currently has a \$9 billion seafood trade deficit. Of those imports, 84 percent are cultivated rather than caught.

Referring to the Agriculture Department’s new dietary guidelines released this month, Rubino said: “USDA is asking us to eat twice as much seafood. Where is that going to come from? ... There aren’t going to be large numbers of fish farms out there anytime soon. But it’s coming.”

The aquaculture guidelines, which have been in the works for a year and a half and will take another year to finalize, greenlight fish farms in the Gulf of Mexico and elsewhere. They apply the nation’s traditional fishery management laws — which were originally crafted to set criteria for how much wild fish can be caught in a season — to aquaculture.

Rubino said the agency must rely on existing fisheries law because Congress has not passed legislation tailored to aquaculture but it can be used for aquaculture,” Rubino said.



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Fred Meech

June 27, 1922–May 21, 2011

HERMOSA VIL-LAGE, Calif. – Fred Meech of Hermosa Village, Calif., lost a one-year battle with Parkinson’s on Satur-day, May 21, 2011.

He was born June 27, 1922, in Twin Falls, Idaho. In 1941, he graduated from Twin Falls High School. His studies at the University of Idaho were interrupted when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy as an officer during World War II. He served aboard the USS St. Mary’s in the South Pacific. On his discharge in 1945, he held the rank of lieutenant (JG).

Fred graduated from the University of Idaho in Moscow in 1948, where he was a member of the varsity golf team. During his senior year, he served as president of Gamma Gamma Chapter, Beta Theta Pi. Fred retired as



marketing manager for Transamerica Insurance Company in San Francisco, Calif., in 1987. He moved to the Villages in 1995 with his wife, Mary. Fred was an avid reader and an ardent supporter of the Villages Music Society events. He also enjoyed travel and sports, especially golf. He played with the Ironmen Golf group and was a member of the Community Chapel.

Survivors include his devoted wife, Mary; her daughter, Jana Rae of Oregon; his brother, Larry of Monterey, Calif.; a niece, Laurie Meech of Carmel, Calif.; a nephew, Rick Meech and wife, Marie Hardy of Seaside, Calif.

A private graveside service for the family will be held June 27 (Fred’s 89th birthday) in Pacific Grove, Calif.

Loyal Richard ‘Tubby’ Rountree

Feb 27, 1947–June 10, 2011

Loyal Richard “Tubby” Rountree died Friday, June 10, 2011, at St. Luke’s Medical Center in Boise, of acute myeloid leukemia.

Tubby was the oldest of four children born to Loyal “Shorty” Rountree and Bette (Burt) Rountree on Feb 27, 1947, in Twin Falls, Idaho.

He attended elementary school in a two-room school house on the Hollister tract. He then attended school in Kimberly and graduated from Kimberly High School in 1965. He worked for Roger Kirkman in Nevada and met some of his lifelong friends while working there. Tubby met and married Shari Hart in 1970. They had three children, Shelley, Roger and Cody. They farmed and had a dairy in Buhl. Tubby and Shari were divorced in 1990. Tubby worked at the Barrick Mines in Winnemucca, Nev., for many years and then spent the remainder of his work years traveling with the Pipeline Teamsters and spending time with his family.

Tubby fought and won a big battle with colon cancer in 2005 and lung cancer in 2007. He had a remarkable spirit and inspired all who knew him to live each day to its fullest. He loved his kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews very much. All the kids knew that Tubby was always good to get them chocolate ice cream. Tubby had a



special bond with his sisters, Linda and Connie; he often called them his angels. Tubby’s last days spent in the Boise St. Luke’s oncology ward were made so much easier by the dedicated and caring staff. The family is especially thankful for LaDonna and Pam; thank you girls for your special care of Dad and us. You are incredible!

Tubby was preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother. He is survived by his sisters, Linda Swope Rountree and Connie Reed of Twin Falls; and his brother, Jim (Marilyn) Rountree of Jerome. He is also survived by his children, Shelley (Richard) Williams of Idaho Falls, Roger (Wendy) Rountree of Filer and Cody (Kim) Rountree of Rigby. He is also survived by the lights of his life – his grandchildren, Andrew and Mariah Williams, Binson and Piper Rountree, and Atlee Rountree; and one great-grandchild, Lilla Grace Williams. He is also survived by his many beloved nieces and nephews and great-nieces.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 14, at Sunset Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary “Chapel by the Park.”

Memorial contributions may be made in Tubby’s name to the Boise St. Luke’s Oncology Department, or a charity of the donor’s choice.

Douglas John Stobart

March 5, 1943–June 1, 2011

HAGERMAN – Douglas John Stobart, 68, a resident of Hagerman, passed away Wednesday, June 1, 2011, at the North Canyon Medical Center in Gooding.

Douglas was born March 5, 1943, to John and Evelyn Blackwell Stobart in Great Falls, Mont. He spent his childhood in Great Falls fishing in the many lakes. In August 1962, while he attended the Wyoming State Fair, he met the love of his life, Barbara Jo Anderson. Their friendship grew and blossomed into a romance which led to marriage in August of 1963. Douglas and Barbara were blessed with three children, Kimberly Ann, John LeRoy and James Wade.

Douglas enlisted in the United States Air Force in April of 1964. He became an electrical engineer at the University of Wyoming and spent most of his military career stateside with the exception of one year at Osan Air Force Base in Korea. While stationed there, he developed a deep love of Korean culture and food. Douglas retired from the Air Force in August of 1985 as a captain. In 1993, Douglas and Barbara moved to Hagerman, where he could pursue his love of fly fishing, growing and canning food, and tending to his plants and land.

Douglas loved the Lord with his entire being. While stationed in Korea, he studied and received his Episcopal Lay Reader’s License. He later trained for three years to



become a deacon in the Episcopal Church. Unfortunately, he was unable to complete this process but was able to participate in his daughter’s wedding to her husband, Todd.

Douglas was preceded in death by his father, John; and his father-in-law, Harold Anderson. Douglas is survived by his mother, Evelyn; brother, Robert; and sister, Sherry. His memory is kept alive by his beloved wife, Barbara; his daughter, Kimberly; and sons, John and James. His legacy includes seven grandsons, Michael (22), Austin (11), Branden (11), Christian (11), Cody (9), Dyllen (5) and James (4); and four granddaughters, Ashleigh (16), Kaitlynn (14), Pyper (10) and Chyenne (9). His 12th grandchild will be born in October.

Douglas lived life to the fullest and enjoyed it always. He will be missed here on earth but remembered in the hearts of family, friends and all that were lucky enough to know him.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 8, at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Ascension’s Food Closet or the Idaho Food Bank.

Arrangements are under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting the obituary link at www.demaryfuneralservice.com.

Jody Rae Squires

Jan. 28, 1963– June 8, 2011

Jody Rae Ellis Squires went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, June 8, 2011.

She was born Jan. 28, 1963, to Joseph Ellis and Juanita Perrine in Elko, Nev. She loved doing craft projects and was very creative. Those who knew her loved her laugh, smile and zest for life.

Jody is preceded in death by her husband, Michael Squires; her mother; father; and stepfather, Robert Perrine.

She is survived by her three daughters, Larissa (Jason) Grijalva, Tesha (Rob Neilson) Bliss and Demi (Delbert) Wagstaff; her sisters, Marianne (Zane) Yokom and Natalie (Frank) Wood; her grandchildren, Annie, Sarrah, Jenna, Emma, Katelin, Christopher, Aydin, Alyvia and Chance; her nephew, Warren (Melissa) Yokom; and niece, Tiana



(Danny Colesell) Wood; her great-nephews, William, Tallon, Nickolas and Dayton; and great-niece, Kalena. Also a great friend considered as a brother, Carlton Tyler.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, at Parke’s Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating. Inurnment will be held following services at the Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls, Idaho. There will also be a potluck dinner provided for everyone after the services. Details will be in the memorial folder at services.

Those wishing to share condolences may do so at www.magicvalleyfuneral-home.com.

You will be greatly missed but never forgotten. We all love you.

Audrey Hinkle Seefeldt

Oct. 5, 1917–May 21, 2011

Audrey Hinkle Seefeldt was born Oct. 5, 1917, in Twin Falls, Idaho. She died Saturday, May 21, 2011.

She was the widow of G. Raymond Seefeldt and beloved mother of Karen (Jim) Almon and Scott (Linda) Seefeldt. She is also survived by granddaughters, Lara (Alex Coburn) Seefeldt and Ashley Almon, all of Seattle.

Audrey graduated from the University of Washington, where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi. She was active for many years in the



Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club and a longtime member and past trustee of the Women’s University Club. She was a former member of the Seattle Milk Fund, Assistance League of Seattle and board of the University of Washington Alumnae Club. Also, her various memberships included the Washington Athletic Club, Rainier Club and Broadmoor Golf Club.

At her request, there will be no service. Remembrances may be made to a charity of your choice.

Edith Marie Sammis

July 28, 1918–June 11, 2011

Edith Marie Sammis, 92, of Twin Falls, Idaho, passed away Saturday, June 11, 2011, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls.

Marie was born July 28, 1918, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, the daughter of Frederick and Edith Hamill Taylor. She married Herbert F. Sammis on May 24, 1940, in San Diego, Calif. Marie lived in Riverside, Calif., from 1960 to about 1979, then in Sunnymeade and Sea Ranch, Calif., Oak Harbor, Wash., and Boise, Idaho, before



coming to Twin Falls in 2003.

Marie was predeceased by her husband in 1993; her daughter, Sharon, in 1980; and by two sisters. She is survived by her two sons, John of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Walter of Davie, Fla.; her daughter, Janet of Twin Falls; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Marie’s ashes will join her husband’s in Puget Sound. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary “Chapel by the Park.”

Marion Lee Ruhter

Aug. 10, 1947–May 15, 2011

SHOSHONE – Marion Lee Ruhter was born Aug. 10, 1947, to Virgil P. and Mildred Ruhter in McGill, Nev., and passed away Sunday, May 15, 2011, at his home in Shoshone.

He was the second of six children, two brothers, Paul and Lynn Ruhter; three sisters, Carol Reynolds, Sandy Carney and Gayleen Lyne. Marion graduated from Buhl High School in 1965 and married Sharyn Harmon in 1966; they later divorced. The couple had three children, Tonja (Kelly) Drake of Shoshone, Bryan (Rebecca) Ruhter of Carey and Kristie Ruhter (Chris Sterner) of Twin Falls. He has six grandchildren, Charles and Daniel Drake, Auden and Amarah Ruhter, and Zaine and Zanden Sterner. Marion was preceded in death by his parents, Virgil P. Ruhter and Mildred Mae (Brown) Ruhter.

Marion honorably served his country as a Marine in



Vietnam, where he received an accommodation for bravery above and beyond the call of duty. Marion was a successful businessman, owning and operating his tire and service shop in McMinnville, Ore., as well as Ketchum, Jerome and Bellevue, Idaho, from 1975 until his retirement. Marion married Linda Marie from Carey in 1996; they later divorced. Marion was an avid outdoorsman, loving everything from hunting and fishing to riding snow machines and creating a beautiful yard and garden. Marion passed his love of all of this on to his children, who will miss him greatly.

Per Marion’s request, there will not be a funeral; however, he requested that a celebration of life and picnic be held for family and friends at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 25, at the Shoshone City Park; bring a covered dish and beverage (no glass containers).

Elna Haworth Robins

Nov. 3, 1915–June 9, 2011

BURLEY – Elna Blenda Haworth Robins, age 95, of Burley, passed away Thursday, June 9, 2011, at Rosetta Assisted Living.

Elna was born Nov. 3, 1915, in Franklin, Idaho, the fifth and last child of Thomas Henry and Blenda Christine Johnson Haworth. Elna grew up on a farm outside of Franklin established by her Grandfather Haworth at the time of the settlement of Franklin in the 1860s. She graduated from the Presbyterian Logan Academy in 1933 and married Lloyd Riley Robins in 1934. They farmed in Franklin, then moved to Ontario, Ore. While living in Oregon, Elna was converted to the LDS Church and remained a faithful, active member the rest of her life, serving in many callings.

Elna and Lloyd moved to Burley in 1960, when Lloyd was given the task of supervising the building of the Ore-Ida plant in that town. Later, they served an LDS mission together in Covington, Va., in 1984, and also served as workers in the Boise LDS Temple.

Elna is survived by her son, Lloyd Robins (Ann-rachelle) of Lancaster, Calif.; two daughters, Nancy Lund (Christopher) of Alpine, Utah, and Christine Funk (Richard) of Burley; 20 grandchildren; and 43 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lloyd; her oldest daughter, Elna Lorene Fisher (Budd); three



brothers, Charles, James and Horace; one sister, Alice; and a grandson, Daniel Ira Robins.

Elna was a devoted wife and mother and loved the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, June 13, at the Burley LDS 3rd and 7th Ward Church, 2200 Oakley Ave. in Burley. Burial will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Sunday, June 12, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 1 until 1:45 p.m. Monday at the church.

Penny Diane Richardson

July 3, 1943–June 10, 2011

Penny Diane Richardson, 67, of Twin Falls, passed away at St. Luke’s Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls on Friday, June 10, 2011, at 1:30 a.m.

She was the oldest of five children born to Duane and Opal Wood on July 3, 1943.

Penny raised six children alone and was our rock. She enjoyed many hobbies but, most of all, she was a people person. She was a mother to all and friend to all. To describe her in one word, it would be strength.

She will never be forgotten and her cherished loving memory will stay with us until we meet her again.

Penny is survived by her six children, Terri (Shane) Whitney, Todd Richardson, Brent Richardson, Bryan Richardson, Jonna (Jim) Kingston and Mellissa (Joe)



Smith; 12 grandchildren, Dylan, Danny, Jewel’s, Aubbey, Destiny, Penny, Kayla Ray Ray, Ashley, Whitney, Shanda May May, Emmy Lue and Rebekah Lyn; and 23 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are her two brothers, Cecil and John Wood; two sisters, Sandy Andreasen and Linda Presgraves; and many more she held close to her heart.

“So Farewell Our Dear Loving Mama. We will miss you greatly until we meet again.” Your children.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Parke’s Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho. Services for Penny will be held at a later date; however, those wishing to share condolences or memories with the family may do so at www.magicvalleyfuneral-home.com.

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair; perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so we saw it there; perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say; perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much, whatever the part.

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Edna Bruffey Dutton

Jan. 18, 1920–June 10, 2011

BUHL — Edna Bruffey Dutton of Buhl passed away peacefully Friday, June 10, 2011. She had resided at Al-terra Wynwood in Twin Falls for the past 14 years, following a disabling stroke suffered while traveling to Lake Tahoe.

Edna, the second daughter of Joseph and Sophia Ningler, was born Jan. 18, 1920, on her father's Clover Tract homestead southeast of Buhl. She had many great stories of growing up on the homestead playing with neighbors, Maxine Van Patten and Essie Turnipseed and her dog, Woody, and pony, Buster.

Edna attended the one-room Syringa School, graduating from eighth grade before moving on to Buhl High School for her secondary education. She attended the University of Washington in Seattle and Washington State Teachers College in Ellensburg before temporarily interrupting her education for marriage. Years later she attended summer school at Idaho State College and graduated from Central Washington University.

Edna married Joe Bruffey in 1940. For the first two years of their marriage, they lived in American Falls, Pocatello and Salt Lake City during which time Joe worked for Safeway. They returned to Buhl to farm the Ningler homestead, following the death of her father in 1942. She was accomplished at all the duties of the farm wife of the time — gardening, canning, cooking, sewing and assisting her husband with various farm chores.

In 1959, she began teaching first grade at the old F. H. Buhl School. As one of only four first-grade teachers, she

had a major influence on the intellectual development of Buhl youngsters over her 25-year career. Many remember Mrs. Bruffey as a favorite teacher and talk of her yellow birthday chair, which they got to use on their special day.

In the late 1960s, Edna and Joe built a cabin in Ketchum for use on weekends and vacations. Loving trees and flowers, Edna spent many hours turning the property into a wooded mountain oasis. She enjoyed the view of the Pioneer Mountains and the Devil's Bedstead and was fascinated by the changing weather conditions there. On a cold and snowy day, she enjoyed a good book and a warm fire. Family and friends were beneficiaries of her hospitality at the cabin.

Edna married Victor Dutton in 1993. During their life together, they enjoyed travel to Hawaii and throughout the United States as well as extended stays at the cabin.

Edna was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Sophia Ningler; husbands, Joe Bruffey and Victor Dutton; and sister, Margaret MacDonald. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Alan and Barbara Bruffey of Seattle; granddaughters, Rebecca Bruffey of Huntington Beach and Teresa Bruffey of Seattle; and niece and her husband, Marlana and Conrad Opitz of Texas. She is also survived by her stepdaughters and their husbands, Jerline and Jerry Hawkins of Boise, Audrey and David Davis of Pasco, and Sharon and Jerry Theener of Twin Falls.

Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

Peggy Joan Scott Varner

Oct. 5, 1929–April 28, 2011

PRAIRIEVILLE, La. — Peggy Joan Scott Varner, a resident of Prairieville, La., passed away peacefully at her home Thursday, April 28, 2011, at the age of 81.

Peggy was born in Gordon, Neb., on Oct. 5, 1929, to Leonard and Lucille Scott. Peggy was the second child in the family of six children. The Scott family moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, in 1942, where Peggy attended school and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1947. She worked as a bookkeeper for Swift and Company and later moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, where she worked for McKesson and Robbins. Peggy met Travis Varner, who was serving in the U.S. Air Force and stationed at Hill Air Force Base in Utah. Peggy and Travis were married on Oct. 5, 1952, in Twin Falls and began their married life in Salt Lake where their son, Michael, was born. They later moved to Jackson, Miss., where their daughter, Melinda, was born. They once more relocated to Baton Rouge, La.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Travis; her parents, Leonard and Lucille Scott; her brother, Clark



Scott; and her daughter, Melinda Baudry. Peggy is survived by her son, Michael Varner; son-in-law, Thomas Baudry; grandchildren, Ashley and Billy; great-grandchildren, Khyllie and Phoenix Dixon, Travis Dunn, Olivia Kilmer and the apple of her eye, Kelton Crowley; her sisters, Betty (Jack) Hyder and Sandra Romans; brothers, Jack (Donna) Scott and Dick (Jayne) Scott; siblings-in-law, Shelby Varner, Lydia Burchfield, Lu Varner, Sheila Jameson, and Curtis and Selina Burchfield; numerous nieces and nephews; and her loving puppies, Sally and Sheba.

A memorial service will be held for Peggy in Twin Falls at a later date this summer.

"Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one, our chain will link again."

Veloy Rosina Beyler Buckingham

Dec. 22, 1918–June 8, 2011

PRESTON — Veloy Rosina Beyler Buckingham of Preston, Idaho, died Wednesday, June 8, 2011.

Veloy Rosina Beyler Buckingham was born Dec. 22, 1918, in Malta, Idaho, to Leo William Beyler and Gladys Ellen Nelson. She was the second child in a family of nine. She was reared on a farm four miles out of town and attended school in Malta. She learned to work and particularly loved sewing on the old Singer treadle sewing machine. This carried over through her married life as she sewed many dresses for her nieces and her granddaughters.

She graduated from Malta High School in May 1936; that fall, she became a student at BYU in Provo, Utah. After two years at BYU, she transferred to the agricultural college in Logan, Utah. She graduated from Utah State Agricultural College in June 1940. That summer, she went to summer school at the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho. While there she met her future husband, Donald David Buckingham. They were married April 11, 1941, in the Salt Lake Temple. In May 1941, they went to Anchorage, Alaska. Here they lived for nearly two years. They came back to the states, where their oldest son, David, was born in Portland, Ore., on Dec. 13, 1942.

While Don was in Guam



during World War II, Veloy taught school in Malad, Idaho. After the war, they lived in Bennington, Idaho. While there, their second son, Durward Justin, was born in Soda Springs, Idaho, on March 21, 1947. Don was an agent for Farmers Insurance Group and, in the fall of 1948, was transferred to Logan, Utah, where they lived the next 45 years. Veloy was an active member of the LDS Church and served in many positions, especially Relief Society, which she dearly loved.

Her son, David, was killed in August 1980 and her husband, Don, died in March 1992. She is survived by her son, Durward; 15 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 14, at Allen-Hall Mortuary, 34 E. Center St. in Logan, Utah. A viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, June 13, and 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. prior to the service Tuesday. Interment will be in the Millville City Cemetery. Thoughts may be expressed to the family online at www.allenmortuaries.net.

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Billie Louise Allen Wrigley

Feb. 1, 1939–June 9, 2011

RUPERT — Billie Louise Allen Wrigley has made a final and permanent change of address. She died Thursday, June 9, 2011, at Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee, Wis., after a seven-year battle to cope with the devastating effects of primary pulmonary hypertension. During her lifetime, Billie received mail at a total of 41 separate addresses. She moved frequently the first 28 years of her married life to be with her husband, Frank Wrigley, Lt. Col., USAF, (Ret) during his active duty years.

She was born Feb. 1, 1939, in Rupert, Idaho, the daughter of Marion and Bessie (Champion) Allen. She graduated from Minidoka County High School in 1957, as class salutatorian. Billie married Frank Wrigley on July 18, 1958, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. Billie worked as a professional bookkeeper. Her final job was for Brigham Young University, retiring in 1995. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Billie enjoyed gardening, crocheting and choral music. She loved to travel — visiting 49 of the 50 states and numerous foreign countries. The length of her oxygen support cannula did not stop her travels. She



lived life to the fullest till the moment she died!

She is survived by her husband, Frank Wrigley of Monroe, Wis.; two daughters, Gaelynn (Shane) Hunsaker of Bountiful, Utah, and Ranette (Joseph) Maurer of McFarland, Wis.; her father, Marion Allen of St. Anthony; eight grandchildren; two sisters; and four brothers.

She was preceded in death by her mother; and a son, Loren Brett Wrigley.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 18, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, where family and friends may call from 1 until 1:45 p.m. Burial will be in the Rupert Cemetery.

Memorials may be given in Billie's name to the Pulmonary Hypertension Association.

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The Twin Falls Hawks celebrate after getting two runs as they take on the Blackfoot Broncos in the Donnelley Sports Invitational championship game at Bill Ingram Field Saturday in Twin Falls.

Hawks claim tourney title

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

It's not high school baseball season anymore, but the red half of Twin Falls has something to smile about just the same.

Jon Cron doubled and drove in two, Scott Speer tossed a complete game and the Twin Falls Hawks played flawless defense to beat Blackfoot 4-2 on Saturday in the championship game of the Donnelley Sports Invitational.

The Hawks, made up of players from Canyon Ridge High School, went 4-0 at the wood bat tournament for Class A American Legion Baseball teams.

"This is a great momentum builder for us to go and win some more games," said Cron, who went 2-for-3 in earning championship-game MVP (offense) honors.

Cron's two-run double gave the Hawks the lead in the bottom of the third, after Blackfoot had scored one in the top half. The Broncos tied it in the top of the fourth, but a bizarre play gave Twin Falls the lead for good in the bottom of the fifth.

Kaleb Price reached base, and Kyle Mealer, the game's defensive MVP, tried to bunt him to second. But the coverage at first base was late and as Mealer beat out the play at first, Price kept churning and went all the way to third. Blackfoot's throw sailed down the left-field line and Price raced home to score.

An inning later, Trae Bishop scored an insurance run on a dou-

DONNELLEY SPORTS INVITATIONAL	
At Twin Falls Thursday's scores	
Twin Falls Hawks 14, Meridian 1	
Twin Falls Cowboys 5, Meridian 1	
Greater Nevada 9, Twin Falls Cowboys 5	
Blackfoot 13, Kimberly 12	
Blackfoot 11, Upper Valley 6	
Upper Valley 7, Centennial 6	
Friday's scores	
Twin Falls Hawks 10, Twin Falls Cowboys 0	
Twin Falls Hawks 10, Greater Nevada 6	
Upper Valley 12, Kimberly 6	
Kimberly 7, Centennial 5	
Blackfoot 6, Centennial 4	
Greater Nevada 12, Meridian 2	
Saturday's scores	
Centennial 10, Twin Falls Cowboys 8	
Kimberly 11, Meridian 8	
Greater Nevada 10, Upper Valley 0	
Championship: Twin Falls Hawks 4, Blackfoot 2	
Offensive MVP: Jon Cron, Twin Falls Hawks	
Defensive MVP: Kyle Mealer, Twin Falls Hawks	

ble steal.

The Hawks mustered just five hits in the game, but all of them were well-timed. They capitalized on loose Blackfoot defense as well — the Broncos committed four errors.

"Our defense was on top of its game. The offense maybe could have been a bit more consistent, but obviously the defense won it for us," said Speer. "Our offense stepped up when we needed it to, and as a pitcher that gives you confidence that they'll be there when you need them."

CENTENNIAL 10, TWIN FALLS COWBOYS 8

Centennial scored five runs in the top of the sixth inning to beat Twin Falls 10-8, rounding out the tournament for both teams.

Twin Falls led 7-5 after five innings but gave up the lead in the last inning before the game was

called due to the tournament's time limit.

The Cowboys were scheduled to play Kimberly and Centennial to play Meridian, but with each of those matchups featuring teams in the same district, the schedules were modified.

KIMBERLY 11, MERIDIAN 8

Kimberly defeated Meridian 11-8 on the final day of the tournament. No other details were available.

Donnelley Sports Invitational Boxes	
Twin Falls Hawks 4, Blackfoot 2	
Blackfoot 001 100 0 - 28 4	
Twin Falls 002 011 1 - 45 0	
Jeremy Johnson, Colby Pearson (3) and Cole Manzanares. Scott Speer and Garrett Basham. W: Speer. L: Pearson. Extra-base hits - 2B: Blackfoot, Johnson. Twin Falls, Jon Cron.	
Centennial 10, Twin Falls Cowboys 8	
Centennial 221 005 - 10 8 1	
Twin Falls 004 301 - 8 11 3	
Kyle Boline, McKay Jones (5) and Conner Rodriguez. Jason Bride. Wyatt Berg (1), Wyatt Doyle (6) and Sam Kraft, Hunter Elam (6). W: Jones. L: Berg. Extra-base hits - 2B: Centennial, Sam Anderson, Blake Bell.	

Bruins have simple plan: hit harder and score more

BOSTON (AP) — Hit harder and score more. It's the simple and obvious formula for the Boston Bruins for Game

6 of the Stanley Cup finals.

They dominated both categories in their 8-1 and 4-0 wins over Van-

couver in Games 3 and 4. But the Canucks out-hit and outscored them in Game 5, a 1-0 win on Friday night that gave

them a 3-2 series lead and a chance to clinch their first NHL title on Monday night in Boston.

Minico

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Denker said he took a loose, laid back approach, treating his championship outing like a scrimmage.

"It was really awesome to win it," he said. "We just come out here to have fun and play the game of baseball. When you win your own tournament, or anything, it's great. It's nice to take home the trophy from your own tournament."

Minico, which went 4-0 over the weekend, took advantage of walks and errors and jumped on Pocatello with five runs on one hit in the second inning.

Andrew Frank, Casey Christiansen, Nick Salvi, Slade Winnmill and Stetzen Wrigley each had an RBI for the Spartans (4-2).

"When you win your own tournament against quality teams, it's a pretty big deal for us," said Ben Frank. "I was proud of the guys, we stepped up all over the place. We had two guys playing positions they've never played. We had two

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Thursday's scores
Pocatello 15, Kuna 5
Utah Sox 16, Kuna 8
Helper 14, Box Elder 3
Helper 16, Caldwell 8
Pocatello 15, Northridge 2
Minico 5, Caldwell 3
Friday's scores
Utah Sox 14, Northridge 0
Pocatello 15, Utah Sox 13

Caldwell 14, Box Elder 4
Minico 5, Helper 3
Kuna 10, Northridge 0
Minico 16, Box Elder 2
Saturday's scores
Box Elder 17, Northridge 2
Caldwell 7, Kuna 6
Utah Sox 6, Helper 5
Championship: Minico 7, Pocatello 4
Tournament MVP: Suede Denker, Minico

guys in the outfield who aren't outfielders."

Kash Hieb went 3-for-3 with two RBIs for Pocatello, the second of which cut Minico's lead to 6-4 in the fifth inning. The Rebels then loaded the bases on Denker, but Brayden Winnmill came on in relief to shut down the rally.

Winnmill gave up one hit and one walk in 21-3 innings in his first action on the mound since pitching JV games more than a month ago.

"Denker pitched great for us. We couldn't have asked for anything better. And then Brayden comes in and was money for us in relief," Ben Frank said.

Minico hosts Idaho Falls for a doubleheader on Tuesday.

Minico 7, Pocatello 4
Pocatello 002 110 0 - 48 4
Minico 150 010 1 - 75 3
Andy Vialpando, Tate Harding (2) and Tyler Wise; Suede Denker, Brayden Winnmill (5) and Marty Pawson. W: Denker. L: Vialpando. SV: Winnmill. Extra-base hits - 2B: Pocatello, Kash Hieb 2.

Sneed

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batting average, 11 home runs and 38 RBIs.

No matter his future, there's one thing that will never change about Cy Sneed.

"When there's a big game, and everything's on the line, I want the ball," he said.

In the state tournament he started the opening game against Bishop Kelly, then turned around and threw the

championship game against Kuna. He re-members the exact number of pitches he threw — 208 on the weekend. A ridiculous count on one weekend, sure, but not in a million years was he going to give up that baseball. Not because he craves the spotlight, but because he knew that was the best way he could help his team win its first state title in 21 years.

"That's the thing about

Cy, is it's never been about him," said Twin Falls coach Tim Stadelmeir. "He plays the game the right way and he always wants to do what's best for the team."

Two memories stood out for Cy from the state tournament. One was a fastball that reached 93 mph on the gun — "hardest I've ever thrown in my life," he said — and the other was the maelstrom that engulfed him after

the final out was recorded and the championship won.

"It only took a couple of seconds between the pitch and when it landed in (Casey Merritt's) glove," he recalled. "I remember Jayson (Welker, the catcher) running out to me and Johnny Hohnhorst, who got hit in the face during batting practice at state, was the first one there. That made it all worth it."

M.V. contenders head to College National Finals Rodeo

By Diane Philbin
Times-News writer

There are cowboys and cowgirls from across the Magic Valley that have made good enough showings in their respective college regions to qualify to represent their colleges this week at the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo., at the Casper Events Center.

The CNFR is where the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association has the best of the best college cowboys and cowgirls vying for individual event championships in saddle bronc riding, bare back riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, bull riding, team roping, barrel racing, breakaway roping and goat tying.

With his fourth qualification, Rob Webb from Wendell, a 2011 graduate of Walla Walla Community College (Wash.), will compete for the men's all-around title as well as individual titles in tie-down and team roping. Webb and his WWCC men's team sit second behind the College of Southern Idaho's in the national standings and top the Northwest Region. Webb ranks 17th in the men's all-around national standings, 18th in calf roping and fourth in team roping (header).

"This is, in a sense, just another rodeo, but you have worked hard to get here and don't want to do anything different," said Webb. "My game plan is just catching, making no mistakes and making smart choices. If you get a bad draw in the first go, you just try to get by and make the best possible run on whatever you get and hope to draw better the next time. You just want to do your own thing and not let others dictate what you do."

Cassie Vierstra from Filer, a 2011 graduate of Tarleton State University in Texas, will also be making her fourth trip to the

CNFR in goats (roping off her 17-year-old high school horse, Tucker, alias Fat Boy) and break-away. Vierstra competed as a freshman and sophomore for South Plains College and finished her last two years at Tarleton State. She plans to return to Tarleton to work on her masters degree, allowing her a fifth year in college rodeo.

"I think I'm kind of lucky to be here this year, but I'm prepared," said Vierstra who qualified this year for the finals by placing second in goats in the Southwest Region (top three in region qualify for CNFR) and second in the all-around, which gave her the opportunity to also compete in breakaway. "It's nice to run into people you've met over the years."

Megan Crist from Twin Falls just finished her sophomore year at the University of Montana-Western in Dillon, Mont., and is making her second qualification in goat tying.

Justin Parke, Kash Wilson and Cheyanna Robinson from Gooding will be making their first appearances at the college rodeo's championship event. Parke and Wilson are sophomores at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, Ore. Parke will be competing in calf roping, while Wilson is in bareback. Robinson has just finished her junior year at the University of Montana and is making her first trip in break-away.

Other Magic Valley participants include Valley's Montana Barlow, Idaho State University (bull riding); Valley's J2 Bridges, Mesalands Community College (bareback); Filer's Kindee Wilson, New Mexico Highlands University (breakaway); Filer's Kyle Van Biezen, Idaho State University (steer wrestling and tie down); and Kimberly's Tyler Wadsworth, Idaho State University (tie down).

Local rodeo participants hit the road to Pocatello

By Diane Philbin
Times News writer

The battle for the state title in the individual events of cutting, saddle bronc, bareback, calf roping, steer wrestling, bull riding, team roping, barrel racing, break-away, poles, and goats will be heating up this week as the best high school riders from District V and VI join the other top high school cowboys and cowgirls from across the state in Pocatello for the Idaho State Finals Rodeo.

District V is led by the girls all-around Darby Fox of Glens Ferry and boys all-around Brogan Bennett from Gooding, while girls all-around winner McKenzie Zollinger of Oakley and boys all-around Garrett Alger of Filer head up District VI.

Fox comes into state as the leader in the district in break-away, barrels, and poles, and is fifth in goats. Bennett led steer wrestling and finished third in calf roping and second in team roping, with Brock Mason of Jerome.

Fox and her horses have participated in some jackpot events recently and are ready for state. Does the all-around winner have a favorite event?

"I really like all of my events, which makes a huge difference," said Fox, who said winning the all-around was definitely awesome to achieve. "It makes you appreciate them. Even in goats, I just make the best of it."

Fox set goals before the regular season and said she had met most of them, but the Glens Ferry cowgirl won't be totally satisfied unless she qualifies for nationals.

Zollinger ended at the top spot in goats and barrels, fifth in breakaway and teamed with Oakley teammate, Jacee Bedke for sixth in team roping. Alger was the best in steer wrestling and teamed with his brother, Tegan, to lead the team roping.

"Winning the all-around was one of my goals, and it meant a lot," said Zollinger, adding that barrels and goats are her two strongest events. "I'm excited and a little nervous. But my horses and I are ready to rock and roll. I've been practicing every night the same way I have all year and

doing a little fine-tuning. My barrel horse is running his heart out, and if my goat horse and I do our job, I think we'll do OK. You do have to treat state as another rodeo, but you do aim higher and have to live each moment and event separate."

Zollinger felt the top crop of "rookies" put the pressure on the veterans to perform during the regular season.

"The competition on the girls side was tough, and it made everyone compete to the best of their ability," said Zollinger. "The freshmen brought the heat."

Queen competition began Saturday at the Bannock County Fairgrounds indoor arena. Cutting begins today at noon in the Bannock County Fairgrounds indoor arena. Rodeo action kicks off the first performance Monday at 7 p.m. and beginning Tuesday, performances are at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

District V State Qualifiers

Bareback riding: Jesse Nelson, Valley; Braydon Urrutia, Gooding; Ty Faulkner, Gooding.
Goat tying: Marlee Mussmann, Valley; Mattie McGregor, Jerome; Randi Robinson, Richfield; Macy Urrutia, Gooding.
Darby Fox, Glens Ferry; Jade Gorrell, Glens Ferry.
Calf roping: Garrett Webb, Wendell; Jared Parke, Gooding; Brogan Bennett, Gooding; Brock Mason, Jerome; Chase Roberts, Glens Ferry; Cody Jones, Richfield.
Breakaway roping: Darby Fox, Glens Ferry; Valene Lickley, Jerome; Cassie Bahe, Gooding; Jade Gorrell, Glens Ferry; Randi Robinson, Richfield; Hallie Taylor, Hailey.
Saddle bronc: Iain Gonzalez, Wendell.
Steer wrestling: Brogan Bennett, Gooding; Jared Parke, Gooding; Greyden Anderson, Jerome; Cody Jones, Richfield; Tanner Hall, Valley; Caleb Bradshaw, Gooding.
Barrel racing: Darby Fox, Glens Ferry; Hallie Taylor, Hailey; Cheyenne Logan, Jerome; Marlee Mussmann, Valley; Shann Williamson, Shoshone; Shania Laird, Jerome.
Team roping: Ty Faulkner, Gooding, and Jared Parke, Gooding; Brogan Bennett, Gooding, and Brock Mason, Jerome; Valene Lickley, Jerome, and Garrett Webb, Wendell; Randi Robinson, Richfield, and Justin Connell, Richfield; Cody Jones, Richfield, and Chayna Jones, Jerome; Whitney Brown, Richfield, and Chase Roberts, Glens Ferry.
Pole bending: Darby Fox, Glens Ferry; Cassie Bahe, Gooding; Hallie Taylor, Hailey; Katie Sparks, Jerome; Whitney Brown, Richfield; Jade Gorrell, Glens Ferry.
Bull riding: Jesse Nelson, Valley; Iain Gonzalez, Wendell; Braydon Urrutia, Gooding.
Boys cutting: Wilder Jones, Glens Ferry; Greyden Anderson, Jerome; Chris Buck, Richfield.
Girls cutting: Katie Sparks, Jerome; Shania Laird, Jerome; Hallie Taylor, Hailey; Jessica Lancaster, Valley.

District VI State Qualifiers
Bareback riding: Trevor Eldridge, Filer; Bailey Bench, Oakley; Charles Bridges III, Twin Falls.
Goat tying: McKenzie Zollinger, Oakley; Cara Vierstra, Filer; Jacee Bedke, Oakley; Kyndal Stradley, Filer; Allie Cornie, Kimberly; Audrey Croy, Filer.
Calf roping: Brogan Parkin, Minico; Jared Roe, Canyon Ridge; Coy Surrent, Castleford; Garrett Alger, Filer; Coy Tolle, Burley; Jade Wadsworth, Kimberly.
Breakaway roping: Kyndal Stradley, Filer; Jacee Bedke, Oakley; Jessica Laumb, Burley; Jordn Lockwood, Kimberly; McKenzie Zollinger, Oakley; Bailey Smith, Oakley.
Saddle bronc: Bailey Bench, Oakley; Stetson Anderson, Burley.
Steer wrestling: Garrett Alger, Filer; Jade Wadsworth, Kimberly; Parker Kimber, Oakley; Cody Surrent, Castleford; Coy Surrent, Castleford.
Barrel racing: McKenzie Zollinger, Oakley; Kyndal Stradley, Filer; Jordan Larove, Filer; Raylee Reeves, Minico; Audrey Croy, Filer; Jacee Bedke, Oakley.
Team roping: Garrett Alger and Tegan Alger, Filer; Taylor Lloyd, Oakley, and Hagan Hitt, Declo; Nikki Wahl, Filer, and Clayton Blanthorn, Oakley; Jade Wadsworth, Kimberly, and Clint Lawson, Filer; Jessica Laumb and Coy Tolle, Burley; McKenzie Zollinger and Jacee Bedke, Oakley.
Pole bending: Ashley Harris, Castleford; Alle Southern, Raft River; Bandee Tubbs, Filer; Raell Prescott, Kimberly; Jacee Bedke, Oakley; Kelsey Wright, Kimberly.
Bull riding: Colton Baratti, Filer; Layne Ward, Raft River; Charles Bridges III, Twin Falls; Joshua Hilscher, Oakley; Brady Buerkle, Declo.

YourSports

FIRST - DEGREE BLACKBELT



Courtesy photo

Mike Boldt received his first-degree blackbelt from Master Fulcher and Chief Master Hartwell. Boldt had to perform four forms and 12 one-steps, spar two-on-one (one match) and two regular sparring matches, four forms of self defense and three board breaking stations (two boards each).

PEDALING AWAY



Ten teams and 40 cyclists mostly from the Mini-Cassia area participated in the Lyle Pearson 200 on June 4. Lyle Pearson is a 200 mile (187.6 actual miles), four-person team relay race from Boise to Ketchum. The main object of the event is to work together and have fun while riding 200 of the most challenging miles in Idaho. The ride starts in Boise and follows state Highway 21 over four major climbs to Stanley. In Stanley riders turn on to State Highway 75 and climb up to 9,000 feet, going over Galena Summit on their way to Ketchum. Total climbing is in the 15,000-foot range. Pictured above are the cyclists in Boise the night prior to the event.

BOWLING

BOWLADROME – TWIN FALLS
MONDAY MONTE CARLO
MEN'S SERIES: Jake Carnahan 621, David Marshall 566, Matthew Elmore 540, Dennis Seckel 528.
MEN'S GAMES: Jake Carnahan 226, David Marshall 220, Matthew Elmore 201, Joe Dickinson 197.
LADIES SERIES: Cindy Jo Garrett 585, Michele Seckel 498, Susan McPherson 435, Paula Long 428.
LADIES GAMES: Cindy Jo Garrett 241, Michele Seckel 180, Paula Long 168, Kambra Hayes 155.
TUESDAY NO TAP
MEN'S SERIES: Joshua Groves 875, Tom Smith 776, Con Moser 722, Adam Kepner 720.
MEN'S GAMES: Joshua Groves 300, Adam Kepner 276, Ed Dutry 267, Jim Kepner 265, Doug Sutherland 265.
LADIES SERIES: Bonnie Draper 840, Linda Vining 656, Bernie Smith 577, Kim Kepner 577.
LADIES GAMES: Bonnie Draper 296, Linda Vining 246, Mona Neill 222, Bernie Smith 215.
THURSDAY A.M.
MEN'S SERIES: Tom Smith 623, Joshua Groves 611, Clayne Williams 608, Ed Dutry 587.
MEN'S GAMES: Joshua Groves 227, Ed Dutry 223, Tom Smith 217, Clayne Williams 213.
LADIES SERIES: Linda Vining 516, Dawn Kulm 490, Bernie Smith 480, Joan Leis 479.

Magic Valley Bulldawgs lose to cap season, will host all-star games

The Magic Valley Bulldawgs fell 32-13 to the Utah Mud Ducks on Saturday, ending their season. The Bulldawgs will host the Rocky Mountain Football League all-star festivities, beginning with competitions and ending with two all-star games, on July 16.

Gooding's Youren to compete for College of Idaho in track and field

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

Audrey Youren is just happy she doesn't have to say goodbye to sports just yet. The rest, well, that'll be a challenge.

Fresh off helping Gooding to its first ever state trophy in girls track and field, a second-place finish in the Class 2A state meet, Youren has signed a letter of intent to continue her career at the College of Idaho in Caldwell.

Youren anchored the Senators' championship medley relay team and finished second in the high jump, her signature event, at the state meet. She'll continue running and jumping as the Coyotes plan to use her as a heptathlete.

That's where the challenge comes in: in addition to the high jump and running events, Youren will have to pick up several events she's never done before. That includes the 100-meter hurdles, shot put, long jump and one discipline that Idaho doesn't contest at the high school level — javelin. The high jump, 200 and 800 meters round out the seven-event gauntlet.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Times-News seeks athlete information

The *Times-News* is seeking information about former area high school athletes who are competing in college. Athletes, parents and coaches are encouraged to submit information about spring sports college athletes from the area. Please e-mail information to sports@magicvalley.com no later than Friday, June 24. Verified information will appear in the spring sports college report on Sunday, June 26.

CSI Firecracker run coming

The College of Southern Idaho Physical Education Department will hold its annual Firecracker 5K and 10K Run/Walk Thursday, June 30 at the CSI campus.

Late registrations for the event will take place from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. The youth races will begin at 7 p.m. These will consist of quarter, half, and one mile events for kids 12 and under.

The 10K adult run/walk will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the 5K adult run/walk begins at 7:45 p.m. Participants will run or walk on paved and fitness trail surfaces throughout the CSI campus. Prizes will be awarded to winning runners and walkers with separate divisions for men and women. T-shirts that commemorate the event will be provided to all participants. All runners, walkers, and their families and friends are invited to enjoy a barbecue immediately after the race.

The registration fee for adults is \$25, \$17 for age 17 and under, and \$10 for kids 12 and under. Online registrations are encouraged and can be done at www.bluecirclesports.com.

Information: Kimberlee Ward at 732-6475 or at kward@csi.edu.

Filer SD to host hoops tournament

FILER — A 3-on-3 basketball tournament will be held Saturday at the Filer Intermediate School, located at 833 6th Street West in Filer. Divisions range from 10-11 to 26+ (open), and will available for boys and girls, men and women. Cost is \$40 per team of three or four. Registration begins at 8 a.m. for ages 10-15 and noon for ages 16 and up. Information: Staci at 308-8683.

M.V. Junior Football sign-ups open

Magic Valley Junior Football

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registration is under way. The tackle league is for youth in grades 4-6. Registration forms are available at Twin Falls Parks and Recreation or the Boys and Girls Club. The cost is \$55 (\$75 after July 29 deadline) and all players must have a physical current as of May 1. Information: Eric Bauman at 736-5099 or 490-3926, or Mike Ewaniuk at 212-1755 or 212-1755.

Burley holds girls soccer training

BURLEY — Burley High School will hold pre-training girls soccer practice from 7 to 9 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the BHS soccer fields. Practices are for interested in trying out for the team. Information: 650-0050, 679-8626 or 312-6110.

JRD holds Kids Summer Nights

JEROME — Jerome Recreation District's Kids Summer Nights event will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. June 16, June 30, July 21 and Aug. 18. The event is for those entering grades 2-7 and includes swimming, pizza, crafts and physical education. The cost is \$5 per child. Information: JRD at 324-3389.

M.V. Runners Club begins program

Magic Valley Runners Club has started its free summer running program. The club meets at 8 a.m. Monday in the parking lot at Sportsman's Warehouse, at 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at CSI and at 8 a.m. Saturday at Centennial Park. Information: Visit <http://www.magicvalleyrunners.com> or email McKay at mckay@sosgate.com.

CSGC offers junior golf

Canyon Springs Golf Course in Twin Falls is offering several junior golf programs for the summer, including the noncompetitive league for young beginners, junior twilight league and 'tween league. Individual and group lessons are also available. Information: Zach Abels at 734-7609 or visit <http://www.canyonspringsgolf.com>.

Declo holds fundraiser raffle

DECLO — The Declo Booster Club and Declo High golf team

"It'll be a challenge but I think it's going to be fun," Youren said. "I don't expect that I'm going to be a national champion or anything but I want to try and at least get to junior nationals or nationals."

Youren said she first talked to the College of Idaho when former Gooding teammate Austin Basterrechea, who now competes for the Coyotes, was approached last season. That kick-started her recruiting process, and she said she leaned on Basterrechea for some valuable information as to what to expect at the

next level.

"When he was in high school, he was expected to win most of the time and everything, but when he went to college everyone's so good so it was a lot harder," she said.

Youren said she may attempt to join the volleyball team as a walk-on but hasn't made a decision yet. Her winters and springs will be jam-packed with track and field commitments.

"I'm just excited that I still have a team to look forward to and I don't have to say goodbye to sports," she said.

Ponderosa GC holds junior camp

BURLEY — Ponderosa Golf Course will host a junior golf camp for kids of all ages from 9 to 11 a.m. June 13-15 and June 20-22. Cost is \$20 per week or \$35 for both weeks. Information: 679-5730.

Junior Eagle hoops camp set

The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball program will hold the Jr. Eagle basketball camp from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. June 13-16 at CSI Gymnasium. The camp is for boys and girls entering grades K-8. Participants will engage in skill development, as well as 3-on-3 and 5-on-5 games. The entry fee is \$175 and includes a T-shirt. Information: Colby Blaine at 340-7588, email cblaine@csi.edu or visit www.csi.edu/athletics.

Gooding wrestling camp nears

GOODING — Gooding High School wrestling camp featuring 2000 Olympic champion and current USA national coach Brandon Slay will be held Monday through Thursday at the Gooding Middle School gymnasium. Wrestlers of all ages and experiences may attend. The cost is \$100 for the camp. Slay will also speak at 7 p.m., Tuesday. Admission is \$5 and the speech is open to the public. Information: Clay Robinson at 316-3156 or email clay.robinson@goodingschools.org.

S.I. Elite to hold barbecue

Southern Idaho Elite Basketball, an AAU program in the Magic Valley, will hold a barbecue and silent auction from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at Cascade Park (Candy Cane Park). Tickets are \$5 per person or \$12 for a family (3-5 people). Information: Zach Dong at 948-0390.

Magic Man Triathlon set for Saturday

Personal Best Performance and Twin Falls County Parks and Waterways will host the Magic Man Triathlon on Saturday at Murtaugh Lake. The event will offer both sprint and olympic distances. Registration closes today. Information: <http://www.magicman-triathlon.com>.

— Staff reports

Local youth compete in Summer Heat swim meet

Following are results from Day 1 of the Summer Heat swim meet at the City Pool in Twin Falls.

Boys 8 and younger
50-meter freestyle: 1. Gabe Machado 39.23, 2. Trace Mayo 40.19, 3. Patrick Yost 43.88, 4. Timothy Wong 45.37, 5. Asher Brown 47.69, 6. Landry Vereecken 48.94, 7. Zander Smith 51.67, 8. John Kaiser 54.36.
50-meter butterfly: 1. Trace Mayo 48.63, 2. Gabe Machado 50.74, 3. Timothy Wong 50.90, 4. Asher Brown 56.43, 5. Patrick Yost 58.81, 6. Landry Vereecken 1:07.23, 7. Tristan Schmidt 1:10.67, 8. Xander Smith 1:16.19.
200-meter IM: 1. Trace Mayo 3:34.49, 2. Gabe Machado 3:35.75, 3. Timothy Wong 3:55.93, 4. Asher Brown 4:06.77, 5. Patrick Yost 4:09.79, 6. Landry Vereecken 4:58.22, 7. Christian Teran 5:08.54, 8. Xander Smith 5:12.90.
9-10
50-meter freestyle: 1. Luke Yost 33.71, 2. Stephen Wright 35.72, 3. Ryan Slazas 36.25, 4. Carter Carlson 39.28, 5. Tyler Davis 45.20, 6. Shivank Mistry 45.21, 7. Harold Karsten 45.80, 8. Brandon Traini 49.67.
50-meter butterfly: 1. Luke Yost 37.42, 2. Ryan Slazas 41.04, 3. Stephen Wright 46.49, 4. Carter Carlson 49.42, 5. Zachary Trail 51.29, 6. Tyler Davis 51.76, 7. Shivank Mistry 1:00.15, 8. Dalton Rasgorshek 1:08.58.
100-meter backstroke: 1. Luke Yost 1:32.84, 2. Harold Karsten 1:50.62, 3. Brandon Traini 2:06.13, 4. Andrew Johansen 2:12.47, 5. Brandon Silcock 2:19.47, 6. Joey Walker 2:19.99.
100-meter freestyle: 1. Carter Carlson 1:54.44, 2. Zachary Trail 2:05.66, 3. Tyler Davis 2:12.36, 4. Shivank Mistry 2:13.32, 5. Dalton Rasgorshek 2:14.74, 6. Brandon Silcock 2:35.34, 7. Harold Karsten 2:37.02, 8. Joey Walker 3:00.31.
200-meter IM: 1. Luke Yost 3:10.53, 2. Ryan Slazas

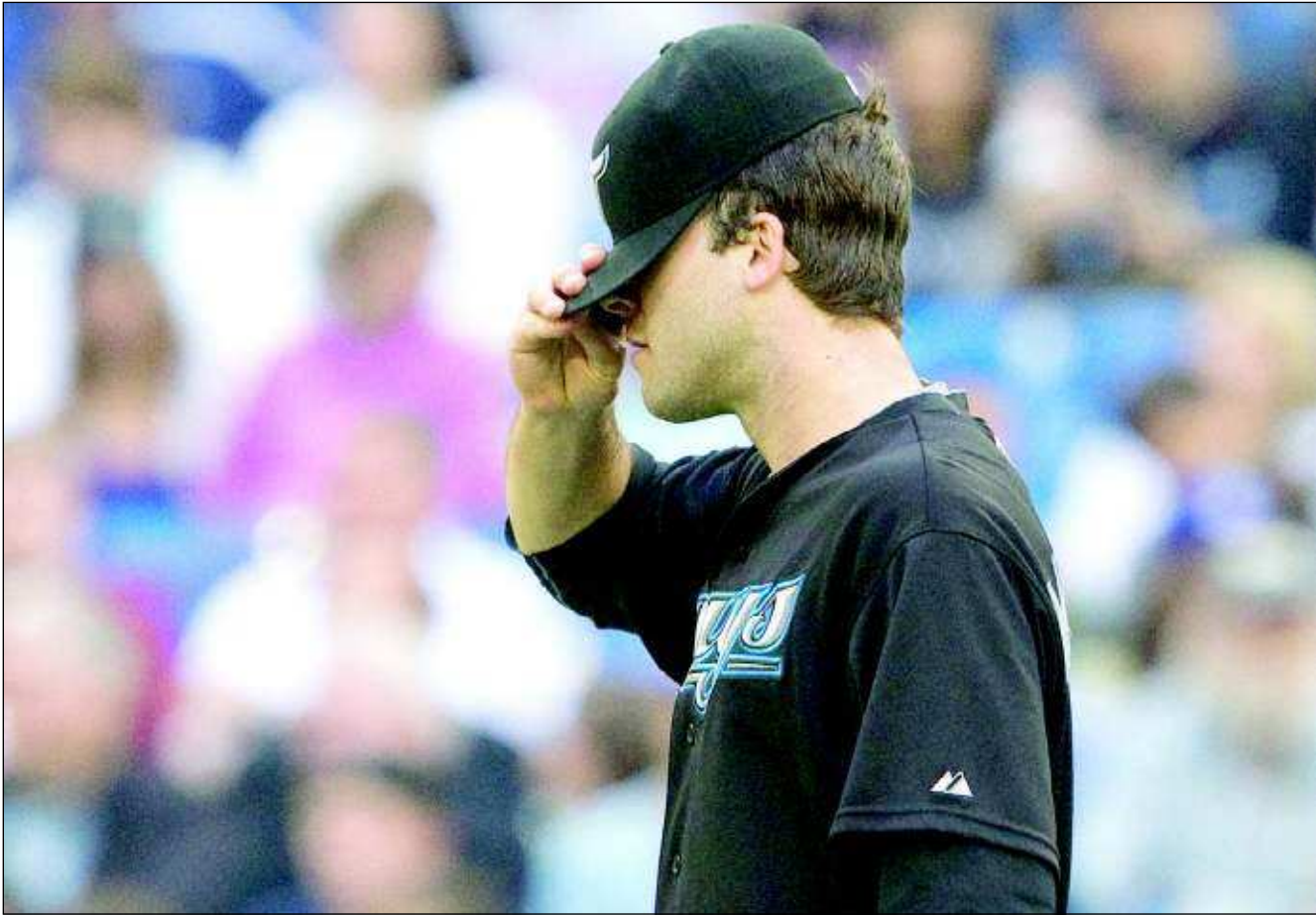
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11-12
50-meter freestyle: 1. Thomas Roark 31.78, 2. Christian Carlson 33.68, 3. Jordn Pridmore 33.71, 4. Gage Dewsbury 37.26, 5. Joe Kaiser 38.08, 6. Kyle Acarregui 38.76, 7. Landon Biedenbach 39.08, 8. Joey Carroll 40.34.
50-meter butterfly: 1. Thomas Roark 38.68, 2. Jordn Pridmore 38.69, 3. Caleb Elliott 41.79, 4. Kyle Acarregui 44.12, 5. Reilly Jones 44.58, 6. Joe Kaiser 47.27, 7. Landon Biedenbach 47.46, 8. Camren Dangdon 49.75.
100-meter backstroke: 1. Christian Carlson 1:22.72, 2. Caleb Elliott 1:32.16, 3. Thomas Roark 1:34.33, 4. Jordn Pridmore 1:37.32, 5. Reilly Jones 1:38.55, 6. Gage Dewsbury 1:39.53, 7. Joe Kaiser 1:41.21, 8. Joey Carroll 1:44.53.
100-meter freestyle: 1. Christian Carlson 1:40.59, 2. Caleb Elliott 1:46.53, 3. Joe Kaiser 1:50.41, 4. Landon Biedenbach 1:50.42, 5. Kyle Acarregui 1:55.62, 6. Gage Dewsbury 1:59.50, 7. Dylan Silcock 2:02.07, 8. Brycen Grout 2:06.22.
200-meter IM: 1. Christian Carlson 3:08.26, 2. Caleb Elliott 3:13.39, 3. Thomas Roark 3:30.71, 4. Kyle Acarregui 3:42.87, 5. Camren Dangdon 3:48.28, 6. Dylan Silcock 3:56.50, 7. Brycen Grout 4:03.11, 8. Joey Carroll 4:19.50.
800-meter freestyle: 1. Landon Biedenbach 13:02.72, 2. Reilly Jones 13:09.68, 3. Gage Dewsbury 13:53.28.
13-14
50-meter freestyle: 1. Jay Van Buren 28.63, 2. Hunter Stewart 29.43, 3. Brandon Logue 29.59, 4. Caleb McAfee 31.18, 5. Matt Twiss 31.66, 6. Luke Verst 33.46, 7. Steven Kaiser 33.75, 8. Thomas Blake 34.86.
100-meter freestyle: 1. Jay Van Buren 1:02.57, 2. Hunter Stewart 1:07.52, 3. Matt Twiss 1:09.11, 4. Caleb McAfee 1:09.15, 5. Steven Kaiser 1:13.75, 6. Colton Biedenbach 1:17.49, 7. Luke Verst 1:18.60, 8. Chase Isho 1:20.36.
100-meter butterfly: 1. Jay Van Buren 1:19.46, 2. Noah Mayo 1:54.37.
200-meter backstroke: 1. Caleb McAfee 2:46.91, 2.

Jay Van Buren 2:47.29, 3. Brandon Palmatier 2:48.30, 4. Noah Isho 3:28.53.
200-meter backstroke: 1. Brandon Palmatier 3:09.46, 2. Brenden Logue 3:11.89, 3. Luke Verst 3:15.74, 4. Hunter Stewart 3:28.54, 5. Steven Kaiser 3:32.94, 6. Colton Biedenbach 3:43.80, 7. Thomas Blake 3:51.69, 8. Phillip Wright 4:03.86.
200-meter IM: 1. Brenden Logue 2:47.99, 2. Matt Twiss 2:56.26, 3. Colton Biedenbach 3:14.04, 4. Thomas Blake 3:37.80, 5. Brandon Logue 3:41.50, 6. 800-meter freestyle: 1. Brandon Palmatier 10:22.83, 2. Matt Twiss 10:57.22, 3. Colton Biedenbach 12:03.21.
15 and older
50 freestyle: 1. Barkley Bursch 25.32, 2. Jared Fisk 27.34, 3. Ryan Van Buren 27.67, 4. Brandon Hoard 28.03, 5. Gus Kimball 28.24, 5. Parker Twiss 28.74, 7. Jacob Bain 28.80, 8. Mark Carroll 30.27.
50-meter freestyle: 1. Ryan Van Buren 1:01.01, 2. Jared Fisk 1:01.10, 3. Jeff Erwin 1:02.17, 4. Parker Twiss 1:02.46, 5. Brandon Hoard 1:03.68, 6. Gus Kimball 1:04.52, 7. Jacob Bain 1:06.47, 8. Mark Carroll 1:07.57.
100-meter freestyle: 1. Wes Walton 1:01.84, 2. Brandon Hoard 1:06.56, 3. Jared Fisk 1:09.46, 4. Ryan Van Buren 1:18.72, 5. Gus Kimball 1:20.14, 6. Jacob Bain 1:21.59, 7. Timothy Wells 1:22.62, 8. Mark Carroll 1:22.82.
200-meter backstroke: 1. Barkley Bursch 2:15.05, 2. Wes Walton 2:25.75, 3. Marcus Bartolomeo 2:46.49, 4. Kenyon McWilliams 2:56.21.
200-meter freestyle: 1. Parker Twiss 2:48.94, 2. Jacob Bain 3:17.62.
200-meter IM: 1. Wes Walton 2:26.37, 2. Ryan Van Buren 2:32.82, 3. Brandon Hoard 2:35.85, 4. Parker Twiss 2:37.00, 5. Jared Fisk 2:44.42, 6. Gus Kimball 2:53.53, 7. Kenyon McWilliams 3:02.41, 8. Timothy Wells 3:05.10.
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Girls 8 and younger
50-meter freestyle: 1. Molly Jacobson 40.77, 2. Alex

Maschoff 45.69, 3. Zoe Rebol 46.24, 4. Olivia Hall 48.38, 5. Keriana Butler 52.77, 6. Tayllyn Anderson 53.44, 7. Isabel Carrillo 54.73, 8. Zoe Trail 58.27.
50-meter butterfly: 1. Molly Jacobson 47.16, 2. Zoe Rebol 56.59, 3. Olivia Hall 1:00.57, 4. Tayllyn Anderson 1:11.52, 5. Keriana Butler 1:13.48, 6. Isabel Carrillo 1:21.15, 7. Lily Cliff 1:41.68, 8. Mackenzie Butler 1:43.41.
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50-meter freestyle: 1. Sammie Eyolfson 35.03, 2. Molly Elliott 36.06, 3. Alex Gordon 36.59, 4. Annie Bartolomeo 36.60, 5. Macey Cannon 37.63, 6. Avery Hodge 39.55, 7. Josie Havlovick 40.99, 8. Mairin McCleary 47.66.
50-meter butterfly: 1. Sammie Eyolfson 39.25, 2. Alex Gordon 40.63, 3. Molly Elliott 40.66, 4. Maggie Erwin 40.93, 5. Anika Rubocki 41.12, 6. Jennifer Walker 45.73, 7. Macey Cannon 46.69, 8. Josie Havlovick 48.31.
100-meter backstroke: 1. Alex Gordon 1:31.17, 2. Molly Elliott 1:33.14, 3. Maggie Erwin 1:34.91, 4. Annie Bartolomeo 1:35.06, 5. Macey Cannon 1:39.85, 6. Jennifer Wain 1:41.66, 7. Anika Rubocki 1:42.01, 8. Avery Hodge 2:00.60.
100-meter freestyle: 1. Sammie Eyolfson 1:40.20, 2. Maggie Erwin 1:43.26, 3. Anika Rubocki 1:49.19, 4. Macey Cannon 1:49.32, 5. Annie Bartolomeo 1:53.89, 6. Josie Havlovick 1:56.36, 7. Jennifer Walker 2:02.36, 8. Avery Hodge 2:06.39.
200-meter IM: 1. Sammie Eyolfson 3:04.94, 2. Maggie Erwin 3:11.35, 3. Alex Gordon 3:17.32, 4. Anika Rubocki 3:21.31, 5. Molly Elliott 3:21.86, 6. Jennifer Wain 3:34.25, 7. Josie Havlovick 3:54.24, 8. Alexandria Adams 4:59.72.
11-12
50-meter freestyle: 1. Camille Andrus 33.68, 2. Jackelyn DeLaCruz 34.77, 3. Landry Walker 35.07, 4. Zoe Glasgow 35.17, 5. Abby Erwin 35.47, 6. Mika Under 35.55, 7. Jaden Stroh 36.07, 8. Nikita Rubocki 36.81.
200-meter IM: 1. Nikita Rubocki 37.09, 2.

Camille Andrus 38.72, 3. Abbey Erwin 39.12, 4. Amiee Petersen 41.88, 5. Whitney Vereecken 42.73, 6. Jady Stroh 43.39, 7. Jackelyn DeLaCruz 43.63, 8. Hannah Cluff 45.07.
100-meter backstroke: 1. Whitney Vereecken 1:30.47, 2. Nikita Rubocki 1:32.29, 3. Mika Unger 1:33.76, 4. Hannah Webster 1:34.00, 5. Lindsey Jacobson 1:36.18, 6. Hannah Cluff 1:38.44, 7. Amiee Petersen 1:38.72, 8. Solana Narum 1:41.09.
100-meter freestyle: 1. Solana Narum 1:43.38, 2. Camille Andrus 1:45.06, 3. Jady Stroh 1:45.12, 4. Hannah Webster 1:48.03, 5. Whitney Vereecken 1:49.31, 6. Jackelyn DeLaCruz 1:50.07, 7. Kynzi Williamson 1:52.76, 8. Cianna Aagard 1:54.48.
200-meter IM: 1. Camille Andrus 3:04.02, 2. Nikita Rubocki 3:07.50, 3. Abbey Erwin 3:07.79, 4. Mika Unger 3:25.49, 5. Hannah Webster 3:25.75, 6. Jady Stroh 3:26.96, 7. Jackelyn DeLaCruz 3:28.15, 8. Hannah Cluff 3:30.68.
800-meter freestyle: 1. Abbey Erwin 11:32.55, 2. Landry Walker 12:00.29, 3. Whitney Vereecken 12:54.86, 4. Hannah Webster 12:55.73, 5. Kyra Bingham 15:22.06.
13-14
50-meter freestyle: 1. Hailey Pabst 28.75, 2. Taylor Anderson 29.69, 3. Kaedi Fry 30.67, 4. Olivia Wentzell 31.41, 5. Christian Hoard 32.79, 6. Vanessa Wong 32.97, 7. Taylor Gordon 33.19, 8. Kirsten Carroll 33.98.
100-meter backstroke: 1. Hailey Pabst 1:02.44, 2. Taylor Anderson 1:04.32, 3. Kaedi Fry 1:08.62, 4. Cameron Kendrick 1:09.67, 5. Rachel Lenderink 1:11.21, 6. Olivia Wentzell 1:11.43, 7. Taylor Gordon 1:12.58, 8. Tasia Cook 1:15.03.
100-meter butterfly: 1. Christian Hoard 1:21.92, 2. Taylor Gordon 1:23.33, 3. Olivia Wentzell 1:26.15, 4. Tasia Cook 1:27.81, 5. Catherine Parker 1:29.53, 6. Emma Iannaccone 1:32.57, 7. Megan Mayo 3:03.95, 8. Ashley Dreyfus 1:39.13.
200-meter backstroke: 1. Hailey Pabst 2:34.34, 2. Taylor Anderson 2:41.77, 3. Kaedi Fry 2:42.95, 4. Rachel Lenderink 2:55.44, 5. Vanessa Wong 3:00.55, 6. Jeanne Rogers 3:08.97, 7. Jeanne Rogers 3:10.67, 8. Ashley Dreyfus 3:11.85, 9. Kate Reed 12:13.41, 10. H.P. O'Doherty 12:17.43, 7. Crystal Aagard 14:44.91.

Rachel Lenderink 3:29.53, 5. Megan Caspary 3:56.41, 6. Samantha Steffensen 4:03.70, 7. Vanessa Wong 4:04.29, 8. Easton Kimball 4:12.90.
200-meter IM: 1. Hailey Pabst 2:33.48, 2. Kaedi Fry 2:40.34, 3. Taylor Gordon 2:54.88, 4. Cameron Kendrick 2:58.08, 5. Emma Iannaccone 2:58.90, 6. Olivia Wentzell 3:02.31, 7. Christian Hoard 3:02.34, 8. Jeanne Rogers 3:03.21.
800-meter freestyle: 1. Rachel Lenderink 11:23.17, 2. Cameron Kendrick 11:27.25.
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50-meter freestyle: 1. Danielle Jacobson 31.48, 2. Erin Pabst 31.50, 3. Abby Biedenbach 31.88, 4. Anna Kaiser 31.92, 5. Libby Massari 32.12, 6. Colby Werley 32.38, 7. Alex Traini 32.44, 8. Katie Slazas 32.62.
100-meter butterfly: 1. Elizabeth Fry 1:09.49, 2. Taylor Bates 1:09.93, 3. Erin Pabst 1:10.11, 4. Abby Biedenbach 1:10.27, 5. Katie Slazas 1:10.36, 6. Libby Massari 1:10.37, 7. Danielle Jacobson 1:11.65, 8. Kate Reed 1:12.26.
100-meter butterfly: 1. Libby Massari 1:13.64, 2. Elizabeth Fry 1:18.35, 3. Taylor Bates 1:18.55, 4. Kelsey Syms 1:20.01, 5. Hannah Biedenbach 1:23.95, 6. Darbie Armstrong 1:25.10, 7. Jennifer Clontz 1:25.39, 8. Kortnie Pimentel 1:26.81.
200-meter backstroke: 1. Erin Pabst 2:37.70, 2. Emilee Gessell 2:49.62, 3. Darbie Armstrong 2:52.89, 4. Kelsey Syms 2:53.17, 5. Tearra Pabis 2:56.09, 6. Kortnie Pimentel 2:56.12, 7. Megan Mayo 3:03.95, 8. Emma Campbell 3:11.77.
200-meter freestyle: 1. Colby Wesley 3:11.61, 2. Anna Kaiser 3:12.81, 3. Abby Biedenbach 3:12.88, 4. Hannah Biedenbach 3:22.50, 5. Darbie Armstrong 3:27.19, 6. Emma Campbell 3:36.24, 7. Amanda Crist 3:41.05, 8. Whitney Hoard 3:44.73.
200-meter IM: 1. Erin Pabst 2:46.24, 2. Elizabeth Fry 2:48.35, 3. Colby Wesley 2:48.70, 4. Anna Kaiser 2:54.37, 5. Hannah Biedenbach 2:57.93, 6. Kortnie Pimentel 3:01.38, 7. Abby Biedenbach 3:01.94, 8. Libby Massari 3:02.52.
800-meter freestyle: 1. Emilee Gessell 11:27.05, 2. Jennifer Clontz 11:35.85, 3. Taylor Bates 11:43.79, 4. Darbie Armstrong 11:51.45, 5. Kate Reed 12:13.41, 6. H.P. O'Doherty 12:17.43, 7. Crystal Aagard 14:44.91.



Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Brandon Morrow pauses during the third inning of Saturday's game against the Boston Red Sox in Toronto. AP photo

Sox pummel Blue Jays, 16-4

TORONTO — John Lackey made up for a terrible first start in Toronto this season, No. 9 hitter Jason Varitek homered and drove in four runs and the Boston Red Sox routed the Toronto Blue Jays 16-4 on Saturday.

Lackey (4-5) delivered six strong innings in his second start since going on the disabled list after giving up nine runs in 6 2-3 innings against the Blue Jays on May 11. The right-hander struck out a season-high eight.

Things got so bad for Toronto, utility man Mike McCoy pitched the ninth. McCoy, who had started at second base, threw a perfect inning.

YANKEES 4, INDIANS 0

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez was hit by a pitch after he homered, Bartolo Colon tossed two-hit ball into the seventh inning before getting hurt and New York beat Cleveland on a misty, windy afternoon.

Curtis Granderson hit his 20th homer to tie for the major league lead and Rodriguez got plunked by Indians starter Mitch Talbot a day after the benches cleared, adding another chapter to what has been a testy homestand for the Yankees.

It was the sixth time a New York batter has been hit on this homestand.

TWINS 8, RANGERS 1

MINNEAPOLIS — Scott Baker pitched a five-hitter for his fourth career complete game and Alexi Casilla had three hits and scored two runs, leading Minnesota over Texas.

Delmon Young had three hits and two RBIs for the Twins, who have won eight of 11.

TIGERS 8, MARINERS 1

DETROIT — Max Scherzer found his form after three rocky starts, Austin Jackson tripled twice and Detroit beat Seattle to move within one percentage point of first-place Cleveland in the AL Central after being as many as eight games behind in early May.

Victor Martinez had three hits and two RBIs for the Tigers, and Jhonny Peralta smacked a two-run homer.

RAYS 7, ORIOLES 5, 11 INNINGS

BALTIMORE — Ben Zobrist got four extra-base hits and scored four runs, including the tiebreaker in the 11th inning on a single by Evan Longoria.

Longoria had three RBIs and Casey Kotchman went 4 for 6 with two RBIs for the Rays, who forced extra innings with a run in the ninth off Baltimore closer Kevin Gregg.

WHITE SOX 3, ATHLETICS 2

CHICAGO — Brent Lillib-

ridge helped make John Danks a winner with a homer-saving catch in the eighth inning.

Lillibridge robbed Oakland's Coco Crisp with a leaping catch above the wall. With Daric Barton on second and one out in the eighth, Crisp lofted a flyball deep to left-center. Lillibridge retreated to the wall, leaped and snared Crisp's drive before it cleared the fence.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BRAVES 6, ASTROS 3, 10 INNINGS

HOUSTON — Brian McCann hit a three-run homer in the 10th inning, lifting the Atlanta Braves.

McCann's shot to right field off Brandon Lyon scored Jordan Schafer and Dan Uggla to give him 501 career RBIs and put Atlanta on top 5-2. Schafer singled before Uggla walked.

PHILLIES 7, CUBS 1

PHILADELPHIA — Chase Utley homered and drove in four runs to back Cliff Lee's eight strong innings.

Lee (6-5) passed teammate Roy Halladay for the league lead in strikeouts, recording seven to up his season total to 107. He allowed four hits and one run while walking two.

DODGERS 11, ROCKIES 7

DENVER — Pinch-hitter Casey Blake broke a tie with a three-run double in the sixth, Ted Lilly pitched five effective innings and the Los Angeles

Dodgers snapped a three-game skid.

BREWERS 5, CARDINALS 3

MILWAUKEE — Rickie Weeks hit a go-ahead, two-run homer and Zack Greinke outpitched fellow Cy Young winner Chris Carpenter.

REDS 10, GIANTS 2

SAN FRANCISCO — Mike Leake pitched eight scoreless innings and also got two hits off Tim Lincecum as the Cincinnati Reds gave the San Francisco ace one of his worst beatings ever.

PIRATES 3, METS 2

PITTSBURGH — James McDonald allowed two runs in six effective innings, Andrew McCutchen hit a two-run double and the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the New York Mets 3-2 on Saturday night.

DIAMONDBACKS 9, MARLINS 5

MIAMI — Kelly Johnson's three-run double highlighted a six-run fourth inning that helped the Arizona Diamondbacks send the slumping Marlins to their ninth loss in 10 games.

NATIONALS 2, PADRES 1

SAN DIEGO — John Lannan pitched effectively into the seventh inning and the Washington Nationals won consecutive road games for the first time in a month.

— *The Associated Press*



From left, North Carolina's Parks Jordan, Jimmy Messer and Greg Holt celebrate their team's 7-5 win over Stanford during an NCAA Super Regional game in Chapel Hill, N.C., Saturday. AP photo

'Heels first to punch ticket to Omaha

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Kent Emanuel held Stanford to one run through six innings and North Carolina held off a late rally to beat Stanford 7-5 and clinch another trip to the College World Series.

Jacob Stallings drove in three runs for the Tar Heels (50-14), who swept the best-of-3 NCAA Super Regional to reach Omaha for the fifth time in six seasons.

The Tar Heels led 6-1 going into the bottom of the eighth inning before the Cardinal (35-22) rallied to within a run behind a three-RBI double from Austin Wilson. Then, with two outs in the top of the ninth, officials stopped the game for 3½ hours due to lightning and heavy rain.

When the game resumed, Stallings added an RBI single to give North Carolina an extra cushion. Reliever Michael Morin then got Stephen Piscotty to groundout to end it more than seven hours after the first pitch.

MISSISSIPPI STATE 4, FLORIDA 3

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Nick Vickerson hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth, tying the best-of-three Super Regional series at McKethan Stadium.

Jarrod Parks led off the ninth with a single off Florida's Nick Maronde, and Vickerson hit the first pitch he saw from reliever Steven Rodriguez over the fence in left-center field.

The Gators and Bulldogs will play today for a spot in the College World Series.

VIRGINIA 6, UC IRVINE 0

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Danny Hultzen and Cody Winarski combined on a four-hitter and Jared King hit a three-run home run in helping Virginia stretch its winning streak to eight games in the opener at the Charlottesville Super Regional.

Hultzen (12-3), the No. 2 pick in the Major League draft by Seattle, pitched 51-3 innings, an outing interrupted by a lightning delay of an hour, 23 minutes. He allowed three hits, and singled home the second run for the Cavaliers (53-9).

TEXAS A&M 6, FLORIDA STATE 2

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Brandon Wood hit a two-run single to highlight a four-run seventh inning and Texas A&M beat Florida State ace Sean Gilmartin in Game 1 of the Super Regional.

Texas A&M (46-19) is one win from its first College World Series appearance since 1999. Game 2 of the best-of-three Super Regional against Florida State (45-18) will be Sunday.

Gilmartin (12-2), a first-round pick of the Atlanta Braves, had seven strikeouts through six innings but ran into trouble in the seventh. Wood's hit put Texas A&M up 3-2, and Kenny Jackson and Tyler Naquin later had RBI hits in the inning.

SOUTH CAROLINA 5, CONNECTICUT 1

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Michael Roth pitched into the ninth, allowing six hits, and Scott Wingo had two RBIs as South Carolina won Game 1 against UConn.

The defending national champion Gamecocks (49-14) are a win away from a return trip to the College World Series.

Roth (13-3) came in second in the country with a 1.10 ERA and lived up to that against the Huskies (45-18-1).

He got stronger as the game progressed, notching his first two strikeouts of the game on UConn stars George Springer and Mike Nemeth in the eighth inning.

TEXAS 5, ARIZONA STATE 1

AUSTIN, Texas — Jordan Etier hit a three-run homer in the top of the ninth and Texas tied the Super Regional at a game apiece.

The Longhorns and Sun Devils, two of the most storied programs in college baseball, will play for a spot in the College World Series tonight.

Etier had a key error in Texas' 3-1 loss Friday night.

CALIFORNIA 7, DALLAS BAPTIST 0

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Justin Jones threw a one-hitter over six innings before leaving with a left biceps problem and California powered past Dallas Baptist in the first game of an NCAA Super Regional.

Chad Bunting and Marcus Semien each hit a three-run homers and Devon Rodriguez also drove in a run for the Bears (36-21), who won their fifth straight.

Brandon Williamson went 7 2-3 innings for the Patriots (42-19), who entered the game with the second most runs scored in the nation. Williamson (10-4) allowed a season-high seven runs on 10 hits. He walked one and struck out three.

— *The Associated Press*

TURNAROUND

Tulowitzki enjoying change of fortunes in June

DENVER (AP) — Troy Tulowitzki's fingerprints were all over Colorado's comeback, yet he was nowhere to be found in the clubhouse 45 minutes after the Rockies rallied past the Los Angeles Dodgers thanks to his season-best four RBIs and a spectacular defensive play in the ninth.

Despite having knocked in seven runs in two days, the All-Star shortstop was still in the video room dissecting his last at-bat, when he popped out and stranded an insurance runner on third base in the Rockies' 9-7 come-from-behind win.

Tulowitzki wasn't happy despite heading into the weekend with a .367 batting average and nine RBIs in June after hitting just .209 with 14 RBIs during a miserable month of May in which the Rockies tumbled from first place in the NL West.

"I'm still working through things. I'm still trying to get better. I'm not satisfied with where I'm at," Tulowitzki said. "I'm going to keep working until I find it and it's going to be sometime soon here."

Tulowitzki came up twice with the bases full and delivered a two-run double and a two-run single, the latter hit tying the game at 7 before Jason Giambi drew a bases-loaded walk to cap the comeback Thursday night.

"I think the biggest thing is we got some hits with runners in scoring position, that's what we've been missing all year," Tulowitzki said. "It's nice to come up to bat with some runners in scoring position. I came up two times with the bases loaded and another time in the last inning that I'm still a little upset about that I didn't get that runner in. But it's nice to come up with runners on base as



Colorado Rockies shortstop Troy Tulowitzki makes a play during Thursday's game with the Los Angeles Dodgers in Denver. AP photo

opposed to leading off an inning."

The five-run seventh-inning rally marked a reversal of fortune for the Rockies, who scored just 13 runs over a recent eight-game stretch that was the most futile in franchise history.

Tulowitzki isn't the only batter who's scuffled all season. Aside from Todd Helton (.322), who is having a resurgent season worthy of an All-Star bid at age 37, and Seth Smith (.306), the Rockies' big bats have fallen largely silent in 2011.

Tulowitzki and reigning NL batting champion Carlos Gonzalez are both hitting .268 after signing huge contracts

over the winter, and newcomer Ty Wiginton (.257) is finally coming on after a sputtering start.

To jump-start Gonzalez, manager Jim Tracy returned him to the leadoff spot, where he got on a roll last year, and Gonzalez collected three hits to go with Tulowitzki's four RBIs Thursday night, then added four singles Friday night, when Tulowitzki hit his 12th homer.

"I've been swinging at a lot of bad pitches and getting myself out more than the pitchers are getting me out. They're just bouncing the ball, expecting me to swing. And they're going to continue to do it if I continue to swing at the balls in the dirt," Gonzalez said. "But if I'm patient and look for a strike and put a good swing to it, a lot of good things are going to happen."

Gonzalez said it was soothing to see Tulowitzki starting to find his stroke, too.

"It's nice to see your cleanup hitter driving runs in," Gonzalez said. "That's the guy that we've been looking for. And about me, same thing, I just need to continue to get on base, find myself."

"When we both are going good, we have a lot of chances to win games."

Tulowitzki hit a career-best .315 with 27 homers and 95 RBIs last year, numbers he'd like to make routine.

"This game is not easy, it's a grind," Tulowitzki said. "There's a lot of good players around the league who are not hitting up to their capabilities and performing for their team. But I'm going to put in the work and go down swinging if we go down."

And dissecting his swing even when he leads the Rockies to victory.

Kurt Busch wins Pocono pole

LONG POND, Pa. (AP) — Kurt Busch's reward for slapping the wall at practice was a backup No. 22 Dodge that was better than his regular ride.

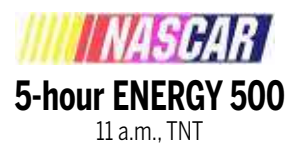
For that, Busch had plenty of people to thank, starting with his team at Penske Racing.

"Just an honest thank you to my guys," Busch said.

It's been quite a reversal for Busch a month after he launched into a foul-mouthed tirade against his race team at Richmond. He made it it two straight poles on Saturday, turning a fast lap of 171.579 mph at Pocono Raceway.

Busch damaged his No. 22 Dodge in Friday's practice and was forced to a backup car. He also spun at practice last week — a sort of bad luck-good luck habit. He wound up first last week at Kansas Speedway, then topped Jeff Gordon in one of the final qualifying runs at Pocono.

The two-time winner at the 2 1/2-mile track, Busch became the first pole winner



under the new Sprint Cup qualifying rules.

Qualifying was determined based on practice speeds — from slowest to fastest — with those times now coming from the first practice session. The qualifying order also will no longer be separated between teams that are locked into the race and teams that must qualify on speed.

Busch was impressed that Penske could produce a pole-winning backup car.

"That's something you really wouldn't hear about back in the day," he said. "It would be, 'All right, you'll have to struggle during the weekend.'"

Busch, who is sixth in points, finished ninth last week at Kansas for his second straight top-10 finish. After some early struggles caused concern and ill feelings at Penske, the drivers

are getting their programs turned around. Busch's teammate, Brad Keselowski, won the pole two races ago at Charlotte and took the checkered flag last week at Kansas.

Richmond was certainly the boiling point for Busch — and looks like the turning point.

He blamed Penske Racing's shortcomings on technical director Tom German over a radio frequency available to the public. German has since left the team.

"I took the apple tree and shook it as hard as I could at Richmond," Busch said. "We saw which apples fell and which ones were still there. It was honestly, 'Hey, do we want to make the Chase? We've got to make some changes. Heading into the direction we were, we were just scraping those top 10s. That's not going to get it done when you want to win the championship?'"

Busch often doesn't react well when his team fails to make the needed adjust-

ments to get his car caught up with the leaders. He totally lost it at Richmond when he ran into Ryan Newman's spinning race car.

The 2004 champion was in a great mood on Saturday — one of the perks that come with starting first. Paul Menard joined him on the front row. Gordon, Denny Hamlin and Regan Smith rounded out the top five.

The new qualifying rules meant most of NASCAR's heavy hitters hit the track at the end. Hamlin held the pole, then Gordon, before Busch came along and snagged it for good. Points leader Carl Edwards went last and qualified sixth.

"That is a pole-winning car right there," Edwards said. "It's nice to be disappointed about a sixth-place qualifying position. It should be a really good run for us."

Sam Hornish Jr., a former Penske driver, starts 26th in his first Cup race of the season. Dale Earnhardt Jr. starts 21st a week after a second-place finish at Kansas.



Ruler On Ice sprints to the finish line to win the Belmont Stakes Saturday at Belmont Park in Elmont, N.Y.

AP photo

Ruler on Ice rules in slop to win Belmont Stakes

NEW YORK (AP) — The Kentucky Derby winner stumbled at the start. The Preakness winner tired in the stretch. The Belmont Stakes was up for grabs.

And it was 24-1 long shot Ruler on Ice who delivered a huge upset Saturday in the final leg of the Triple Crown, splashing his way to a three-quarter length victory over Stay Thirsty.

As expected, Shackleford led from the start but when the field of 12 turned for home in the 1 1/2-mile Belmont, he tired in the muck as long shots Stay Thirsty and Ruler On Ice passed him by.

"Ruler wasn't slowing down," winning jockey Jose Valdivia Jr. said. "It was a great feeling the last sixteenth of a mile."

The much-hyped rubber match between Shackleford and Kentucky Derby winner Animal Kingdom never developed on a rainy day at Belmont Park. Shackleford finished fifth, while Animal Kingdom got off to a terrible start, never moved into contention and finished sixth.

Jockey John Velazquez nearly fell off when Animal Kingdom collided with Monzon just after the start. He somehow managed to get his left foot back into the stirrup, but by then it was too late. Animal Kingdom had dropped more than 12 lengths off the lead, and did well to finish in the middle of the pack.

An elated Valdivia, riding in his first Belmont, described the final seconds of the race while still on his horse.

"I'm a couple of yards from the wire and I'm thinking, 'Oh my god, oh my god, I'm going to win the Belmont,'" he said.

A crowd of 55,779 turned out hoping to see a stretch showdown between Animal Kingdom and Shackleford. But that vanished once the Derby winner was knocked out of contention in a bad bit of racing luck.

The Belmont has a history

of surprise finishes, from spoiled Triple Crown attempts to stunning shockers. Only two favorites have won since Thunder Gulch in 1995, and long shots have been the norm. Last year, it was 13-1 Drosselmeyer, two years ago Summer Bird at 11-1, and three years ago Da' Tara at 38-1.

Birdstone spoiled Smarty Jones' bid for a Triple Crown in 2004 at odds of 36-1 and Sarava ended War Emblem's Triple try in 2002 at 70-1 odds.

The win left Lori Hall, who owns Ruler On Ice with her husband George, shaking.

"It was amazing, because we really were the underdog," she said.

Ruler On Ice's victory makes it three years in a row a different horse has won each of the Triple Crown races, and next year it will be a 33-year gap since Affirmed swept the Derby, Preakness and Belmont in 1978.

Ruler On Ice, trained by New Jersey-based Kelly Breen, did not run in the first two legs of the Triple Crown. The 3-year-old gelding didn't have enough graded stakes earnings to qualify for the Derby, but vindicated his trainer's faith by defeating a field that included the first seven finishers in the Run for the Roses.

The winning time for the oldest and longest race in the Triple Crown was a slow 2:30.88.

Ruler On Ice, a temperamental sort fitted with blinkers for the first time to keep him focused, returned \$51.50, \$26 and \$13.60. Stay Thirsty, owner Mike Repole's second-best 3-year-old behind the sidelined Uncle Mo, paid \$19.40 and \$10.80. Brilliant Speed was third and returned \$7.90 to show.

Nehro, second in his last three races, including the Derby, was fourth, followed by Shackleford, Animal Kingdom, Mucho Macho Man, Santiva, Monzon, Master of Hounds, Prime Cut and Isn't He Perfect.

NO WINS YET, BUT BETTER RESULTS

Earnhardt back in the high life

LONG POND, Pa. (AP) — Dale Earnhardt Jr. needed an extreme makeover to shake up his sagging career. New shop. New crew chief. New team.

Now comes the best part for NASCAR's most popular driver.

Better results.

His winless drought is stuck on 106 races entering Pocono Raceway and the three-year mark of his last victory is closing in. Earnhardt, though, might finally have his career back on track after a string of under-achieving seasons at Hendrick Motorsports.

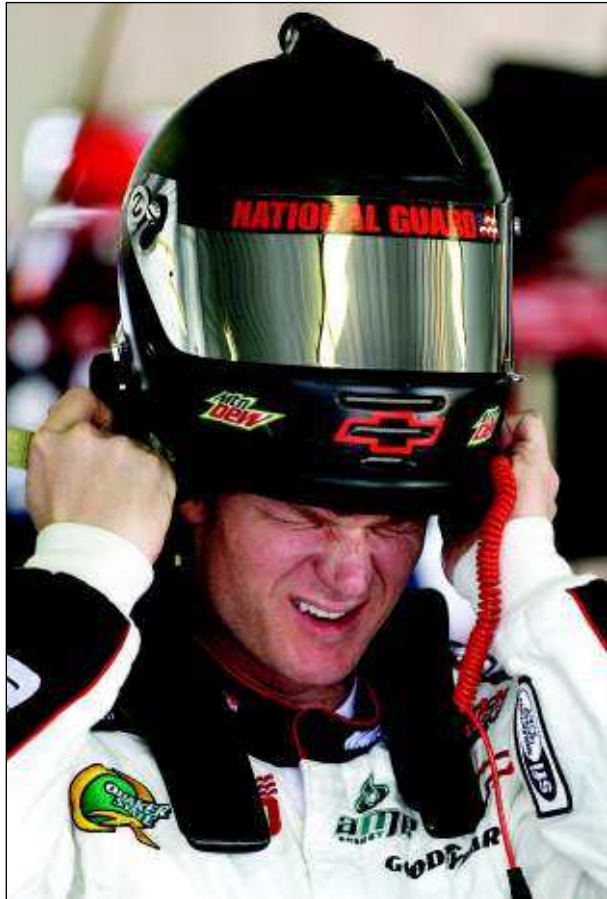
His next win, especially if it comes soon, won't be a stunner because he's been one of the hottest drivers in the sport, boosting both his morale and his spot in the standings.

"We're not satisfied. We want to win races," Earnhardt said Friday. "I know those guys are itching to win and get into Victory Lane."

He's getting close to grabbing the checkered flag.

Earnhardt thought he was going to win at Martinsville Speedway until Kevin Harvick passed him with four laps left for the win. He settled for second, which started a string of three top-10 finishes. Then came heartbreak at Charlotte Motor Speedway. He led on the final lap before his gas tank ran dry and finished seventh. Last week at Kansas, another second, giving him seven top 10s this season — one fewer than his 36-race total from a year ago.

Earnhardt has battled the frustration of being so close to taking the checkered flag



AP photo

Driver Dale Earnhardt Jr. pulls on his helmet before Friday's practice for the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series 5-hour ENERGY 500 auto race in Long Pond, Pa.

with the pride of knowing he's running at the front of the pack. He has not won since Michigan in June 2008, his first season with Hendrick Motorsports.

He was 12th in the standings that year, then finished 21st last year and 25th in 2009.

In any other sport, those kind of results can get you booed out of town.

But Earnhardt's legion of diehards have never wavered in their support even as he slumped, and few sounds in

sports can match the roar from the stands when No. 88 zooms into the lead.

They all have reason to cheer this year.

Earnhardt pointed to all the changes at Hendrick for the reason he's third in the points race. His partnership with crew chief Steve Letarte, who previously called the shots for Jeff Gordon, has been an instant success. When the car does struggle or they fall a lap behind, they still find a way to keep the race from com-

pletely getting out of hand.

"I feel like it's a good relationship and going pretty good," Earnhardt said. "Just trying to protect it and keep it going that way."

Team owner Rick Hendrick has long tried to find the right formula to make Earnhardt as successful — or least in the same league — as teammates Jeff Gordon and Jimmie Johnson.

Earnhardt remains upbeat that his first win in three years is on the way.

"It's great, it's not frustrating," he said. "I'm running good. That's great. It's where you want to be. Close. It's not winning. It's better than running damn 25th and 30th every week, I'll tell you that."

He's not satisfied, though. Earnhardt knows he has to win a race for fans and critics to believe he's really a contender.

Breaking through this weekend might prove he's for real. He's 0-for-Pocono — Earnhardt has five top-fives in 22 races on the 2 1/2-mile triangle track. But he hasn't finished better than 12th and has three finishes in the 20s in his last five races at Long Pond, Pa.

"We've had a lot of good runs, but the last couple of years haven't been that awesome," Earnhardt said.

If not today, maybe next week at Michigan. His last win came there on June 15, 2008.

Earnhardt has to believe his time to celebrate is near.

"I don't know that I've been the kind of person to be certain about anything," he said. "I'm not an assuming kind of person. I probably never felt that way."

Penalty kick helps Panama stun U.S. 2-1 in Gold Cup

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Luis Tejada scored in the 19th minute, Gabriel Gomez converted a penalty kick later in the first half and Panama stunned the United States 2-1 on Saturday night to advance to the quarterfinals of the Gold Cup.

The victory was the first for the Panamanians in nine meetings with the Americans, who had never lost a match in the group stage of any Gold Cup, the tournament that determines the

champion for North and Central America and the Caribbean.

Despite the loss, the U.S. can clinch a spot in the quarterfinals by beating Guadeloupe in its final Group C stage match Tuesday night in Kansas City.

Tejada finished a sequence that began with Nelson Barahona's free kick, tapping in a rebound after U.S. goalkeeper Tim Howard lunged

to get on a hand on Armando Cooper's header from left of the net. American Tim Ream's foul set up Gomez's penalty kick, which the Panamanian lifted over the diving Howard for a 2-0 lead in the 36th minute.

Clarence Goodson gave the U.S. hope for a dramatic comeback, scoring in the 68th minute. The Americans had a couple of opportunities pull even, but Chris

Wondolowski missed a wide-open net in the 80th minute and Jaime Penedo made two of his six saves in injury time to help Panama hang on.

The loss was just the second for the Americans in their past 21 Gold Cup games. They had been 6-0-2 against Panama, with all the meetings coming in either Gold Cup or World Cup qualifying.

Despite defeating Panama in the past three Gold Cups, the Americans stressed they could not overlook the Panamanians because each of those games had been close.

The teams played to a scoreless draw in the 2005 final, with the U.S. winning a penalty shootout to take the championship. They met in the quarterfinals in 2007 and 2009, with Panama los-

ing 2-1 each time.

Panama opened the tournament with a 3-2 victory over Guadeloupe and beating the Americans gave it consecutive Gold Cup wins for the first time.

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As Mavs try to wrap up title, James says he's focused

MIAMI (AP) — The hammer Dirk Nowitzki is so close to escaping is pounding away harder than ever at LeBron James.

The Dallas Mavericks are a victory from claiming the title that James came to Miami to win. It would forever alter Nowitzki's reputation, which has already been elevated enormously during this series as he's ignored injury and illness.

And James is now the target of all the criticism Nowitzki long endured, the one shouldering most of the blame as things go wrong.

"That's just a part of the game if you're the star or the face of the franchise," Nowitzki said Saturday. "If you win, it's great for you, and everybody looks at you. And if you lose, you're going to get hammered. It's just part of the business. I think we understand that, we've been around long enough. I

NBA Finals
Game 6
Dallas at Miami
6 p.m., ABC

got the hammered the last 13 years, basically. So hopefully this year I can make the hammering go away for a year."

He has two shots at it. The Mavs can win their first title Sunday night, or Tuesday if the Heat force a seventh game.

That would require a stronger effort from James, who this time a year ago was coming off his second straight MVP award and was three weeks from becoming among the most sought-after free agents in sports history.

Now he's the guy who can't produce in the fourth quarters, with 11 total points in five games, the one with the big name but the puny stats who had to spend part of his

off day answer all sorts of questions about what's happened to him.

- Are those 44 minutes per game you're playing too much?

"I wouldn't say it's too much. I don't think so," James said. "I don't feel like I'm hurting my team for the time I'm out there. I don't feel like it's too much."

- Is something wrong with your shot technique?

"At this point, I don't think technique has anything to do with it," James said. "Shots go in, shots don't go in. I don't stop to think about my technique or anything like that."

- Are you simply feeling the pressure of the finals stage?

"I think the game of basketball can be pressure," James said. "It doesn't matter if it's the finals or the conference finals or first round. Playoff basketball is all about pressure, how you can handle it."

James did allow that perhaps he hasn't been as aggressive in the fourth quarter because Dwyane Wade has been playing so well. Wade is averaging 28.4 points — 11 more than James, who also trails Chris Bosh.

"He's one of the best players in the world," Wade said. "So we're not necessarily concerned about him to that extent. I want him to play and feel confident."

James noted that he did have a triple-double last game, but even with 17 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists, he said, "I had a bad game in a lot of people's eyes. I understand that."

Nowitzki knows the feeling. He has been the lone big star on a Dallas team that's won 50 games for 11 straight seasons, yet he's known best for his failures: the collapse after a 2-0 lead over Miami in the 2006 finals, the first-round loss to

eighth-seeded Golden State in the first round the next year after winning 67 games.

He was tagged as soft — a label many European players receive — and given derisive nicknames such as No-win-ski or No-ring-ski. But he showed plenty of toughness Saturday when he fired back at Wade and James after they appeared to be mocking his recent illness on a video that made the rounds Friday.

Nowitzki called it "a little childish, a little ignorant," but denied that it would give him any added motivation to claim the ring he's been chasing for 13 years.

"We're one win away from my dream, what I've worked on for half my life," Nowitzki said. "This is really all I'm worried about, this is all I'm focusing on, and not really the off-the-court stuff that happened."

A U.S. Open that is wide open

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press writer

Four players have taken their turns at No. 1, the highest number between U.S. Opens in the 25-year history of the world ranking. Four players won their first major in the last 12 months. Four others captured their first World Golf Championship.

And it's largely because of a guy who's not even playing.

The presence Tiger Woods brings to golf is felt even more strongly in his absence.

Woods will not be at Congressional, missing the U.S. Open for the first time in 17 years because of lingering injuries to his left leg. Some could argue he has been missing for the last year as he has tried to mend his personal life, his health and his golf swing. He has gone 18 months without winning, paving the way for a new generation of stars to emerge.

And they have.

Graeme McDowell started it off by winning the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach, and he peeled back a massive layer of Woods' mystique at the end of the year by overcoming a four-shot deficit in the final round and beating him in a playoff at the Chevron World Challenge.

Louis Oosthuizen (British Open), Martin Kaymer (PGA Championship) and Charl Schwartzel (Masters) — all of them in their 20s — won the next three majors. Lee Westwood ended Woods' five-year stay atop the world ranking, and Kaymer and Luke Donald since have gone to No. 1 in the world over the last four months.

None of that seemed possible when Woods was on top of his game, dominating to such a degree that he won nearly 30 percent of his tournaments and made it look as though no one else had a chance.

Are players getting better? Or were they always this good and no one noticed as long as Woods was winning so often? Maybe it takes Woods being gone to realize just how good he was.

"Some of the younger players came along when Tiger was on a tear, and they were in his shadow," Mark O'Meara said. "He was bigger than life. But now that Tiger is somewhat removed from the game, they've been able to shine."

With the absence of Woods — and to a lesser extent, Phil Mickelson, who has only one win in the last year — the new landscape in golf features parity not seen in some 20 years. When the 111th edition of the U.S. Open begins outside the nation's capital in Bethesda, Md., no one will stand out as a clear favorite.

"Tiger has been the dominant player in this generation, really since the mid-90s," Stewart Cink said. "Eventually, he won't be anymore. Maybe that's already happening — we don't know. He won so many tournaments, maybe there were just less available to win."

That sounds like Colin



Graeme McDowell, left, and Tiger Woods wait to putt March 15 during the Tavistock Cup in Windermere, Fla.

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Montgomerie's theory from years ago on why it was so hard to win majors. Montgomerie reasoned that Woods was winning two a year, leaving only two majors for everyone else.

Now, they're all up for grabs.

Ten players have won the last 10 majors. Only two of those players, Mickelson and Angel Cabrera, had won before. The last time Woods had to skip a major, because of season-ending knee surgery in 2008, there was debate whether an asterisk would be placed next to the winner's name because Woods wasn't in the field.

There will be no talk of an asterisk at Congressional.

Even if Woods were around, this U.S. Open lives up to its name — open.

"Anybody can win," Davis Love III said. "You can't say it's going to be either Tiger or Phil or (Jim) Furyk or Luke Donald. It's wide open. It's like when Greg Norman was the favorite and everybody looked to him. I don't know if you can pick a favorite for the U.S. Open."

The U.S. Open is known as the toughest test in golf, and the challenges come from all over. The fairways are narrow, the rough tends to be thick, the greens as firm as any all year. Par tends to be a good score at the U.S. Open, and par can sometimes feel like a birdie.

McDowell won at Pebble Beach last year at even-par 284. Four of the last six U.S. Opens have been won at even par or worse.

"I know I'm going to have to prepare myself for the feeling that I am playing badly, even when I'm not," former U.S. Open champion Geoff Ogilvy wrote in a column for Golf World magazine. "I have to convince myself that par golf — or even 1 or 2 over — is good. It's just so different from any other week on tour."

Even the golf course is different from the last U.S. Open at Congressional in 1997, won by Ernie Els.

The closing hole was a par 3, which proved to be anticlimactic. The championship effectively was decided on the 17th, when

Montgomerie stood forever over a 5-foot par putt before missing it, and Tom Lehman in the last group pulled a 7-iron into the water. Rees Jones again has tweaked the course, and the 17th hole from 1997 is now the 523-yard 18th hole.

The old No. 18 has been flipped around, and now is a daunting par-3 10th.

Players champion K.J. Choi, Anthony Kim and Woods have won at Congressional in the three years it hosted the AT&T National. That might not mean anything with the course set up as a major.

The best bet might be someone from outside the United States.

For one thing, out of all the majors, Americans have had the least success in their national open over the last 10 years — just four wins, with two of those by Woods. International players have won the last four majors, and another victory would mark the longest drought in the majors for an American since the Masters began in 1934.

And perhaps even more troublesome for American players — they have been shut out of the top three in the Masters, British Open and U.S. Open dating to last year.

The headlines, if there is such a thing these days, would start with the guys at the top of the ranking.

Donald has finished in the top 10 in his last 10 tournaments worldwide, and his chipping and putting would seem to be a good fit for the U.S. Open. Westwood has the most experience contending in a major, even though he hasn't won yet. It was only three years ago when he stood over a 15-foot birdie putt on the last hole at Torrey Pines to get into a

playoff, only to leave it short.

He also missed a par putt that kept him out of a playoff at Turnberry, and he lost a 54-hole lead to Mickelson at the Masters.

American golf is not as bad as it might seem at the moment. Finishing off majors is a different story. A year ago, Dustin Johnson had a three-shot lead going into the last round and shot 82, the highest score in the U.S. Open by a 54-hole leader in nearly 100 years. Nick Watney had a three-shot lead at the PGA Championship last year and shot 80.

That's not exclusive to Americans, though. Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland had a four-shot lead going into the final round at the Masters this year, and the 22-year-old closed with an 80.

"I don't know how Dustin and Nick were feeling whenever they were going into the last round leading, but it's a new experience," McIlroy said. "They're major championships, and you want to really try and get your first one out of the way and kick on."

McIlroy's mistake eventually allowed Schwartzel to win. Johnson's blunders gave way to McDowell, while Watney's blowup in the PGA Championship ultimately set the stage for Kaymer to win in a playoff over Bubba Watson (only after Johnson was penalized for a bunker he didn't know he was in). All of them are young, all were new to major championship experience.

Such is the way golf is going at the moment, especially with Woods not much of a factor on the golf course — and not a factor at all as long as he's at home trying to heal himself.

"Will he be back? Nobody knows at the minute. There's obviously a lot going on," McDowell told Sky Sports News. "His mental health is one question and his physical health is now another. Golf needs him. He has been golf for the last 15 years."

Karlsson clings to St. Jude lead

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — With 18 holes left, too much golf remains for Robert Karlsson to worry about a couple of late bogeys.

Karlsson looked ready to run away from the field Saturday, leading by five strokes on the back nine at the St. Jude Classic. The Swede closed with his only bogeys of the day on the final two holes and finished with a 2-under 68 that dropped him to 11 under, one stroke ahead of Harrison Frazar through three rounds in this final U.S. Open tuneup.

"I'm very, very happy with where I am at the moment. I mean you're going to make a mistake here and there," Karlsson said.

"Just keep doing what I'm doing. I mean it's a 72-hole golf tournament. It's a long, long way to go still, and ... I'm very happy with where I'm standing and let's go from there."

Frazar said he thought Karlsson was in total control of the tournament so he focused only on playing. He got hot and birdied three of his final four holes to finish with a 64 that got him to 10 under. That included rolling in a 42-footer for birdie on No. 18 on a similar line to a putt he had last year. He even waved his caddie off Frazar was so confident he had the right line.

"Went right in the center, jumped in there like a rabbit," Frazar said.

John Merrick (67) is third, followed by Retief Goosen, who turned in the best 18-hole score this week at TPC Southwind before being matched by Frazar. Fredrik Jacobson (68) and Keegan Bradley (70) are tied for fifth.

The 41-year-old Karlsson is in his first full year on the PGA Tour after earning an exemption by finishing in the top 125 on the money list with 11 events in 2010. That included a second-place finish here a year ago, when he lost a four-hole playoff to Lee Westwood in his best showing yet on the tour.

He is trying to become the seventh first-time win-



Robert Karlsson hits out of a bunker on No. 17 during the third round of the St. Jude Classic Saturday in Memphis.

ner on tour this year and the first player to win his first title in Memphis since Dicky Pride in 1994.

"I'm in the last group and have a great chance of getting out there tomorrow and play golf," Karlsson said. "I'm looking forward to that."

TSENG MOVES ATOP STATE FARM LEADERBOARD

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Top-ranked Yani Tseng shot her second straight 6-under 66 to take a one-stroke lead over Mindy Kim in the LPGA State Farm Classic.

Tseng reached 17 under, birdieing all four of Panther Creek's par 5s in her bogey-free round. She won the season-opening LPGA Thailand for her sixth tour title in four years.

Kim, the leader after the first two round, bogeyed the final hole for a 69.

TWAY CLOSES IN ON FIRST CHAMPIONS WIN

CONOVER, N.C. — Bob Tway moved a step closer to his first Champions Tour title, shooting a 5-under 67 to maintain a one-shot lead after the second round of the Greater Hickory Classic.

Tway was 14 under at Rock Barn. Playing partner Tommy Armour III was second after a 67. Monday qualifier James Mason (65), Chip Beck (65), Mark Wiebe (68) and Mark O'Meara (67) were 12 under.

— The Associated Press

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Locked-out? NFL training camp sites start to sweat

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Jake's Stadium Pizza has been a fast-food fixture on the Minnesota State University campus for nearly four decades. This summer, they're cooking that thin crust with crossed fingers in Mankato, Minn.

The NFL lockout, now headed toward its fourth month, is threatening a revenue-driving, profile-raising event for this small, family-owned business: Vikings

training camp.

"We're hoping they get it done, because it's not just us. It's the whole state that will suffer," said Wally Boyer, the owner of the joint where players from Jim Marshall to John Randle have recuperated after many a draining workout. Fans, too, have long made that familiar walk down Stadium Road after watching practice to fill up and cool off.

If the work stoppage

lingers long enough to keep teams holding traditional training camps, the hit would be felt far beyond Minnesota, and it wouldn't just be about losing money.

In upstate New York, the Jets have trained on the SUNY Cortland campus the last two years.

"Just their presence alone has stimulated people. It's just good for the mental health of the community," said Cortland State football

coach Dan MacNeill. "For our people, it's been fun. It has impacted the football program. We don't have normal use of our facilities. But an NFL franchise, no matter where you go, there's a heck of a following."

Seventeen of the 32 NFL teams last year held training camp at their year-round facilities, reflecting a trend toward cost-and-time efficiency in an era in which chemistry is built and con-

ditioning established well before the two-a-day grind in August.

But the other 15 teams still take their show on the road, many of them to slower-paced cities and small colleges where their presence is a big deal — and a big financial boon.

Some people make a summer vacation out of watching their favorite team run drills and scrimmages. Day-trippers at least stop for a

bite to eat on the way out of town.

The Cardinals have held camp at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff since 1988, and the school's Rural Policy Institute estimated it brought \$7 million to the local economy last year, with an overall impact of \$10 million. There were over 38,000 visitors, 81 percent of those from out of town, along with 122 jobs created by the camp.

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- (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, 171.057.
- (9) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 170.836.
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- (00) David Reutimann, Toyota, 170.348.
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- (6) David Ragan, Ford, 170.177.
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- (71) Andy Lally, Ford, 169.37.
- (61) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 169.307.
- (38) Sam Hornish Jr., Ford, 169.278.
- (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 169.224.
- (43) A.J. Allmendinger, Ford, 169.176.
- (67) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 169.17.
- (34) David Gilliland, Ford, 169.119.
- (56) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 169.113.
- (29) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 169.084.
- (31) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 168.932.
- (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 168.89.
- (13) Casey Mears, Toyota, 168.666.
- (66) Michael Michael, Toyota, 168.218.
- (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 167.773.
- (37) Tony Raine, Ford, 167.735.
- (81) Scott Riggs, Chevrolet, 167.264.
- (40) Dave Blaney, Chevrolet, 167.056.
- (32) Mike Bliss, Ford, 166.668.
- (7) Scott Wimmer, Dodge, Owner Points.
- (50) T.J. Bell, Toyota, 166.633.

BASEBALL

American League All Times MDT

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	38	26	.594	
New York	35	27	.565	2
Tampa Bay	34	30	.531	4
Atlanta	32	33	.492	6½
Baltimore	29	36	.444	7
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	38	28	.548	—
Detroit	35	29	.547	—
Chicago	32	35	.478	4½
Kansas City	28	36	.438	7
Minnesota	25	39	.391	10
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	36	30	.545	—
Seattle	33	32	.508	2½
Los Angeles	30	35	.462	5½
Oakland	28	38	.424	8

Friday's Games
Seattle 3, Detroit 7
Baltimore 7, Tampa Bay 0
Boston 5, Toronto 1
Oakland 7, Chicago White Sox 5
Texas 9, Minnesota 3
Kansas City 4, Los Angeles 2

Saturday's Games
Boston 16, Toronto 4
Minnesota 6, Texas 1
Detroit 8, Seattle 1
Tampa Bay 7, Baltimore 5, 11 innings
Chicago White Sox 3, Oakland 2
Kansas City at L.A. Angels, late

Sunday's Games
Cleveland (Tomlin 7-3) at N.Y. Yankees (F.Garcia 4-5), 11:05 a.m.
Cleveland (F.Hernandez 6-5) at Detroit (Porcello 6-3), 11:05 a.m.
Boston (Lester 8-2) at Toronto (Drabek 4-4), 11:07 a.m.
Tampa Bay (W.Davis 4-5) at Baltimore (Matusz 1-0), 11:35 a.m.
Oakland (Moscoso 2-2) at Chicago White Sox (Humber 5-3), 12:10 p.m.
Texas (M.Harrison 5-0) at Minnesota (Liriano 3-6), 12:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Mazzaro 0-1) at L.A. Angels (Chatwood 3-3), 1:35 p.m.

Monday's Games
Cleveland at N.Y. Yankees, 5:05 p.m.
Campa Bay at Detroit, 5:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Seattle, 8:10 p.m.

National League All Times MDT

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	39	26	.600	
Atlanta	38	28	.569	2
Florida	32	31	.508	6
New York	31	33	.484	7½
Washington	29	36	.446	10
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	38	28	.576	—
Milwaukee	37	28	.569	½
Cincinnati	34	32	.515	4
Pittsburgh	31	32	.492	5½
Chicago	25	38	.397	11½
Houston	24	41	.369	13½
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	36	29	.554	—
Arizona	35	30	.538	1
Colorado	31	33	.484	4½
Los Angeles	30	36	.455	6½
San Diego	27	39	.439	7½

Friday's Games
Philadelphia 7, Chicago Cubs 5
N.Y. Mets 8, Pittsburgh 1
Florida 6, Arizona 4
Atlanta 11, Houston 4
Milwaukee 8, St. Louis 0
Colorado 6, L.A. Dodgers 5
Washington 2, San Diego 1
San Francisco 3, Cincinnati 2

Saturday's Games
Philadelphia 7, Chicago Cubs 1
Cincinnati 10, San Francisco 2
Atlanta 6, Houston 3, 10 innings
Pittsburgh 9, N.Y. Mets 2
Arizona 9, Florida 5
J.Cruz 4, W.5 1
L.A. Dodgers 11, Colorado 7
Washington 2, San Diego 1

Sunday's Games
Arizona (D.Hudson 6-5) at Florida (Hand 0-1), 11:10 a.m.
Chicago Cubs (D.Davis 0-5) at Philadelphia (Oswalt 3-4), 11:35 a.m.
N.Y. Mets (Capuano 4-6) at Pittsburgh (Correia 8-4), 11:35 a.m.
Atlanta (Hanson 7-4) at Houston (Myers 2-5), 12:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Westbrook 6-3) at Milwaukee (Marcum 6-2), 12:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (R.De La Rosa 2-0) at Colorado (Jimenez 1-6), 1:10 p.m.
Washington (Zimmerman 4-6) at San Diego (Stauffer 2-4), 2:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Volquez 4-2) at San Francisco (L.Sanchez 4-4), 6:05 p.m.

Monday's Games
N.Y. Mets at Pittsburgh, 5:05 p.m.
Arizona at Florida, 5:10 p.m.
Atlanta at Houston, 6:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, 6:05 p.m.
San Diego at Colorado, 6:40 p.m.
Cincinnati at L.A. Dodgers, 8:10 p.m.

AL Boxes

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AdGniz lb	3	2	1	1	Bautist rf	3	0	0	0
Smith ph-bi	2	1	0	0	Entino dh	4	2	2	0
Ortiz dh	3	2	2	2	Entino dh	4	1	2	0
Cann ph-bi	1	0	0	0	J.Molin c	2	1	0	0
Lorrie 3b	5	0	0	0	R.Davis cf	4	0	1	2
Crrwd lf	5	1	1	1	N.Nix 3b-2b	4	0	0	0
Scutaro ss	6	3	4	1	M.Coy 2b	4	0	0	0
J.Drew rf	5	2	2	2					
Vartek c	3	3	4	4					
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Dotel	1	2	1	1	0	0
Rzepczynski	1	1	0	0	0	2
Janssen	2-3	3	3	3	2	1
Rauch	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
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GSizmr cf	3	0	0	0	Teixer 1b	3	1	1	1
CSantn lb	4	0	0	0	ALdrdg 3b	3	1	1	1
Choo rf	4	0	0	0	Ekunze 3b	0	0	0	0
LaPort dh	4	0	1	0	Cano 2b	2	0	0	0
Phelps 2b	3	0	0	0	Swisher rf	3	1	1	0
Hannth 3b	2	0	1	0	Posada dh	0	0	0	0
Marson c	3	0	1	0	Gardnr lf	3	0	2	0
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Cleveland	000	000	101	00x	—	0			
New York	000	101	10x	—	4				

E—Cano (4), R.Perez (1), Phelps (1), DP—Cleveland 1, LOB—Cleveland 6, New York 3, 2B—Hannahan (10), Gardner (8), HR—Granderson (20), Teixeira (19), AL.Rodriguez (13), CS—Posada (2), Gardner (2).

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi	New York	ab	r	h	bi
Talbot L-2,3	52-3	4	2	2	2	4			
R.Perez	2	1	1	3	2	1	0	0	0
Pestano	1	1	1	1	0	2			
New York									
Colon W-5,3	62-3	2	0	0	0	1	6		
Robertson H,11	11-3	3	0	0	0	4			
Logan	1	0	0	0	0	1			

HBP—by Talbot (AL.Rodriguez), Balk—Robertson. Umpires—Home, Dan Iassogna; First, CB Bucknor; Second, Mike Muchlinski; Third, Dale Scott. T-2:49. A-47,048 (50,291).

WHITE SOX 3, ATHLETICS 2

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi	Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
Crisp cf	4	1	1	0	Lillird cf	3	1	0	0
Pingtn ss	3	0	0	0	ALRmz ss	3	1	1	0
Matsu dh	2	0	0	0	Quntin rf	4	0	0	1
Deless rf	3	0	0	0	Konerk lb	4	0	0	0
Wingh lf	3	0	1	0	Rios cf	3	0	2	0
CJcks rf	4	0	0	0	A.Dunn dh	2	0	0	0
SSzmz 3b	4	0	0	0	RCastr c	3	1	1	1
KSuozk c	3	0	0	0	Bckhm 2b	3	0	1	0
Barton lb	2	0	1	0	Morel 3b	4	0	0	0
Weeks 2b	2	0	0	0					
Totals	27	2	4	2	Totals	29	3	6	2
Oakland	000	101	000	—	3				
Chicago	001	101	00x	—	2				

E—Ziegler (2), K.Suzuki (3), Pennington (7), R.Castro (1), AL.Ramirez (10), DP—Oakland 3, Chicago 1, LOB—Oakland 4, Chicago 2, CS—Crisp (1), HR—R.Castro (3), SB—Pennington (6), Lillird (6), AL.Ramirez (3), Quntin (1), CS—1Weeks (1), S—Pennington, 1Weeks.

Oakland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Gonzalez L-5,5	51-3	5	3	2	7	2
Ziegler	1	0	0	0	1	0
Breslow	1	3	0	0	0	1
Devine	11-3	1	0	0	0	1
Chicago						
Danks W-2,8	72-3	4	2	2	2	4
Crain L-1,2	11-3	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by G.Gonzalez (Beckham), WP—G.Gonzalez 2, Balk—G.Gonzalez. Umpires—Home, Ed Hickox; First, Ed Rapuano; Second, Brian O'Nora; Third, Alfonso Marquez. T-3:01. A-24,391 (40,615).

TIGERS 8, MARINERS 1

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi	Detroit	ab	r	h	bi
ISuzuki rf	3	0	0	0	AJcks cf	5	0	1	2
Ryan ss	3	0	0	0	Kelly 3b	5	0	1	2
Smoak lb	4	0	0	0	Boesch rf	4	2	3	0
AKndy 2b	4	0	0	0	C.Wells lf	1	0	0	0
Olivo c	4	0	0	0	McCar 1b	3	1	1	0
Peguer lf	3	0	0	0	VMrntz dh	4	1	3	2
Carp 2b	2	0	1	0	Dicks lf	4	1	2	0
Figgins 3b	2	0	0	0	JPertt ss	4	1	1	2
Halim cf	3	0	1	0	Avila c	3	1	1	0
					Santiago 2b	4	1	1	0
Totals	29	1	5	1	Totals	37	8	14	7
Seattle	000	001	000	—	8				
Detroit	210	002	10x	—	8				

E—Oliver (1), DP—Seattle 1, Detroit 1, LOB—Seattle 4, Detroit 7, 2B—Boesch (15), VMartinez (17), 3B—LSuzuki (2), AJackson 2 (12), HR—JPeralta (9), SF—Ryan.

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pineda L-6,4	51-3	8	6	5	1	4
Wright	12-3	4	1	1	0	2
Gray	1	2	1	1	0	0
Detroit						
Scherzer W-8,2	7	4	4	1	2	4
Benoit	1	1	0	0	0	0
Purcey	1	0	0	0	0	0
HBP—by Pineda (ML.Cabrera), WP—Pineda.						
Umpires—Home, Mike Everett; First, John Tumpane; Second, Cory Blaser; Third, Mike Winters.						
T-2:23. A-38,398 (41,255).						

RAYS 7, ORIOLES 5, 11 INNINGS

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi	Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
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300 rounds exchanged during Texas border shootout

By Will Weissert
Associated Press writer

SAN ANTONIO — U.S. law enforcement officials exchanged about 300 rounds of gunfire with suspected drug runners during a pre-dawn shootout across the Rio Grande, but only about six came from the suspects, authorities said Friday.

The Texas Department of Public Safety, whose Rangers were involved in the shootout, said such an overwhelming response was

standard given the United States’ zero tolerance policy when guns are pointed at its authorities. Department officials previously said the Americans were under “heavy fire,” but they’ve since backed away from that.

The incident began about 6:30 a.m. Thursday, when U.S. Border Patrol agents spotted a Dodge Durango near the lightly populated border town of Abram, Texas, said Steve McCraw, director of the Department of Public Safety Director. He

joined officials from Border Patrol and Texas Fish and Wildlife for a news conference Friday in Weslaco, roughly 250 miles south of San Antonio and just north of the river separating Mexico and the U.S.

Agents who gave chase found the truck abandoned on the banks of the Rio Grande, and a group of people on the Mexican shore unloading bundles of marijuana from rubber rafts, according to the Department of Public Safety.

Border Patrol agents say

Mexican smugglers often use small, high-quality rafts to float drugs into U.S. territory, where they load them onto waiting vehicles to be taken farther north. Of late, however, smugglers wait with the rafts in American territory in case the vehicles are spotted and have to flee back to the river. There, they quickly put the drugs back onto the rafts and head back to Mexico to keep U.S. authorities from seizing the load.

That’s what happened Thursday, the Department

of Public Safety said, except U.S. authorities arrived in time to see a group of people who had already made it back to the Mexican side removing packets of marijuana from rafts.

The group threw rocks and shot “at least six” rounds at American agents, who responded by flooding the area with gunfire, the Department of Public Safety said. A U.S. Border Patrol boat was the first to arrive on the scene, followed by boats from Texas Parks and Wildlife and one belonging

to the Texas Rangers, it said.

Authorities said they are still looking into how many Americans fired shots and what agencies they were from.

Three suspects on the Mexican side of the river were believed injured or killed, although authorities in that country were still working to confirm that. Two U.S. game wardens were treated for cuts and abrasions after being struck with rocks.

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GRAY SKIES



AP photo

A person looks at volcanic ashes and smoke from the Puyehue-Cordon Caulle volcano as seen from Entrelagos, in southern Chile, Friday. The volcano began erupting June 4 after remaining dormant for decades, causing the evacuation of about 3,500 people in the nearby area and carrying ash across the Andes to Argentina.

Ash from Chilean volcano grounds flights

By Roberto Candia
Associated Press writer

RININAHUE, Chile — Steaming rivers filled with hot ash, rocks, and rain threatened to overflow their banks in southern Chile on Friday and ash clouds from a volcano that began erupting nearly a week ago kept some airports closed across much of the southern part of the continent.

In towns bordering the Cordon Caulle volcano, authorities warned that rivers were about to flood due to the large amounts of ash and volcanic rock that have fallen in them and heavy rains that have doused the area of southern Chile.

About 3,500 residents had been evacuated, and 500 of them were still in shelters Friday. Authorities were seeking legal permission Friday to evacuate a dozen more who refused to leave their property and animals behind.

The flow of the Nilahue and GolGol rivers near the volcano had increased from 1,000 cubic feet (30 cubic meters) per second to 5,600 cubic feet (160 cubic meters) per second, Chilean Public Works Minister Hernan de Solminihac said on state television Friday.

“It’s important that peo-



AP photo

Police officers watch the overflowed river Nilahue after the eruption of the Puyehue-Cordon Caulle volcano in Los Venados, Chile, Thursday. The volcano erupted Saturday after remaining dormant for decades, causing the evacuation of about 3,500 people in the nearby area and carrying ash across the Andes to Argentina.

ple leave their homes for their own security, because the volcano has not ceased to erupt,” he said.

Tons of hot volcanic material had raised the temperature of the River Nilahue to 113 degrees Fahrenheit (45 degrees Celsius), killing off large numbers of salmon, Solminihac said. The average air temperature this time of year in the region is about 50 degrees Fahrenheit (10 degrees Celsius).

Residents of the Argentine capital, Buenos Aires, and the neighboring Uruguayan capital of Montevideo, awakened Friday to ash-covered streets, sidewalks and automobiles.

And some who tried to leave found airports closed because of the clouds of fine grit that can damage airplane engines.

Argentina’s civil aviation authorities reopened Buenos Aires’ two main airports on

Friday once the cloud of ash moved away. Other smaller Argentine airports to the south and in Patagonia remained closed.

Numerous flights in Brazil, Chile and Uruguay also were canceled as a precaution. Authorities in Uruguay were considering a possible reopening of the international airport in Montevideo.

The volcano, which began erupting last Saturday, has

also affected winter resorts in southern Argentina’s Patagonia region, including San Carlos Bariloche, Villa La Angostura, San Martin de los Andes and Esquel.

The Southern Hemisphere’s winter begins on June 21, and resort operators are concerned that a prolonged eruption could keep away tourists.

In San Carlos de Bariloche, more than 65 percent of the nearly 4.5 billion pesos (\$1 billion) collected by businesses comes in the three winter months, according to government statistics from 2010. About 250,000 tourists arrive each year in the city, which is more than 1,000 miles (1,650 kilometers) southwest of Buenos Aires.

Workers in the resort city filled 600 dump trucks Thursday with the ash that had fallen on the airport’s main runway. Officials have said that the airport would be closed at least until June 21.

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New setback for relations between U.S., Pakistan

By Griff Witte
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The Washington Post

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Twice in recent weeks, the United States provided Pakistan with the specific locations of insurgent bomb-making factories, only to see the militants learn their cover had been blown and vacate the sites before military action could be taken, according to U.S. and Pakistani officials.

Overhead surveillance video and other information was given to Pakistani officials in mid-May, officials said, as part of a trust-building effort by the Obama administration after the killing of Osama bin Laden in a U.S. raid earlier in the month. But Pakistani military units that arrived at the sites in the tribal areas of North and South Waziristan on June 4 found them abandoned.

U.S. officials say they do not know how the operation was compromised. But they are concerned that either the information was inadvertently leaked inside Pakistan or that insurgents were warned directly by Pakistan’s Inter-Services Intelligence agency, or ISI.

A senior Pakistani military official said Friday that the United States had also shared information about other sites, including weapons-storage facilities, that were similarly found empty. “There is a suspicion that perhaps there was a tip-off,” the official said. “It’s being looked into by our people, and certainly anybody involved will be taken to task.”

In the past, Pakistan has strenuously denied allegations that its security services are colluding with insurgents.

The incidents are expected to feature prominently in conversations between Pakistani officials and CIA Director Leon Panetta, who arrived in Pakistan on Friday. The U.S. argument, one official said, will be: “We are willing to share, but you have to prove you will act. Some of your people are no longer fully under your control.”

U.S. officials said Panetta would also carry a more positive message, reiterating that the United States wants to rebuild a trusting, constructive relationship with Pakistan. Immediately after bin Laden’s death, some administration officials and lawmakers argued that the al-Qaida leader’s presence

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Mexico's narcos adopt Lauren-style polo shirts

By Mark Stevenson
Associated Press writer

MEXICO CITY — “Narco Polo” is the new fashion trend sweeping lower-class neighborhoods in Mexico, inspired by seven high-ranking drug traffickers who were arrested over a three-month stretch wearing open-neck, short-sleeved jerseys with the familiar horseman-with-a-stick emblem.

The polo shirts are becoming ubiquitous in street vendors’ stalls from the drug-war-ravaged state of Tamaulipas to the cradle of Mexican drug trafficking, Sinaloa.

Demand is so high that a Mexico City street vendor named Felipe stocks several colors, and names them after the drug lord who was wearing that color at the time of his arrest.

“This is the ‘J,J,’” he says, pointing to a blue one, “and this is ‘La Barbie,’” indicating a green number. That was a reference to Jose Jorge (“J,J.”) Balderas, who allegedly dealt drugs and shot soccer star Salvador Cabañas in the head, and to U.S.-born Edgar Valdez Villarreal, “La Barbie.”

Despite their Ralph Lauren labels, the shirts on sale on Mexico City streets for 160 pesos (\$13.50) are clearly pirated goods, sold by unlicensed vendors like Felipe who don’t want their full names used for fear of attracting police attention.

But some of Felipe’s customers have their first names embroidered on the back of the shirts, a service he offers for an extra fee, as a sort of dare.

It’s probably not the demographic that designers at Ralph Lauren were thinking of for their polo shirts. The company did not respond to several requests for comment about the shirts’ popularity in Mexican criminal circles.

The shirt La Barbie wore when captured appeared to be the only potentially authentic one of the bunch. The rest of the drug traffickers appeared to be wearing cheap knockoffs of the \$98 to \$145 Ralph Lauren “Big Pony” jerseys.

The shirt is becoming so pervasive that it provoked public grumbling from Sinaloa Gov. Mario Lopez Valdez.

“Now you see how these shirts like La Barbie’s have become the fashion,” said Lopez Valdez. While he didn’t suggest an outright ban, he told a local radio station that “I think we have to close off everything that promotes criminal behavior.”

He complained that the fad glorifies traffickers.

“Many young people want to emulate them as idols in some way ... and they want to be drug traffickers. And there are a lot of young girls who want to be the girlfriends of drug traffickers.”

But it may not be sheer adulation; wearing the shirts may also be a way for youths to thumb their noses at authority, a time-honored pastime among young people around the world.

“To the police, it’s a message that says ‘I could be a drug trafficker and walk right in front of you and you can’t say anything to me because



AP photos

In this combo of three file photographs are seen suspected drug trafficker Marcos Carmona Hernandez, a.k.a. ‘El Cabrito,’ being presented to the press in Mexico City on March , top, Texas-born fugitive Edgar Valdez Villarreal, alias ‘the Barbie,’ being presented to the press in Mexico City on August 2010, middle, and Jose Jorge Balderas Garza, aka ‘J.J.,’ being presented to the press in Mexico City on Jan. 18. ‘Narco Polo’ is the new fashion trend sweeping lower-class neighborhoods in Mexico, after seven high-ranking drug traffickers were arrested at different times over a three-month stretch wearing opened-neck knit, short-sleeved jerseys with the familiar horseman-with-a-stick emblem.

“I’m just wearing a shirt,” said Oscar Galicia Castillo, a psychologist at the IberoAmerican University who studies prison inmates. “Many youths are also using it as a way of making fun of snob-bish status markers.”

For Pedro, who sells snacks at a stand on a downtown Mexico City street, his light blue polo shirt just represents an indefinable sense of cool. He said the shirts had become all the rage in his tough neighborhood of Tepito, and that his wife bought him one as a surprise.

“It looks good. It gives you class,” he said. He declined to give his last name, saying police had recently caught him selling cigarettes to minors.

In some rough barrios, a shirt that conveys a vague sense of menace and a “don’t mess with me” attitude may be helpful.

“The guys who buy them want people to think they’re tough,” said Cesar, a counter-feist-shirt vendor who said most of the customers at his downtown Mexico City stall are young males. “It’s about putting on a look.”

For at least two decades, Mexicans have fretted about youths emulating drug traffickers, from the days when narcos favored the designs of Versace and exotic-leather boots, or marijuana-leaf insignia on belt buckles, shirts and baseball caps. But such trends remained largely regional, and were derided as tacky.

But the new fashion trend has been helped along by a new, more urbane and sophisticated generation of drug traffickers, who dress more like Mexico’s wealthier classes.

In 2010, Vicente Zambada Niebla, the son of drug lord

Vicente “El Mayo” Zambada, was arrested in an upscale Mexico City neighborhood, wearing a preppy ensemble of sports coat, designer jeans and striped cotton shirt.

Vicente Carrillo Leyva, the son of another drug lord, was collared around the same time wearing a jogging suit emblazoned with the name “Abercrombie.”

Media coverage also can promote the trend. Newly captured capos are paraded before television cameras wearing the latest narco-fashion, often with beautiful girlfriends at their sides. Authorities allow some, like J.J., to sit down for interviews looking self-assured, fit and unrepentant.

“My business improved. Everybody wanted to work with me,” Balderas said of the notoriety he achieved while a wanted man.

es. No U.S. authorities have been reported hurt.

Pakistan

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in a suburban Pakistani compound was reason enough to withhold U.S. assistance from Pakistan. But the prevailing view has been that the two countries need each other despite their problems.

Pakistan has frequently responded to U.S. entreaties to move against insurgent havens in the tribal areas by asking for proof of their presence. Officials said that video of the two installations indicated both were being used to manufacture improvised explosive devices, or IEDs — the roadside bombs that are the principal killers of U.S. and coalition troops in Afghanistan.

One was located in a girls’ school in the city of Miram Shah, home to the Haqqani network’s North Waziristan headquarters. The other, in South Waziristan, was thought to be an al-Qaida-run facility, according to officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue.

While the United States has conducted an aggressive campaign of drone strikes in the tribal areas, both sites were considered poor drone targets because of the high potential for civilian casualties.

The video was handed over to Pakistani army chief Gen. Ashfaq Kayani and ISI head Lt. Gen. Ahmed Shuja Pasha during a visit last month by Marc Grossman, the Obama administration’s special representative to Afghanistan and Pakistan, and CIA Deputy Director Michael Morell. The classified videos have also been shown to members of the congressional intelligence committees.

After the visit by Grossman and Morell, the administration also demanded in a series of high-level telephone calls that the CIA be given access to the compound in the city of Abbottabad where bin Laden was killed.

That access was granted two weeks ago, leading to a visit by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. At that time, Clinton asked about action on the videos. She has since followed up with two telephone calls to Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gillani.

The two installations had been cleared out before Pakistani military units moved against them last week, satellite imagery subsequently revealed.

A local security official in North Waziristan confirmed that Pakistani forces had raided the girls’ school after militants had abandoned it. A local tribal official, who, like the security official, spoke on the condition of anonymity, said it is common for insurgent groups to use schools and hospitals to manufacture weapons.

When Clinton visited Pakistan two weeks ago, she

said Washington expected to see “decisive steps” from Pakistan “in the days ahead.”

But in recent weeks, Pakistan has seemed only to further distance itself from its U.S. alliance, forcing out most of the 135 U.S. troops who had been here training Pakistani forces.

On Thursday, Kayani issued a pointed statement that called for U.S. military aid for Pakistan to be converted into economic assistance, demanded an end to U.S. drone strikes in the tribal areas and insisted Pakistan would not be pressured into conducting military operations.

The United States has been pushing Pakistan for more than a year to mount an offensive in North Waziristan. But Pakistan has resisted, saying its forces are already stretched too thin.

Tribal leaders in North Waziristan said Friday that a government official had recently visited the area and told residents not to leave their homes, because no military operation was imminent.

In addition to pressure from the United States, Pakistan’s military has faced intense domestic criticism since the May 2 raid.

On Friday, opposition leader and former prime minister Nawaz Sharif accused the army of running “a parallel government” and demanded that it end its “dominance of Pakistan’s foreign policy.” The comments were unusually bold in a country where civilian politicians have long bowed to the military’s authority.

Panetta, who has been nominated to be the next U.S. defense secretary, left for Pakistan soon after confirmation hearings on Capitol Hill concluded Thursday. Pakistan’s army issued a terse statement saying that Panetta had met with Kayani, and that the two discussed “the framework for future intelligence sharing.”

Panetta’s arrival coincided with that of Afghan President Hamid Karzai, who traveled to Islamabad on Friday for two days of talks with top Pakistani leaders amid cautious hopes that the two nations can forge a coordinated strategy for reconciling with insurgents.

The two governments have long mistrusted one another, with Afghan officials accusing Pakistan of covertly backing the Taliban and other militant groups. But tensions have eased in recent months, and Afghan officials said Karzai’s visit will help to test Pakistan’s assertions that it is prepared to play a constructive role in ending the war in Afghanistan after more than three decades of conflict.

DeYoung reported from Washington. Special correspondents Haq Nawaz Khan in Peshawar and Shaiq Hussain in Islamabad contributed to this report.

Shootout

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A video shot from a Department of Public Safety helicopter shows a blue raft with bundles of marijuana packed in plastic and burlap. Smoke is seen pouring from a small structure nearby, although what caused the fire is unclear.

U.S. authorities seized the Durango but found no drugs in it. They contacted authorities in Mexico, who seized about 400 pounds of marijuana on that side of the river and destroyed a raft left behind. No arrests were made.

The shootout happened near a part of the Rio Grande where Border Patrol agents seized about 1,200 pounds of marijuana on Wednesday.

In that incident, Border Patrol agents chased a black Chevy Silvadrado across U.S. territory as its driver sped back to the Rio Grande. There, about 20 people were waiting with rafts that likely had been used to move the drugs onto American soil moments earlier. The plan was to move the drugs back into Mexico, but the driver only had time to steer the truck partially into the river.

He and at least two passengers, as well as those on the bank, escaped into Mexico.

Since January 2010, the Department of Public Safety has tracked at least a dozen incidents of shots being fired from Mexico into

Texas, with U.S. agents shooting back in some cases.

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Official: Somali minister killed in blast

By Abdi Guled and
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Associated Press writers

MOGADISHU, Somalia — An explosion Friday in the home of Somalia's interior minister killed him and a woman suspected of being a bomber as violent demonstrations swept the capital.

Security guards and soldiers opened fire on stone-throwing protesters angry at an agreement calling for the ouster of the country's popular prime minister, killing two people, an official and witnesses said.

Interior Minister Abdishakur Sheik Hassan, who also was minister for national security, died after shrapnel hit his legs and other parts of his body, said Ministry of Information spokesman Abdifatah Abdinur. He was earlier taken to a hospital in critical condition. Abdinur said a dead body of a female suspected to be the bomber was found in the home.

Mohamud Abdullahi Weheliye, a member of parliament and a relative of Hassan's, said the minister's niece carried out the attack and that she was "sent" by al-Shabab," an Islamist militia with ties to al-Qaida. The group has carried out suicide bombings in the past, including ones that targeted government officials. There was no immediate official confirmation of Weheliye's account.

Abdinur said officials were investigating to confirm it was a suicide attack in the two-story, gated building that is normally well protected. The explosion reportedly took place in the sitting room.

"The walls of the sitting room cracked and blood and debris were scattered all over," said Mohamed Mohamud, a witness who visited the site after the explosion. The house is near the Foreign Ministry and in a



AP photo

Protesters shout slogans in Mogadishu, Somalia, Friday, where they took to the streets for the second day in support of current Prime Minister Mohamed Abdullahi Farmajo. A new accord extending the government's term by a year requires Prime Minister Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed to resign in a month, but Mohamed is popular with many Somalis because he has managed to pay salaries for government workers and soldiers and attack corruption since he came to power in October last year.

neighborhood inhabited by government officials and members of parliament.

Somalia's President Sheik Sharif Sheik Ahmed sent his condolences to the family of the minister and the nation at large during an address on state radio.

The minister was "truly an important person who departed us at a critical stage. He sacrificed his blood for the nation of Somalia," the president said. "We hope that the cause he died for will be realized."

The commander of the African Union peacekeepers, Maj. Gen. Nathan Mugisha, lauded the minister's commitment to the cause of peace in Somalia

and said his service will be greatly missed.

"He was a driving force in much of the good reform and progress that we have seen recently," he said.

For a country that has been swept by war and anarchy for two decades, Friday was a particularly bloody day and came barely two days after President Ahmed and the speaker of parliament signed an internationally mediated agreement extending the government's term by a year. It postponed an August presidential election until 2012 to give leaders more time to deal with security and political issues.

In the wake of that agree-

ment, things took a turn for the worse in this Horn of Africa nation.

Protesters blocked the roads with rocks and burned tires, while chanting "Stay Put Farmajo." Farmajo is Prime Minister Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed's nickname. They also burned pictures of the U.N. envoy to Somalia whom they accused of pushing forward the agreement.

Security guards opened fire on protesters, killing a teenage boy, after demonstrators threw stones at a hotel where lawmakers were staying, a military official said. A witness said soldiers shot a fellow soldier

who joined the demonstration.

Demonstrators said they will continue protests until they are assured that Mohamed will not have to leave office despite the U.N.-backed accord signed in Uganda that is supposed to pave the way for the formation of a new government.

Protesters say the president sacrificed the high-performing prime minister to stay in power.

"Prime Minister Farmajo is the only leader who cares about Somalia," said protester Faysal Abdullahi. "He cleaned the government. We will not stop the protests until we're assured that he will not resign."

Another protester, Hamdi Ahmed, who scrawled "Farmajo Victory" on her face, said Mohamed is her only hope for peace in Somalia.

"We love the prime minister. He helps the poor. I have not seen any leader with his quality," said 17-year-old Ahmed.

Mohamed, a Somali-American, is popular with many Somalis because he has managed to pay salaries to government workers and soldiers, and has fought corruption. In his seven-month stint, Mohamed's government has wrested large swaths of territory from al-Shabab in Mogadishu and southern parts of the country.

The government once controlled only a couple square miles near Mogadishu's seaside airport. African Union officials who have thousands of troops in the country shoring up the government say they now control half the city after they launched a major offensive at the beginning of the year.

Abdullahi said several bullets hit a soldier in the face and neck as he shouted pro-Mohamed slogans in Mogadishu's Dharkinley neighborhood. The soldier was wearing army fatigues and held a picture of the prime minister, he said.

Col. Ahmed Abdinur, a Somali military official, also confirmed the death of a teenager who was shot dead after a security guard fired at a crowd demanding that the prime minister remain in office.

Abdinur said the protesters, chanting slogans against Ahmed and Parliamentary Speaker Sharif Hassan Sheik Aden, approached the Medina hotel, where lawmakers usually stay, and guards fired.

Protesters then set the hotel on fire, said demonstrator Abdiqadir Ahmed Mohamed who was at the scene.

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Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton claps as she is sung to by members of the African Women's Entrepreneurship Program with Zambian first lady Thandiwe Banda, right, at the Mulungushi International Conference Center in Lusaka, Zambia, Friday.

Hillary Clinton promotes commerce between U.S. and Africa in Zambia

By Matthew Lee
Associated Press writer

LUSAKA, Zambia — U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton on Friday urged African nations to tear down continental trade barriers and promote business-friendly policies as she called for an increase in commerce between America and Africa, which is rapidly turning to China as its main trading partner.

At the start of a three-nation tour of Africa focused mainly on trade, development and the rights and health of women, Clinton challenged African leaders to adopt reforms that will further integrate the continent's economies by curbing protectionism, reining in corruption and reducing armed conflict.

The first U.S. secretary of state to visit the southern African nation of Zambia in 35 years, Clinton urged officials and entrepreneurs from 37 countries to take advantage of the African Growth

and Opportunity Act, an 11-year old U.S. initiative that aims to boost trade with Africa. She noted that since her husband, former President Bill Clinton, signed the act in 2000, non-oil U.S.-African trade has quadrupled to \$4 billion. And with the greater prosperity has come greater stability, she said.

"Today Africa is in such strong position to build on this progress," she told the annual conference of AGOA partners. "Yes, there are still many challenges in many areas, but the region is undeniably more stable, more democratic, and more prosperous than a decade ago."

She lamented that African countries are not taking full advantage of the initiative, which allows qualified nations to export thousands of products to the United States duty-free. Only a handful of the 6,500 products covered by the act are actually being sent to America and the most common export is still oil.

Boosting exports will make Africa less reliant on aid at a time when governments in developed countries, including the United States, are being forced to rethink traditional development assistance, she said. Clinton added that increasing intra-African exports will be essential, as will removing thorny trade restrictions, combatting corruption, improving transportation infrastructure and quelling conflict.

"A business is only as successful as the environment in which it operates," she said. "A strong economy requires a supportive business climate that empowers every entrepreneur to do her very best work."

Clinton is the first secretary of state to visit Zambia since Henry Kissinger came in 1976 to lay out the Ford administration's policy for southern Africa as revolts against white minority rule in South Africa and what was then Rhodesia were intensifying.

Cholera in Haiti surges in areas hit by storm

By Trenton Daniel
Associated Press writer

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — The number of cholera cases is rising in parts of Haiti hit by heavy rains early this week.

Alain Legarnec, mission chief for the French aid group Doctors of the World, said Friday that a clinic in the southwestern town of Jeremie treated 77 people for cholera in recent days. That's a fivefold increase from last week and was most likely caused by rising river levels, he said.

Haiti and its Caribbean neighbors were hit by a deadly storm on Monday that flooded towns and destroyed houses. The Haitian capital and southern part of the country were especially hard hit.

The storm system dumped up to 7 inches of rain in Port-au-Prince since May 30, according to Bob Smerbeck, a senior meteorologist for AccuWeather, a company of forecasters based in State College, Pennsylvania. The mountains in Haiti could have received double that amount of rainfall, Smerbeck added.

The showers contributed to widespread flooding and mudslides. The death toll in Haiti was put at 28, Marie Alta Jean-Baptiste, director of Haiti's Civil Protection Department, told AP Friday. But that number could rise as families search for missing loved ones. Jean-Baptiste said six people are still missing.

The storm came only a few days after international

aid group Oxfam said its staff saw a spike in the number of cases in Carrefour, a densely populated area west of downtown Port-au-Prince. Oxfam said its aid workers were treating more than 300 new cases a day, which was more than three times what they saw back when the disease peaked in the fall.

Since then, the number of cholera cases in Carrefour has dwindled but flared up elsewhere in the Port-au-Prince area, according to Sylvain Groulx, Haiti's chief of mission for Doctors Without Borders.

"In Port-au-Prince, what we're seeing is the outbreak is ongoing and spreading," Groulx said. "Whenever there's a rainy season ... it often has consequences on these epidemics."

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Paris bar honors The Doors, but may have to close them

By Jenny Barchfield
Associated Press writer

PARIS — The walls of the Paris bar are plastered with images of Jim Morrison and The Doors, and a bust of the lead singer presides over the beer tap — all part of the owner’s lifelong passion for the band. But an attorney for the group doesn’t love it madly.

Christophe Maillet said he received a letter from a Beverly Hills, Calif. -based attorney warning that “The Doors do not want to be seen as having approved of your establishment and also the consumption of alcohol.”

The April 21 letter — signed by Anthony Keats, The Doors’ intellectual property lawyer, and shown Friday to The Associated Press — urged Maillet to remove images of the group from his bar within three months.

Not an easy task. The walls feature oversized close-ups of Morrison and framed photos and posters of the band. And there’s that bust of the flowing-locked



AP photo

Bar owner Christophe Maillet, 37, speaks during an interview with The Associated Press in his bar, The Lezard King, located in the Marais district in Paris, Friday. Maillet, the owner of a Paris bar dedicated to Jim Morrison, is worried his lifelong obsession with the late The Doors frontman could end up costing him his livelihood. Maillet said he received a letter from a Beverly Hills, Calif.-based attorney warning that ‘The Doors do not want to be seen as having approved of your establishment and also the consumption of alcohol.’

singer at the tap.

Morrison, known for a partying lifestyle, died in 1971 at age 27 of heart failure in his bathtub in Paris — just minutes from Maillet’s bar. Morrison’s grave at Pere Lachaise cemetery remains a pilgrimage site for fans.

Doors lawyer Keats did not respond to email and phone messages Friday about the letter.

The decorations are from Maillet’s own collection — the fruit of 25 years as a dedicated fan, he said.

“I found my passion for

Jim Morrison at the age of 12,” said the soft-spoken bartender. “Then I found a profession that could go along with it.

“Since I started in this business, my goal was to start a bar dedicated to Jim Morrison.”

After nearly a decade spent working at other people’s establishments, Maillet’s dream came true nine months ago when he opened the “Lezard King” — a play on Morrison’s nickname, the “lizard king.” Because he worried about possible copyright issues, Maillet used the French word for lizard, he said.

On the menu are cocktails of Maillet’s own creation that he baptized after Doors’ songs: the “Light My Fire” blends rum, Cointreau and citrus juices; the “Roadhouse Blues” mixes tequila, Cointreau and blue curacao.

Maillet won’t say how much he invested in the bar located in Paris’ hip Bastille neighborhood but said it amounted to his life savings.

Maillet doesn’t know what could happen if the legal action goes ahead — the attorney’s letter doesn’t specify — but he said: “I guess worst-case scenario is that they could close the bar.”

Maillet, who does not have a lawyer, wrote The Doors’ attorney back but said he hasn’t yet received a response.

He said in order to appease The Doors, he’d be willing to add other 1960s and ‘70s

bands to the bar’s decoration. The letter also demands that the name of the bar be changed — something Maillet flatly refuses.

He said he knows of about a dozen Doors-themed bars — from Amsterdam to India — and it’s unclear whether others have faced similar legal woes.

“I didn’t do this to destroy (The Doors’) image or to dirty it,” Maillet said. “I did it to make them happy.”

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Gadhafi forces kill 22 rebels in Misrata shelling

By Maggie Michael
and Diaa Hadid
Associated Press writers

TRIPOLI, Libya — Libyan government forces pounded the outskirts of the rebel-held city of Misrata on Friday, killing at least 22 people, a hospital physician said.

The doctor at Hikma Hospital, who would only give his first name, Ayman, said Moammar Gadhafi’s forces used tanks, artillery and incendiary rockets in the bombardment of Dafniya, about 18 miles (30 kilometers) west of Misrata. He said at least 61 people were wounded in the attacks which began about 10 a.m. local time.

Gadhafi forces had renewed their shelling near Misrata on Wednesday. The city is one of the few footholds rebels have in western Libya and controls the country’s largest port.

The doctor said residents had reported no sign of NATO aircraft in the Misrata region. There also were no reports NATO strikes in Tripoli, the capital. NATO had been pounding Tripoli and environs in recent days, stepping up backing for the four-month-old rebel uprising that seeks to oust Gadhafi from power after four decades.

Rebels have taken control of swaths of eastern Libya, although fighting has since come to a stalemate even with NATO support. Misrata remained one of the most important rebel footholds in the Gadhafi controlled west.

Government forces are surrounding Misrata on all sides but the north, where the city has access to the Mediterranean Sea for supplies and food through Libya’s major port. Rebels have beaten back several government attempts to retake the city.

The Gadhafi forces are pushing back on rebel forces trying to break out of Misrata to the west toward Tripoli, where Gadhafi is increasingly cornered under NATO bombardment in the capital.

A rebel fighter in Misrata who identifies himself only as Abdel-Salem said Gadhafi’s sons, Khamis and al-Moatassem, and top aid Abdullah al-Senoussi are in command of the operation in Zlitan, about nine miles from

Dafniya. They are dug in trying to stop the rebel advance out of Misrata.

“The situation is very bad there. Gadhafi sent huge forces to Zlitan to fortify the city because he knows that if Zlitan falls in the hands of the rebels, the way to Tripoli will be wide open,” Abdel-Salam said. “Now the ball is in the court of NATO, but we have not seen any NATO planes flying over despite the fierce battle.”

According to Abdel-Salam, a bulk of Zlitan residents are Gadhafi loyalists.

U.S. Sen. Carl Levin spoke of the degradation of Gadhafi’s forces Friday after a classified briefing by senior Pentagon officials in Washington. The chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee said Gadhafi’s military and political standing had been weakened by NATO air attacks.

Levin said administration officials offered no predictions on how long the war would last or when Gadhafi might go. He said NATO helicopters, likely British and French, have been taking out tanks without collateral damage.

Turkey’s prime minister said in a TV interview broadcast Friday that his country has offered Gadhafi guarantees if he were to leave Libya but has received no response. He did not detail what sort of guarantees.

“He has no other option but to leave Libya, with the condition that he is given certain guarantees. That’s the picture,” Recep Tayyip Erdogan said in the interview with the NTV channel.

“We have given him these guarantees; we said we will help you leave for wherever you would like.”

In Norway, meanwhile, military officials said on Friday the country would scale down its fighter jet contribution the NATO force flying above Libya from six to four planes and withdraw completely from the NATO-led operation by Aug. 1.

The Dutch government, however, has continue its forces’ role in the NATO campaign through the end of the three month extension the alliance announced last week. It also plans to contribute a handful of new staff.



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Colombia agrees to compensate victims of violence

By **Juan Forero**
The Washington Post

BOGOTA, Colombia — President Juan Manuel Santos signed a sweeping law Friday that aims to compensate 4 million Colombians who have been victims of a long, brutal civil conflict.

Although political violence in Colombia is still simmering, the law’s proponents say the Victims’ and Land Restitution Law is a historic gesture of reconciliation toward families whose relatives have been killed or who have lost land over the past generation. Government officials cautiously say it could be a step toward creating a framework for peace talks with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, a leftist rebel group that has been at war with the state since 1964.

“I’ve always said the door is not closed for a dialogue with the FARC,” Santos told The Washington Post on Friday. “But they need to cease all terrorist activities and come into a dialogue in good faith.”

Santos signed the law in the company of U.N. General Secretary Ban Ki-moon, whose presence underscored the international support for the government’s effort to compensate war victims. The United Nations, which has a significant presence in Colombia, called the law a “new horizon of hope in the search for peace and reconciliation.”

“What Santos is doing is creating the architecture so that in Colombia there can be peace one day,” said Aldo Cicivo, director of the International Institute for Peace at Rutgers University and an ex-

pert on Colombia’s conflict. “The Victims’ Law is an important part of that architecture.”

The law calls for the state to compensate not just those victimized by guerrillas or right-wing death squads, but also those who suffered at the hands of the state security apparatus.

The numbers of dead from the murky conflict could easily reach 200,000, human-rights groups said, noting that in special judicial proceedings, former paramilitary commanders have freely admitted to nearly 50,000 slayings.

The law calls for monetary compensation to people victimized between 1985 and 2021 — the end date an acknowledgment that people will continue to suffer in the ongoing dispute. The law’s

broader ambition is to deal with the root cause of political violence by returning thousands of square miles of land to poor farmers forced off it by armed groups and corrupt regional bosses since 1991.

Cynthia Arnson, a scholar on Colombia at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington, said the government’s efforts stand in contrast to those of Santos’s predecessor, Alvaro Uribe, who said there was no armed conflict and opposed the Victims’ Law on the grounds that it unfairly accused the army and police of war crimes.

“Acknowledging government responsibility for creating victims of the armed conflict fundamentally changes the equation,” Arnson said.

The FARC, an organization of 8,000 fighters, did not im-

mediately comment on the law.

But in January, the group’s supreme commander, Guillermo Saez Vargas — better known by the alias Alfonso Cano — expressed doubt that Colombia’s congress would ever approve a law to compensate victims. Such reparations, he said, were “essential to a future of reconciliation.”

In a rural swath of Bolivar state, in northern Colombia, that has been hard hit by violence, Andres Gil, who represents peasant farmers, said the law “for the first time recognizes the victims.”

Gil is part of a national organization of farmers that is lobbying the government to use the political space created by the law to engage the FARC in talks. He said the law may prod the FARC,

which is influential in Bolivar, to take “important steps” that could lead to negotiations.

“It is an important step forward to politicize the debate so victims can have voice,” Gil said.

Santos said an important goal of the law is to generate the right conditions for peace and prosperity in rural communities, blunting the appeal of the rebel forces that have taken advantage of the violence and chaos.

“What (the FARC) must understand is that we’re not talking about peace, we’re reconstructing the peace in Colombia, especially in rural areas where the violence has been concentrated,” Santos said. “And if they don’t understand that, the train of history will leave them behind forever.”

Official: 3 dead from north Sudan aerial bombing

By **Tom Odula**
Associated Press writer

NAIROBI, Kenya — Three people died following an aerial bombing by the north on a village in Southern Sudan, an official said Friday, as tensions between the two regions continued to escalate days before the south’s independence in July.

Col. Philip Aguer said the north used Antonov bombers and MiG jets to bomb the fishing village of Jau in Unity State on Thursday.

Aguer said the bombing is part of wider attempts by the northern government to occupy border territories in the south ahead of Southern Sudan’s independence on July 9. The south voted in January to secede from the north.

Aguer said the north wants to annex the oil-rich areas in the south. The current north-south tensions in border regions threaten to unravel a 2005 peace deal that ended two decades of war that killed more than 2 million people.

Meanwhile, the United Nations and aid agencies reported Friday that up to 146,000 people had fled their homes after fighting in disputed border regions between the North and South Sudan.

The U.N. aid coordination office said some 30-40,000 people have fled Kadugli, the capital of South Kordofan state in the north, where the north’s Sudan Armed Forces clashed with elements of the south’s Sudan People’s Liberation Army on Thursday.

The fighting included aerial bombardments by the SAF, said U.N. spokeswoman Elisabeth Byrs. Aid agency offices in Kadugli have been looted and most local and international aid staff have fled the area, she said.

In Washington, White House press secretary Jay Carney warned the Sudanese government to “carefully consider” the consequences of its actions in South Kordofan with less than a month remaining before the end of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement.

Carney said reports of grave violations of international humanitarian laws will negatively affect the process of the U.S. and Sudan forging closer ties and will put Sudan on a path to-

ward deeper international isolation.

He urged the leaders of the army to avoid reprisals and other human rights violations, agree to a cease-fire, provide full access to the U.N. and humanitarian agencies and cooperate with a U.N. investigation into reports of such violations.

The International Organization for Migration says a further 106,000 people are displaced around the disputed border region of Abyei, to the southwest of Kadugli.

Humanitarian agencies working in the region warned that delivering aid will become significantly harder once the rainy season starts, as many roads and airstrips will become unusable.

Two guns in former Tijuana mayor’s home tied to murders

By **Adriana Gomez Licon**
Associated Press writer

MEXICO CITY — Two of the weapons troops found in the home of the flamboyant former mayor of Tijuana are linked to homicides, prosecutors said Friday.

The federal attorney general’s office did not specify whether the results of the ballistics tests will result in new criminal charges against 55-year-old Jorge Hank Rhon, who currently faces illegal weapons possession charges.

It is up to Baja California state to seek any prosecution for the homicides, the federal attorney general said in a press statement.

The two weapons — a .44-caliber revolver and a shotgun — are linked to two killings, said an official with the state attorney’s general office who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the case publicly. The murders were not high-profile, he said.

A photograph of the re-

volver sent by the federal attorney general shows Hank Rhon’s full name engraved on the barrel.

“The thing here is the family says they didn’t know about the weapons and at least two (guns) have his name on them,” said spokesman for the federal attorney general, Ricardo Najera.

Hank Rhon’s spokesman, Francisco Ramirez, said he was unaware of the development and had no comment. The former mayor’s attorney, Fernando Benitez, did not immediately respond to a phone message.

Soldiers raided Hank Rhon’s home on Saturday and arrested him and 10 other men.

The raid yielded an arsenal of illegal weapons including 40 rifles, 48 handguns, 9,298 bullets, 70 ammunition clips and a gas grenade. Only 10 of those weapons were licensed.

Hank Rhon has previously denied any knowledge of the guns and his lawyer has said authorities did not have a search warrant for the raid.





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		1				5	
				7			8
6				2	5		
			5			6	4
	2		1		3		
	9	7		3			
3			8				4
	1				2		

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Answer to previous puzzle

2	7	5	9	1	4	6	3	8
9	1	6	8	7	3	5	4	2
4	8	3	2	5	6	7	9	1
8	3	2	7	6	9	1	5	4
7	6	1	5	4	8	3	2	9
5	9	4	1	3	2	8	6	7
1	4	9	6	8	5	2	7	3
3	5	8	4	2	7	9	1	6
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ACROSS

1 Builder of
paper houses

5 [Yawn]

10 Avenue before the
Income Tax square,
in Monopoly

16 Bath bathrooms

19 Guitarist's effect

20 Where the puck
stops ... and starts

21 Iberian wine city

22 Prosciutto, e.g.

23 Sale at the
helicopter dealer?

26 Poet's "before"

27 Press-on cosmetic

28 It's nothing in
Normandy

29 Down Under dog

30 Greek "H"

31 Ticker tape, briefly?

33 White team

35 "La Vie en Rose"
singer

37 Air purifying gadget

39 Breakfast table
exposé?

44 Pastoral poems

45 Animated explorer

46 Cause for
a shootout

47 Smoky places

49 Some green rolls

50 Buzz together

52 Weak, as an excuse

55 Make swell

57 Green lights

60 Bittersweet title
for a waterskier's
memoirs?

64 "Twin Peaks"

66 Emmy nominee
Sherilyn

65 Play kickoff

68 Beats by a nose

69 Loc. ____

70 Cruising

71 Hawaiian priests

73 2000s leadership
nickname

75 Requiring
slower driving

77 Smooth

78 Some like it hot

80 Money

82 Mosey

83 Salacious

84 Lacking lingerie?

87 "Take me ____ am"

88 Kodak prefix

89 Get a whiff of this

90 Actors without lines

94 Civil Rights
Memorial architect

96 The Concert
for Bangladesh
instrument

99 Antique auto

101 Color on a Florida
Marlins uniform

102 Spy

104 Sweater under
the tree?

108 Got free, in a way

111 Nutmeg spice

112 Trans-Canada
Hwy. rate

113 Conducted

114 '80s sitcom puppet

115 Avoid a reception

118 Staked shelter

120 "Don't play" symbol

122 Dandy guy?

123 Charge against an
illegal fly-fishing
conspirator?

128 Reproductive cells

129 Tout de suite

130 Psychology ____

131 Le Havre lady friend

132 Cartoon Chihuahua

133 Emphatic
acceptance

134 Hitches

135 Get loud

1 Down-com start-up?

2 Hot tub reaction

3 Benny Goodman
is credited with
starting it

4 Trooper lead-in

5 Rural storage area

6 ____ weaver: spider

7 Next in line

8 Like green peppers

9 Arrived

10 Jazz genre

11 Mimicked

12 Hubs

13 Singer Lopez

14 Give ____: try

15 Mayflower
passenger

16 Comment to
an out-of-shape
runner who
reaches the finish
line?

17 Price-fixing group

18 Slings mud at

24 Overachieving
Simpson

25 Wolf (down)

31 Deicing may
delay them: Abbr.

32 Grub

34 Folder for Mulder

36 Lust ending

38 Short agreement

40 Battle scar

41 Car dealer's offer

42 Low wind

43 Spiral: Pref.

48 Former Seattle
NBAer

51 "Death in Venice"
author

53 None-for-the-road
gp.?

54 Swamp

56 Sharp

58 Be in the front
row in a team
photo, say

59 Trap

61 "Annie Hall"
Oscar winner

62 Unveiling

63 Hitchcock classic

64 One paying
the least

65 Cub Scout leader

66 Troglodyte homes

67 Homo sapiens'
cleverness?

72 "The Sneetches"
author

74 Not greenery-
friendly

76 Drift

79 Place with dusty
keepsakes

81 Vast, in odes

85 Colorful words

86 Unleash, as havoc

88 Like obstacles

91 Periodic table
period?

92 A downspout may
begin under one

93 Husky's burden

95 Part of many
bus. names

97 One of a
swinging pair?

98 Calf catcher

100 Hawks once
threatened by DDT

102 Key of Beethoven's
"Kreutzer Sonata"

103 Cut to a
roving reporter

105 Bloodhound
pickups

106 Muscle/bone
connection

107 Pique

109 Thrill

110 Bygone birds

116 Like some air
fresheners

117 Differ finish

119 "All finished!"

121 "Don't move a
muzzle!"

124 Some light bulbs

125 Sack

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127 Shaver's option

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
The North Snake Ground Water District will be holding a **Budget Hearing at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, June 16, 2011** at the Jerome Public Library, located at 100 1st Ave East, Jerome. Board to discuss assessment increase for purchase of Hardy Fish Facilities and other proposed funding.
PUBLISH: June 8, 12 and 15, 2011

CITY OF JEROME PLANNING & ZONING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Tuesday, the 28th day of June, 2011, at the hour of 7:00 p.m., a public hearing will be held before the City Planning and Zoning Commission at City Council Chambers, 100 East Avenue A, Jerome, Idaho to hear a request from **Jared Karns** for a Special Use Permit on that parcel described as Tax 8 of SESW, Jerome Unplatted, SW, Section 7, Township 8 South, Range 17, East of the Boise Meridian, more commonly known as 332 16th Avenue East.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND, and shall have an opportunity to be heard.

Dated this 8th day of June, 2011.
/s/ Paula Thompson
Paula Thompson, Planning and Zoning Secretary
PUBLISH: Sunday, June 12, 2011

NOTICE

The following units will be sold at auction on Friday June 17th, 2011 at 9:00am. Proceeds will help satisfy past due rents. Auction to be held at: Praxair Distribution Inc., 3135 Kimberly Road E., Twin Falls, Id. 83301

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REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Idaho Housing and Finance Association and the Idaho Department of Commerce invite public comment on the *2010 Consolidated Annual Performance Report* for Idaho's Housing and Community Development programs, commonly referred to as the CAPER.

The CAPER is required for all HUD housing and community development programs. This includes Idaho's Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG); Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME); and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

The comment period begins May 23, 2011 and ends 5 p.m. June 24, 2011.

A Public Hearing is scheduled June 20, 2011 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Boise at the Park Plaza- 565 West Myrtle, First Floor Conference Room. The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comment on the 2010 CAPER.

IHFA will consider all requests for reasonable accommodation for individuals requiring assistance involving language interpretation; physical, visual, and/or hearing impairment(s); or materials in alternate formats. Requests must be received at least 10 business days before the end of the public comment period for consideration. Reasonable accommodation requests should be submitted via email to public@ihfa.org; fax to: Grant Programs Administrative Assistant at 208.331.4808; or mail to: Grant Programs Administrative Assistant c/o Idaho Housing and Finance Association, P.O. Box 7899, Boise, Idaho, 83707-1899.

The 2011 draft will be available online May 23, 2011 through June 24, 2011 at: http://www.ihfa.org/grants_actionpartplans.asp and www.community.idaho.gov under Plans and Strategies; Public Libraries in Boise, Nampa, Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston, Moscow, Twin Falls, Idaho Falls, Pocatello and Blackfoot; IHFA branch offices at 506 S. Woodruff Ave, Idaho Falls; 844 Washington Street North, Ste 300, Twin Falls; 215 10th St., Ste. 101, Lewiston; and 610 W. Hubbard, Bay 219, Coeur d'Alene.

Submit comments to:
For CDBG Program- Dennis Porter (IDC)
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For HOME and ESG Programs- Jeri Kirkpatrick (IHFA)
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get the big picture, but stay in focus. What lies ahead and what lies behind are tiny matters compared to what lies within. In the week to come, it will be important to pay attention to your inner needs.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Relationships rock, but this might mean the path of true love is sometimes rocky. Although this is a good week to ask for forgiveness or receive business opportunities, it is not wise to give in to impulses.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Some people believe that fools names and fools faces are often seen in public places. In the week to come, resist the urge to feed your hunger for the limelight.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Sensitive flowers wilt under extreme conditions. Too much water or too much sunshine can be just as debilitating as too little. Your No. 1 partner can be filled with passion and romance this week.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Wear your "over the moon" face. If you seek the best and highest, you are sure to find it in the week to come. Friends and goals might alter or change, but you will be satisfied with new and loftier objectives.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The security you thought you had may turn out to be an illusion. During the week to come, you may learn that it is necessary to rely on shared resources and to stop taking your family members for granted.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Someone may sprinkle fairy dust around to make things more exciting. However, that fairy dust may make you sneeze, so don't play the romantic fool or give in to childish impulses in the week ahead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Bounty hunters earn the big bucks. You might search for and find a more reliable financial situation in the week to come. A boost in earnings might be paralleled by a boost in popularity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Surf's up! In the week ahead, you might be riding a wave of good luck. Whether you need divine guidance or just a friendly nudge in the right direction, you are sure to get just what you need.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Give credit where credit is due. This is a good week in which to show appreciation for the big and little things others do to make your life easier. Romantic situations can develop quickly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your head is in the clouds and your wallet could suffer. Beware impulsive actions could prove costly in the week ahead, and don't spoil someone until the relationship begins to rot.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Like the little old lady from Pasadena, you don't want to be left behind. In the week ahead, your desire to be part of the in crowd could cause some heartache, but solid values and principles prevail.

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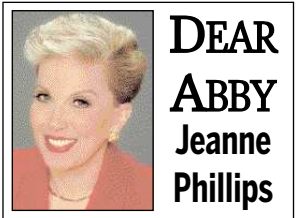
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DEAR ABBY: No one in my family will tell my grandmother the reason they don't call her is she talks too much. None of us is retired like she is, and our evenings are chaotic enough without a two-hour conversation with her. Relatives ask me to relay messages on their behalf so they won't have to call her. She's always crying and telling me I'm the only one who is "good to her."

I'd feel guilty if I had to tell Grandma the truth — but I, as well as the rest of the family, have had enough of her long, guilt-inducing talks and trips down memory lane from 1940. How can I get the point across without devastating her sensitive nature?

— **CAPTIVE AUDIENCE IN FLORIDA**
DEAR CAPTIVE AUDIENCE: The next time your grandmother tells you you're the only one who is good to her, you need to tell her she'd have better luck with the other relatives if she limited the length of her phone calls to them. Encourage her to find other interests so she isn't as lonely and dependent as she appears to be. To do so isn't cruel; you'll be doing her a favor because what's driving people away is her neediness.

I don't know what your grandmother retired from, but she should have retired TO something more than her telephone. Unless she lives in the wilderness, she should be encouraged to get out and volunteer.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I received a wedding invitation from my step-cousin. She has been part of the family since we were kids. We have always had a friendly relationship.

My problem is, my last name is misspelled on the invitation. I'm married, so I no longer use the family name. I'd like to correct her for future reference (and so the place card is correct at the wedding reception), but I don't want to hurt anyone's feelings. What's the proper thing to do in this situation?

— **DROP THE "E," PLEASE, IN PITTSBURGH**
DEAR DROP THE "E": Whoever addressed your invitation may have been in a hurry, or your married name may have been incorrectly entered into a database. Because you are friendly with your step-cousin, call her and remind her about the proper spelling of your married name. Wouldn't you want to know? I would.

DEAR ABBY: When I was in fourth grade, I was a bully. I remember one girl, Margaret, whose life I made particularly miserable with verbal and physical abuse. Every time I did it, I immediately felt guilty because I saw how devastated and unhappy she was. I knew her pain because I had a rotten home life.

I grew up to be a responsible citizen and loving mother, but as I approach 80, I still wish I could tell Margaret how sorry I am. How do I resolve this?

— **FORMER BULLY IN ALBUQUERQUE**
DEAR FORMER BULLY: Because you know Margaret's age and place of birth, try Googling her. If you find her, offer the apology. However, if she is deceased, you'll have to work on forgiving yourself.

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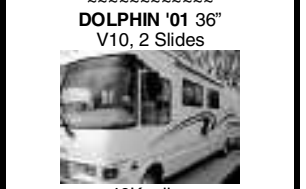
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Holding ♠ 9-3, ♥ A-Q-4, ♦ A-J-9-3-2, ♣ A-10-6, I assume you would open a strong no-trump, as I did. My partner (an expert) transferred into spades, then nearly made me fall off my chair by bidding five no-trump. What on earth did that call mean?

Jumping Jack, Newark, N.J.

ANSWER: A transfer and jump to four no-trump invites slam; a transfer and bid of five no-trump generally offers a choice of slams. Normal actions are to bid spades or no-trump, but here, with a decent five-card suit, you can bid six diamonds to suggest an alternative contract. Even a 5-2 diamond fit might be best, and if you need to ruff out spades or take a ruff in partner's hand, it could be the only making slam.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

In a recent problem that you presented, you mentioned the difference between bidding a new suit in response to an overcall when the hand on your right has passed, and when that hand has raised his partner, or even doubled, or bid a new suit. Under what circumstances would a new suit by the partner of an overcaller be forcing?

Gadget Gus, Texarkana, Texas

ANSWER: New suits in response to a one-level overcall (when there is no further competition) can be played as forcing or invitational. I prefer to play

them as encouraging but not forcing. But if that overcall is at the two-level, it is best to play a new suit as forcing. By contrast, if the third hand joins in, new suits should be played as natural and nonforcing, though one could hold as much as an opening bid with a good five- or six-card suit.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

In a recent pairs game I had a difficult decision when partner, in first seat with both sides vulnerable, opened two spades. I held ♠ 10-7-3, ♥ A-9-7-5-4, ♦ J-3, ♣ K-10-8. Normally I would raise to three with trump support and a weak hand, continuing the preempt and making it more difficult for the opponents to find a game. In this situation, however, it seemed unlikely that opponents had a game, even if they had 24 or more points. What do you recommend?

Upping the Ante, Grand Forks, N.D.

ANSWER: Raising to three spades makes it far harder for your LHO to come into the auction — he can't double (for fear of a heart response), and if he bids a suit, he has gone past three no-trump. I generally bid first and justify my action later in sequences like these.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

How would you handle this collection of power and quality: ♠ K-J-8-2, ♥ 9-3, ♦ 7-3, ♣ J-10-8-4-2, at matchpoint pairs with both sides vulnerable, when your partner opens one heart in first seat? Assuming you pass, your LHO balances with a two-diamond bid, passed back to you. What now?

Slim Pickings, Bremerton, Wash.

ANSWER: It feels clearly right to pass initially. Responding rates to get you too high; and with no quick tricks, game seems a long way off. If two diamonds came back to me, I would double for takeout, risking that we had a playable fit somewhere. That action is not gilt-edged, but you are somewhat protected by your first pass — partner won't play you for much!

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolff," contact kay19072@aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com.

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Today's Highlight:

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TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:

In 1665, England installed a municipal government in New York, formerly the Dutch settlement of New Amsterdam.

In 1776, Virginia's colonial legislature became the first to adopt a Bill of Rights.

In 1898, Philippine nationalists declared independence from Spain.

In 1920, the Republican national convention, meeting in Chicago, nominated Warren G. Harding for president on the tenth ballot. Calvin Coolidge was nominated for vice president.

In 1939, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum was dedicated in Cooperstown, N.Y.

In 1967, the Supreme Court, in Loving vs. Virginia, struck down state laws prohibiting interracial marriages.

In 1971, Tricia Nixon and Edward F. Cox were married in the White House Rose Garden.

In 1981, major league baseball players began a 49-day strike over the issue of free-agent compensation. (The season did not resume until Aug. 10.) “Raiders of the Lost Ark” directed by Steven Spielberg and starring Harrison Ford as Indiana Jones, was first released.

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan, during a visit to the divided German city of Berlin, publicly challenged Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev to “tear down this wall.”

In 1991, Russians went to the polls to elect Boris N. Yeltsin president of their republic.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush arrived in Madrid, Spain, on his first official trip to Europe. A federal court in New York sentenced Mohamed Rashed Daoud Al-'Owhali, a Saudi Arabian follower of Osama bin Laden, to life in prison without parole for his role in the deadly bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Kenya.

Five years ago: Al-Qaida in Iraq named a successor to slain leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, Abu Ayyub al-Masri, who was killed in a U.S.-Iraqi air strike in April 2010. FBI statistics showed violent crime across the U.S. surged in 2005 by the largest margin in 15 years. Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger broke his jaw and nose in a motorcycle crash. Composer Gyorgy Ligeti died in Vienna, Austria, at age 83.

One year ago: A French fishing vessel rescued 16-year-old Abby Sunderland from her crippled sailboat in the turbulent southern Indian Ocean, ending the California teen's attempt to sail around the world solo. Ethnic riots wracked southern Kyrgyzstan, forcing thousands of Uzbeks to flee as their homes. Daniel Nava hit the first pitch he saw as a big leaguer for a grand slam — only the second player to do it — leading the Boston Red Sox to a 10-2 rout of the Philadelphia Phillies.

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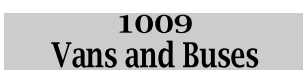


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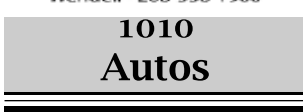
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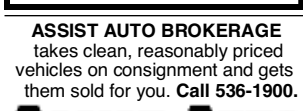
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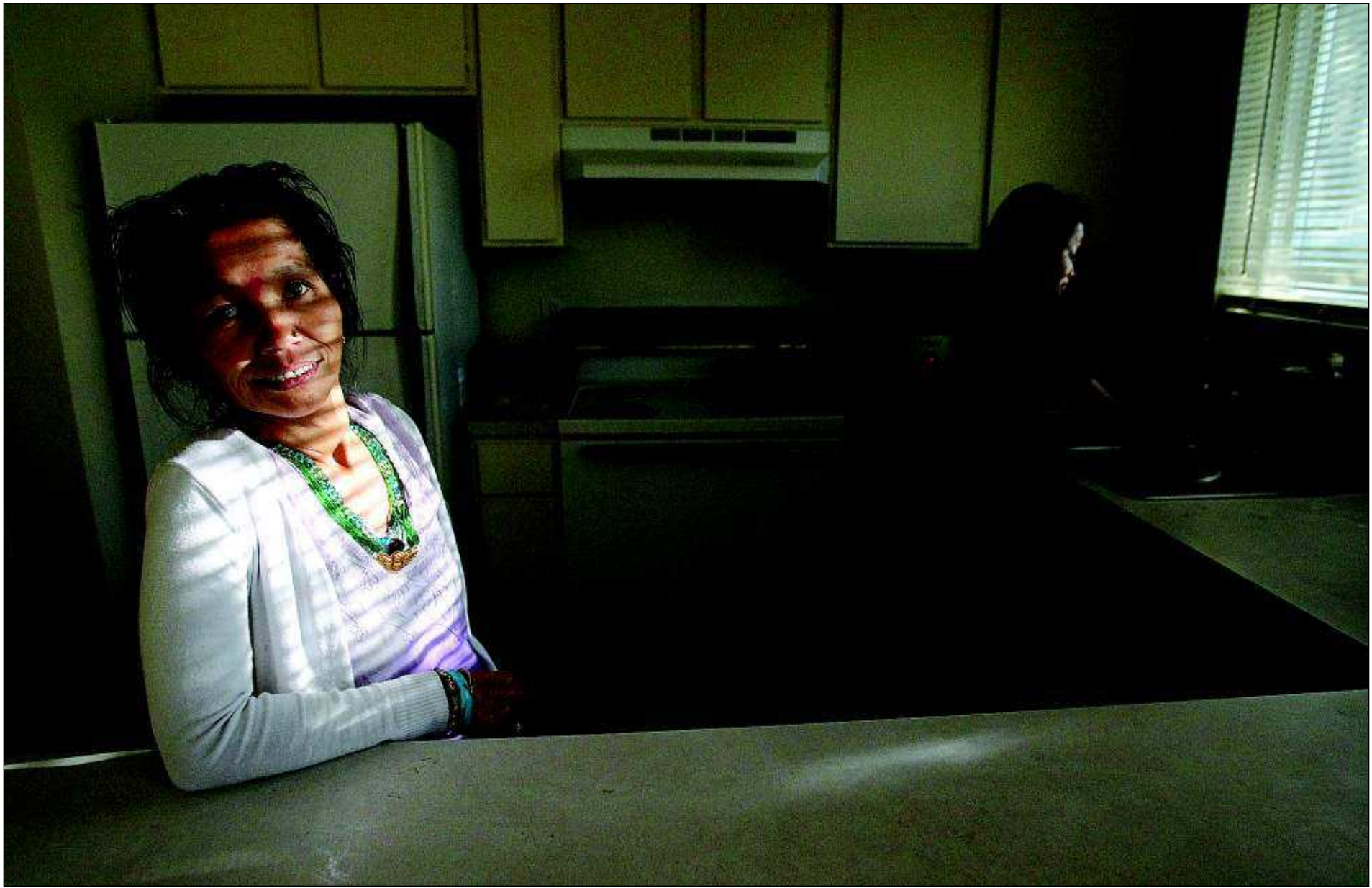
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Nara Maya Rai, left, pauses while cooking dinner May 12 with her daughter, Tirtha, 20, at their Twin Falls apartment. The Rai family, Bhutanese refugees, arrived in Twin Falls on May 5 after their journey from a refugee camp in Nepal.

Electric burners and driving manuals

In first month, Bhutanese refugees adapt to Twin Falls life

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

As Nara Maya Rai prepared tea, American pop music blared from a small radio on the kitchen counter. Her husband, Man, and daughter, Tirtha, sat in the living room, showing off a collection of pirated Korean DVDs they brought from Nepal to Twin Falls. Now that they had a television and a constant, reliable source of electricity, they could watch the DVDs whenever they pleased.

“We are very happy,” Man declared as his wife served tea in Jerome Title & Escrow coffee mugs. When Nara Maya makes the tea using the electric stovetop, Man said, the house doesn’t fill with smoke — a vast improvement from cooking with wood-fueled fires in their bamboo hut at Khudunabari refugee camp in Nepal.

Just four weeks before, the Rais and another Bhutanese refugee pair, Nar Pokhrel and his son, Nishal, arrived at the Twin Falls airport, exhausted but eager to start their new lives. In the month since their arrival, life has been transformed for the two families.

While orientation classes in Nepal and Twin Falls prepare them for many changes, refugees must navigate some aspects of American life on their own: In Idaho, it’s fine to use first names in friendly greetings. Traffic is faster than in Nepal, but more orderly. Grocery stores are open every day. American neighbors aren’t likely to show up at the door on a typical evening.

It’s an isolating and often frustrating experience, but optimism and help from refugee center workers and other refugees ease the transition.

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Just before 11 p.m. May 5, the Rais and Pokhrels deboarded a plane at Twin Falls’ airport, sleepy but eager to see their new homes. Nar’s brothers, Chandra and Laxmi Pokhrel, who resettled in Twin Falls in 2010, were there to greet Nar and Nishal. Chandra drove them to the apartment on the west side of Twin Falls which the newcomers would share

See **REFUGEE**, People 6



Nishal Pokhrel, left, and cousin Loveson Pokhrel play outside their Twin Falls apartment May 17.

Man Bahadur Rai, left, and his wife, Nara Maya, listen as College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center employee Bill Garibyan, right, shows them how to open a window and lock it at 11:45 p.m. May 5 — just after the Rais arrived at their Twin Falls apartment from the airport.



LESSONS LEARNED, LESSONS MISSED

While waiting for departure, Bhutanese refugees in Nepal receive cultural orientation about their future homes in Twin Falls or other resettlement destinations. But the classes cover only so much. Here’s what gets taught and what gets passed over.

What they learn in cultural orientation:

How to use a Western toilet. Signs throughout the International Organization for Migration compound in Kathmandu, Nepal, show stick figures properly using Western toilets. Other signs show a red circle and X through a stick figure standing and squatting on the toilet. The lesson doesn’t always stick; at the IOM compound in Damak, Nepal, the toilets have shoe prints on the seat. **How to safely cross the street** without being hit by a car — a valuable skill when coming from a country with few enforced traffic rules. **Nutrition.** The standard Nepali diet has plenty of fruits, vegetables and rice; meat and processed foods are scarce. Teachers tell America-bound refugees that fast food and chips may taste good, but too much will make them fat.

What they don’t learn in orientation:

Eating with forks. Though most know how to use utensils, most Nepalis eat everything — rice and curry included — with their hands. The IOM used to cover Western utensils in cultural orientation, but dropped the topic, said Krishna Chhetri of IOM’s Kathmandu compound. Even after the lessons, many refugees continued to eat with their hands, and the no-fork choice doesn’t hurt anyone. **Specific state laws.** Refugees are destined for different states — and countries. So Twin Falls-bound refugees don’t immediately learn that in Idaho all children 6 and younger need child safety seats, or that the sales tax is 6 percent. **Where to buy deodorant,** condoms, jewelry and other personal items. Much of this is covered when they get to their new homes — either by the refugee center, volunteers or friends — but new arrivals still struggle sometimes to locate trash bags or shampoo in large grocery stores.

— Melissa Davlin

Knitted graffiti: Crafters take to the street

By Jennifer Forker
For The Associated Press

It had to happen: Someday, somewhere a woman would grow tired of knitting yet another baby blanket, Fair Isle sweater or pair of colorful socks. And then what?

Well, then we get fire hydrants decked out in fuzzy vests, light poles and tree trunks wrapped in colorful, textile love, and other outrageous acts of knit graffiti. Also known as yarn bombing, yarnstorming and guerrilla knitting.

Maybe you’ve seen the handiwork in a city or suburb near you, even out in

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the wild. The randomness of it is the point, say these fiber artists.

“It’s really fun to surprise people,” says “Esther,” a member of the Ladies Fancywork Society in Denver who prefers her anonymity. “You don’t expect to see a crochet-wrapped bike

loop (rack). It’s just so unexpected. It kinda shakes people up.”

The four crocheting Ladies, who took their street names from their grandmothers, tagged the big blue bear that peers into the Denver Convention Center in April with a crocheted 8-foot ball of blue yarn, attached to the 42-foot bear with a crocheted chain. Last summer, they were awarded a public arts grant and spent six weeks embellishing a construction-site metal fence with 360 feet of colorful, crocheted flowers.

Why?

See **KNITTED**, People 2



Photo courtesy JEFF CHRISTENSON

‘Yarn Bombed Railing,’ a mixed-media tag in Vancouver, Canada, from ‘Yarn Bombing: The Art of Crochet and Knit Graffiti,’ by Leanne Praise and Mandy Moore.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center

530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors 60 and older; \$5.50, non-seniors; \$2.50, children 12 and younger. For lunch take-out, 11 a.m. to noon daily: 734-5084.

Monday: Beef stew
Tuesday: Fried chicken
Wednesday: Stuffed green peppers
Thursday: Meatloaf
Friday: Barbecued pork

Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon
Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Free blood pressure checks
Bridge, 1 p.m.
Foot clinic, 1 p.m.
Martial arts class, 6 p.m. (free for center members)
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday at lunch
Free blood pressure checks
Painting class, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls for sale, 8 a.m.
Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon
Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.
Duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.
Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors training, 2 p.m.
Martial arts, 6 p.m.
Pinochle, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Painting classes, 3 and 6 p.m.
Magic Valley Women's AA, 6 p.m.
Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon
Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, noon

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. Bus for lunch pickup: 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m. today, Tuesday and Thursday.

Monday: Riblet sandwich
Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce
Wednesday: Smorgasbord
Thursday: Beef stroganoff

Today: Chicken dinner, 1 p.m.
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.; minimum cost is \$9; public welcome
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon Tuesday through Thursday. Suggested donation: \$4. 326-4608.

Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; public welcome
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 12:45 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.

Thursday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch, 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. 423-4338.

Monday: Chicken and noodles
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Friday: Pork roast

Monday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
AA meeting, 8 p.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; 18 and older welcome
Branches Bible study, 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 11:50 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizen Center

308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. 934-5504.

Monday: Hamburgers
Tuesday: Salad, sandwich bar
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Roast beef

Monday: Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 11 a.m.
Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.
Wild card, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Fit and Fall Proof, 11 a.m.
Thursday: Morning out, 9 a.m.
Music by Fiddlers
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.

Wendell Senior Meal Site

105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays.

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. 837-6120.

Monday: Hamburger steak
Wednesday: Chicken fried steak
Friday: Pepper steak

Monday: Foot clinic; bring a towel; \$5
Tuesday: Bingo, early bird, 6:45 p.m.; cash prizes

Jerome Senior Center

520 N. Lincoln St., Jerome. 324-5642. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Trans IV bus: 736-2133.

Monday: Spaghetti with meat sauce

Tuesday: Chili macaroni and cheese
Wednesday: Potato bar
Thursday: Polish sausage
Friday: Roast beef

Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m. and 5:20 p.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Bunco, 12:45 p.m.
Free massage
Tuesday: Tai chi, 10:30 a.m.
SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 5 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday: Breakfast, 8-10 a.m.
SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Stitch 'n time, 1 p.m.
Cowboys Band
YogaStretch, 5:20 p.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: YogaStretch, 10:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
SilverSneakers, 5:20 p.m.
Freewill Baptist potluck, 6 p.m.
Women's pool, 7 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Essential oil program, 6-9 p.m.
Saturday: Cowboy barbecue, 5-7 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Center

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. 825-5662.

Tuesday: Russian burgers
Thursday: Sausage patty

Wednesday: Men's Bible study, breakfast, 7 a.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.

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. 886-2369.

Tuesday: Chicken chow mein
Wednesday: Ham sandwich
Friday: Baked potato bar with toppings

Tuesday: Board meeting, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo
Pinochle, 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Black-out bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo
Saturday: Pancake breakfast

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$6, non-seniors. 788-3468.

Monday: Lasagna
Tuesday: Taco bar
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Oven-fried chicken

Friday: Roast beef

Monday: Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10 a.m.
Walk and Fit class, 11:30 a.m.
Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Caregivers meeting, 11 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.
Thursday: "Must Love Dogs" movie, 1 p.m.; \$1
Bingo, 5-8 p.m.
Friday: Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m.
Walk and Fit, 11:30 a.m.

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

Monday: Macaroni and cheese with ham
Thursday: Ham sandwich

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. 436-9107.

Monday: Spaghetti with meat sauce
Tuesday: Chicken fettuccini
Wednesday: Enchilada
Thursday: Chicken fried steak
Friday: Smorgasbord

Monday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.; \$7 and \$11 packets; 25 cents and \$1 games
Saturday: Breakfast, 7-10 a.m. (freewill donation); yard sale, 7 a.m. to 2 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. 878-8646.

Monday: Cook's choice
Tuesday: Chili
Wednesday: Ham
Thursday: Gumbo
Friday: Chicken fajita

Monday: Pool
Exercise, 11 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
Community bingo for age 18 or older; doors open 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool
Exercise, 11 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Wood carving, 6 p.m.
Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
Friday: Pool
Exercise, 11 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Best time to have baby? It depends

By Erin Hill Perry
Detroit Free Press

DETROIT — Chelsea and Joseph Brown of Detroit say having children right now would cramp their style. The thought makes her imagine less time relaxing on the couch watching her favorite TV shows. And he can envision the baby gear outnumbering the pairs of rare Jordan sneakers he has purchased over the years. Married since September, the Browns graduated from college, have up-and-coming careers and go to church regularly. (They even teach Sunday School together.) Though they might be in a position to start a family, that won't be happening anytime soon. "We both are the type of people that color-coordinate our respective sock drawers," says Joseph Brown, 27, a health insurance professional. "So it will most definitely be planned. We're not big on surprises." From a quiet night at home watching "Grey's Anatomy" to spitting out sunflower seeds at Comerica Park for an afternoon Tigers game, the couple says they're not ready to give that all up yet. "We have a few friends with kids," Joseph Brown says. "Everything we do with them socially has to be planned out in advance, and it is still, sometimes, just a tentative plan based around if they can find a babysitter. That's a hassle." Research has shown that there is a higher level of marital satisfaction before children because so much changes in a relationship when little ones are under foot, says John Becker, a licensed marriage and family therapist who has a private practice in Plymouth, Mich. "It's about how well a couple comes to terms with how things have changed and how they work and accept the change," Becker says. "Marital satisfaction can take a dip, but it comes back. Some couples even say they have a stronger bond after they have children. It really is how well the couple transitions and how they fully understand all that's going on with the change." Whether you're the couple who go with the flow or the ultra-planning couple who keep tabs on ovulation and sperm counts, both extremes can be difficult to navigate. "Over planners need to be flexible," Becker says. "There's nothing wrong with planning and discussing things, but that doesn't mean it'll just work out. Free-flowing couples have their plan, and they need to be flexible in that as well." Though the Browns aren't ready to embrace parenthood, Chelsea Brown, 26, a community relations coordinator for a non-profit, said she thinks children help allow a couple to re-establish their partnership. "One day, we do want to have children," she says. "I'm not sure when will be the right time. I know at this point, we want to enjoy time with each other, spoil each other and focus on our careers and educational goals." And that's all right, Becker says. Deciding when to have a baby is about how ready a couple thinks they are. Until then, the Browns quench their hankering to be around kids — a rarity, Joseph Brown says — by borrowing one of their nieces and nephews for a quick kid-fix.

STORK REPORT

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center
Christobal Jaime Arteaga, son of Elizabeth and Apolinar Arteaga of Jerome, was born May 31, 2011.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center
Austyn James Owens, son of Stephanie Frances Mort of Twin Falls, was born May 23, 2011.
Joannah Renea Higinbotham, daughter of Steffanie Michelle Schwenson and Tyler Allen Higinbotham of Twin Falls, was born May 23, 2011.
Yisel Oriana Olan, daughter of Muneca Huerta of Jerome, was born May 25, 2011.
Isyss Xiamara Salvidar, daughter of Jamie and Antonio Guzman of Twin Falls, was born May 26, 2011.
Jackson Bradley Barnes, son of Kilie-Ann and Bradley Ralph Barnes of Twin Falls, was born May 31, 2011.
Dominik Hammond-Mendez, son of Lorena Mendez and Stephen Alan Hammond of Twin Falls, was born May 31, 2011.

Saddie Alivia Linch, daughter of Daneen Laren Barron and Lillious Emery Linch Jr. of Jerome, was born May 31, 2011.
Tyson James Buffalo, son of Cassandra Lynn and Randall Kirk Buffalo of Twin Falls, was born June 1, 2011.
Darwin Lavern Lancaster, son of Joanna Laree and Judd David Lancaster Sr. of Twin Falls, was born June 1, 2011.
Joshua Robert Barnes and **Addison Lynn Barnes**, twins, son and daughter of Nicole Renae and Craig Joseph Barnes of Twin Falls, were born June 3, 2011.
Gerrisen Avery Denney, son of Brandi Michelle and Nicholas Kelly Denney of Hansen, was born June 3, 2011.
Dominick Carlos Silvaz, son of Darina Nichole and Daniel Josefino Silvaz of Twin Falls, was born June 3, 2011.
Audryнна Garcia, daughter of Fabiola Aguilar and Eduardo Garcia of Wendell, was born June 4, 2011.
Annette Therese Drake, daughter of Danielle Therese and Caleb Todd Drake of Filer, was born June 4, 2011.
Allizabeth Mae Gummere, daughter of Jessica Nicole Gardner and Kody James Gummere of Twin Falls, was born June 6, 2011.
Dalia Rubi Farfan, daughter of Araceli Soledad Mejia and Ndalid Farfan of Twin Falls, was born June 6, 2011.
Emma Lee Overlin, daughter of Erlene Edna Huston and Wesley Don Overlin of Twin Falls, was born June 6, 2011.
William Howard Whittman, son of Grace Anne and Nicholas Howard Whittman of Hazelton, was born June 7, 2011.

Knitted

Continued from People 1

"Street art is so aggressive and masculine," Esther, 25, reflects. "It's great to have a counterpoint to it. A hyper-girlie touch." So, rogue knitters and subversive crocheters do it for the art, the attention and the thrill. And folks, they mean well. "Not everybody is going to love it, and that's one of the reasons it's fun. You're doing something that's not sanctioned," says Leanne Prain, 34, who co-wrote the book on yarn bombing. Well, one of the books: 2009's "Yarn Bombing: The Art of Crochet and Knit Graffiti," with Mandy Moore, from Arsenal Pulp Press. Transforming the twin crafts in this public manner is liberating for a lot of crafters, says Prain, of Vancouver, Canada. "My hope is it expands what people think of as art and who can make art," says Prain. Knit graffiti artists often "tag" their sites on the sly, even at night. They target street signs and light posts,



Photo courtesy M. PERKINS

In a nod to knit graffiti, sculptor Dave Cole covered a bridge in Melbourne, Australia, in bright pink and orange 'yarn' made from PVC barrier tape.

but avoid interfering with a sign's purpose. Sometimes the tags are removed quickly — often by passersby — but others can go unnoticed and remain for weeks, even years. That's part of the thrill for the yarnstormers. "We don't obstruct anyone's way with these things," says Esther. Many consider the mother of knit graffiti to be Magda Sayeg of Austin, Texas. In 2005, she knitted a cozy for the door handle at her Houston clothing shop. Reaction to that simple, bright handle propelled Sayeg, now 37, into

covert acts of knit graffiti. Her tagging grew bolder: In 2008, she and a six-person team covered a Mexico City bus in colorful Afghan blankets. "Really, what it says is there's a need for a human element in a dehumanized environment," Sayeg says. Today, several yarn artists maintain blogs. From independent acts of worsted rebellion, a community was born. Another book, "Astounding Knits!" (Voyageur Press, 2011), by Lela Nargi, highlights several yarn bombers'



A father to honor

Melissa Davlin introduces an extraordinary Magic Valley dad.

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A STUDENT, NOW AN AUTHOR



Bliss residents gather for reading

The Bliss School recently hosted one of its graduates, now an author, at a reading night at the school library.

About 50 people listened to Mandy Wood read and speak about the process of getting a book published. Her book, “My First Puppy,” has been nominated for the national Mom’s Choice Award. At the event, she later said, she sold 34 copies in 11/2 hours.

Wood and the book’s illustrator, Jeremy Billups, plan to use the book’s profits to donate art curricula and supplies to schools in need.

Information: www.myfirstpets.com.



Courtesy photos

Gooding, Bliss girls picked for Girls State

Idaho’s annual Girls State program, which teaches high school students about government, will run June 19-24 at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa.

Local students attending include **Demsie Butler** of Bliss High School, **Crystal Thatcher** of North Valley Academy, and **Drew Nelson**, **Jenna Perry** and **Alicia LaGunas** of Gooding High School.



Butler



Thatcher



Nelson



Perry



LaGunas

For more information on students picked for both Girls State and Boys State, visit Magicvalley.com/community.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Blood drive in Burley

The Burley Armory, at 2000 E. Main, will host an American Red Cross blood drive this week, from noon to 6 p.m. Monday and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The drive needs both blood donors and volunteers willing to help manage it.

To donate time or blood: Lori, 650-8172.

Jerome seniors host cowboy barbecue

The Jerome Senior Center will host a cowboy barbecue dinner from 5-7 p.m. Saturday.

Dinner includes barbecued steak or chicken, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw and fresh fruit. Floyd and Loy Ann Bell will provide entertainment.

Tickets are \$10 each and must be bought in advance. Proceeds will be used toward the center’s home-delivered

meal program, with Modern Woodmen of America matching the funds.

Information or to buy a ticket: Kris Shelton, 324-5642.

SILC fundraiser marks anniversary

The Southern Idaho Learning Center is celebrating 20 years of helping struggling learners in the Magic Valley achieve success.

To mark the milestone, the center is asking local citizens to donate “\$20 for 20 years.” Participants will be entered into a contest to win a wine pairing dinner for two from Cucina Gemelli, a kid’s bike and helmet from Cycle Therapy, or free yogurt every week for a year from Kiwi Loco.

Donations must be made by June 24.

To donate: www.sidlc.org, or send a check to SILC, 564 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Soil, water district honors Critchfield

West Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District honored David Critchfield as its 2010 Cooperator of the Year.

Critchfield is a third-generation farmer. He grew up working at the Critchfield Land and Livestock Operation. In the ’80s, the operation split into separate family owned sections. After Critchfield finished college, majoring in business finance, he returned to help his dad on the farm. They partnered with his brother-in-law, Wayne Lind, and now raise crops on more than 1,000 acres. They grow potatoes, wheat and some hay. Occasionally, they rent some ground out for sugar beets.

Critchfield works hard to be a good steward of the land. He



Critchfield

and his relatives work hard to get maximum production without depleting the nutrients in the soil. His goal is to leave the land each fall in better shape than it was in the spring. To manage the soil, they use a variety of tillage methods and take control of nutrient management. Most of their irrigation is done by central pivots. They use current computer-controlled irrigation techniques on their pivot irrigation systems. They also have some wheel lines and hand lines. Critchfield has been participating in the WQ-PA nitrate monitoring project for West Cassia.

He and his wife, Debbie, have four children attending Oakley schools. Debbie is the chairwoman of the Cassia County School Board. David coaches Oakley High School basketball teams. His other hobbies include Zumba dancing for stress relief, and playing as well as coaching basketball.

See **NEWS**, People 5

Armed Forces Family Day is Saturday

Magic Valley Armed Forces Family Day will be Saturday, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Nat Soo Pah, 2738 E. 2400 N. near Hollister.

All military families of all service branches, whether active-duty, reserve or retiree, are invited to participate. There will be free food, physical activities for all ages, education opportuni-

ties, door prizes and other highlights. Swimming costs \$3 for ages 1-5 or \$5 for age 6 and older. Please bring your military ID.

Information: Family assistance specialist Sonya Nowland, 404-8770, or with the Family Readiness Group: Beverly Farfan, 948-0362, Brandie Atwell, 293-5695, or Kamille Mort, 431-1610.

What to look for in a leader

This week I’m coming to you from West Yellowstone, Mont., where I’m attending a school on leadership put on by the FBI. (I know, wow!) I decided that since I have been asked on the job several times in person about how it feels to be a leader and what it takes to be a great leader, I would cover that subject this week (or at least try).

The first thought I would pass on is that leaders can be good, but a great leader must be named as such by the people being led — they are the true experts in how the leader is doing. I guess, however, if the leader is head of a nation, then then he or she could be called a great leader by anybody. Being a leader is a process of influence. It is working with people to accomplish their goals and the goals of an organization.

The first thing I feel that makes a leader good is that he or she is an honest person. In fact, in a recent poll honesty was the biggest quality (83 percent) that a good leader could possess. This honesty should not only be with the public, but also with the men and women who work for that leader. Being honest to one’s self as a leader is also a must.

The quality I personally believe makes a leader good is to have a sense of humor to go along with the honesty. This, to me, allows a leader to show that he or she has a human side and is not a just a machine behind a desk.

I must also mention that leadership doesn’t mean just rank, it means the ability to lead. A leader must possess the ability to have the courage to admit mistakes. Leaders should also have the vision to welcome change as well as the enthusiasm to encourage others.

Finally, here are some



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characteristics good leaders need to possess. They must be lifelong learners, always keeping up with the present. They should have a vision and be able to communicate that vision to others. They should challenge the process because just as is said, doing the same thing the same way over and over and expecting the same results doesn’t always work. This also means that leaders experiment and take the risks to find a new and better way to accomplish ideas. Being a mentor can also have great future benefits for leaders. This can be the key to encourage other future leaders to learn from the greatness of their current leader.

Officer down

Please put these officers, killed in the line of duty, and their families in your prayers. God bless these heroes.

- FBI Special Agent Timothy Briggs.
- Trooper Ellen Engelhardt, Massachusetts State Police.
- Master Patrolman Jeff Taylor, Riverside Police, Mo.
- Deputy Kurt Wyman, Oneida County Sheriff, N.Y.
- Deputy Keith Bellar, Dickson County Sheriff, Tenn.

They fought the good fight, now may they rest in peace.

See you next week. Email your questions to police-mandan@yahoo.com.

Dan Bristol is the Heyburn chief of police.

Kids can learn science in Twin Falls or Burley

Children ages 5-7 can learn about the scientific method through fun, hands-on experiences through a non-credit children’s course offered by the College of Southern Idaho’s Community Education Center.

“Scientific Method for Young Children,” taught by Danielle Ashby, runs from 2-4 p.m. Monday through Thursday at CSI’s Twin Falls campus. Another session is planned for 10 a.m. to noon July 11-13 at the CSI Mini-Cassia Center in Burley.

Students will learn to form guesses, test through



experiments and record data they find. Registration is \$45 for Twin Falls and \$35 for Burley, plus a \$5 supply fee for each course payable to the instructor.

To register: 732-6442 or communityed.csi.edu.

Modern Woodmen succeed in beach project

Members of the Magic Valley’s local Modern Woodmen of America chapters and youth service clubs recently helped raise money to renovate the Dierkes Lake beach area. This undertaking included the purchase of white sand and a new retaining wall for containing the sand in the beach area.

The final event was held on Join Hands Day, May 7, and included a check presentation of \$13,100 to Dennis Bowyer, director of the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department. Of the sum, \$6,000 was matched by Modern Woodmen’s home office through the organization’s Matching Fund program and Shining Star grant.



Courtesy photo

Pictured are volunteers who last month renovated the beach at Dierkes Lake.

Modern Woodmen expects the improvements will be a benefit to patrons of the lake for years to come. Several community fundraising

events led up to the work day, and local Modern Woodmen financial representative Terry Downs expressed gratitude for the

many community-minded businesses and individuals who donated time, services and money to assure the project’s completion.

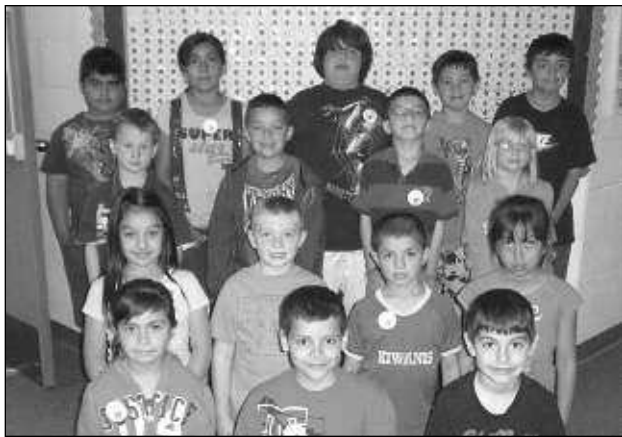
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STUDENTS HONORED



Courtesy photos

Rupert Elementary School recently named its citizens of the month for May. Pictured are first-, second- and third-graders: (front row) Karissia, JJ and Landen; (second row) Dalia, Mason, Alex and Breanna; (third row) Brogan, Adrian, Jacob and Megan; (back row) Johnny, Kimberly, Jr., Johnny and Cody.



Rupert Elementary School recently named its citizens of the month for May. Pictured are fourth- and fifth-graders: (front row) Britney, Erin and Kaylee; (second row) Kasen, Alex, Blake and Anthony; (third row) Peyton, Beyonce, Brandyn, Morgan and Britian; (back row) Kaylee, Felisha, Araceli, Callen, Maura and Maranda.

News

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Bridge winners in Rupert named

The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club in Rupert has announced the results of play for **June 7**.

North-South: 1. Steve and Nancy Sams, 2. Lila Buman and Marian Snow, 3. Bill Goodman and Chuck Hunter.

East-West: 1. Leo and Donna Moore, 2. Sheila Hubsmith and Mildred Wolf, 3. Jackie Brown and Dot Crea-son.

Games are held at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks. For partners and more information: Steve Sams, 878-7691, or Vera Mai, 436-4163.

Tuft honored for arts service



Courtesy photo

Kent Severe, Oakley Valley Arts Council president, recently presented the council's 2010 Service Award to Steven Tuft.

Tuft has served on the OVAC Board of Directors, contributed to the organization through acting and directing, given legal counsel and dedicated many hours to

other aspects of the arts.

Minico students place in technical competition

Minico High School's Technical Student Association competed at the annual TSA conference, March 10-12 in Boise. Students were accompanied by their adviser, Marvin Scow, and chaperones, Joanne Cook and Shannon Brown.

The team came home with many victories. Shane Amen won first place in Transportation Modeling. Patrick Bond placed second in Architectural Model and Technical Sketching. Weston Buck took first place in Computer Aided Design Engineering and Technical Sketching and received third place in Dragster Design.

Ashley Cook was second place in 3-D Animation and third place in the Technology Bowl. Wyatt Koyle got first place in Computer Aided Drafting and third place in Dragster Design. Kory Kunzler won first place in Webmaster and second place in 3-D Animation, and Cameron Lloyd placed second in Computer Aided Drafting. Nick Long placed first in Webmaster and Video Game Design, and Harold Walters won first place in 3-D Animation, Video Game Design and Webmasters, and third place in the Technology Bowl.



Courtesy photo

The Minico High School Technical Student Association competed in March at the TSA conference in Boise. Pictured from left are: (back row) Kory Kunzler, Wyatt Koyle, Sheldon Brown, Nick Long and Patrick Bond; (front row) Weston Buck, Shane Amen, Cameron Lloyd and Harold Walters. Not pictured: Ashley Cook and Daniel Dayley.

Celebrations

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Anniversaries

The Bos'

John and Henrietta were married on June 23, 1961 in Hollandale, Minnesota. John and Henrietta have lived in Jerome for 31 years, where they have farmed and still sell the famous Bos' sweet corn. They retired in March of 2007 and have spent the winters at Lake Mead fishing. They also enjoy taking their 5th wheel on many trips. The couple has four children and they have been blessed with seven grandchildren, Cheryl (Mark), Zachary (Liz) DeKruyf, Larry (Debbie), Matthew (Roxanne), Kristopher (Megan), Kevin Bos, Michelle (Gail) Ethan Lewis, Jim (Jennifer)



Henrietta and John Bos

Jayden, Jada Bos.

The children and grandchildren of John and Henrietta will host an open house in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary and would request the pleasure of your company on Friday, June 17, 2011 from 7-9 pm at Best Western Sawtooth Inn & Suites in Jerome, Idaho. Your presence is the best gift.

The Ivie's



Rose and George Ivie

George Ivie and Rose Uhrig were married June 3, 1961 in Bellevue, Id. George worked at Sun Valley, Id., and at INEL at Arco, Id. He also worked at the sawmill in Bellevue and Heyburn. When the Heyburn mill closed down, he went to work for the city of Heyburn and retired from there after 22 and a half years.

Rose worked at Simplots for five years and then went to work at Price's Cafe. She also worked for the



Minidoka County School District and retired from there after 18 years in May 2011.

They are the parents of two daughters Wendy Ransom of McCall and Kari Main of Nampa. They have five grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

An open house will be held in their honor from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., June 18 at United Electric, 1330 21st St, Heyburn.

No gifts please.

The Jones'



Edna and Vaughn Jones

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Jones celebrated their 50th anniversary June 10, 2011.

They met in Twin Falls High School and have been going steady ever since.



Vaughn retired after 25 years at United Parcel Service. Edna retired after 25 years from Twin Falls School District.

The Van Noy's

Melvin and Gwen Van Noy of Twin Falls will celebrate 70 years of marriage together. They were married June 18, 1941 in the Logan LDS Temple.

They have 6 children, Don (DeAnn), Susan (Lynn) Cameron, Robert (Jana), Marylin Kohler, Paul (Wendy), Amy (Mike) Nelson, 33 grandchildren and 74 great grandchildren.

Melvin served in the Army during WWII and was stationed in the Aleutian Islands. Following the war, they moved to Twin Falls. He worked as a Deputy for the Sheriff's department for several years. He then became the Co-owner of Idaho Barber and Beauty Shop on Main St, where he worked for 35 years until he retired in 1984.

Gwen worked in an ammunition factory in Ogden during WWII making bullets. She raised children and flowers. Her beautiful garden on East-



Gwen and Melvin Van Noy

land Dr. attracted people from all over for many years. Melvin and Gwen both served their church in many different callings and continue to serve in the Twin Falls 19th ward at this time. They served a mission to the England Bristol Mission from 1986-1988.

The children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren want to express thanks to them for the great example and teachings that they have provided for each of us through out our lives. Your example of service and caring has been felt throughout the community as well as the family.

For information on how to place your announcement in the *Times-News*, please call Janet at 208-735-3253 or email announcements@magicvalley.com

Deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday to be published in the following Sunday's Family Life page.

The Lancasters

David and Nancy Lancaster have been married 60 years and David will be 80 years old.

Come join us to celebrate at an open house reception at the Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 2nd Ave. N., Twin Falls on June 18, 2011 from 1:30 to 5:00 P.M.

Please no gifts, your presence is gift enough.



Nancy and David Lancaster

Engagements

Grill-Nate

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Grill would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Katie to Zachary Nate, formerly of Georgetown, Idaho. Katie recently graduated with a Bachelor's of Science degree with a major in Exercise Physiology and a focus in Optometry and will be attending the University of Houston College of Optometry in August of this year. The couple



Katie Grill and Zachary Nate

currently resides in Boise and are planning a wedding to be held in summer of 2012.

Halford-Harcourt

Randy and Shirlene Halford of Preston, Idaho are thrilled to announce the marriage of their daughter, Michelle Halford to LeRoy Harcourt, son of Penny and Manny Ramirez of Twin Falls, Idaho. Their marriage ceremony will take place on June 18th, 2011 in Logan, Utah.

Michelle is currently employed as a Registered Nurse at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center. She served as a Combat Field Medical Specialist in the Idaho Army National Guard for 8 years.

LeRoy owns Kan-ner Creek Home Design



Michelle Halford and LeRoy Harcourt

and Tore Up Document Destruction. LeRoy grew up in Twin Falls and graduated from the College of Southern Idaho.

The blessed couple will reside in Twin Falls, Idaho and are excited about their future together.

Haskin-Nelson

Mike and Tracy Haskin of Heyburn are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Lindsay Lorraine Haskin to Joseph Nelson Jr., son of Joseph and Delia Nelson of Lancaster, California.

Lindsay is a 2008 graduate of Boise State University, majoring in Social Work. Joey will graduate from Boise State University in the fall with a degree in Political Science. Both Lindsay and Joseph



Lindsay Lorraine Haskin and Joseph Nelson Jr.

are employed by SAIA in Boise.

The wedding is planned for June 18, 2011, at the Sweetheart Manor, Burley.

Heinemann-Kendoll

Darrell and Linda Heinemann of Hagerman, ID are very pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Sarah Heinemann, to Andrew Kendoll, son of Jerry and Cynthia Kendoll of Salem, Oregon.

Sarah will be graduating this spring from the University of Oregon with a B.A. in French. Andrew will be graduating with a B.S. in education this spring and will complete his master's in education from the University of



Sarah Heinemann and Andrew Kendoll

Oregon in summer 2012.

The wedding will be July 1 in Salem, Oregon and the couple will make their home in Eugene while Andrew completes graduate school.

Richter-Bixler

Randy and Jackie Richter of Twin Falls, ID are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Briane Richter to Lance David Bixler, son of Shana Bixler of Twin Falls.

Kristin graduated from Twin Falls High School in 2005. She then received her Associates of Arts degree from the College of Southern Idaho in 2007. Kristin is a Certified Pharmacy Technician at Kurt's Pharmacy.

Lance graduated in 2003 from Twin Falls High School. Lance is currently



Kristin Briane Richter and Lance David Bixler

the Assistant Manager at Autozone.

The wedding and reception will be held June 25, 2011 at Snyder Winery, Buhl, Idaho. It will be an evening wedding with reception to follow.

Refugee

Continued from People 1

with his family. Despite new surroundings, Nishal fell asleep almost immediately, exhausted by international travel.

The Rais, however, were the first of their family to come to Idaho. They arrived at the airport expecting no one, but other Bhutanese refugees living in Twin Falls were waiting to greet them. There were a few familiar faces in the crowd; one family had lived in a nearby sector at the Khudunabari camp.

Man and his family — sons Shamir and Suman, daughter Tirtha, brother Prithi and wife Nara Maya — piled into a van driven by Bill Garibyan, an employee at the College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center. Garibyan drove them straight to their new home: a two-bedroom, one-bath apartment on Quincy Street, in a complex full of other refugee families from Myanmar, Bhutan and Burundi.

When the Rais walked into their apartment, their Bhutanese neighbors followed. Though it was almost midnight, more than a dozen people crammed into the living room. Suman, 16, and Tirtha, 20, sat on chairs and tried to stay awake while visitors asked them questions. The apartment was OK, Tirtha said. “Not good, not bad. Just an apartment.”

Meanwhile, Garibyan showed Nara Maya, Prithi and Man through the house, demonstrating how to use the breaker box, toilet, thermostat and stove. In their hut at Khudunabari, the Rais had no electricity or running water. Here, they had a flushing toilet, a bathtub, two sinks. When Garibyan showed Nara Maya how to turn on the kitchen faucet, she burst into a giddy smile. She would never have to haul water from community faucets again.

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The following weeks were filled with orientation classes, meetings and appointments. The new arrivals got vaccines, provided stool samples, applied for Social Security cards, learned about job options and pored over



Ganga Pokhrel holds her daughter, Lisa, while son Loyalsan is in the foreground at their Twin Falls apartment May 17. They're sharing space with Ganga's brother-in-law Nar Pokhrel and his son, both newly arrived from Nepal.

Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

driver's training manuals. Chandra drove Nar around town, while the Rais depended on neighbors for rides to the store. (Man's assessment of American grocery markets: “Too many things.”)

In addition to orientation, CSI's refugee center provides two hours of English instruction five days a week for adults — down from three hours because of temporary cost-cutting measures.

Nar and Nishal don't speak English well — Nar has a third-grade education and can understand more than he can speak, Chandra explained — so the pair depend on Chandra and his sons for interpretation. Nishal, who will start school in August, spends his days playing in the apartment's parking lot with his cousins, Loveson and Loyalsan, and watching cartoons. He's a big fan of X-Men, Chandra said. Nar attends English classes during the day, then comes home and watches Nepali DVDs.

In the Rai family, Tirtha, Man and Prithi speak English fluently. Suman and Shamir are learning quickly, but Nara Maya is struggling. Unlike

her husband and brother-in-law, Nara Maya didn't attend school as a child in Bhutan. While living in Khudunabari, she took a year of English classes provided by aid organization Caritas Nepal but didn't pick up much. It's frustrating, she said as Man interpreted — she wants to talk about her viewpoints and share her experiences, but she is stuck relying on family members for interpretation.

“She can understand some of it, but she cannot speak,” Man said as Nara Maya sat on the couch, smiling ruefully. He teased her in Nepali, then coaxed her to say simple English phrases: please, thank you, you're welcome.

Prithi spent one day watching “The Andy Griffith Show.” “It's a funny one,” he said.

The family doesn't have Internet or a home phone, so they use an upstairs neighbor's computer to connect with friends in Nepal and across the U.S.

Tirtha is already a computer pro — since 2008 she has had a Facebook account, which she accessed at

school. Throughout her first month in Twin Falls she posted photos, giving her friends in Nepal glimpses of her new life: Centennial Park in the Snake River Canyon, new stuffed animals in her room, Cactus Petes in Jackpot, Nev., a cemetery decorated with flowers for Memorial Day.

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Tirtha struggled with boredom during her first few weeks. The family didn't have a television or computer at first, and she couldn't get a library card until her Social Security card arrived. When she wasn't at English classes at the refugee center, she played on the neighbor's computer, helped her mother cook and dreamed of the possibilities offered by her new life in America — a car, a nursing career, a boyfriend. (A Nepali boyfriend, she specified, to avoid cultural misunderstandings.) She wants to go to college and broaden her understanding of Western society.

“I am so keen to read about people around the world,”

she said.

Prithi and Man's dreams are more humble. They know they will get entry-level jobs but hope to work up. They would like to learn how to drive and own cars, although traffic is intimidating, Prithi said. The cars here move faster than in Nepal, and he doesn't understand the laws.

“It's so different here,” Prithi mused. The stores are indoors and open every day, as opposed to Nepal's outdoor Saturday bazaars. The weather is cold. There is little public transportation. Even the animals are new.

The changes aren't bad, Prithi emphasized. They're just a lot to take in.

One of the biggest shocks for the Rais is how private Americans are. Though they have met most of their refugee neighbors in the apartment complex, they haven't met any Americans who live nearby. For newcomers from a country where doors are always open and friends constantly stream in and out, American life is isolating.

“Presently, we are lonely,” Man said. But he believes

With information comes reassurance

During their first few weeks in Twin Falls, refugees attend multiple meetings and orientation sessions at the College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center. The meetings cover Social Security card applications, job opportunities, travel-loan repayment and more.

During a May 9 meeting with new arrivals Man Bahadur Rai, Nar Pokhrel and their families, the center's social services coordinator, Kathy Evans, covered topics like school admission, immigrant documents and Selective Service registration. (Not all meetings are conducted in groups — if there is any private or sensitive information to discuss, refugees meet with employees individually, Evans said.)

Evans also assessed their education and English skills; Man and his brother, Prithi Rai, both completed high school and speak English fluently, while Nar and his son, Nishal, can identify letters but have trouble sounding out words.

While the adults spoke, 11-year-old Shamir Rai played with a stuffed rabbit in the corner. The refugees, used to Nepal's sweltering heat, kept their heavy coats on throughout the meeting. Tirtha Rai, 20, asked when she could get a driver's license and whether going to college counts as a job.

As Abi Siwakoti interpreted, Evans also reassured the group: It's OK to ask questions. Don't be afraid to speak English, even if it's not perfect. And know that the culture shock will fade.

It won't always be easy, and you will have some hard days, Evans said. “But give yourself time to adjust.”

— Melissa Davlin

that will change. “After six months, one year, we will be family with all.”

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Nar Pokhrel, left, sits in his brother's apartment May 17 with nephew Loveson Pokhrel, center, and brother Chandra Pokhrel. In the evenings, after Chandra gets off work as a hotel housekeeper, the brothers visit friends' apartments and go grocery shopping.



Bill Garibyan, right, shows Man Bahadur Rai, center, how to use a thermostat, as the Rais tour their apartment for the first time May 5. College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center interpreter Mahendra Timsina, left, translates.

Arts and crafts kits for kids get more creative

By Kim Cook

For The Associated Press

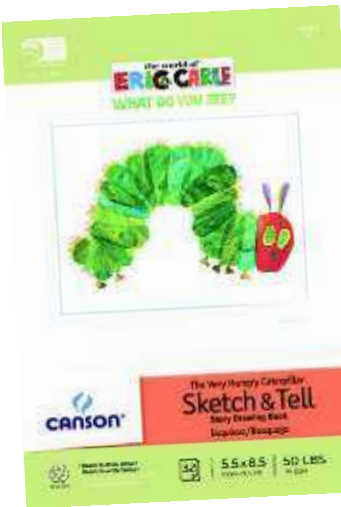
Not so long ago, it was hard to find an art kit for children that involved much more than some pompoms, glitter and a few pipe cleaners.

Today's creativity kit is a whole different pot of paint. Some introduce new artistic techniques, while others offer open-ended project possibilities.

If you're looking for stay-at-home craft activities that encourage experimentation and expression, you're in luck.

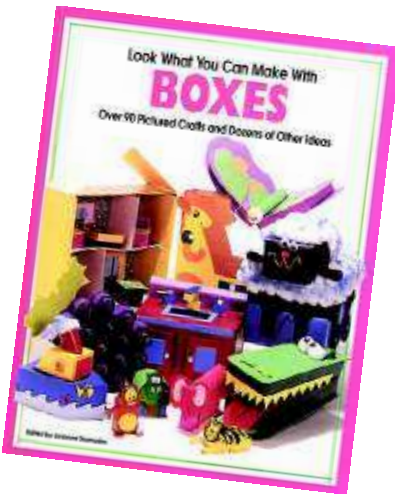
Bridget Daly and Shannon Ninburg, Seattle-based art educators, offer a variety of award-winning project kits on their website eyecanart.com. The kits come with everything needed and are designed for repeat use. Choose from Printmaking, Pastel Stencils, Wax Drawing, Amate Cut Paper (symmetrical design cutting) and Sumi-e Painting.

The last, for example, comes with a bamboo



Canson's Eco-Friendly line of art products for kids, left, features the illustrations of artist Eric Carle. The drawing, marker, painting and doodle pads, along with the Sketch-and-Tell pads, are all made of 100 percent recycled paper.

Photo courtesy Canson



Books in this series give instructions for projects involving cardboard boxes, tubes, plastic, newspapers and other easily scavenged items for a wide range of age groups.

Photo courtesy Boys Mills Press

brush, watercolors, printing ink, papers and even a chop block to create your own signature, as the traditional Asian artists do. With a \$20-\$25 price range, the kits get raves on parent blogs.

Zebmix.com takes creativity to the kitchen with the mantra “stirring up

fun.” Started by another pair of Seattle parents, graphic designers Brian Alm and Lisa Burgess, each kit comes with a Safari Baking Map. The map has instructions on one side and project ideas, word games, and math and science challenges on the other.

There's a Flour Power Cookie kit complete with kid-size green rolling pin, ingredients, and dragonfly and daisy cutters. Cupcake Studio comes with ingredients, zebra cupcake papers and a zebra frosting pen. The kits also are available in eye-catching tins that can

be used for lunch or little collections long after the goodies are gobbled. All the ingredients are organic or all natural, and the kits go for \$22.99.

Creativityforkids.com has some great kits for transportation lovers. Drift cars, trucks and racing bikes can be tricked out with paint and stickers (\$24.99). The company's Pop-Up Book-making kit comes with two blank books, die-cut pieces, stickers, googly eyes and markers, and has won a number of parents' choice awards, as has the It's My Life Scrapbook kit. Scrapbooking's a great way for kids to start gathering childhood memories.

If you're trying to de-clutter, consider having the kids take photos of toys, books and games they've outgrown. They can paste the photos in albums with descriptive captions, then pack up the goods and pass 'em along. The kids may enjoy adding photos of friends, pets and fun experiences to the scrapbooks. When

they're teens, they'll have fun revisiting the virtual playground.

If you've got a storyteller in your family, consider Eric Carle's Sketch-and-Tell art pads, with covers featuring Brown Bear, Grouchy Ladybug, Hungry Caterpillar and others. The covers may inspire budding authors and illustrators to create their own stories; there's space for words and images on all 32 pages (\$1.99). Markers and pencil crayons are also available (what-do-you-see.com).

Finally, if you don't mind gathering up the components yourself, look at Boyd's Mills Press' “Look What You Can Make With” book series (prices range from \$5.95 to \$16.49). They give instructions for projects involving cardboard boxes, tubes, plastic, newspapers and other easily scavenged items for a wide range of age groups. Way more work than one of the convenient kits, but a good way to use up the household junk.



EDITORIAL

In Idaho, time has come for online worker screening

It's far from perfect, but E-Verify is probably the best approach yet devised to prevent illegal immigrants from getting jobs. And to protect employers.

E-Verify — that's short for Employee Verification Act — is an online federal program that tells employers if new workers are in the country legally. It's voluntary, unless a state decides otherwise.

Our view: Workplaces are where the rubber hits the road if we're serious about curbing illegal immigration. E-Verify is just one tool that should be considered, but it's an important tool.

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Idaho obliges contractors doing business with the state to use E-Verify. It should extend that requirement to every employer, public and private.

An employer uses E-Verify by submitting information taken from a worker's I-9 form, which is an employment eligibility verification document. That data is compared electronically with Social Security Administration and Department of Homeland Security records. If it checks out, the employer receives a notification saying so. If it doesn't, the employee can contest the results with federal agencies. An employer can't legally fire the worker until that process is complete.

Since 2009, federal employees have been screened by E-Verify.

In May, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld an Arizona law mandating that employers use E-Verify, and there's legislation in Congress that would make it mandatory nationwide.

The Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry and the Idaho Farm Bureau don't like E-Verify because an employee can stay on the job until the appeal is complete. Too much red tape, they argue.

But is that any more intrusive than requiring employers to shuffle through I-9 forms, which is the current practice?

Technically the system isn't without bugs, but it's improving. And it's a whole lot better than what we have now.

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Very, according to conservative think tank's ratings

(Editor's note: This recently released survey by the Mercatus Center at George Mason University presents the first-ever comprehensive ranking of states on their public policies affecting individual freedoms in the economic, social and personal spheres. The study defines individual freedom as "the ability to dispose of one's own life, liberty, and justly acquired property however one sees fit, so long as one does not coercively infringe on another individual's ability to do the same.")

True to its reputation, Idaho is among the freest states in the country (No. 4 overall, No. 8 personal, No. 5 economic). After Wyoming, Idaho has the lowest government debt ratio in the United States. Taxes and spending are a bit lower than average, but Idaho could presumably improve its record here, especially in cutting government payroll. Individual income taxes are actually rather high.

ABOUT THE MERCATUS CENTER

The Mercatus Center at Virginia's George Mason University is a non-profit, conservative-oriented think tank. Some of its funding comes from Wichita, Kan.-based Koch Industries, whose CEO and its executive vice president — Charles Koch and David Koch — are major supporters of conservative, Republican candidates and causes.

The Mercatus Center was founded by Rich Fink, former president of the Koch Family Foundations, which funds a network of market-oriented think tanks and advocacy groups. Originally called the Center for Market Processes, it moved from Rutgers University to George Mason in the early 1980s.

The organization's stated mission is to generate knowledge and understanding of how institutions affect the freedom to prosper and find creative solutions to overcome barriers that prevent individuals from living free, prosperous and peaceful lives. Mercatus works to advance knowledge about how markets work to improve lives by training graduate students, conducting research, and applying economic principles to offer solutions to society's most pressing problems.

Idaho has a very relaxed gun control regime, but it could improve its marijuana laws substantially. The state has few restrictions on motorists other than the usual trinity (secondary seat-belt enforcement, open-container, auto liability insurance). It deserves credit for being one of the few states to refuse to authorize privacy-inva-

ding sobriety checkpoints.

On educational policies Idaho really shines, with only nine years of mandated schooling and no regulations on private or home schooling other than curriculum requirements.

One personal freedom Idaho needs to reform is asset forfeiture; the burden of proof is on the claimant, who has to prove that he

"could not reasonably have known" about criminal activity to get his property back.

Labor laws are generally solid, and health insurance mandates add only 21 percent to the cost of premiums. Occupational licensing is rare. However, eminent domain reform has not gone as far as it should.

State-by-state rankings

Fiscal freedom (Measuring taxation, debt burden, public employee earnings)

Top 10

1. New Hampshire. 2. South Dakota. 3. Tennessee. 4. Texas. 5. Colorado. 6. Missouri. 7. North Dakota. 8. Montana. 9. Georgia. **10. Idaho.**

Bottom 10

1. New York. 2. Alaska. 3. Maine. 4. Vermont. 5. Hawaii. 6. New Mexico. 7. California. 8. New Jersey.

See **FREEDOM**, Opinion 2

What's the role of a good community newspaper?

Since I've been here, I've been asked by several of you what the paper would be like under my editorship. Would it be angry and dour-faced? Would it be full of fluff? Would it mercilessly skewer public officials?

As I was walking by reporter Brad Guire's desk the other day, I saw a comic book clipping taped to his drawer that finally made it easy for me to articulate.

A good community newspaper should be Superman. It's a lofty goal, to be sure. Superman is relentless in his pursuit of the bad guys, but



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR
Josh Awtry

has still been known to rescue a kitten in a tree on a slow crime day. In much the same way, we aim to bring crime and corruption to light, but are never above telling the compelling stories of good Magic Valley people.

I can think of no higher calling for a newspaper than to fight for "truth, justice and the American way." And

while interpretation of the latter part of that triad can vary from person to person, I hope you'll agree when I say that we tirelessly advocate democracy.

We may not have been granted super powers by our yellow sun, but I think we make up for them in other ways. Superman's super speed has escaped us, but, with today's mobile technology, we're able to upload stories and photographs from reporters in the field to our website almost instantly.

We don't have Superman's x-ray vision, but our talented journalists know exactly

where to look for government records and who to contact to make the news as crucial as possible.

And we lack Superman's superhuman strength, but our news organization is the largest collection of journalists within a hundred-mile radius of Twin Falls, and we put their combined muscle toward putting out a newspaper 365 days a year.

And, just like Clark Kent, when we're not highlighting injustice, we live as part of the community, shopping at the same stores and sitting in the same bleachers at games.

Next time you need us,

call, and we'll be there.

Thanks for the warm welcome

In the four months I've been here, I've received heartfelt thanks, warm welcomes and laundry lists of things the paper needs to do to get better. All are equally important.

You've made this new editor feel right at home, and I look forward to facing the challenges of putting out a newspaper every day knowing that you're out there, ready to pat on the back when we do something

right, and keep us honest when we don't.

And, to the woman who made the humbling remark that I was "becoming something of a celebrity" earlier this week.... Well, I visit the same supermarket checkouts you do, and I see the same fate that befalls celebrities in the tabloids each week. Thanks, but if you don't mind, I'd like to pass on that status.

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The train that inspired a Sun Valley institution

Editor's note: This is the eighth in a series of occasional articles about the Wood River Valley's past.

In mid-March 1937, after opening the Sun Valley Lodge, Averell Harriman announced that in order to provide more modestly priced accommodations to a wider group of people, work was in progress for the construction of a large two story hotel unit, about 800 feet northeast of the Lodge, called the Challenger Inn, which would resemble an Austrian mountain village. It would have its own kitchen, dining room and many other features such as bowling alleys, and game rooms. Around a village square, where there would be a skating rink and open air swimming pool, the building would ramble informally, offering continental restaurants and cafes, a variety of shops and motion picture theater. The Inn would be done before Christmas. The Challenger took its name from a powerful new steam locomotive that had been designed by the Union Pacific principally for fast freight service. Its had a unique drive wheel size and arrangement, and the frame of the locomotive was "articulated," or hinged, to allow it to go more safely through curves. The Challenger name was also applied to a new, low-



BLAINE COUNTY YESTERDAYS By James Varley

air-conditioning, free nurse-stewardess service, porter service, special coaches exclusively for women and children, and meals priced so that breakfast, luncheon and dinner would total only 90 cents. Harriman also revealed that, henceforth, Sun Valley would be open for at least eight months of the year, instead of only during the winter sports season. The Lodge would open about July 1, said K. M. Singer, general manager of Sun Valley operations. *Time* magazine announced since Christmas it had been packed at from \$8 to \$24 per day with as fancy a crew of rich socialites as have ever been assembled under one roof. Building the Inn got off to a slow start. Many of the people used by the contractor on the building were set to work damming up Trail Creek, a few hundred yards from the Lodge. This "Lodge Lake" was ten acres in area and would impound 80 acre-feet of water. It was to be used for boating and



Challenger locomotive leaving Omaha, Neb., in 1937.

Courtesy photos

fishing, and skating in winter. Finished about June 30, it was stocked with 5,000 trout. The builders didn't think to put a wire net upstream from the lake, so many trout swam upstream where people caught them off the Lodge property. The construction of a stadium was necessary for the first annual rodeo, which was held on Aug. 14-15. A huge grandstand was built to handle the crowd, taking workmen from the job, so that they really didn't start building the Inn until the middle of September.

The new streamlined train, *City of Los Angeles*, arrived in New York City on Dec. 17, and was put on exhibit for a day at Grand Central Station. The streamliner, which would be operated jointly by the Union Pacific and the Chicago and Northwestern Railroads, was the eighth of a line of lightweight modernized passenger trains powered by six, 900-horsepower diesel-electric engines, housed in three cars. The train had 17 cars carrying about 250 passengers. The engineer sat in an up-

holstered, shatterproof glassed pilot house atop the first of three locomotive units and controlled the entire operation of the train with three small levers. He had a telephone system connecting with others in his crew. On the afternoon of Sunday, Dec. 19, the streamliner was hauled out of Grand Central by a freight locomotive, and began its inaugural passenger run headed not to California, as one might suppose, but to the new ski resort at Sun Valley. It carried some 200 prominent

Easterners, who would assist at the opening of the second season at Sun Valley Lodge on Dec. 21. After that, on Dec. 27, the unit will go into regular service between Chicago and Los Angeles. Passengers on the inaugural run to Sun Valley were treated to a fashion show while the "fastest train" rolled west. Models paraded through the aisle of the club car in newest skiing outfits, shown by a Fifth Avenue store. The club car itself was a "Little Nugget," gay nineties bar. About noon, on Dec. 21, the new streamliner burst out of the fog that engulfed the lower Wood River Valley into the radiant sunshine that bathed Sun Valley. The gold and brown train — over 1,200 feet long — arrived in Ketchum at 12:30 after a 40-hour maiden run from New York. Crowds of people in the latest Sun Valley approved ski togs were on hand, either riding or carrying skis to welcome the newcomers. The Austrian ski-school contingent headed by Hans Hauser was present, as was Count Felix Schaffsgotch. "Cholly Knickerbocker" — Maury Paul, the society editor for the *New York Journal American* — alighted in company with such people as Mrs. Reed Barry of Philadelphia; Daniel Roosevelt, fifth cousin of

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Freedom

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9. Wisconsin. 10. Rhode Island. *Rankings of Idaho's other neighboring states:* 13. Nevada. 17. Wyoming. 20. Utah. 27. Oregon. 37. Washington.

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Quilters thank those who make giving possible

We have many people to thank for helping us do our work in creating handmade quilts and pillowcases for our neighbors. In addition to the many quilt makers who help us, we need to thank the others who have made in-kind or monetary donations. They include the Desert Sage Quilt Guild, Brenda Rice and the staff of Hancock Fabrics, Judy Young's seventh-grade math classes at Kimberly Middle School, and many Magic Valley quilters. Machine quilters who donated their time and talents included Naomi Ames, Kay Andersen, Joan Anderson, Laurel Dillman and several other anonymous quilters.

Many people come to our twice-monthly sessions at Hancock Fabrics to create the beautiful creations we give away to our neighbors who are in need of a warm quilt. Others make them in their own homes. One unique quilter has been totally blind for several years, but she is able to create quilts for the NICU at the hospital. JoAnn Marley doesn't let anything get in the way of quilting for the little people who need her talents.

In addition to all sizes of quilts, we have made pillowcases, manipulative quilts for those with memory loss, and "cuddle cloths" that are used to bond premature babies with their families. We also contributed several bags for cancer patients newly diagnosed with breast cancer to use when having chemo treatments.

We are working to provide these sewing projects for the many people who are in need in our community and other communities in the Magic Valley. It gives us great pleasure to help make our valley a better place in which to live by providing quilts that will be used by our neighbors.

SUE PACK
PHYLLIS BYBEE
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Sue Pack

submitted this letter on behalf of the group, Community Quilts of Magic Valley.)

Immoral leaders trying to disarm citizens

"This year will go down in history, for the first time a civilized nation has full fun registration. Our streets will be safer, our police more efficient and the world will follow our lead into the future" (Adolph Hitler, 1935).

Well, I don't know about you but that information certainly has me sleeping soundly at night. Maybe those 7 million murdered Jews just didn't understand how their government was protecting them.

Never has a government disarmed its own population that it didn't follow with a dictatorship and always at a time when its military was off fighting a foreign war.

Perfect timing; while our boys are fighting a foreign war that we can't win and have no business being in anyway and our borders under siege are virtually unprotected. When better to disarm the law-abiding citizenry? But maybe I'm just being pessimistic. After all, our troops are scheduled to pull out of Iraq, and they probably won't be deployed to Libya without a 10-day rest period.

Now just which politician do you expect would call for banning civilian ownership of all weapons? Congratulations, you've perhaps guessed right, and we'll have our own 21st century version of Hitler. And when you realize that an armed and willing American private militia could defeat almost any foreign enemy, it's no wonder immoral leaders fear private ownership of defensive guns. Thomas Jefferson said, "The people should rise up every few years or the government will get control of their lives."

Proper gun control is plant your feet on a solid base, lean slightly forward, lock your elbows and use a two-hand hold.

VAUGHN PHELPS
Twin Falls

Can a Mormon win GOP presidential nomination?

Politicians are trained from the time they mouth their first public lie to be reflexively certain about everything. So it was startling and certainly encouraging to hear Jon Huntsman sound less than convinced the other day about the God of his Mormon upbringing.

"That's tough to define," he said, when asked whether he still belonged to a church whose founding tenets are based on golden tablets discovered by a teenage boy in upstate New York.

In Utah, the state named one of the best-managed in the country while Huntsman was its governor, his equivocating was a major news story. He's showing doubt! The shame. And in Iowa, a state Huntsman said he would skip in the Republican nominating process because he doesn't believe in the farm and ethanol subsidies that are sacrosanct there, Secretary of State Matt Schultz was harshly critical of him for "distancing himself from his Mormon faith."

For the record, Huntsman says he believes in God, is a Christian and is proud of his Mormon heritage. That should be more than enough. As a problem-solving governor, (winning a second term by a 58-point margin), and Mandarin-speaking ambassador to China, he brings a strong resume to the presidential race.

But for the increasingly intolerant minority who will decide the next Republican nominee, Huntsman is already a heretic for speaking common sense on climate change, gay civil unions and immigration. And, of course, his decision to answer a call to service by going to China for President Obama doesn't help his cause.



Timothy Egan

Were he a Jew, a woman, a Catholic or a black, Huntsman would not face the kind of suspicion that the Republican electorate has for Mormons, according to several years of polling. Mitt Romney, whose great-grandfather had at least five wives, has the same problem. There's no other way to put this: the core Republican base does not like Mormons.

Last month, the Pew Research Center found that largely secular, business-minded Republicans are fast vanishing. White, older, evangelical Christians now dominate the party — much more so than in 2008.

When asked if Mormons are Christians, 45 percent of white Christian fundamentalist said no, Pew found in 2007; only Muslims polled as low as Mormons when people were asked about favorable feelings toward a faith. Remember: these religious conservatives, who see Mormonism as a cult with its own heretical bible (descended from those golden tablets), now make up nearly half of the Republican base.

More than anything, that explains why Huntsman appears to be a reluctant Mormon. *Newsweek* may celebrate "The Mormon Moment," as they call it with a cover story this week that showed Romney as the dancing missionary from the Broadway hit *The Book of Mormon*, but among Republicans who control the nominating process there is no such thing.

Beyond his religion, Huntsman has defied Re-

publican orthodoxy in several areas, bravely striking a solo note amidst the fact-denial chorus in his party. In that world, to be thoughtful is a vice. Skepticism is a second strike.

Take climate change. In the face of overwhelming evidence to the contrary, a growing number of Republicans now call warming of the Earth a giant hoax, as if all those atmospheric scientists were part of a liberal cabal. Huntsman, no doubt influenced by his experience in the unbreathable air of China, takes a pragmatic approach.

"All I know is that 90 percent of scientists say climate change is occurring," he told *Time* magazine. "If 90 percent of the oncological community said something was causing cancer, we'd listen to them."

He is similarly sane in his past support for gay civil unions, humane approaches to immigration and a health-care solution that's beyond doing nothing. Yes, he's come out in support of the plan by Paul Ryan to turn Medicare into Vouchercare, but that's probably not enough for the narrow-minded to see him as a true believer.

His party needs to have realistic debate on taxes, a slap-across-the-face moment. Because no amount of spending cuts — to defense or entitlement programs — is going to make a

\$14 trillion debt go away. Somebody in the Republican Party needs to say it loud and say it proud: in dire times, you can't fund a national government without tax increases, as presidents from Lincoln to Reagan concluded.

Maybe Huntsman will be the one to state the obvious. In his early years, this son of a billionaire, native of Palo Alto and graduate of the University of Pennsylvania showed himself to be a bit of a wild man.

Huntsman played, seriously, in a rock band — the headbanging, heavy-metal type that found its niche beyond David Bowie glam. He still rides a Harley, and not just for the cameras, as Sarah Palin did during her stunt last month.

Huntsman has yet to formally announce his candidacy, though all signs point to it. At the least, by refusing to throw red meat to the wackos, he can elevate the Republican debate. I know, I know: it would cost him the nomination.

The modern Republican Party will force any politician who shows signs of doing actual hard thinking about life and public policy to walk a plank into a sea of craziness. But he's already a renegade. Why not take the next step?

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Theodore; Harriman, who was chairman of the Union Pacific board of directors and owner of the resort, and his wife and two daughters; Fred W. Sargent of the Chicago line; Harold Ginsberg, president of the Viking Press, and Steve Hannigan, the publicist who controlled the entire operation.

The disembarking notables passed through a double line of girls holding aloft their ski poles to form an archway to their sleighs, sleds, cars and buses. The two Sun Valley orchestras, Bus Vaughn from the Lodge and Harl Smith from the Christiana turned out in ski clothes, were on the platform playing a rousing musical welcome.

Assembled in front of the station platform was a large assortment of transportation to convey incoming guests over the snow to Sun Valley village. Ribbioned and bespangled horses were drawing gaily painted cutters and sleighs. Eskimo huskies and teams of domestic dogs were on hand. A team of reindeer pranced at the approach of the new monster train held in check by a parka-clad Eskimo.

Festivities resumed that evening, concentrating in the Challenger Inn's new Cafe Continental and the Ram on the village quadrangle. At the Continental an informal dinner featuring trout and lobster was held honoring Barzilla Clark, governor of Idaho, Mrs. Clark and their two daughters Salome and Lois. For desert, Gov. Clark had an illuminated cake in the form of Sun Valley Lodge, in front of which a Santa Claus with sleigh sped over a snowy hill of powdered sugar. The governor spoke, paying tribute to Harriman and the Union Pacific for the streamliner and Sun Valley resort.

An hour of broadcast though a Salt Lake City radio station climaxed the opening day of Sun Valley's second winter season. Bus Vaughn's Sun Valley Lodge orchestra opened the broadcast, playing *Sun Valley*. Bob Miles, director of outdoor sports, then described the winter's program at Sun Valley. Max Dean, manager of the new Challenger Inn, spoke about the development of the Challenger.

Betty Cass, a 36-year old who wrote a column entitled "Madison, Day by Day" for the *Madison, Wisc., State Journal*, vacationed at Sun Valley for 10 days in December and January. Cass arrived in time to see the Dartmouth College-University of Washington ski meet. She sat with a perfect view of the jump and slalom races both of which were held on Ruud Mountain. Skiers used the new 1,835 foot chair lift for both events. The downhill was held on the tough four-mile course on Boulder Mountain.

All around Cass were Dartmouth and Washington fans done up in ski clothes and sun glasses. The Bradley boys, Dave and Steve of Dartmouth, were hometown boys whom she knew — Dr. Bradley's sons. Steve won a race; Dave was third. Even the Washington fans cheered the Bradleys.

Just after dark that evening a group of skiers went to the top of Dollar Mountain, and lighted a big star. Then the skiers, each with a flaming torch in each hand, skied down the hill in a procession, welcoming the New Year.

The next day, Cass attended a farewell banquet for the two ski teams, in the Ram, noted for its luscious German meals. A troupe of Austrian musicians played. Every sturdy wooden table was crowded with people in ski clothes, skating costumes, men in business suits, women in dinner dresses, and girls in evening dresses.

It was like a scene from a movie set. In a space cleared in the middle of the room everyone gathered around to eat and watch. After the awards were pre-



Courtesy photo
W. F. Jeffers lights up with Averill Harriman aboard 'Golden Nugget' club car.

sented to the winners of the meet, several members of the sled teams and the Austrian ski instructors began dancing, their heavy boots clomp-clomping to the rhythm to the gay music.

Steve Bradley, his blond hair flying and his cheeks as red as a peasant boy's, was one of the best, and his flying feet, his cleverness as each of the dancers, in turn, did some original steps, and his hearty, infectious laugh brought cheer after cheer from the delighted crowd. And, when she thought about it, that was the biggest mess of expert skiers that Cass probably ever would see all in one place.

Cass thought Challenger Inn was much more interesting and a great deal more picturesque than the Lodge. A huge two-story building which rambled over several acres, it was built so that it appears to be a whole Alpine village of separate houses and stores. The rooms where the guests are housed are on the second floor and also on the ground floor of the other side of the building.

Between the Inn and the Lodge was the Opera House, which was really a very rustic-appearing but very modern movie theater. Beside it was The Aspen, a private lodge for the officials of the railroad and their families and friends. Right then the two Miss Jeffers, daughters of the president of the road, and a party of 40 people from Omaha, were occupying it.

Cass wrote "I think that when Kipling wrote that poem about 'boots, boots, boots,' he must have been staying at a resort. At home in Madison, ski boots are something you ski in. Here ski boots are something you get into when you get up in the morning and keep on until you go to bed; they're something you compare, examine, belittle, praise, eat in, play bridge in, dance in. Either you have imported boots, 'hand made in Austria by Hans Schneider,' and are the envy... of everyone else, or you have equally good but not so fancy boots made in this country and righteously content yourself with the thought that you're buying American ..."

Even before she left Madison, compared Sun Valley to the mythical utopia, Shangri-La, in James Hilton's 1933 novel, *Lost Horizon* — any earthly paradise isolated from the outside world, where the people live years beyond the normal lifespan and only very slowly aging in appearance.

"I'm going to get west of the Mississippi River for the first time," she wrote. "I'm going to be able to ski in that wonderful country where the snow is feet deep instead of inches, where there are no trees or stumps or rocks to get in my way, and where it is bitter cold at night but so warm that you ski with light clothing and swim outdoors in the daytime. Sounds like James Hilton's Shangri-La ... doesn't it?"

Sun Valley was "In a broad, flat, snowy valley completely surrounded by snow covered mountain peaks... which really *does* look like Shangri-La in *Lost Horizon*. The sun seems to be more brilliant and warmer than any sun I've ever seen, the snow whiter and drier, and the sky bluer. Everyone *does* go around with just sweaters or woolen shirts or light jackets and no heavy coats.

People stroll around in the crunchy, squeaky snow in Tyrolean costumes or ski costumes or skating clothes, or they go slipping along through the snow in a bathing suit and bathrobe on their way to the warm spring-fed swimming pool.

"The longer I'm here, the greater becomes the illusion that the resemblance to Hilton's Shangri-La is more than just appearance and location. Everyone is here for pleasure and spends all his time having it. No one mentions wars,

depressions, presidential campaigns or money. It's just as though they didn't exist. All the conversation you hear outdoors, in the dining rooms, in the sun rooms ... is how well someone can do stem Christies, which Austrian gives the best private lessons, whether go to the Opera House tonight or travel down to Ketchum to try some of the roaring old gambling places there ...

"And everyone ... seems young. It may be the ski clothes and the psychological effect of doing the things they've wanted to do all their lives ... but they do seem young. Yes...the Union Pacific seems to have done something for the world besides build a ski center. If Mr. Roosevelt would turn his WPA's loose on the idea and build enough Sun Valleys, I believe the problems of the world would be solved. No one would have time for wars and depressions."

James Varley is a Twin Falls freelance writer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It's time to clear your conscience

To the person who was seen by the hidden surveillance camera:

We hope you are enjoying your take. So to clear your conscience, we are going to allow you time to come and pay for everything. We estimate \$120. If you'd like to mail, it's OK.

LUCY ANDERSON
Twin Falls

Western Days backing appreciated

Thank you to all who came outside to enjoy a beautiful sunny southern Idaho weekend and showed such great support for Twin Falls Western Days.

Even though times are nerve-racking, a positive enthusiastic spirit was evi-

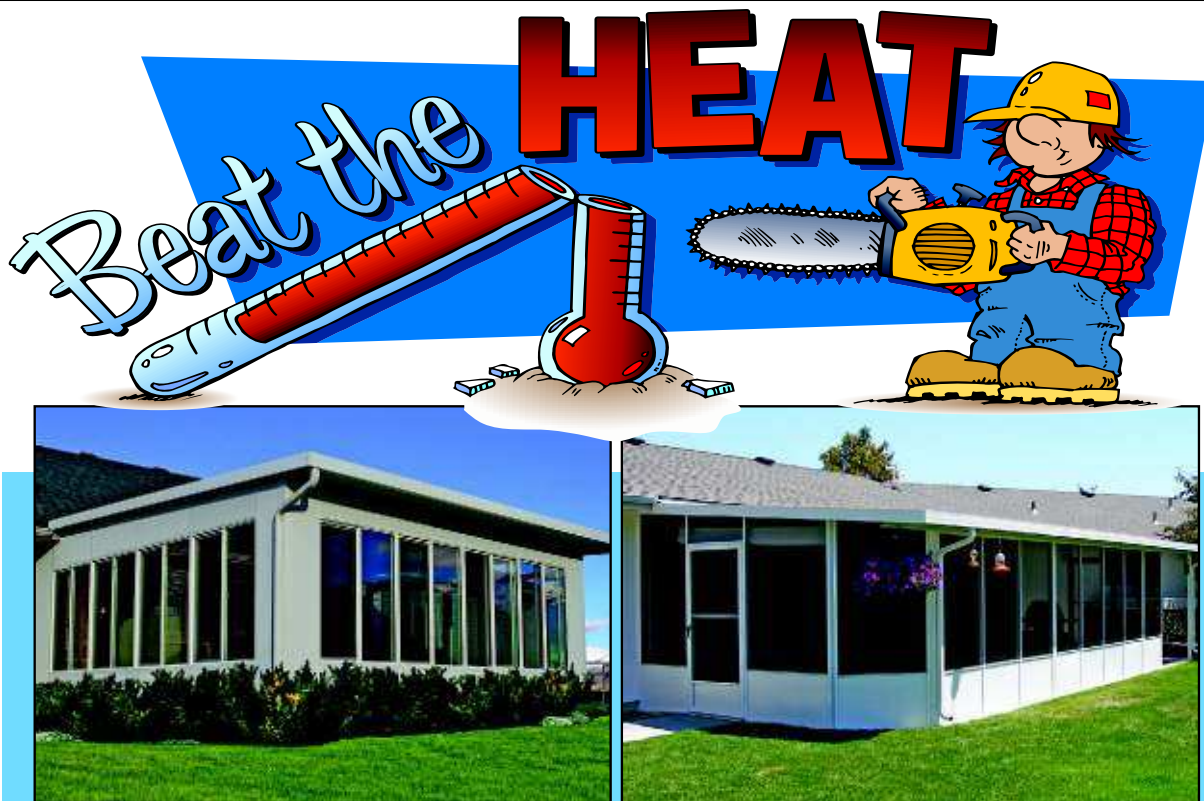
dent throughout the crowd.

Here's an idea to mull over:

Rumor has it that the former Lazy J mobile home park is being vacated for business reasons or opportunities. Twin Falls is in need of a new centerpiece park, one that is a welcoming display of our growth and spirit and one that can adapt to the multitude of uses and events that are over demanding the city's current main park. This property is the last of its size that could perform such a vital need to Twin Falls near and distant future.

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