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NFL'S IMPACT IN THE MAGIC VALLEY

BIG GAMES, BIG MONEY

Without a home team to root for, Idaho is far from a hotbed of NFL fervor. But the cottage industries built around the league's Sunday showdowns had plenty to lose as the NFL and its players wrangled over a protracted lockout — even in the Magic Valley.

BY BRADLEY GUIRE
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Brian Vriesman recalled his time as pastor in Minnesota Vikings country and how some people suddenly couldn't find their way to church on Sunday mornings every time fall rolled around.

Those who did show up kept fumbling with handheld radios tucked inside Sunday-best pockets. They'd cup an ear, fiddle with an earbud and try not to cheer at every first down. And it wasn't unheard of to schedule an early morning service to wrap up fellowship in time for kickoff.



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Kraig Rehn, with Watkins Distributing in Twin Falls, demonstrates putting together a promotional goalpost display Wednesday at the Twin Falls facility. Along with the drinks it brings to area bars and restaurants, Watkins delivers a variety of dual-branded NFL promotional items.

"Sports in a major metro area are closer to religion than out here," he said on Thursday, which coincidentally ushered in the start of NFL preseason play.

Vriesman, pastor of the Twin Falls Reformed Church and a lifelong Chicago Bears fan, can't begrudge his former flock much. But autumn life in southern Idaho isn't like living in the heart of the NFC North.

The NFL is popular here, but the fanaticism is blunted by a lack of proximity. You'd need to travel at least 600 miles to watch an NFL game in person — Seattle to the northwest, Denver to the southeast or Phoenix to the south. But those distances and different allegiances wouldn't have spared Magic Valley businesses from acutely noticing the effects of a prolonged lockout between the NFL and its players.

Big football is big business for a number of area haunts, pubs and dives, many of which have sidelined shaky contingency plans now that the season will go on.

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Bluegrass Festival: Banjos, Guitars, Burgers and a Bounce House

Young and old alike enjoy the sights and sounds of bluegrass bands, along with a variety of food options. The younger crowd enjoyed a bounce house at Heyburn event.

BY COREEN HART
For the Times-News

HEYBURN • For a can of food, people were admitted to the Snake River Bluegrass Festival Saturday at Riverside Park.

The festival, hosted by the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, drew modest crowds that came to hear such bands as Strings Attached and Chicken Dinner.

"I think we've found something that people want," said Chris James, a member of the Heyburn Amphitheater Committee. "The goal is to make Heyburn an even greater place to be."

Audience members parked their lawn chairs under canopies around the amphitheater to listen to the banjos, guitars and string bass in the musical group J. D. Webb and the Downstate Ramblers.

Another group, Elizabeth's Fiddlers, played fiddle tunes from Appalachian old-time hillbilly to Irish jigs and reels.

Besides the music, visitors had plenty of food choices to fill their bellies.

Minidoka County Magistrate Judge Rick Bollar grilled half-pound hamburgers on behalf of the Rupert Rotary Club. At Jitterbug Espresso people could purchase their

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IN TODAY'S PEOPLE SECTION



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For New Americans, Work Must Come Quickly

Grants pay the first months' rent for refugees newly arrived in Twin Falls, and food stamps pay their grocery bills. Some Idahoans have criticized public assistance for refugees, particularly in a time of high unemployment. But the aid is all designed to smooth the way to jobs and financial independence. In a special package today, reporter Melissa Davlin explores refugees' efforts to find entry-level jobs in the Magic Valley. One of the quickly successful ones: 20-year-old Tirtha Rai, who cleans rooms at American Inn in Twin Falls. **More in People**

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The Silent Side of Idaho's Judiciary

Steeped in secrecy, Twin Falls County's standing grand jury handed down 20 or more indictments each year between 2006 and 2010.

BY BRADLEY GUIRE
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Investigating a situation as complicated as last month's Hampton Inn shooting and hostage crisis takes time, and the details aren't always open for immediate public inspection.

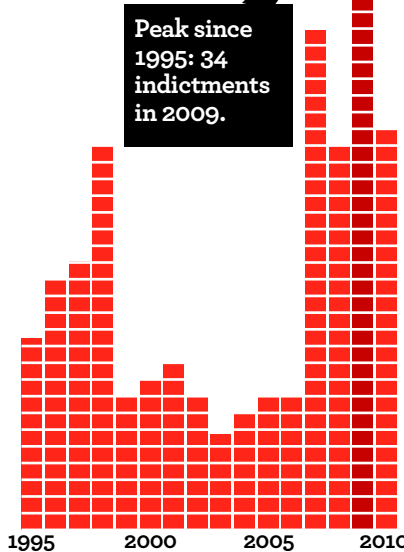
In the case of Clark Cleveland, the suspect charged with taking the life of Utah man Tracy Ivie, Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loebs used the grand jury — a secret investigative body comprised of ordinary citizens but charged with great legal power — to levy 12 felony charges that could send Cleveland to jail for the rest of his life.

The grand jury also offers little transparency. An individual suspected of committing a crime isn't informed that he or she is a target of investigation, nor is the suspect required to appear in court until indicted and either summonses or arrested. And often, since the defendant isn't made aware of the hearing, only the prosecution presents evidence and witnesses to the grand jury. But jurors must consider all evidence provided, whether it helps or harms the prosecution's case for charges.

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Indictments by year

Since a standing grand jury was reinstated in Twin Falls County around 1995, it has handed down 214 indictments. Here's a year-by-year breakdown. Amended indictments from a single case are counted as separate indictments.



Notable grand jury cases:

A selection of high-profile felony cases in which a grand jury indicted the suspect:

Clark Cleveland
Indictment: Murder and 11 other felonies, July 28
Allegation: Fatal shooting of Tracy Ivie on July 15
Status: Jury trial set for January 2012

Nicholas Sites
Indictment: Robbery (five counts), May
Allegation: Robbing two Twin Falls banks with a gun
Status: Trial set for November

Valentin Calvillo
Indictment: Lewd conduct with a minor (8 counts), June 2010
Allegation: Inappropriate contact with a teenage girl
Status: Convicted, but petitioning for a new trial

Majid Kolestani
Indictment: Murder, September 2008
Allegation: Fatal shooting Ehsan Kababian
Status: Pleaded guilty and sentenced to prison

John McElhiney
Indictment: Murder, January 2008
Allegation: Murder of Dale Miller
Status: Pleaded guilty and sentenced to prison

John Horonzy
Indictment: Murder, February 2006
Allegation: Strangulation of Rosemarie Murphy
Status: Pleaded guilty and sentenced to prison

I Don't Care if You're Old; it's 5 a.m.:Go Back to Bed

I'll turn 60 later this year — "AARPed," I believe, is verb for that — and of all the questions I have about becoming a seasoned citizen, one predominates:

Will I be obliged to eat supper at 4:30 in the afternoon?

Older people do, you know. Walk into any local buffet-style eatery any day at that hour, and you'll see them in their multitudes, ladling gravy over Jell-O salad and complaining about the government.

I'm worried that this practice might be a prerequisite for Social Security.

And to be perfectly truthful, I'm not at all hungry at 4:30 p.m. and I do my best grousing about Obama in the mornings.

Conventional wisdom has it that senior citizens dine so early because they get up so early and are in bed before their grandkids. That's just wrong. If you're retired, why get up at 5 a.m.? And where is it written that you can't stay up until quarter past Letterman without falling asleep on the couch and waking up to an infomercial?

Seems to me that older folks have succumbed to the bad example of their parents and grandparents, who got up early because they were still farming at age 75 and went to bed at 8 because they were bored beyond all reason.

And they've surrendered to propaganda of the Barcalounger Corp., which can only stay in business by convincing people that they're very, very sleepy.

But let's be exquisitely frank, can we? An awful lot of older Americans lead soporific lives.

Plus senior citizens place such a premium on wearing comfortable shoes and never drinking coffee after 8 a.m. that it's no wonder they're dead on their feet by sunset.

I see one-third of a nation sleeping through prime time, and it's high time it stopped.

So I propose dinner at 8 for everyone over 60. And any retired person who gets up earlier than Matt Lauer would automatically be kicked out of the Mall Walkers.

No one who remembers



Steve Crump

You Don't Say?

the Eisenhower administration should be allowed to watch *Antiques Road Show* — dude, you're parodying yourself — and anyone of a certain age who owns boots should be required to scooter them.

Not to put too fine a point on it, but you older people — and remember, I won't be one of you for a few more weeks — are *borrrrring*, and I'm afraid the dull is going to rub off.

For I am, you understand, quite the opposite: *bon vivant*, *raconteur*, man-about-Filer. I swing with a sparkling crowd, go clubbing into the small hours of each morning and trade *bon mots* with the glitterati.

Which, of course, means I will beer with the neighbors, exchange insults with my barber and am usually in bed by 11.

Yet that's a lot more lively than those of you in the 4:30 dinner crowd. Seems to me you folks have just given up. Eating supper before 5 is the moral equivalent of wearing sweatpants all the time.

And I don't care if you're hungry at 4:30.

You are, after all, over 21. You can drive a car. You can dance with your spouse, and if you've none, you're fully capable of asking a person of the converse gender to tea.

In short, you still have a fully functional Groove Thang, and you should shake it at every possible opportunity.

Follow my 59-year-old example. Last Saturday, I walked three miles, sham-pooed the carpet, gave the dog a bath, sanded down a coffee table I'm refinishing, dined with my wife, and stayed up to well nigh midnight. I felt like a million bucks, and slept in until 10 on Sunday morning.

And certainly wasn't eating supper at 4:30 that afternoon.

Couldn't have; I was taking a nap.

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Jerome Woman Lunches With Obama

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Kathleen McKevitt of Jerome ate lunch on Wednesday with President Barack Obama.

Idaho's status as one of the reddest states in the U.S. didn't diminish her enthusiasm any. She was one of six summer organizers aiding Obama's re-election efforts who dined with the president after winning an essay contest organized by his campaign.

That's how McKevitt, a freelance photojournalist and writer, found herself eating a cheeseburger alongside her commander-in-chief at Ted's Bulletin, an upscale Washington, D.C., restaurant. The lunch was overwhelming at first, but then gradually became more comfortable, she said.

"The experience of talking with the president was very casual," she said. "I don't think anyone was nervous."

The two talked about Idaho, where the president indicated that his 2008 campaign stop in Boise was a

memorable one.

"He felt so warmly welcomed here," McKevitt said. "He really just actually went on and on about it and how much he appreciated the warmth of the people, the openheartedness."

Obama also enjoyed hearing her say the state could double the crowd count if he comes to Idaho for another stop.

"There were 16,000 people in Boise to greet him and he remembers that fondly so we talked about that," McKevitt said. "I told him if he came back we would double that number and we laughed about that."

The focus of the group's conversation during the lunch was about grassroots community organizing.

"It was a conversation that centered around community organizing and the value of a grassroots movements where people are informed directly, where we listen to their stories and find out what they're really thinking," she said. The group's geographic diversity was broad and included Cal-



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Kathleen McKevitt of Jerome (third from left) is pictured here with President Barack Obama and five other grassroots community organizers from across the nation who were selected for a lunch with the president.

ifornia, Oregon, Maryland, Florida and Pennsylvania.

The group consisted of Oscar De Los Santos, 17, of Porter Ranch, Calif.; Nora Fee, 18, of Portland, Ore.; Victoria Kirby, 24, of Suitland, Md.; Celeste Rotunda, 20, of Gainesville, Fla.; and, Henry Shah, 16, of Philadelphia, Pa.

For McKevitt, community organizing means making calls to Idahoans in a seven-county region of south-cen-

tral Idaho and putting together house parties for discussions. McKevitt said, in her experience, people who aren't Republican feel disenfranchised in Idaho and that their vote doesn't count.

So will Obama manage to fit in a campaign stop in Idaho in 2012?

That's hard to say. "He is more than willing," McKevitt said. "How they outline his schedule is another thing."

Football

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While economists have argued that the effect of a lost NFL season would have been a blip in comparison to the economic turmoil caused by the also averted default of the federal government, the NFL is a global, multi billion-dollar force buoyed by cross-promotions for beer, food, licensed apparel and all the people employed to bring those goods to fans.

Sports Illustrated reported in its March 14 issue that the NFL rakes in \$9.3 billion annually by selling broadcast and merchandise licensing rights, product sponsorships, tickets and concessions, just to name a few of the major revenue streams.

A fall without pro football would have equated to suffering for area bars and restaurants, especially those with sports themes. National chains like Buffalo Wild Wings and the locally-owned Pressbox in Twin Falls are just two businesses that fall into that category. Football-crazy fans love to gather in a common place with food, drinks and plenty of televisions, and these businesses cater to that crowd. Without pro football, restaurants and bars would have no need to increase staff in the fall, leaving more locals out of work.

"We tried to think about life without football," said Toma Bartlett, who runs The Press-



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Kraig Rehn, with Watkins Distributing in Twin Falls, gives a tour of the Twin Falls facility for media on Wednesday.

box. "We were looking at other in-house promotions to draw people in. But there wasn't a definitive answer because (football) is such a big part of your business."

While the bulk of NFL games draw people to the bar on Sundays, Monday and Thursday-night games also highlight key regular-season matchups. Bartlett said losing a customer draw that spans nearly half of each week from September to January would have cost his business thousands.

At Buffalo Wild Wings, service manager Jim York estimated that customer traffic increases by 40 percent on NFL Sundays. But he played down concerns about losing the season, saying management knew a labor resolution would happen and football would go on.

"Our general manager wasn't worried," said York.

A reduction of food and beverage sales, particularly beer sales, would have been felt another Twin Falls company, Watkins Distributing. Company president Mitch Watkins is glad the labor dispute is settled, as he distributes Anheuser-Busch products to Magic Valley retailers.

The company behind Budweiser is a major NFL sponsor with a six-year, \$1.2 billion deal. As a distributor, Watkins sells beer to grocery stores, convenience stores and bars, meaning he makes money whether people stay

at home with a six-pack or go out for a draft. In addition, he supplies signage and displays branded by both Budweiser and the NFL to retailers in the hopes that the lure of the pro league will appeal to shoppers.

"College football is great, but it's not like when people say, 'Let's go watch Monday Night Football at the Pressbox,'" he said.

Speaking of TV, York said that college football remains a popular draw, but still lags behind the NFL. Boise State fans can be counted on to get out and watch football together in the Magic Valley, perhaps more so now that the Broncos have moved to the Mountain West Conference and won't be as easy to catch on TV for some. Half of their season will be broadcast on The Mtn., CBS Sports Network and Versus, cable channels usually bundled in premium packages not everyone gets.

Cable One added the NFL Network to much fanfare last year, said Twin Falls General Manager Russ Young. The network came as part of a channel bundle subscribers could buy for an additional \$15 per month. The channel features news, commentary, highlights and classic games, but a significant draw comes in the live games offered in the fall.

"The biggest impact would have been a lack of programming," Young said.

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He noted that Cable One wouldn't have been as affected by a possible lockout as satellite competitor DirecTV, which offers the NFL Sunday Ticket as exclusive content. Subscribers to that package pay \$66.99 per month for five months for the ability to watch every game every week. The satellite TV provider pays \$1 billion annually for the rights to eight games and the Sunday Ticket package. ESPN shells out \$1.1 billion per year for 18 games, FOX \$712.5 million for 102 games, NBC \$650 million for 18 games and CBS \$622.5 million for 102 games.

The coming NFL regular season begins Sept. 8, with a single game between New Orleans and defending Super Bowl champion Green Bay. Coincidentally, the Saints recently signed Glens Ferry High School graduate Corey Hall, formerly employed by the Packers.

The following Sunday features 13 games, with two more to follow on Monday. The regular season is slated for 17 weeks, meaning 17 Sundays and Monday nights of revenue for businesses.

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Jury

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The public isn't included in the process either, sometimes giving the false appearance that the wheels of justice aren't moving. Even after an indictment is filed, a transcript of the secret hearing is available to a defendant, but not the public.

Loebs defends the secrecy, saying it is needed for the protection of all parties.

"The police don't telegraph to the public what cases they're working on," he said. If a suspect knows the grand jury is investigating, he or she may flee, threaten witnesses or destroy evidence. Secrecy also offers protection to the jurors of high-profile cases like the 2008 murder of Dale Miller in Twin Falls and the 2006 strangulation of Rosemarie Murphy. In both cases, suspects who eventually pleaded guilty to the murders were indicted by a grand jury.

On the flip side, the secret nature of the grand jury preserves an individual's character if he or she is not accused of a crime at the end of the hearing.

"It protects people on both sides and the integrity of the case," Loebs said.

Custody of the tightly held information of a grand jury hearing is also entrusted in the jurors, who face criminal penalties for sharing information from a hearing, even after its completion.

Steeped in secrecy, the process isn't without criticism and controversy. Defense attorneys are generally not fans of the grand jury, particularly here, where the body was once disbanded.

The *Times-News* reported in 1992 that approximately 30 criminal indictments were struck down by a district judge after the county's public defender, Mike Wood, and other defense attorneys challenged the cases and alleged misconduct in the office of former Prosecutor Ellen Baxter. The grand jury, which must be renewed by a district judge every six months, was discontinued for a few years. According to court records, Twin Falls County didn't see a single case stem from a grand jury indictment in 1993 and 1994.

Soon after, newly-elected Prosecutor G. Richard Bevan petitioned the court for a new grand jury. Since then, the grand jury has handed down 214 indictments, as Loebs has continued its use since taking the top job in 1997.

Twin Falls County's current public defender, Marilyn Paul, declined to share an opinion about the grand jury process on Friday.

Every case is different, so Loebs doesn't have a set of prerequisites as to which cases should go before a grand jury and which cases should be filed as a complaint. Of the hundreds of felony cases filed in the county each year — 470 adult felony cases were filed in 2010 — Loebs said the bulk goes through the preliminary process.

"I can't take every little grand theft or burglary to (the grand jury)," he said. "It would be too time consuming."

So don't be surprised if someday you get a summons for jury duty and wind up on the grand jury. Just keep your lips zipped.

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Grand Jury 101

What is a grand jury?

• **A grand jury** is a body of citizens called together to hear evidence and testimony against individuals suspected of felony criminal activity. The grand jury determines whether probable cause exists to charge the individual with a crime or crimes. If so, the grand jury will issue an indictment, and a suspect must answer to the charges in district court. The process is an alternative from the preliminary process, in which the prosecutor files a criminal complaint and an affidavit of probable cause with the court, to which the suspect must answer.

• **Grand juries hear** other types of cases, such as child protection cases, but major

felony indictments garner more public attention because of their nature.

• **Not every state** has a grand jury, but federal criminal cases always begin with a grand jury indictment, as there is no preliminary process.

How does a grand jury work?

• **A grand jury consists** of 16 jurors, but only 12 are needed to vote on an indictment. Jurors' votes are recorded by not disclosed unless ordered by the court.

• **The jurors serve a term** of no more than six months. The prosecuting attorney may re-file a motion to form a new grand jury for the next term. Citizens summoned to jury duty may find themselves appointed

to the grand jury if they pass the selection process, which is administered by a district judge. Because of the extended term of a presiding grand jury, odds are that most prospective jurors will likely serve on a single trial and be dismissed within days or weeks, not months.

What powers does a grand jury possess?

• **The grand jury hears** evidence presented by the prosecuting attorney and witness testimony, much like a trial jury. However, a grand jury takes a more ac-

tive role in proceedings. It can subpoena individuals and documents and question those items of potential evidence. It can choose not to hear a case. It can add charges or subtract charges from a prosecutor's proposed indictment.

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FELONY SENTENCINGS

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Tanya P. Valdez, 39, Twin Falls; possession of Hydrocodone with intent to deliver, five years penitentiary, two determinate, three indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$2,500 fine, \$265.50 costs, \$849.63 restitution, \$500 public defender fee, \$435 court compliance costs, pay \$100 to Idaho Department of Correction for presentence investigation report.

Gerardo H. Diaz, 37, Twin Falls; driving under the influence (third in 10 years), six years penitentiary, three determinate, three indeterminate, three years probation, \$2,500 fine, \$2,000 suspended, \$270.50 costs, \$475 court compliance costs, \$500 public defender fee, serve 120 days in county jail as term of probation, complete intensive outpatient treatment upon release from jail, driver's license suspended two years, obtain and follow all recommendations of alcohol and mental health evaluations.

Rodney M. Ward, 37, Twin Falls; possession of mari-

juana with intent to deliver, four years penitentiary, 1 1/2 determinate, 2 1/2 indeterminate, \$5,000 fine; possession of marijuana, four years penitentiary, 1 1/2 determinate, 2 1/2 indeterminate, three years probation, 100 hours community service, serve 365 days in county jail as term of probation.

Mark C. Degler, 53, Tonahpah, Nev.; eluding a peace officer, five years penitentiary, two determinate, three indeterminate, \$225 costs; aggravated assault on a police officer, eight years penitentiary, two determinate, six indeterminate.

James J. Johnson, 30, Twin Falls; domestic battery relating in traumatic injury, burglary, grand theft, operating vehicle without owner's consent, dismissed to a plea of guilty to domestic battery relating in traumatic injury, five years penitentiary, three determinate, two indeterminate, three years probation, \$225 costs, \$500 public defender fee, \$2,676 restitution, 102 hours community service, perform 48 additional hours on Magistrate Probation Office Work Detail, obtain and follow all recommendations of mental health evaluation.

FELONY DISMISSALS

Clark J. Cleveland, 26, Spring Creek, Nev.; eluding a police officer, aggravated battery on a law enforcement officer, dismissed due to superseding grand jury indictment.

David A. Hendricks, 36, Twin Falls; possession of methamphetamine, state's dismissal.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Molly L. Larrison, 54, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$800 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, one credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation.

Eric N. Sengvanhpheng,

20, Buhl; driving under the influence (under age 21), \$800 fine, \$500 suspended, \$182.50 costs, driving privileges suspended 365 days, 12 months probation, obtain and follow all recommendations of alcohol evaluation.

Cole M. Howard, 25, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$800 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, one credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation, obtain and follow all recommendations of alcohol evaluation, participate in Victim's Panel Program.

Sarah S. Charley, 27, Burley; driving under the influence (aggravated), amended to driving under the influence, \$800 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, 90 days jail, 85 suspended, one credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation, can

be transferred to Cassia County, participate on Victims Impact Panel, obtain and follow all recommendations of alcohol evaluation.

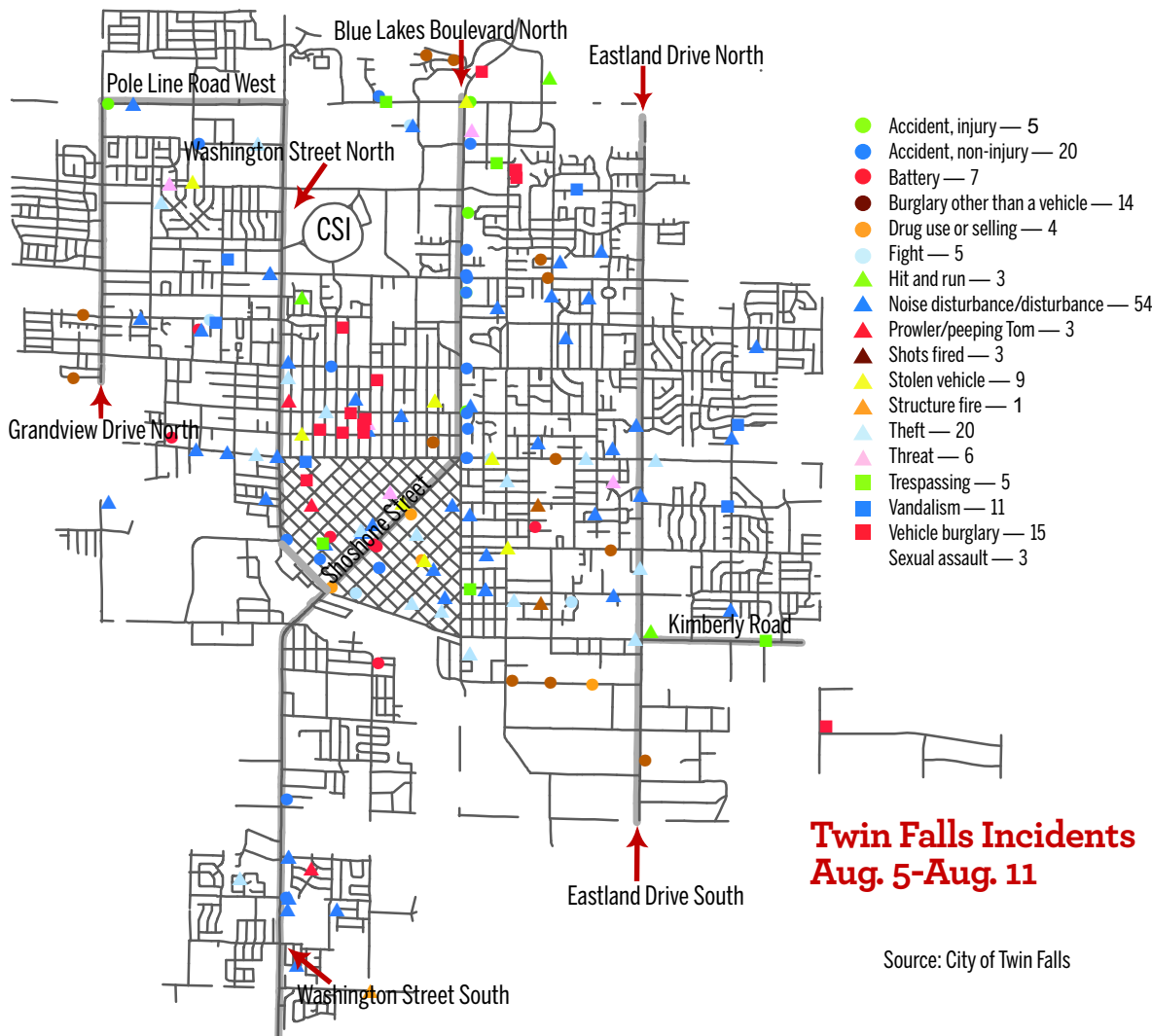
Shanay N. Terrell, 23, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, amended to driving under the influence (excessive), \$1,000 fine, \$800 suspended, \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender

fee, 180 days jail, 170 suspended, driving privileges suspended 365 days, 24 months probation, no alcohol, obtain and follow all recommendations of alcohol evaluation.

Jose Orozco-Chavez, 32, Murtaugh; driving under the influence, \$800 fine, \$500 suspended, \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, 180 days jail, 175 sus-

pended, one credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 24 months probation, no alcohol, obtain and follow all recommendations of alcohol evaluation; injury to child, state's dismissal per plea of guilty to driving under the influence.

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

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Jose Hernandez-Rios, 49, Jerome; driving under the influence, \$800 fine, \$600 suspended, \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, three credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 18 months probation, no alcohol, judgment withheld.
Amanda D. Olsen, 28, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, amended to driving under the influence (second offense), \$1,000 fine, \$700 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 180 days jail, 170 suspended, one credited, driving privileges suspended 365 days, 24 months probation, no alcohol, participate on Victims Impact Panel, obtain and follow all recommendations of alcohol evaluation.

CIVIL FILINGS
J&M Cattle Company LLC vs. Antonio Azevedo dba Antonio Azevedo Dairy. Plaintiff alleges that defendant breached

contract by failing to pay plaintiff for service provided. Seeking judgment, \$81,649 of unpaid account plus interest and attorney's fees.
Mark Gritton vs. State of Idaho, Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Michael Graham, Kent Ireton, Brent Culver, Scott Chapin and Denise Chapin. Plaintiff, a former employee, alleges that he saw defendants awarding funds and contracts to third-party entities without first complying with Idaho's procurement rules. Seeking judgment, damages relating to loss of job and attorney's fees.
DIVORCES FILED
Paul Huntington vs. Nikki Cluff-Huntington
Ben H. Merritt vs. Lisa L. Merritt
Solon L. Short vs. Ashley R. Short
Kathryn M. West-Christensen vs. Ronal M. Christensen
Paul Pena Jr. vs. Amie

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Jose F. Gonzalez vs. Yadi-ra Gonzalez
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DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS
Consuelo Aguirre, 33, Burley; driving under the influence, \$800 fine, \$500 suspended, \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, 90 days jail, 86 suspended,

four credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 18 months probation, no alcohol, obtain and follow all recommendations of mental health evaluation.
Edgar M. Perez, 21, Hansen; driving under the influence, \$500 fine suspended, costs waived, 90 days jail, 70 suspended, five credited, driving privileges suspended 90 days, 12 months probation, no alcohol.

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Section of Falls Ave. to Close Monday, Tuesday

TIMES-NEWS

A section of Falls Avenue in Twin Falls will be closed Monday and Tuesday for paving work.

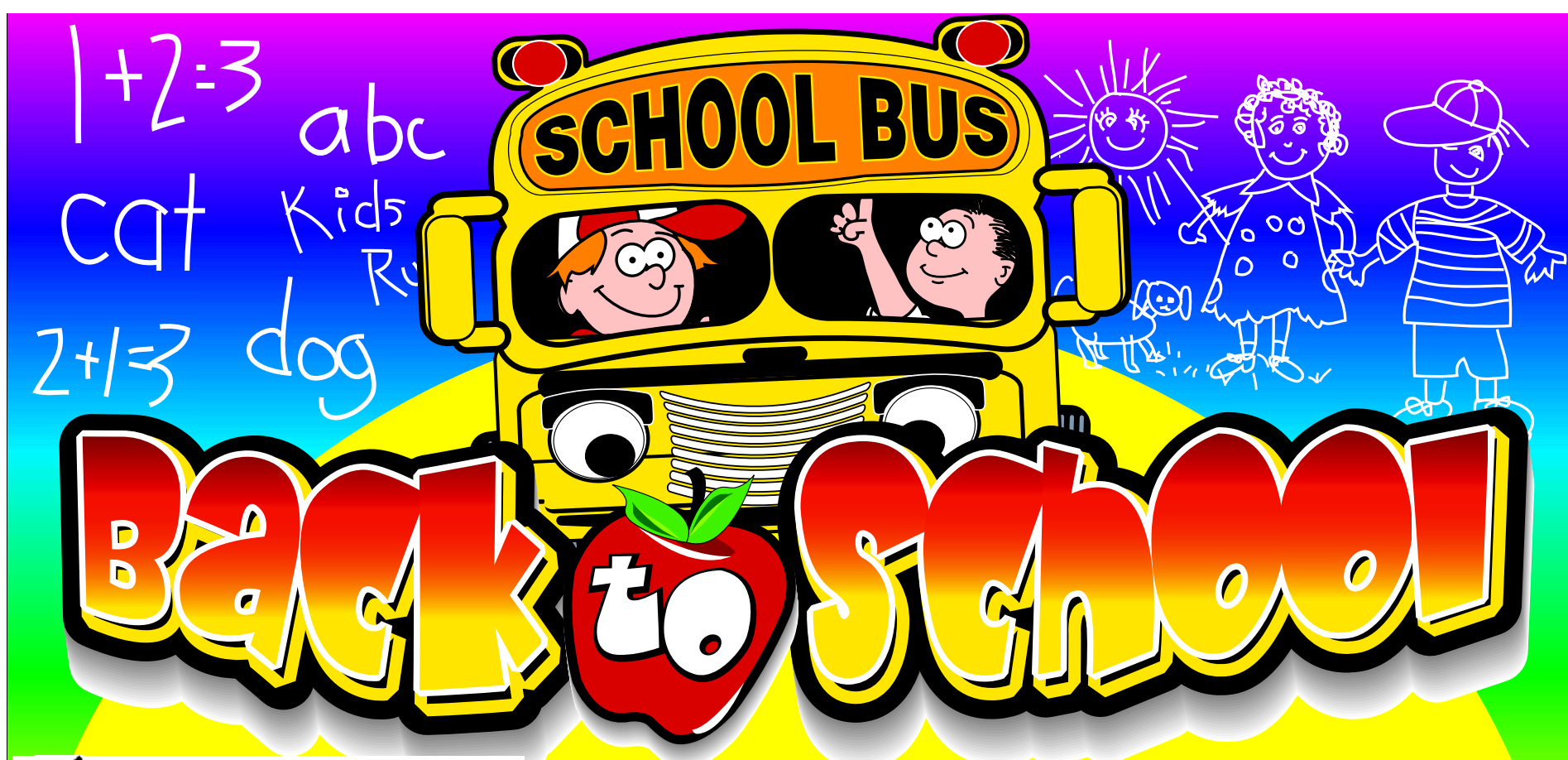
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The busy street will be closed between Locust Street and Eastland Drive, and motorists will need to find alternative east-west routes through the city. The paving work is associated with the city's \$18.5 million arsenic reduction project.

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TIMES-NEWS

(ABOVE) Victor Hernandez's 1985 Buick Regal with hydraulics sits wonky as a group of people pass by during the 12th annual Hispanic Heritage Car Show Saturday afternoon at Twin Falls City Park. (RIGHT) All types of cars were on display at the Car Show. See more photos online.



DREW NASH • TIMES-NEWS

J.D. Webb and the Downstate Ramblers perform during the Snake River Bluegrass Festival Saturday afternoon at Riverside Park in Heyburn.

Bluegrass

Continued from the front page favorite espressos and shaved ice drinks. In other places, Dutch ovens were filled and ready for appreciative palates.

There were even a few things to do for the younger crowd such as a bounce

house provided by Party Hardy. Eli Duffin and Keegan Murphy were literally bouncing off the walls and turning somersaults, then flying down the slide.

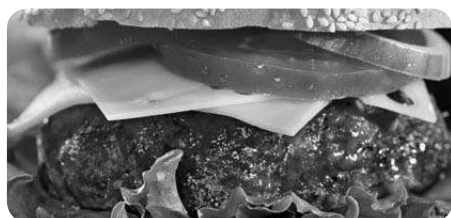
Other musical groups included Idaho Stillwaters Band, of Buhl, and Front Porch Flavor.

Cans of food and money

raised at the festival will help charitable causes, such as the Rotary Club and South Central Community Action to provide emergency food and services for the needy.

Coreen Hart may be reached at 436-1186 or jimmreenie@pmt.org.

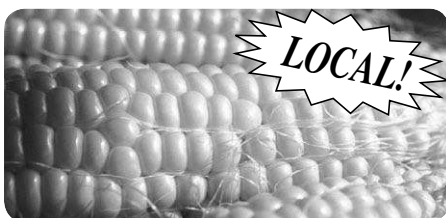
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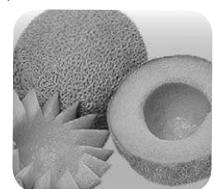


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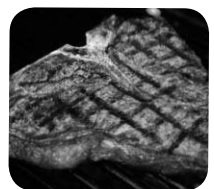


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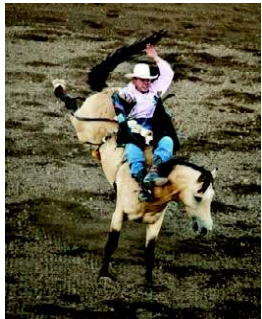
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COURTESY PHOTO

Ashley Manor Opens New Location in Jerome

Jerome Alzheimer's and dementia care facility Ashley Manor recently celebrated the opening of its newest location at 101 15th Ave. E. in Jerome

The 16-bed facility is owned by Keith Fletcher and Roger Malm. Employees include Regional Director Candace Wilson, Admission Director Amber Tubbs and Administrator Cathy McKay. Information: 244-2099.



COURTESY PHOTO

Copper Plum Opens in Burley

Mini-Cassia Chamber Ambassadors hosted a ribbon cutting at the Copper Plum to commemorate its grand opening.

The business is owned by Janet Burch, Beckie Clark, Vicki Babbitt and Holly Harris. It offers home decor, gift and craft items from its 2502 Overland Ave. location in Burley.

The Copper Plum is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays and Saturdays.



COURTESY PHOTO

Massage by Joy Opens in Burley

Mini-Cassia Chamber Ambassadors hosted a ribbon cutting at Massage by Joy, 1321 Albion Ave., Burley, to commemorate its grand opening.

The business is owned by Joy Dragt. Dragt is pictured cutting the ribbon. She specializes in therapeutic and relaxing massages. For appointments: 539-5393.

Stevens Pierce & Associates Opens Ketchum Location

Stevens Pierce & Associates, CPAs announced the opening of a new satellite office in the Wood River Valley.

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BLAIR KOCH • FOR THE TIMES-NEWS

Tracy Hulse, owner of Evergreen Assisted Living Center in Buhl, poses in the under-construction main living area as a drywall laborer walks in the background. The facility is scheduled to open in October as the sister site to an assisted living home Hulse opened two years ago.

A GROWING MARKET FOR AN AGING COMMUNITY

Increased demand for assisted living facilities has led one Buhl business owner to expand her company's facilities well before her original timeline.

BY BLAIR KOCH
For the Times-News

BUHL • While her husband kept his gaze on the television screen, Lorraine Prigmore smoothed a small wrinkle in the corner of the comforter on his bed. Prigmore's husband, Don Prigmore is a

resident at River Rock Assisted Living in Buhl.

After suffering a stroke, Don couldn't return to his Buhl home because the level of care he now requires.

"I called (River Rock) right away to get him here because we live in Buhl and wanted him close by," Lorraine said. "But they were full. We had to wait eight months before we could come here."

"That was one phone call I was so happy to make," Administrator Dee Cunningham said of when a space for the Prigmores opened up.

Tracy Hulse hopes the addition of

Evergreen Place Assisted Living will help meet the growing need for assisted living in the Buhl area. Hulse owns R&T Hulse Homes Corp., which operates several assisted living homes in the Buhl area.

When Hulse, 44, opened River Rock Assisted Living Center two years ago, the 16-bed facility quickly filled to capacity. However, the phone calls from families wishing to place their elderly loved ones — and calls from many elderly residents themselves — continued to come.

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Trader Gregory Rowe and specialist Jennifer Klesaris work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Friday. Is it time to panic? It's impossible to predict where stocks are heading but history does offer some solace to jittery investors.

After a Wild Week for Stocks, What to do?

BY BERNARD CONDON
Associated Press

NEW YORK • Is it time to sell everything or buy with abandon?

Investors can't make up their minds. This week was one of the most volatile in the history of Wall Street. The Dow Jones industrial average swung more than 400 points four days in a row — down, then up, then down, then up.

It's frightening, but experts say the fear results partly because memories of the financial meltdown of 2008, when stocks lost half their value, are fresh.

Their advice: Hold tight. It's not time to sell, but it's probably not time to pour money into stocks, either.

"The stock market has done so well historically that, even if it is overpriced, you're likely to do OK," says Robert Shiller, a Yale University economist famous for having warned against bubbles in technology stocks and housing.

Though he believes the stock market is still overvalued by historical averages, he says it is closer to fairly valued than before. He suggests investors move their money "modestly" into stocks.

A pair of widely respected gauges of market value suggest stocks are no great bargain. But since the Great Depression, shallow bear markets — drops of 20 percent or so in stock prices — are much more common than the huge plunges of 2008.

Of the 12 bear markets since the Great Depression, only three have qualified as "mega-meltdowns," with drops of 40 percent or more, says Sam Stovall, chief investment strategist at Standard & Poor's.

The market isn't quite in bear territory yet. The Dow closed up about 1 percent Friday and finished the volatile week down just 1.5 percent. Since the market's highs of April 29, the Dow is

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T.F. Resident Named Red Cross Preparedness Specialist

TIMES-NEWS

Roger Hinton of Twin Falls has been hired as the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho's preparedness and response specialist for south-central Idaho.

The Red Cross announced the hiring on Friday. Hinton has volunteered with the Red Cross for a year, working in both disaster operations and health and safety services.

"I am thrilled to accept this position with an organization I have always admired and have worked with for the past year," Hinton said in a written release. "As a former policeman, I often worked with Red Cross volunteers on-site of emergency situations and saw the services and hope they offered to victims"

Hinton is responsible for area preparedness and response programs in the area. He will work out of the Red Cross' Twin Falls office at 253 Fourth Ave. N. It's open Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"We are thrilled to have Roger assume this larger role with the organization," Jodie Andrew, director of emergency services said in a written release. "Roger took the lead for the Red Cross when residents of a local Twin Falls motel were recently threatened by a gunman. He set up a reception center to provide safety and security for the evacuated residents and saw that food and information was made available to them as the situation evolved."

"That kind of coolness under pressure demonstrates Roger's ability to manage and lead in emergency situations and to help South Central district residents with their emergency preparedness and response needs."

U.S. Grows Own Version of Pricey Japanese Kobe Beef

MICHAEL HILL
Associated Press

CAZENOVIA, N.Y. • Half a world away from the secretive farms that produce Japan's legendary Kobe beef, Jerry Wilson raises the American version of the meat that will become \$50 steaks and \$13 burgers.

The chocolatey brown cattle at Wilson's Meadows Farm don't technically produce Kobe beef — that term is reserved for the Japanese super high-end cut famous for its succulent taste and eye-popping prices. Wilson calls his meat "American Style Kobe Beef." Other ranchers use similar names like "Kobe-style beef" or "wagyu beef," a reference to the breed of cattle.

Whatever the name, domestic production of the pricey product has grown from practically nothing a dozen years ago to a flourishing boutique niche, with recent growth fueled in part by a ban on Japanese beef because of reports of foot-and-mouth disease. While American ranchers might not be able to match the mystique of Japanese Kobe and much of the domestic product is cross-bred, they say their product compares to the legendarily luscious stuff.

"We can get through any door we want," said Wilson, watching his high-priced herd crowd a bucket of barley dumped on the ground. "All we have to do is a taste test."

Kobe is to beef what a Maserati is to sports cars: the epitome of pricey, exclusive luxury item. Steaks can retail for more than \$100 at high-end restaurants and specialty stores. Don't look for it plastic-wrapped in the meat aisle of your local supermarket.

True Kobe beef comes from wagyu cattle raised in the Hyogo prefecture of Japan, where Kobe is the capital city. Japanese ranchers are notoriously secretive about their techniques, giving rise to stories that they ply their small herds with beer (to stimulate appetite in hot weather) and have sake massaged into their skin (thought to stimulate muscles).

Kobe is fatty, but not in a bad way. The thin veins are laced in so uniformly that cuts really do look like marble. Wagyu meat has a higher proportion of unsaturated fat — the "good" kind of fat — when compared to meats from other breeds. It's the fat that helps give the beef a flavor and mouth melt that sends tasters



A male Wagyu calf, left, stands with its mother at Meadows Farm on June 28 in Cazenovia, N.Y. Kobe beef from the United States can't be called Kobe. Because of an import ban, Kobe-style or Wagyu beef is the closest most Americans can come to tasting the legendary meat.

to the thesaurus in search of adjectives like velvety, scrumptious, silky and savory. "You mention fat and it's like saying 'rat poison.' We've been conditioned to believe that all fat that you eat is bad. And that's simply not true, especially with wagyu," said Robert Estrin, co-owner of Lone Mountain Ranch Cattle Co. in Golden, N.M. Estrin raises "full blood" or 100 percent wagyu cattle.

There are about 150 U.S. producers in the American Wagyu Association, many of them with 25 head or less, said Michael Beattie, executive director of the industry group. The largest, Boise, Idaho-based Snake River Farms, slaughters 10,000 to 15,000 head of wagyu a year — a very thin slice of total annual U.S. commercial slaughter of about 34 million.

Snake River's Jay Theiler said their wagyu business is growing about 20 percent a year, with growth coming not only from steaks, but from hamburger, hot dog and barbecue meat.

"It's very small here," Beattie said of the wagyu business. "But the potential for this breed to grow is huge."

U.S. officials stopped the import of meat from Japan last year after the foot-and-mouth disease reports. So connoisseurs dropping \$145 for a pair of 12-ounce wagyu rib-eyes are likely purchasing from a domestic producer or from Australia.

Most American wagyu can be traced back to a small herd that came over from Japan in the '90s. Many of the animals were cross-bred with Angus and Hereford cattle, which diluted the breed's unique attributes. At the Meadows farm southeast of Syracuse, all the steer they kill for meat are "purebred," or more than 93.75 percent wagyu. But farm manager Tod Avery said that not all wagyu sold to consumers has the same level of quality.

"They think Kobe is Kobe," Avery said. "They have no idea."

U.S. Department of Agriculture guidelines do not permit the use of the term "Kobe" alone to describe American-grown wagyu beef, but labels like "American Style" or "American Brand Kobe Beef" are OK. And beef that comes from cattle cross-bred with Angus or other breeds needs to be labeled as such.

U.S. wagyu producers are in the early stages of developing a grading scale they say will reflect the superior meat they produce and the extra time and care it takes to raise it.

At Meadows Farm, Avery skips the beer and sake, but the 170 head have a couple of hundred acres to roam. They are not given growth hormones, steroids or corn (Avery said the corn makes the fat fatty). They're on feed for two years, which is far longer than regular cattle.

Wilson and Avery switched

over from a dairy operation in 2002 with a purebred bull named Ito and eight pregnant cows. They did not sell the first-generation offspring, but continued to breed more and more wagyu in each generation.

They are hands-on enough with their cattle that some of the animals here even have names. They talk about Ito, who was recently slaughtered after nine years of service, like a beloved dog — albeit one you would eat.

"I ate the tenderloin this week at my daughter's graduation," Wilson said. "It was unbelievable."

A wagyu carcass can bring the farm \$4,500, minus the cost it takes to raise it for three years. Wilson said that though it sounds like a big number, "at the end of the day it's a few bucks."

Most of the farm's business is with local restaurants. They also sell from the farm, and recently sold some hamburger patties made from Ito to a reporter and photographer as they left the farm.

Avery gave clear instructions: don't defrost the patties in the microwave, let the meat come to room temperature before cooking it, and grill just until medium rare.

Off the charcoal grill the next evening, the burgers really were different. They didn't shrink down. The taste was assertively beefy without shading into gamey.

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Hulse's waiting list grew, and grew.

"The plan all along was to expand and build another assisted living center, but not this soon after opening River Rock. However, the demand is there. This is market driven," Hulse said Thursday.

The 16-bed Evergreen Place is currently under construction next door to River Rock, located at 1063 Burley Ave., It's set to open Oct. 1.

Although rooms are still available, more than half already have deposits securing them, Hulse said.

"Each resident has their own private room with a bathroom," Hulse said. "State law only requires one bathroom for eight residents, but when I set out to build my homes, I did it to give my residents what they want."

Hulse has worked in assisted living since the 1990s and is a licensed administrator. The first facility under her ownership was Buhl's Applegate Assisted Living, which Hulse and her ex-husband purchased in

1990. She sold that facility to finance construction of River Rock.

In 1995, Hulse added Woodland Assisted Living to her company's mix. Hulse still owns and operates the facility along U.S. Highway 30 between Buhl and Hagerman.

A local bank is helping finance construction of Evergreen Place, Hulse said, but she declined to detail project costs.

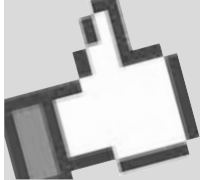
"I've started small and managed the growth from the beginning because this has always been the plan," Hulse said, adding that the Woodland facility has five acres and room for future growth if Hulse decides to build another home in the future.

She does see challenges for the assisted living industry. For one, it isn't ready to handle an influx from the Baby Boomer generation. According to U.S. Census Bureau projections, the number of U.S. residents 85 years or older will increase from 5.3 million in 2008 to more than 21 million in 2050.

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down 12 percent. The S&P 500 is down 13.5 percent.

Though history is only a rough guide, Stovall suspects that any coming bear market won't be severe and will end quickly. Bear markets last a year and five months on average.

Stovall is cautiously bullish. He says investors tend to dwell on the recent past when investing in stocks, so they're selling now because they fear a repeat of the 2008 collapse. In the year and a half ending March 9, 2009, stocks dropped

57 percent.

If the financial crisis had happened in 1988, not 2008, it wouldn't be on most people's minds.

"The market is down because people remember getting sucked up in the previous bear market," Stovall says.

A lot of Wall Street pros say you'd be a fool not to buy stocks now. Prices seem low compared with what stock analysts expect companies to earn this year. But these pros are almost always saying to buy — and almost always too slow to lower their earnings projections when times get tough.

In recent weeks, they've

barely touched their projections despite slowing U.S. economic growth and mounting European debt problems. In fact, they expect U.S. companies to make more money than ever this year.

Besides the possibility the pros are too bullish about earnings, there are two major reasons to worry:

- Investors fear that Europe's debt crisis could spread to Italy and Spain and lead to big losses at European banks that have lent to the nations that are in trouble.

- In the U.S., the Federal Reserve earlier this week signaled that it would keep

interest rates super-low for two more years because of expectations that unemployment will remain high and economic growth slow.

The Fed's decision came after the government said the U.S. economy had barely expanded in the first six months of this year. Fears have grown that the U.S. could fall into a new recession.

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Tattered Economy Has a Silver Lining for Conservationists

BY JULIE CART
Los Angeles Times

VOLCANO LAKE, Calif. • The news is distressing: A cratering real estate market, tight-fisted banks unwilling to make loans and no appetite among elected officials to let go of a dime.

So why are conservationists smiling?

It turns out that the tattered economy has cracked open a window of opportunity for groups seeking to set aside land for preservation. With property developers and speculators on the sidelines — and cautious folks electing to forgo building that cabin in the woods — desirable land is on the market for a fraction of its former price.

And thanks to laws extending tax breaks and other incentives, rural residents are lining up as never before to work with local land trusts in hopes of saving the family farm.

“There are some extraordinary deals out there, from (parcels in) the North Woods of Maine to timber companies divesting because there are no housing starts and they can’t sell their lumber,” said Rand Wentworth, president of the Land Trust Alliance.

Statistics are difficult to come by, but anecdotal evidence suggests that land conservation rates have maintained the pace of the first half of the decade. Total acres set aside by local, state and national trusts doubled from 2000 to 2005; a snapshot for 2005 to 2010 will be released in coming months.

To make the most of their current opportunity, conservation groups are putting together complicated, leveraged deals involving bond money from state agencies, grants from federal departments and, increasingly, large donations from private individuals.

Jim Morgan is one of them.

The Silicon Valley pioneer — who spent nearly 30 years as chief executive of Applied Materials, one of the world’s largest microchip companies — started coming to the northern Sierra in the late 1960s, skiing in the winter and hiking in the summer. In the ’90s, Morgan and his family began pondering how to preserve the region and create a once-in-a-lifetime conservation legacy.

“I like bringing complex ideas together and solving problems,” Morgan, 72, said while enjoying a sandwich on a bright, warm day beside Volcano Lake. Even deep into summer, snow lingered on the shoulders of the peaks, setting rugged rock faces in sharp relief. The lake

shimmered, clear and mirror-like.

“Look around,” he said. “How could you not want to preserve this for the future?”

So Morgan in 2008 dangled a \$10 million carrot in front of a handful of conservation groups and set forth a challenge: You can use this money only if you work cooperatively and strategically to preserve a swath of the High Sierra that sweeps north from Lake Tahoe — a world of granite peaks, deep alpine lakes and dappled meadows that supply most of California’s fresh water.

The Northern Sierra Partnership was born, bringing together national conservation heavyweights such as the Trust for Public Land and the Nature Conservancy, the California-based Resources Legacy Fund and local organizations such as the Truckee Donner Land Trust, the Feather River Land Trust and the Sierra Business Council.

While the goal of such cooperative efforts is often to preserve watersheds and provide a haven for plants and animals, many philanthropists focus on ensuring that traditional uses and public access are maintained.

In some cases, private land is acquired and opened for hiking and fishing. Conservation easements can be written to allow for livestock grazing and timber cutting.

Last year, the Trust for Public Land and the Truckee Donner Land Trust negotiated with Sierra Pacific Industries to place 4,000 acres of critical watershed in a conservation easement, the first ever agreed to by the state’s largest private landowner. The deal prohibits clear-cutting and the use of some herbicides, but allows timber harvesting. The easement also allows for public access to the land.

And this summer, state groups brokered the purchase of the last parcel of private land on the face of Sierra Buttes, 835 acres that includes Volcano and Young America Lake, a segment of the Pacific Crest Trail and other popular hiking routes.

At the height of the real estate market, rural families had a difficult time saying no to million-dollar offers from developers. But the extension of a handful of tax incentives has made it easier for them to join forces with local groups to place farmland into trusts and easements.

“Conservation easements allow people to get their equity out of the property and still keep it,” said Jason Moghaddas of the Feather River Trust, based in Quincy, Calif.

Republican Field Takes Dim View of Ethanol Subsidies

BY SEEMA MEHTA
Los Angeles Times

DES MOINES, Iowa • For decades, nearly every candidate who hoped to win the presidency has visited this state to pledge their allegiance to King Corn and to the government subsidies that have propped up its price and increased demand for it.

But for the first time, the GOP field is dominated by candidates who want to do away with such kickbacks. One even used his formal campaign kickoff in front of the gold-domed statehouse here to announce his opposition to such subsidies.

“Politicians are often afraid that if they’re too honest, they might lose an election. I’m afraid that in 2012, if we’re not honest enough, we may lose our country,” former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty said in May.

“We need to get government out. ... The free market, not freebies from politicians, should decide a company’s success. So, as part of a larger reform, we need to phase out subsidies across all sources of energy and all industries, including ethanol. We simply can’t afford them anymore.”

In previous election cycles, that message was unimaginable, a political rule so ingrained that it was the undoing of a presidential candidate on an episode of “The West Wing.”

Corn still matters in the Hawkeye State. Iowa farmers produce more than 2 billion bushels annually, more than 40 percent of which is used to make ethanol, a fuel additive that the government had hoped would reduce American dependence on foreign oil. The state is the beneficiary of a number of agricultural subsidies, but ethanol is the one that has typically drawn the most heat. The subsidy — which goes to the fuel blender, typically an oil company — costs the nation \$6 billion annually. Although the farmers don’t receive the subsidy, they benefit because increased demand for corn has raised prices.

However, the subsidy is set to expire at the end of the year, and even ethanol industry groups and the Republican senator from Iowa, cognizant that it has fallen from favor, are amenable to some reductions.

The GOP field largely opposes the subsidy. In addition to Pawlenty, former Sen. Rick Santorum and businessman Herman Cain have said they favor phasing it out, while Rep. Michele Bachmann has called for a re-examination of all energy subsidies. Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, has long opposed all



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Eve Myers, a clerk at Claremont Service in Claremont, Minnesota, the only convenience store in town, talks with farmer John Fosness. Fosness used to be a shareholder at Al-Corn but sold his shares and now sells his corn to hog farmers.

subsidies. Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney has supported such subsidies, but has said they should be phased out once an industry is established.

Former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman used his opposition to ethanol, corn and soybean subsidies to explain why he is not competing in Iowa.

“I probably won’t be spending a lot of time in Iowa. I understand how the politics work there,” Huntsman said in June.

Political strategists largely believe that his decision is prompted by his inability to compete in the state because of his moderate stances on issues such as immigration, as well as his Mormon faith, which could be obstacles among the state’s conservative and evangelical caucus-goers.

Iowans simply didn’t buy his rationale.

“To me, it doesn’t seem like it’s true. He could still compete,” said Marietta Vance, an undecided Republican from Hazelton. “They feel maybe they couldn’t make a real strong stand, and they’re using it as the reason, but it’s not the actual truth.”

Recent polling bears this out: More than three-quarters of likely GOP voters in Iowa reported that they would consider supporting a candidate who favored eliminating ethanol subsidies.

Several factors are likely behind this shift. In the short term, voters have recently become heavily focused on the nation’s spending, debt and deficit, and some who once supported such subsidies say the nation can simply no longer afford them.

“The issues that are at the top of the minds of average Iowa caucus-goers, much like most Americans, are issues relating to the economy, creating private-sector jobs, and stopping unsustainable spending out of Washington, even those Iowans who make their living off the farm economy,” said state GOP Chairman Matt Strawn, the son and grandson of corn and soybean farmers.

without the subsidy. Additionally, MTBE — an additive that competed with ethanol — fell from favor in the last decade because it can contaminate groundwater. Also, Iowans are leaving rural farming areas for cities, so they have less connection with agriculture than they once did.

The opposition to the subsidies has created strange bedfellows — among them anti-tax groups, environmentalists and those concerned with rising food prices. Even many farmers favor ending the ethanol subsidies, if those for oil are curtailed as well.

“Originally, it was probably a good thing to have them to get the industry going,” said Todd Kalkwarf, an undecided Republican who raises corn, soybeans and sheep on 1,000 acres in Aplington, about two hours northeast of Des Moines. “We’re at the point now where we could slowly start to wean that away.”

He said the nation’s fiscal crises make such a move more palatable.

“We’re all aware of the cuts that need to be made,” said Kalkwarf, 40. “We’re going to have to be at the table to talk about that. Everyone’s pretty much honest that that’s going to happen.”

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Wall Street’s Rugged Journey Compounds States’ Pension Fears

BY MICHAEL GORMLEY
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. • Wall Street’s volatility has hit state pension funds just as they were beginning to recover from the recession, turning what was merely a troubled forecast into a potentially stormy future for taxpayers who are on the hook for billions in unfunded liabilities for government retirees.

As for the millions of government clerks, engineers, janitors, teachers and firefighters in the retirement systems, they are protected by law or, as in New York, by the state constitution, to be backed up by tax dollars if necessary. Their benefits remain safe for life in guaranteed “defined benefit” pension plans that are disappearing in the private sector, where most employees are left to fend for themselves with 401(k) plans that they mostly or entirely fund themselves.

California’s main public-employee pension fund, the nation’s largest, has lost at least \$18 billion off its stock portfolio since July 1, about 7.5 percent of its \$237.5 billion total asset value on June 30.

Florida’s pension fund has lost about \$9 billion since June 30, a decline of 7 percent for a fund valued at \$119.4 billion on Thursday, while the Virginia Retirement System shrank from \$54.5 billion on June 30 to about \$51 billion by week’s end, a decline of 6.4 percent, said its director, Robert P. Schultze.

New York’s state comptroller will not say how much the state pension fund has

“The events of the last two months are a reminder of how wrong that might be.”
— E.J. McMahon, a senior fellow at the conservative Manhattan Institute for Policy Research

lost during the latest Wall Street roller coaster, but the fund was 5 percent below its pre-recession value before the recent losses and remained nearly \$8 billion below its pre-recession value.

And Kentucky, which has more than \$20 billion in unfunded pension liabilities, has seen the value of its public pension fund decline \$1.7 billion — or 15 percent — since July 1, falling to a total value of \$9.7 billion.

Nationwide, states have a combined \$689.5 billion in unfunded pension liabilities and \$418 billion in government retiree health care obligations, according to data collected earlier this year by The Associated Press. Those benefits are protected by state law or, as in New York, by the constitution.

Pension fund managers say there is no risk current government retirees will miss a monthly check and that they are remaining calm and taking the long view in their investments. Some say the market plunge is even providing a great opportunity to buy stocks at fire-sale prices.

Kentucky Retirement Systems Chief Investor T.J. Carlson said his fund has not made significant changes to its investments in response to the market turmoil.

“We haven’t changed our long-term strategy in any way,” he said.

Critics of the defined benefit plans, which guarantee

ernment workers — were clawing their way back from losses in 2008 and 2009 that cost them up to one-third of their asset value.

The recent losses are stoking fears again that taxpayers will have to bail them out at the expense of other programs that already have been subject to deep budget cuts. The state already faces an estimated \$75 billion in unfunded public pension liabilities.

“The stock market volatility just shows that the public budget should not be subject to the Dow Jones Industrial Average,” said Dan Pellissier, president of California Pension Reform, a group that is preparing a ballot initiative to limit the amounts governments can spend for future pensions.

Pellissier himself will qualify for a \$5,000-a-month state pension when he turns 55 in five years after working in state government for two decades. Despite his own government pension, Pellissier said public employees should bear the investment risk for retirement benefits just as private-sector employees do through 401(k) plans.

New York state Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli said public pension funds work well. New York has reduced pension benefits in the past year for newly hired workers and lowered its performance outlook to 7.5 percent, while most states remain at 8 percent.

“This is a fund that has worked and been able to pay out benefits for 90 years,” he said. Managers also note the “funding ratio,” which is the percentage of the fund needed to pay out all its obliga-

tions, is more than 80 percent in many states, which pension managers say is positive.

As an example of pension funds adapting to meet changing conditions, the \$51 billion Pennsylvania Public School Employees’ Retirement System increased its cash allocation to 8 percent after the 2008 market crash so it could pay benefits without having to sell assets. It has lost as much as 3 percent in value since July 1.

After a strong showing last year in a rebounding market, many state pension fund managers are confident they will ride out the latest gut-churning gyrations on Wall Street.

While Virginia’s fund has an unfunded liability of \$17.6 billion, it diversified after the stock market losses in 2008 and 2009, allowing it to better weather stock market swings. New Jersey’s pension portfolio is more diverse than ever and includes real estate, hedge funds and private equity investments.

“It’s a hedge against the kind of market conditions we’ve seen over the past two weeks,” state Treasury spokesman Andy Pratt said. “We have significant protection against the ups and downs of the stock market we’re seeing now.”

He said returns for the last fiscal year were between 17.5 percent and 18.5 percent, the best year since 1998.

In Massachusetts, investments are being diversified and loopholes to accrue pension benefits are being closed. The state also added 15 years to its deadline for fully funding the retirement system, pushing it to 2040.

COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE GROUP SPENT \$120,000 LOBBYING

WASHINGTON (AP) • The Commercial Real Estate Finance Council, which represents buyers and sellers of investments backed by commercial property loans, spent \$120,000 in the second quarter lobbying the federal government.

That’s down about 29 percent from the \$170,000 the trade group spent in the first quarter, and down 14 percent from the \$140,000 it spent in the second quarter last year.

The trade group lobbied on issues related to banking, securities, commercial real estate capital market finance, securitization, credit rating agencies, financial services regulatory reform, terrorism and catastrophe, flood and bond insurance, according to a disclosure report filed July 20.

Besides Congress, the group lobbied the Treasury Department, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.





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Buying Farm Land Reaps Annual Gains

BY SETH LUBOVE
Bloomberg News

GRANGER, Ind. • Perry Vieth baled hay on a neighbor’s farm in Wisconsin for two summers during high school in 1972 and 1973. The grueling labor left him with no doubt about getting a college degree so that he’d never have to work as hard again for a paycheck. Thirty-eight years later, and after a career as a securities lawyer and fixed-income trader, Vieth is back on the farm.

Except, now, he owns it. As co-founder of Ceres Partners, a Granger, Ind.-based investment firm, Vieth oversees 61 farms valued at \$63.3 million in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Tennessee. He’s so enthusiastic about the investments that he quit a job in 2008 overseeing \$7 billion in fixed-income assets at PanAgora Asset Management Inc., a Boston-based quantitative money management firm, to focus full time on farming.

On a spring afternoon, Vieth, 54, barrels along back-country roads in a Jeep Cherokee in Indiana and Michigan to scout a fruit orchard and corn and soybean farms to buy. Rural towns with names such as Three Rivers pass by in a blur, separated by a wide horizon of fields with young crops popping up.

“When I told people I was leaving to start an investment fund in farmland, they said, ‘You’re doing what?’” says Vieth, in a red polo golf shirt and khakis. “It will always be difficult for Wall Street firms to understand. It’s not like buying stocks on a computer.”

It’s much better: Returns from farmland have trounced those of equities. Ceres Partners produced an average annual gain of 16.4 percent after fees from January 2008, just after the firm started, through June of this year, Vieth says.

The bulk of the returns are in rent payments from tenant farmers who grow and

Ceres’s Roots Run to Wall Street

BY SETH LUBOVE
Bloomberg News

GRANGER, Ind. • Ceres Partners’ Wall Street roots are evident in the firm’s makeshift office in an old clapboard farmhouse that sits in the middle of cropland. Lucite tombstones resting on a shelf in a small room mark deals done by Brandon Zick, a former vice president of strategic acquisitions at Morgan Stanley’s investment management unit. Ceres co-founder Perry Vieth hired Zick in January to help analyze and manage farm purchases.

Vieth, a 1982 graduate of Notre Dame Law School, began his career as a securities and corporate lawyer before moving to the pits of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, where he traded S&P 500 options. After a series of stints running an arbitrage team for Fuji Securities Inc. and other firms, he was hired as chief investment officer of fixed income at PanAgora in 1999.

By about 2006, Vieth’s concerns about the economy were mounting: Inflation was at a low, and the dollar had peaked as U.S. debt and deficits soared. So he searched for an asset class that would benefit from a currency decline and rising prices. His research led him to farms, since a falling dollar boosts U.S. crop exports.

Vieth then connected with Paul Blum, a fellow Notre Dame alumnus who spent some of his youth on a farm in upstate New York and today acts as Ceres’s point person with tenant farmers.

As the dollar fell 24 percent against the euro from January 2006 through May 2008, the pair started buying land as personal investments until the business grew too big for Vieth to manage during evenings and weekends. So, in late 2007, he founded Ceres, just as tightening credit markets began to push the global economy into a recession.

He named the firm Ceres for both the Roman goddess of agriculture and a bar he frequented during his trading days in Chicago. “I was more convinced hard assets were where you wanted to be, and farmland was the best investment I could identify,” Vieth says.

sell the crops and from land appreciation. The Standard & Poor’s GSCI Agriculture Index of eight raw materials gained 5.3 percent annually over the same period, and the S&P 500 Index dropped almost 1 percent.

Investors are pouring into farmland in the U.S. and parts of Europe, Latin America and Africa as global food prices soar. A fund controlled by George Soros, the billionaire hedge-fund manager, owns 23.4 percent of South American farmland venture Adecoagro.

Hedge funds Ospraie Management and Passport

Capital as well as Harvard University’s endowment are also betting on farming. TIAA-CREF, the \$466 billion financial services giant, has \$2 billion invested in some 600,000 acres of farmland in Australia, Brazil and North America and wants to double the size of its investment.

“I have frequently told people that one of the best investments in the world will be farmland,” says Jim Rogers, 68, chairman of Singapore-based Rogers Holdings, who predicted the start of the global commodities rally in 1996. “You’ve got to

buy in a place where it rains, and you have to have a farmer who knows what he’s doing. If you can do that, you will make a double whammy because the crops are becoming more valuable.”

The growth in demand for food, spurred by the rising middle classes in China, India and other emerging markets, shows no signs of abating. Food prices in June, as measured by a United Nations index of 55 food commodities, were just slightly below their peak in February. The U.N.’s Food and Agriculture Organization said in a June report that it expects food costs to remain high through 2012.

So many investors have rushed to capitalize on food prices in the past three years that they may be creating a farmland bubble. The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, which covers Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska and other agricultural states, said in May that farmland prices had surged 20 percent in the first quarter compared with a year earlier.

“Yes, farmland will be a bubble again; all agricultural products will be in a bubble again,” says Rogers, who is an investor in Agrifirma Brazil, a South American farmland owner.

Hedge-fund manager Stephen Diggle calls farming the ultimate safe haven. Diggle began buying farms with his own money in 2008 after Lehman Brothers filed for bankruptcy in September of that year and the S&P 500 plunged 43 percent in the next six months. He purchased 8,000 acres in Uruguay, three smaller plots in southern Illinois and an 80-acre New Zealand kiwi-and-avocado orchard.

“We really thought all the investment banks would go under,” says Diggle, who as a hedge-fund manager uses options and warrants to bet on price swings in the market. “Everyone said, ‘Buy gold.’ But at the end of the day, you can’t eat it. If everything else goes and I just

have these farms, it makes me moderately wealthy.”

The hedge fund Diggle co-founded, Artradis Fund Management in Singapore, suffered about \$700 million in losses. He closed it in March and opened another Singapore-based hedge fund, Vulpes Investment Management. Diggle plans to incorporate his five farms into an investment management group run by Vulpes.

From his vantage point in Asia, where the British expatriate has worked for the past two decades, Diggle says he’s witnessed aspiring locals eating their way up the food chain.

“You can see what a more prosperous China will consume,” Diggle, 47, says. “It means more dairy, more meat — not just pork and chicken.”

Investors find in farmland a respite from the cyclical price swings of the commodities market. Since 1970, there have been at least four price jumps of at least 100 percent that were followed by steep declines in the S&P agriculture commodities index. By contrast, the average value of an acre of farmland tracked by the U.S. Department of Agriculture has been on a mostly steady climb from \$737 in 1980 to \$2,350 in 2011.

“Farmland is the lowest-risk part of the value chain, but it’s also a key part of production,” says Jose Minaya, TIAA-CREF’s head of natural resources and infrastructure investments.

The farm-investing boom is making lots of people happy, but could it all end in tears? The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., which regulates banks that lend to farmers, has examined whether investors may be pumping up prices and creating the conditions for a crash like the one that devastated the market in the 1980s, resulting in the failure of 300 farm banks.

In March, then-FDIC Chairman Sheila Bair devoted a symposium to the topic

in Washington with the participation of economists, bankers and agricultural experts. “If there is a bubble in farmland prices, I hope the bulk of any correction is borne by investors such as hedge funds and not by the banking industry,” William Isaac, chairman of the FDIC during the farm banking bust and now senior managing director of FTI Consulting Inc. said during the event.

Charles McNairy, whose family has been involved in agriculture since 1871, says neophyte investors who lack a deep understanding of farming are making bad deals. In 2009, McNairy started U.S. Farming Realty Trust, a fund based in Kinston, N.C., that had raised \$261 million as of late May to buy farms, according to a Securities and Exchange Commission filing.

McNairy says funds such as Ceres have been overpaying for land, based on the return from crops. “Ceres shouldn’t be buying in the Midwest,” says McNairy, who declined to disclose the states he invests in. “It’s crazy to be buying up there.”

Vieth disagrees, saying Ceres’s returns prove that his strategy is working. “I certainly don’t want to start slinging mud, but I don’t know what the heck he’s talking about.”

Vieth’s farm funds are facing head winds in coming months and years: A likely rise in interest rates will push up his acquisition costs and the value of the dollar, which in turn might hurt commodity exports. While the former trader keeps a close eye on the dollar, he says farming will continue to thrive.

Investors seem to agree. At a dining-room table in the farmhouse in Granger, Vieth sits down at his computer one evening and totals the day’s haul: another \$900,000 from investors looking for comfort — and profits — in one of the oldest and most essential industries on the planet.



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Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi reacts during a press conference at the end of a Cabinet Ministers meeting on the approval of the new austerity measures, Friday in Rome. Italy’s government has approved \$64.12 billion in cuts over the next two years to balance the budget by 2013 to meet demands of European Central Bank.

ITALY TO SLASH POLITICAL JOBS IN NEW AUSTERITY

BY ALESSANDRA RIZZO
Associated Press

ROME • Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi predicted Saturday his government’s emergency austerity package — which raises taxes, cuts political jobs and consolidates small towns — would quickly be passed by parliament.

Berlusconi also said the \$64.8 billion package won praise by European leaders including German Chancellor Angela Merkel and by the European Central Bank.

“I have received great appreciation,” Berlusconi told the ANSA news agency, saying he had spoken with Merkel and ECB President Jean-Claude Trichet earlier in the day. “It was not just the Italian position to be in question — the euro was in question, therefore Europe itself.”

Berlusconi’s comments on Merkel were confirmed

by Berlin.

“The chancellor has made positive and appreciative remarks on the Italian austerity package,” a German government spokesman said, declining to be named in line with government policy.

The package — a mix of spending cuts and tax increases, including a “solidarity tax” for high-earners — aims to calm market turmoil and make sure Italy is not the next victim of Europe’s debt crisis.

Italy is expected to grow only by about 1 percent this year and has one of the highest debts in the 17-nation eurozone. The European Central Bank last week began buying Italian and Spanish bonds to try to stop those countries’ borrowing costs from soaring.

The news measures were passed in an emergency decree approved by the Cabinet on Friday evening, after days of frantic negotiations.

The decree is effective immediately but must be turned into law by parliament within 60 days.

“I believe it is going to be a safe journey,” Berlusconi was quoted as saying by ANSA. He said that some difficulty may arise as lawmakers may resist cuts to administrative jobs and perks.

Those cuts are prominent in the package, which was passed at a time of widespread discontent among citizens over the generous salaries and benefits enjoyed by Italy’s political elite.

Cabinet Minister Roberto Calderoli promised Saturday the number of national lawmakers, currently almost 1,000, would be halved — though this requires a lengthy constitutional process.

He said provincial administrations for towns with less than 300,000 residents or smaller than 1,160 square miles will be abolished.

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JPMorgan Executive's Pep Rallies Seek to Allay Financial Fears

BY E. SCOTT RECKARD
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES • Jamie Dimon's getting-to-know-you bus tour of the West Coast, planned last spring, couldn't have come at a more awkward time for the JPMorgan Chase & Co. chief executive. With financial shares flopping around like penny stocks, the Fed keeping interest rates near zero and fears of a global recession, it's not exactly a comfortable time for bankers.

But Dixon — dressed in jeans and polo shirt — took to the tour this week from Seattle to San Diego like a head cheerleader.

Visiting locales that had branches of failed Washington Mutual Bank, which JPMorgan Chase took over, Dimon delivered a no-panic message as he schmoozed with rich clients at a Santa Barbara, Calif., cookout, met with Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa at a branch under construction and rallied the troops.

Pumping up his enthusiasm before stepping off the tour bus into a frenzy of pompon-waving employees in Encinitas, Calif., he body-slammed Pablo Sanchez, the executive overseeing Chase's expansion in the West.

Dimon said his goal on this tour was to break out of his usual pattern of site visits, which was usually to meet a few key executives and clients in a big city, get on a plane and head back to New York.

"I just thought, 'Why don't we get off the beaten path, out with employees that never get visited by anyone high up in the company?'" he said.

Many observers thought the economic turmoil would force him to bail out of the trip, said Todd Maclin, Chase's head of consumer and business banking. But Dimon, relaxed, caustic and sometimes joking, said the banking system shows no sign of freezing up the way it



COURTESY PHOTO
JPMorgan Chase & Co. chief executive Jamie Dimon.

did during the 2008 crisis.

"There's always a chance, a possibility, of something like that," he said Thursday afternoon as his black tour bus — which also carried several other bank executives — cruised through Orange County. "But we don't think so. I'd be back in New York if I did."

In staying the course on his West Coast tour, Dimon became a prime example of the financial industry's push to assure the public, government and shareholders that the banking system is now far better capitalized and more conservatively managed than when its near-collapse triggered the long global recession.

"The public is crying out for confidence and information," Steve Bartlett, president of the Financial Services Roundtable, said in a recent memo to the big institutions that back his lobbying group. "Several CEOs are doing this, and it is paying big dividends for them

and for the industry as a whole."

Dimon did acknowledge public fears. "A lot of smart people say there are good reasons not to invest in the bank at this time — and they're right," he said at one point. But then he quickly added that he was speaking from a short-term perspective.

Long-term, he said, his bank will recover and prosper, thanks to investing even during challenging times in things such as the giant California market.

Chase outbid three other banks in September 2008 for Washington Mutual, paying \$1.9 billion to regulators for the largest U.S. bank ever to fail. But Dimon has been adding branches since then.

Some larger locations will have a "bank within a bank" space where customers with at least \$250,000 in assets to invest will have access to research and counseling from Chase's private banking arm.

During the event with Villaraigosa in downtown Los Angeles, Chase executives suggested that the mayor might make use of the service. But the mayor wasn't biting. "On my salary?" Villaraigosa said with a shrug.

In addition to adding branches and private banking services, Maclin said Chase sees opportunity in lending to what's known as the middle market — businesses with \$20 million to \$500 million in yearly sales.

So far, Chase has yet to make many inroads in that space, said Dominic Ng, chairman of Pasadena's East West Bancorp.

"Chase has mainly been a force in the retail or very small business areas since it

took over WaMu," Ng said.

As the tour bus rolled south across Camp Pendleton, Dimon commented on several issues that banks are facing. He summed up the foreclosure robo-signing scandal and its aftermath as an "unmitigated disaster." Of proposed new regulations for banks he said, "We support 75 percent of it." But he added, "We have the (Office of the Comptroller of the

Currency), the FDIC, the Fed and now the (Consumer Financial Protection Bureau) all looking at what we're doing. There's going to be all kinds of overlap."

And he dismissed complaints that banks are not doing much lending. "It's just not true," Dimon said. "If you go to Wells (Fargo & Co.), they'll say the same thing."

He appeared to be mock-

ing himself — or maybe not — as the driver steered the bus into an Encinitas shopping center where the cheering managers, tellers and loan officers lined up outside a Chase branch to greet him.

"You just watch," Dimon said before striding into the bank to praise the employees' dedication. "We'll show them how the big guys do it — the guys from New York."

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SF Cell Shutdown: Safety Issue, or Hint of Orwell?



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Commuters enter and exit a Bay Area Rapid Transit station in San Francisco's financial district in this Sept. 1997 file photo. Officials with the Bay Area Rapid Transit system, better known as BART, said Friday that they blocked cellphone reception in San Francisco train stations for three hours to disrupt planned demonstrations over a police shooting.

BY TERRY COLLINS
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO • An illegal, Orwellian violation of free-speech rights? Or just a smart tactic to protect train passengers' safety from rowdy would-be demonstrators during a busy evening commute?

The question resonated Saturday in San Francisco and beyond as details emerged of Bay Area Rapid Transit officials' decision to cut off underground cell phone service for a few hours at some stations Thursday. Commuters at stations from

downtown to the city's main airport were affected as BART officials sought to tactically thwart a planned protest over the recent fatal shooting of a 45-year-old man by transit police.

Two days later, the move had civil rights and legal experts questioning the agency's move, and drew backlash from one transit board member who was taken aback by the decision.

"I'm just shocked that they didn't think about the implications of this. We really don't have the right to be this type of censor," said Lynette Sweet, who serves

on BART board. "In my opinion, we've let the actions of a few people affect everybody. And that's not fair."

Similar questions of censorship have arisen in recently days as Britain's government put the idea of curbing social media services on the table in response to several nights of widespread looting and violence in London and other English cities. Police claim that young criminals used Twitter and BlackBerry instant messages to coordinate looting sprees in riots.

Prime Minister David

Cameron said that the government, spy agencies and the communications industry are looking at whether there should be limits on the use of social media sites like Twitter and Facebook or services like BlackBerry Messenger to spread disorder. The suggestions have met with outrage — with some critics comparing Cameron to the despots ousted during the Arab Spring.

In the San Francisco instance, Sweet said BART board members were told by the agency of its decision during the closed portion of its meeting Thursday afternoon, less than three hours before the protest was scheduled to start.

"It was almost like an after-thought," Sweet told The Associated Press. "This is a land of free speech and for us to think we can do that shows we've grown well beyond the business of what we're supposed to be doing and that's providing transportation. Not censorship."

But was it truly censorship? Channels of communication were cut off for everyone at a given station, not just those whose speech the transit authority was trying to impede. And beyond that, there are legal nuances to consider, including whether under the law BART is considered a government agency — a key component in deciding if censorship.

These situations are largely new ones, of course. A

couple of decades ago, during the fax-machine and pay-phone era, the notion of people organizing mass gatherings in real time on wireless devices would have

been fantasy.

BART Deputy Police Chief Benson Fairrow said that, for his agency, the issue boiled down simply to one of public safety.

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Utah Liquor Board Lacks Industry Representation

BY JOSH LOFTIN
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY • All of Utah's state boards and commissions that oversee licensing, permits and disciplinary action include industry representatives who bring expertise and experience to the process, except one — the state liquor board, according to an Associated Press review.

The Air Quality Board includes representatives from mining, agricultural and fuel industries. The Real Estate Commission includes realtors. The Solid and Hazardous Waste Board includes operators of garbage facilities. The state Funeral Services Board is run by three funeral home owners and two members of the public.

The board of the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control, by contrast, is made up of three teetotaler Mormons and one self-described social drinker, none with any experience in the hospitality industry. In fact, state law won't allow anyone with even tangential ties to the industry to be involved in the process.

There are dozens of other state commissions and advisory councils on which industry plays a role. In most



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Del Vance, owner of Salt Lake City's Beehive Pub, pours a beer in Salt Lake City on Aug. 8. Vance and other bar owners in Utah complain that state officials and lawmakers make it too difficult for tourists and other patrons to imbibe, offering limited liquor licenses and instituting archaic and restrictive laws.

cases, state statute requires it. Lawmakers have argued each board should include members from within the industry it regulates to provide valuable expertise for often complex issues. They have made no such argument for the alcohol board in a state where The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which forbids its members from drinking, has historically had significant influence over state liquor policy. The board has operated this way since the end of Prohibition.

Bar and restaurant owners say the entire process is skewed to try to keep people from imbibing in Utah, and it's a blow to business.

Del Vance, owner of Salt Lake City's Beehive Pub, says there's such disdain for alco-

hol consumption by state lawmakers that he doesn't think having an industry representative on the board would make any difference.

"It would work for about five minutes, until the person suggested something positive and got tossed out," Vance said. Lawmakers don't want "to make it easy, convenient or beneficial for the tourism industry. Their mission is to make it as difficult as possible to get a drink."

Recent changes to state law even prohibit immediate family of alcohol control board members, including children, from working as busboys or waiters in any establishment that serves spirits.

While current board members agree the process could be more effective, and at the very least perceived to be fair, if an industry representative were included, they note that decision is up to the Legislature.

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Super 8 (13) Daily 7:00 9:30 Sat - Sun 1:00 4:00

Cars 2 (PG) Daily 7:00 9:30 Sat - Sun 1:00 4:00

Zoo Keeper (PG) Daily 7:30 9:45 Sat-Sun 12:45 3:00 5:15

Green Lantern (13) Daily 7:15 9:30 Sat - Sun 1:15 4:15

Larry Crowne (13) Daily 7:15 9:30 Sat - Sun 12:30 2:45 5:00

Jerome Cinema 4

955 West Main, Jerome All Adults \$6.00 before 5:15

Jerome is 50 cents a Ticket Less than Twin Falls - It Saves to Drive

Cowboys & Aliens (13) Daily 7:15 9:45 Sat - Sun 12:45 4:15

Rise of the Planet of the Apes (13) Daily 7:00 9:15 Fri - Sun 12:30 2:40 4:50

Captain America (13) Daily 7:15 9:45 Sat - Sun 12:45 4:15

The Smurfs (PG) Daily 7:00 9:15 Fri - Sun 12:30 2:40 4:50

Summer Matinee #11 - Friday August 12 shows at 10:30 12:45 3:00

Planet 51 (PG) or **Judy Moody Not Bummer Summer** (PG)

Summer Matinee #12 - Friday August 19 shows at 10:30 12:45 3:00

Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG) or **Mr. Popper's Penguins** (PG)

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Twin Cinema 12

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Captain America (13) Daily 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:30

Crazy Stupid Love (13) Daily 1:15 4:15 7:15 9:45

30 Minutes or Less (R) Daily 12:45 3:00 5:15 7:30 9:45

Final Destination 5 in 3D (R) Daily 12:15 2:30 4:45 7:00 9:15

Rise of the Planet of the Apes (13) Daily 12:45 3:00 5:15 7:30 9:45

The Smurfs (PG) Daily 12:45 3:00 5:15 7:30 9:45

The Help (R) Daily 12:45 3:45 7:00 9:45

Friends with Benefits (R) Daily 7:15 9:45 Fri to Sun 12:45 3:45

Cowboys & Aliens (13) In #6 Daily 7:15 9:45 Fri to Sun 12:45 3:45 In #8 Daily 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:30

Transformers: Dark of the Moon (13) Daily 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:45

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2 (13) Daily 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:45

Summer Matinee #11 Monday Aug 15 to Thursday Aug 18

Showtimes 10:30 12:45 3:00 for

Planet 51 (PG) or **Judy Moody Not Bummer Summer** (PG)

Summer Matinee #12 - Monday to Thursday August 22 to 25

shows at 10:30 12:45 3:00

Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG) or **Mr. Popper's Penguins** (PG)

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the Help (PG-13)

Twin Cinema 12 Theatre

Jesse Eisenberg Danny McBride Aziz Ansari

30 MINUTES OR LESS (R)

Receipe for Failure - 2 Stupid Robbers - 2 Dumber Kids with Lower IQ's - 1 Bomb - and a Bank.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny. High 88.

Tonight: Mostly clear. Low 53.

Tomorrow: A bit cooler, partly cloudy. High 82.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Temperature

Yesterday's High 95°
Yesterday's Low 49°
Normal High / Low 87° / 52°
Record High 98° in 1994
Record Low 42° in 1957

Precipitation

Yesterday's 0.00"
Month to Date 0.11"
Avg. Month to Date 0.18"
Water Year to Date 11.13"
Avg. Water Year to Date 9.4"

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

Some afternoon showers and thunderstorms today and tomorrow. Storms will be isolated with most locations staying dry.

Today Highs 70's to 80's
Tonight's Lows 40's

BOISE

A few degrees cooler today than yesterday but still above average and warm. Skies cover to remain clear today and tonight.

Today Highs 80's to 90's / 50's

NORTHERN UTAH

Scattered showers and thunderstorms are possible across the region this afternoon as monsoonal moisture returns.

Idaho Falls 85 / 53
Pocatello 85 / 58
Rupert 88 / 54
Burley 88 / 53
Twin Falls 92 / 57
Mountain Home 92 / 55
Caldwell 89 / 56
McCall 80 / 46
Grangeville 78 / 52
Lewiston 85 / 62
Coeur d'Alene 80 / 52

Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 97 at Pocatello Low: 31 at Stanley

weather key: su-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, mc-mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, th-thunderstorms, sh-showers, r-rain, sn-snow, hf-furries, w-wind, m-missing

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today

Tonight

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Staying mostly sunny and nice

Clear conditions

Another day of sunshine

Persistent sunshine

Much warmer, mostly sunny

Near 90, partly cloudy skies

High 92°

Low 57°

83° / 53°

81° / 53°

87° / 56°

89° / 57°

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature

Yesterday's High 93°
Yesterday's Low 53°
Normal High / Low 85° / 52°
Record High 95° in 1992
Record Low 45° in 2006

Precipitation

Yesterday's 0.00"
Month to Date 0.03"
Avg. Month to Date 0.16"
Water Year to Date 12.23"
Avg. Water Year to Date 10.18"

Humidity

Yesterday's High 63%
Yesterday's Low 16%
Today's Forecast Avg. 38%

Barometric Pressure

5 pm Yesterday 29.95 in.

Sunrise and Sunset

Today Sunrise: 6:43 AM Sunset: 8:41 PM
Monday Sunrise: 6:44 AM Sunset: 8:40 PM
Tuesday Sunrise: 6:45 AM Sunset: 8:38 PM
Wednesday Sunrise: 6:47 AM Sunset: 8:37 PM
Thursday Sunrise: 6:47 AM Sunset: 8:35 PM

Moon Phases

Last Aug. 21
New Aug. 29
First Sep. 4
Full Sep. 12

Moonrise and Moonset

Today Moonrise: 8:50 PM Moonset: 7:44 AM
Monday Moonrise: 9:14 PM Moonset: 8:46 AM
Tuesday Moonrise: 9:37 PM Moonset: 9:46 AM

Today's U. V. Index

Low 1 Moderate 3 High 5 7 10
The higher the index the more sun protection needed

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REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Boise	83 50 su	82 48 th	82 48 sh
Bonniers Ferry	88 53 pc	82 51 pc	79 51 pc
Burley	88 53 pc	82 51 pc	79 51 pc
Challis	89 50 th	80 48 th	80 48 pc
Coeur d'Alene	80 52 pc	88 48 th	70 49 pc
Elko, NV	91 48 pc	86 45 su	88 45 su
Eugene, OR	75 55 pc	71 55 r	74 55 pc
Gooding	88 52 pc	81 49 pc	78 49 su
Grace	81 50 th	78 49 th	78 49 pc
Hagerman	95 55 su	87 52 su	85 52 su
Hailey	83 51 pc	76 49 pc	77 49 pc
Idaho Falls	85 53 th	81 52 pc	78 52 pc
Kalispell, MT	82 48 pc	75 46 th	71 46 pc
Jerome	90 55 su	82 52 su	80 52 su
Lewiston	85 62 pc	78 61 th	77 61 su
Malad City	86 56 th	83 54 th	83 54 pc
Malta	86 56 th	82 54 pc	80 54 pc
McCall	80 46 pc	73 42 th	72 42 pc
Missoula, MT	85 51 th	80 47 th	75 47 pc
Pocatello	85 58 th	82 56 pc	80 56 pc
Portland, OR	73 56 pc	70 56 r	70 56 pc
Rupert	88 54 pc	83 51 pc	82 51 pc
Rexburg	81 52 th	78 49 th	76 49 su
Richland, WA	85 58 pc	80 53 th	81 53 pc
Rogerson	80 50 pc	76 44 pc	73 44 su
Salmon	88 49 th	79 44 th	79 44 pc
Salt Lake City, UT	89 68 th	89 65 th	87 65 su
Spokane, WA	82 53 pc	73 49 th	75 49 su
Stanley	78 36 th	72 35 pc	72 35 pc
Sun Valley	75 48 th	70 43 th	70 43 pc
Yellowstone, MT	74 40 th	69 36 th	66 36 pc

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OPINION

OUR VIEW

Don't Let Reapportionment Wind Up in the Courts — Once More

It's a simple map — 1.5 million people, 35 legislative districts. Divide it up, and be done with it.

Here we go again. Following the 1980 and 1990 Censuses, Idaho went to hell and back trying to achieve an equitable reapportionment of the state's Legislature — enduring seemingly endless lawsuits and, at one point, judicially mandated “floterial” districts. Those were super-districts that included, for example, the entire Magic Valley, in addition to the regular, smaller legislative districts.

In 1994, now-Congressman Mike Simpson — he was a Blackfoot state representative back then, and speaker of the House — his Senate counterpart Jerry Twigg and others pushed through the idea of a six-member reapportionment commission. It would consist of three Democrats and three Republicans, and voters went along by approving a constitutional amendment.

Such a commission redrew the legislative map following the 2000 Census, and although the six commissioners left behind clouds of ill will, they got the job done.

Had they failed, the courts would have decided.

Ten years on, the current reapportionment commission is locked in a neverending wilderness of 3-3 partisan votes, and reapportionment stands a serious chance of becoming a judicial prerogative once again.

If they respect their fellow citizens, the commissioners won't let that happen.

Time is short. The commission has a deadline of Sept. 4 — the day before Labor Day.

There's no reason not to have a deal in place by then. During the hearings that led up to the panel's deliberations, there was broad agreement among the six commissioners on what were “communities of interest” — that's the U.S. Supreme Court-mandated standard for reapportionment.

So keep it simple:

* Trying to dilute solidly Republican and Democratic districts is a surefire recipe for deadlock. Concede the other party its base.

* Use common sense. Eastern Idaho's District 31 — which includes Bear Lake, Caribou, Franklin and Teton counties and part of Bonneville County — is a 200-mile-long travesty, parts of which can only be accessed by leaving Idaho and driving through Wyoming.

* Agricultural counties should be grouped in the same districts with other agricultural counties, wherever possible. Urban counties should be grouped in the same districts as other urban counties.

* Although it rarely does, fairness should trump politics. In our electoral system, somebody always wins and somebody always loses. We get that, and so do the voters.

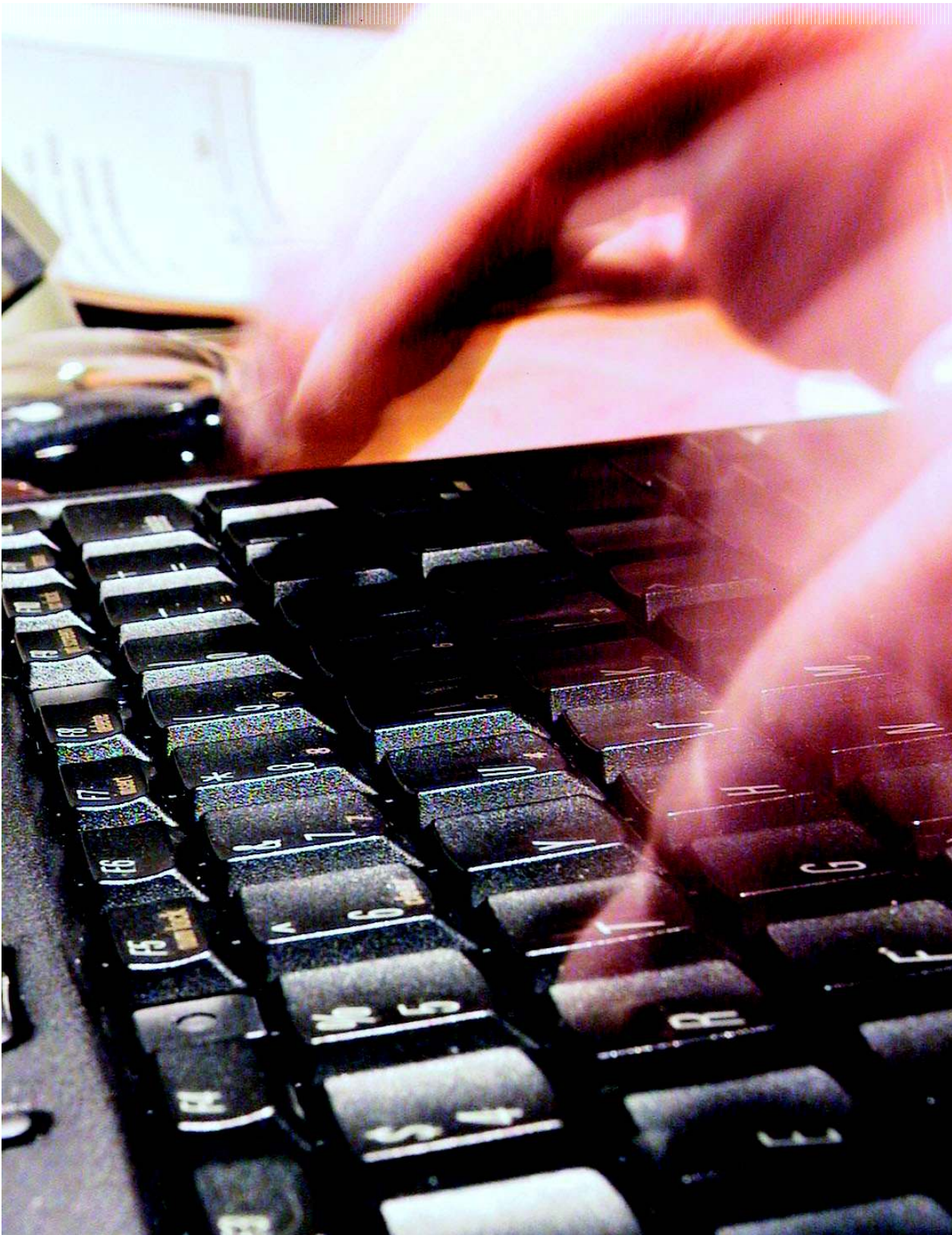
Republican commission member Evan Frasure, a Pocatello Republican who has been through the reapportionment wars before, is probably the key to keeping this out of the courts. We hope he turns out to be as courageous as Dean Haagenson and Ray Givens were 10 years ago.

Both men were from Coeur d'Alene, Haagenson a Republican and Givens a Democrat.

The first time a plan won four votes it left the Haagenson in such ill repute with his party that one legislator called him “the most hated man in the state of Idaho.”

Givens, a Democrat, finally joined the Republicans in supporting their map after two more days of impasse, despite acknowledging it was “legally more suspect than the prior plan because of the division of counties.”

Something — and somebody — is going to have to give to keep reapportionment out of the courts. And perhaps dooming the reapportionment commission idea forever.



Professional and business services is expected to be the fastest-growing sector of the Idaho economy over the next few years. Contributing to this growth will be the 300-worker expansion to the C3 call center in Twin Falls.

Keys to Recovery

When will Idaho's economy get back on its feet again?

BY DEREK SANTOS

The Idaho economic outlook turned unseasonably cool this summer, which is a slight change from spring's warming trend.

In the April 2011 Idaho Economic Forecast, the state's economic outlook was actually revised upwards from the previous forecast as the national economic recovery seemed to be gaining traction. Unfortunately, the recovery appears to have hit a soft patch.

As a result, expectations for Idaho's economy have been revised down slightly in the July 2011 Idaho Economic Forecast. There are expected to be 5,500 fewer jobs (about 0.8 percent) in 2014 in the current forecast compared to the previous one. The construction sector has about 2,100 fewer jobs in 2014 in the current forecast than in the previous forecast.

There are a couple reasons for this difference. First, the starting point of the forecast has been lowered. Second, the outlook for Idaho housing starts in the near term has been reduced. The services sector accounts for the remaining 3,300 jobs of the total difference in 2014. A review of the components of this sector shows most of its employment categories are down slightly, the result of the slower pro-

jected economic growth.

But while the details have changed, the general outlook remains the same. The July 2011 Idaho Economic Forecast

“... the general outlook remains the same signs of growth this year followed by modest gains thereafter.”

can be summarized as “signs of growth this year followed by modest gains thereafter.”

Details from the forecast include total employment advancing 1.2 percent in 2011, 2.3 percent in both 2012 and 2013, and 2.8 percent in 2014. Inflation-adjusted personal income is expected to grow 2.4 percent in 2011, 1.6 percent in 2012, 2.6 percent in 2013, and 4.3 percent in 2014. Idaho housing starts are projected to reach a bottom of 5,200 units this year and gradually grow to 13,900 units in 2014, which is about where they were in 2002.

The U.S. economy grew slower than expected in the first half of this year, and this has raised fears of a double-dip recession. In the April 2011 national forecast, real gross domestic product was forecast to advance about 2 percent in both the first and second quarters. Since the forecast was produced, the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis has reported

that real GDP increased just 0.4 percent in 2011's first quarter and 1.3 percent in the second quarter. Job growth was also frustratingly low in May and June.

The current forecast assumes economic growth revives in the second half of 2011, instead of slowing down or shrinking. This improvement rests on

several factors, including a return to normal levels of vehicle production, a flattening-out of nonresidential construction, and a temporary acceleration in business equipment spending. The second-half improvement is also conditional on gasoline prices retreating over the summer. A less likely outlook for the economy is what first appeared to be a transitory slowdown could develop into a U.S. contraction.

Computer and electronics

Idaho computer and electronics employment is expected to be relatively stable over the forecast period. This sector was one of the Gem State's strongest and most consistent job engines during the 1990s, averaging 7 percent growth each year from 1991 to 2000. This pace was almost twice as fast as overall nonfarm employment's

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Getting Closer to Southern Idaho... Face First

Josh Awtry

Letter from the Editor



In my effort to take advantage of all things southern Idaho, I've toured the valley from one end to the other, gone hiking over tick-strewn trails, dipped my toes in the Snake River and patronized local orchards. Last weekend, I figured I was ready to turn my Idaho Activity Meter up a notch.

It was high time I learned to mountain bike.

How hard could it be? I've been riding without training wheels for well over 30 years now and I take my kids bike

riding several times a week around the neighborhood.

Besides — it's just dirt, right? I rode on a lot of gravel roads as a kid, and, in the summer of 1981, the other neighborhood kids and I built a sweet BMX track in a vacant lot.

Emboldened by the *Times-News*' Aug. 4 outdoors article on the Indian

Springs bike trail network, I squeezed my \$100 bike into the car and headed to the South Hills on an exceptionally hot Sunday afternoon.

The parking area was empty, save for one other vehicle. The bike that the man was unstrapping from his roof rack looked like it cost more than my car. His Spandex biking gear and aerodynamic Camelbak water dispenser made my cut-offs, boots and bulky day-pack look preposterous.

After we exchanged pleasantries, he was off in a plume of dust, riding south

towards the hills and gullies that made up the trail network.

I should have had my first indicator that this would be tougher than it looked when I couldn't even stay upright. When you're used to street riding, the 5-inch trail width leaves surprisingly little room for error. It's like riding a balance with very poky penalties for slip-ups. And don't even get me started on biking over rock outcroppings.

After awhile, though, I felt like I was getting the hang of it enough to at least stay atop my bike for more than 30 seconds. But there was always the sickening knowledge that every hill I went down would lead to an equal elevation climb.

And on one of those

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Recovery

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annual growth of 4 percent. Year after year of strong growth made this sector the state's largest manufacturing employer in 1997. Computer and electronics employment peaked four years later at 19,700 jobs in 2001.

Unfortunately, it did not remain there for long. Troubles in the high-tech area caused this sector's employment to drop by 9 percent in both 2002 and 2003. These declines were just the start. This sector shed jobs in six of the next seven years, with the most severe declines coming in 2008 (11.8 percent) and 2009 (22 percent). A tally of this sector's "lost decade" shows all of the jobs added in the 1990s were lost by 2010.

However, this sector's employment appears to be stabilizing. After being flat in early 2010, employment posted gains in that year's second half. A return to 1990's-type growth is not anticipated, though. There are several reasons for this outlook. First, industry giant, Micron Technology, after suffering several years of losses, it is once again in the black. Second, electronics manufacturers should benefit from the anticipated annual double-digit spending increases on computers. Micron Technology has positioned itself to weather future downturns. It has diversified its product catalog. The company acquired Numonyx, a Swiss manufacturer that produces NOR memory which is used in mobile devices markets. The company is also participating in the green energy movement. Micron Technology is leveraging its decades of manufacturing expertise in developing new solar power technology with Australian-based Origin Energy. It is also refocusing the mission of its Boise campus to research and development and away from manufacturing. This move should help insulate its employment base against swings in the business cycle.

ON Semiconductor is undertaking an \$11 million expansion in Pocatello. It employs 630 workers in the Gate City. Hoku Materials is another high-tech manufacturer in that city. It produces solar-grade polysilicon, which is the primary raw material used to manufacture photovoltaic cells and modules. Inovus Solar is a Boise-

based renewable outdoor lighting company. It is a pioneer in the manufacturing of LED (light-emitting diode) lighting. Employment in Idaho's computer and electronics manufacturing sector should gain about 800 jobs through 2014.

Construction

After hovering near 10,000 units at the end of the 1990s, Idaho housing starts climbed above 11,000 units for the first time since 1994 in 2000. It continued growing, setting the record for housing starts in 2002. It continued breaking records for three more years, peaking at over 23,400 units in 2005. Starts plunged after that year, and they slipped to 3,600 units in the second quarter of 2010. It was predicted in April 2011 that housing starts would begin recovering in early 2011 and post about a 1,400-unit gain for the year.

Housing starts were expected to expand about 66 percent in 2012 in the previous forecast and increase another 30 percent in 2013. In the current forecast, growth is spread more evenly over the two years. Specifically, starts grow 51 percent in 2012 and 55 percent in 2013. Under these conditions, there are about 13,900 starts in 2014. Idaho construction employment is directly impacted by the lower housing starts. For example, the start of its recovery has been delayed. It was previously reported that the number of construction jobs would expand in 2012. Job growth returns in 2013 in the current forecast. In 2014 there are predicted to be about 34,100 construction jobs, which is about 2,100 fewer jobs than in the previous forecast. This sector's slow climb from its bottom will cause it to reduce its share of total jobs.

At its peak in 2007, construction accounted for one of every 12 Idaho nonfarm jobs. It is expected to account for one in every 20 jobs in 2014.

Government

Idaho state and local government employment is forecast to decline again in 2011 before slowly growing in the remaining years of the forecast. This year's decline is mainly the result of slower-than-usual population growth and tighter

By the numbers

Personal income

2008	\$50 billion
2009	\$49.2 billion
2010	\$50.6 billion
2011	\$53 billion
2012	\$54.7 billion
2013	\$57.1 billion
2014	\$60.6 billion
Personal Income: Nonfarm	
2008	\$48.7 billion
2009	\$47.9 billion
2010	\$49.1 billion
2011	\$51.3 billion
2012	\$53.2 billion
2013	\$55 billion
2014	\$59.2 billion

Housing starts

2008	7,986
2009	5,676
2010	5,232
2011	5,178
2012	7,823
2013	12,165
2014	13,893

Nonfarm employment

2008	648,875
2009	609,976
2010	602,611
2011	609,669
2012	623,730
2013	638,358
2014	656,456

Goods-producing employment

2008	112,205
2009	92,400
2010	87,769
2011	86,667
2012	88,036
2013	92,644
2014	97,435

Manufacturing employment

2008	64,447
2009	55,844
2010	54,328

public agency budgets. The positive correlation between the population and government employment is well established. As the state's population increases, citizens require more public services (roads, schools, parks, etc.), which translates into more government employees. In the Gem State, population surges are traditionally caused by waves of immigration. Migration accounted for nearly two-thirds of this increase. The remainder was the amount of natural population growth, the number of births over deaths. Last year, the Gem State's population grew just 1.2 percent — its smallest gain in over two decades. That year migration accounted for just 26 percent of the population change. (Interestingly, the number of

2011	54,974
2012	56,321
2013	59,028
2014	60,641

Computers and electronics employment

2008	14,305
2009	11,098
2010	10,582
2011	10,839
2012	10,835
2013	11,150
2014	11,358

Food-processing employment

2008	15,833
2009	15,639
2010	15,407
2011	15,157
2013	15,225
2013	15,445
2014	15,685

Construction employment

2008	45,007
2009	34,393
2010	31,146
2011	29,206
2012	29,206
2013	31,037
2014	34,109

Services employment

2008	307,050
2009	295,846
2010	296,059
2011	304,485
2012	313,760
2013	321,239
2014	331,260

Financial services employment

2008	31,660
2009	29,621
2010	28,851
2011	29,410
2012	29,717
2013	29,929

Idaho births also dropped in 2010.)

There were a couple of reasons migration was so low last year. First, few states escaped the grasp of the Great Recession. With limited opportunities to improve their economic lots somewhere else, most job seekers rode out the economic tempest at home.

Second, the housing market collapse kept many Americans tethered to their homes, even if jobs were available in another state. The weaker population growth reduced the need for public services, and, thus, government employment. State government finances improved in the just-ended Fiscal Year 2011, with General Fund revenues growing 7.9 percent. This strong growth contributed to state revenues ending the year \$85.3 million ahead of the forecast.

Most of this balance (\$59.9 million to public schools and \$7.5 million to community colleges) was sent to the schools per an agreement between the state and federal government. This cash infusion should help Idaho education-related employment avoid a decline in 2012. This category should continue growing after 2012 as both the state's population and finances improve. Idaho noneducation employment is forecast to slowly recede over the next few years. Federal employment in Idaho enjoyed a banner year in 2010 thanks to the once-a-decade boost from the U.S. census. Hiring peaked at 2,600 jobs in May 2010,

2014	30,535
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Health-services/ education employment

2008	77,736
2009	81,000
2010	83,883
2011	86,847
2012	89,863
2013	92,455
2014	95,328

Leisure and hospitality employment

2008	63,203
2009	58,665
2010	57,871
2011	58,560
2012	59,923
2013	60,985
2014	62,562

Retailing employment

2008	82,612
2009	76,282
2010	74,916
2011	75,790
2012	77,977
2013	79,894
2014	82,372

State and local government employment

2008	105,966
2009	105,961
2010	104,587
2011	103,687
2012	104,151
2013	104,365
2014	104,593

Education employment

2008	53,587
2009	54,585
2010	53,956
2011	53,713
2012	54,379
2013	54,959
2014	55,489

Federal employment

2008	13,203
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2009	13,501
2010	13,573
2011	12,871
2012	12,920
2013	12,862
2014	12,797

Population

2008	1.5 million
2009	1.5 million
2010	1.6 million
2011	1.6 million
2012	1.6 million
2013	1.6 million
2014	1.7 million

In-migration

2008	13,165
2009	10,814
2010	7,229
2011	9,018
2012	14,325
2013	14,410
2014	15,664

Average annual wage

2008	\$35,701
2009	\$35,927
2010	\$36,645
2011	\$37,429
2012	\$38,568
2013	\$39,734
2014	\$40,854

Farm proprietors' income

2008	\$1.2 billion
2009	\$617 million
2010	\$809 million
2011	\$956 million
2012	\$804 million
2013	\$779 million
2014	\$776 million

Government payments to individuals

2008	\$8 billion
2009	\$9.2 billion
2010	\$9.9 billion
2011	\$10.2 billion
2012	\$10.5 billion
2013	\$11 billion
2014	\$11.8 billion

sists of information services; financial activities; transportation, warehousing and utilities; professional and business services; education and health services; leisure and hospitality services; and other services.

Services employment is expected to pick up speed beginning this year as the recovery gains traction. After increasing just 0.1 percent in 2010, services employment is forecast to average 2.8 percent per year, which is slightly slower than its long-term (1991-2010) growth rate of 3.5 percent. At the projected pace the services sector should top its 2008 record of 307,050 jobs in 2012 and in 2014 have just over 331,200 jobs. The professional and business services category is expected to grow the fastest over the next few years.

Contributing to this growth will be the 300-worker expansion to the C3 call center in Twin Falls.

The health and private education category should enjoy steady growth. The leisure and hospitality sector should also expand. The trade category is split between its retail and wholesale components.

Derek Santos is the chief economist for the Idaho Division Financial Management. This information was excerpted from DFM's July 2011 economic forecast.

Awtry

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elevation climbs, my body decided it had had enough of the pedaling and blistering sun. After reaching the top of an embarrassingly small slope, I was too light headed to continue. I stopped, waiting for the dizziness to pass, but the horizon refused to stabilize. And then the nausea hit.

It was after I sat down among the sagebrush, waiting for my senses to return to something approaching normal, when I looked over at my recently

purchased mountain bike and saw an inconspicuous sticker stuck between the pedals.

"Warning," it proclaimed. "Not for use off road."

But, while I was down among the sagebrush — after my blood quit pounding in my ears — I heard something. Without the always-present whir of air conditioners, the rhythmic clicking of lawn sprinklers, or even the swishing thumps of cars rolling over pavement, I could hear the wind.

The impending echo of gusts of wind blowing over

the high desert could be heard several seconds before the wind ruffled my hair and rumbled in my ears.

It was a fantastically peaceful sound, and one I regret not hearing more.

It was also enough to make me want to go back and give mountain biking another shot. Next time I'll bring knee pads.

Josh Awtry is editor of the Times-News, and apologizes to the Bureau of Land Management for any mistreatment endured by the Indian Springs sagebrush.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Redistricting the Valley

Redistricting gives us the opportunity to align legislative districts with shared economic and cultural ties, and we shouldn't pass on this opportunity or allow it to be trumped by politics.

Within the Magic Valley there are obviously two communities, each with allegiances and identities. They are Minidoka and Cassia counties, i.e., the Mini-Cassia area and the Twin Falls/Jerome area. People working and residing in Mini-Cassia know there are common threads binding the two communities. Economic interests, even the towns, are commingled. What affects the one impacts the other, and they deserve to be represented by legislators aware of that fact.

The Twin Falls/Jerome area is different — not one entity but two interacting with each other but at times with separate interests. The city of Twin Falls is urban, with responsibility to its residents to promote and enhance its denser environment. The surrounding towns of Buhl, Kimberly, Hansen, Filer and Jerome are primarily agricultural but still confront problems associated with being near an urban area.

How do you reconcile the interests of agriculture and their more suburban neighbors? It's a delicate balance and each community struggles in its own way, but the problems are common to all and it makes sense to have legislative district boundaries that acknowledges the fact.

So now we have a chance to align the valley's representation in a manner corresponding to genuine citizen interests. Combining the Mini-Cassia areas, Twin Falls City and the Jerome/Twin Falls rural areas into separate districts accomplishes this goal. This redistricting may pit some veteran legislators against each other. Resistance to such change is understandable, but let's not forfeit our future to those who want to maintain the past.

SCOTT MCCLURE
Jerome

Cutting Military Retirement

To military families:

One of my sons called Monday night. He was very upset after reading an article in an Army newspaper saying Congress was going to vote on cutting the military retirement by one-half. Please write your Congress like I did (see below), if they will even take an email, which I find some won't! I also found out that you have to use every congressman's own email address and can only email your own representative.

Is this the way our government works? Our problems fall on one representative and we can't tell them all. This is a problem with how they vote!

To Congress: In an Army newspaper, it talks about Congress cutting military retirement by one-half. Is this a bill in Congress? If so, my answer or has it already been passed? Do you really think you can cut military retirement by half? Is Congress really thinking about doing this in the middle of three wars? Get ready to see a military takeover!

Is our Congress as stupid as our president? Well, I guess so. I see how you helped your state of Idaho in your rush to take a summer break, you broke down and sold us out!

My two sons are Green Berets and have 13 years in the Army, and an article in an Army newspaper said Congress was going to do the above. One son has a purple heart and both have at least three or four bronze stars, and you're going to

cut their retirement.

I think it is time for you to look in the mirror and cut your useless pay and retirement. I will do my utmost to see all you replaced the next time you come up for election!

To the tax paying public: Now the big one. Who is more important to our country, the president and politicians retirement (they increase at will) and welfare or our military. Which one would you cut? God bless our underpaid military. They will have to go on welfare, which some already are!

JIM MCCOY
Kimberly

Friends of Our Fellow "Alcoholics"

In a recent *Times-News*, I read that arrests in Idaho for DUI had increased steadily since 2005 and by 2009 amounted to 12,500 a year. Each day, there are a number of DUI cases in the newspaper here, so these numbers may be ever increasing!

It is more than likely that the majority of these citizens are problem drinkers or established alcoholics. And we all know that most escape detection perhaps several times prior to being caught. We shake our heads and know this is not good, but how many of us realize that each one of these 12,500 has adversely affected the lives of at least five other people in their

homes, at their workplaces and in our roadways — destroying family trust, love and happiness! (Wow! That's about 65,000 others!) Yes, alas, alcoholism is a disease that affects not only the drinker but also the whole family.

There is a lot of help nowadays for these problem drinkers — treatment centers, rehabs and great fellowships like AA, but what about those other five? They, too, need help and support for their battered lives — what is there for them? It is for these families and friends that the Al-Anon family groups were established 60 years ago — now a worldwide fellowship with more than 24,000 known groups in 115 countries. Anyone whose life is being or has been affected by somebody else's drinking is eligible for membership if Al-Anon. There, they will find understanding friendship, help and hope. And yes, Al-Anon is alive and well in Twin Falls and the surrounding areas.

Hotline: 800-592-3198;
website: www.al-anon-idaho.org.

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Representation

We have been subscribers to your paper for the 18 years we have lived in Blaine County. Your delivery service equals in value the content.

Today's (Sunday, Aug. 7)

column was "right on." Our officials have become "stars." Suits with vests, custom hairdos, flocks of assistants. And nobody is listening to the voters' agenda. What "the party" says comes first.

Can't we get them back to real and representing us in Washington, which is their job description.

Great column. No grades needed.

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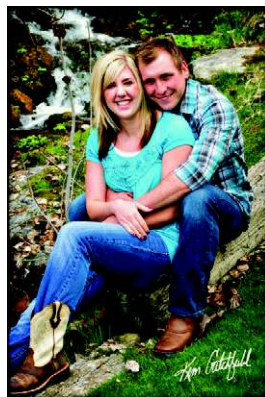
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Rick Perry's Unanswered Prayers

A few months ago, with Texas aflame from more than 8,000 wildfires brought on by extreme drought, a man who hopes to be the next president took pen in hand and went to work:

"Now, therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Texas, do hereby proclaim the three-day period from Friday, April 22, 2011, to Sunday, April 24, 2011, as Days of Prayer for Rain in the State of Texas."

In the four months since Rick Perry's request for divine intervention, his state has taken a dramatic turn for the worse.

Then the governor prayed, publicly and often. Alas, a rainless spring was followed by a rainless summer. July was the hottest month in recorded Texas history. Day after pitiless day, from Amarillo to Laredo, from Toadsuck to Twitty, folks were greeted by a hot, white bowl overhead, triple-digit temperatures, and a slow death on the land.

In the four months since Perry's request for divine intervention, his state has taken a dramatic turn for the worse. Nearly all of Texas is now in "extreme or exceptional" drought, as classified by federal meteorologists, the worst in Texas history. Lakes have disappeared.



Timothy Egan
New York Times

Creeks are phantoms, the caked bottoms littered with rotting, dead fish. Farmers cannot coax a kernel of grain from ground that looks like the skin of an aging elephant.

Is this Rick Perry's fault, a slap to a man who doesn't believe that humans can alter the Earth's climate — God messin' with Texas? No, of course not. God is too busy with the upcoming Cowboys football season and solving the problems that Tony Romo has reading a blitz.

But Perry's tendency to use prayer as public policy demonstrates, in the midst of a truly painful, wide-ranging and potentially catastrophic crisis in the nation's second most-populous state, how he would govern if he became president.

"I think it's time for us to just hand it over to God, and say, 'God: You're going to have to fix this,'" he said in a speech in May, explaining how some of the nation's most serious problems could be solved.

That was a warm-up of sorts for his prayer-fest, 30,000 evangelicals in Houston's Reliant Stadium last Saturday. From this

gathering came a very specific prayer for economic recovery. On Monday, the first day God could do anything about it, Wall Street suffered its worst one-day collapse since the 2008 crisis. The Dow sunk by 635 points.

Prayer can be meditative, healing, and humbling. It can also be magical thinking. Given how Perry has said he would govern by outsourcing to the supernatural, it's worth asking if God is ignoring him.

Twice in the last two years he's broached the subject of Texas seceding from the

union.

"When we came into the nation in 1845 we were a republic, we were a stand-alone nation," says Perry in a 2009 video that has just surfaced. "And one of the deals was, we can leave any time we want. So we're kind of thinking about that again."

He can dream all he wants about the good old days when Texas left the nation to fight for the slave-holding states of the breakaway confederacy. But the law will not get him there. To Jews, Muslims, non-believers and even many Christians, the biblical

bully that is Rick Perry must sound downright menacing, particularly when he gets into religious absolutism. "As a nation, we must call upon Jesus to guide us through unprecedented struggles," he said last week.

As a lone citizen, he's free to advocate Jesus-driven public policy imperatives. But coming from someone who wants to govern this great mess of a country with all its beliefs, Perry's language is an insult to the founding principles of the republic. Substitute Allah or a Hindu God for Jesus and see how that polls.

Perry is from Paint Creek, an unincorporated hamlet in the infinity of the northwest

Texas plains. I've been there. In wet years, it's pretty, the birds clacking on Lake Stamford, the cotton high. This year, it's another sad moonscape in the Lone Star State.

Over the last 15 years, taxpayers have shelled out \$232 million in farm subsidies to Haskell County, which includes Paint Creek — a handout to more than 2,500 recipients, better than one out every three residents. God may not always be reliable, but in Perry's home county, the federal government certainly is.

Timothy Egan is a Seattle-based columnist for The New York Times.

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Postal Jobs, Once Defining Stability, Face Uncertain Future

BY KRISSAH THOMPSON
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON • Dena Briscoe had not yet completed her senior year in high school when her stepfather drove her to the local U.S. Postal Service office to take the employment test. He was a letter carrier. Her mother had worked for the postal service, too, and her

younger brother was hired there.

"It seemed like a secure job, because there was so much mail," said Briscoe, who began working as a clerk in a Northeast Washington, D.C. post office in 1980. "When I first got there, the floor was just covered in mail."

But now, the family business is in trouble.

There is a lot less mail these days, and job security is crumbling. Proposed cost-cutting measures that became public last week could eliminate 20 percent of the postal service workforce. The proposed cuts are the latest knock against a set of federal jobs that were once a trusted gateway to middle-class stability for families like Briscoe's.

Across the nation, the postal service workforce has long reflected the makeup of America. The workforce is more than 50 percent white, 8 percent Hispanic, 8 percent Asian and 21 percent black, according to figures compiled by Philip Rubio, an assistant professor of history at North Carolina A&T State University who studies the postal service. Thirty-

seven percent of its workers are female and about 25 percent are veterans.

In cities and small towns, postal jobs have long been respected jobs that could provide a stable income for a family. The American Postal Workers Union puts the average salary at \$55,000.

"To get a job at the postal service meant an entry into the middle class," said Harley Shaiken, a professor who studies labor issues at the University of California at Berkeley. "For generations of Americans, it was the route to sending their kids to college, to having a decent life."

For decades, the U.S. post service also was one of the nation's largest employers, said Nancy Pope, the curator of postal history at the Smithsonian. The postal service employs 560,000, but the number is on the decline.

The appeal of postal jobs grew in 1970 after 200,000 USPS employees went on strike in protest of low wages and poor benefits. They won a 14 percent salary increase that year. By the 1980s, there were clauses banning layoffs, which guaranteed workers a job in the service even if their position was eliminated.

"It was the kind of job that, if you got it, you got to keep it," Pope said.

In rural areas, being a postmaster was the next best

thing to being mayor of the town. "It was the job to have," she said. "And if you are a rural carrier, you know everybody's business."

In urban areas, the jobs were especially important to African Americans, who were hired by the post office as early as the 1860s. Many major cities — including Charleston, S.C., Little Rock and New Orleans — had African American postmasters during Reconstruction, according to the National Postal Museum.

Later, the postal service was resegregated, along with the rest of the federal government. But between 1961 and 1966, the postal service became the single largest employer of African Americans in the country. Almost one out of 10 employees was black.

In research for his book, "There's Always Work at the Post Office: African American Postal Workers and the Fight for Jobs, Justice, and Equality," Rubio came across a rich history of stories, including those of black jazz musicians who worked for USPS. "They had a joke. They would say to each other 'There's always work in the post office,'" said Rubio, who was a letter carrier for two decades. "The idea 'was' that it was a government job, and you could work there even if you could not get into a factory job" or if the jazz gigs were running dry.

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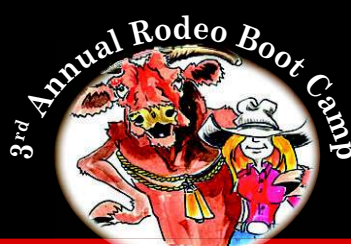
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Government Pays for Empty Flights to Rural Airports

BY KEVIN BEGOS AND
ADRIAN SAINZ
Associated Press

On some days, the pilots with Great Lakes Airlines fire up a twin-engine Beechcraft 1900 at the Ely, Nev., airport and depart for Las Vegas without a single passenger on board. And the federal government pays them to do it.

Federal statistics reviewed by The Associated Press show that in 2010, just 227 passengers flew out of Ely while the airline got \$1.8 million in subsidies. The travelers paid \$70 to \$90 for a one-way ticket. The cost to taxpayers for each ticket: \$4,107.

Ely is one of 153 rural communities where airlines get subsidies through the \$200 million Essential Air Service program, and one of 13 that critics say should be eliminated from it. Some call the spending a boondoggle, but others see it as a critical financial lifeline to ensure economic stability in rural areas.

Steve Smith, executive director of the Jackson, Tenn., airport authority, also has seen empty or near empty flights take off, since the airlines get paid per flight, not per passenger. The subsidy amounted to \$244 for each of the 2,514 people who flew out of Smith's airport last year, though few if any passengers knew that.

"They fly the empty plane so they can still get the money," Smith said.

The fight over the subsidies was a key sticking point that led to the recent political standoff in Washington that temporarily shut down the Federal Aviation Administration, putting thousands out of work for nearly two weeks. There were other disputes as well, such as a GOP proposal that would make it more difficult for airline workers to unionize.

Republicans got the EAS cuts they were looking for in last week's agreement — but with a major caveat. Subsidies to Ely, Jackson and 11 other communities are set to end, but Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood has the authority to continue them if he decides it's necessary.

Rep. David McKinley, a Republican who came into office with tea party support, sided on the issue with Democratic Sen. Jay Rockefeller, a fellow West Virginian who has used his position as chairman of



Ground crew work on a flight Tuesday at Morgantown Municipal Airport in Morgantown, W. Va.

the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation to support the current funding.

Flights out of Morgantown, W.Va., were among those targeted by other Republicans. A \$1 million subsidy amounted to about \$52 for each of Morgantown's more than 10,000 passengers last year.

McKinley describes himself "as a small government, free-market focused owner of a small business," but said airports that receive subsidies "serve as crucial engines of job creation for many small towns and rural areas."

The EAS was created to ensure service on less profitable routes to remote communities when airlines were deregulated in 1978.

A spokesman for the Department of Transportation did not respond to a request for comment about the program, which has grown in scope and cost. In 1999 the EAS served 89 communities — 68 in the continental United States, one in Hawaii and 20 in Alaska. Today, it serves 45 in Alaska and 108 elsewhere, and over the last 10 years the budget quadrupled from \$50 million to \$200 million.

The subsidies go to about a dozen airlines, but in 2010 almost one-third of the entire budget — \$67.8 million — went to Great Lakes, which is based in Cheyenne, Wyo. The company did not respond to requests for comment.

Ely is an extreme case. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee said it is one of just three cities in the program that have subsidies higher than \$1,000 per pas-

senger. The others are Glendive, Mont., and Alamogordo, N.M.

Republicans targeted flights out of other cities such as Morgantown because they are close to major airports.

Mike Coster, Ely's airport manager, said the location between Las Vegas and Salt Lake

City is the most remote airport in the continental United States.

Severin Borenstein, a professor at the University of California, Berkeley who helped design the EAS program, said Congress originally intended for the program to end after 10 years. He said the subsidies

are a "big problem" in place like Ely, which averages one or two passengers per flight.

"I can see the argument for making some of them permanent, but the standards should be higher," Borenstein said.

"The real story with this program nationwide is that nobody is watching it," said Smith, the Tennessee airport official. "If there is a problem with airports and airlines not carrying enough passengers and not doing what they said they would do, it's because once the contract is issued, it's like nobody ever asked a question about it again."

Contracts are awarded through a competitive bid process, and generally last two years.

The program has plenty of defenders who point out the cost is tiny compared with other transportation subsidies.

According to a 2009 report from the Pew Charitable Trusts, highways got 76 percent of subsidies, mass transit 16 percent, aviation 6 percent

and rail and maritime 3 percent. Pew estimates that transportation subsidies in 2008 came to about \$45 billion, or \$367 for every household in America.

Faye Malarkey Black, a vice president for the Regional Airline Association, said she believes few federal programs accomplish as much for \$200 million as EAS does.

"They call it essential for a reason," she said. She said her industry group supports "common sense adjustments" for eligibility, but added that rural communities already struggle to attract and keep doctors and other professionals.

"If you take away air service, who wants to live in those communities?" she said.

Chadd Williams, a computer science professor at Pacific University, was flying back to Oregon from Morgantown after visiting family. He said a ticket to Morgantown typically costs him \$75 to \$100 more than one to Pittsburgh, about 75 miles away, but this time it cost about the same.

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Obama, Foreign Leaders Urge End to Syrian Violence

WASHINGTON (AP)• President Barack Obama reached out to the leaders of Britain and Saudi Arabia on Saturday to build consensus for an end to the violent crackdown by Syria's government.

The White House said Obama spoke separately to British Prime Minister David Cameron and Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah, both of whom agreed with Obama that Syrian President Bashar Assad's government must end its attacks on civilians.

While the U.S. has repeatedly condemned the violence in Syria and said Assad has lost legitimacy, the Obama administration has stopped short of explicitly calling for him to leave power. A U.S. official told The Associated Press Friday that the demand for Assad to step down would come "sooner rather than later."

Some of the administration's hesitation reflects concern about adopting a more aggressive tone without adequate support from European allies and Arab partners.

The White House said Obama and Cameron agreed to closely monitor the actions the Syrian government and consult on further steps in the coming days. The Saudi king also agreed to consult with Obama closely, the White House said.

The U.S. issued new penalties against Syria last week, and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has also called for a global trade embargo on oil and gas from the Middle East nation.



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Republican presidential candidate Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn. speaks to her supporters at the Republican Party's Straw Poll in Ames, Iowa, Saturday'

BY MIKE GLOVER AND PHILIP ELLIOTT
Associated Press

AMES, Iowa • Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann won a test vote of Iowans on Saturday, a show of strength five months before the state's caucuses kick off the GOP presidential nominating season.

The result is the first indication of what Iowans think of the field of Republicans competing for the chance to challenge President Barack Obama next fall. But it's hardly predictive of who will win the winter Iowa contest,

much less the party nod or the White House.

Rather, Saturday's outcome suggests that Bachmann has a certain level of support and, perhaps even more important, the strongest get-out-the-vote operation and widest volunteer base in a state whose caucuses require those elements.

Texas Rep. Ron Paul finished second, ahead of former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty in third.

The results of this non-binding vote, held on the Iowa State University campus, came just hours after

Texas Gov. Rick Perry entered the race.

"I full well believe I'm going to win," Perry told South Carolina voters on a conference call before delivering his first speech as a candidate.

"It's time to get America working again," he declared in Charleston, S.C. "America is not broken. Washington, D.C. is broken."

Despite Perry's best efforts to overshadow the day, the epicenter of the presidential contest was in this Midwestern town, where Iowans cast ballots during a daylong political festival, a

late-summer ritual held every four years.

In speeches throughout the day, candidates scouted for support by assailing Obama and offering themselves as the answer to an America plagued by high unemployment, rising debt and stock market swings.

"We know what America needs. But unfortunately Barack Obama has no clue. He's like a manure spreader in a windstorm," Pawlenty said, adding: "Mr. President, get the government off our backs." That elicited chants of his nickname: "T-Paw! T-Paw! T-Paw! T-Paw!"

Obama Sets Sights on Rural America to Talk Jobs

BY KEN THOMAS
Associated Press

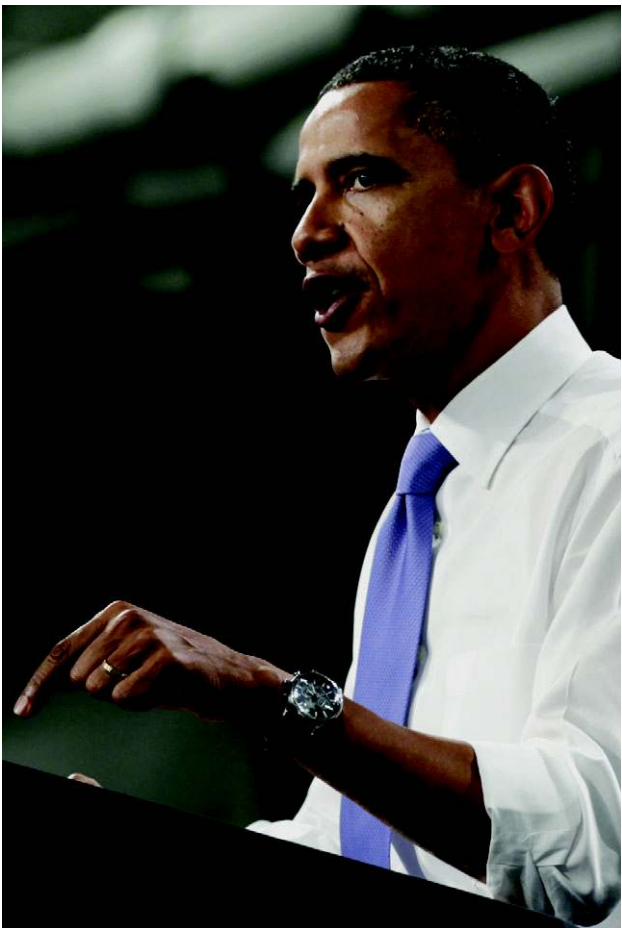
WASHINGTON • Trading Washington's hot house for states critical to his re-election prospects, President Barack Obama is headed to the Midwest after a summer of discontent over a protracted debt showdown with Republicans and the downgrade in the nation's credit rating.

Obama's bus tour, his first as president, begins Monday and will take him to prairie communities in Minnesota and through Iowa and Illinois, with stops in the farmland and rural towns that launched his first White House bid.

The former Illinois senator is expected to tell audiences that he agrees with their frustrations about a dysfunctional federal government.

"What we've seen in Washington the last few months has been the worst kind of partisanship, the worst kind of gridlock — and that gridlock has undermined public confidence and impeded our efforts to take the steps we need for our economy," Obama said Thursday in Michigan. "It's made things worse instead of better."

Obama won a clean sweep in 2008 of Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan, a region that has supported Democratic pres-



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President Barack Obama speaks about the economy at Johnson Controls Inc., in Holland, Mich. on Thursday.

idential candidates since 2000, except for President George W. Bush's narrow victory in Iowa in 2004.

But Obama's standing in these states, like elsewhere, has grown precarious as the economy has slumped.

Republican governors are now in charge in three of

how to lead and how to grow an economy," Republican hopeful Mitt Romney said in Thursday's Iowa debate.

Romney and his GOP rivals blamed Obama for the growth of the federal deficit and the credit downgrade by Standard and Poor's, the first in the nation's history.

The GOP race intensified with Texas Gov. Rick Perry's entry Saturday. When Obama arrives at a town hall meeting in Decorah, Iowa, on Monday afternoon, Perry intends to meet with voters in eastern Iowa, about 100 miles away.

Nationally, Obama's approval rating is comparable to President Ronald Reagan's ratings in August 1983. But recent Gallup polls found that Obama's approval rating was hovering between 44 percent and 49 percent in 10 states closely watched by his political advisers. Those states include Iowa, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Florida.

Obama's standing with independents, who helped him win in traditionally Republican states such as Indiana and North Carolina, has fallen, too.

"The country is in an unbelievably angry mood," said Democratic pollster Stan Greenberg.

Most presidents like to get away from the nations' capital, and this excursion couldn't come at a better time.

SAFETY DOUBTS RAISED AT NUCLEAR WASTE CLEANUP PROJECT

BY RALPH VARTABEDIAN
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES • The Energy Department has asserted that Bechtel Corp. underplayed safety risks from equipment it is installing at the nation's largest nuclear waste cleanup project, according to government records.

A federal engineering review team found in late July that Bechtel's safety evaluation of key equipment at the plant at the Hanford site in Washington state was incomplete and that "the risks are more serious" than Bechtel acknowledged when it sought approval to continue with construction, the documents say.

Senior scientists at the site said in emails obtained by the Los Angeles Times that Bechtel's designs for tanks and mixing equipment are flawed, representing such a massive risk that work should be stopped on that part of the construction project.

But Energy Department officials in Washington said they believed the problems were fixable and that they had authorized Bechtel to keep going for the time being. Bechtel officials said Friday the matter was not a safety issue and that sticking to the

current construction schedule would save money.

The Hanford project is the most important environmental cleanup program in the nation. It seeks to prevent 56 million gallons of radioactive sludge in underground tanks, some of which are leaking, from contaminating the nearby Columbia River.

Bechtel is under contract to build a \$12.3-billion treatment plant at the former nuclear weapons center to convert the radioactive sludge to solid glass that could be more safely buried at a future high-level waste dump.

But the plant has been repeatedly stung by problems and delays, including a 2006 work stoppage when engineers determined it could not withstand a severe earthquake and that major retrofitting was required.

The latest problem hit this year, when engineers and scientists began to raise serious doubts about the safety of key tanks and mixing systems.

A government engineering team and a safety team evaluated the design and determined it did not meet safety requirements set by the Energy Department, and that Bechtel had failed to justify a request to continue construction.

Heavy Clashes as Libyan Rebels Enter Zawiya

BIR SHAEB, Libya (AP) • Libyan rebels fought their way into the strategic city of Zawiya west of Tripoli on Saturday in their most significant advance in months, battling snipers on rooftops and heavy shelling from Moammar Gadhafi's forces holding the city.

Zawiya, 30 miles from the capital, is a key target for rebels waging a new offensive launched from the mountains in the far west of Libya, an at-

tempt to break the deadlock in combat between the two sides that has held for months in the center and east of the country.

A credible threat from the rebels in the west could strain Gadhafi's troops, which have been hammered for months by NATO airstrikes. Defending Zawiya is key for the regime but could require bringing in better trained forces who are currently ensuring its hold over its Tripoli

stronghold or fighting rebels on fronts further east.

A group of about 200 exuberant rebel fighters, advancing from the south, reached a bridge on Zawiya's southwestern outskirts, and some rebels pushed farther into the city's central main square. They tore down the green flag of Gadhafi's regime from a mosque minaret and put up two rebel flags. An Associated Press reporter traveling with the rebels saw hundreds

of residents rush into the streets, greeting the fighters with chants of "God is great."

Gadhafi's forces then counterattacked, and heavy shelling and gunfire could be heard as rebels and government troops battled.

Rebel spokesman Gomaa Ibrahim claimed the opposition's fighters controlled most of Zawiya by nightfall. "What remains are few pockets (of Gadhafi forces) in the city," he said.



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Libyan rebels are seen in the back of a pick-up truck headed for the frontline near Zawiya in western Libya, Saturday.

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TWO-A-DAYS

Dietrich Has High Expectations

BY STEPHEN MEYERS
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The Dietrich Blue Devils open the season looking at the recent success Carey has had and wonder why not us?

Head coach Doug Astle strives for a not only another Class 1A Division II state tournament appearance, but also a Sawtooth Conference North Division championship. To do so, the Blue Devils will have to go through defending state champion, Carey.

"That's no secret. We're gaining on those guys and that's where we expect to be," said third-year head coach Doug Astle. "Our goal is to become a conference champion. Second or third place, that's going to not get quite to our goal. But ultimately, our goal is the state playoffs every year"

The excited and ambitious Blue Devils opened practice under the lights and closed an energetic first week at Astle's ranch. Gray Weber, Brody Astle, Eddie Alvarado and Jakob Andru Howard are a handful of names who will be counted on to make plays this season.

The coach's son Brody will lead the power run offense at quarterback.

"I'm really excited for the season. Really, it's been since the last game last season that we've been looking forward to now," said the senior.

The Blue Devils open the season at Shoshone Aug. 26.

Lighthouse Gets Numbers Boost

BY DAVID BASHORE
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John van Vliet's face lights up when he talks about the number of players he has out for the 2011 football season. With the closure of Magic Valley Christian last winter, Lighthouse Christian absorbed large numbers of the doomed Jerome school's athletes.

That means as many as 31 kids out for the Lions football team, which could allow them to run a full junior varsity program as well.

"This is as many kids as we've ever had, and we have a great mix of big kids and really athletic kids," van Vliet said on the first day of practice.

Some of the kids still needed whipping into shape, but by and large the players worked hard all offseason and came into fall camp in good shape, van Vliet said.

That will be crucial as the Lions, for once, have depth as an ally in their quest to crack the state playoffs for the first time. Some even view them as a potential dark horse to win the Sawtooth Conference's South Division.



Brendan Steele hits a drive on the 18th hole during the third round of the PGA Championship golf tournament Saturday at Johns Creek, Ga.

A Chance to Make a Name at the PGA Championship

BY DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

JOHNS CREEK, Ga. • Brendan Steele and Jason Dufner at least can make a name for themselves in the PGA Championship. Until that big trophy is handed out Sunday, however, this major remains very much a mystery.

How will they handle the pressure of the final round?

Can they safely navigate through the four-hole finish, considered among the most brutal of any course?

And just who are these guys, anyway?

Rarely has a major championship contained so much inexperience at the top going in to the final round. Steele is believed to be the first rookie since John Daly in the 1991 PGA to play in the final group

of a major.

Steele, already a winner this year on the PGA Tour and No. 121 in the world, showed remarkable poise Saturday by overcoming a double bogey on the seventh hole. He ran off four birdies over his next seven holes, and not even a safe bogey on the 18th could take away from a 4-under 66 to give him a share of the lead.

He is tied with Jason Dufner,

who, at 34, is still looking for his first PGA Tour win. Dufner, stoic as ever with a chunk of tobacco jutting out from his bottom lip, atoned for a pair of three-putt bogeys on the back nine with back-to-back birdies. He only missed one green in the third round and shot 68.

They were at 7-under 203, one shot clear of Keegan

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Blue Devils Liam Bingham and Rashon Norman, back, stretch before practice at Coach Doug Astle's ranch Friday near Dietrich. The boys participated in the four-day training camp with their teammates.

PASTURE PRACTICE

For the past three years, the Dietrich Blue Devils have hosted an unorthodox football camp at head coach Doug Astle's ranch. The 18 players this season spent the night in tents and practiced on the pasture for the four-day camp.

BY STEPHEN MEYERS
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DIETRICH • A tractor rested in the background Friday afternoon as 18 Dietrich football players stretched before their third practice of the day.

Donning their Blue Devils' helmets and shorts, Gray Weber and Rashon Norman ran through agility and conditioning drills on the bumpy ranching pasture outside of Dietrich. Four hundred yards down the dusty, country road, their shoulder pads, well used from practices in the morning and the day before, hung in the shade from a metal rod.

All that was audible was the encouraging chants and cheers from teammates. No

loud car sounds, no bright city lights, just a light breeze moved its way through the nearby corn fields.

It wasn't a scene common to the game of football — or ranching.

But for the Dietrich Blue Devils and their head coach Doug Astle, this was tradition.

This is the third year Astle has hosted the four-day Dietrich football camp at his ranch near Hwy. 24. Before Astle, it was longtime coach Ed Simons Jr., who held his own football camp at his ranch.

"This is something we've done for a while and it's a fun time," Astle said. "Nothing changes out here. Practice is the same. It's still football. It's just a different environment for them."

The coach also quipped that he knew his players wouldn't be late for practice. That's because they packed sleeping bags along with their football gear and camped in tents along a row of trees on Astle's ranch. From Wednesday afternoon through Saturday morning, this was their home.

Every day, the players received a wake up call at 6 from coach Astle. After breakfast — on Friday it was sausage and eggs — the team ran the quarter mile to the pasture for their first of three practices at 7:30.

Players practiced with shoulder pads on Thursday and for two of the practices Friday.

And they didn't just practice three times a day. Players also lifted weights on the bench press sitting in the shade beneath a large tree. They would jog down the road in the morning.

"As one of the seniors at camp, one of our goals was to step it up and have high energy every time we went

out to practices," said defensive end Andru Howard. "I thought we did a heck of a job at our camp and we're going to keep this progress up during the season."

Coaches also took every opportunity during the day to teach football.

Underneath a large canopy, Astle and his assistants drew plays on a whiteboard, set team goals and even rigged up a TV and VCR to watch film.

"We've been through just about every topic you could imagine," Astle said.

In between all that, players ate, and ate well.

Astle's wife Janice and Maureen Heimerdinger, the wife of assistant coach Jerry Heimerdinger, provided the food. They cooked tacos, hamburgers and hot dogs and Friday night was the real prize: roasted pig with mashed potatoes.

"We've eaten some tasty stuff these few days," said Astle, who funded the camp.

Players washed up in a

Please see PASTURE, D2

Potter Named to ESPN.com's Preseason All-America Team

TIMES-NEWS

The early season recognition continued for Boise State offensive tackle Nate Potter when the senior from Timberline High Schol was named a preseason All-American by ESPN.com, Saturday.

A redshirt senior, Potter has already received first-team preseason All-American honors from Athlon Sports, Lindy's Sports and Phil Steele.

A two-time first-team All-Western Athletic Conference selection when the Broncos were a member of the WAC, Potter was named a first-team preseason All-

Mountain West Conference selection late last month.

Potter has started 21-straight games at left tackle and has been the anchor of the offensive line which protects 2010 Heisman Trophy Award finalist quarterback Kellen Moore. Potter and the offensive line have allowed single-digit sacks in each of the last two seasons (eight in 2010 and nine in 2009).

Potter graduated from Boise State in May of 2011 with a degree in history. He was a second-team CoSIDA Academic All-American in 2010 and a three-time member of the WAC All-Academic team.



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Boise State offensive tackle Nate Potter was named a preseason All-American by ESPN.com last week.

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Tennessee Titans quarterback Jake Locker (10) passes as he is rushed by Minnesota Vikings defenders Adrian Awason (67) and Fred Evans (90) in the second quarter of an NFL football preseason game on Saturday.

Locker Impressive in NFL Debut

NASHVILLE, Tenn. • Jake Locker threw a 45-yard touchdown pass in his NFL debut, and Tennessee beat Minnesota to make new coach Mike Munchak a winner in his preseason opener.

Matt Hasselbeck started for Tennessee, and the veteran signed to a three-year contract to mentor Locker and make the Titans competitive this season looked sharp in his lone series. He completed 5 of 6 passes for 55 yards in an opening drive marred by a botched hand-off leading to a 30-yard loss.

Donovan McNabb made his first start for Minnesota, and completed four of his first five passes before having the sixth knocked down by rookie linebacker Akeem Ayers. McNabb came back for a second series before leaving the game 6 of 11 for 40 yards.

Locker, the eighth pick overall from Washington, had his moment, too. He dropped the ball off the snap before picking it up, rolling to his right and throwing a perfect pass to Yamon Figurs for a TD. Locker played one series into the third quarter, and he was 7 of 10 for 89 yards with a passer rating of 130.8.

Browns 27, Packers 17

CLEVELAND • Super Bowl MVP Aaron Rodgers threw a touchdown pass before swapping his helmet for a baseball cap in the first quarter as the defending champion Green Bay Packers opened the preseason with a 27-17 loss to the Cleveland Browns on Saturday night.

Rodgers and most of Green Bay's first-string of-

fense played only two series in the first quarter, when both the Packers and Browns had long TD drives.

Rodgers got off to a rough start, but finished 6 of 8 for 74 yards and threw a 21-yard TD pass to Greg Jennings.

Browns quarterback Colt McCoy, looking comfortable running first-year Browns coach Pat Shurmur's new West Coast offense, went 9 of 10 for 135 yards while playing three series. He threw a 27-yard TD pass to Josh Cribbs, and led Cleveland on a second scoring drive, capped by Peyton Hillis' 3-yard scoring burst.

Bills 10, Bears 3

CHICAGO • Jay Cutler played just one series and watched as Chicago beat Buffalo even though the offensive line did little to ease any lingering concerns.

The Bills got two sacks from Shawne Merriman and nine in all, but the Bears prevailed on a soggy night in which both teams pulled their starters early.

Cutler and Chicago's skill position starters played one series, with the linemen staying in for the first half. On defense, the first stringers lasted two series, while the Bills lifted their starters on both sides after two.

Cutler could be excused if he experienced flashbacks to last season, when he was sacked an NFL-leading 52 times. He again had little time with the defense bearing down on him and couldn't do much in his first appearance at Soldier Field since an NFC championship loss to Green Bay.

Newcomer Marion Barber made a good impression,

running for 45 yards and leading the Bears to a second-quarter touchdown. He carried six times for 37 yards on that drive, setting up a 4-yard run by backup quarterback Caleb Hanie that put Chicago ahead 7-3.

Buffalo's Ryan Fitzpatrick completed 7 of 9 passes for 44 yards. Stevie Johnson, the man the Bills are counting on to take over the No. 1 spot with Lee Evans gone, caught three passes for 15 yards. Fred Jackson ran for 18 yards on three carries.

Rams 33, Colts 10

ST. LOUIS • Sam Bradford produced 17 points in four possessions with big help from a defense that jumped on Peyton Manning's backups for a pair of early interceptions as St. Louis opened the preseason with a victory over Indianapolis.

Josh Brown's 60-yard field goal capped an almost perfect first half not just for offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels' rebuilt attack but for all phases. Brown's boot bettered his career best of 58 yards in 2003 with the Seattle Seahawks and he added a 53-yarder in the third quarter.

Manning almost blended into the crowd on the Colts sideline in blue jeans and wearing a ball cap, but his presence on the field was sorely missed. Curtis Painter and Dan Orlovsky threw costly interceptions early, giving the Rams possession deep in Indianapolis territory to set up 10 easy points.

Bradford was in for 24 snaps, and was 7 for 12 for 45 yards and a touchdown. He also had a chat with Manning on the field after

the game.

Rams backup running back Cadillac Williams had 40 yards on 11 carries with a 1-yard touchdown in the second quarter. Keith Toston had 64 yards and a 5-yard score.

Panthers 20, Giants 10

CHARLOTTE, N.C. • Cam Newton led a pair of field-goal drives in his NFL debut, and Jimmy Clausen threw a touchdown pass to Greg Olsen to help Carolina beat the New York Giants.

Newton, the Heisman Trophy winner from Auburn and top overall pick in the NFL draft, struggled with his accuracy and twice failed to get the Panthers into the end zone on promising first-half drives.

Newton completed 8 of 19 throws for 134 yards, including a pair of completions of at least 30 yards. He entered the game to loud cheers on Carolina's first drive of the second quarter and left early in the fourth.

Michael Boley returned an interception 56 yards for a score in the game's opening minutes for the Giants' only touchdown.

It was a forgettable night for New York's offense, which never reached the end zone. Lawrence Tynes missed two field goals and had another blocked in the fourth.

Giants quarterback Eli Manning didn't lead a scoring drive in his five series, completing 4 of 9 passes for just 36 yards. He also slightly overthrew Hakeem Nicks on what could've been a big third-down gain on his first possession, forcing Tynes to try a 56-yard field goal.

Report: SEC Presidents to Meet, Discuss Expansion

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Southeastern Conference presidents will meet Sunday to discuss Texas A&M's admission to the league, The New York Times is reporting.

A person with knowledge of the situation confirms to The Associated Press that the meeting will be held in Atlanta. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the meeting had not been publicly discussed.

The Times said all but one of the presidents will be at the SEC meeting, held the day before the Texas A&M System board of regents will meet. A special meeting is scheduled Monday that includes an agenda item about conference alignment.

The session comes amid reports that Texas A&M is leaving the Big 12 for the SEC.

The SEC is interested in A&M because the move "brings us into the Texas market," another person familiar with the situation told the AP on Saturday. But the person added that "it's not about us wanting or needing 14 teams, Texas A&M came to us."

The person said the conference could not ignore the Aggies.

"If A&M is dead set on getting away from Texas, whether it be because of the Longhorn Network or if they have had enough for whatever reason, you have to listen," the person said. "If you don't, someone else will."

"It's a business decision." If it does happen and A&M is put the SEC's West Division, the person said the conference will have to add a 14th team in the East. However, the person said though the "Texas A&M thing will be decided in the week or so, the 14th team has not been discussed."

According to media reports, several schools are being considered for that 14th slot, including Florida State and Clemson.

Presidents at both those Atlantic Coast Conference schools said Saturday they have had no contact with the SEC.

"From coach to (athletic director) to president and the board chair (trustees), there has been no discussion," Florida State University President Eric Barron told the AP in a phone interview during a Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce meeting in Destin, Fla. "I feel quite certain if any of those individuals had any discussions, including me, we would have shared it with each other."

Clemson University President James Barker Saturday also denied reports that the Tigers are considering a move.

"We are committed to the ACC," Barker said in a statement. "We have had no contact with the SEC."

The Tigers have been charter members of the ACC since it was formed in 1953. Florida State joined the ACC on July 1, 1991 after months of courtship by the SEC.

The person said it's a "zero chance" that Florida State would be the 14th team and that it is highly unlikely it would be any ACC team.

"Our presidents simply don't want to break up another conference," the person said. "Remember, Texas A&M reached out to us. You know how many households there are in Texas? 8.9 million. Why would we want to hand that to the Pac 12 or any another conference?"

West Virginia and Missouri have also been mentioned, but the person said Louisville would make more sense.

"The question is what's the dynamic with Kentucky? Will Kentucky have a problem with it?" the person said. "I doubt Kentucky would have the beef that Georgia does with Georgia Tech or South Carolina does with Clemson."

Ankle Injury to Seattle's Okung Not Serious

RENTON, Wash. (AP) • Russell Okung walked around with just the slightest noticeable limp and without a protective boot sheltering his left foot.

Both were positive signs for the Seattle Seahawks, who became far too accustomed during Okung's rookie season to ankle problems that sidelined their first-round pick and franchise left tackle.

Seattle coach Pete Carroll said Saturday that Okung sprained his left ankle in Thursday night's preseason opener against San Diego, but the injury is not nearly as severe as the high ankle sprains that plagued Okung's rookie year.

"Russell is not nearly as bad as it looked. He's walking around fine, not in a boot. We're not talking about how long yet but it's nothing like the one's he had," Carroll said. "I don't know if we can call it mild or not, but he was out walking around and moving, and he's doing the toe raises and stuff so he's way more active than he was at any time early in those other ankle injuries that he had."

Later, Carroll said it's conceivable that Okung could be ready for the season opener on Sept. 11 at San Francisco and that the coaching staff is working with that idea in mind.

Okung was injured in the first quarter of Seattle's 24-17 exhibition victory over the Chargers. Carroll said after the win that Okung

"felt something pop" as he blocked, but his legs were not contacted on the play.

"Obviously, you'd like to have the same guys in there the whole year but injuries happen in this league. Hopefully he's back sooner than later," new Seahawks left guard Robert Gallery said. "He can still sit in the meetings and know what is going on but when he gets back we'll pick it up fast. He's a smart guy, he knows what we're doing and we work pretty well together."

Okung, who signed a \$58 million deal after being the No. 6 overall pick in the 2010 draft, missed six games during his rookie season due to a pair of high ankle sprains. The first came in the Seahawks' second preseason game when his right ankle was rolled on. He sat most of the first four weeks, then injured his left ankle a couple of weeks after returning.

Okung missed six games and most of two others in his rookie season.

"The time frame we dealt with last time is not the time frame we want to deal with this time," Carroll said.

Okung's injury comes in the midst of an already shortened time frame trying to learn the new zone blocking schemes of offensive line coach Tom Cable. Gallery and Okung spent just five full practices working together on the left side of Seattle's offensive line before Okung was injured on the first offensive series against the Chargers.

Pasture

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makeshift shower from a solar-heated water tank and ended every evening with some sort of entertainment.

On Friday it was karaoke. Thursday night it was a question and answer session. In the past, players would stand in front of their teammates and read "Dear Abby" articles. One night, the players called their teammate, Eddie Alvarado, who was in Utah helping his uncle and unable to attend practice.

"That bonding thing, that's what it's really about," Astle said.

The freshmen, new to the program and three or four years younger than the seniors, were an equal part of the team during the camp. During one conditioning drill, older players encouraged and cheered on their younger, untested teammates.



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Brody Astle hits the sled hard during practice out in a pasture Friday near Dietrich.

"Some of the three-a-day practices were tough, but we pulled together as a team and got through," Howard said. "We are working hard in practices as a team and get to

know each other and just have a good time."

The team closed camp with its last practice Saturday morning.

"I had an awesome time

there. I'm going to miss it. I will always remember all the great memories from our football camp," Howard said. "Probably for the rest of my life."

SCOREBOARD



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MLB

American League					
All Times MDT					
EAST	W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	73	44	.624	—	
New York	72	46	.610	1½	
Tampa Bay	64	55	.538	10	
Toronto	60	59	.504	14	
Baltimore	45	72	.385	28	
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB	
Detroit	64	55	.538	—	
Cleveland	60	57	.513	3	
Chicago	58	60	.492	5½	
Minnesota	52	67	.437	12	
Kansas City	50	69	.420	14	
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB	
Texas	68	52	.567	—	
Los Angeles	65	55	.542	3	
Oakland	53	66	.445	14½	
Seattle	50	67	.427	16½	

Saturday's Games
Toronto 11, L.A. Angels 2
N.Y. Yankees 9, Tampa Bay 2
Texas 7, Oakland 1
Detroit 6, Baltimore 5
Cleveland 3, Minnesota 1
Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, late
Boston at Seattle, late
Sunday's Games
Minnesota (Slowey 0-0) at Cleveland (D.Huff 1-1), 11:05 a.m.
Tampa Bay (Shields 11-9) at N.Y. Yankees (A.J.Burnett 8-9), 11:05 a.m.
L.A. Angels (Haren 12-6) at Toronto (Cecil 4-5), 11:07 a.m.
Detroit (Fister 4-12) at Baltimore (Jo-Reyes 5-9), 11:35 a.m.
Kansas City (Francis 4-12) at Chicago White Sox (Danks 4-9), 12:10 p.m.
Texas (M.Harrison 10-8) at Oakland (Harden 3-2), 2:05 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 6-4) at Seattle (Furbush 2-4), 2:10 p.m.

National League					
All Times MDT					
EAST	W	L	Pct	GB	
Philadelphia	78	41	.655	—	
Atlanta	70	50	.583	8½	
New York	58	61	.487	20	
Washington	57	62	.479	21	
Florida	56	63	.471	22	
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB	
Milwaukee	69	51	.575	—	
St. Louis	64	56	.533	5	
Cincinnati	59	61	.492	10	
Pittsburgh	56	62	.475	12	
Chicago	52	68	.433	17	
Houston	38	81	.319	30½	
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB	
Arizona	67	53	.558	—	
San Francisco	65	55	.542	2	
Colorado	56	65	.463	11½	
Los Angeles	53	64	.453	12½	
San Diego	53	68	.438	14½	
Saturday's Games					
Milwaukee 1, Pittsburgh 0					
Philadelphia 11, Washington 3					
Chicago Cubs 8, Atlanta 4					
Cincinnati 13, San Diego 1					
San Francisco 3, Florida 0					
Colorado 6, St. Louis 1					
Arizona 6, N.Y. Mets 4					
Houston at L.A. Dodgers, late					
Sunday's Games					
San Diego (LeBlanc 0-2) at Cincinnati (Willis 0-2), 11:10 a.m.					
San Francisco (Vogelsong 9-2) at Florida (Volstad 5-8), 11:10 a.m.					
Chicago Cubs (Garza 5-9) at Atlanta (Beachy 5-2), 11:35 a.m.					
Washington (Wang 1-2) at Philadelphia (Halladay 15-4), 11:35 a.m.					
Pittsburgh (Morton 9-6) at Milwaukee (Marcum 10-3), 12:10 p.m.					
Houston (Lyles 1-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Kuroda 7-14), 2:10 p.m.					
N.Y. Mets (Capuano 9-10) at Arizona (Marquis 4-6), 2:10 p.m.					
Colorado (Rogers 6-1) at St. Louis (E.Jackson 1-1), 6:05 p.m.					

AL Boxes

TIGERS 6, ORIOLES 5									
Detroit					Baltimore				
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Dirkstf	5	1	1	0	Hardys	4	0	0	0
Ordonzrf	4	1	2	0	Markksrf	4	0	0	0
Kellyrrf	0	0	0	0	AdJonsrf	4	1	1	0
MLCarrb	2	1	1	3	Guerrdrf	4	1	2	2
VMTrnsb	3	1	2	0	Wieterscf	4	1	1	0
JPPeriss	4	1	1	0	C.Davisib	4	1	2	0
Avilac	3	1	1	0	Reimldrpf	0	0	0	0
Raburnb	4	0	1	2	LBellb	3	0	0	0
RSgntzb	0	0	0	0	McRynlph	1	0	0	0
Betemi3b	4	0	0	0	BDaviszb	4	1	2	3
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Baltimore	050	000	000	000	—	5			
E-Raburn (12), DP-Baltimore 1, LOB-Baltimore 5, Baltimore 4, 2B-Dirks (9), Ordonez (7), Avila (2), HR-Mi.Cabrera (23), Guerrero (8), B.Davis (1), SF-Mi.Cabrera.									
IP H R ER BB SO									
Detroit	ScherzerW12-7	7	7	5	4	0	10		
CokeH6	1	0	0	0	0	2			
ValverdeG35-35	1	1	0	0	0	1			
Baltimore									
GuthrieL5-16	52-3	8	6	6	2	1			
Jakubauskas	21-3	1	0	0	0	1			
M.Gonzalez	2	0	0	0	0	1			
Umpires-Home, Bill Welke; First, Jeff Nelson; Second, Vic Carapazza; Third, Marty Foster. T-2:48. A-24,114 (43,438).									

INDIANS 3, TWINS 1										
Minnesota					Cleveland					
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Spancf	4	0	1	0	Choorf	3	1	0	0	
Tollherb2b	4	0	0	0	ADonal2b	4	1	2	0	
Mauerc	4	0	1	0	ACarerss	3	1	2	3	
Mornealb	4	1	1	0	CSantnc	4	0	0	0	
Kubelfr	4	0	0	0	Duncandrh	3	0	1	0	
Thomesh	3	0	0	0	Chsnlphlth-dh	1	0	0	0	
Valenc2b	3	0	0	0	Chsnlphlth	3	0	2	0	
Dyongfr	3	0	1	1	LaPortlb	4	0	2	0	
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E-Tolbert (4), DP-Minnesota 1, LOB-Minnesota 5, Cleveland 8, 2B-Morneau (13), 3B-Donald (1), HR-A.Cabrera (20), SB-A.Cabrera (6), CS-Fukudome (3), S-Fukudome.										
					IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Minnesota										
DuensingL8-11					62-3	9	3	3	2	9
Al.Burnett					1-3	1	0	0	0	1
R.PerezH20					1-3	1	0	0	0	1
SingH20					1	0	0	0	0	1
C.PerezS25-28					2-3	0	0	0	0	1
PB-Mauer.										
Umpires-Home, Doug Eddings; First, Dana DeMuth; Second, Kerwin Danley; Third, Paul Nauert. T-2:34. A-30,619 (43,441).										

BLUE JAYS 11, ANGELS 2									
LosAngeles					Toronto				
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Bizarrosf	3	0	0	0	ETHmslf	2	2	1	0
Trinhtrdh	3	1	1	0	Encrochb	4	2	3	0
Trumblb-rf	3	0	1	1	Lindh	4	1	1	5
VWellsrf	3	0	0	0	Arencic	5	0	1	1
Brannylb	1	0	0	0	Teahenrf	4	1	1	1
Callasp3b	4	1	2	1	Lawrie3b	4	0	2	0
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MYongz	4	0	1	1	Wnglhf	4	1	1	0
N.Cruz3f	4	0	1	0	DeJerssf	4	0	1	1
Napoli3f	4	0	1	1	Allentlb	2	0	0	0
Torres3f	4	0	1	0	CKapsh3f	2	0	0	0
Topolch	4	0	1	0	SWeyncf	3	0	0	0
EnChvzcf	3	3	1	0	POwellc	3	0	0	0
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Fuldcrf	1	0	0	0	ErChvz3b	4	1	1	1
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Gonzalez Homers to Lead Rockies Over Cardinals

ST. LOUIS • Carlos Gonzalez hit a three-run homer and Jason Hammel threw 6 1-3 strong innings to lead Colorado.

The Rockies, who snapped a three-game losing streak, had lost their last five games in St. Louis by a combined 22-3 score. St. Louis lost for the third time in five games and fell five games behind first-place Milwaukee in the NL Central.

Gonzalez, who also had an RBI double in the ninth, slammed his 18th homer of the season in the third inning off left-hander Jaime Garcia (10-6), who gave up five runs in five innings.

Hammel (7-11) allowed one run and five hits.

Cubs 8, Braves 4

ATLANTA • The latest entry in Dan Uggla's improbable hitting streak was not enough for Atlanta as Starlin Castro and Darwin Barney each had four hits to lead Chicago.

Uggla had a first-inning single and a fourth-inning homer off Randy Wells (4-4) to extend his hitting streak to 33 games. The majors' longest streak this season began on July 5 when Uggla was hitting .173. It is the longest streak in Atlanta Braves history.

Reds 13, Padres 1

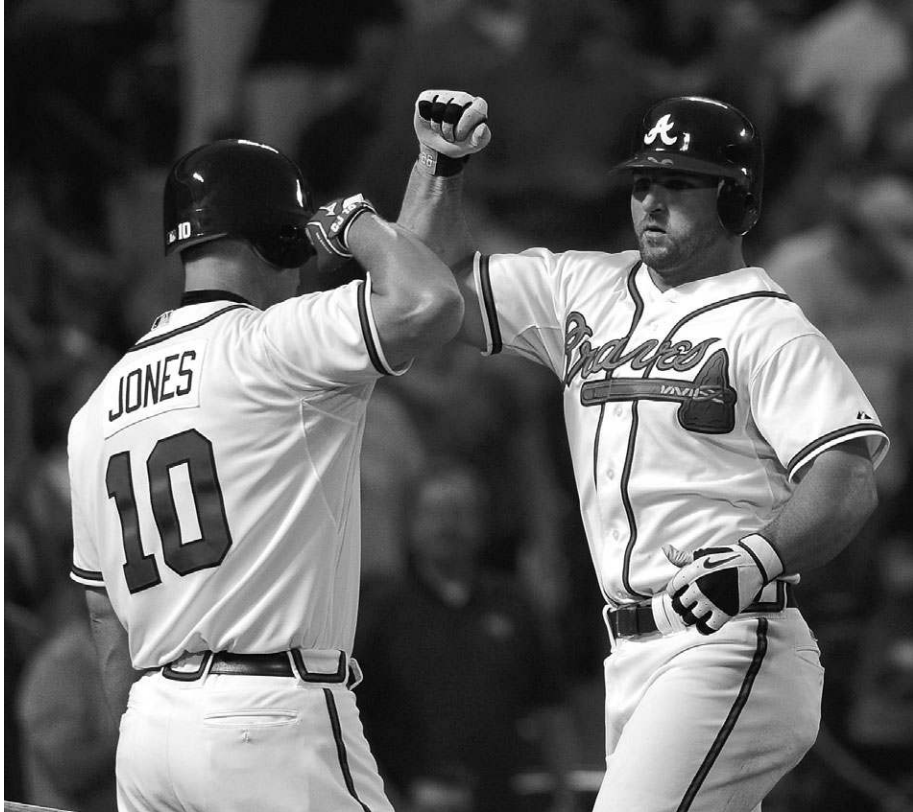
CINCINNATI • Miguel Cairo and Ryan Hanigan each homered twice, and the Reds hit seven in all off starter Tim Stauffer and the Padres bullpen — matching a San Diego record — while powering their way to a 13-1 victory on Saturday night.

The Reds won their fourth straight game with their biggest home run splurge of the season.

Phillies 11, Nationals 3

PHILADELPHIA • Ryan Howard homered and drove in four runs, and Roy Oswalt pitched seven solid innings to lead Philadelphia.

Oswalt (5-7), making his second start since coming off the 15-day DL Aug. 6,



Atlanta Braves second baseman Dan Uggla, right, is congratulated by Braves third baseman Chipper Jones (10) on his solo home run in the fourth inning of a baseball game against the Chicago Cubs on Saturday in Atlanta. Uggla set a club-record 33-game hitting streak during the game.

gave up three runs on six hits in seven innings. Oswalt settled down after a two-run second inning and finished with five strikeouts and just one walk.

Giants 3, Marlins 0

MIAMI • Tim Lincecum allowed two hits in seven scoreless innings and Jeff Keppinger provided a first-inning solo home run to lead San Francisco.

Lincecum (11-9) walked three, struck out 10 and hit a batter while lowering his league-leading road ERA to 2.08. He has given up one run or less in six of his last seven starts.

Jeremy Affeldt pitched a 1-2-3 eighth and Brian Wilson a scoreless ninth for his 35th save in 39 tries.

Diamondbacks 6, Mets 4

PHOENIX • Ryan Roberts hit a three-run homer to help Arizona come from behind to win for the 33rd time this season.

Daniel Hudson (12-8) al-

lowed four runs, two earned, on eight hits in eight innings as the Diamondbacks won their fifth straight to remain two games ahead of second-place San Francisco in the NL West. Hudson also had a run-scoring single, his 13th RBI of the year.

Brewers 1, Pirates 0

MILWAUKEE • Marco Estrada pitched five innings in a spot start, combining with four relievers on a three-hitter, and Yunesky Betancourt homered to carry Milwaukee.

Takashi Saito, LaTroy Hawkins, Francisco Rodriguez and John Axford, who earned his 34th save by working around a leadoff triple in the ninth, completed the shutout.

American League Yankees 9, Rays 2

NEW YORK • Jorge Posada hit a grand slam and

drove in six runs in his first game since being benched six days ago, and Phil Hughes made his case to remain in the New York Yankees' rotation with six effective innings in a 9-2 victory Saturday that ended the Tampa Bay Rays' five-game winning streak.

Curtis Granderson hit his 33rd homer to tie Jose Bautista for the big league lead and Robinson Cano had two hits and scored twice to help the Yankees rebound from a loss to the Rays on Friday night.

Getting the start at designated hitter on the day his pal Derek Jeter was honored for reaching 3,000 hits, Posada laced a bases-loaded single off Jeremy Hellickson (10-8) in the second to give New York a 2-0 lead. He singled in the fourth then hit his 10th homer and 10th career slam in the fifth off Brandon Gomes.

Indians 3, Twins 1

CLEVELAND • Asdrubal Cabrera hit a three-run

homer and Josh Tomlin pitched shutout ball into the seventh inning, leading the Indians to the victory.

Cabrera connected in the third, driving a 1-0 pitch from Brian Duensing (8-11) over the wall in left for his 20th homer. Shin-Soo Choo hit a leadoff single and Jason Donald walked before Cabrera went deep.

Tomlin (12-5) and four relievers combined for a five-hitter, with Chris Perez pitching a perfect ninth for his 25th save in 28 chances.

Tigers 6, Orioles 5

BALTIMORE • Miguel Cabrera homered in a five-run sixth inning that featured six consecutive two-out hits, and the Tigers rallied to get the win.

Detroit trailed 5-0 in the second before mounting its biggest comeback of the season. The Tigers had previously battled back from a trio of three-run deficits.

Blue Jays 11, Angels 2

TORONTO • Adam Lind hit a grand slam for Toronto, and Edwin Encarnacion and Mark Teahen also went deep.

All three homers came off Angels ace Jered Weaver (14-6), who allowed eight runs and eight hits, both season highs, in 4 2-3 innings, his shortest outing of the year.

Rangers 7, Athletics 1

OAKLAND, Calif. • Colby Lewis and four relievers combined on a five-hitter, leading Texas to the victory.

Ian Kinsler had two hits and three RBIs for Texas, which increased its AL West lead to three games over the Los Angeles Angels. Mike Napoli and Elvis Andrus hit run-scoring doubles off A's starter Trevor Cahill as the Rangers (68-52) moved a season-best 16 games over .500 with their seventh consecutive victory over Oakland.

COLORADAN WELLS WINS LEADVILLE 100 BIKE RACE

LEADVILLE, Colo. (AP) • The Leadville 100 MTB lacked the star power of years past. There was no shortage of spunk.

Todd Wells, the national cross-country mountain bike champion, won the nation's highest-altitude endurance test with the second-fastest time in the race's history Saturday.

Wells, from Durango, traversed the grueling, 100-mile course in a lung-searing 6 hours, 23 minutes, 38 seconds. That was about seven minutes slower than Levi Leipheimer's record-setting time of a year ago but well ahead of everyone else.

Austrian Alban Lakata was second in 6:27:57 after a flat tire early on, and Alex Grant of Salt Lake City finished third in 6:35:32.

The Leadville 100 features no prize money, just pride and climbs of 14,000 vertical feet at elevations ranging from 9,000 to 12,500 feet.

Like 2009 champion Lance Armstrong, Leipheimer skipped this year's "Race Across the Sky." Leipheimer is competing in the Tour of Utah in preparation for the USA Pro Cycling Challenge next week in Colorado.

Armstrong gave fans a glimmer of hope by showing up two minutes before the start of a qualifier last month in Crested Butte. But there was no similar sprint to the start line Saturday for the seven-time Tour de France winner.

Also sitting this one out was six-time champion Dave Wiens, of Gunnison, who finished second and fourth the last two years as the race exploded in popularity and drew world-class competition, and Jeremy Horgan-Kobelski, last year's runner-up.

"It doesn't matter," said Wells, who bested his mark of 6:30:31 last year when he took third. "I wanted to win regardless of who was going to come."

Wells was on pace to challenge Leipheimer's record time of 6:16:37 until a spoiled stomach that bothered him much of the race took its toll at the end.

"It started to get cramping and knot up a little bit," he said. "It's hard. You've got to eat a lot (gels, power bars) out there. It's a long race. But then you're going so hard, too, it's hard to digest everything."

Wells said he didn't want to burn himself out trying to beat Leipheimer's splits on the way back.

"Here, it's so high and it's such a longer race than I'm used to that I can't up my tempo at all," Wells said. "I've got one speed out there. With those guys racing the Tour de France and everything that goes into that, I feel like I can't compete against that type of time."

So, he said he was shooting for JHK's time of 6:25:21 last year "because we race similar events, do similar training."

Plus, the breakaway group hadn't gone out as fast and as furious as last year's field that set such a torrid pace.

"Alban was super strong and if he didn't flat and was in the group (going out) I'm sure we would have rolled it even faster, so the time probably would have been quicker," Wells said. "But you never know. It's a long race and if you give a lot at the beginning, sometimes you pay for it at the end."

Lakata hit a rock that cut his back tire 10 miles into the race, his first in Leadville, and had to go in search of a tire pump from a first-aid station because his wasn't working in the cold. It took him about five minutes and then he raced alone up to the Columbine mine above Twin Lakes, where he caught Wells.

BYU Men Headed to Greece for 5-game Tour

PROVO, Utah (AP) • The BYU men's basketball team is headed to Greece for a five-game tour that includes competition against professional teams in Athens and Platania.

The team will depart Monday for a 10-day trip that includes sightseeing. The NCAA allows teams to make a foreign tour once every four years.

The Cougars began practicing Aug. 1 in preparation for the trip. Their last overseas trip was to France in 2007.

Charles Abouo and Noah Hartsock are the team's elder statesmen this season. The trip will give coach Dave Rose a look at redshirt freshman Anson Winder and junior Craig Cusick in the backcourt.

School officials say Brandon Davies, suspended last season for an honor code violation, is not traveling to Greece. They say Davies' situation is still being reviewed by the honor code office.

Acevedo Wins Tour of Utah 4th Stage

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) • Colombia's Javier Acevedo won the fourth stage of the Tour of Utah on Saturday in hot conditions, and defending champion Levi Leipheimer retained the overall lead with one day left.

Acevedo, racing for Team Gobernacion Indeportes Antioquia, completed 11 laps on a 7.4-mile loop that started and ended at the state capitol building in 2 hours, 56 minutes, 18 seconds.

Spain's Javier Megias finished second, 5 seconds behind Acevedo. Swiss rider Rubens Bertogliati was third.

Leipheimer, the Team RadioShack star from Butte, Mont., had a 23-second lead over Colombia's Sergio Henao in the overall standings. Slovakia's Jánek Brájkovic was third, 27 seconds back.

The 100-mile final stage, featuring several rugged climbs, will start in Park City and finish at Snowbird Ski Resort just above the Salt Lake Valley.

"It's really high mountains and long sustained climbs," Leipheimer said. "You will really see it on the



Javier Alexis Acevedo Colle competes and wins the fourth stage of the Tour of Utah cycling race in Park City, Utah, on Saturday.

riders' faces — the pain and suffering."

Acevedo got into a small group that broke away from the main pack early.

"All I think about is drinking water," said Acevedo. "It's been very hard for me."

With teammates Henao and Oscar Sevilla — 29 seconds behind Leipheimer — in the top four in the overall standings, Acevedo said his team wanted to make Leipheimer feel some heat going into the final day.

"The race is not lost," Acevedo said. "We're hanging in there. We are going to give it our all to win tomorrow."

Leipheimer was 30th in the stage, 1:38 behind Acevedo.

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Bunkers Creating Big Problems at PGA in Atlanta

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JOHNS CREEK, Ga. • The longest par 70 in major championship history. Water on half of the holes.

There was plenty of evidence that Atlanta Athletic Club would be a strong test for the PGA Championship, and it has proven to be just that through the opening two rounds. But perhaps the biggest challenge is something not many players considered before they arrived.

The bunkers. Not just where they are located, but the sand that fills them.

"The sand is very heavy," D.A. Points said. "The sand is very powdery, so your ball rolls into it; it does not sit on the top of the sand. It sits a sixth of the golf ball down. It's almost better if you can somehow hit a shot into a place where somebody has already raked."

Rickie Fowler was 3 under in the third round Saturday when he caught a bunker short and left of the eighth green. His next shot was a shocker, sailing some 40 yards over the green, behind a row of bushes, almost on part of the fourth tee. He wound up with triple bogey, erasing the three birdies he had made.

Tiger Woods had a soft lie and an awkward stance in the bunker on No. 11 in the second round. He blasted out, turned his head away when sand flew into his eyes, and was able to see again just in time to take in his ball racing across the green and into the water.

"Bunker play wouldn't really be a strength at the best of times," Graeme McDowell said after missing the cut. "But out of these traps, they are just unplayable."

Scott Verplank managed just fine with some of the lies he had Friday, saving par all four times he was in the sand around the green. From the fairway on the 14th, however, he poked it out to the fairway some 100 yards short of the green and had to scramble for bogey.

Perhaps most telling was one of the purest shots of the tournament.

Paul Casey was in a bunker just right of the 18th fairway — the same bunker where moments earlier, Woods put a 4-iron into the water. When he saw his ball, he realized he had received a good break. Why? Because it was in a spot that had been raked.

Needing par to make the cut, he hit 4-iron to 18 feet and two-putted to make it to the weekend.

"It was a spot that had a lot of action," Casey said. "The caddies had raked it and I had a good lie. This sand is lumpy, clumpy, whatever the word is. And it's incredibly light. So the weight of the ball sits down. You can't get at the back of the ball. That's why you're seeing either low shots or chunks. There's no in-between."

In a way, it's like links golf — avoid bunkers at all costs because it can be a half-shot penalty.

Casey has no problem with that. Bunkers are supposed to be hazards and players aren't supposed to hit into them. Too many times on too many courses, players have tried to put it in the sand for an easier shot.

But on this course, there are plenty of other defenses, whether it's water guarding the greens or the contours on fast greens, making it difficult for anyone on the wrong side of the hole.

Furyk Stumbles with Wet Finish on Moving Day

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JOHNS CREEK, Ga. • Jim Furyk has been mired in one of the worst slumps of his career.

With three swings Saturday, all the bad feelings came rushing back.

Furyk dumped his tee shot in the pond on the par-3 15th and two more balls in the water at the brutal 18th hole, taking a pair of double bogeys that put a severe crimp in his hopes at the PGA Championship.

On Moving Day, he was going the wrong way. Furyk struggled home with a 3-over 73, giving up five shots on the final five holes and going from a contender for the lead to a half-dozen strokes behind heading to the final round.

He didn't speak with the media afterward, but his body language told it all. After his second ball splashed, Furyk's knees buckled and he bent over as if he'd been punched in the stomach. He put his hands behind his head and stared at the ground, knowing his good play much of the week was largely undone by the brutal finish.

But things are looking up for guy who won the PGA the last time it was played at Atlanta Athletic Club in 2001.

David Toms went out early and posted a 65 for the best round of the day. He got rolling with a long eagle putt at the 12th, birdied the next two holes as well, then rolled in a 15-foot birdie at the 18th — the same hole that would bite Furyk — after just clearing the water with his approach.

Toms will head to Sunday five shots behind surprising co-leaders Brendan Steele and Jason Dufner.

"Obviously it will take a great round," Toms said. "But you never know. I mean, that was the goal of the day was to have a good round. I didn't know it was going to be a great round."

It wasn't that surprising. The Louisiana native is having a career renaissance at age 44, winning for the first time in five years, finishing second at the Players Championship and coming into the year's final major off a strong ninth-place finish in the World Golf Championship at Firestone.

"I just wanted to have a good round to give myself a chance," Toms said. "Now, if I can have one of those days (on Sunday), I certainly will be in the mix."

Toms wasn't the only one moving in the right direction. Barely noticed, Masters champion Charl Schwartzel surged into contention for

DAY	LEADER	HOLE	TOTAL
1	DUFNER	12	6
5	STEELE	4	8
1	K BRADLEY	2	6
2	FURYK	3	6
E	SENDEN	2	4
1	VERPLANK	3	5
1	STRICKER	5	4
E	JOBE	5	3

Jim Furyk walks on the 14th green during the third round of the PGA Championship golf tournament Saturday at the Atlanta Athletic Club in Johns Creek, Ga.

his second major title of the year with a 66. He was steady as they come, staying away from bogeys, making birdies on the two par-5s and mixing in two more birdies to become a final-round factor.

Like Toms, the South African faces a five-stroke deficit on Sunday.

If he can post another 66,

who knows?

"The first two days there were too many bogeys and double bogeys," Schwartzel said. "I managed to prevent those."

He did a much better job on the last four holes, one of the toughest finishing stretches in major championship history. After playing those holes at a combined 5

over the first two rounds, Schwartzel was 1 under Saturday — making a birdie at the 15th, taking advantage of a par-3 hole that was moved up to 223 yards, and closing with three straight pars.

"Some of the toughest holes I've played," he said. "Those last four holes are going to decide this golf tournament."

Kurt Busch Wins Nationwide at The Glen

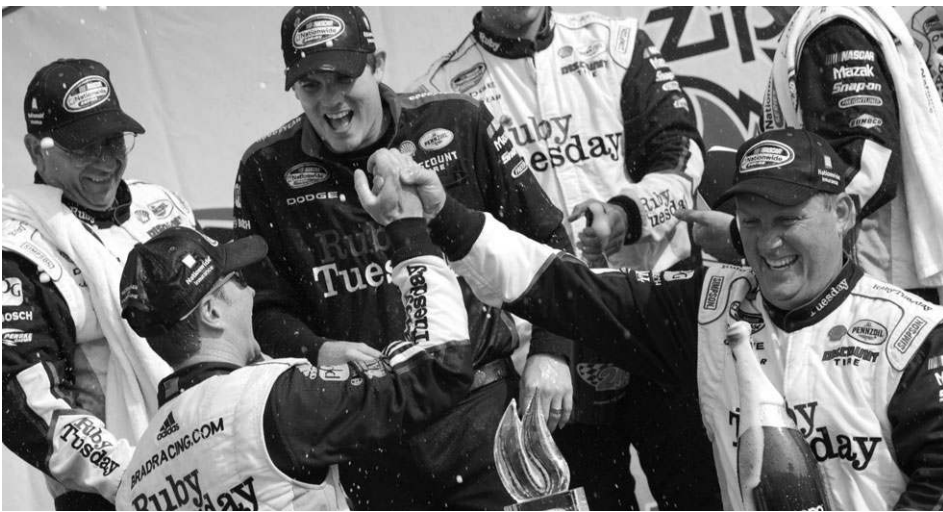
WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. • Chalk up one for the team.

Subbing for injured Penske Racing teammate Brad Keselowski, Kurt Busch held off Jimmie Johnson on a green-white-checked finish to win the Nationwide Zippo 200 at Watkins Glen International on Saturday.

Busch beat his Sprint Cup nemesis by nearly a second for his third victory in 12 Nationwide races. He also deprived brother Kyle of his 50th career victory, which would have broken a tie with Mark Martin for the most in series history.

Joey Logano edged Kyle Busch for third, and Carl Edwards was fifth. Paul Menard, Ron Fellows and Nationwide regulars Aric Almirola, Trevor Bayne and Elliott Sadler rounded out the top 10.

Ricky Stenhouse Jr. maintained his series lead with a



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Kurt Busch (right) won the Zippo 200 at the Glen race at the Watkins Glen International in Watkins Glen, N.Y. Saturday.

15th-place finish. Stenhouse leads Reed Sorenson by 10 points, Sadler is another 14 back, and Almirola is fourth.

Five years ago, Kurt Busch held off Robby Gordon for a Nationwide win in a fender-

banging finish around the 11-turn, 2.45-mile circuit. Busch expected a replay this time, but it never materialized.

"I didn't know where we were on fuel, I didn't really care," Busch said after crew

chief Todd Gordon's two-stop strategy worked to perfection. "It was one of those feelings of like, we're going to see this race on ESPN Classic if we could have gotten to duel it out at the end.

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Bradley, a 25-year-old rookie who also won earlier this year. Bradley, playing in the final group, opened with a double bogey, which might have been expected given his inexperience. He also bounced back with remarkable resiliency, playing bogey-free on the back nine and rallying for a 69.

Now comes the hard part.

Never mind that only one of the top 10 players in the world is within four shots — Steve Stricker, who shot 69 and was three behind. Or that Tiger Woods, defending champion Martin Kaymer and British Open champion Darren Clarke all missed the cut. Or that U.S. Open champion Rory McIlroy blew up in a round of 74 and was out of contention.

Atlanta Athletic Club is the kind of course that can take shots away without notice. Jim Furyk discovered that by putting three balls into the water on the last four holes for a pair of double bogeys.

"Wishy-washy play is not going to get it done," Steele said.

Right behind them is plenty of experience.

Scott Verplank, who at 47 can become the second-oldest major champion, rattled in a 50-foot putt across the 17th green for a most unlikely birdie, then laid up on the par-4 18th and escaped with par by making an 18-foot putt for a 69. He was only two shots behind.

Stricker, at No. 5 the highest-ranked American in the world ranking, took only 10 putts on the front nine when his round could have gone south quickly. He steadied himself with a solid up-and-down for par on the final hole.

"Everybody is going to be dealing with their nerves and the pressure of trying to win," Stricker said.

Only two players among the top 12 on the leaderboard have won majors — Masters champion Charl Schwartzel and David Toms, who won the PGA Championship on this course 10 years ago. They were at 2-under 208.

KURT BUSCH: PUTTING THE "R" BACK IN RACING

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. • A day after Jimmie Johnson went off on Kurt Busch, the five-time Sprint Cup champion's nemesis shrugged off the criticism of last week's run-in at Pocono Raceway.

"It's one of those emotion points that boiled over," Busch said Saturday morning before NASCAR Cup qualifying at Watkins Glen International. "I felt like the way we raced each other on the track was what champions need to do, and that is to bring the car home where they were running on track. Third and fourth was where we were, and that's where we crossed the line. Where we raced each other with a juke and a jive and rubbing, that's racing."

Busch, the Nationwide winner Saturday, said a talk with his father reaffirmed his actions at Pocono. "It's rubbing racing," Busch said. "I'm putting the 'R' back in racing."

Johnson accused Busch of trying to run him down on the final lap and said Friday that he was angered by Busch's remarks after their argument in the pits.

"I walk away and he keeps talking. That's the part that frustrates me," Johnson said. "That's when you saw me engage like that. If you're going to say something, say it to a man's face. I don't know about you, but that really makes me mad. He just started running his mouth."

"If we would have calmed down a little bit, there probably would have been a better discussion," Busch said. "But he was real amped-up. He felt like I did him wrong."

Johnson said he was trying to break the draft when he swerved at Busch's Penske Racing Dodge at the top of the front straightaway at Pocono and said he never touched Busch's No. 22.

"That's not the move of a

five-time champion," Busch said. "That's the move of a guy that has had an issue with a guy like me. We've raced each other hard, I've been spun out and wrecked a few times and we both know that we look at each other very sternly. That's great competition."

"When you have a history with a guy, you just don't forget about it," Busch said. "If I'm in his head, then he's got to worry going into this Chase."

Busch is fourth in the standings, two spots behind Johnson with the Chase for the Sprint Cup title.

"To be in position to race Jimmie Johnson head to head, that would be wonderful," said Busch, who won his only Cup title in 2004, beating Johnson by eight points. "But the way this new points system is structured, it's not really possible because you can't focus just on one guy."

YOUR SPORTS



Jerome's Mac McLean Softball Tournament Winners Named

The 2nd annual Mac McLean One Pitch Softball Tournament was held June 25- 26 in Jerome. The two division tournament had 15 teams participate from the Magic Valley and Wood River.

Winners of the tournament were Northside Cleaning of Jerome for the upper division and The Maniacs for the lower. Logan Parker and Elaine Gunnell each took home a \$100 Donnelly's gift certificate for winning the men's and women's home run derbies, while the tournament MVP's, Kimberly Bollinger and Cheryl Geiger, also took home prizes.

All proceeds from this tournament go to the Mac McLean Athletic Scholarship at Jerome High School.

The JHS Class of 2011's recipient was Carrie Thibault, chosen for her participation in volleyball, basketball, and track. She is an active member in 4-H, her church and service to her community, all while maintaining a 4.0 GPA.



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Declo graduate Andrew Fletcher recently earned a sponsorship with Marathon Bar as part of its 2011 Athlete Team Sponsorship Program.

Declo Runner Earns Sponsor

DECLO — Elite runner Andrew Fletcher of Declo recently picked up a sponsor in Marathon Bar as part of its 2011 Athlete Team Sponsorship Program.

"It's great to be sponsored by a company that shares the same importance of healthy lifestyles," Fletcher said.

The 24-year-old is a 2005 graduate of Declo High and is currently attending Idaho State. He said his passion for running began during his junior year of high school and has since grown as he competes in community races.

"Running is a passion," Fletcher said. "Ienjoy competing in races in Burley, Oakley, Heyburn, Buhl, Malta and Twin Falls."

Through the sponsorship, Fletcher said he hopes to increase the enthusiasm for physical activity and healthy living in Magic Valley.

Fletcher has recently won the Albion Heart-to-Heart 5K, The Dam 10K, Teton Dam 10K, Heyburn Turkey Trot 5K, Declo Hammer Run 5K, and Albion July 4th of July 5K. He also finished eighth at the 2010 Salt Lake City Marathon and ninth at the 2010 Provo Halloween Half Marathon.

This year Fletcher will be competing in the Twin Falls Rim to Rim, Barber to Boise 10K, and the Heyburn Turkey Trot 5K. He will also compete in the Rock 'n' Roll Las Vegas Marathon on Dec. 4.

YOUR SCORES

Bowling Scores for the Week
Bowladrome
Twin Falls
MONTE CARLO
MEN'S SERIES: David Marshall 610, Dennis Seckel 563, Craig Johnson 546, Rich Leblanc 494.
MEN'S GAMES: David Marshall 247, Jake Carnahan 234, Craig Johnson 231, James Crapper 203.
LADIES SERIES: Cindy Jo Garrett 536, Michele Seckel 529, Susan McPherson 444, Rachelle Swainston 438.
LADIES GAMES: Cindy Jo Garrett 208, Michele Seckel 191, Leslie Haas 166, Rachelle Swainston 164.
TUESDAY NO TAP
MEN'S SERIES: Tom Smith 843, Bob Chalfant 707, Con Moser 705, Clayne Williams 682.
MEN'S GAMES: Tom Smith 300, Clayne Williams 276, Con Moser 254, Bob Chalfant 243.
LADIES SERIES: Bonnie Draper 689, Dawn Kulm 599, Bernie Smith 598.
LADIES GAMES: Bonnie Draper 239, Dawn Kulm 239, Bernie Smith 225.
ADULT/JUNIOR
MEN'S SERIES: Nate Ybarra 635, Bob Staffen 626, Frank Rife 600, Shawn Byrum 496.
MEN'S GAMES: Bob Staffen 234, Frank Rife 234, Nate Ybarra 234, Shawn Byrum 199.
LADIES SERIES: Kim Leazer 626, Diana Brady 608, Patricia Combs 369.
LADIES GAMES: Kim Leazer 242, Diana Brady 212, Patricia Combs 134.
BOYS' SERIES: Anthony Brady 513, Brandon Rife 248.
BOYS' GAMES: Anthony Brady 185, Brandon Rife 95.
GIRLS' SERIES: Chelsey Brady 434, Kairee Byrum 359, Lexi Ybarra 337, Hailey Leazer 284.
GIRLS' GAMES: Chelsey Brady 160, Kairee Byrum 135, Lexi Ybarra 122, Hailey Leazer 112.
THURSDAY A.M.
MEN'S SERIES: Dennis Seckel 615, Tom Smith 609, Ed Dutry 602, Mike Devine 561.
MEN'S GAMES: Tom Smith 303, Dennis Seckel 225, Ed Dutry 212, Keith Kulm 206.
LADIES SERIES: Linda Vining 518, Betty Wartog 496, Edith Sutherland 474, Jean McGuire 468.
LADIES GAMES: Betty Wartog 212, Linda Vining 196, Edith Sutherland 187, Joyce Gibbons 180.
THURSDAY NO TAP
MEN'S SERIES: Craig Johnson 712, Dennis Seckel 698, Dave Wilson 687, Jan DeVries 686.
MEN'S GAMES: Craig Johnson 298, Dave Wilson 266, Jan DeVries 263, Jim DeVries 260.
LADIES SERIES: Michele Seckel 572.
LADIES GAMES: Michele Seckel 198.
SNAKE RIVER BOWL - BURLEY
SUMMER SIZZLERS
SERIES: Alice Ferrin 616, Ila Despain 516, Mae Thompson 505, Kathryn Stanger 464.
GAMES: Alice Ferrin 215, Ila Despain 197, Mae Thompson 195, Kathryn Stanger 187.
SUMMER PARTY
MEN'S SERIES: Bob Bywater 656, Andrew Morgan 578, Delbert Bennett 525.
MEN'S GAMES: Bob Bywater 234, Larry Christensen 223, Andrew Morgan 222.
LADIES SERIES: Kristie Johnston 526, Bridget Albertson 521, Carol McAlfee 458.
LADIES GAMES: Sherry Rasmussen 196, Kristie Johnston 190, Bridget Albertson 187.

MAGIC VALLEY BRIEFS

Rally for a Cure Tournament

The Twin Falls Golf Club Ladies Association will hold the Rally for a Cure tournament Thursday, Sept. 1. The donation for the tournament is \$20 and includes prizes, champagne, and cake. Wear your favorite pink. Nine a.m. shotgun start. Information: Patty Lee at 733-2321.

Buhl Youth Football Camp

The Buhl football coaches and players will host a youth football camp for grades K - 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 24-25 at the Buhl elementary practice field. Registration will be at 5:30 p.m. on the field. Cost is \$25 which includes a T-shirt. Awards will be given daily to each age group winner. Information: Stacy Wilson at 308-6170.

JHS Youth Football Camp Coming Monday

Jerome High School will host a youth football camp from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. The camp is open for players in grades K-8. Cost is \$20 and includes a camp football and refreshments. Registration begins at 10 a.m. Monday.

Information: Gary Krumm 731-3709.

Jerome Youth Football Meeting

Jerome Kiwanis Football will hold an informational parent meeting at 6 p.m. Monday at the high school tennis courts. Information: 308-7317.

MVTA Tennis 101 Clinics Continue

The Magic Valley Tennis Association along with the Idaho Tennis Association will be running three more weeks of TENNIS 101. These low-cost clinics are for ages 5 and up and teach the basics of the game in a family-friendly way. The clinics will be held at the Harmon Park Tennis Courts from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Check-in begins at 8:45. Registration for one Saturday clinic is \$10 per individual and \$20 for a family of four. Preregister at <http://www.idtennis.com> or drop by Harmon Park at 8:45 a.m. to sign up. Information: Joey Ward at 208-322-5150 x207.

Realtors to Host Golf Tournament

The Twin Falls Golf Club will host the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors 2011 Golf Tournament Aug. 19. Registration begins at noon, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Entry fee is \$55 per person when paid by Tuesday, or \$70 paid after Tuesday. Email Ramona at Ramona@twinfallsrealtors.com with your registration, complete with name, signature and payment. Informa-

tion: Jack Jardine at Gateway Real Estate, 308-6857, Brian Avram at First American Title, 734-2905 or Ramona Crandall 733-6421.

Kimberly XC Hosts "Run to the Sun" Relay

The Kimberly Cross Country team is hosting the first "Run to the Sun" relay fundraiser. The members of the team will run from midnight Aug. 19 until sunrise Aug. 20 at the Kimberly High School track to help raise money for new cross country meet uniforms. Other runners are welcome to join and form their own team for \$5 a person. Set up around 9 p.m. so bring lawn chairs, glow sticks, and blankets. Kimberly athletic director Brian Willford will sing the national anthem at sunrise.

Information: 539-5615

League Opens Fall Baseball Registration

Rocky Mountain School of Baseball is now accepting team registrations for the upcoming fall baseball league. There are divisions for 8U to 18U. The registration deadline is Tuesday. Saturday doubleheaders are from Aug. 27 to Oct. 8.

Information: www.rmsb.com.

Burley Soccer Club Tryouts Coming

Snake River Strikers will hold tryouts for boys in grades 7-8 from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at Burley Junior High soccer fields. Bring shin guards, a ball and cleats.

Rupert Recreation Sign Up Nears

Rupert Recreation is offering football (grades K-5), fall soccer (ages 5-12) and co-ed volleyball (grades 4-8). Registration is open through Aug. 24. Forms can be picked up at the city halls of Rupert, Paul and Heyburn as well as Donnelly's Sports.

Information: Rupert Recreation at 434-2400, or the city of Rupert website.

Kimberly Youth Sports Signups

Kimberly Youth Association will hold signups for flag and tackle football Aug. 22 and 24 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the old gym. Flag football is for players entering grades 1-4, and tackle football is for players entering grades 5-6.

Information: 731-8063 or 423-6173.

MVTA Mixers in August

The Magic Valley Tennis Association will host a TGIF tennis mixer from 7 to 9 p.m. each Friday in August at the CSI tennis courts. Court

time and balls will be provided by the MVTA. Adults of all ability levels are welcome to show up and play.

Information: Sue at 410-1234 or mvtennis@hotmail.com.

Registration Open for Vikingman

The fifth annual Vikingman Triathlon will be Sept. 10 at Riverside Park in Heyburn. The event includes half-Ironman and Olympic distance triathlons, as well as an aquabike, duathlon, half marathon, and fun run.

Information: www.vikingman.org.

Burley Booster Golf Scramble Coming

The Burley Booster Club Golf Scramble will be Aug. 27 at Burley Golf Course. Sign-in will be 8:30 a.m., shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. Registration deadline is Aug. 24. Cost is \$50 per person and includes green fees, cart and lunch. Pick up entry forms at Tires West-Les Schwab, Burley Golf Course, Unit 54, Claunch's Tires, AMI and Donnelly's.

Minico to Hold Idaway Wrestling Camp

Minico High wrestling will hold an Idaway camp from 6 to 9 p.m. on Aug. 24-26. Information: Justin Gardner at 201-0611.

Fall Intensity Camp at CSI

College of Southern Idaho men's basketball assistant Colby Blaine will hold a "Fall Intensity Camp" at the CSI main gym, starting in August through the beginning of October.

Sessions are divided into boys and girls by grade levels (grades 5-8 and 9-12), with various days and times depending on the session.

Each session cost \$20. Maximum participants are 24 per session. Camp is designed for the basketball junkie, with a focus in advanced skill development. Contact Colby Blaine at 340-7588 or Cblaine@csi.edu for information and dates.

Oakley Teams Holds Gun Raffle

The Oakley High School football and girls basketball teams will conduct their second annual gun raffle fundraiser. Last year the teams gave away 10 guns in the form of Sportsman's Warehouse gift certificates ranging from \$250 to \$1,000. Each ticket costs \$50; however, a limited number of only 350 tickets will be sold to increase your chances of winning. Plus, if your ticket is drawn, it will be put back in for future drawings, giving each ticket the chance to win multiple times. Information:

Tim Behunin at 420-4508.

JRD Holds Fall Sports Sign-ups

Jerome Recreation District will hold registration for its upcoming co-ed fall soccer, flag football and youth volleyball programs through Aug. 22. Cost is \$17 for in-district participants and \$27 for out-of-district participants.

Information: JRD at 324-3389.

MVTA Clinics Upcoming

The Magic Valley Tennis Association along with the Idaho Tennis Association will be running eight weeks of "Tennis 101." These clinics are for ages 5 and older, and they teach the basics of the game quickly and easily in a fun, family-friendly way. The clinics will be held consecutive Saturdays through Aug. 27 at the Harmon Park Tennis Courts from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Check-in begins at 8:45 a.m.

Registration for one Saturday clinic is \$10 per individual and \$20 for a family of four. Registration for the four consecutive weeks is \$35 per individual and \$45 for a family of four. Participants must preregister at www.idtennis.com.

Information: Joey Ward at 322-5150, x207, or visit the Twin Falls YMCA or Elevation Sports.

Junior Golf Camps Offered

Twin Falls Golf Club will offer several three-day junior camps this summer for ages 5-14. The camp includes focus on short game, long game, putting and etiquette. The cost is \$30. Camps will run from 8 to 10 a.m. on the following dates: Monday through Wednesday and Aug. 22-24.

Information: 733-3326.

Magic Valley Junior Football Sign-ups Open

Magic Valley Junior Football registration will continue through Aug. 20. The tackle league is for youth in grades 4-6. The league is especially looking for fourth graders. Registration forms are available at Twin Falls Parks and Recreation or the Boys and Girls Club. The cost is \$75 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.

Pete Van Dyk Memorial Golf Scramble Set

The Jerome High School Booster Club is sponsoring the 13th annual Pete Van Dyk Memorial Golf Scramble at Jerome Country Club September 10. Registration is at 11:30 a.m. with a 1 p.m. tee off.

— Staff and wire reports

PRACTICE SCHEDULES

Football

Declo: Practice begins at 7 a.m. Monday.

Kimberly: Practice begins at 7 a.m. Monday. An important parent and player meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Aug. 21.

Twin Falls: Practice begins at 8 a.m. Aug. 18. Gear checkout is from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, as well as 8 to 10 a.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. A mandatory meeting for **players only** will be held at 5 p.m. Aug. 17. A mandatory parents meeting will be held at a later date.

Volleyball

Kimberly: Tryouts begin from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Monday.

Minico: Tryouts are from 8 to 10 a.m. and 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday and will continue from 8 to 10 a.m. Tuesday. A mandatory player-parent meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Valley: Practice begins at 3:30 p.m. Monday.

Cross Country

Burley: Practice begins at 8 a.m. Monday.

Dietrich: Practice begins at 10 a.m. Monday.

Swimming

High school swimming will begin at 6 p.m. Monday at the YMCA City pool. It is open to all area high school students as well as home-schooled students. Practice times will be Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. and Fridays from 5-6 p.m. Water polo practice begins Aug. 29 and practice will be Mondays and Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m.

The cost for Non YMCA members is: \$70 for pool use, \$25 for meet fees, \$5 for insurance and \$70 for coaching (total of \$170). For

swimmers that already hold a YMCA membership or pool pass, the total cost is \$100. There are scholarships available.

Information: Katherine at 380-3171 or Laura at 316-2998.

Middle School

Volleyball

Filer: Open gym is from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday through Wednesday. Eighth grade tryouts are 7 to 9 a.m. Aug. 18-19 and seventh grade tryouts are 9 to 11 a.m. Aug. 18-19.

Jerome: Tryouts are Aug. 22-23. Seventh grade is 9 to 10:30 a.m. and eighth grade is 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Open gym is from 9 to 11 a.m. Aug. 19.

Football

Buhl: Equipment checkout is from 5 to 6 p.m. Aug. 22 for eighth graders and 6 to 7 p.m. for seventh graders, followed by a parent

meeting. Practice begins Aug. 23.

Filer: Parent meeting and equipment checkout is at 6 p.m. Monday. Practice begins at 6 p.m. Aug. 17. Fifth and sixth grade registration is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday at the field house behind Filer Elementary School. Coaches are wanted. Information: Eric Parrott at 308-2859.

Robert Stuart: Equipment checkout is from 4 to 6 p.m. Aug. 17. Practice begins at 4 p.m. Aug. 22.

O'Leary: Practice begins Monday at 10 a.m.

All players must have a current physical and medical consent form on file to participate. Information is current as of Aug. 13 and includes all practices reported to the *Times-News* that have not yet started. Coaches can submit practice information at 735-3229 or sports@magicvalley.com.

OBITUARIES

Bob 'Papa' Nancolas

Aug. 30, 1956-July 14, 2011

HAGERMAN • Lifelong Idaho resident, Bob "Papa" Nancolas, 54, passed away Thursday, July 14, 2011, from injuries sustained in a tragic motorcycle accident.

Born Aug. 30, 1956, in Salmon, Idaho, Bob was raised in Bellevue, Idaho, from the time he was 8 until he graduated from Hailey High School in 1974. Over the span of 15 years from his teen years into his late 20s, Bob raced Expert Class motocross, Desert Enduro and Super Cross track racing. Bob was a revered rider who provided accelerated competition to those he rode and raced with. Bob entered the sport bike arena of riding motorcycles more than 10 years ago; having always rode motorcycles, he wanted a new riding passion, and the sport bike was his newest love of riding in his last years, riding almost every day.

His greatest love was his family and being free on his bike. Bob ran heavy equipment for 30 years. He was actively known by those he worked with and those he worked for as a master equipment operator. Bob loved running equipment and being excellent at his job. His last years working were spent on the continent of Antarctica running heavy support equipment that made airplane landings and take-offs possible. He also ran support equipment that made it possible for the scientists with the



NSF to perform work related to the studies of the continent of Antarctica.

Bob is survived in by his life partner of 33 years, Linda "Lynn" Kay Nancolas; his beloved daughter, Angie Raquel Nancolas Allen; his son, Kegan Lee; his son-in-law, Rick Allen; his three grandchildren, Justin James, Alisha Viola and David James Allen. He is survived also by his loyal Sophie.

There will be no formal funeral service as Bob wished to be cremated and spread in a location dear to him. There will be a barbecue at his home, 18019 Highway 30 in Hagerman, on Saturday, Aug. 20, starting at 1 p.m. in the afternoon. All family and friends who wish to eat and remember a great man's life please, attend... ride a motorcycle.

'Bud' Lavern Chester Douglas

Oct. 6, 1925-Aug. 10, 2011

"Bud" Lavern Chester Douglas, 85, of Buhl passed away Aug. 10, 2011 at home from complications of cancer.

Born in Riverton, Neb., to Jay and Iva Douglas on Oct. 6, 1925. Bud married LeOra Green on Oct. 6, 1951. He enjoyed 59 years of marriage just short of two months to their 60th anniversary.

He is survived by his wife "Lee"; their children, Barbara Gartner, Mitch (Shel-



ley) Douglas, all of Buhl; sister Lois Mohlman of Blue Hill, Neb.; eight grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and loving in-laws, nieces, nephews and a host of lifetime friends.

A funeral service will be 2 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 17 at the Buhl United Methodist Church. A viewing will be 4-7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug 16 at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Laura Virginia Eilers

Sept. 30, 1914-Aug. 13, 2011

RUPERT • Laura Virginia Eilers, a 96-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Saturday, Aug. 13, 2011 at Country Side Care in Rupert.

Virginia was born Sept. 30, 1914 in Farmington, Wash., the daughter of Clarence and Bessie Stemm. She attended schools in Farmington and graduated from Farmington High School. She married Jake Eilers on Oct. 27, 1946 in Farmington; shortly after their marriage they moved to Rupert. She was a member of the Rupert United Methodist Church and was also a member of the Rupert Grange. Virginia enjoyed flowers, and having a big garden each year.

Virginia is survived by her brother, Warren (Becky) Eilers; grandchildren, Wesley (Paula) Eilers and Mathew (Stephanie) Eilers; Roxanne (Darren) Stevens;



great grandchildren Jason Stevens, Micheal, Preston, Donovan Eilers; Steffanie, Katlyn, Breeanna Eilers, and Courtney and Erin Stevens.

She was preceded in death by his husband, Jake Eilers, and two sons, Wayne Eilers and Marlon Eilers; two sisters; and her parents.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17 at the Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St., with Pastor Pam Meese officiating.

A viewing for family and friends will be held from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday evening at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 6th St. and for one hour prior to the services at the church on Wednesday.

Funeral services will conclude at the Rupert Cemetery.

SERVICES

Kelley Shillington of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 1 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Ida (Liz) Elizabeth Sweeney of Kimberly, graveside service at 10 a.m. Monday at the Twin Falls Cemetery; gathering follows at 440 Forest Vale Circle in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today and 9 to 9:45 a.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Karen Diane Kretz of Wendell, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Living Waters Presbyterian Church in Wendell (De-

maray Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel).

Ronald Lee Metzger of Filer, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the First Christian Church, 1005 Poplar St. in Buhl.

Frances "Maxine" Bowen of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Monday at Rosenau Funeral Home in Twin Falls; visitation from 4 to 6 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Alicia Marie Ephrem of Mountain Home, graveside service at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Shoshone Cemetery; visitation from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesday at Demaray Funeral Service, Shoshone Chapel.

DEATH NOTICE

William 'Bill' Sullivan

William "Bill" Joseph Sullivan, 88, of Twin Falls passed away on Friday, Aug. 12, 2011 at his home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

SUBMITTING OBITUARIES

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

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June Fowers

June 14, 1926-Aug. 13, 2011

Our precious mother, June Elizabeth Fowers, 85, of Idaho Falls, passed away peacefully Saturday, Aug. 13, 2011, at her daughter's home.

June was born June 14, 1926, in Tremonton, Utah, the seventh of 12 children born to Charles and Winifred Barnes Barfuss. She grew up in Tremonton and graduated from Bear River High School in 1945.

On April 16, 1946, she married Chester Arthur Lee. They were later divorced. She married Arvel John Fowers on October 6, 1958. Their marriage was solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS temple on Jan. 12, 1978.

Arvel and June moved to Dietrich, Idaho, on Oct. 17, 1965 where they spent many years of their marriage operating a dairy farm. It was here that June spent much of her time milking cows and feeding animals with her family by her side. Arvel and June were always on the sidelines watching their children participate in high school sports. During this time June spent several years as one of the local 4-H leaders and she enjoyed it tremendously.

Arvel passed away April 15, 1991. June then sold the farm and started her retirement years by settling in Hansen, Idaho, in 1994. During these years, she started enjoying her favorite hobby of quilting, and over her lifetime she quilted over 200 beautiful quilts. She spent many years as a volunteer at the Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center. Her other hobbies included crocheting, puzzle books, and playing games, especially dominoes and scrabble.

In 2003, June made one final move to Idaho Falls to be closer to family. She truly enjoyed and cherished her family.

June was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She served in vari-



ous capacities over the years. She was a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers for over 56 years.

June is survived by four daughters, Alice Walton of Twin Falls, Geraldine (Wayne) Massie of Pullman, Wash., Gwen (Rae) Jensen of Idaho Falls, and Glenda (Greg) Alder of Ammon; three sons, Kelly (Carol) Lee of Twin Falls, Randy (Marla) Lee of Kimberly, and Alvin Fowers of Idaho Falls; one sister, Idella (Dean) Nielsen of Roy, Utah; six brothers, Keith (Cleo) Barfuss, Glenn (Beverly) Barfuss, Alan (Erna) Barfuss, and Dennis (Ileen) Barfuss all of Tremonton, Utah, Gene Barfuss of Roy, Utah, and Larry (Printha) Barfuss of West Valley City, Utah; 22 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one infant daughter, one infant son, one grandson, two sisters, and two brothers.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16 at the Iona LDS 4th Ward, 930 N. Crimson Dr., with Bishop Terrill Nielson officiating. The family will visit with friends from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday prior to services.

Interment will be at 3:30 p.m. at the Shoshone Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home, 273 N. Ridge Ave. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.wood-funeralhome.com.

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OBITUARIES

Larry Ray Miller

Sept. 12, 1963-Aug. 12, 2011

Larry Ray Miller passed away on Friday, Aug. 12, 2011 after a 16-month battle with Brain Vasculitis.

Larry was born Sept. 12, 1963 in American Falls, Idaho, to Allan and Anna (Riddle) Miller.

Larry was an avid sportsman from a young age and enjoyed the outdoors; hunting, fishing and camping whenever possible. As a young boy Larry could be found among the retired men fishing below the American Falls dam while learning tips on catching trout. He loved the fishing trips with his dad and brother, Gary, in Mackey and delighted in out-fishing the whole family each summer. As he got older he would buy a tag for any open season and kept the family freezer full.

Larry took many family members and friends hunting with him and always guaranteed that, with him, they would get their deer.

Larry brought loads of laughter to his friends and family by retelling stories of his hunting trips, and by hearing these stories one might think that he shot thousands of deer and elk in his lifetime. His most memorable hunting trip was to Texas with his buddies. His wit was immeasurable.

Tales of Larry will go on for many years just as the stories he retold so many times.

Larry was employed by Lamb Weston in Twin Falls for over 25 years, until the



time of his illness.

Larry found the love of his life when he met Martha Ann Scott. They were married on March 26, 2003 in Twin

Falls.

Surviving are his wife Martha-Ann Miller and their children Owen Wayne Miller and Morgan Scott Miller of Twin Falls; his children Allan Richard-Miller and Casandra Marie Miller of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., and one grandson, Wyatt. Also surviving Larry are his mother, Anna Miller of Twin Falls, brother Gary Wayne Miller of Eugene, Ore., one sister Brenda (Vince) Havlicak of Pocatello, Idaho. Niece Carolyn (Michael) Kurtz of Roseburg, Ore., and nephew Stuart Havlicak of Austin, Texas. Aunts Lois Conner and Virginia Riddle, uncles Ernest Riddle and Jim (Cecilia) Riddle and a boat load of cousins.

Larry is preceded in death by his father, Allan Wayne Miller; niece, Dawn LeeAnn Miller; grandparents Bonnie and Clyde Miller and Henry and Eliza Mae Riddle.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16 at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. Twin Falls.

The family would like to thank River Ridge Care Center in Twin Falls and Hospice Visions for the outstanding care they gave to Larry during his illness.

Former Braves Broadcaster Johnson Dies

ATLANTA (AP) • Former longtime Braves broadcaster and pitcher Ernie Johnson Sr. has died.

The Braves said Johnson died Friday night at the age of 87.

Johnson, the father of broadcaster Ernie Johnson

Jr., played with the Boston and Milwaukee Braves before becoming the voice of the Braves on radio and TV.

Braves general manager John Schuerholz said, "the Braves family has suffered a great loss today."

Thank you to everyone for your love and support you've shown our family during this difficult time. Whether you brought food, donated to his memorial or just said a silent prayer, we appreciate your thoughtfulness. "We will miss our precious Doug", but know in our hearts he is without pain.

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Frontman
Jani Lane

LOS ANGELES (AP) • As investigators searched for clues Friday as to what killed Jani Lane, the former lead singer of the metal rock band Warrant, his family and friends prepared for a pair of memorial services to honor the rocker.

Lane, 47, was found around dead Thursday in a hotel room in the San Fernando Valley, which is north of downtown Los Angeles.

Coroner's officials did not determine a cause of death after an autopsy Friday, but said they would wait to see the results of toxicology testing that could take up to two months.

With his long blond hair and tight leather outfits, Lane embodied the excess of 1980s "hair metal" rock bands. He joined Warrant in 1984 and wrote such hits as "Heaven," "Down Boys" and "Cherry Pie."

He had an on-and-off relationship with the band, leaving it in 1992 before returning and quitting several times. He left the band for good in 2008.

The current band offered a tribute to Lane at a performance Friday night in Grand Forks, N.D., their publicist said.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family," the band wrote in a statement. "Jani was a very important part of our lives for a long time. We will always be incredibly proud of the music we created together. He was a true talent and will be missed by all of us."

His family will convene today for a private memorial service, Lane's manager and longtime friend Obi Steinman said. A public memorial with performances by fellow metal rock bands including Great White and L.A. Guns will be held in Hollywood on Aug. 24 at a venue to be announced later, he said.

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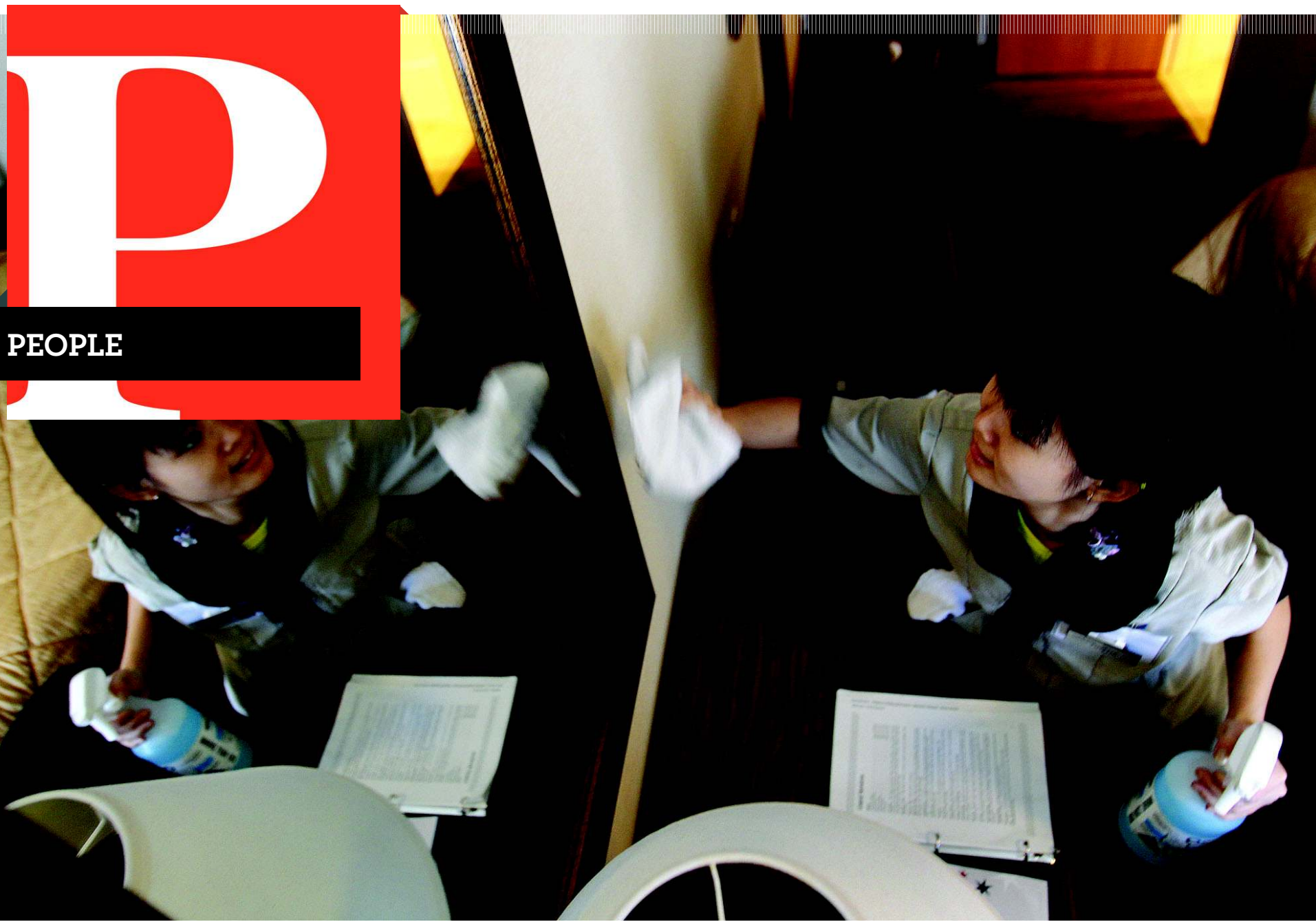
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PEOPLE

Refugee Tirtha Rai cleans rooms at the American Inn on Wednesday in Twin Falls. Rai — who landed a job more quickly than many fellow newcomers — generally works six- to eight-hour shifts at the hotel.

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Welcome to America. Now Get to Work

Grants pay the first months' rent for refugees, and food stamps pay their grocery bills. But those and other types of support are all designed to smooth the way to independence.

BY MELISSA DAVLIN
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Every day, while his nephews watch television and niece chats with friends online, Prithi Rai scours the classifieds.

He and his brother, Man Bahadur Rai, started looking for jobs shortly after arriving in Twin Falls from a Nepali refugee camp on May 5. Though they speak English fluently, they are having a hard time finding positions that don't require prior experience, education or special certifications.

Man and Prithi have been on only two interviews each, both set up by the College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center. They want more.

"We're very concerned about jobs," Man said.

The U.S. resettlement program pays living expenses for newcomers' first months, but it's set up to make refugees independent of public assistance within three to four months of arrival. While the refugee center says there are entry-level positions available in Magic Valley, many refugees are

claiming difficulty finding those jobs.

And with a national unemployment rate of 9.1 percent, some Twin Falls residents are wary about bringing in refugees who need jobs and public assistance.

Where the Jobs Are

Though many Americans are struggling to find jobs, Ron Black, director of the CSI Refugee Center, said positions

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Future of a Forgotten People

In a special reporting project this year, *Times-News* writer Melissa Davlin is exploring the social, economic and political issues involved in Idaho resettlement of Bhutanese refugees from camps in Nepal. Online at Magicvalley.com/nepal, you can read Davlin's previous stories and view more photos from Nepal and Twin Falls.

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Quick Take

The situation: When refugees first arrive in Twin Falls from their countries of origin, they're expected to take English classes and start looking for jobs. The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center counsels them on the job search, holding mock interviews and helping them fill out applications.

The help: Refugee center job coordinators make connections with employers at Magic Valley companies such as Walmart, Lamb Weston, Rite Stuff Foods and Cactus Petes that have entry-level positions for people with limited English and job experience.

The jobs: There are many jobs in Magic Valley that are good fits for refugees, even if they don't speak English well, said Jan Roeser, regional economist for the Idaho Department of Labor's Twin Falls office. The best bets: food processing, hotel, warehouse, laundry and agriculture jobs.



Bikash Darjee opens the door to a College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center van at the South Central Public Health District building on Tuesday. Center employees and volunteers drive refugees to some appointments — one of the types of support that refugees receive before finding jobs.



Menuka Darjee, left, waits with Dil Gurung for a vaccination appointment at the South Central Public Health District building on Tuesday. Refugees receive Medicaid — which pays for most of their medical care — for their first eight months.



Carter Iverson, 12, front, and Tyler Bernhisel, 16, look over paperwork as they rent kayaks and canoes on a recent afternoon at Centennial Waterfront Park in Twin Falls. The boys, who said religion and faith in God are important to them, were filling in for the week at Pryor Paddle Rentals.

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Teens and Faith

For a number of Magic Valley teenagers, belief in God is paramount. But while many American teens believe conventional worship is important, researchers say, their knowledge about religious topics is shallow.

BY ANDREW WEEKS
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This has been a banner year for Kevin Brown.

He graduated from Canyon Ridge High School this spring, turned 18 and will soon leave for Hawaii, where he'll attend college for a year before embarking on a two-year church mission. He wants to give something back to his faith, because it has helped shape the person he is today.

"It's like the center of my life," he said. "Whenever I have a decision to make, my religion influences it a lot."

Brown is one of many Magic Valley teenagers for whom faith in God is important. It helps them face challenges and mold character.

"I think I have a father-daughter relationship with God," said 15-year-old Julia Martinez of Twin Falls. "He's like my best friend and I know I can always tell

him anything. ... He's always there for me."

Martinez said she often prays before making decisions to find out what God wants from her. "It helps me in the way that I'm just trying to live my life the way he wants me to."

Carter Iverson of Vancouver, Wash., who was visiting family in Twin Falls recently, said his faith in God helps him make decisions that build confidence in himself.

The 12-year-old was helping his uncle, Tim Pryor, at Pryor Paddle Rentals at Centennial Waterfront Park. Pryor's two teenage boys, Kurt and Sam, were at a week-long church event and

Please see FAITH, P3

Should We Try to Block the Call?

BY JANICE D'ARCY
The Washington Post

One of the more vexing ques- tions during back-to-school- shopping season is whether to buy a cellphone. It's a hard question to answer personal- ly and a hard one for parents to agree on collectively.

The debate has trickled down to lower and lower grades. Recently, I followed a debate on a parenting forum over whether it's appropriate to buy one for a kindergartner.

I laid out my case for hold- ing off as long as possible on this necessity of modern life in a post about a new, and to me terrifying, product called the Teddyfone.

We'll get back to Teddyfone

below. First, there are new da- ta about the danger, or lack thereof, for children who use cellphones.

A study published in the Journal of the National Can- cer Institute reported that cellphone users ages 7 to 19 are at no greater risk of brain can- cer than nonusers. Swiss re- searchers studied the cell- phone usage of children with brain tumors, comparing them with a control group. They found no statistical dif- ference in the amount of time the cancer-stricken children spent on a cellphone.

Still, the researchers, as well as others who study the area, suggested in the same Journal issue that the area needs more consideration. This spring,

the World Health Organiza- tion suggested that cellphones are "possibly carcinogenic."

Now back to Teddyfone. After I posted my case against this little phone, shaped like a teddy bear, available in pink or blue and easily used by tod- dlers, its U.S. distributor, Mitch Maurer, and I continued our conversation by e-mail.

Maurer said the phone is in- tended for children ages 4 and older. I think the introduction of a phone at such a young age fuels our irrational fears about the safety of children and crip- ples the development of inde- pendence. Maurer and I re- spectfully agreed to disagree.

Here is more from his argu- ment: "Teddyfone has real poten-

tial to help families with chil- dren who may spend time alone during the day or be- tween scheduled activities, children that walk through daily or live in areas that par- ents feel are not entirely safe and for children that may be at risk or have special needs.

"I also remember how im- portant it was that I know my home phone number to call in case of an emergency when I was young. And I think of my (5-year-old) boy today who doesn't need to know his home phone number — he needs to know his home phone, mom's work, dad's work, mom's cell, and dad's cell. Our children's lives are much busier and more com- plex than mine was as a child."

donation: \$4, seniors; \$6, non-seniors. 788-3468.

Monday: Potato bar
Tuesday: Grilled chicken breasts
Wednesday: Chicken en- chiladas
Thursday: Baked ham
Friday: Chicken alfredo

Monday: Walk and Fit class, 10 a.m.
 Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 11 a.m.
 Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Blood pressure checks, 12:30 p.m.
 Bingo, 1 p.m.
 Wii bowling, 2 p.m.
Wednesday: Walk and Fit, 10 a.m.
 Fit and Fall Proof, 11 a.m.
Thursday: Movie, 1 p.m.
Friday: Walk and Fit, 10 a.m.
 Fit and Fall Proof, 11 a.m.

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert. Lunch at noon. Suggested dona- tion: \$5, seniors; \$6, non- seniors; \$3, children 10 and younger; \$4.50, home deliv- ery. 436-9107.

Monday: Finger steaks
Tuesday: Enchiladas
Wednesday: Salisbury steak
Thursday: Barbecue chick- en
Friday: Smorgasbord
Saturday: Pancake break- fast, 7 to 10 a.m.

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

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: Sweet and sour chicken
Tuesday: Chili
Wednesday: Taco salad
Thursday: Turkey a la king
Friday: Barbecue pork ribs

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: Wood carving, 6 p.m.
 Board meeting, 1 p.m.
 Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
Friday: Pool Exercise, 11 a.m.
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Reporter Melissa Davlin speaks to teenage volunteers who work with elderly dementia patients. *Next Sunday in People*

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: Pepper steak over potatoes
Tuesday: Barbecue chick- en
Wednesday: Turkey
Thursday: Swedish meat- balls over potatoes
Friday: Chicken salad casserole

Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m. and 5:20 p.m.
 Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Tai chi, 10:30 a.m.
 SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Let's Dance, 1 p.m.
 Gem State Fiddlers
 Snack bar, 5 p.m.
 Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday: Breakfast, 8 to 10 a.m.
 SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
 Country Cowboys Band
 Bunco, 12:45 p.m.
 YogaStretch, 5:20 p.m.
 Zumba, 7 p.m.
 Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: YogaStretch, 10:30 a.m.
 Pinochle, 7 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, 6 to 9 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Center

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested dona- tion: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non- seniors. 825-5662.

Tuesday: Cheeseburger
Wednesday: Men's Bible study, breakfast, 7 a.m.
 Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Creamed chick- en with mashed potatoes

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

Monday: Meatballs and gravy
Thursday: Ham salad sandwich

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-sen- iors. 886-2369.

Tuesday: Meatballs and gravy
Wednesday: Ham salad sandwich
Friday: Parmesan chicken

Monday: Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
 Quilting, 10 a.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Bingo
Wednesday: Black-out bin- go, 12:30 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Bingo

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey. Lunch at noon. Suggested

public welcome
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
 Bingo, 12:45 p.m.
 Cards, 1 to 4 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Thursday: Fiddlers, 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.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: Beef enchiladas
Wednesday: Grilled cheese sandwiches
Friday: Fried chicken

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: Macaroni with diced ham
Tuesday: Liver and onions
Wednesday: Picnic in the park
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 the 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: Pork chops
Wednesday: Sweet and sour chicken
Friday: Beef tips and noo- dles

Monday: Blood draws, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, early bird, 6:45 p.m.; cash prizes
Friday: Foot clinic; bring a towel; \$5; must have ap- pointment

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center

530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls. Lunch at noon. Sug- gested 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: Chef's salad
Tuesday: Meatloaf
Wednesday: Pork chops
Thursday: Chicken patty sandwich
Friday: Roast turkey

Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon
 Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10:30 a.m.
 Bridge, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday, 11:45 a.m.
 Blood pressure checks, 11:45 a.m.
 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.
 Gem State Fiddlers
 Governing board meeting, 1 p.m.
 Duplicate bridge, 1 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 dona- tion: \$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: Hot turkey sand- wich
Tuesday: Liver and onions or pork chops
Wednesday: Sausage gravy over potatoes
Thursday: Meatloaf

Today: Dinner, 1 p.m.
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday: Foot clinic, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
 Farmers market, 4:30 to 6 p.m.
 Bingo, with hot ball special, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Blood pressure checks, 11:45 a.m.
 Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Saturday: Senior center steak fry and auction

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon Tuesday through Thursday. Suggested dona- tion: \$4. 326-4608.

Monday: Oinkers in a wrap
Wednesday: French dip sandwich
Thursday: Pork chops

Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m.;

STORK REPORT

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Dennis Ocaranza Diego, son of Octavio Ocaranza and Cruz Diego of Jerome, was born Aug. 2, 2011.

Katie Lynn Hennefer, daughter of Anna and Cody Hen- nefer of Jerome, was born Aug. 3, 2011.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

Lena Love Barnes, daughter of Natassha Nicole Barnes of Kimberly, was born July 24, 2011.

Remington Blue Ray Moon, son of Elizabeth Marie Reyes of Buhl, was born July 25, 2011.

Isabell Marie Tiznado-Lopez, daughter of Augustina Lopez and Adrian F. Tiznado of Twin Falls, was born July 29, 2011.

Jo Vee Evelena Welch, daughter of Ashley Jean Sartain of Hansen, was born July 29, 2011.

William Hast Dillman, son of Breah Kaylynn and Gerald Boyd Dillman of Murtaugh, was born Aug. 2, 2011.

Dawson Matthew Burnett, son of Ashley Nichole Burnett of Gooding, was born Aug. 2, 2011.

Ryan Tyrell Zaldivar, son of Kayla Rose Doty and Christian Zaldivar of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 2, 2011.

Kyleigh Anne LaRee McKim, daughter of Courtney Renee Jackson and Walter Al McKim III of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 2, 2011.

Jessa Isabella Harrison, daughter of Kandice Mae and Stephen Charles Harrison of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 3, 2011.

Eliza Mae Martin, daughter of Jennifer Dee and Zachary John Martin of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 3, 2011.

Jazmyne Araceli Morquecho, daughter of Reyna Lucia and Juan Armando Morquecho of Kimberly, was born Aug. 3, 2011.

Ropeer Jewel Pierson, daughter of Jennifer Jean Cantrell and Dakotah James Pierson of Shoshone, was born Aug. 3, 2011.

Brynlee Jayde Gooch, daughter of Michelle Lee and Adam Troy Gooch of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 3, 2011.

Tristan Daniel Cabral, son of Kara Lynn Fiscus and Jose Antonio Cabral of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 3, 2011.

Waylan William James Kaye, son of Jessica Lynn and Wayne William Kaye of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 4, 2011.

Konyalena Journey Zazueta, daughter of Trista Marie and Benjamin Zazueta Jr. of Jerome, was born Aug. 4, 2011.

Brooklynn Elaine Rose Banks, daughter of Jessica Elaine Falconburg and Richard Ian Banks of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 4, 2011.

Ranon Nathaniel Birchfield, son of Julie Ann Upshaw and Cody Lee Birchfield of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 4, 2011.

Kyrie Jesselyn Vargas, daughter of Soledad Guadalupe Verdusco and Fernando Oropeza Vargas of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 4, 2011.

Waylon Gene Eiman, son of Erin Frances and Eric Richard Eiman of Hansen, was born Aug. 5, 2011.

Mia Soledad Ofelia Lopez, daughter of Candelaria Lopez and Miguel Angel Lopez-Garcia of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 5, 2011.

Abigail Irene Tuft, daughter of Rebecca Lynn and Mark Steven Tuft of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 5, 2011.

Kamren Lee Arbaugh, son of Emily Teresa Berochia and David Albert Arbaugh of Jerome, was born Aug. 5, 2011.

Ryder Brock Alexander, son of Tauni Jo Pike and Greg Brock Alexander of Kimberly, was born Aug. 5, 2011.

Jayden Lee Sitter, son of Amanda Courtney Sitter of Jerome, was born Aug. 5, 2011.

Jace Christopher Gosar, son of Lucretia Kay and Steven Robert Gosar of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 6, 2011.

Nicholas Alexander Sotelo Cabral, son of Melissa Joanna Cabral and Luis Alfredo Sotelo of Jerome, was born Aug. 7, 2011.

Ariana Marie Perez-Mason, daughter of Kelsi Jo Mason of Gooding, was born Aug. 7, 2011.

Robert Gene Harris, son of Samantha Nicole Ann Porter and Chauncey Scott Harris of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 8, 2011.

Leona Ruby Burrell, daughter of Jolie Lynn Gantt and William Dustin Burrell of Filer, was born Aug. 8, 2011.

Joey Robert Robinette, son of Brandi Gay and Douglas J. Robinette of Jerome, was born Aug. 8, 2011.

Kanoa Keegan Wayne Burch, son of Celeste Carmen Na- puamaioli and Dennis Roger Burch of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 8, 2011.

Air Cleaners Can Help Kids Who Live with Smokers

BY MEREDITH COHN
The Baltimore Sun

A Johns Hopkins Children's Center study shows that air cleaners can significantly re- duce household air pollution and lower rates of asthma symptoms among kids liv- ing in homes with smokers.

The improvements are similar to those achieved by using anti-inflammatory asthma drugs.

However, the level of air nicotine remained, leaving kids at risk of some effects of second-hand smoke.

So, the study researchers concluded in the Aug. 1 issue of the Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine that air cleaners should only be used as a temporary meas- ure as smokers seek to quit.

"Air cleaners appear to be an excellent partial solution to improving air quality in homes of children living with a smoker but should not be viewed as a substitute for a smoke-free environ- ment," lead investigator Ar- lene Butz, an asthma spe-

cialist at the Children's Cen- ter and professor of pedi- atrics at the Hopkins Uni- versity School of Medicine, said in a statement.

The researchers followed 115 kids for six months. They lived in 41 homes, each with a smoker. A third got air clean- ers, another third got air cleaners and heath education and the last third got neither but were given air cleaners at the end of the study.

There was a 50-percent drop in particulate matter in the homes with cleaners, though the homes never reached the air quality of smoke-free homes. The cleaners did mean 33 more days without coughing, wheezing or difficulty breathing — the same as with the drugs.

Asthma is the most com- mon chronic illness among children, with some 6.5 mil- lion affected in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. About a third of U.S. kids live with a smoker.

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Attendance: Less Than Perfect Can Be Even Better

BY MELISSA KOSSLER DUTTON
For The Associated Press

At his daughter's high school graduation ceremony last year, Dr. Anthony Billittier was struck by the number of students receiving awards for perfect attendance. As commissioner of health for Erie County, N.Y., he couldn't help but wonder if any of the students had gone to school sick in order to preserve their attendance record.

Billittier was so concerned about the potential health risks that posed that he immediately sent a text message to one of the school board members who were sitting on the stage observing the graduation. Based on his concerns, the Lancaster Central School District stopped giving awards for perfect attendance.

"The spread of disease in schools will in many ways impact the entire community," said Billittier. "The diseases we're concerned about spread from person to person, and person to object to person."

School districts around the country have been re-examining their attendance policies because of growing concerns about public health.

"This is a big issue," said Dr. Georges Benjamin, director of the American Public Health Association in Washington, D.C. "We ought to do a better of job of teaching people when it's appropriate to stay home." Students who go to class sick probably won't learn much, and may delay their recovery, Benjamin said. "If you're obviously ill, you're not going to feel well enough to pay attention."

The threat of an H1N1 flu outbreak in fall 2009 prompted the discussion in many districts. That's when the Texas Education Agency encouraged districts to re-



Katie Janiga, a recent high school graduate with perfect attendance, reacts after her key opened a new car at Toyota of Tampa Bay in Florida.

view their policies. A number of schools suspended their awards for perfect attendance, but the state did not track how many.

Officials in the Peru Central School District in New York also stopped giving perfect attendance awards that year because of concern that kids would come to school with flu symptoms.

"We had heard from time to time of children attending school when they were best home in bed," said Superintendent A. Paul Scott. "This allows families to make decisions about what is best for their children."

The change in policy does not mean that the district has lowered its expectations for students, Scott said.

"We expect perfection," he said. "We'll settle for excellent — and now that is true for our attendance policy."

The Peru district has

added new honors instead, focusing on academics, citizenship and good character. Concern over H1N1 also prompted the Hillsborough County Public Schools in Tampa, Fla., to end their practice of allowing students with perfect attendance to skip final exams. Rewarding students for perfect attendance while telling them to stay home if they had flu symptoms seemed like a "mixed message," said district spokesman Stephen Hegarty.

The district has not reinstated the practice, but did offer the 2011 graduating class another incentive for scoring perfect attendance: The district teamed up with a car dealer to give away a 2011 Toyota Scion to a senior with perfect attendance for the second semester. School officials felt the contest would help combat "senioritis," Hegarty said.

With the H1N1 scare abated, the give-away didn't raise any health concerns, he said. And school officials felt that a chance at winning a car wouldn't encourage sick kids to come to school, said Mark Ackett, supervisor of attendance for the district.

Going to school sick paid off for Sara Berger of Richmond, Ind. The recent graduate of Northeastern High School won the choice between a Ford Fiesta or a scholarship of equal value in a Wayne County Area Chamber of Commerce contest after she had perfect attendance her senior year. Berger, who confessed to going to school after vomiting one morning, chose the scholarship.

"I really liked school," said Berger, who plans to attend Purdue University. "I always took it very seriously. If you're not there, you're not going to learn."



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Dr. Diana Bianchi, executive director of the Mother Infant Research Institute at Tufts Medical Center, in her lab at the facility in Boston.

Boy or Girl? A Simple Test Raises Ethical Concerns

BY LINDSEY TANNER
Associated Press

CHICAGO • Boy or girl? A simple blood test in mothers-to-be can answer that question with surprising accuracy at about seven weeks, a research analysis has found.

Though not widely offered by U.S. doctors, gender-detecting blood tests have been sold online to consumers for the past few years. Their promises of early and accurate results prompted genetics researchers to take a closer look.

They analyzed 57 published studies of gender testing done in rigorous research or academic settings — though not necessarily the same methods or conditions used by direct-to-consumer firms.

The authors say the results suggest blood tests like those studied could be a breakthrough for women at risk of having babies with certain diseases, who could avoid invasive procedures if they learned their fetus was a gender not affected by those illnesses. But the study raises concerns about couples using such tests for gender selection and abortion.

Couples who buy tests from marketers should be questioned about how they plan to use the results, the study authors said.

The analyzed test can detect fetal DNA in mothers' blood. It's about 95 percent accurate at identifying gender when women are at least seven weeks' pregnant — more than one month before conventional methods. Accuracy of the testing increases as pregnancy advances, the researchers concluded.

Conventional procedures, typically done for medical reasons, can detect gender starting at about 10 weeks.

The new analysis, published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, involved more than 6,000 pregnancies. The testing used a lab procedure called PCR that detects genetic material — in this case, the male Y chromosome. If present in the mother's blood, she's carrying a boy, but if absent, it's a girl.

Tests that companies sell directly to consumers were not examined in the analysis. Sex-detection tests using mothers' urine or blood before seven weeks of preg-

nancy were not accurate, the researchers said.

Senior author Dr. Diana Bianchi, a reproductive geneticist and executive director of the Mother Infant Research Institute at Tufts Medical Center in Boston, called the results impressive. She noted that doctors in Great Britain are already using such testing for couples at risk of having children with hemophilia or other sex-linked diseases, partly to help guide treatment decisions.

The research indicates that many laboratories have had success with the test, but the results can't be generalized to all labs because testing conditions can vary substantially, said Dr. Joe Leigh Simpson, a genetics professor at Florida International University. He was not involved in the study.

Simpson noted that using gender-detection blood testing for medical or other reasons has not been endorsed by guideline-setting medical groups and some experts consider it experimental.

Dr. Lee Shulman, chief of clinical genetics at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, said the testing "isn't ready for prime time."

He said his hospital doesn't provide the blood tests, and doesn't offer more conventional techniques, including amniocentesis, to women who have no medical reason for wanting to know their baby's gender.

"I would have a lot of difficulties offering such a test just for gender identification. Gender is not an abnormality," Shulman said. "My concern is this is ultimately going to be available in malls or shopping centers," similar to companies offering "cute" prenatal ultrasound images.

Recent research found that increasing numbers of women in India who already have daughters are having abortions when prenatal tests show another girl, suggesting that an Indian ban on such gender testing has been ineffective. The expense of marrying off girls has contributed to a cultural preference there for boys.

Evidence also suggests that China's limits on one child per couple and traditional preference for male heirs has contributed to abortions and an increasingly large gender imbalance.

Faith

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Iverson was filling in. Pryor said he started the business last year as a way to help his boys learn responsibility and how to budget their income, something their church teaches is important.

Faith and values give them a strong foundation, Pryor said. "It helps them to better know who they are and what is expected of them."

Iverson said he knows what is expected of him, especially if confronted with negative peer pressure.

Tyler Bernhisel, 16, of Twin Falls, who also was helping at the rental shop, said his belief in God makes him want to be a good person and treat others with kindness and respect. He said he's noticed a difference among his peers who have religious ties and those who don't: Those who profess faith often — but not always — are more polite in their language and mannerisms.

According to ongoing research by the National Study of Youth and Religion, devout teens hold more traditional sexual and other values than their nonreligious counterparts and are better off in emotional health, academic success, community involvement, concern for others, trust of adults and avoidance of risky behavior.

But, the study also revealed, while most American teenagers believe God and conventional worship are important, many teens' knowledge about gospel topics is shallow.

Kevin Newbry, superintendent at Lighthouse Christian School, said he believes there's a "cultural gap" that might contribute to the problem. Some traditional worship ceremonies or songs, for instance, might seem archaic to today's youth, making it difficult for them to connect with religion.



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Tyler Bernhisel, 16, right, and Carter Iverson, 12, carry a canoe for customers at Centennial Waterfront Park. Tim Pryor opened the rental service last year as a way to teach financial responsibility to his own boys, not shown.

The Numbers on Teens

Among teen respondents in a survey by the National Study of Youth and Religion:

- **82 percent** are affiliated with a local congregation
- **80 percent** have few or no doubts about their beliefs
- **71 percent** feel "extremely," "very" or "somewhat" close to God
- **65 percent** pray alone at least a few times a week
- **61 percent** "definitely" believe in divine miracles from God
- **53 percent** say they attend worship service two or three times a month

It's up to religious leaders and parents to help bridge that gap.

"We have to connect with their culture," Newbry said, giving the example of the gospel hymn "Amazing Grace." "I still like it," he said, "but I'm 50. They want something with a little more beat to it."

Another study, this one conducted in July 2010 by the Ventura, Calif.-based Barna Group, found that while teenagers are consistently among the most religiously active Americans — with nearly six out of every 10 teens engaged in some type of group spiritual activity — their individual spirituality is remarkably diverse and fluid.

Tyler Andreason, 14, of Twin Falls said it's not religion that's important to him but his personal relationship with God.

"Just living in a Christian community all my life has made me friendly in the church and stuff," he said. "I live for him and try to spread the message about Jesus, who died for our sins. He's the only way for us to go to heaven. I want everybody to go there."

Andreason recently served a two-week church mission along the Pacific Coast, where he helped the downtrodden and poor. "It was a really spiritual moment with God," he said. "It allowed me to get in

touch with him, to feel his presence."

His views about those who do not share the same belief: "You've got to respect people. God created us and loves everybody."

Newbry, who has worked with youth for the better part of 30 years, said parents must shoulder much of the blame if their children aren't interested in spirituality or don't give much thought to God.

"If God isn't important to the parents," he said, "he likely won't be important to their children."

Brown was raised in a home where love for God and fellow man was paramount. It's helped him have confidence not only in who he is today, but in who he wishes to become.

"It really has given me a path to shoot for, how I see myself in the future," he said. "And then I make those decisions on what I want to become and what I want for my family. ... I hope to become a successful businessman with a good family, and I want my kids to make the same decisions I made."

CLEANING

Question:

Whenever I attempt to clean my bathroom mirrors, it seems that the streaks I leave behind create more of a mess than my original smudges. I've tried all the "home remedies" like newspaper and vinegar, but nothing is really working for me. I'm really frustrated Lori, please help!

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St. Luke's Honors A Child's Whisper

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center honored A Child's Whisper during its naming ceremony for a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit room on July 18 in Twin Falls.

The special room, which the group of area moms held 2009 and 2010 fundraisers to help bring to the hospital, offers families a place to be with their babies and learn to take care of them under the watch of St. Luke's staff. A Child's Whisper held the A Kid Again fundraiser, operating under the direction of Dr. Jane Scott.

A Child's Whisper founding member Stephanie Davis said of the facility, "Now we have a safe, private space for families to get to know these amazing little beings who come into the world early, and for that I'm grateful."

The Naming Ceremony included a blessing issued by St. Luke's Magic Valley Chaplain Fred Elwood and pink and blue cupcakes following.

To learn more about the non-profit St. Luke's Magic Valley Health Foundation's efforts, call 814-0070 or visit www.stlukesonline.org/donate.



COURTESY PHOTO

Dr. Jane Scott, left, and Stephanie Davis, founding members of A Child's Whisper, stand with Davis's son, Chad.

Are You Driving Distracted? Don't.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the leading cause of drivers crashing is distracted driving — responsible for nearly 80 percent of all crashes nationwide. This, to me, is also called inattentive driving. Not paying attention to the road has cost many people their lives and livelihoods.

I have seen a lot of distracted drivers while driving around, mainly when I am off-duty. Some of the driving habits I have seen are amazing (not!). I have seen makeup being applied (usually by women) with one hand on the wheel while the driver is looking in the visor or rear-view mirror. I have seen the knee-driving technique while eating food. I have also seen the "looking at the passenger while talking to them" technique (the No. 1 reason for distracted-driving crashes). I have also heard of a driver (a Darwin Award winner) climbing into the backseat to take a



nap because he thought that cruise control was like autopilot.

Believe it or not, talking on a cellphone is not the first - or even second - most common reason for crashes. Dialing or looking at the cell phonebook is a bigger reason for crashes while using a cellphone. The No. 2 reason for distracted-driving crashes is changing radio stations or looking for CDs or cassettes (remember them?) while driving.

Here are some Idaho statistics to ponder, from the Idaho Transportation Department:

- Distracted driving leads to one out of every five crashes.
- Distracted driving contributed to 32 percent of the economic costs of crashes in Idaho.
- Of distracted-driving crashes that were fatal, 82

percent occurred in a rural area and 62 percent involved only a single vehicle.

Some other reasons for distracted-driving crashes include reading maps or looking at the GPS while driving, reading while driving, looking at pagers or beepers, using wireless Internet access — and the kicker, using in-car crash avoidance systems.

Cop Joke: All Cops go to Heaven

Three highly decorated police officers die in a wild shootout with narcotics dealers and go to Heaven.

God greets them and asks, "When you are laid out in your casket, and your fellow officers and family are mourning you, what would you like to hear them say about you?"

The first cop says, "I would like to hear them say that I was the bravest cop on the force."

The second police officer says, "I would like to hear that I was a terrific

cop who died in the line of duty."

The last cop replies, "I would like to hear them say, 'Look, he's moving!'"

Officer Down

Please put these officers, killed in the line of duty, and their families in your prayers. God bless these heroes.

- Officer J. Ryan McCandless, Rapid City Police, S.D.
- Officer Nick Armstrong, Rapid City Police, S.D.
- Probation Officer Jeff Settle, North Carolina Department of Corrections.
- Officer Jeremy Henwood, San Diego Police, Calif.

They fought the good fight, now may they rest in peace.

See you next week. Email your questions to policemandan@yahoo.com.

Dan Bristol is the Heyburn chief of police.

CSI NORTH SIDE CENTER GEARS UP FOR SCHOOL YEAR

There's still time to register for fall-semester classes at the College of Southern Idaho North Side Center in Gooding.

The semester begins Aug. 22, CSI recently announced.

Various levels of English classes are available, including "Basic English and Writing" "Developmental Composition" and "English Composition 1." Also offered are three developmental reading courses: "Basic Reading," "Building College Vocabulary" and "Reading Development."

Math courses offered this fall are "PreAlgebra," "Beginning Algebra," "Intermediate Algebra" and "Math in Modern Society."

"Fundamentals of Oral Communication," "Western Civilization 1," "Survey of Jazz and Pop Music," "Principles of Microeconomics" and "Survey of Astronomy," all courses that fulfill general education core requirements, are offered this semester. Non-core courses "Medical Terminology" and "Personal Finance" are available also.

"Over 60 and Getting Fit" will be held at four sites on the North Side: the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind in Gooding, Jerome Recreation Center, Hager-

man High School and Shoshone High School.

Live in Jerome? The center is bringing "English Composition 1" to you next spring. Ann Lorraine Smith will instruct the course from 6 to 8:50 p.m. on Tuesdays, Jan. 20 to May 12, 2012, at Jerome High School.

"Basic English and Writing" will also travel. Instructor Greg Lowe will teach the course from 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 19 to May 11, 2012, at Wendell High School.

Finally, create your own beautiful, hand-spun yarns in "Spin It," a new course. Using a low-tech, low-cost drop spindle, you'll learn the art of drafting, spinning, adding on more fiber, plying, and setting twist. When you're finished you'll have the satisfaction of knowing you created your own yarn for use in knitting, crocheting, and weaving. The class meets from 6-9 p.m. Aug. 25 at the center, with a \$20 fee plus another \$240 materials fee payable to the instructor. Kids are welcome to attend with their parents at the same fee.

For information on any of these courses: 934-8678, or visit the center at 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding, Or, visit www.csi.edu/northside.

Diabetes Nonprofit Holds Day of Races, Learning

A nonprofit focused on the issue of diabetes will hold a day of events on Saturday, including a fun run and pancake breakfast.

The event at Centennial Waterfront Park in Twin Falls will be the first put on by Distance4Diabetes, which seeks to raise money to fight diabetes. The schedule includes:

- 6:45 a.m.: Registration opens
- 7:30 a.m.: 40K cycle
- 8 a.m.: 10K run, 5K run

and 5K walk

- 9 a.m.: Pancake breakfast for \$5
- 10 a.m.: Kids races for age 3 and up

Also planned are vendor booths, a bounce house, mini-workshops and other activities both fun and educational. In part, the organizers hope to educate people who know diabetic children about what those children deal with, and how to help them.

For more information: www.distance4diabetes.org.

BRIDGE NEWS

Gooding Bridge Results Shared

Gooding Duplicate Bridge has released its recent results.

July 29: 1. Pat and Dennis Hill, 2. Al Poynter and Veeta Roberts, 3. Adelaide Gerard and Kathy Rooney.

Aug. 5: 1. Bobette Plankey and Beverly Burns, 2. Lorna Bard and Shirley Tschannen, 3. Jeanne McCombs and Kathy Rooney, 4. Henry Robinson and Barbara Burk.

Games are played at 1 p.m. Fridays at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave. For more information: Kathy Rooney, 934-9732.

Bridge Winners in Twin Falls

Twin Falls Duplicate Bridge has shared its results for **July 27**.

Flight A
North-South: 1. Ruth and Don Rahe, 2. Shirley Tschannen and Lorna Bard, 3. Renee Bulcher and Riley Burton, 4. Gwen Stoker and Barbara Burk.

East-West: 1. Jessie Lingnaw and Wilma Driscoll, 2. Sue Skinner and Peggy Hackley, 3. Betty Grant and Joye Astorquia, 4. Bobette

Plankey and Kathy Rooney.

Flight B
North-South: 1. Kathie Boian and Betty Jeppesen, 2. Veeta Roberts and Doris Finney.

East-West: 1. Jessie Lingnaw and Wilma Driscoll, 2. Pat and Dennis Hill.

Twin Falls Duplicate Bridge is played at 1 p.m. Wednesdays at the Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center. Information: Edna Pierson, 324-5734.

Rupert Bridge Winners Named

The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club in Rupert has announced the results of play for **Aug. 9**.

North-South: 1. Warren and Faun McEntire, 2. Bobette Plankey and Riley Burton, 3. Bill Goodman and Chuck Hunter, 4. Nanette Woodland and Vera Mai.

East-West: 1. Marlene Temple and Shirley Harris, 2. Dee Keicher and Leo Moore,, 3. Barbara Carney and Eunice Merrigan, 4. Mildred Wolf and Sheila Hubsmith.

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.

TFHS Alumni from 1961 Hold Reunion

The Twin Falls High School class of 1961 will celebrate its 50-year reunion early next month, and is still trying to reach some missing classmates.

The reunion is scheduled for Sept. 2, 3 and 4 in Twin Falls. It will include registration and lunch Sept. 2 at the Twin Falls City Park, dinner and dance at the

Turf Club Sept. 3, and brunch Sept. 4 at the Blue Lakes Country Club.

Reunion organizers are still trying to reach the following alumni: Donna Beer, Jeanine Blades, Lois Ann Edmons, Helen Etherton, Marge Hoshow Woodall, Virginia Hussey, Myra Mechan Wagner, Nancy Mitchell, Carolyn

Orrin, Bob Singleton, Mike Wiley, Gertrude Townsend, Ted Mayer, Judy Patterson, Don L. Ude, Eileen Williams Winterholler, Gary Rountree, Doug Haroldsen, Sharon Patterson Stewart, Jan Smith, Richard Wilhite, Roy Helms, William Mounce, Mary Grabert Feller, Barbara Rosendaal

McVey, Marilyn Walker Dudgeon, Marsha Hall, Billie Ann Flake Boyd and Bill Guffey.

To pass on contact information for one of the people above, or for other information about the reunion: Charlene, 539-6506 or class-61-twtf@mindspring.com; or Georgina, 731-6070.

Hale Awarded McCain Scholarship

Victoria Hale, a 2011 Oakley High School Graduate, is one of five U.S. winners of the 2011 McCain Group Scholarships. She is the daughter of Alan Hale, quality manager at the McCain Foods USA plant in Burley.

Hale graduated with a 4.0 grade-point average and was first in her class. She plans to attend Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, to pursue her goal of

becoming an elementary school teacher.

The McCain scholarships were awarded to 10 children of McCain employees from the U.S. and Canada. Each attending four-year programs will receive \$4,000 per year over the next four years. Students who enroll in a two-year technical or nursing program will receive \$9,500 split over the next two years.



Hale

Foster Care Open House is Thursday

Magic Valley Youth and Adult Services will host an open house Thursday for anyone interested in helping children and youth in foster care.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. at Magic Valley Youth and Adult Services, 1869 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. It will address questions re-

garding the numerous ways individuals can help area youth in foster care. Current foster parents will be present to respond to questions and concerns.

Anyone interested in child welfare and ways to help is invited. Admission is free. Information: 734-4435.

Spaces Available for SCCAP Event

Community service groups are encouraged to participate in South Central Community Action Partnership's Fifth Annual Community Partnerships in Action event and free barbecue at Twin Falls City Park on Sept. 17.

Booth spaces are available for those who would like to participate in the event from

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Booth space is free, but other amenities will not be provided. SCCAP recommends booth partners bring a 10-foot-square canopy.

For more information or a booth application, contact SCCAP administrative assistant Jenny Randolph at 733-9351 or jenny@sccap-id.org.

Learn About Girl Scouts on Tuesday

Girl Scouts in Twin Falls will host a leader recruitment event Tuesday at the Rick Allen Room of the Herrett Center for Arts and Science.

The "Ladies First! Women's Event" will feature an evening of shopping and networking, with a chance

for participants to also learn what Girls Scouts is about. Booths will feature jewelry, cosmetics, crafts and other fun items.

The event will run from 5-7 p.m. Information: Kathy Kulesa, 733-9623 or kkulesa@girlscouts-ssc-org.

Help for Veterans Tuesday in Jerome

Milton Smith, with the Idaho Office of Veterans Advocacy in Boise, will visit Jerome on Tuesday to help with a range of veterans' issues.

Smith will be at Room 310 of the Jerome County Courthouse from 9 a.m. to noon.

Veterans or surviving spouses of veterans with questions or concerns about benefits and services are invited to visit with him.

To set an appointment: Terry Gabbert, Jerome County veterans service officer, 644-2708.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Bybee Graduates from Creighton

Burley resident Morgen Bybee graduated cum laude from Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., with a Doctor of Dentistry degree during the university's May 14 commencement ceremony.

Bybee was one of more than 1,500 Creighton degree recipients.

Jensen Graduates from Clarion University

Twin Falls resident Ryan Jensen recently graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Library Science from Clarion University in Clarion, Pa., on May 8.

Jensen was among 1,140 Clarion graduates, and was also named to the dean's list for earning a 3.5 grade-point

average or better during this year's second semester.

Worthington Graduates from Midland

McCoy Worthington of Paul recently graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communication from Midland University in Fremont, Neb.

Worthington is a graduate of Minico High School.

Coats Graduates from Eastern Wyoming

Twin Falls resident Erica Coats graduated on May 6 from Eastern Wyoming College in Torrington, Wyo.

Coats earned an Associate of Arts degree and was among 172 EWC graduates.

EDUCATION NEWS

Silva on Ripon Dean's List

Twin Falls resident Molly Silva, sophomore at Ripon College in Ripon, Wisc., was named to the college's spring 2011 semester dean's list.

To be named to the list, a student must earn a 3.4 grade-point average or higher on 12 credits.

Kossman on Great Falls Honor Roll

Twin Falls resident Whitney Kossman was named to the spring semester dean's list at the University of Great Falls in Great Falls, Mont.

The list recognizes students who earned a 3.5 or higher grade-point average.

Two Stokes Students Earn Delta State Honors

Jerome resident Brent J. Stokes was named to the president's list at Delta State University in Cleveland, Miss., for earning a 3.8-4.0 grade-point average on 12 or more credits for the 2011 spring semester.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Buhl Library Offers Computer Classes

The Buhl Public Library has organized more computer classes, due to popular demand for them.

Next up will be a two-part series on Microsoft Word, scheduled for 5-7 p.m. Aug. 23 and 25. Students must attend both sessions. The class will cover the basics of using the software, including opening, closing and saving documents.

Classes on the Internet are planned for 5-7 p.m. Sept. 6 and 8. Each class will cover some of the basics, including using search engines, email and uploading documents and photos.

Students must pre-register for the classes; please let the library know if you'll bring your own computer. Information: 543-6500.

New Items at Gooding Library

New materials at the Gooding Public Library include:

Adult fiction: "Buried Secrets" by Joseph Finder, "Smokin' Seventeen" by Janet Evanovich, "The Constantine Codex" by Paul Maier, "Barefoot" by Elin Hilderbrand, "In the Belly of Jonah..." by Sandra Brannan, "The Traffickers" by W. Griffin, and "Against All Enemies" by Tom Clancy.

Nonfiction: biographies by Carl Reiner and Etti Hillesum, books about ADHD and Asperger's syndrome, "Cool Parent 101," "Chicken Soup for a Nature Lover's Soul," "Colossus: Hoover Dam," "The Murder of the Century," and David McCullough's book "The Greater Journey."

Young adult fiction: "The Sword of Darrow," "Spyhole Secrets," "Where She Went," "Finnikin of the Rock," "Ruby Red," "Geth and the Return of the Linnikins," "Angel: a Maximum Ride novel," "Divergent,"



"Hex Hall," "Eona: the Last Dragoneye," "Withering Tights," and "The 39 Clues."

Juvenile fiction: "Five Minute Whodunits," "Dracula is a Pain in the Neck," "The Adventures of Spider-man," "The Borrowers Afloat," "The Blob That Ate Everyone," "Tales of Mystery and Imagination," "Robin Hood of Sherwood Forest," "Beck and the Great Berry Battle," "Georgia the Guinea Pig Fairy," "Magic Pickle and the Planet of the Grapes," and "How I Learned How to Fly."

Juvenile nonfiction: "True Stories of Pirates," "How to Draw Crash Bandicoot & Friends," and "I Love to Draw Dogs!"

Easy Reader: "Angelina and the Princess," "Angels on a Pin," "Play All Day," "The Bunyans," "Eric Carle's Animals Animals," and "The Pout-Pout Fish."

The library will hold drawings for prizes soon for its summer reading program, "One World, Many Stories." Participants are also reminded to submit their reading logs by Aug. 22. The library thanks all those who have helped, from guest readers and craft helpers to community sponsors and parents and grandparents.

Information: 306 5th Ave. W., www.gooding.lili.org, or 934-4089.

Rupert Library Gets New Books, Media

New materials at DeMary Memorial Library in

Rupert include:

Adult fiction: "The Confession: A Novel" by John Grisham

After committing a horrific murder, Travis Boyette is thrilled as he watches authorities charge and convict Donte' Drumm, an innocent man, with his crime. Nine years later, four days away from Donte's execution, Travis decides to do what is right and confess, but will authorities believe him?

Adult fiction: "Christmas Odyssey: A Novel" by Anne Perry

Ten days before Christmas, wealthy James Wentworth feels not joy but grief. His reckless son, Lucien, has been lured into a deadly world of drugs and wild passion. Wentworth's only hope is his old friend Henry Rathbone, who volunteers to search Lucien.

Adult fiction: "Call Me Mrs. Miracle" by Debbie Macomber

For Jake, his holidays were destroyed in a Christmas Eve tragedy years before. Now Christmas means just one thing to him — profit. But he needs a Christmas miracle for their business to stay afloat. Holly Larson needs a miracle, too. She wants to give her nephew, Gabe, the holiday he deserves.

Fiction: "Happy Birthday" by Danielle Steel

Valerie Wyatt and her daughter, April, are both successful and happy with their lives. Yet, as they approach their birthdays —

Valerie her 60th and April her 30th — neither has a significant relationship and they wonder what they've sacrificed for success.

Fiction: "Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Dominion" by Eric Lustbader

While on a mission Jason Bourne comes in contact with Jalal Essai, a defector from Severus Domna, a secret, international cabal. He informs Jason that he has been targeted for death by Domna and it is to be carried out by Boris Karpov, a longtime friend and ally of Jason's.

Fiction: "Full Black" by Brad Thor

Thomas Carver, ex-president of the United States, is appointed secretary general of the United Nations and sets in place the first phase of a plan to destroy America. After some national emergencies, the government compiles a list of Americans deemed too dangerous during a time of national emergency. Scot Harvath, a counterterrorism operative, is on the list.

Mystery: "Devil's Food Cake: A Culinary Mystery" by Josi S. Kilpack

Sadie finds herself on the trail of the murderer when a literary agent dies at a library fundraiser. As she delves into the mystery, she finds a connection to a decade-old murder-suicide.

Children's fiction: "Cinderella's Fairy Merry," "Meet Marmaduke," "Spider-Man VS The Scorpion," and "Superman VS Bizarro."

Audio CDs: "Bad Blood: a Virgin Flowers Novel" by John Sanford, "Heaven's Fury" by Stephen Frey, "Safe Haven" by Nicholas Sparks, and "Pinheads and Patriots: Where You Stand in the Age of Obama" by Bill O'Reilly.

DVDs: "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse," "Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time," and "Secondhand Lions."

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The Fiets

Floyd and Elaine Fiet of Wendell will be celebrating 65 years of married life on Friday, August 19, 2011.

They met in Nampa, Idaho, and were married in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple on August 19, 1946. They lived in the Nampa area for 8 years until Floyd drew on a homestead north of Rupert. They spent twelve years in Rupert, then moved to Hazelton, King Hill and finally to Wendell where Floyd custom-stacked hay.

They are the parents of six children: Dennis (deceased); Leslie (Gayden) Nelson of Logan, Utah; Clair (Leslie) Fiet of Bountiful, Utah; Shirley (Rocky) Metts of Kimberly, Idaho; Layne Fiet (deceased)

Elaine and Floyd Fiet

and Jenness Fiet of Wendell, Idaho. They have 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

A celebration in their honor, hosted by Sylvan and Dorothy Bailey, will be held on Friday, August 19, 2011, at the Wendell LDS Church from 6 until 8 pm. Come celebrate with them. The couple requests no gifts, please.

The Wiersmas

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Bornstein-Brennen

Brad and Colleen Brennen of Twin Falls announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their son Brad Brennen to Shawna Bornstein, daughter of Robin Warren also of Twin Falls on June 23, 2012.

Barker-Hicks

Devon Barker of McCall and Michael Hicks of Riggins will be married Oct. 15 along the Salmon River in Riggins.

Devon is the daughter of Marye' Barker of Lewiston and the late John Barker. She teaches in New Meadows, Idaho.

Mike is the son of Perry and Mary Lou Hicks of Pace, Florida, formerly of Twin Falls.

Mike is a 1988 graduate of

Devon Barker and Michael Hicks

Twin Falls High School. He is a fishing and raft guide in Riggins.

Black-Mandis

Bret and Cori Black of Jerome announce the upcoming wedding of their daughter, Brandee Lane Black to Ryan Brandon Mandis, son of Wayne and June Powers of Jerome.

Brandee is a 2008 graduate of Jerome High School.

Ryan also attended Jerome High School graduating in 2004 and is now employed by Progressive Dairy Service of Wendell.

Brandee and Ryan will be married in a private

Brandee Lane Black and Ryan Brandon Mandis

ceremony August 20, 2011 at Snyder Winery in Buhl.

A reception for family and friends will follow later that evening at the Winery.

Public Perspective on Refugee Aid: Mixed

BY MELISSA DAVLIN
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With a weak economy and high unemployment rates statewide, many Idahoans are turning a critical eye toward the public assistance refugees receive.

Those criticisms have appeared in recent months in comments posted on Magicvalley.com, in emails and phone calls to the Times-News and in feedback to the College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center.

“The biggest complaint I get is: I don’t want them coming in here and just sitting on the dole,” said the center’s director, Ron Black.

Patti Ovalle of Twin Falls was concerned that refugees are eligible for seven years of supplemental security income, or SSI.

“Social Security is tied to people who work in this country,” Ovalle said. To give it to new arrivals who haven’t contributed to the pot seems unfair. Ovalle isn’t anti-refugee, she said, but doesn’t like how the government is supporting refugees who are here.

Black said the only refugees who are eligible for SSI are those who are blind, have physical disabilities or are older than 65 — just like any Idaho or qualifying immigrant. If they don’t get their citizenship within

seven years of their arrival, they lose all federal aid, including SSI, he explained.

Black understands the public’s concern about where their tax dollars are going, he said.

“Do I think they have a legitimate complaint? Yes,” Black said. But, he added, “that’s not a decision we make locally.” The federal government decides how much refugees receive and what aid they’re eligible for.

On the other hand, some are concerned that refugees don’t get enough financial help. Hilbur Nelson and other members of St. Ignatius Orthodox Church in Twin

Falls work with Eritrean refugees.

“Our own experience has been lingering unemployment for extended periods of time,” Nelson said. Those who get jobs often work low hours for little pay.

“They’re not sustainable incomes,” Nelson said. Many struggle to learn English, he added, and while the refugee center provides English classes, they’re not in the refugees’ native languages.

Nelson hopes to see funding extended, perhaps for the first year they’re in the U.S.

A handful of Eritreans have chosen to move across the country to work at poultry processing plants in

West Virginia rather than continue looking for work in Twin Falls, Nelson said. Some Bhutanese have done the same, relocating to Pennsylvania in hope of better pay and more hours.

That’s not the best idea, Black said. He stressed that jobs are available in Magic Valley if refugees are willing to work and follow the rules.

Though Black hears complaints and concerns from Twin Falls residents, he said most people are willing to give refugees a chance.

“(Twin Falls) has an accepting spirit as long as people don’t feel they’re being taken advantage of,” Black said.



Tirtha Rai cleans rooms at the American Inn on Wednesday in Twin Falls. It takes Rai between 15 and 25 minutes to clean a room depending on its size.

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Refugees

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paying \$7.25 to \$8.25 are available here. “It’s just, are you willing to work to get the job?”

Typical finds for new refugees: stocking retail shelves, manning a production line at a potato-processing plant, cleaning bathrooms at hotels.

The refugee center has placed 125 refugees in their first jobs since the fiscal year started on Oct. 1, Black said, and that doesn’t include second or third jobs the center has helped some find. Many of those start as part-time or temporary positions, but if the refugee impresses managers, he or she often gets hired full-time.

Jobs were easier to find before the economic downturn, Black admitted. Five years ago, the refugee center could place applicants in jobs almost immediately. Now it takes four or five interviews to find a job.

“It is going to be more challenging and they are going to go through more interviews and they are going to have a little bit more frustration,” Black said.

A Willing Population

Among Twin Falls’ newcomers are Bhutanese refugees — ethnic Nepalis who fled Bhutan in the early 1990s and spent nearly two decades in Nepali refugee camps. According to the Bhutanese American Society of Twin Falls, more than 300 Bhutanese refugees have settled in Magic Valley since the first arrived in 2008.

Some of Twin Falls’ Bhutanese refugees have the equivalent of master’s degrees, while others have never set foot in a classroom.

Most refugees from Bhutan are

willing to work whatever jobs are available, Black said, but even the eager face challenges. Many come to Twin Falls with negligible work experience, education or English, and even those with marketable skills need an adjustment period after arriving in the United States.

Many Bhutanese refugees didn’t work during the 20 years that they spent in Nepali camps. Some have never held jobs. Going from sitting idly for two decades to working 40-hour weeks is a huge adjustment that many aren’t immediately ready for, Black said.

But Man’s 20-year-old daughter, Tirtha Rai, got a job at American Inn after about a month in Twin Falls. She initially struggled with making the large beds and remembering how many towels go in the bathrooms, but she learned quickly.

“At first it was quite hard, but now it is easy,” Tirtha said.

It’s not her dream job — she wants to go to nursing school someday — but for now, she said, “I need it.”

Depending on the Center

For many refugees from various countries, following etiquette and rules can be difficult, too. Some show up to interviews in inappropriate clothes like flip-flops, despite the refugee center’s coaching. Others clam up during interviews, even if they know English, Black said.

Once they are placed, “the biggest problem we’re having is a lot of them are not sticking with the job,” he said. Some quit after a short time because they don’t like the hours or assigned tasks. The problem is especially acute with refugees who have higher educations and have never done manual labor.

In addition to the refugee center job coordinators setting up job interviews, they also encourage refugees to look for jobs themselves.

Prithi and Man have tried, but “we do not have the knowledge of where the job openings are,” Prithi said. Man was so desperate to get a job that he put in an application at a company in Idaho Falls without realizing how far the commute would be.

The two interviews set up by the refugee center “is not enough for us,” Prithi said. He wonders: Why couldn’t the center send him on 10 or 20 interviews?

Though Man and Prithi were stipend-paid health care volunteers in Nepal, they said they are willing to do whatever tasks are necessary. After all, Prithi said, “USA stands for ‘you started again.’”

Waiting and Bored

Bikash and Subash Darjee agreed. The brothers arrived in Twin Falls with their mother, Menuka Darjee, from Nepal’s Khudunabari refugee camp on June 23. Menuka’s brother, Dil Darjee, resettled in Twin Falls about 2 1/2 years ago and saved enough money from his Walmart job to buy a house this summer — the first home owned by a Bhutanese refugee in Twin Falls. Dil also supplemented his sister’s apartment with a television and electric fans.

Bikash and Subash hope to be as successful as their uncle. Dil helped them set up interviews at Walmart, and the refugee center took them to interviews at WinCo Foods. When Bikash called Walmart on Wednesday to follow up on his application, he learned he had filled it out wrong — he needed to add references and previous work experience.

Like Man and Prithi, Bikash

wants to apply elsewhere, but isn’t sure where to go.

As they wait for calls back, Bikash, 28, and Subash, 30, have spent their first weeks in Idaho watching television, going to English classes and riding bikes to their uncle’s house. They are happy to be in Twin Falls, they said, but are anxious to get jobs to alleviate boredom.

“We just idly stay here,” Bikash said.

A Continuing Struggle

Chandra Pokhrel got a job at Holiday Inn Express three months after arriving in Twin Falls in spring 2010. His brother, Nar Pokhrel, arrived from Nepal’s Beldangi II camp on May 5 and is still looking for a job.

Though Nar understands English, he’s reluctant to speak it; no interview so far has yielded an offer, but Nar was scheduled to interview at Cactus Petes Resort Casino last week. In late July, he moved from Chandra’s apartment to live with his mother, who broke her hip and needs help getting around the house. His preteen son, Nishal, continues to live with Chandra.

Chandra makes \$7.25 an hour, the federal minimum wage, and works full time. His paychecks pay for utility and phone bills, rent, car insurance and loan repayments for his family’s plane tickets to the United States. He has health insurance through work, and his three children are insured by Medicaid. His wife, Ganga, is uninsured and stays at home with the couple’s three children and Nishal.

Though Chandra’s job search was successful, he says his family wouldn’t survive without food stamps. “If there is no food stamp, it is impossible.”

His next goal: a raise.

Twin Falls Voices

What do you think about refugee resettlement in a time of high unemployment?

“Eventually, some of these folks might fall onto the state welfare system. They may not get jobs. Some acclimate better than others. Some learn English better than others. Some do not get a job.”

— Patti Ovalle, Twin Falls

“The refugees I’ve worked with work as hard as anyone on the job ... I think they deserve a chance.”

— Joe Ortega, Twin Falls

Some members of St. Ignatius Orthodox Christian Church are worried about the futures of unemployed Eritrean refugees who attend their services. “We’ve helped relocate some of them that have not been able to find jobs.”

— Alexandra McKeever, Twin Falls

“All I’m asking for is have the numbers coming here that are in keeping with the resources so they have a fighting chance.”

— Hilber Nelson, Twin Falls

The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center occasionally hears criticism on the public aid that refugees draw. “That’s a legitimate criticism and unfortunately, or fortunately, however you want to approach it, that is the program how the feds designed it.”

— Ron Black, director of CSI’s refugee center

Surviving Year One

Refugee resettlement is designed to get refugees employed and independent from government aid. Until they get on their feet, government aid and private donations help them survive.

• **Depending on their ability** to work, refugees have a choice on which federal grant program will give them financial assistance. The Matching Grant Program gives them four months of support, while Transitional Refugee Aid gives up to eight months. Money from those grants, man-

aged by the College of Southern Idaho’s refugee center, pays for their rent and utilities, plus a small amount of pocket money.

Each of the four adults in Man Bahadur Rai’s family, for example, received \$100 of pocket money every two weeks for the first three months they were here, and grant money paid for \$150 of their first phone bills and \$200 of their utility bills.

Refugees on Matching Grant get more support in the form of volunteers and donations for a shorter amount of time; elderly refugees and those with physical

disabilities that prevent them from working are ineligible for the Matching Grant Program.

There are no extensions on grant money, though the refugee center can continue to help refugees find jobs after their aid expires.

• **All refugees receive Medicaid** for the first eight months. Children continue to receive state health insurance after those eight months if the parents don’t have private insurance.

Medicaid covered two emergency room visits for Menuka Darjee in her first month in Twin Falls, as well as back surgery for

Nara Maya Rai in July.

• **Like any Idahoan** or legal immigrant, refugees are eligible for state and federal aid if they qualify. This includes food stamps based on income, Medicaid and supplemental security income, or SSI.

Like 14 percent of Idahoans, the Rais, Pokhrels and Darjees depend on food stamps to feed their families. Chandra Pokhrel’s family of five receives more than \$600 monthly in food stamps, and Man Bahadur Rai’s family receives about \$800 for six people. Because Nara Maya Rai has a bad back and can’t stand for long periods of

time, she is trying to get SSI.

If a refugee hasn’t earned citizenship by seven years after arrival, federal aid ends — including food stamps and SSI. Extensions are granted in some cases.

• **Donations from community** members furnish refugees’ first apartments or rental houses.

• **Until refugees get a car** and a driver’s license, volunteers and friends drive them to the grocery store, and CSI’s refugee center drives them to some appointments and job interviews.

— Melissa Davlin

Bluegrass

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favorite espressos and shaved ice drinks. In other places, Dutch ovens were filled and ready for appreciative palates.

There were even a few things to do for the younger crowd such as a bounce house provided by Party Hardy. Eli Duffin and Keegan Murphy were literally bouncing off the walls and turning

somersaults, then flying down the slide.

Other musical groups included Idaho Stillwaters Band, of Buhl, and Front Porch Flavor.

Cans of food and money raised at the festival will help charitable causes, such as the Rotary Club and South Central Community Action to provide emergency food and services for the needy.

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(LEFT) J.D. Webb and the Downstate Ramblers perform during the Snake River Bluegrass Festival Saturday afternoon at Riverside Park in Heyburn.

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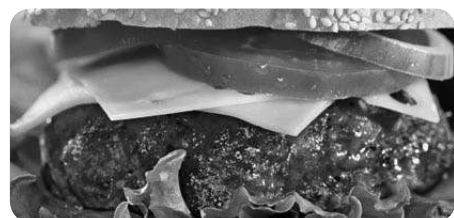
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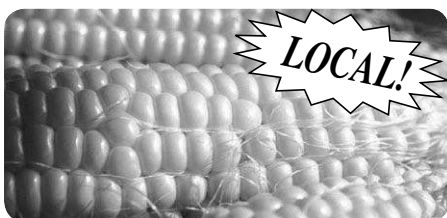
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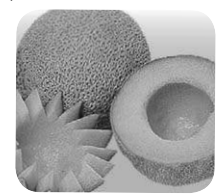


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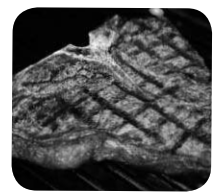


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