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# DRUG BUST



A view of Fat Ratt Tattoo & Body Piercing on Blue Lakes Boulevard North on Thursday.

Four Twin Falls residents and an Oregon man will appear in federal court today on felony charges of conspiring to distribute synthetic marijuana.

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**TWIN FALLS** • A federal indictment filed Tuesday accuses four Twin Falls residents and an Oregon man of conspiring to distribute synthetic forms of marijuana, known as “spice” and other names.

The five — Allen W. Nagel, 44, Gary E. Nagel, 45, Stephanie D. Nagel, 38, and Joshua Cserepes, 26, of Twin Falls; and Joshua P. Becker, 32, of Tigard, Ore. — were all arrested as part of a national synthetic drug operation called “Operation Log Jam,” according to details provided by the U.S. Attor-

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ney’s Office for the District of Idaho.

All five are accused by a federal grand jury of “unlawfully, knowingly and intentionally” distributing and possessing substances containing three different substances that act as synthetic marijuana, “knowing that the substance was intended for human consumption.” The offenses were allegedly committed from about

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A view of The Smokin' Head Smoke Shop on Washington Street North on Thursday.

## Churchman’s Owner Arrested on Drug Charges

BY ALISON GENE SMITH  
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**TWIN FALLS** • Wednesday’s searches of Twin Falls businesses as part of a synthetic marijuana investigation produced some state charges as well — but for different drugs.

Daniel James Churchman, 54, the owner of a Main Avenue jewelry store, was arrested Wednesday morning after a federal search warrant was executed at the store, located at 153 Main Ave. W.

The warrant was issued because

an illegal form of synthetic marijuana known as “spice” was allegedly being sold out of the business, a police report states.

Churchman was informed of the warrant and allowed the search, the report states.

An employee of the store declined to comment about the search Wednesday afternoon.

According to the police report, police entered the business at about 6:15 a.m. and allegedly located several drug-related items. A loaded .22-caliber handgun was

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## Bridge Work Postponed Until 2013

A resurfacing of the Perrine Bridge has been rescheduled to avoid conflicts with local events and other bridge projects around the state.

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**TWIN FALLS** • A resurfacing of the Perrine Bridge on the north end of Twin Falls is delayed until summer 2013, the Idaho Transportation Department announced Thursday.

Originally scheduled for June of this year, the roadway resurfacing had already been pushed back due to delays in scheduling equipment. On Thursday, an ITD press release stated a further delay will avoid roadwork affecting community activities on the bridge this September. It will also ensure similar work on 11 other bridges, all part of the same contract, can be finished before winter.

“It’s never easy to delay a major portion of work for a year, but in this scenario there weren’t many other choices to ensure the contractor could complete the other bridges this year,” Scot Stacey, ITD resident engineer, said in the press release.

ITD has not yet decided a start date in 2013 for the Perrine Bridge work.

The project will remove the bridge’s existing asphalt and concrete driving surface, replacing it with a silica-fume concrete driving surface. Maintenance work will also be done on the bridge’s handrails and substructure. Half of the bridge, including pedestrian walkways, will be closed at all times during the work and traffic will be restricted to one lane in each direction.

Cannon Builders Inc. of Blackfoot is the contractor for the \$2.5 million project.

Unrelated, but affecting south-central Idaho bridges next week, is resurfacing work on two overpasses crossing Interstate 84. Both bridges will be reduced to one lane for the duration of the work.

The projects start Monday at Parks Loop Road, also known as Old U.S. Highway 30, and Power Plant Road. The bridges are midway between Bliss and Glenns Ferry. The work should complete in early September.

Temporary traffic signals will be placed at each bridge to control traffic on the single lane of traffic on each bridge. There will also be a 12-foot width limit on each bridge.

JM Concrete of Idaho Falls is the contractor for those two bridges, part of a five-bridge, \$1.84 million project.

## Shoshone teen experiences Mongolian culture

BY JULIE WOOTTON  
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**SHOSHONE** • Like most years, 15-year-old Colton Horn is spending a lot of time at the Lincoln County Fair this week.

For the Shoshone teenager, it’s usually a intense week of preparing animals for judging and a market sale.

But it’s not as hectic this time around. Something else occupied his time this summer: a monthlong trip to Mongolia through the American Youth Leadership Program.

“I was hoping to learn everything I could,” Colton said.

His mother, Kim Horn, said it was a chance for her son — who lives on the family ranch and had never left the country — to learn about a different culture.

“It was a big growing experience for him,” she said.

It was also a learning experience

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## Police Bust \$7.3 Million Marijuana Grow Sites

BY ALISON GENE SMITH  
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**GOODING** • After receiving an anonymous tip Wednesday night, Idaho State Police located more than a dozen alleged marijuana grow sites with more than 4,000 plants in Gooding County.

Detectives used aerial support to locate sites in a corn field, according to a statement from the agency. Detectives first pulled 3,684 plants with an estimated street value of more than \$7 mil-

lion, the statement said. Later, they found another 500 plants in the same area, bumping the total estimated value up to more than \$7.3 million.

The investigation is still open and police are asking for information from the public regarding these or any other grow sites. No arrests have been made, nor suspects identified at this time, Lt. Kevin Haight said.

To submit tips, call the ISP drug tip hotline at 1-800-524-7277 or visit the nearest ISP district office.



An Idaho State Police officer holds up marijuana plants Thursday at the ISP district headquarters in Jerome.

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**Contestants for the 2012 Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Pageant crown flank current queen Mayra Lopez prior to Saturday's competition.**

## Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Pageant Set for Saturday

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**TWIN FALLS** • Nine young women will vie for the Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Pageant title Saturday at 7 p.m. at Twin Falls High School's Roper Auditorium. Admission is \$5 with children 12 and under free. The event will last about three hours.

Seeking to accept the 2012 crown from current queen Mayra Lopez are Yesenia Nieto, Jessica Urquiza, Crystal Flota, Fernanda Ortega, Karen Hernandez, Kimberly Juker, Yesenia Martinez, Cynthia Calderon and Mariah Cardenas.

Nieto, 19, of Twin Falls, is the daughter of Esidoro and Alma Nieto. She finished her first year at Boise State University with plans to graduate with a business administration degree and become a physician's assistant.

Urquiza, 19, of Twin Falls, is the daughter of Mario and Reyna Urquiza. She graduated from Burley High School and attends CSI, where she is working toward a career in the medical field.

Flota, 20, of Burley, is the daughter of Jose and Cynthia Enriquez. She is a Minico High School graduate and is pursuing a ca-

reer in nursing at CSI.

Ortega, 18, of Buhl, is the daughter of Nicolas and Maria Ortega. She graduated from Buhl High School and will attend CSI in the fall, studying nursing.

Hernandez, 19, is the daughter of Benjamin and Maria Hernandez. The Buhl High School graduate attends CSI and plans to become a registered nurse.

Juker, 19, of Buhl, is the daughter of Robert and Yasmine Juker. She graduated from Buhl High School and is in the Honors program at CSI, hoping to become a high school history teacher.

Martinez, 19, of Buhl, is the daughter of Mario and Marisa Luisa Martinez. Martinez attends CSI and plans to go into radiology with the goal of becoming an ultrasound technician.

Calderon, 19, of Wendell, is the daughter of Jose Nicolas and Emma Calderon. She is enrolled at CSI and has been accepted into the dental hygienist program for this fall.

Cardenas, 19, of Twin Falls, is the daughter of Yoli Chesley. She is a Burley High School graduate, and has attended CSI for one year with plans to pursue a career as a medical assistant or to be involved in criminal justice.

# Former Undersheriff Sues T.F. County For Gender Discrimination

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**TWIN FALLS** • A former Twin Falls County undersheriff is suing the county, claiming she was discriminated against because of her gender.

Gerlyn "Sam" Walker was named undersheriff in 2008 by Sheriff Tom Carter. In January 2011, Carter moved Walker from chief deputy to the officer in charge of investigations.

The suit claims Walker was regularly treated differently than her male counterparts.

The suit states Walker should be paid for damages in excess of \$40,000 per year after her demotion and reduction in pay in December 2009, and additional damages of \$40,000 per year from the dates of the trial until she reaches retirement age of 67, along with additional damages for pain and suffering.

Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Lori Stewart said the office would not comment on an ongoing lawsuit.

In the suit, Walker claims Carter met daily at the Addison West Restaurant for coffee with the male members of the management team while Walker was excluded from the meetings. Key management decisions were made and earlier decisions reversed at the meetings

where she was not present, the suit states.

According to the suit, males on the administrative team received other perks not available to Walker such as routinely being allowed to leave work for coffee breaks, golf games, home projects, physical fitness workouts, side jobs and leaving work at 4 p.m. on a regular basis.

"Plaintiff Walker was required to work significantly greater hours for her salary than the other male salaried administrative personnel," the suit claims.

In the suit, Walker accuses Carter, Capt. Tim Miller and members of the SWAT Team of making sexist and ageist comments about her.

Walker said SWAT Team members said she should lead dangerous entries into structures because "she has no kids, she's old and no one will miss her," the suit states.

According to the suit, Miller made fun of her at the shooting range, saying "that's what you get for hiring an old women."

In November 2009, the suit states, Carter put Walker in charge of investigating Miller's behavior because he routinely made vulgar, sexual comments in the workplace.

According to the suit, Walker found Miller should be disciplined but Carter re-

fused to discipline him.

The suit also states Carter intentionally failed to conduct an investigation of a deputy he said he would personally handle after a woman made a domestic violence complaint against the deputy.

Carter allegedly made a derogatory comment about the woman, the suit claims.

In addition, the suit claims Carter personally made sexist, derogatory comments about women in the workplace such as accusing women of going through menopause and calling them crazy. He also allegedly referred to victims of domestic violence in derogatory ways, saying only Walker could deal with them, the suit states.

According to the suit, Walker was deprived of using equipment such as a Kevlar vest.

The suit states, for a period of time, Walker was allowed to work a schedule of four 10-hour days instead of five eight-hour days to care for her elderly father as part of the Family Medical Leave Act. That accommodation was reversed by Carter in May 2010 "in order to accommodate the Sheriff's Office golf schedule with his male counterparts," the suit states.

Walker frequently took complaints of sexual harass-

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ment and other kinds of harassment or complained herself about the treatment, the suit states.

"In each instance, Plaintiff Walker was told not to write up the behavior or she was directed not to report it to Human Resources," the suit states.

Walker believes her demotion from chief deputy was a direct result of her complaints to Carter about the violations of Title VII and the Idaho Human Rights Act by her male co-workers and Carter himself.

According to the suit, the official reason Walker was demoted was that she didn't live in Twin Falls County, even though the suit says that she did and there was no requirement that anyone other than the sheriff live in the county.

According to the suit, Walker resigned her position because of the hostile and offensive work environment maintained by Twin Falls County and its failure to protect her from further harassment.

Twin Falls County attorneys have 21 days to respond to the suit.

## URA Board Approves Extending Loan Pay-back Date

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**TWIN FALLS** • On Thursday, the Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency Board unanimously approved extending the maturity date to August 29 on a line of \$23 million credit from Chobani.

This is the second time the deadline to pay off the loan was extended. In May, the board approved moving the first maturity date from June 1 to July 31.

Both times, the maturity date was pushed back to allow the bank and investors to finalize bond details, said URA Executive Director Melinda Anderson.

Chobani issued the line of credit, which has a 3 percent interest rate, to help pay for needed infrastructure improvements before its new Twin Falls facility opens. Chobani's property taxes will repay that debt, Anderson said.

### 5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

#### TWIN FALLS COUNTY

##### THURSDAY ARRAIGNMENTS

**Daniel James Churchman**, 54, Twin Falls; grand theft by possession of stolen property, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, possession of a con-

trolled substance, \$10,000 bond, private counsel, preliminary Aug. 3.

**Jimal Kareem Ervin**, 25, Rupert; grand theft, bond previously posted, public defender appointed, preliminary Aug. 3.

**Bruce M. Hays**, 36, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance, \$5,000 bond, public defender appointed, preliminary Aug. 3.

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### Cooling off at the Fair



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**Kaden Owens, 6, jumps into the dunk tank to try to stay cool while at the Lincoln County Fair Thursday in Shoshone. Temperatures are expected to reach into the 90's with a slight chance of thunderstorms today. See more photos from the fair at [Magicvalley.com](http://Magicvalley.com)**

### A Day at the Fair



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**Paje Van Tassell, 5, helps out at the Lincoln County Fair Thursday in Shoshone.**

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# Spice

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March 1, 2011, to July 24, 2012.

The indictment also seeks the forfeiture of at least \$3.5 million allegedly connected to the offenses, and a wide range of property including parcels at 3295 Longbow Drive, which is listed in the phone book as Allen Nagel's residence; the Smokin' Head Smoke Shop at 287 Washington St. N. and Fat Ratt Tattoo and Body Piercing at 1440 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., both businesses owned by Nagel; 252 Washington St. N., 246 Washington St. N., and 258 Washington St. in Twin Falls.

The Smokin' Head and other stores remained open Thursday. A manager at the Smokin' Head declined to comment Thursday to the *Times-News*.

Each defendant faces one charge of felony conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance analogue. Federal prosecutors have also sought to hold Allen Nagel, Gary Nagel, Stephanie Nagel and Cserepes without bail prior to trial. If convicted, each defendant could face up to 20 years in prison, a \$100,000 fine and a minimum of three years of supervised release following their prison sentence.

Arraignments for the Twin Falls defendants are set for 9 a.m. today in federal court in Pocatello, according to online court records. Becker was arraigned Wednesday in federal court in Oregon and is set to make an appearance Aug. 1 in Idaho.

## Twin Falls and 'Hayze'

Of the Idaho defendants, only Cserepes has a past record of drug or felony criminal convictions in Idaho courtrooms — including theft convictions in 2005 and 2004. This Tuesday, the same day the indictment was filed, he was sentenced to one year of probation and 90 days' suspended jail time after pleading guilty to misdemeanor using or possessing drug paraphernalia.

None of the four have faced federal charges before in Idaho, according to online records.

Allen Nagel in particular has long been under the eye of Twin Falls law enforcement.

As early as 2010, Allen Nagel had formulated his own blend of spice sold under the brand name "Hayze" that he said in an interview with the *Times-News* was free of pesticides and chemicals like acetone. He sold it marked as "not for human consumption" and changed the recipe to meet evolving state bans on synthetic marijuana ingredients over the years. Records requests by the *Times-News* revealed

that Nagel's shop was targeted by city police for occasional undercover buys to test his products' legality.

This spring, Allen Nagel said he stopped selling Hayze and sold his part of a company that produced it in late 2011, citing concerns about people's reactions to chemicals used after the original synthetic compounds were banned.

In interviews over the years, he placed the responsibility for the misuse of the substance — usually sold as incense — on buyers, arguing that law enforcement should focus on them rather than businesses selling the product.

"People are going to do what they're going to do," he told the *Times-News* in September 2011. "It's no different than buying Robitussin or glue or spray paint. There's always going to be people who abuse products. I don't want them to, and (their abuse) shouldn't take away our rights."

## Investigation Lasted Months

The indictment preceded reports Wednesday that local, state and federal law enforcement agencies searched a number of local businesses regarding synthetic marijuana distribution and sales. According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, search warrants were executed at 11 Magic Valley locations.

Twin Falls Police Chief Brian Pike and Twin Falls County Sheriff Tom Carter said Thursday afternoon it was premature to release many details about the operation.

Carter said the Twin Falls agencies worked for several months with a number of other organizations before the arrests were made Wednesday.

The arrests should be a signal to anyone in the area still selling spice, Carter said.

Next week, Pike said, police will be able to release more details about the operation.

"We're excited about the work we did yesterday," he said. "We want to share it with the community."

Carter said 70 to 75 law enforcement officers were involved in the searches and the seizure of the drugs would have a "major" impact on the amount of spice in the area.

"Yesterday was a bad day for spice dealers," he said.

Nationwide, more than 90 people were arrested and more than 5 million packets of finished synthetic designer drugs were seized as part of Operation Log Jam, according to a press release from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. In Idaho, 16 people face charges of conspiracy to sell drug paraphernalia in the Treasure Valley.

The state of Idaho and the federal government have both recently taken steps to criminalize the synthetic drugs.



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Colton Horn, 15, talks about his recent trip to Mongolia through the American Your Leadership Program while attending the Lincoln County Fair, Thursday in Shoshone. Horn learned all about the country's culture while living with a Mongolian host family for 16 days.

## Horn

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for the whole family, who researched Mongolia alongside Colton.

The exchange program Colton participated in is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and run through Wyoming's 4-H programs.

Colton — who will be a sophomore this fall at Shoshone High School — returned from the trip about one week ago.

At the Lincoln County Fair this week, he's fielding lots of questions from people in town about his experiences.

The small-town gathering bustled with activity Thursday as students showed their animals, families ate lunch and children gathered around a dunk tank.

Colton showed a lamb through FFA earlier this week and is selling it at a market sale Saturday.

He took a break Thursday afternoon from being in the fair barns to glue pictures from his Mongolia trip onto a display board for the community building.

"It helps me realize how fortunate America is," he said about the trip, recalling the large amount of trash lining the streets in Mongolia.

Once the fall rolls around, he plans to do a presentation at school.

During the trip, Colton and other students learned about natural resource and environmental issues, did



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Colton Horn, 15, works on a poster while attending the Lincoln County Fair Thursday in Shoshone.

community service projects and visited cultural sites such as Buddhist monasteries.

One highlight, he said, was meeting the president of Mongolia, as well as a few Olympic basketball and wrestling athletes.

Colton also got a taste of Mongolian culture and stayed with a host family for 16 days.

He lived in a ger — a tent — with his host brother, while his host parents and younger host brother slept in a one-room summer house.

Colton learned how to cook traditional Mongolian foods, such as sheep meat and breads. It's a skill he demonstrated for his family back home in Shoshone.

"The food was a lot dif-

ferent, but over a month I got used to it," he said.

The process of getting to Mongolia wasn't a simple one.

Colton heard about the exchange program last year through a county 4-H newsletter. At the time, he was just 14 years old — not quite old enough.

"I just decided to apply when I was 15," he said.

This year, Colton spent time after school filling out an extensive online application. Out of hundreds of applicants, he was among about 100 selected to interview for a spot via Skype.

Just 28 teens from around the western United States were selected. Colton was the only Idaho student in the group.

Kim Horn said she was

**"It helps me realize how fortunate America is."**

**Colton Horn**

reluctant at first about the idea of sending her son off to Mongolia.

"But after the process proceeded, it became very exciting," she said.

Father Carl Horn said just the application and interview process alone was a good experience for his son — and good practice for college applications.

Colton's not sure what he wants to do for a career. But he said he's going to focus on school and think about college options.

## Places Searched

Local, state and federal law enforcement searched the following Magic Valley locations Wednesday in connection with the synthetic marijuana investigation:

- **All State Auto Sales**, 2135 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.
- **All State Auto Sales**, 284 Washington St. N., Twin Falls.
- **Boo Boo's Skate Shop**, 143 4th Ave. W., Twin Falls.
- **Churchman's Jewelry**, 153 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls.
- **Dark Side Glass Blowers**, 2487 Kimberly Road, Suite

H, Twin Falls.

- **Fat Ratt Tattoo & Body Piercing**, 1440 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.
- **Smokin' Head Smoke Shop**, 287 Washington St. N., Twin Falls.
- **Ta-Ta's**, 221 South Lincoln Suite C, Jerome.
- **175 Bellevue Court**, Twin Falls.
- **482 Cypress Way**, Twin Falls.
- **3295 Longbow Drive**, Twin Falls.
- **Locations** in Tigard, Ore., and Vancouver, Wash., were also searched as part of the investigation.

## Churchman

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also reportedly found in a safe behind the cash register, the report states.

The Smith and Wesson Model 422 was found to be stolen after running its serial number through dispatch, the report states.

According to the report, po-

lice found a digital scale and a grinder with what appeared to be marijuana. Marijuana pipes were also allegedly found, the report states.

Police also allegedly found about 1 1/2 pounds of spice in the store's office and about an ounce of marijuana in a freezer, along with several detoxing agents used to pass drug tests and about 1.5 grams of apparent cocaine, the report states.

Churchman also allegedly had two hydrocodone pills. It was unclear whether he had a prescription, the report states.

Churchman was arrested for possession of a stolen firearm, possession of cocaine and possession of marijuana with intent to deliver. He was issued a citation for possession of a controlled substance.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Aug. 3.



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Heyburn resident Amy Despain pulls weeds Thursday in front of her home on 21st Street. Many residents along a mile stretch of the street will soon be selling some of their property to allow for a road-widening project slated to begin in 2014. Despain will have to sell a southwest chunk of her property to accommodate the project. After the completion of the new road its edge will extend to her retaining wall shown on the left, which is on a city easement and yards from her front door.

# Heyburn's Growing Pains

BY LAURIE WELCH  
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**HEYBURN** • Nearly two dozen 21st Street property owners will soon be giving up chunks of private property to accommodate a street-widening project.

"The rubber will really hit the road when the negotiator starts making the offers," said Donn Carnahan, engineer for Keller Associates Inc., said during a City Council meeting Wednesday. Carnahan said the first five offers will be made next week.

"I have real mixed emotions," said Amy Despain on Thursday, who has lived in her home on 21st Street for 12 years. "I work in EMS and I see people walking along the street with no sidewalks and it's really scary. I'm glad

they're doing it for that reason."

Despain said an appraiser came to their home and explained how the project would affect their land, but she said how much money will be offered in compensation is a mystery.

"I won't fight it, though," Despain said, "because it's an eminent domain issue and they'll get it anyway."

The project will widen the street from 14 to 16 feet between the intersections of 500 West Road and 600 West Road to create a turning lane, curbing, gutters and a sidewalk on the south side of the roadway. The project will cut into 22 property owners' front yards and fields.

Carnahan said the project will be put out to bid by the Idaho Transportation De-

partment and work is slated to begin in the spring of 2014.

Property owner Thelma Christensen will lose property to the project.

"My home is built back from the road, so it won't affect me as much," said Christensen. She has lived in the home since the early 1950s when it was built. Christensen said she'll have to move her mailbox and lose a pine tree.

"Something has to be done because of the traffic on that road," Christensen said.

Despain said she expects the project to actually increase the use of 21st Street, especially for trucks.

"I expect the traffic to get worse," she said.

Carnahan said the project is the first of two road-

widening phases planned on 21st Street. The second will extend east of 500 West Road on 21st Street.

Despain said her driveway is already on a slope and her family has to back in the driveway and park facing the street because it's impossible to back out into the traffic, especially during rush hour.

"There are times when we have to wait eight to 10 minutes before we can find a break in traffic," Despain said.

Her retaining wall and extra parking area that is part of a city easement will also be taken for the project.

"I know I probably don't have the right to whine because I know a lot of other people will be more affected by this than we are," said Despain.

## Heyburn again Delays Garbage Licensing Decision

BY LAURIE WELCH  
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**HEYBURN** • Heyburn officials delayed approving licensing performance standards for commercial garbage haulers Wednesday after a tie-breaking vote by the mayor.

Councilwomen Cleo Gallegos and Leann Smith voted to approve the standards even though the three companies vying for commercial accounts in the city did not receive copies of the new performance requirements.

Councilwoman Joanne Justesen and Councilman Rocky Baker voted to wait until the business owners received copies. Mayor George Anderson broke the tie in favor of delaying the decision.

The council proposed implementing licensing standards for the businesses after retracting a previous decision this year issuing an exclusive contract to PSI Environmental Systems to offer commercial services in town. A competitor with ex-

isting business contracts in town, Total Waste Management, sued over the exclusive license.

Under the proposed performance standards the companies would need to pay a yearly fee of \$50 and undergo an annual performance review with the mayor and city superintendent. The companies would be required to maintain insurance, keep trucks in working order and not leak fluids, be courteous to the public, and report accidents to the city, among other requirements.

The city will revisit the issue during an upcoming meeting.

In other business Wednesday, the council unanimously approved a definition of commercial garbage accounts. Under the new definition, multi-family dwellings and churches will be included in the residential category, which could shift some of the commercial garbage accounts held by competing companies to the city's designated residential garbage collector.

## Energy Company Files Claim against Ada County

**BOISE, Idaho (AP)** • An alternative energy company that generates electricity from landfill methane gas filed a \$30 million claim accusing Ada County leaders of breaching their contract.

The notice filed Tuesday by Hidden Hollow Energy LLC and Hidden Hollow Energy 2 LLC alleges Ada County commissioners violated an agreement when

they signed a separate deal guaranteeing another energy company a steady supply of landfill garbage, *The Idaho Statesman* reported Thursday.

Hidden Hollow Energy has been operating since 2006 at the Ada County landfill, using methane gas produced from decomposing trash to generate 3.2 megawatts of power.

## Fire Near Columbus Triggers Evacuation Order

BY MATTHEW BROWN  
Associated Press

**BILLINGS, Mont.** • Mandatory evacuations were ordered Thursday for residents of 20 to 30 houses in southern Montana after a 5-square-mile wildfire surged toward a rural subdivision.

The order from Stillwater County commissioners covered the Hermit Creek subdivision and a five-mile stretch of Shane Creek Road south of Columbus.

Firefighters made some progress Thursday on the back end of the Skibstad, reporting that it was 35 percent contained by late afternoon. But on the fire's leading edge, a steady breeze was pushing the blaze toward houses.

"That north and northeast portion up by the homes is a lot of concern," said Paula Short with the state Department of Natural Resources and Conservation.

A shelter for evacuees was set up at Columbus High School.

As flames approached within a couple miles of his property on Shane Creek Road, Shane Fouhy said he was packing some belongings, setting out sprinklers to water down his house and yard and heading into

Columbus to stay with relatives.

"I've been out all morning watering and the wind is kind of whirling," he said. "It's burning in all directions."

Some structures were confirmed burned; how many and whether any were houses remained unclear. No injuries have been reported.

Residents of dozens more houses were put on notice that they, too, might have to go. State officials say there are 124 homes in the area.

Barb Marshall, who lives on Shane Creek Road several miles outside the area under mandatory evacuation, was keeping a close eye on the smoke plumes billowing up to the south.

"I've got my rig loaded and I'm ready to go," she said.

The fire started Wednesday evening in a secondary building on Skibstad Road and quickly spread across the surrounding landscape. Pushed south by the wind through timber, grass and sage brush, it reached into areas of Carbon County.

Prior to the mandatory order, county workers and firefighters went door to door asking people to leave voluntarily.

About 250 people were helping fight the fire, along

with a heavy air tanker and several smaller aircraft.

A federal incident management team was to take over the battle against the fire.

Elsewhere in Montana, the Wolf Creek fire north of

Winnett grew to more than 9 square miles but was 70 percent contained Thursday afternoon, *The Great Falls Tribune* reported. The lightning-caused fire had threatened five houses and 10 out-buildings.



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After completion of training in 2000, he joined the faculty at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and worked at the Thomas Starzl Transplant Institute. In 2005, he relocated to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. Dr. Berk is board certified in Internal Medicine, Gastroenterology and Transplant Hepatology. Dr. Berk has particular interest in caring for patients with all types of chronic liver disease, cirrhosis, liver cancer, and post liver transplant management.

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# Tribes Want Internet Gaming Regulations

Native American tribal leaders would prefer the federal government took a role in establishing guidelines, rather than working through different regulations in all 50 states.

BY SUZANNE GAMBOA  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** • With some states readying to start online gambling, Native American tribal leaders are calling on the federal government to step in as it did with brick-and-mortar gambling and establish regulations that ensure tribes get a piece of the action without having their revenue taxed and their sovereignty compromised.

A new set of regulations is unlikely before this year's election, but recent events

gave momentum to efforts to launch online gambling in some states. Since a December 2011 Department of Justice opinion that not all Internet gambling is banned by federal law, Delaware legalized online gambling and Nevada is closing in on making online poker possible. New Jersey is also working to make it a reality.

Some tribes worry that if left to states, they will end up with a patchwork of regulations that aren't considerate of the relationship Native Americans have with the federal government.

"Tribes should be extremely hesitant to entrust their economic futures to the tender mercies of the 50 states, many of whom are still in financial crises and looking for new sources of revenue," Bruce "Two Dogs" Bozsum said in testimony prepared for a Senate Indian Affairs Committee hearing on the issue Thursday. Bozsum is chairman of the Mohegan Tribe of Uncasville, Conn., which has large casino operations.

Bozsum said his tribe invested a "great deal of time" preparing Internet gambling

regulations. "These regulations now stand ready to be implemented, and will meet or exceed the toughest regulations found anywhere in the world, including the new standards recently established in Nevada," Bozsum said.

According to the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, tribal gambling was a more than \$27 billion industry in 2011, while commercial gambling was \$35.6 billion and worldwide gambling revenues were \$30 billion.

Glen Gobin, secretary of the Tulalip Tribal Council, reminded the committee that he previously testified against legalizing Internet gambling. But on Thursday, Gobin said that with states

ready to start their own Internet gambling, "tribes must have equal footing to participate."

Gobin said his tribe, in Tulalip, Wash., plans to move forward as gaming evolves because gambling revenue pays for many of the tribe's government services. The Tulalip do not have regulations ready because tribes' participation has not been decided.

"To say we are ready for the full regulatory aspect, we are not, but I have full confidence we have the capabilities," Gobin said.

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## Lawsuit Filed in North Dakota Oil Patch Death

**BISMARCK, N.D. (AP)** • The mother of a Montana man found dead at a western North Dakota oil well is suing the well's owner.

Trista Juhnke filed the wrongful death lawsuit against Marathon Oil Corp. last week in Montana's Yellowstone County. Junke's son, 21-year-old Dustin Bergsing, of Edgar, Mont., was found dead on Jan. 7 at the well near Mandaree in Dunn County.

North Dakota's medical examiner ruled Bergsing died from hydrocarbon poisoning due to inhaling petroleum vapors. Two autopsies were conducted because the initial one was inconclusive.

The lawsuit alleges Marathon was "negligent in its specifications, inspections and maintenance" of the well site. The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages.

Marathon spokeswoman

Lee Warren said Thursday that the company had not received the lawsuit.

Marathon said in a statement that there were no apparent problems at the site and that the company is studying the findings of the state medical examiner.

The lawsuit said a co-worker found Bergsing unresponsive on a catwalk attached to an uncovered oil storage tank.

"These wells don't just produce oil, they produce a ton of gas," said Fred Bremseth, Junke's attorney. "It's crystal clear this young man died of getting gassed."

Bergsing had been living in a mobile home at the well site and worked for a contractor, not Marathon.

Friends say Bergsing had a baby daughter and was engaged to be married. Court papers said he died five days shy of his 22nd birthday.

## Man Survives Fiery Car Crash, Being Hit by Semi

**BOISE (AP)** • An Idaho man who was able to escape a fiery car crash suffered non-life threatening injuries when he was struck by a semitrailer as he tried to flag down help.

The Idaho State Police says 37-year-old Patrick Grimm of Pocatello was eastbound on Interstate 84 east of Boise at about 4:30 a.m. Thursday when he fell asleep at the wheel.

His car went off the road, through a fence and came to rest about 300 yards off the road, starting a fire that burned

about 10 acres.

Grimm escaped the car and returned to the interstate where he tried to flag down help and was struck by a semitrailer.

The ISP says Grimm was taken to a Boise hospital by air ambulance with non-life threatening injuries.

The crash remains under investigation.

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# OPINION

"You know, they're not hanging out ..., they're not playing video games, they're not watching 'Real Housewives.' I'm just saying. It's a two-way street. You've got to earn success."

President Obama, comparing American kids to higher achievers in Beijing and Bangalore.

## What If Penn.'s Voter ID Law Backfires on GOP?

Pennsylvania's voter ID law goes on trial this week. The first thing this challenge to the state's law has going for it are the real people who will testify about why it means they can't vote. The second thing is the Pennsylvania constitution. And the third is the utter lack of legitimate justification for the burdens the law imposes.

**Emily Bazelon**

*Slate*

This law should go down, and now, before it can cause problems in November. But if you're a Democrat worried that the law — which requires voters to show an approved form of photo ID at the polls — is going to cost President Barack Obama the election, there's a possible silver lining here. The number of voters affected may not be as huge, or as overwhelmingly Democratic, as it seems.

Let's start with the trial. Talking Points Memo and *The New York Times* have introduced us to 93-year-old Viviette Applewhite and 60-year-old Wilola Shinholster Lee. Applewhite has never had a driver's license, lost her Social Security card when her purse was stolen, and can't easily get a new one because she has changed her name twice to marry.

Lee — who was born in Georgia but has lived in Pennsylvania since she was 5 years old — lost her birth certificate in a house fire and she can't get another one. (According to the state of Georgia, her original birth certificate was lost in a fire there, too.)

If it seems obvious that you need disenfranchised voters to challenge a voter ID law, it somehow wasn't in 2008, when the suit to block Indiana's law offered up no witnesses who said they'd find it hard to vote because of the new requirements.

The case, Crawford vs. Marion County Election Board, was actually a farce on both sides: Indiana couldn't present any evidence that the voter fraud the law was supposed to prevent existed. But Indiana's law wasn't as onerous as the new wave of voter ID laws, and in a decision by Justice John Paul Stevens six Supreme Court justices ruled that Indiana's law could stand. So you can see why Viviette Applewhite and Wilola Lee have a starring role this time around.

The precedent set by Crawford remains a stumbling block for the Pennsylvania plaintiffs, but not a huge one. That's because they are relying on the state constitution, which explicitly protects the right to vote — a guarantee that is missing from our dear national founding document. Relying similarly on the Wisconsin constitution, two judges in that state recently struck down their onerous voter ID law, finding that its requirements were "unlikely to protect the electoral process," and substantially impaired the right to vote as guaranteed by the state constitution. The Missouri Supreme Court also tossed voter ID based on the state constitution in 2006.

Pennsylvania's defense of its law is especially weak. The Justice Department has launched its own inquiry into whether the law discriminates against minority voters. The state has already admitted that there have been no investigations or findings of in-person voter fraud in Pennsylvania — the crime the law is designed to stop. That's right, not a single one. In a country with too little voter participation and too much apathy, it is just unconscionable that we would put people through the bureaucratic wringer to vote with absolutely no evidence of the harm this is supposed to stop.

## Poll Results from Magicvalley.com:

**Do you agree with the Twin Falls City Council's decision not to exempt Twin Falls County from zoning requirements to landscape and pave a county-owned property?**

**Yes.** The county is no differ-

ent than private-owned businesses that must follow the zoning rules: 240 votes. **No.** The county has to pay for the improvements with taxpayer money, and the property isn't visible from the street: 127 votes **Not sure:** 23 votes

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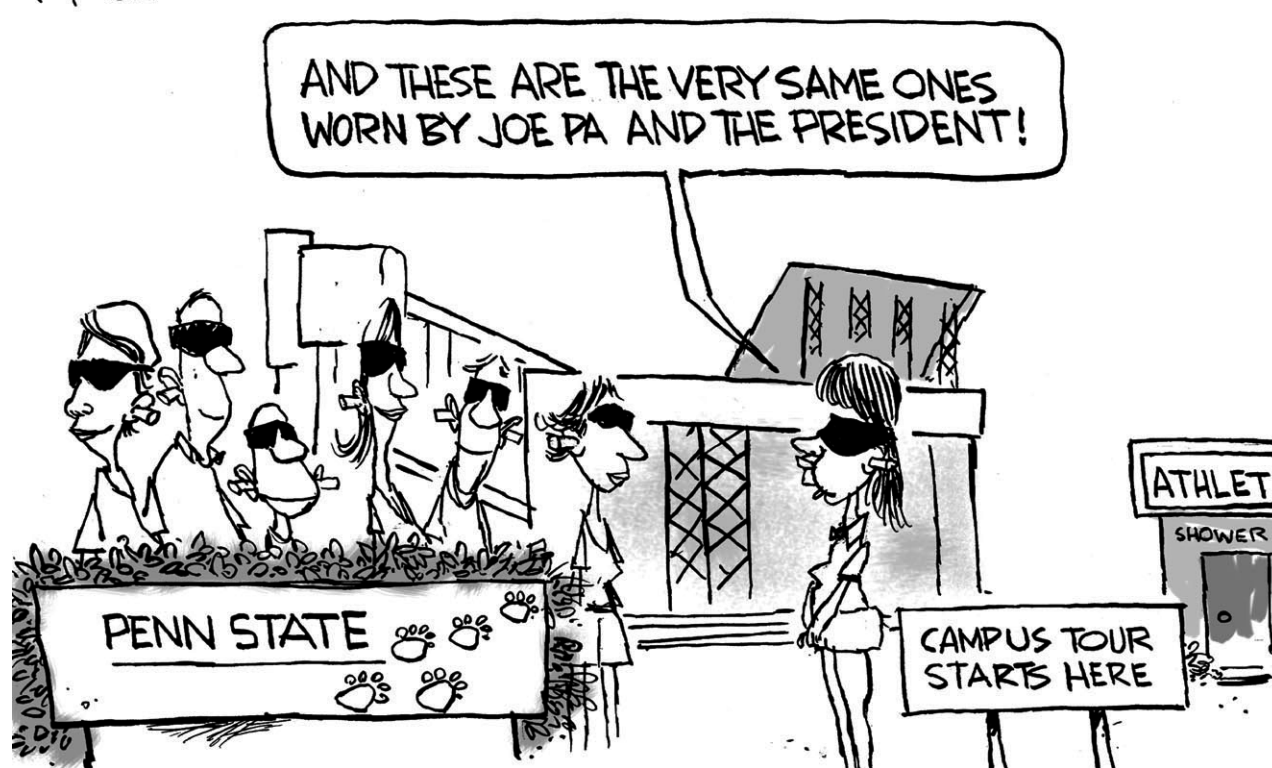
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## Making Rich Poorer Doesn't Enrich Middle Class

**Caroline Baum**

*Bloomberg News*

Here's a question for you: Would you rather have more money, or keep your current income and see the rich become less wealthy?

It's not a trick question. Any member of the middle class would rather have more money. Income inequality may be a problem for society at large, but it isn't a concern for those struggling to make ends meet. Give more to those with less, and they will be better off. Making the rich poorer does nothing for the middle class — it may even hurt — except assuage some jealousy for the next guy's material success.

Polling by the Pew Research Center shows that people aren't interested in taking money from the wealthy. They just want a chance to get rich themselves.

So why does President Barack Obama conflate his stated goal of helping the middle class with the need to impose higher taxes on the rich? Maybe he thinks he can "spread the wealth around," as he told Joe the Plumber during the 2008 presidential campaign?

Alas, a "middle-class

welfare state can't be supported solely by taxes on the rich," says Peter Sepp, executive vice president at the National Taxpayers Union in Washington.

The president's Buffett rule, which would impose a minimum effective rate of 30 percent on those earning more than \$1 million a year, would generate no more than \$162 billion over 10 years, according to Congress's Joint Committee on Taxation. That's hardly enough to enrich the middle class, no less sustain existing entitlement programs. Besides, the committee's estimates assume the rich blithely fork over the money rather than engage in tax-avoidance strategies.

More importantly, Obama's fairness argument doesn't hold up under scrutiny: The rich already pay the lion's share of taxes in the United States. In 2009, the last year for which complete Internal Revenue Service data are available, the top 20 percent of earners received 50

percent of pretax income and paid almost 70 percent of federal taxes, according to a study by the Congressional Budget Office. (In the CBO study, federal taxes include individual, corporate, payroll and excise taxes.) Income may be skewed, but the tax burden is even more heavily weighted toward the rich.

These trends have been in place for at least 30 years. In 1980, the top quintile paid 19 percent of the federal personal income tax compared with 36.7 percent in 2009. At the same time, the tax burden of the bottom 50 percent fell to 2.3 percent from 7 percent. And, thanks to an array of tax credits, the percentage of filers with no tax liability has crept up during the last two decades to 42 percent in 2009.

Yet the president rarely misses an opportunity to rally the huddled masses with his fairness doctrine: "I want an America where everyone gets a fair shot, everyone does their fair share and everyone plays by the same set of rules."

The president would be better served if he focused on the "rules" part. Tax experts have already debunked the notion that millionaires pay a lower

effective tax rate than their secretaries. (Warren Buffett may, but it's his prerogative to overpay his taxes to help the Treasury reduce publicly held debt.)

The rich employ people to lobby Congress on behalf of their particular business or industry. They make large campaign contributions to committee chairmen, who might be persuaded to craft a specific tax break or vote in a certain way on a piece of legislation. And they hire tax consultants and lawyers to walk them through the maze of loopholes, shelters and strategies to shift income and reduce the estate-tax burden on their heirs.

Even then, some small and medium-sized businesses are saying thanks, but no thanks, to many tax breaks as "too cumbersome or too confusing" or more costly to obtain than the benefit is worth, according to a July 23 article in the *Wall Street Journal*.

Of course, the convoluted tax code has spawned "a cottage industry of tax-credit consultants," the article says.

Now there's something Obama can point to the next time he touts his job-creation record on the campaign trail.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Please Put Crossword Puzzle in a Consistent Place in the Paper

I subscribe to the hard copy of your newspaper. I have for many years. Could you, please, have someone who does crossword puzzles put it on one side or the other?

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**CINDY BRENNAN**  
Filer

*Editor's note: Thank you for your comment. We will do our best to always place the crossword puzzle in the upper right hand corner of a right hand page so that is easy to fold the paper and do the puzzle.*

#### Is Buhl Wringing Its Residents with Inflated Tax Assessments?

We agree with Marilyn Tarkalson and Jim and Mary Adkins.

Like them, we bought a house on River Road in Buhl to retire. We received our assessment for 2012 to find our land at 1.480 acres had gone from \$79,490 to

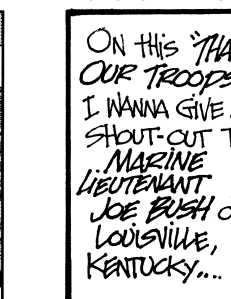
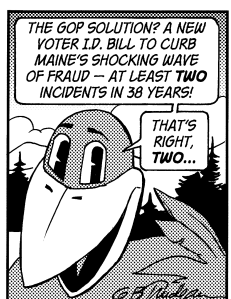
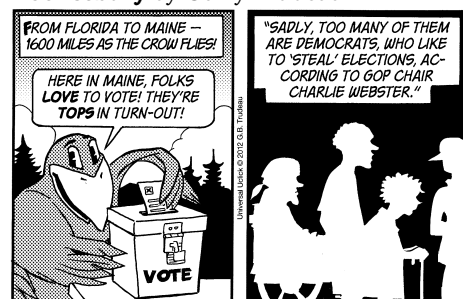
\$102,840, an increase of \$23,350. We then went into the assessor's office and were referred to a young lady and did not get to see the assessor. She was sent to assess our property again only to raise it another \$1,100 as we have cement that is 33 years old and cracked that did not show up on the paperwork she had with her. We then were to go before the commissioners to plead our case with facts and figures. We were told a lot by us had sold for \$169,000, but we found the lot across from that lot by the river is listed for \$59,950 and lots in Kanaka Rapids are going for a half acre at \$22,500 to \$24,900.

Mr. Gerald Bowden seems to be a yes man for the county commissioners. We need money and yes, I can get that for you. Yes, we were denied our plea and were told all property on River Road was going to change so watch your taxes. They need to remember that we, as taxpayers, hired them and we, as taxpayers, can fire them when election time comes around.

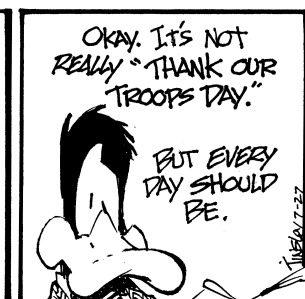
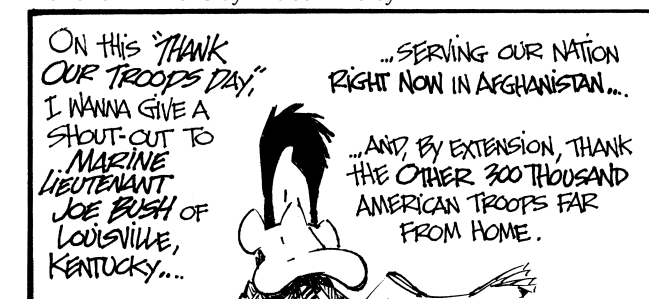
So, taxpayers, pay attention to what your property taxes are and get out and vote. I know it is a long time away, but try to remember what has transpired with your taxes.

**VIRGIL BERNEY**  
**AMY JO BERNEY**  
Buhl

### Doonesbury by Garry Trudeau



### Mallard Fillmore by Bruce Tinsley





Cattle killed by the Ash Creek Fire are seen July 6 near Volborg, Mont.

PHOTOS BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Dead Cattle, Devastation after Fire

**VOLBORG, Mont. (AP)** • Cecil and Delores Kolka thought they escaped the worst of the Ash Creek Fire when the 390-square-mile blaze spared their home and several pastures as it ripped through the couple's Montana cattle ranch.

But when the family went to round up their livestock they encountered carnage — the charred and bloated bodies of an estimated 400 cows and calves killed as the fire torched a series of narrow, thickly forested draws on the nearby Custer National Forest.

Some surviving animals were burned so badly that their hides were peeling. The worst off were shot in mercy killings. Others now limp by on burnt hooves, and less than half the family's herd remains.

"Before we found our cattle we said at least we've got our homes and are all safe," Delores Kolka said. "In truth, we would have rather lost everything here except our cattle."

Across the West, major wildfires are wreaking havoc this summer on the region's economically fragile livestock industry. In areas such as remote Powder River County, Mont., ranchers said they could be grappling with



Cecil Kolka examines the remains of a fiberglass water tank July 20 in the Custer National Forest that melted during the Ash Creek Fire.

the devastation for years to come.

Hay is in short supply. Hundreds of miles of fence and numerous corrals and water tanks must be rebuilt. Thousands of head of displaced livestock are being shipped to temporary pastures.

Similar scenes are playing out in Oregon, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming and Idaho. Including Montana, the value of the six states' cattle industries approaches \$9 billion annually.

Hundreds of thousands of acres of grazing land have

burned so far — with months to go in the annual fire season.

The number of fires and total acreage burned in the West this summer is roughly within range of the past decade's average. What's different is where those fires are burning, as major blazes erupt on grasslands and brush where livestock can be more prevalent, said Jennifer Smith with the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise.

And that's all set against a backdrop of a crushing drought that has set in for

much of the region. If the dry conditions persist, the recovery of burned areas could stall, forcing cattle owners to sell their animals or seek more lasting alternatives to the private pastures and public lands they've run livestock on for generations.

Perhaps 200 cattle have been killed in Wyoming and about 225 in Oregon, ranchers and officials in those states said. The numbers are growing as cattle die from injuries, illness and stress.

## Wedding Ring Found after Four Years

**RIGBY (AP)** • An Idaho woman nearly fell over from joy when she was reunited with the diamond wedding ring that washed up on a lake shore four years after it went missing.

Necia Rasmussen claimed her Princess cut diamond ring Tuesday after it was found by kayaker Emily Geisler.

Geisler said Rasmussen started crying when she claimed the ring after first describing it in great detail and providing a photograph.

Rasmussen was at Rigby Lake near Idaho Falls four years ago when she took the ring off so she could rub sunscreen on her children, the *Rexburg Standard Journal* reported. She placed the ring inside a chair's cup holder for safe keeping, but

when she went to retrieve it, the ring was gone.

The wedding ring remained missing until Monday, when Geisler spotted it while kayaking.

Geisler had gone there with her husband, Jayson, who went swimming as part of his training for an upcoming marathon. Geisler hadn't been kayaking in a while and was practicing getting in and out of the watercraft when the ring caught her eye.

"I know nothing about jewelry," Geisler said. "My wedding ring is a gold band

with nothing on it. But the ring looked real."

Geisler went to a meeting of the Rigby Rotary Club late Tuesday and after the group wrapped up its business, she announced her finding. Geisler's announcement caught the attention of Rasmussen's brother-in-law, Glenn Walker.

He contacted Rasmussen about the wedding ring and then approached Geisler, who remained skeptical until Walker started to describe the ring in specific detail, with Rasmussen on the other

end of the phone telling him what her ring looked like.

Geisler said Walker was able to describe the exact placement of the ring, saying it was "turned like a baseball diamond."

"I couldn't believe it," Geisler said.

Rasmussen then joined Walker at the meeting place and provided a photograph of her ring, which was identical to the one in Geisler's possession. The ring was in good condition and just needed a cleaning, Geisler said.

## Juvenile Detention Workers Expand Lawsuit

**BOISE (AP)** • A group of current employees of the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections have revised their whistleblower lawsuit against the agency, adding allegations that some staffers at a juvenile detention center have had sex with incarcerated youths.

In addition, six more staffers were added as plaintiffs to the lawsuit after they contacted attorney Andrew Schoppe and said they had witnessed problems similar to those alleged in the original complaint.

Schoppe first filed the lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Boise on behalf of seven employees who contended the Nampa detention center where they work is rife with cronyism and unsafe policies that put staffers and children in danger. The group contended some other employees are committing fraud and wasting public money, and that people in management positions failed to take action when one juvenile was caught inappropriately touching another.

Officials with the Idaho Department of Juvenile Correction denied those allegations in a response filed with the federal court.

In the revised version of the lawsuit filed Wednesday, the workers allege that incarcerated juveniles fre-

quently have sex with each other, and that management often fails to intervene in those cases. The workers say management has also failed to act when some staffers had sexual relationships with jailed offenders.

"In at least two mind-boggling incidents, female IDJC staff members are believed to have been involved in unlawful sexual relationships with male juvenile offenders in their custody," Schoppe wrote in the lawsuit. "In one instance, a female IDJC staff had a relationship with an incarcerated male juvenile and moved in with him after his release."

Sharon Harrigfeld, director of the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections, said she couldn't comment because of the ongoing litigation.

The lawsuit doesn't name the staffers who are accused of sexual contact or give the ages of juveniles allegedly involved.

The Nampa Juvenile Corrections Center is built to hold about 84 male and female juveniles between the ages of 13 and 20. The Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections' website says the facility is not designed to hold sexual offenders, juveniles with severe emotional disturbances, or those with low IQs.

## Hospital to Pay \$30K for Wheelchair Denial

**BUTTE, Mont. (AP)** • A hearing officer ordered the state mental hospital to pay \$30,000 to a former patient after saying a doctor decided without discussing the issue that the woman could not use her electric wheelchair while at the hospital.

Montana State Hospital staff members broke state and federal human rights laws in 2010 when they refused a woman's request to use her electric wheelchair, *The Montana Standard* reported Thursday.

The hospital cited the patient's alleged lack of impulse control and contended a manual wheelchair was a reasonable accommodation.

The ruling by Montana Human Rights Bureau hearing officer Gregory Hanchett said there was no evidence the patient was incapable of

making decisions.

Hanchett's ruling, made earlier this month, said the doctor's "failure to initiate any conversation with (the patient) regarding possible use of the electric wheelchair, is baffling given the fact that (the hospital) maintains that it had no policy against the use of electric wheelchairs."

The woman said her wheelchair helps support her body and relieve chronic pain.

The Human Rights Bureau also mandated that hospital staff undergo three hours of training in Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

Jon Ebelt, spokesman for the Department of Public Health and Human Services, declined to comment on the decision when contacted by *The Standard*.

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# Vann's Loses Credit Line, Seeks New Vendor

A new creditor is needed to avoid filing for bankruptcy.

MISSOULIAN, Mont. (AP) • Appliance and electronics retailer Vann's Inc. says it has lost its credit line and is searching for a new lender to help avoid filing for bankruptcy.

Chief Executive Officer Jerry McConnell says that operations will continue and no employees will be affected.

The Missoula-based company did not name the lender that pulled the line of credit in its statement on Thursday.

Vann's statement says company officials are working with local lenders and evaluating its restructuring opportunities, which could include filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

McConnell tells the Missoulian that filing for bankruptcy is a worst-case scenario.

Vann's grew to four retail locations across Montana, plus an online store and two sister companies, the ON Store and BigSky-Country.com.

In February, it announced the closure of its Helena store.

# Mountain Lion Stalks 4-Year-Old at Campground

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) • State wildlife officials are trying to capture and kill a mountain lion that stalked a 4-year-old child at the Harpers Lake fishing access

site just north of the Clear-water junction.

Fish, Wildlife and Parks biologist Jay Kolbe said Thursday a woman reported the mountain lion was

crouched and watching one of her children 20 feet away Monday night. The woman said the lion wasn't frightened away by yelling.

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Mike Thompson said-wildlife conflict specialist Bob Wiesner planned to camp at the fishing access site through the weekend to discuss the situation

with campers and respond to any sightings. Thompson said the cat's unusual and aggressive behavior led to the decision to capture and kill it.



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## Twitter's Troubles Due to Data Center

LONDON (AP) • Twitter blamed systems failures — not a crush of traffic around the Olympic games — for an outage on Thursday that saw people around the world experience problems accessing the micro blogging site for more than an hour.

The San Francisco-based company said the outage was caused by a “noteworthy” double failure in its data centers. When one system fails, a parallel one is meant to take over, but two systems coincidentally stopped working at around the same time, Twitter said.

“I wish I could say that today’s outage could be explained by the Olympics or even a cascading bug,” Mazen Rawashdeh, VP of engineering, said in a statement apologizing to users. “Instead, it was due to this infrastructural double-whammy.”

He apologized for giving its users “zilch” instead of the service, saying the company is “investing aggressively” in its systems to avoid a repeat situation.

Visitors to the site on Thursday were greeted with a half-formed message saying that “Twitter is currently down.” The fields where a reason for the outage and a deadline for restoring service were apparently meant to go were filled with computer code.



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Syrian demonstrators gesture and chant as they march through Yarmouk Palestinian refugee camp in 2007 near Damascus, to mark Jerusalem Day.

## PALESTINIANS GET PULLED INTO SYRIA'S CIVIL WAR

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BEIRUT • Like other communities sucked into Syria’s widening civil war, the Yarmouk neighborhood in Damascus has seen death and destruction. Soldiers and snipers have gunned down demonstrators. Some protesters have taken up arms to fight back.

But there’s one key difference: Most of Yarmouk’s residents are not Syrian citizens. They are Palestinian refugees.

Since the start of the unrest, Syria’s half-million Palestinians have struggled to remain on the sidelines. They’ve said they have little to gain and much to lose by taking sides in the fight between President Bashar Assad’s regime and the armed rebels seeking to end his family’s four-decade rule.

But young Palestinian refugees, enraged by this month’s mounting violence and moved by Arab Spring calls for greater freedoms, are now flooding the streets and even joining the rebels despite efforts by the community’s political leadership to keep them out of the conflict.

Large protests began two weeks ago in the country’s largest Palestinian refugee camp, Yarmouk, a neighborhood of nearly 150,000 refugees crowded into simple apartment buildings on narrow streets in the Syrian capital. Security forces fired on the protesters, killing at least five and setting off a cycle of funerals, demonstrations and further crackdowns.

On Thursday, activists said troops posted outside Yarmouk were shelling the area, likely in preparation for a raid.

“There are cars that have blown up and homes that have blown up,” a Palestinian activist in Yarmouk who gave his name as Abu Omar said via Skype, booms audible in the background. “We are really in a war zone now.”

Violence has struck other Palestinian camps too. More than two-thirds of the 17,500 refugees in the southern city of Daraa fled an attack this month, the U.N. said. While many have returned, food and medicine are lacking.

The U.N. says it cannot provide death tolls for Palestinians because of the difficulty of confirming information. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights

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## Judge Limits Information in Shooter Case

Sylvester signs order barring university from releasing any records relating to the defendant.

BY MICHAEL MUSKAL  
Los Angeles Times

The case of Colorado shooting spree suspect James E. Holmes has moved into legal terrain familiar in many celebrated criminal cases: that between the media’s right to know and the legal system’s desire to investigate a crime while protecting the rights of the defendant.

Holmes was arrested after a gunman opened fire in an Aurora, Colo., movie theater showing the local premiere of the latest Batman movie, “The Dark

Knight Rises.”

Throughout the weekend, police and political officials held frequent news conferences. Neighbors living near Holmes’ booby-trapped Paris Street apartment spoke freely and relatives of the victims and the accused shooter gave statements if only to say in many cases that they had nothing to say and wished the media would respect their privacy and desire for silence.

All that changed however, once Holmes, 24, appeared Monday at his advisement a pro forma proceeding

designed to inform Holmes of his rights in the evolving criminal case. The defendant, sporting dyed reddish-orange hair, appeared dazed in the brief televised proceedings that provoked sharp anger from of the people who lost loved ones in the shooting. Wearing shackles, Holmes was returned to the Arapahoe County Jail, where he is segregated from the general population.

Since then, District Court Judge William Blair Sylvester, who is overseeing the case, has issued a series of rulings that have effectively cut back on the media exposure.

On Monday, the judge issued a gag

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Advocates demanding tougher gun control laws were among several dozen protesters who greeted President Barack Obama on Tuesday outside the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Ore.

## Obama: No New Gun Laws

WASHINGTON (AP) • President Barack Obama will not push for stricter gun laws this election year, the White House said Thursday, one day after his impassioned remarks about the need to keep assault weapons off the streets suggested he may plunge into that political fight and challenge Congress to act.

Instead, Obama’s stand on the government’s role ended up right where it was after the mass shooting in Colorado last week: enforce existing law better. That is same view held by his Republican opponent, Mitt Romney, as both reach for broader and more politically appealing ways to keep guns away from killers.

Obama still wants Congress to reinstitute a federal ban on military-style assault weapons that lapsed years ago, his spokesman Jay Carney said. But the president is not and has not been pushing for that ban, a nod to the politics of gun control.

There is no interest among many

lawmakers of both parties to take on the divisive matter. Especially not with an election in just over 100 days.

Sealing the matter, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said Thursday the Senate’s schedule is too packed to even have a debate on gun control.

Asked if the Senate might debate the issue next year, Reid said, “Nice try.”

Public opinion has shifted away from tighter gun control. Twenty years ago, polls showed that a substantial majority supported stricter limits on guns. Now Americans appear evenly divided. Nearly every statement on the matter from Romney and Obama includes reminders that they stand by the Second Amendment.

From the White House, Carney said: “There are things that we can do short of legislation and short of gun laws.”

The lack of legislation reflects that reality, too: Police say laws and background checks are often futile in keeping someone with horrifying intent

from executing a massacre. Authorities say the suspect in the Aurora, Colo., shootings broke no laws when he purchased the guns he is accused of using, and he passed the required background checks.

Obama and his team “gain nothing politically, and they just don’t have the horsepower to pass anything,” said William Vizzard, professor emeritus of criminal justice at California State University, Sacramento, and an author on gun control politics. “And then the problem is trying to craft a law that would really do something.”

Yet at least one prominent gun control group sought Thursday to pressure Obama and Romney to offer voters concrete plans. The group’s president, Dan Gross, said words alone were not enough.

“The president said very similar things in his last campaign,” said Gross, head of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence.

## Chick-fil-A Becomes Political Symbol

ATLANTA (AP) • All of a sudden, biting into a fried chicken sandwich has become a political statement.

Chick-fil-A, the fast-food chain known for putting faith ahead of profits by closing on Sundays, is standing firm in its opposition to gay marriage after touching off a furor earlier this month.

Gay rights groups have called for a boycott, the Jim Henson Co. pulled its Muppet toys from kids’ meals, and politicians in Boston and Chicago told the chain it is not welcome there.

Across the Bible Belt, where most of the 1,600 restaurants are situated, Christian conservatives have thrown their support behind the Atlanta-based company, promising to buy chicken sandwiches and waffle fries next week on “Chick-fil-A Appreciation Day.”

The latest skirmish in the nation’s culture wars began when Chick-fil-A president Dan Cathy told the Baptist Press that the company was “guilty as charged” for backing “the biblical definition of a family.” In a later radio interview, he ratcheted up the rhetoric: “I think we are inviting God’s judgment on our nation when we shake our fist at him and say, ‘We know better than you as to what constitutes a marriage.’”

That fired up gay rights advocates, including a group that waged a campaign against the company in recent years by publicizing \$3 million in contributions that the Cathy family foundation made to conservative organizations such as the Family Research Council.

“This solidifies Chick-fil-A as being closely aligned with some of the most



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A Chick-fil-A fast food restaurant is seen July 19 in Atlanta.

vicious anti-gay voices in the country,” said Carlos Maza of Equality Matters.

A Chicago alderman vowed to block a Chick-fil-A proposed in his district, and Mayor Rahm Emanuel supported him, saying, “Chick-fil-A values are not Chicago values.” Boston Mayor Thomas Menino wrote in a letter to Cathy: “There is no place for discrimination on Boston’s Freedom Trail and no place for your company alongside it.”

On the other side of the debate, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, a

Baptist minister, declared next Wednesday “Chick-fil-A Appreciation Day” to support a business “whose executives are willing to take a stand for the Godly values.” Former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum joined the cause along with religious leaders.

“As the son of a dairy farmer who milked many a cow, I plan to ‘Eat Mor Chikin’ and show my support by visiting Chick-fil-A next Wednesday,” the Rev. Billy Graham said in a statement.

## Three More Instructors Investigated in Air Force Sex Scandal

**SAN ANTONIO (AP) •** The number of instructors at a Texas Air Force base under investigation in a widening sex scandal has increased from 12 to 15 and the number of alleged victims has also gone up by seven to 38, officials said Thursday.

Officials declined to identify the three new instructors at Lackland Air Force base in San Antonio under investigation or comment on the nature of the allegations against them because no charges have been filed against the three, said Brent Boller, a spokesman for Joint Base San Antonio, which operates Lackland.

The increase in the number of instructors and alleged victims was first reported by the *San Antonio-Express News*. The numbers could continue to grow.

“There may be others as we continue the investigation,” Boller said.

Last week, a military jury sentenced one former instructor, Staff Sgt. Luis Walker, to 20 years in prison after he was convicted of rape and sexual assault. The counts against Walker were the most severe in the investigation.

Lackland is where all Air Force recruits go through basic training. It has about 500 instructors for about 35,000 airmen who graduate every year. While one in five recruits are female, most instructors are male.

Six of the 15 instructors being investigated have been charged, with Walker and another instructor, Staff Sgt. Peter Vega-Maldonado, already having been court-martialed. Vega-Maldonado admitted in June to having sex with a female trainee and he was given 90 days of confinement as part of a plea deal.

Courts-martial have been set for four trainers, with Tech. Sgt. Christopher Smith going to trial Tuesday at Lackland, Boller said.



A small boat passes along the Louisiana side of the Mississippi River on Thursday at Vicksburg, Miss. The river has dropped to very low levels this summer

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## Drought Bill Due Next Week

**BY JIM ABRAMS**  
*Associated Press*

**WASHINGTON •** A House Republican leader said Thursday the House may take up legislation next week to help farmers and ranchers hit by the drought that has parched much of the nation.

House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., said that in the final week before Congress leaves for a five-week summer recess the House may consider legislation related to “programs and disaster assistance under the expiring farm bill.”

Earlier, House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, told reporters, “I do believe that the House will address the livestock disaster program.”

The two leaders offered few details of the legislation, but it is expected to focus on the livestock industry. Many corn and soybean farmers are partially shielded from drought damage by crop insurance but fewer livestock producers have insurance and the main federal disaster program for them expired last year.

The drought is driving up the costs of feed, forcing some livestock farmers to reduce their stocks earlier than planned.

Neither lawmaker discussed how to pay for a revived livestock disaster relief program.

Rep. Collin Peterson of Minnesota, the top Democrat on the House Agriculture

Committee, has estimated that it could cost \$2.5 billion to institute a disaster program and enact a short-term extension of the current five-year farm bill, which expires at the end of September.

The Senate last month passed a \$500 billion, five-year farm bill and the House Agriculture Committee this month approved a similar bill. Neither Boehner nor Cantor mentioned the possibility of the full House considering that legislation before the August break.

The GOP leaders have been reluctant to bring up the farm bill, which reauthorizes disaster relief programs, because of concerns it would be defeated.

Some House conservatives oppose the farm bill because of the federal subsidies provided to farmers and spending on the food stamp program, which makes up 80 percent of the \$100 billion annual cost of the legislation. Democrats in turn are unhappy with plans to trim food stamp spending by 2 percent.

Cantor, in a floor discussion with the House’s second-ranking Democrat, Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland, said the Senate farm bill, which has smaller cuts to the food stamp program, does not have majority support in the House. He asked Hoyer whether he would support the House version, and Hoyer said no.

## Venezuela Pulls Out of Human Rights Meeting

**BY FABIOLA SANCHEZ**  
*Associated Press*

**CARACAS, Venezuela •** Venezuela will soon notify the Organization of American States that it is pulling out of a regional human rights convention as well as two bodies that hear rights cases, the country’s top diplomat said Thursday.

Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro told The Associated

Press that President Hugo Chavez’s government will give OAS Secretary-General Jose Miguel Insulza a document formalizing the decision in “the coming hours.”

He said that will begin a required one-year waiting period, after which Venezuela will no longer be a party to the American Convention on Human Rights. Venezuela also says it is withdrawing from both the

Costa Rica-based Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the Washington-based Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

“The damage that this commission and this court have done is so great that there’s no possibility of being reformed,” Maduro said. He said the government document would lay out “all the decisions that this commis-

sion and this court have made against Venezuela in 10 years.” Speaking during a reelection campaign rally for the leftist president, Maduro denied that withdrawing from the convention would involve leaving the OAS.

Chavez announced his decision to pull out of the court after it sided with a Venezuelan, Raul Diaz, who was accused in the 2003 bombings in Caracas.

## War

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estimates that about 150 have been killed since the uprising began in March 2011. Palestinian activists provided the names of 198 people killed, 67 in July alone.

Most of Syria’s 496,000 U.N.-registered Palestinian refugees are descended from those who fled or were forced to leave their homes during the war surrounding Israel’s creation in 1948. Others have come during subsequent Mideast wars.

While not citizens, Palestinians in Syria have greater rights than their brethren in other Arab countries. They can hold government jobs, attend state universities for free and serve in the military. Assad’s regime has long billed itself as a champion of the Palestinian cause.

But the Syrian uprising, which began with political protests and has evolved into a civil war, has put the Palestinians in a bind. As the death toll spiraled, many were horrified by Assad’s brutal attempts to crush the opposition but didn’t want turn on a government that treated them well.

“On the individual level, there’s no love for the regime or its tools of oppression, and no one thinks that it will liberate Palestine for us,” said a Palestinian refugee expert in Lebanon who visited Syria this month. “The idea is that if we take a position on one side or the other, we’ll get

screwed.”

He declined to give his name because he travels frequently to Syria.

The political leadership, dominated by older men from an array of Palestinian factions, recalls all too easily how Palestinians elsewhere have suffered for picking sides in foreign conflicts.

Kuwait kicked out hundreds of thousands of Palestinians near the end of the first Gulf War because of their leadership’s links to Saddam Hussein.

“I fear that in the next stage the camps and the youth will be pulled into the internal conflict,” said Fathi Ardat, the Palestine Liberation Organization’s top official in Lebanon. “We don’t want to be part of that battle.”

Some factions have cooled relations with Assad’s regime.

Top Hamas officials have decamped from their long-time Damascus headquarters for Egypt and the Gulf. In a February sermon in Cairo, Ismail Haniyeh, the Hamas Prime Minister of Gaza, praised Syrians for “moving toward democracy and reform.”

The only group firmly with the regime is the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, which the U.S. and other countries consider a terrorist organization — as they do Hamas. Its fighters are widely accused of joining Assad’s forces in the crackdown.

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order barring the defense team, the prosecution team and law-enforcement agencies involved in the case from speaking to the media.

On Wednesday, the judge reaffirmed his original order after several media outlets, lead by Fox News.com and the Denver Post, reported that Holmes had sent a notebook to a psychiatrist at the University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz campus. The notebook reportedly contained details of the planning for the shooting rampage, according to unnamed law enforcement sources quoted by the media. That could be important for the prosecution in showing that the suspect acted with deliberation and calculation.

Sylvester on Monday also signed an order barring the university, where Holmes was a former graduate student in the neuroscience program, from releasing any records about the defendant. Several news

organizations, including the *Los Angeles Times* and The Associated Press, had filed requests for the records, which could give some insight into how Holmes, described by friends and teachers in Southern California as a brilliant science student, may have changed under the pressure of a new environment and scholastic program.

Further, when the next step in the legal process takes place, the reading of formal charges against Holmes on Monday, there will not be any repeat of the television coverage. That proceeding will be open to the media in the courtroom, but not to the millions of people who watched Holmes’ first appearance.

It is not unusual for the legal system to try to prevent a jury pool from being tainted by material that may not be allowed in evidence in what could be a death penalty case. Nor is it all that unusual for media outlets to sue to get more access or even for lawyers to be gagged for some of the same reasons that a judge might want to protect a jury pool.

For example, lawyers were gagged in the Jerry Sandusky trial on child sex-abuse charges involving some incidents that took place at Penn State University. Media outlets sued in Florida to get access to some material in the case against George Zimmerman, accused of second-degree murder in the shooting of Trayvon Martin.

What might be slightly unusual in this case is how soon the curtain has begun to be lowered, especially when it comes to the order on the school records.

Mark Caramanica, freedom of information director at the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, told AP that the order was “highly unorthodox.” He said it was unusual that a public institution would consult with an outside entity instead of just following the law and answering the request.

“It seems very premature for a court to get involved and make such a sweeping order,” Caramanica said. “It seems like a very broad and overly aggressive approach.”

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# Fact Checker: Obama's Unspoken Payroll Tax Increases

BY GLENN KESSLER  
*The Washington Post*

"Congress faces a choice. On January 1, taxes are scheduled to go up for 114 million middle class families by an average of \$1,600 as such tax cuts as the expanded Child Tax Credit, the 10 percent tax bracket, marriage penalty relief, and the American Opportunity Tax Credit all expire. A typical middle class family of four would see its taxes rise by \$2,200."

— White House report on President Barack Obama's proposal to extend middle-class tax cuts, released July 24

"We've got to do it in a balanced way by making sure that those of us who've been blessed by this country are giving back a little bit more and going back to the Clinton tax rates."

— Obama, remarks at a campaign event, July 23

"I'm also going to ask anybody making over \$250,000 a year to go back to the tax rates they were paying under Bill Clinton."

— Obama, remarks at a campaign event, July 24

Usually, during discussions about who pays taxes in the United States, conservatives tend to ignore payroll taxes (such as for Social Security and Medicare) and focus on federal income taxes. A good example of that is an opinion article in the *Wall Street Journal* this week by former Bush administration spokesman Ari Fleischer.

If you only count income taxes, then you can argue that some 50 percent of Americans pay no taxes.

Or, you can argue, as Fleischer does, that the top 20 percent of income earners "make 50 percent of the nation's income but pay nearly 70 percent of all federal taxes."

But virtually all workers pay payroll taxes. When payroll taxes are included, as well as state and local taxes, the picture changes significantly.

The tax burden is suddenly more evenly distributed.

But, interestingly, when talking about taxes these days, the White House is relatively silent about coming increases in payroll taxes — both for the rich and poor. Let's take a look.

## The Facts

The White House report released this week — ahead of the vote in the Senate Wednesday to extend tax cuts for households with income below \$250,000 — does mention two years of payroll tax cuts that Obama pushed through in 2011 and 2012, but only when talking about how much money the president has saved American families:

"A typical family making \$50,000 a year has seen their taxes cut by \$3,600 over the last four years, \$800 in each of 2009 and 2010 due to the Making Work Pay tax credit and \$1,000 in each of 2011 and 2012 due to the payroll tax cut."

The payroll tax provisions resulted in a 2 percentage point reduction in payroll taxes, or as much as \$2,200 for 160 million workers. (The Social Security tax — usually 6.2 percent — stops getting collected on income over \$110,100.)

But Obama has not proposed extending the payroll tax cut — the White House spokesman has danced around the issue, saying it is "something that we would look at in

December" — and there is little appetite on Capitol Hill for extending it either. (Republicans have never liked the concept.)

For that typical family making \$50,000, ending that tax break will mean a \$1,000 tax increase. So, while the White House likes to claim that its proposals would reduce taxes by \$2,200 for that family, the net effect of the two tax changes actually would be a reduction in taxes of \$1,200.

(Alternatively, if Obama's plan fails to pass the House of Representatives, that family will see a tax increase of \$3,200, not \$2,200.)

The White House website continues to brag that the president last year fought for "middle class tax cuts to prevent a typical working family from losing an average of \$40 per paycheck, enabling them to keep about \$1,000 of their hard-earned money." That sentence is referring to the payroll tax cut.

A White House official argues that a) the debate currently is about income taxes and no one is trying to solve all outstanding tax issues and b) the payroll taxes were always known to be temporary. In contrast, this official argued, the Bush tax cuts — at least for the middle class — were always supported as being permanent, even though Congress did not write the law that way. (Got that?)

However, the White House's website still refers to the previous payroll tax cuts as "tax cuts."

Meanwhile, keeping the focus on income taxes also allows the president to avoid talking about another pending payroll tax contained in the health care law — a 0.9 percent Medicare surtax on incomes over \$200,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for couples filing joint returns.

The Bush tax cut set the top income-tax rate at 35 percent, and Obama would restore it to the 39.6 percent rate set during Clinton's presidency. But while Social Security taxes are capped, there is no cap on Medicare payroll taxes — also legacy of Bill Clinton's 1993 deficit-reduction deal.

Currently, the Medicare payroll tax is 2.9 percent, split between employers and employees, but most economists assume some of the employer's tax payments result in lost wages for the employee.

So the health-care surcharge would be on top of that, resulting, as we previously have noted, in a marginal tax rate nearly as high as 45 percent for the wealthy.

For obvious reasons, the Obama White House does not want to highlight the pending increases in payroll taxes. The health-care law is still not especially popular, even with Obama's victory at the Supreme Court.

Meanwhile, it is not good politics to note that the looming increase in the Social Security payroll tax will reduce the size of the middle-class tax cuts that the president is promoting on the campaign trail.

But for ordinary Americans, the net effect on the paycheck is ultimately what counts.

If the White House is going to brag about payroll tax cuts in a report touting its tax-cut plan for the middle class, it should openly acknowledge that a good chunk of those promised tax cuts will disappear when the payroll tax cuts lapse.



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Lab assistant Carter Sharp sorts mosquitoes Thursday in Wheeling, Ill.

# Hot Weather Heightens West Nile Risk

**CHICAGO (AP)** • Life's a picnic this year for the small, sneaky mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus and pose a deadly risk to humans. Hot, dry weather in the Midwest has created the perfect conditions in still-damp ditches and underground storm water basins where the *Culex* mosquito breeds.

Where there's water in the drought-plagued Midwest, it's stagnant water — the *Culex* mosquito's favorite breeding habitat. The heat also speeds up the mosquito's life cycle, which means more breeding and more mosquitoes, and accelerates the West Nile virus replication process.

Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Texas are reporting higher

rates of infected mosquitoes compared with past years. More infected mosquitoes mean a higher risk for humans. Minnesota, Illinois, Oklahoma and Texas are reporting earlier-than-usual cases of human infection.

"I am quite concerned we may be facing one of our most severe seasons for West Nile virus since it arrived in our state in 2002," said Kristy Bradley, state epidemiologist in Oklahoma, which has had eight confirmed human cases of West Nile infection, with seven of those being the serious, neuroinvasive form of the disease. "I'm somewhat bracing myself for a rocky road ahead."

West Nile virus is a cyclical disease in humans, appearing

in the summer and disappearing in the winter as carrier mosquitoes die off and hibernate.

Illinois, which usually sees its first human cases in August, already has two confirmed cases this year. Both are women in their 60s from the Chicago suburbs. Both were hospitalized and are receiving further care in rehabilitation centers.

"The risk is high and people need to listen," said Linn Haramis, an entomologist with the Illinois Department of Public Health. "This thing could put you in a wheelchair at age 60 for the rest of your life."

Most people infected with West Nile virus won't get sick, but approximately one

in 150 people will develop the severe form of the illness. Symptoms include headache, high fever, neck stiffness, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness and paralysis.

The best advice? Wear insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Avoid being outdoors between dusk and dawn, when mosquitoes are biting. Install or repair screens to keep mosquitoes outside. Drain standing water to eliminate breeding habitat.

Haramis notes that in Illinois the rate of infected mosquitoes is the highest in a decade and higher than in 2002 when 67 people died.

# Even Smugglers Feel the Pain of Iran's Sanctions

BLOOMBERG NEWS

**BANDAR ABBAS** • Iran Western sanctions on Iran are biting so deep that even fisherman who make the two-hour journey across the Strait of Hormuz at night to Oman to smuggle flat-screen televisions, cell phones and food say they're feeling the pain.

Using small fishing boats in a waterway through which a fifth of the world's traded oil passes has always been a risky business. Rising fuel costs have increased the price of boat trips, while a slide in Iran's currency has made it harder to pay suppliers. The risks are even greater with the state promising a crack-

down on imports of manufactured items.

"Nobody would believe that we put our life in danger on the sea for a profit of about \$80" a month, Aghil Bandari, 40, said in an interview at the fisherman's pier in Bandar Abbas as three co-workers unloaded a catch of crabs in heat of 40 degrees Celsius (104 degrees Fahrenheit). With more sanctions, "our situation will only get tougher."

Each year about \$5 billion worth of goods are smuggled into Iran, the Mehr News Agency reported in June 2011, citing the Customs and Excise Department. About 80 percent of the mobile phones sold in the country are brought in illegally.

# Somalia Constitution Allows Abortion to Save Mother

**MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP)** • Somali leaders are debating a new constitution that protects the right to have an abortion to save the life of the mother, and an international law group says the draft guarantees more fundamental rights than the U.S. Constitution.

That's one reason some women are celebrating the document and conservatives are protesting some of its more liberal promises.

But some of the rights introduced, such as the right to medical care or clean, potable water, will be hard for the government to guarantee in a country where basic needs like food are not always met. While other elements, such as banning the circumcision

of girls, will take years to banish.

Somali leaders — 825 of them — began a nine-day meeting on Wednesday to examine, debate and vote on the constitution, a document that's been years in the making. A vote by the group, known as the National Constituent Assembly, is likely to be held late next week and is a key step in a flurry of political activity in Somalia over the next month.

The U.N. mandate for Somalia's current government expires on Aug. 20, and Somali leaders are to vote on the constitution, vote in a new 275-member parliament and then vote on a president all before then.

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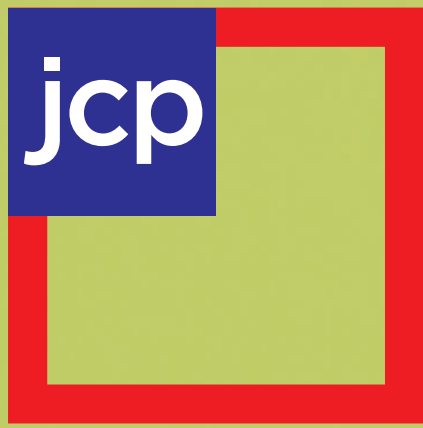


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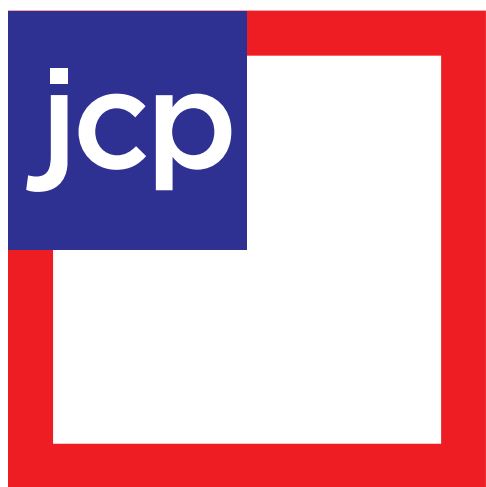
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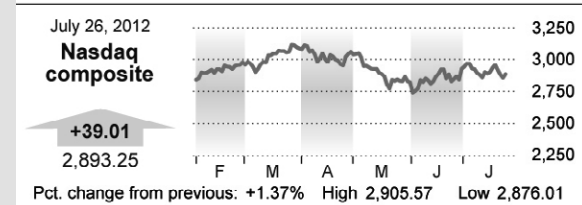
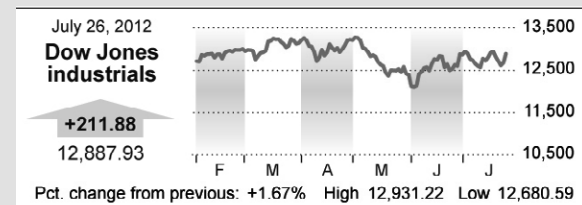
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## THE MARKET AT A GLANCE

### Stocks Soar after ECB Vows to Protect the Euro

**NEW YORK (AP)** • It was the buy signal that markets were waiting for. When European Central Bank president Mario Draghi vowed to “do whatever it takes” to keep the continent’s monetary union intact, stocks were off to races in the U.S. and Europe. The Dow Jones industrial average on Thursday jumped 212 points, or 1.7 percent, to 12,888 following big gains in European markets. Benchmark stock indexes in Spain and Italy surged 6 percent and 4 percent in France.



## STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

AlliantEgy	1.80	20	46.98	+79	+6.5	Keycorp	.20	8	8.06	+17	+4.8
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AmPic	.63f	16	46.48	+34	-7	OfficeMax	..	14	4.29	+02	-5.5
BallardPw	..	..	1.04	..	-3.7	RockTen	.80	16	57.24	+10	-8
BkofAm	.04	8	7.17	+10	+29.0	Sensient	.88	14	34.90	-12	-7.9
ConAgra	.96	22	24.09	+24	8.8	SkyWest	.16	..	6.80	-01	-46.0
Costco	1.10	27	95.01	+2.16	+15.1	Terady	..	16	14.85	+14.0	+9.0
Diebold	1.14	12	35.57	+49	+18.3	Tupware	1.44	18	52.37	-42	-6.4
DukeEnr	3.06f	18	67.34	+1.52	..	US Bancrp	.78	12	32.59	+30	+24.2
DukeRth	.68	14	30.30	+31	+18.7	Valira	.20f	14	11.05	+10	-45.2
Fastenal	.76f	32	43.47	+66	-3	WalMart	1.59	16	73.67	+1.59	+23.3
Heinz	2.06f	19	55.03	+66	+1.8	WashFed	.32	13	15.83	+16	+13.2
HewlettP	.53	6	18.01	+23	+30.1	WellsFargo	.88	11	33.78	+62	+22.6
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Nov	Feeder cattle	143.55	140.60	143.55	+ 1.85
Aug	Lean hogs	95.95	94.80	95.80	+ 1.25
Oct	Lean hogs	81.45	80.33	81.43	+ 1.23
Sep	Wheat	904.50	873.75	884.00	+ 1.25
Dec	Wheat	916.50	887.00	897.25	- 17.75
Sep	KC Wheat	908.00	880.00	890.00	- 14.00
Dec	KC Wheat	925.50	899.75	910.00	- 12.75
Sep	MPS Wheat	992.00	964.00	967.75	- 21.25
Dec	MPS Wheat	990.00	963.75	966.75	- 22.25
Sep	Corn	799.50	776.25	781.25	- 15.25
Dec	Corn	793.50	771.00	776.25	- 11.75
Nov	Soybeans	1615.00	1561.50	1567.50	- 48.00
Mar	Soybeans	1474.25	1437.25	1440.00	- 34.25
Jul	BFP Milk	16.68	16.66	16.67	-.01
Aug	BFP Milk	17.79	17.48	17.58	-.10
Sep	BFP Milk	18.90	18.55	18.60	-.32
Oct	BFP Milk	18.77	18.60	18.67	-.15
Aug	Sugar	23.40	22.25	22.50	- 1.07
Mar	Sugar	23.69	22.68	22.92	-.92
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## GRAINS & METALS REPORT

**VALLEY BEANS**  
Prices are net to growers, 100 pounds, U.S. No. 1 beans, less Idaho bean tax and storage charges. Prices subject to change without notice. Producers desiring more recent price information should contact dealers. Other Idaho bean prices are collected weekly by Bean Market News, U.S. Department of Agriculture, pinto, 55¢; pinks, \$45-\$48, V Ltd.; garbanzos, \$40-\$42. Quotes current July 25.

**VALLEY GRAINS**  
Prices for wheat per bushel; mixed grain, oats, corn and beans per hundredweight. Prices subject to change without notice.  
Barley, \$13.30; oats, \$12.50; corn, \$14.40 (15 percent moisture). Prices are given by Ranger's in Buhl. Prices current July 25.  
Corn, \$14.50; barley, \$13.50 (cwt). Prices quoted by JD Heiskell. Prices current July 25.

**CHEESE**  
Cheddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange  
Barrels: \$1,695.00, nc; Blocks: \$1,717.50, nc

**INTERMOUNTAIN GRAINS**  
POCATELLO (AP) – Idaho Farm Bureau Intermountain Grain and Livestock Report for Thursday, July 26.  
POCATELLO – White wheat 780 (up 40); 11.5 percent winter 795 (down 14); 14 percent spring 8.43 (down 29); barley 10.42 (steady); hard white 7.65 (up 11);  
BURLEY – White wheat 7.75 (down 13); 11.5 percent winter 7.73 (down 9); 14 percent spring 8.65 (down 20); barley 11.50 (steady); hard white 8.23 (down 9);  
OGDEN – White wheat 7.75 (down 26); 11.5 percent winter 7.96 (down 15); 14 percent spring 8.93 (down 27); barley 12.30 (steady); corn 14.21 (down 43);  
PORTLAND – White wheat 8.69 (down 11); 11 percent winter 9.20-9.35 (down 9-14); 14 percent spring 10.28 (down 24); corn 328.75-330.75 (down 4.75);  
NAMPAL – White wheat 13.00 (cwt) (steady); 780 bushel (steady);

**INTERMOUNTAIN LIVESTOCK**  
LIVESTOCK AUCTION – Lewiston Livestock July 25.  
Utility and breaking cows 6700-7500; cutter and canners 6000-6800; young feeders 7000-8000; stock cows 1,100/head; heavy feeder steers 12000-13500; light feeder steers 12500-15000; stocker feeder steers 14000-16000; heavy feeder heifers 10000-12000; light feeder heifers 12000-13000; weaner pigs 25-62.50; feeder pigs 80-125; feeder lambs 100-137.50.  
Remarks: Feeders steady on lite test; cows steady to 3 higher; hogs steady to 5 higher; lambs 5-15 lower.

**VALLEY LIVESTOCK**  
JEROME – Producers Livestock Marketing Association in Jerome reports the following prices from the dairy sale held Wednesday, July 25.  
Top springer: \$1,310 head  
Top 10 springers: \$1,295 head  
Top 100 springers: \$1,230 head  
Top 150 springers: \$1,180 head  
Open heifers: 400 to 500 lbs., \$116-\$121  
Next sale: Aug. 8  
TWIN FALLS – Twin Falls Livestock Commission Co. reports the following prices from the livestock sale held Wednesday, July 25.  
Steers: under 400 lbs., \$184-\$229; 400 to 500 lbs., \$157-\$190; 500 to 600 lbs., \$140-\$151; 600 to 700 lbs., \$135-\$146; 700 to 800 lbs., \$130-\$150-\$136.75; over 800 lbs., \$127.50-\$134.85.  
Heifers: under 400 lbs., \$170-\$193; 400 to 500 lbs., \$137-\$150; 500 to 600 lbs., \$129.75-\$145; 600 to 700 lbs., \$129.50-\$135.75; 700 to 800 lbs., \$128-\$132; over 800 lbs., \$120.50-\$129.85  
Commercial/utility cows: \$59-\$77  
Canners/cutters: \$39-\$59  
Heiferettes: \$84-\$95  
Butcher bulls: \$77-\$93  
Feeder bulls: \$69-\$86  
Market trend: Cows and calves are \$4 to \$5 lower; feeders are steady  
Saturday sale, July 21  
Livestock: baby calves, \$10-\$80 head; started calves, \$95-\$185 head; horses, \$40-\$325 head; goats, \$25-\$150 head  
Hogs: weaners, \$35-\$75 head; feeders, \$80-\$125 head; fats, \$61-\$78  
Sheep: feeders, \$90-\$117 head; fats, \$86-\$91; breeding ewes, \$65-\$79; killer ewes, \$25-\$49

# Call Center Seeks 200 New Workers

TIMES-NEWS

**TWIN FALLS** • C3, the Florida-based company that operates a 600-employee call center in Twin Falls, plans to hire up to 200 additional employees for its Magic Valley location. Company spokeswoman Alicia Laszewski said C3 is immediately seeking full-time workers to take in-bound customer calls, as

well as some supervisory positions. Applicants may apply at the firm's office at 851 Pole Line Road, she said. Wages for entry-level jobs have ranged from \$8.50 to \$11.50 per hour, according to company news releases. C3, which provides service for Fortune 500 companies, opened its Twin Falls office in June 2010.

## THE DIGIT

# 40 percent

**Worries about future pummel Zynga shares** • Zynga investors are not playing games. After Zynga's dismal second-quarter earnings report and still dimmer outlook, shares plummeted nearly 40 percent. At least seven analysts downgraded the online games maker and several raised questions about its long-term relevance. Zynga Inc. cut its full-year guidance sharply Wednesday after reporting a loss and revenue below Wall Street's expectations. Though both user numbers and revenue increased, analysts were expecting much more. In turn, Goldman Sachs and others downgraded the stock and lowered their target prices.



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In this June 8 photo, a red 'everyday' pricing tag is attached to clothes on display at a J.C. Penney store in New York.

# JC Penney Tweaks Pricing Strategy Again

BY MAE ANDERSON  
AP Retail Writer

**NEW YORK** • J.C. Penney is changing its pricing — again. Just six months after the mid-priced department store chain got rid of the hundreds of sales it offered each year in favor of everyday lower pricing, it is reversing course.

Penney on Feb. 1 began using a three-tier pricing approach that called for consistently lower daily prices, month-long sales and periodic discounts on merchandise throughout the year. But starting Aug. 1, Penney will eliminate one of the monthly sales and bring back the word “clearance.” Penney also plans to tweak its advertising to better communicate the pricing plan to customers.

The moves come at a time when shoppers — and investors — have voiced confusion over Penney's pricing

strategy, which was spearheaded by CEO Ron Johnson when he took the helm in November. In May, Penney's stock plunged nearly 20 percent in its biggest decline in four decades after the retailer posted a larger-than-expected quarterly loss and a 20-percent drop in revenue on poor reception from shoppers for its pricing strategy.

The change also calls into question how patient Main Street and Wall Street will be with Johnson, a long-time retail executive who has been lauded for being the mastermind behind the success of Apple's retail stores and Target's cheap-chic strategy. The pricing plan is presenting a challenge for Johnson because it's turning out to be a tough sale to shoppers who have come to expect deep discounts and investors who are looking for Penney to turnaround its

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CEO Ron Johnson

business quickly.

Brian Sozzi, chief equities analyst for research firm NBG Productions, said since Johnson's strategy is long-term, investors likely will give him at least until 2013 to prove himself.

“With a visionary type of strategy like this you have to take a lot of painful medicine upfront,” he said, adding that Johnson “is essentially trying to change the consumer mindset.”

Johnson, who asked investors to be patient during a meeting with them in May, said he's confident that the pricing strategy will work.

Johnson has acknowledged that Penney has a long way to go to convince shoppers that they don't have to wait for sales to get low prices at Penney, and he said this week that Penney's first-quarter sales drop is “the price we're paying to get integrity back.”

“We thought simplifying 590 unique sale events into three types of pricing would be easier, but it turns out ... customers and others found the pricing a little confusing,” he said. “Now we're going from 590 to 3 to 1: The first price is the right price.”

# SEC, Department of Justice Investigating S&P

**NEW YORK (AP)** • Regulators are investigating Standard & Poor's over some of its ratings, according to a regulatory filing by the S&P's parent company.

The McGraw-Hill Companies Inc., which owns the S&P ratings agency, says the Department of Justice and the Securities and Exchange Commission are investigating whether the S&P broke federal laws when rating certain investments.

McGraw-Hill says the accusations are unfounded and that it will vigorously defend itself.

The company didn't give details, and analysts didn't ask about the investigation in a conference call about McGraw-Hill's second-quarter earnings. But ratings agencies like S&P have been accused of giving improperly high ratings to some investments made of mortgage loans that had been packaged together and sold to investors, helping

fuel the financial crisis.

Last September, the SEC told the ratings agency it was considering filing a charge over S&P's ratings on a particular investment offering from 2007, just before the meltdown in the housing market imploded.

McGraw-Hill disclosed the latest development about the Justice Department in a regulatory filing related to second-quarter earnings. Investors were unfazed: Shares rose almost 3 percent in afternoon trading, climbing \$1.29 to \$46.28.

McGraw-Hill is in the midst of splitting into two companies, McGraw-Hill Financial and McGraw-Hill Education. The financial company will include the S&P ratings agency, the J.D. Power rankings and the S&P Capital IQ research arm. The education division includes tests and other materials for schools and colleges.

# Mortgage Rates Fall

**WASHINGTON (AP)** • The average rate on the 30-year fixed mortgage fell again, this time dropping below 3.50 percent for the first time on records dating back 60 years.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said Thursday that the rate on the 30-year loan declined to 3.49 percent. That's down from 3.53 percent last week and the lowest since long-term mortgages began in the 1950s.

The average rate on the 15-year fixed mortgage, a popular refinancing option, dipped to 2.80 percent. That's below last week's previous record of 2.83 percent.

The rate on the 30-year loan has fallen to or matched record-low levels in 13 of the past 14 weeks.

Cheaper mortgages have helped drive a modest but uneven housing recovery this year.

Sales of new and previously occupied homes fell in June but were higher than the same month last year. Home prices have started to

stabilize in many large markets. And builders are more confident and are putting up more houses than they have in nearly four years.

Fewer Americans signed contracts to buy homes in June, the National Association of Realtors said in a separate report Thursday. The group's index of sales agreements fell to 99.3, down from May's reading of 100.7.

A reading of 100 is considered healthy. The index is 9.5 percent higher than it was a year ago. There's generally a one- to two-month lag between a signed contract and a completed deal.

Low mortgage rates could also provide some help to the economy if more people refinance. When people refinance at lower rates, they pay less interest on their loans and have more money to spend. Many homeowners use the savings on renovations, furniture, appliances and other improvements, which help drive growth.



A bottle of Pepsi Next displayed amongst cans of ten calorie sodas from PepsiCo Inc. in New York.

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# THE SODA RACE

Companies racing for a new sweet spot.

BY CANDICE CHOI

AP Food Industry Writer

**NEW YORK** • Coke and Pepsi are chasing after the sweet spot: a soda with no calories, no artificial sweeteners and no funny aftertaste.

The world's top soft drink companies hope that's the elusive trifecta that will silence health concerns about soda and reverse the decline in consumption of carbonated drinks. But such a formula could be years away.

That's because the ingredient that makes soda taste good is also what packs on the pounds: high-fructose corn syrup. Artificial sweet-

eners like aspartame that are used in diet drinks don't have any calories but are seen as processed and fake. Natural sweeteners that come from plants present the most promising alternative, but companies haven't yet figured out how to mask their metallic aftertaste.

Despite the complexities, soft drink makers push on in their search.

"I can't say when it will be here, but it's in the reasonable future," said Al Carey, who heads the beverage unit for the Americas at PepsiCo Inc., the world's No. 2 soda maker.

There's good reason that soft drink makers are so eager to tweak their formulas.

Once a beloved American treat, sodas are now being blamed for the nation's bulging waistlines — two-thirds of the country's adults are overweight or obese, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That, coupled with the growing variety of flavored waters and sports drinks, has sent per capita soda consumption down 17 percent to about 1.3 cans a day since its peak in 1998, according to data from Beverage Digest, an industry tracker.

In New York City, a ban on the sale of sugary drinks bigger than 16 ounces in restaurants, theaters and stadiums could take effect as early as March. The mayor of Cambridge, Mass., proposed a

similar ban last month. And in Richmond, Calif., voters will decide in November whether to pass the nation's first penny-per-ounce tax on soda and other sugary drinks such as fruit juices and teas.

All the negative publicity has some once-faithful soda drinkers cutting back. Krista Koster, a 29-year-old who lives in Washington D.C., used to drink about two cans of soda a day. Now she's trying to kick the habit and be more conscious about what she drinks.

"I've just been hearing how bad soda is," said Koster, who works in public relations. "You start considering a lot of the ingredients, whether it's fake sugar or the real sugar."

## Study: Medicaid Expansion Could Save Thousands of Lives

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** • States that expand their Medicaid programs under President Barack Obama's health care law may end up saving thousands of lives, a medical journal report released Wednesday indicates.

Until now, the Medicaid debate has been about budgets and states' rights. But a statistical study by Harvard researchers in the New England Journal of Medicine found a 6 percent drop in the adult death rate in Arizona, Maine and New York, three states that have recently expanded coverage for low-income residents along the general lines of the federal health care law.

The study found that for every 176 adults covered under expanded Medicaid, one death per year would be prevented.

"Policymakers should be aware that major changes in Medicaid — either expansions or reductions in coverage — may have significant effects on the health of vulnerable populations," wrote the researchers from the Harvard School of Public Health.

Medicaid is a federal-state program for low-income and severely disabled people. It covers about 60 million people in the United States. The new law assigned Medicaid a major role in expanding coverage, accounting for about half the 30 million uninsured people expected to gain insurance as a result of the health overhaul.



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Diesel fuel is pumped into a 500 gallon tank to power a water pump at an irrigation station next to a corn field near Tucker, Ark., on June 27.

## Oil Prices Rise after ECB Vows to Save Euro

BY SANDY SHORE

AP Business Writer

The price of oil rose Thursday after the head of the European Central Bank vowed to protect the euro, the currency used by 17 countries in the financially strapped region.

Europe's worsening debt crisis has raised speculation that the central bank will act to promote economic growth. A stronger economy would boost demand for oil and other energy products.

Demand for oil in Europe has dropped as some countries have fallen into recession. Earlier this month, the International Energy Agency estimated oil demand in Europe this year at 14.6 million barrels a day, down from 15 million last year. The European Union accounts for about 16 percent of global oil use.

At an investment conference in London, ECB President Mario Draghi pledged Thursday to do "whatever it takes to preserve the euro." He also suggested that the bank could act to lower escalating borrowing rates for financially troubled countries like Spain and Italy.

Benchmark oil rose 42 cents to finish at \$89.39 per

barrel in New York after earlier topping \$90 per barrel. Brent crude, which is used to price international varieties of crude, rose 88 cents to end at \$105.26 per barrel in London after earlier hitting \$106.18 per barrel.

U.S. stocks and gold also surged.

Concerns have intensified that Spain may need a financial bailout package, similar to those given to Greece, Ireland and Portugal because its borrowing rates are high. That would strain Europe's finances because Spain's economy is the fourth largest among the countries that use the euro.

Draghi's comments marked a reversal from his position over the past few months. He had been insisting that it was up to the governments to restore confidence in the euro.

Price Futures Group Phil Flynn speculated that oil prices couldn't hold the earlier gains because of a lack of specifics in Draghi's remarks. "Once again ... the market is moving on what we think we know but we really don't know," Flynn said. "What does he mean by that statement that we'll do 'everything it takes?'"

## Ford Escape Recalled Three Times in Two Weeks

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Ford Motor Co.'s popular Escape small SUV has been among the top-selling vehicles in the U.S. for years, but the older models and a brand-new version have been recalled three times in the past two weeks. A look the safety problems that caused the recalls:

**July 14:** Ford recalls more than 10,000 all-new 2013 Escapes because carpet padding can interfere with braking. The padding can cut into space around the pedals and cause drivers to hit the side of the brake pedal when switching from the accelerator.

Dealers will remove the padding and replace a console trim panel at no charge.

**July 19:** The 2013 Escape is recalled a second time, but this time the company tells people not to drive them because of a



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This undated file product image provided by the Ford Motor Co. shows the 2013 Ford Escape.

fire danger. The recall covers 11,500 Escapes in which the fuel lines can crack and leak. The problem affects only Escapes with 1.6-liter four-cylinder engines. Owners will get loaner cars and dealers will replace the parts for free.

**July 26:** Ford recalls nearly 485,000 of older Escapes and Mavericks worldwide because the gas pedals can stick. They're from the 2001-2004 model years and are completely different from the 2013 models. The old Escapes

have 3-liter V-6 engines, and they're called Mavericks in Europe. The cruise control cable can get caught in the plastic engine cover. Dealers will install new fasteners on the engine cover so there's more room for the cable.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Scott Robertson**

July 21, 1966-July 17, 2012

**HAILEY** • Scott was born Scott David Bay in Omaha, Neb., on July 21, 1966. He 'slipped the surly bonds of Earth and danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings' on Tuesday, July 17, 2012.



Randy and David. "Who sang that, who covered that, what album was that on?" We will teach that game to our dear Mariah. Never an avid sports fan, he was proud of his son's football and basketball career at Wood River High School. Scott loved the Nebraska Football Mania which took over the "Davery!" every fall and in-to the bowl season; Go Big Red.

He was 45 years old. Two sets of loving grandparents helped his young parents raise him for the first four years of his life. In 1971, Scott and his mom left Nebraska to find California and settled in Napa just two blocks from his Aunt Jane and cousins, Pat and Katie. In 1975, Scott and his mom found a great husband and father in Randy Robertson, married him and settled in Arcata, Calif. Scott attended Pacific Union Elementary School and graduated from Arcata High School in 1984. In 1987, he moved to Hailey, Idaho, where his grandparents, David and Veryl Fowler had retired. He lived and worked in the Wood River Valley (three years in Twin Falls) for the rest of his life.

He loved to repair electronics and mow lawns. He loved Idaho, the Nebraska rivers and prairie, the ocean and TIDEPOOLS. He was devoted to his Grandma Veryl after her husband, Dave, left us. Scott cared for her and his Aunt Jane when she was ill. He was caretaking for his grandma up until the time of his death.

He joins his grandfather, David E. Fowler; his grandparents, Gene and Dorothy Bay; and his aunt, Jane M. Fowler; along with many friends in the next life.

Along the way, he became the proud father of David Kyle Pinkard and Mariah Jane Robertson, both loving him deeply to the end of this life. Mariah writes, "I love my daddy and miss him dearly. He is my world and he taught me how to love. Thank you, daddy, xoxo." Scott loved the natural world around him. He fished with his dad, Kenn, and both of his grandfathers. He hiked and backpacked with his mom, Randy, Grandpa and Grandma Fowler and cross-country skied with the whole family. He golfed with his Grandpa Dave and good friend, Rich. He hunted for morrells along the Big Wood River and ALWAYS took pictures. He loved to photograph his kids, flowers, sunrises, sunsets, fall colors and wild animals — the closer, the better.

He is free of all worldly burdens. Those who will go on without his physical presence but carry him in their hearts are his children, David Kyle Pinkard and Mariah Jane Robertson; his mom and dad, Edith and Randy Robertson; his birth dad, Kenneth D. Bay and wife Cindy, son, Joshua and uncle, Mark; his brother, Matthew W. Robertson; his grandmother, Veryl P. Fowler; his cousins, Patrick M. O'Connor and wife, Kristin and daughter, Kyler and cousin, Kathryn Jane O'Connor; and in Humboldt County, Calif., his grandparents, Floyd and Melva Robertson; uncle, Gary Robertson; aunt, Cheryl Goodale and husband, Jay; and cousins galore. He will also be dearly missed by his best friend, Duane Wiese, who helped care for Veryl when strength failed him.

A celebration of Scott's huge heart and ready laughter will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, at Hop Porter Park. A light lunch will be served. Please join us and share your memories, stories and, above all, love. Friends may light a candle and share stories, photos and condolences at [www.woodriverchapel.com](http://www.woodriverchapel.com).

He loved his dogs, Beau, Bear, Blue and Bella. He loved any dog and they returned the favor. He loved to sing. He could hold his own with Axel Rose or Robert Plant. He had wide taste in music and shared it with his brother, Matt. There was always a music trivia game going on between Matt, Scott, Mom,

**SERVICES**

**Claude Lawrence Hayes** of Buhl, graveside service at 10 a.m. today at the West End Cemetery in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

**James H. "Jim" Brooks** of Fairfield, memorial graveside service at 10:30 a.m. today at the Manard Cemetery in Fairfield (Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

**Eliner May Martin** of Heyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Heyburn LDS 1st Ward Chapel, 530 Villa; visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. today at the church (Hansen Mortuary in Rupert),

**Anthony Arthur "Toby" Steffens** of Boise and formerly of Buhl, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at the Holy Apostles Catholic Church, 6300 N. Meridian Road in Meridian (Accent Funeral Home in Meridian).

**Mary Athlene Myers** of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Bridge Four Square Church, 1819 Albion Ave. in Burley (Morrison-Payne Funeral Home in Burley).

**Lauretta Margaret Craig (Crabtree) Geiger** of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; visitation from 9 to 10:30 a.m. today at the mortuary.

**Esther Schick Bartlett** of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the LDS South Stake Center at Orchard and Harrison Street South in Twin Falls; visitation one hour before the funeral today at the church (Rosenau Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

**Dennis Lee Bokma** of Wendell, celebration of life at 2 p.m. today at Parke's Wendell-Gooding Chapel, 380 First Ave. E. in Wendell; light lunch follows.

**Curtis N. Thurman** of Boise and formerly of Hagerman, memorial at 6:30 p.m. today at his home, 4000 S. Cole Road in Boise; second memorial at a later date in Glenns Ferry.

**Everett "Dean" Krumm** of Twin Falls, funeral at 10 a.m. Saturday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

**Marcella Stanger Sabala** of Jerome, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome; visitation beginning at 6 p.m. today at the mortuary.

**Robert Rasmussen** of Burley, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today and 1 to 1:45 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

**Kali Marie Peck** of Hillsboro, Ore., and formerly of Wendell, memorial service at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Sunset Covenant Church, 18555 NW Rock Creek Blvd. in Portland, Ore.

**Dell Stephen Morgan** of Jerome, funeral at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Jerome LDS Stake Center; visitation from 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday at the church (Demaray-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

**Pamela A. "Pam" (Rose) Wheeler** of Jerome, memorial service at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Life Church of Magic Valley, 425 E. Nez Perce (25 E. 100 S.) in Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

**Florence Gene Kaufman Tipton** of Hansen, celebration of life at 10 a.m. Monday at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls; visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the mortuary.

**25-year-old Murder Conviction Tossed Out**

BY JIM SCHAEFER  
*Detroit Free Press*

**DETROIT** • Raymond Highers, wearing bright yellow Wayne County Jail scrubs, folded his hands Thursday and clamped his eyes shut when it became clear what the judge was about to do.

"We have new evidence," Wayne County Circuit Judge Lawrence Talon began.

Then the sniffing started, from one or two supporters in the back row of the packed courtroom on the sixth floor of the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in downtown Detroit.

"The court finds the newly discovered evidence to be credible and reliable."

The room erupted in screams and applause before Talon could finish.

Raymond Highers and his brother, Thomas Highers, both imprisoned for a quarter-century for a murder they long maintained they did not commit, just had their convictions wiped out.

And then, for the first time in the extraordinary hearing held off and on since March, Raymond Highers reached forward, shook his brother's hand and embraced him.

In a ruling from the bench that lasted about an hour, Talon said new witnesses who never went to police about the shotgun slaying of Robert Karey, 65, offered enough new evidence during the hearing to erase the 1988 decision by then-Judge Terrence Boyle to convict the brothers and sentence them to life in prison.

Older brother Thomas is now 46. Raymond just turned the same age.

Talon said he didn't buy the arguments of the prosecution that new witnesses discovered starting in 2009 were too inconsistent, unreliable and untrustworthy. And he outright dismissed suggestions that they had concocted their testimony to free the brothers.

Outside the courtroom, years of frustration over failed efforts to clear the men evolved into joy. The crowd in the courtroom flowed out into the hall, where people hugged and wept. "They're coming home!" one woman shouted.

The men, for the weekend at least, remain in jail. Talon planned to rule Thursday on whether the brothers should be freed, but a fire alarm shortly after his decision caused a temporary evacuation of the building.

The judge then put his decision off until Monday, when prosecutors are expected to argue the brothers should remain behind bars until an appeal of Talon's ruling is decided. Prosecutors also could retry the men, should they so choose.

Michael Highers, 42, who lives in Monroe, said he hadn't seen his brothers as free men since he was 17.

"It's overwhelming," he said through tears. "I just wish my mom would have been here to see it. It's the truth. It took 25 years to get here, but it's the truth."

"She knew that her boys didn't do it. She went to her grave believing that."

The Highers brothers' mother died about five years ago.

"That was my mom's mission: to get them out of there. I know that's her up there, working OT."

The rare hearing on the old murder case, which Talon conducted off and on for months amid other matters, featured testimony from the new witnesses and attempts by a prosecutor to knock down their accounts. Most of the Highers' friends and family who were there for Thursday's ruling had attended every session of the hearing.



Al Jones, Office of the Secretary of Defense exhibits curator, tours the 1940s room of the Pentagon Building History Exhibit, which opened this month.

**The Pentagon, Frozen in Time**

BY STEVE VOGEL  
*The Washington Post*

In the summer of 2009, as the multiyear, multibillion-dollar renovation of the Pentagon rushed toward its conclusion, building supervisors confronted a sobering thought: By 2011, almost nothing would remain of the original interior of the historic military headquarters.

Nearly every square inch of the distinctive, World War II-era decor would be gutted and converted into ubiquitous, modern Washington office space.

"It was almost a little bit of remorse — is there something we can do to preserve a piece of this?" recalled Bill Brazis, director of Washington Headquarters Services, the Defense Department agency that manages the building. "It was the idea that we were losing a bit of history if we didn't pause."

They did pause. After raising the question up the chain of command and getting a nod of approval from Robert M. Gates, then defense secretary, building managers agreed to spare a small swath of territory on the third floor, along Corridor 2 off the C ring.

The result is the "Penta-

gon Building History Exhibit" which officially opened this month. Two offices, preserved and restored to earlier times, sit behind a plate-glass window along the corridor. Visitors can walk through a third display room stripped to its concrete slab and terra-cotta walls and stroll down a tiny stretch of original hallway, the only unrenovated segment left from the Pentagon's 17 miles of corridors.

At 1,600 square feet, the exhibit is modest for a 6.5 million-square-foot building. At that late stage in the 17-year renovation, it was all that the planners dared take in a headquarters where military services and defense agencies jealously protect their territory.

"We had to strike a balance," Brazis said. "We didn't want to take operating space from people who need it. It was not in the cards to preserve a whole corridor or ring."

The first room recreates the Pentagon of World War II, soon after it opened in 1942. The walls are a sickly green familiar to generations of employees; curators painstakingly matched the paint to the original color. Along the back wall, origi-

nal windows overlook the concrete walls of a light well.

The room is populated by life-sized photo cutouts of Pentagon workers taken from historical photographs. "It was a tossup between mannequins and photos," said Albert Jones, curator of historical exhibits for the Office of the Secretary of Defense, who oversaw the decor. "People have liked these. They look more authentic."

At one desk, a secretary perched in her chair in front of a Royal typewriter and rotary telephone cheerily holds up a memo from the Army adjutant general's office. Another secretary files papers, while a male colleague in a double-breasted suit chats on the phone. One fellow clasps a cigarette; stashed in his desk are bottles of whiskey and brandy — authentic empties that renovation workers found behind Pentagon walls.

The room includes an original Pentagon clock, one of thousands that hung in the building. A 48-star American flag stands in the corner, near a wall-sized map showing the world circa 1940 and various patriotic posters.

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Jackson Walrath**

**FILER** • Jackson Wayne Walrath, infant son of Wayne and Michelle Walrath of Filer, died Tuesday, July 24, 2012, at Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, at the Filer Cemetery (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

**Ronald Adams**

**HAGERMAN** • Ronald H. "Ron" Adams, 75, of Hagerman, died Wednesday, July 25, 2012, at home.

No service will be held at this time (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

**Joseph Wood**

**HAGERMAN** • Joseph Daniel Wood, 49, of Hagerman, died Wednesday, July 25, 2012, at his home.

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

**Roger Thomson**

**BOISE** • Roger Earl Thomson, 67, of Boise, died Wednesday, July 25, 2012, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

**Robert Fishel**

**BUHL** • Robert "Bob" D. Fishel, 62, of Buhl, died Thursday, July 26, 2012, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl.

**Dennis Crowder**

**GOODING** • Dennis Ray Crowder, 55, of Gooding, died Tuesday, July 24, 2012, in Gooding.

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

**Elaine Gardner**

**SARATOGA SPRINGS, Utah** • Elaine Gardner, 93, of Saratoga Springs, Utah, and formerly of Hazelton, died Thursday, July 26, 2012, in Orem, Utah.

Arrangements will be announced by Rosenau Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

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**ENTERTAINMENT**

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# Sun Valley's Symphony School: A 'World-class Experience' for Young Musicians

BY KAREN BOSSICK  
For the Times-News

**SUN VALLEY** • Every day next week Kathleen McCurdy of Twin Falls will point her car and her daughters toward Sun Valley.

There, 13-year-old Lauren and 11-year-old Katelyn will join 215 other music students at The Community School, where percussionists will punctuate the air with booms on kettle drum and cymbals and flutists will toot "Ode to Joy." Concert harpists will count beats as children pluck the strings of harps that are bigger than they, and 9- and 12-year-olds will learn to sing college-level operetta pieces from "The Merry Widow" and "Die Fledermaus."

"It's an amazing opportunity, a world-class experience. The Sun Valley Pavilion is such a beautiful place to perform. And the kids get to study in a concentrated masters format."

Parent **Kathleen McCurdy** of Twin Falls

Lauren, a violinist, and Katelyn, a piano player, have attended the Sun Valley Summer Symphony School of Music's workshop for the past two years, studying under some of the finest symphony musicians in the U.S. At the end of the week they perform what they've learned in the Sun Valley Pavilion.

"It's an amazing opportunity, a world-class experience," said McCurdy, whose daughters aspire to be professional musicians. "The Sun Valley

Pavilion is such a beautiful place to perform. And the kids get to study in a concentrated masters format. They make friends with children from around the country and learn how to collaborate with other young musicians in quartets and other ensembles. And they're making beautiful music by the end of the week."

The Sun Valley Summer Symphony has offered the weeklong summer  
*Please see SYMPHONY, E2*

# CHIP OFF THE OL' BLOCK

The Peanuts gang will reunite on the Magic Valley Little Theatre stage in July and August.

BY TETONA DUNLAP  
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**TWIN FALLS** • The blockhead is back. Good grief.

Tonight, Magic Valley Little Theatre opens its production of the musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," based on the Peanuts comic strip by Charles M. Schulz and all its beloved characters — Snoopy, Schroeder, Lucy, Sally, Linus and, of course, Charlie Brown.

**More Online**

SEE a gallery of more photos of the "Charlie Brown" cast.  
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Just like reading the comic strip, you'll experience the life of these 6-year-olds in vignettes, not in a story line like a holiday movie's. To transport you even further back into your childhood, a light dinner or lunch precedes each show. Attendees will snack on a Charlie Brown brown bag lunch of peanut butter and jelly, cookie, apple slices, juice box and chips, included in the \$10 general admission ticket.

Director Lori Henson said this show has something for everyone, whether or not you grew up with the Peanuts gang.

"It's lots of fun and colorful, and the characters are easily understood," Henson said. "Charlie Brown and all those characters speak like adults, but they are kids."

Two all-adult casts will bring to life the delightful Peanuts characters — with the exception of Snoopy and Linus, each played by a single actor in both casts.

To get into character, the actors must think like a 6-year-old.

"Six-year-olds have no reservations," said Jemine Rinard of Twin Falls, who is channeling Linus' pushy big sister and Charlie Brown's terrorizer, Lucy.

Ten years ago, while still in high school in  
*Please see CHARLIE, E3*



Justin Stallones as Charlie Brown jumps into the air during 'You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown' rehearsal with other cast members.

**The Cast**

Role	Actors
Charlie Brown	Larry Johnson, Justin Stallones
Schroeder	Kiefer Starks, Ryker Harris
Linus	Erik Bingham
Snoopy	Jared Johnson
Sally	Stacie Jensen, Madison Henson
Lucy	Heather Etchevery, Jemine Rinard

**The Show**

**What:** "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"  
**When:** July 27-28, July 30 and Aug. 3-4, with a light dinner at 6:30 p.m. and show at 7 p.m.; matinees are July 28 and Aug. 4-5 with a light lunch at 1 p.m. and show at 1:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Encore Performance and Event Center, 681 Filer Ave., Twin Falls.  
**Tickets:** \$10 (includes meal), available at Kurt's Pharmacy, Lynwood Shopping Center, Euro Style Hair at Campus Commons and Shot in the Dark, and from any cast member.

## Watch Declo Artist, Others Paint Outdoors in Ketchum

BY KAREN BOSSICK  
For the Times-News

**KETCHUM** • Work your way along the Oregon Trail and you just might run into Robert Moore unloading paintbrushes and canvases from his ATV.

The Burley native has a painting studio in an old bean warehouse along the Snake River near Declo. But he prefers painting on location because, he says, it offers a way to express an immediate impression of each subject.

Moore will be in his element Aug. 1-3 when he takes part in Kneeland Gallery's annual Plein Air Exhibition in Ketchum.

Several artists will take part, including Moore, Kimberly artist John Horejs, Ketchum artist Lori McNee, Tetonia artist Bart Walker, Boise artist Fred Choate, Northwest artist John Braman and Utah artists Steve Adams and Shauna Kunz.

They'll paint along Sun Valley's Trail Creek Road between Boundary Creek Campground and the beaver ponds Aug. 1. On Aug. 2, they will paint in sites near Ketchum of their choosing (spectators may contact the gallery at 208-726-5512 to find out where each artist will be). On Aug. 3, they'll paint in the courtyard of Kneeland Gallery, 271 First Ave. N., and Kunz and McNee will give a brown bag lunch demonstration at noon.

The artists will display their final works, which will be for sale, at the gallery from 5 to 8 p.m. during the Aug. 3 free Gallery Walk around Ketchum.

"It's the best event we put on all year long because it's so interactive," said Ingrid Cherry, a sales representative at Kneeland Gallery. "It gives people a chance to meet the artists and watch them create."

Painting in the studio  
*Please see PLEIN AIR, E3*

## Twin Falls Man's Musical Comedy Reaches a Buhl Stage

BY BLAIR KOCH  
For the Times-News

**BUHL** • After hours in new tap shoes, the skin on Megan Choate's left foot finally blistered. Determined to play a convincing starlet with graceful ballroom skills, Choate simply eyed the wound and slipped the slightly ill-fitting shoe back onto her throbbing foot.

"I just learned how to tap dance yesterday. ... Well, it was the first time I had tap danced since I was 4," Choate said. "As an actress you just have to pick things up quickly."

Still, Choate invested plenty of time rehearsing the original choreography, songs and script for her role as Elizabeth Masters in "That's Showbiz," a musical comedy reworked by Billy Perry of Twin Falls from a script that Perry wrote with Donald Wight of Twin Falls. The West End Theatre Co.



Billy Perry, left, and Karlee Hatfield rehearse Nat King Cole's 'Unforgettable.' Perry put the song and dance — along with other well-loved numbers from various decades — into his 'That's Showbiz' musical comedy.

production will be at Mimi's Saddlehorn Events Center in Buhl on Saturday for two shows only: an afternoon cocktail show and an evening dinner theater.

Working through pain is just one facet of Choate's dedication. Another is driving to

Twin Falls from Boise at least once a week for rehearsal. Although Choate used to live in Twin Falls, she recently moved to attend Boise State University this fall.

"I have family in Twin Falls, but my schedule has been  
*Please see SHOWBIZ, E4*

**Two Showings**

**What:** West End Theatre Co. presents "That's Showbiz," by Billy Perry  
**When:** 4 p.m. cocktail show and 8 p.m. dinner show, July 28  
**Where:** Mimi's Saddlehorn Events Center, 289 Clear Lake Road, Buhl  
**Tickets:** Cocktail show, \$8. Dinner show, \$25 each or \$45 per couple. For evening reservations, call Perry at 420-2792 or Mimi's 543-2721.

"I just learned how to tap dance yesterday. ... As an actress you just have to pick things up quickly."

Actress **Megan Choate**

# Met Soprano Opens Free Symphony Series

BY KAREN BOSSICK  
For the Times-News

**SUN VALLEY** • Soprano Deborah Voigt, who is coming off her role as Brunnhilde in the New York Metropolitan Opera's "Ring Cycle," will open the Sun Valley Summer Symphony's 2012 season of free concerts on July 30 at the Sun Valley Pavilion.

Voigt — who has sung opposite Spanish tenor Placido Domingo — will sing "Brunnhilde's Immolation Scene" from "Götterdämmerung" and selected songs from Robert Strauss that night. The orchestra will also perform Wagner's "Ride of the Valkyries."

The 11 concerts that follow will include Pops Night, featuring "Hoedown" from "Rodeo," "Olympic Fanfare" and other songs, on Aug. 4. Pianist Jon Kimura Parker will perform The Lighter Side concert on Aug. 5, which includes Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" and Gershwin's "Summertime."

And best-selling detective writer Ridley Pearson, who has a home in Hailey, will narrate the premiere of "Cowboy Bill," which he wrote with symphony timpanist Alex Orfaly, at the Family Concert at 2 p.m. Aug. 11. The piece, dedicated to Johnny Cash, takes its inspi-



PHOTO COURTESY PETER ROSS

A free performance by Met soprano Deborah Voigt will open the Sun Valley Summer Symphony's season.

ration from Aaron Copland and soundtracks for "The Magnificent Seven" and "The Cowboys."

Symphony director Alasdair Neale spent a year preparing for Mahler's 90-minute "Symphony No. 6," to be performed Aug. 7.

"It's huge in every sense of the word but very wonderful," he said.

All Sun Valley Summer

Symphony concerts start at 6:30 p.m. with the exception of a student performance at 3 p.m. Aug. 3 and the Family Concert at 2 p.m. Aug. 11.

All concerts are free. You can sit inside the covered pavilion or spread out a picnic on the lawn in front of the giant screen outside the pavilion.

Information: svsummer-symphony.org

## Symphony

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workshop for 15 years. It started with 35 students and eight faculty at Hemingway Elementary School. This year students will study under 42 faculty, many of whom come from the New York Philharmonic and other orchestras to perform with Sun Valley Summer Symphony.

Tuition is \$90 — "a bargain, considering similar camps charge \$1,000 at least," said Kim Gasenica, the symphony school's education director.

"Over the years we've had students from 25 different states. One came from Alaska last year, and this year we will have a student from Hawaii," she added.

This year, Met soprano Deborah Voigt — a top gun in the opera world — will teach a vocal class.

Acclaimed French pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet worked with piano students a few years ago. And Israeli-born Itzhak Perlman, regarded as one of the preeminent violinists of the 20th and early 21st centuries, addressed students when he performed with the symphony in 2010.

"One of the students asked how long they should practice and he told them a serious student should practice four hours a day — one hour on scales, one hour on etudes, one hour on a piece they planned to perform, and another hour on whatever else," recounted Gasenica. "The next day they asked another guest violinist the same question, thinking she'd go easier on them since she was younger. She said when she was 11 or 12 she practiced six to eight hours a day."

The students get to show what they learned in two free concerts Aug. 3 at the Sun Valley Pavilion. Intermediate and beginning students and ensembles, including orchestra, piano soloists and vocal ensembles, will perform at 3 p.m. Advanced students and ensembles will perform at 6:30 p.m.

There also will be a soloist recital at 4 p.m. Aug. 1 in the Community School auditorium; an opera workshop performance at 4 p.m. Aug. 4 in the Sun Valley Opera House; and an advanced chamber ensemble performance at 4 p.m. Aug. 6 in the Sun Valley Opera House. Those all have free admission, too.

Twin Falls music teachers Leigh Heward and Sue Miller teach at the Summer School of Music Workshop and the Sun Valley Summer Symphony School of Music Core

## EXHIBITIONS

**ART/TWIN FALLS**  
"Body Language" group show continues through AUG. 4 at Jean B. King Gallery at Herrett Center for Arts and Science; 42 works by 15 artists. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 1-9 p.m. Saturdays. Free admission. 732-6655 or cs.edu/herrett.



**ART/KETCHUM**  
"Making Camp" exhibit on display through SEPT. 19 at Sun Valley Center for the Arts, 191 Fifth St. E. Seven artists' work. (Pictured: Ranu Mukherjee's "Camper Van, Elisabeth Setten," 2010.) Also, an outdoor wall-tent installation at Second Avenue and

Fourth Street. Free exhibition tours: 5:30 p.m. AUG. 16 and SEPT. 13. Gallery Walk: 5-8 p.m. AUG. 3 and AUG. 31. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays in July and August. Free admission. Sunvalleycenter.org or 726-9491, ext. 10.

**ART/TWIN FALLS**  
Works by Twin Falls photographer Rick Otto at Shot in the Dark coffee shop, 1020 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. A drawing for one of Otto's pieces held at the end of July. Free admission. Hours: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays.

**ART/TWIN FALLS**  
Magic Valley Arts Council's exhibit, featuring encaustic by Barbara Michener and Gerilyn Feustel and new works by Full Moon Gallery members and guest artist Claudette Bray, continues through AUG. 31 at Twin Falls Center for the Arts, 195 River Vista Place. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays to Fridays and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays. Free admission. 734-2787.

**ART/FILER**  
Eclectic Affair art exhibit on display noon to 4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, through SEPT. 14-15, at Lion's Gate Gallery, 229 Main St. Works by Jeff Lohr, Marie Fisher, Nancy Bill and Ruth Day. 543-5265.

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Jared Johnson rehearses as Snoopy for 'You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown.' The show opens tonight on a Twin Falls stage.

## Charlie

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Washington, Rinard played Lucy onstage when she scored her first role in the musical. She has many more characters under her belt now but is excited to again play the role that started it all.

"It's the character that brought me out of my shell," Rinard said.

A Filer father and his

"I played a lot of roles from the hero to the villain. You can't be afraid to be goofy."

Jared Johnson, who plays Snoopy

son will take on the personalities of Charlie Brown and his dog, Snoopy. Larry Johnson plays the beagle. Also playing Charlie Brown will be Justin Stallones.

Larry remembers

watching the cartoon and the movies as a child.

He said the most important characteristic when it comes to playing Charlie Brown is humility. After all, Charlie Brown gets grief from everyone, including Snoopy. The dog is Larry's fa-

vorite character: "Snoopy is Joe Cool," he said.

But Larry has to leave the cool factor to his son.

In this musical version, Snoopy talks and sings but only the audience hears what he says.

Jared said Snoopy is the personification of fearlessness and the role calls for him to let loose.

"I played a lot of roles from the hero to the villain," Jared said. "You can't be afraid to be goofy."

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## Plein Air

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versus painting outdoors is like the difference between playing in the sandbox and being on the beach, said Moore, who imbues aspens and other familiar landscape elements with vivid colors and a rather complex impressionist flair.

"All the order of God's creation is available in nature to be studied. All of the answers and secrets of light and form are available on location to anyone willing to put forth the effort," he said. "This wonderful fact about painting on location is also what makes it so very difficult. The amount of information, the endless variety and progressions of color and value make it overwhelming at first. An artist must first learn how to edit and simply communicate a clear design."

Once the plein air artist is in control of these things, he said, it's possible to get more complex.

"My favorite time to paint is early morning and evening. The light's more exciting. The colors are heightened. Like the longer, cooler shadows," said Horejs, who has rolled out of his sleeping bag many a morning to paint mountains and lakes as the sun rises.

Moore, who has gained a reputation as a mentor to aspiring painters, said he enjoys visiting while he paints. He's a teacher at heart.

He encourages spectators to get there during the first 20 minutes of a painting, as that's when the design or foundation is laid. Bring an umbrella, a cold drink, a chair and plenty of questions concerning editing, design and color, he added.

"My approach to painting is ever-changing. My current approach is to attempt to put fully saturated colors onto the canvas and then establish progressions quickly and work almost backwards from what I have learned in the past," he said. "I will establish the color progressions first and then work out the large value masses toward the end instead of at the beginning. This forces many challenges, but it also is allowing me to learn more about color and the natural effects of light and color."



Declo artist Robert Moore is a big fan of color. Watch him at work next week at Kneeland Gallery's Plein Air Exhibition in Ketchum.

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# EVENTS CALENDAR

## 27 FRIDAY

### GARDEN PARTY/ TWIN FALLS

Third annual Twin Falls County Republican Women's Summer Garden Party, at the home of Chuck and Joann Rutler, 2560 Spruce Ridge Circle. Social hour starts at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. It's a "Midsummers Night Dream with a Mardi Gras spin," according to president Mya Goodman. Costumes optional. Tickets

are \$20 each or \$35 per couple, at twinfallsrepublicanwomen.com or 420-6954.

### PLANETARIUM/ TWIN FALLS

Faulkner Planetarium at Herrett Center for Arts and Science presents "Dark Matters" with live sky tour, 2 p.m.; "Here Comes the Sun," 3:30 p.m.; "The Planets," 7 p.m.; and "Pink Floyd: The Wall" at 8:15 p.m. Tickets for the afternoon and 7 p.m. shows are \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors and \$2.50 for students. Tickets for 8:15

p.m. show are \$4.50 for all ages. 732-6655 or csi.edu/herrett.

### AIRPLANE DISPLAY, RIDES/TWIN FALLS

WWII B-25 bomber "Maid in the Shade" on display and available for rides and tours at Joslin Field Magic Valley Regional Airport. The bomber flew combat missions and has been restored and operated as a flying museum by the Commemorative Air Force, Arizona Wing Aviation Museum. Rides are \$395; reservations,

480-322-5503, or at the event.

### WINE TALK/ TWIN FALLS

Wine tasting and wine talk featuring "Terroir: How geography, geology and climate influence our wines" with Gina Rodriguez of BRJ, 6-8 p.m. at the Last Friday event at Rudy's-A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W. \$12.50 for six wines. 733-5477.

### THEATER/TWIN FALLS

Community theater group

Magic Valley Little Theatre presents "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" at Encore Performance and Event Center, 681 Filer Ave. The musical comedy, with music and lyrics by Clark Gesner, is based on characters created by Charles M. Schulz in the "Peanuts" comic strip. Light dinner at

6:30 p.m. and show at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 (includes meal), available at Kurt's Pharmacy, Lynwood Shopping Center, Euro Style Hair at Campus Commons and Shot in the Dark, and from any cast member. Info: Tina Luttmer, tina-marie.21@q.com.

## Showbiz

Continued from Entertainment 1

crazy," Choate said. "I believe that rehearsal is what you make of it, and I spend a lot of time on my own working on lines, and now that I've been shown the tap dancing will work on those moves a lot too. I will probably spend a lot of hours working on the tap dancing because I want the performance to be convincing. The character is supposed to be a good dancer."

Choate is one of three actors bringing to life the new script. It's the story of Elizabeth Masters, who is stuck in Chicago with her agent/friend Mary Ryker, played

by Karlee Hatfield. The women fall in love with two local actors while running from fans and hiding in a local theater.

Although "Showbiz" contains classical cool crooner hits like Sinatra's "Chicago," "Cabaret" by Liza Minnelli and "Unforgettable" by Nat King Cole, the storyline plays off of modern paparazzi-driven drivel contained in the pages of celebrity rags. That gives the plot ample opportunity for drama and laughs.

"It's really a spoof on celebrity gossip. It's the new romances, divorces, new kids and everything else you would read in *People* or *Ok!* magazine," Perry said.

Perry plays the love interests of Elizabeth and Mary: Ned, an old-fashioned

crooner, and Ben, an egotistical young actor. He juggles the two characters not by choice but by necessity.

"I had other actors lined up, but everyone is so busy they'd end up calling me back not being able to do the show," Perry said. "Finally, it was just easier for me to do the parts."

Perry worked with Hatfield, 23, a Twin Falls dancing instructor, to shape the show's many dance routines.

"There are 13 songs and a few we dance to. There is a fun cabaret number where we use a chair," Hatfield said.

The last time Hatfield acted onstage was in high school, five years ago.

"It's kind of exhilarating, like revisiting an old love," Hatfield said.



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a.m. at Montana Steak House, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive. No cover.

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**RoughDraft**, 9 p.m. at the Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly

Road. No cover.

**MUSIC/TWIN FALLS**  
Patio Party with DJ Wyatt, 9 p.m. at Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center, 330 Canyon Crest Drive.

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**MUSIC/TWIN FALLS**  
DJ music, 9 p.m. to closing, at Woody's, 213 Fifth Ave. S. No cover.



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# EVENTS CALENDAR

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## MOVIE/TWIN FALLS

Annual **Movies in the Park** series featuring "Monsters Inc." at 9:30 p.m. in front of the band shell at Twin Falls City Park. Presented by Twin Falls Parks and Recreation. Free admission. 736-2265.

## MOVIE/TWIN FALLS

"Think Like a Man" outdoor movie, hosted by CSI Program Board, 10 p.m. near the CSI tower. A comedy about four men whose love lives are shaken up after the ladies they are pursuing buy a book that teaches them how to think like a man. Rated PG-13. Free popcorn. Admission is a can of food or other nonperishable item for a local food bank. Bring chairs or blankets.

## DANCE PERFORMANCE/BURLEY

**Idaho International Dance and Music Festival** gala performance, 7:30 p.m. at King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Park Ave., with about 140 dancers from France, Japan, Indonesia, Poland and Russia. Pre-show at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and \$12.50, at Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, 679-4793; Book Plaza in Burley, The Book Store in Rupert, or the door.

## COUNTRY, ROCK/DECLO

**The Fugitives**, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers, 826 Idaho Highway 81. No cover.

## THEATER/GLENN'S FERRY

**Glenn's Ferry Opera Theatre** presents a comedy murder mystery, "Lethal Lecture," Fridays through AUG. 24, at 148 E. Idaho St. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m., with show at 7:45 p.m. Tickets are \$24 for dinner and show; dinner reservations required; 366-7408 or 366-2744. Show-only tickets are \$7 general admission and \$6 for seniors and children. [Glennsferrytheatre.org](http://Glennsferrytheatre.org).

## THEATER/HAILEY

**Company of Fools** presents Jim Luigs' musical "Das Barbecu" at 8 p.m. at Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St. The production grafts Wagner's epic "Ring Cycle" operas with old-fashioned Texas twang. Five actors portray more than 30 wacky characters. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$20 for seniors (62 and older) and \$10 for students (18 and younger). Discount tickets are \$20 for groups of six or more. Tickets at [companyoffools.org](http://companyoffools.org), 578-9122, Liberty Theatre or at the box office one hour before the show.

## DANCING/JEROME

**Dance** with music by **Country Classics** band, 8 p.m. to midnight, at Snake River Elks Lodge, 412 E. 200 S. \$5 each or \$9 per couple. Food available. 280-3365.

## MUSIC/JEROME

**Strive Roots**, an Oregon-based reggae/ska band, and **Islander Night**, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Diamondz Bar and Grill, 220 W. Main St. Wear islander gear and qualify to win prizes. No cover. 644-1111.

## CAR CRUISE/KETCHUM

**Sun Valley Road Rally cruise**, 6-8 p.m. with 40 drivers starting at Serenade Lane on Ketchum's south side and cruising to Ketchum Town Plaza. Live music at the plaza and voting on a favorite vehicle. Free for spectators. [Sunvalleyroadrally.com](http://Sunvalleyroadrally.com).

## THEATER/OAKLEY

**Oakley Valley Arts Council** presents the musical "The Wizard of Oz" at 7:30 p.m. at Howells Opera House, 160 N. Blaine Ave. Directed by Walt Robberson. Tickets are \$8 at 677-2787. [Oakleyvalleyarts.org](http://Oakleyvalleyarts.org).

## COUNTY FAIR, RODEO/SHOSHONE

**Lincoln County Fair** continues at the fairgrounds: 8 a.m., 4-H/FFA beef show; 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., exhibits open; 1 p.m., dairy show; 4 p.m., large animal round robin showmanship; and 8 p.m., IMPRA rodeo in the arena.

## LECTURE/STANLEY

**Sawtooth Forum and Lecture Series** with a presentation by Jeff Gabardi,



Denny Davis, as the Emerald City Guard, greets Dorothy and fellow travelers during rehearsal for "The Wizard of Oz." The Oakley Valley Arts Council production wraps up its run this weekend at Howells Opera House in Oakley.

"Prospectors and Miners," 5 p.m. at Stanley Museum on Idaho Highway 75 and 8 p.m. in the Redfish Center at Redfish Lake. Gabardi discusses regulations for mining claims and mineral activities in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, and tells about mines he inspected during SNRA's early years. Presented by Sawtooth Interpretive and Historical Association. Free. [Discoversawtooth.org](http://Discoversawtooth.org).

## MUSIC FESTIVAL/STANLEY

**Sawtooth Music Festival** starts at 6 p.m. at Pioneer Park, with headliner Portland-based **Langhorne Slim**. Other bands: Shovels and Rope, Lucy Michelle and The Velvet Lapelles, Rose's Pawn Shop, Ages and Ages, Hollow Wood, Free Peoples and Boise Rock School. No glass containers. Weekend pass, \$50 advance and \$55 day of show; Friday-only pass, \$15 advance and \$20 day of; and Saturday-only pass, \$40 advance and \$45 day of. Children 12 and younger admitted free. Camping fee: \$10 per vehicle each night. Tickets at [sawtoothmusicfestival.com](http://sawtoothmusicfestival.com).



## CLASSICAL/SUN VALLEY

**Sun Valley Summer Symphony's** Edgar M. Bronfman "In Focus" series, featuring soprano **Deborah Voigt**, 6:30 p.m. at the Sun Valley Pavilion. Voigt is a regular performer in the Metropolitan Opera's "Met: Live in HD" series. Includes Johann Strauss' "Emperor Waltz" and Wolf's "Italian Serenade," and a discussion by symphony music director Alasdair Neale. Free admission; [svsummersymphony.org](http://svsummersymphony.org).

## MUSIC/IDAHO FALLS

**The Osmonds** concert, presented by CSI, 8 p.m. at the Civic Auditorium, 501 S. Holmes Ave. Proceeds benefit Olive Osmond Hearing Fund and Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind. Tickets are \$26 at [idahofallsarts.org](http://idahofallsarts.org).

## 28 SATURDAY

### DEMONSTRATIONS/TWIN FALLS

**Air National Guard "Rise to the Challenge"** tour, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Air Magic Valley air show at Joslin Field Magic

Valley Regional Airport, 492 Airport Loop. Participate in simulated missions demonstrating Air Guard roles. Tour features five interactive challenges; each highlighting skills associated with an Air Guard career field.

## AIR SHOW/TWIN FALLS

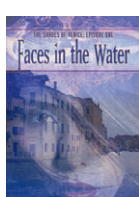
**Air Magic Valley air show**, featuring **U.S. Navy Blue Angels** and **U.S. Army Golden Knights**, at Joslin Field Magic Valley airport, 492 Airport Loop. Blue Angels' act includes six F/A-18 Hornets and a Lockheed Martin C-130 Hercules with precise aviation routines, and the Golden Knights perform difficult live parachute demonstrations. Tentative schedule: 11:05 a.m., Dave Erickson circles the jumpers for opening ceremony; 11:15 a.m., Jacquie B Airshows with gyroscopic maneuvers; 11:35 a.m., Smoke-n-Thunder; 11:55 a.m., Brad Wursten; 12:10 p.m., Kent Pietsch with a flying comedy act; 12:20 p.m., Super Dave; 12:35 p.m., Dan Buchanan; 12:45 p.m., Kent Pietsch; 1 p.m., Dave Erickson (Zlin); 1:35 p.m., Smoke-n-Thunder race with Tim Weber; 1:55 p.m., Kent Pietsch; 2:05 p.m., Golden Knights; 2:40 p.m., Matt Younkin; and 3 p.m., Blue Angels. Several aircraft displays. Advance tickets: \$15 for adults and \$12.50 for seniors, members of the military and youth, at: First Federal branches, Happy Landing Restaurant, King's stores, Muni Storage, Napa Auto Parts locations, Reeder Flying Service, Ridley's Family Markets, Rob Green Auto Group, Twin Stop locations and Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. At the gate: \$20 adults and \$15 youth, seniors and military. No coolers or pets allowed. [Airmagicvalley.org](http://Airmagicvalley.org).

## AIRPLANE DISPLAY, RIDES/TWIN FALLS

**WWII B-25 bomber** "Maid in the Shade" on display and available for rides and tours at Joslin Field Magic Valley Regional Airport. Rides are \$395; reservations, 480-322-5503, or at the event.

## PAINTING/TWIN FALLS

**Paws on Pottery** pet painting project and photo party, 10 a.m. to noon, at Hands On, 147 Shoshone St. N. Bring your dog. Projects start at \$10; reservations: 736-4475.



## BOOK SIGNING/TWIN FALLS

Jerome native **Tonya Macalino** and **Raymond Macalino** sign copies of their new books, 2-5:30 p.m. at Hast-

ings, 870 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Tonya's new book, "Faces in the Water," is the first in her paranormal thriller series, "The Shades of Venice." Raymond's is "Damien and the Dragon Kite," a children's picture book about a boy who brings his dragon to the kite festival and learns the magic behind the word "please." The Macalinos live in Hillsboro, Ore. [Tonyamacalino.com](http://Tonyamacalino.com).

## PLANETARIUM/TWIN FALLS

**Faulkner Planetarium** at Herrett Center for Arts and Science presents "Dark Matters" with live sky tour, 2 p.m.; "Lifestyles of the Stars" with live sky tour, 4 p.m.; "The Planets," 7 p.m.; and "Led Zeppelin: Maximum Volume I" at 8:15 p.m. Tickets for the afternoon and 7 p.m. shows are \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors and \$2.50 for students. Tickets for 8:15 p.m. show are \$4.50 for all ages. 732-6655 or [csi.edu/herrett](http://csi.edu/herrett).

## THEATER/TWIN FALLS

Community theater group **Magic Valley Little Theatre** presents "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" at Encore Performance and Event Center, 681 Filer Ave. Light lunch at 1 p.m. and matinee show at 1:30 p.m.; light dinner at 6:30 p.m. and show at 7 p.m.; \$10 (includes meal). Info: [tinamarie.21@q.com](mailto:tinamarie.21@q.com).

## MUSIC/TWIN FALLS

**Live music**, 7-10 p.m. at Cucina Gemelli and Papa Hemi's Hideaway, 233 Fifth Ave. S., in the city's historical warehouse district. No cover. 735-1228.

## MUSIC/TWIN FALLS

**DJ music**, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Steak House, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive. No cover.

## MUSIC/TWIN FALLS

**Jason Lugo Band**, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. in the lounge at Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center, 330 Canyon Crest Drive. No cover.

## ROCK/TWIN FALLS

**RoughDraft**, 9 p.m. at the Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road. No cover.

## DANCE CONTEST/TWIN FALLS

"Dance till you drop" contest's new series, 10:30 p.m. at Woody's, 213 Fifth Ave. S. Contestants must dance to the DJ's music for at least an hour and a half and until all but one drops out. Weekly winner gets \$50 gift card. No cover.

## THEATER/BUHL

**West End Theatre Co.** production of "That's Showbiz," a dinner theater musical revue, 4 and 8 p.m. at Mimi's Saddlehorn Events Center,

289 Clear Lakes Road. Concert format features narrator and singers telling the story. Cocktail show at 4 p.m.; tickets are \$8 each. Lasagna dinner show at 8 p.m.; tickets are \$25, or \$45 a couple. Reservations required for dinner show: 420-2792 or 543-2721.

## MUSIC/BURLEY

**Sweet Country Air**, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. for the annual summer party and dance at B.J.'s 19th Hole Sports Tavern (on Alfresco Road behind Walmart). No cover.

## COUNTRY, ROCK/DECLO

**The Fugitives**, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers, 826 Idaho Highway 81. No cover.

## GYMKHANA/FAIRFIELD

**4-H horse show and gymkhana**, part of Camas County Fair, 11 a.m. at TNT Farms Arena, 400 S. 270 E. Lunch available for purchase. Bring lawn chairs.

## THEATER/GLENN'S FERRY

**Glenn's Ferry Opera Theatre** presents a melodrama, "Cornfield of Dreams," Saturdays through AUG. 25, at 148 E. Idaho St. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m., with show at 7:45 p.m. Tickets are \$24 for dinner and show; dinner reservations required: 366-7408 or 366-2744. Show-only tickets are \$7 general admission and \$6 for seniors and children. [Glennsferrytheatre.org](http://Glennsferrytheatre.org).

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## MUSIC/HOLLISTER

**Flashback**, 7-11 p.m. at Bodas Bar and Grill; prime rib special night. No cover.

## MUSIC/JEROME

**Doubleback**, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Diamondz Bar and Grill, 220 W. Main St. Newly reformed band with Tracy Armstrong, Rusty Scott, Garrett Garity and Ken Moreno. No cover. 644-1111.



## ROAD RALLY, GALA/KETCHUM

Fourth annual **Sun Valley Road Rally**, a benefit for the Blaine County Drug Coalition, begins at 9 a.m., meet the drivers and see the cars in the parking lot at the base of Bald Mountain; followed by the rally 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Idaho Highway 75, with five heats of 12 drivers each. Food available for sale at viewing site. **Gala and auction**, 6 p.m. to midnight at River Run Lodge, features gourmet dinner, music by Boise's High Street Band, and live and silent auctions. Spectator tickets for rally: \$10, or \$20 per family; free for children under 6; (in-

## Calendar Deadlines

Don't miss your chance to tell southern Idaho about your event. The deadline for entries for the Entertainment calendar is 5 p.m. the Friday prior to publication. That means today, if you want your entry to appear next Friday. Send submissions to Ramona Jones: [ramona@magicvalley.com](mailto:ramona@magicvalley.com).

cludes transportation to and from the rally site). Gala tickets: \$150. Tickets at [sunvalleyroadrally.com](http://sunvalleyroadrally.com) or 727-8768. Raffle tickets: \$25 each for a chance to ride with Johnny Unser, or \$100 each for a chance to win a 2012 Porsche Cayenne.



## GARDEN TOUR/KETCHUM

**Sawtooth Botanical Garden's** 17th annual garden tour, themed "Secret Gardens," 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., featuring seven gardens near downtown. Tickets are \$35 for SBG members, \$45 for others and \$50 for those purchasing a membership with the tour. Tickets at SBG, Moss Garden Center, Sun Valley Garden Center, Webb Nursery and The Open Room in Ketchum, or at the gardens on day of tour. Proceeds benefit educational programs and garden development at SBG. 726-9358 or [sbgarden.org](http://sbgarden.org).

## GARDEN PARTY/KETCHUM

**Sawtooth Botanical Garden's** annual garden party, **Gimlets in the Garden**, 6-9 p.m. at 11 Gimlet Road. Includes Gimlet cocktails, live music by King Louie & the Chaperones, dinner by Savour, live auction and silent auction (many items available at online auction: [biddingforgood.com](http://biddingforgood.com)). Tickets are \$125 at 726-9358. Proceeds benefit SBG. [Sbgarden.org](http://Sbgarden.org).

## THEATER/OAKLEY

**Oakley Valley Arts Council** presents "The Wizard of Oz" at 7:30 p.m. at Howells Opera House, 160 N. Blaine Ave. Tickets are \$8 at 677-2787. [Oakleyvalleyarts.org](http://Oakleyvalleyarts.org).

## COUNTY FAIR, RODEO/SHOSHONE

**Lincoln County Fair** continues at the fairgrounds: 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., exhibits open; 10 a.m., baby bottle brigade; 11 a.m., 4-H/FFA market animal sale; 3 p.m., district livestock judging contest; and 7 p.m., ranch rodeo in the arena.

## MUSIC FESTIVAL/STANLEY

**Sawtooth Music Festival**, noon at Pioneer Park, with headliner Seattle band The Cave Singers. No glass containers. Saturday-only pass, \$40 advance and \$45 day of show. Children 12 and younger admitted free. Camping fee: \$10. Tickets at [sawtoothmusicfestival.com](http://sawtoothmusicfestival.com).

## FIGURE SKATING/SUN VALLEY

**Alissa Czisny, Kyoko Ina** and **John Zimmerman** perform at the Sun Valley on Ice show at dusk at the Sun Valley Ice Rink. Czisny is 2012 U.S. silver medalist and two-time U.S. gold medalist. Ina and Zimmerman are world bronze medalists and three-time U.S. gold medalists. Tickets are \$39-\$59 for bleacher seats, \$69 for Sun Room terrace seats and \$99 for dinner and show, at [seats.sunvalley.com](http://seats.sunvalley.com) or 622-2135.

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

FUNDRAISER/  
IDAHO FALLS

**M.A.D. Marathon**, Half, 10K, 5K and Kids Fun Run, presented by CSI. Marathon starts in Wolverine Canyon and ends at Snake River Landing. Entry fees: marathon, \$95; half marathon, \$65; 10K and 5K, \$25; 10K and 5K for 10 and younger, \$15; and free fun run. Preregister: theMAD-marathon.com. Proceeds benefit Olive Osmond Hearing Fund and Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind.

## 29 SUNDAY

DEMONSTRATIONS/  
TWIN FALLS

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AIR SHOW/  
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AIRPLANE DISPLAY,  
RIDES/TWIN FALLS

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## COUNTRY/EDEN

**Dance** with music by **Country Classics band**, 6-10 p.m. at Bills Trophy Club, 170 E. Wilson. No cover. Food available. 825-9910.

## MUSIC/KETCHUM

**Jazz in the Park** wraps up the season with Ketchum singer **Tyia Wilson** and friends, 6-8 p.m. at Rotary Park at Warm Springs and Saddle roads. Free.

COUNTY FAIR/  
SHOSHONE

**Lincoln County Fair** concludes at 5 p.m. with tractor pull in the arena.

LECTURE/  
STANLEY

**Sawtooth Forum and Lecture Series** with a presentation by Carter Niemeyer, 5 p.m. at Stanley Museum on Idaho Highway 75, and 8 p.m. in the Redfish Center at Redfish Lake. The wolf specialist and author speaks about his new book, "Wolfer," winner of 2011 Independent Publishers Book Awards gold medal for regional nonfiction, and discusses current wolf issues. Presented by Sawtooth Interpretive and Historical Association. Free. Discoversawtooth.org.

MUSIC/  
STANLEY

**Music From Stanley** concert series, featuring The Ravenna Colt with Caitlin Canty from New York City, 4-7 p.m. at Redfish Lake Lodge. Free. Musicfromstanley.com.

MUSIC/  
SUN VALLEY

**Sun Valley Summer Symphony** benefit concert, featuring jazz trumpeter **Chris Botti** (pictured), 6:30 p.m. at Sun Valley Pavilion, with music director Alasdair Neale and guest conductor Jeff Tyzik. Since the release of Botti's 2004 CD "When I Fall in Love," he has become the largest-selling American



jazz instrumental artist. Botti's work with PBS has led to four No. 1 jazz albums and multiple gold, platinum and Grammy Awards. Tickets range from \$50 to \$500; the \$250 and \$500 tickets include a 5 p.m. cocktail reception on Sun Valley Lodge Terrace; svsummersymphony.org. Proceeds support the symphony's free classical music concerts.

## 30 MONDAY

PAINTING, ICE CREAM/  
TWIN FALLS

**Ice cream social**, 6-8 p.m. at Hands On, 147 Shoshone St. N. Includes a painting project; create your own dessert. Cost range \$10-\$15; reservations: 736-4475.

ART CLASS/  
TWIN FALLS

**Creativity Class** for adults, 7-9 p.m. at Twin Falls Center for the Arts, 195 River Vista Place, with artistic, creativity-building projects. *Continues AUG. 1 and 3.* Karen Fothergill instructs. All levels welcome. Cost is \$35 (includes all three sessions) for Magic Valley Arts Council members and \$45 for others; supplies included. Preregistration required: 734-2787 or magicvalleyartsCouncil.org.

THEATER/  
TWIN FALLS

**Magic Valley Little Theatre** presents "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" at Encore Performance and Event Center, 681 Filer Ave. (Picture: Ryker Harris as Schroeder.) Light dinner at 6:30 p.m. and show at 7 p.m.; \$10 (includes meal). Info: tinamarie.21@q.com.

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RIDES/TWIN FALLS

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COUNTY FAIR/  
RUPERT

**Minidoka County Fair** begins at the fairgrounds, 85 E. Baseline Road: 9 a.m., 4-H dog show at pavilion; 2 p.m., goat show; 5 p.m., 4-H Cloverbud stick events; 6 p.m., lawn mower races in arena (\$5 each, \$15 per family); and 7 p.m., rabbit show. 436-9748.

CLASSICAL/  
SUN VALLEY

**Sun Valley Summer Symphony** opens its season, featuring Met soprano **Deborah Voigt**, 6:30 p.m. in the Sun Valley Pavilion. Selections include Wagner's "Ride of the Valkyries" from "Die Walkure" and R. Strauss' "Befreit" and "Frulingsfeier." Alasdair Neale conducts. Free admission; svsummersymphony.org.

## 31 TUESDAY

PLANETARIUM/  
TWIN FALLS

**Faulkner Planetarium** at Herrett Center for Arts and Science presents "Dark Matters" with live sky tour, 2 p.m.; "Lifestyles of the Stars" with live sky tour, 3:30 p.m.; "The Planets," 7 p.m.; and "U2" at 8:15 p.m. Tickets for the afternoon and 7 p.m. shows are \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors and \$2.50 for students. Tickets for 8:15 p.m. show are \$4.50 for all ages. 732-6655 or csi.edu/herrett.



**Madison Christiansen, 9, cools down her pig after a 4-H/FFA swine show during the 2011 Lincoln County Fair. Catch the 2012 fair action this weekend in Shoshone.**

MUSIC/  
TWIN FALLS

**Sarah Peacock**, originally from Atlanta, with pop-country music, 7-10 p.m. at Anchor Bistro and Bar, 334 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. No cover.

OPEN MIC/  
TWIN FALLS

**Open Microphone Night**, 8 p.m. at The Cove, 496 Addison Ave. No cover.

YODELING/  
BELLEVUE

**Kerry Christensen**, alpine and western yodeling master, 7 p.m. at Bellevue Memorial Park. Presented by Bellevue Chamber of Commerce. Bring lawn chairs. Free.

ACTING CLASS/  
HAILEY

**"The Audition,"** a Company of Fools' Creative Jump-Ins class for 17 and older, 1-3 p.m. at either Liberty Theatre or Meriwether Building. John Glenn and Denise Simone instruct. No theater experience necessary. Prepare one monologue before class starts so you may experience an audition. Learn to focus on the work through feedback and exercises. Cost is \$25; preregister: 788-6520 or denise@companyof-fools.org. Discounts available for multiple classes.

OPEN MIC/  
JEROME

**Musician's Night Out** for all musical talents, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Diamondz Bar and Grill, 220 W. Main St. No cover. 644-1111.

MUSIC/  
KETCHUM

**Ketch'em Alive** concert features **Polecat**, Americana stomp grass from Bellingham, Wash., 7-9 p.m. at Forest Service Park, First and Washington streets. Free.

COUNTY  
FAIR/  
RUPERT

**Minidoka County Fair** continues at the fairgrounds, 85 E. Baseline Road: 8 a.m., 4-H/FFA horse quality and performance; 5 p.m., sheep showmanship; 5:30 p.m., Marcus Meek Student Band; 6 p.m., Tiny Tot Horse Gymkhana in arena; and 7 p.m., PMT free concert with Artie Hemphill and Iron Horse Band. 436-9748.

MUSIC/  
RUPERT

**Aaron Phillips**, 7 p.m. at the Blue Room, 613 Fremont Ave.

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WEDNESDAYPLANETARIUM/  
TWIN FALLS

**Faulkner Planetarium** at Herrett Center for Arts and Science presents "Dark Matters" with live sky tour, 2 p.m.; and "Here Comes the Sun," 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors and \$2.50 for students. 732-6655 or csi.edu/herrett.

MUSIC/  
TWIN FALLS

**Twin Falls Tonight** concert series, featuring **Chris Bender** and **Fastback** with blues and classic rock, 6-9 p.m. at the fountain downtown on Main Avenue. Free. Twinfall-tonight.com.

MUSIC/  
TWIN FALLS

**Joshua Foulk** from Boise, classic rock, 8-11 p.m. at Anchor Bistro and Bar, 334 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. No cover.

MUSIC/  
HAILEY

**Back Alley Parties** with Stonewheat Reunion, 6-9:30 p.m. outdoors at the Wicked Spud, 305 Main St. Weekly concerts benefit nonprofits. Free admission.

MUSIC/  
JEROME

**Dance music** with DJ Holla, 8 p.m. to 1 p.m. at Diamondz Bar and Grill, 220 W. Main St. No cover. 644-1111.

PRESENTATION/  
KETCHUM

Visiting Omie manager **Brennan King** speaks about Omie artists, art and culture originating from Papua New Guinea, 4 p.m. at The Community Library, 415 Spruce Ave. Harvey Art Projects displays the Omie women's barkcloths, which are from the museum exhibition at The Fowler Museum UCLA. Free admission. 726-7355 or thecommunitylibrary.org.

COUNTY FAIR/  
RUPERT

**Minidoka County Fair** continues at the fairgrounds, 85 E. Baseline Road: 8 a.m., 4-H/FFA swine fitting and showing; 8 a.m., queen horsemanship; 1-7 p.m., display of antique tractors and engines; 6 p.m., Lions barbecue dinner at pavilion (\$8 adults, \$4 age 6 and younger); 7 p.m., ice cream and cobbler social (free); and 7 p.m., ranch sorting in arena. 436-9748.

CLASSICAL/  
SUN VALLEY

**Sun Valley Summer Symphony**, 6:30 p.m. in the Sun Valley Pavilion. Features **William VerMeulen**, French horn, performing two pieces as a soloist. Includes Elgar's "Enigma Variations" and Van Eecheute's "Poeme Nocturne for Horn." Free admission; svsummersymphony.org.

## 2 THURSDAY

PLANETARIUM/  
TWIN FALLS

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BELLY DANCING/  
TWIN FALLS

**"Tribal Belly Dance: Hot Pot Style"** class for beginners offered by CSI Community Education Center, 6-7:30 p.m. at CSI campus. Continues *Thursdays through OCT. 4.* Christina Gonzales instructs. Learn the structure of cueing, the stagger, musicality and the moves and combos that make up the vocabulary for slow and fast music. Wear comfortable clothing. Cost is \$100. Preregister: 732-6442 or communityed.csi.edu.

MUNICIPAL BAND/  
TWIN FALLS

**Twin Falls Municipal Band's** weekly free concert, "Ballon Beach Party," 8 p.m. at the band shell in Twin Falls City Park. Program selections include "Brighton

Park); 6 p.m., free carnival at 4-H Park, and Fair Board's bingo; and 6-8 p.m., silent auction.

MUSIC/  
KETCHUM

**Town Square Tunes** concert features **Jam Nation** with New Age music, 6-8 p.m. at Ketchum Town Square Plaza. Free.

COUNTY FAIR/  
RUPERT

**Minidoka County Fair** continues: 9 a.m., 4-H/FFA dairy showmanship and dairy show at pavilion; 3 p.m., family fun, adult progressive showmanship fundraiser; 6 p.m., poultry show; 7:30 p.m., junior rodeo in arena (\$6; free for age 6 and younger). 436-9748

CLASSICAL/  
SUN VALLEY

**Sun Valley Summer Symphony**, 6:30 p.m. in the Sun Valley Pavilion. Alasdair Neale (pictured) conducts. Includes Mendelssohn's "Symphony No. 4 in A Major, Opus 90," "Italian" and Respighi's "Pines of Rome." Free; svsummersymphony.org.



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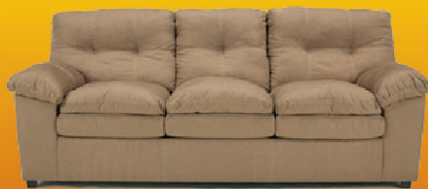
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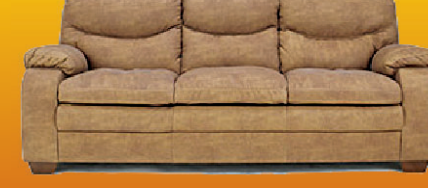
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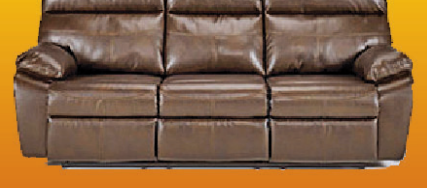
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SPORTS + WEATHER

Phelps is Having More Fun at Final Olympics • S6

# Burley Friends Hold Record of 26 Spudmans, and Counting

BY RYAN HOWE  
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**BURLEY** • Thousands of athletes have participated in the annual Burley Lions Club Spudman Triathlon, but only two share the record for having been in all 26.

Randy Stone and Alan Hunter, both of Burley, haven't missed a Spudman since the race began in 1987.

"We have a competition going to see who dies first," Stone laughed.

"I'm not going to quit until he quits," Hunter said.

Both have a shelf full of Spudman trophies, but Stone, 64, and Hunter, 60, admit they might not race as fast as they used to.

"It's something that just gives you a

goal each year. If I didn't have it, I don't know if I would work out this hard," said Hunter, who has kept every Spudman T-shirt. "A lot of us don't have a chance to win the first overall, but it gives you a goal to stay in shape. Each year you try to improve a little, but I'm afraid the older I get, the better I was."

Added Stone: "The nice thing about these triathlons is, I may not be racing for first, but I'm always racing somebody. There's always somebody in front of me I'm trying to catch, or there's someone who passes me I'm trying to keep up with. I'm always racing somebody."

The two friends have watched Spudman grow from about 100 participants its first year, to more than 2,000 presently.

"Back then, no one really had much

of an idea what a triathlon was," Stone said. "The second year, there was a guy who showed up with a blow-up air mattress with a rope tied on it and tied around his waist to do the swim. The idea of an open water swim was very unusual. The equipment, bikes weren't anything what they are now. Training-wise, people didn't know how to train for a triathlon. I wish I could go back and start over — I'd probably be good if I trained then like I do now."

Stone still does all three events — 1.5-kilometer swim, 40K bike and 10K run — while Hunter participates in a team, rotating legs each year.

"I like doing all three events, but not all of them together," Hunter said.

Please see **SPUDMAN**, S2

## New Spudman Race Director Gets Feet Wet

BY RYAN HOWE  
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**BURLEY** • Very few have experienced the mantle of Burley Lions Club Spudman Triathlon race director.

In the race's 26-year history, the torch has been passed only twice.

Ron Ploger. Scott Bloxham. And now, Cade Richman.

As a member of the Burley Lions Club, Richman has been involved with Spudman for several years, but he's finding a whole new perspective from the director's chair.

"There's a lot that goes into it behind the scenes, that's for sure," Richman said. "It's amazing to see how much time everybody volunteers to make sure it comes together smoothly. I've seen some of it before, but there's even more than I realized."

To help Richman's transition, Bloxham hasn't been far away.

"Thank heavens Scott is still here showing me the ropes and making sure I don't make any mistakes," Richman said. "It's been a pretty pleasant experience so far. Everybody else involved is still doing what they've always done, so things are going really smoothly."

The Spudman director oversees 21 committees comprised of about 350 volunteers. Proceeds from the race go toward the Burley Lions Club's many community service projects. Recently, those projects have included the Idaho Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, One Shot One Life Measles Initiative, addition of new scoreboards at White Pine Elementary, and installation of a new restroom at the

Please see **RICHMAN**, S2

### AMERICAN LEGION CLASS AA TOURNAMENT



DREW NASH • TIMES-NEWS

Twin Falls Cowboys' Braden Stutzman reaches out to tag Pocatello's Josh Holmes during a Class AA Legion Tournament baseball game Thursday in Twin Falls.

## Winning When It Counts

Twin Falls lost four games last week to Pocatello, but win Legion opener to advance to tonight's title game.

BY DAVID BASHORE  
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**TWIN FALLS** • Twin Falls may have lost four games to Pocatello last week, but the Cowboys got just enough of the edge they needed.

Twin Falls battered Bo Burrup and survived a late Pocatello onslaught to win 7-5 and advance to tonight's American Legion Baseball Class AA Area C Tournament championship game against Idaho Falls.

The Cowboys plated six runs in the first five innings to build a 6-2 lead against a team that finished tied for the Area C regular-season lead and made things look easy against Twin Falls in the regular season.

The team's No. 9 hitter, Jason Byce, led the way for the upset victory.

"I'd been struggling all season, and the coaches put me in the nine hole so I could see a lot of fastballs and it's paying off," said Byce, who went 3-for-4 and drove in three runs. "We take a lot of pride anytime we put on the TF uniform, whether it's high school or Legion. It's something we're proud of, and we're happy to get a win."

Casey Merritt dazzled through six innings, got knocked around in the sev-



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Twin Falls Cowboys' Lee Johnson, facing, high-fives teammates after crossing home plate against Pocatello.

enth but bounced back to get the critical outs when he needed them to keep the Runnin' Rebels at bay.

The Cowboys flirted with disaster

after they had an opportunity to tack on to their lead in the top of the seventh. With two runners on and nobody

Please see **LEGION**, S3

## Aggies Second, Vandals Fourth in WAC Media Poll

TIMES-NEWS

**LAS VEGAS** • Idaho was predicted to have a mid-pack finish in the Western Athletic Conference pre-season football polls, released Thursday at the conference's media preview.

Utah State was handed a rosier outlook.

The Aggies were predicted to finish second by journalists who cover the league, while Idaho was voted to finish fourth out of seven teams in the conference. Utah State received three out of 28 first-place votes.

Reigning champion Louisiana Tech was predicted to repeat both by the media and the coaches, who also picked Utah State second. Both polls picked San Jose State to finish third.

The coaches voted Idaho fifth, behind New Mexico State, which was voted fifth in the media poll.

Newcomers Texas State and Texas-San Antonio were picked sixth and seventh, respectively, in both polls.

### WAC Preseason Media Poll

Team (1st)	Points
1. Louisiana Tech (25)	193
2. Utah State (3)	164
3. San Jose State	130
4. Idaho	102
5. New Mexico State	95
6. Texas State	57
7. Texas-San Antonio	43

### LEGION ROUNDUP

# Big Plays Lift Burley in Tourney Opener

TIMES-NEWS

**IDAHO FALLS** • Burley's 3-0 win over Blackfoot in its opening game of the American Legion Baseball Class A Area C Tournament was built upon three huge plays.

Taylor Carson hit a two-run single in the first inning to provide all the offense the Green Sox would need, but it almost wasn't enough. Jason Boehmer ran down a deep fly ball in sixth fifth inning that could have set up a huge inning for Blackfoot, and Joe Ferrin picked off the baserunner immediately after that

to shut Blackfoot down.

"That was a huge sequence for us, because they were done after that," said Burley coach Devin Kunz. "Joe did a great job pitching to contact and letting his defense play great behind him. These first tournament games are always great games because everybody's got a good pitcher or two."

Ferrin went the distance, striking out two and scattering three hits.

Burley advances to the semifinals today against the Idaho Falls Bees at 3 p.m. at Bonneville High School.

**TWIN FALLS HAWKS 3, SNAKE RIVER 0 MADISON 11, TWIN FALLS HAWKS 1, 6 INN.**

Twin Falls scored three unearned third-inning runs to beat Snake River in its opening game of the day, but fell into the elimination bracket with a six-inning mercy-rule loss to Madison. Gaige Kepner and Cody Gates each had two hits in the second game, while Kaleb Price had his team's lone RBI in the third inning. The Hawks play Upper Valley today at noon in an elimination game, and

Please see **ROUNDUP**, S3

### American Legion Area C Tournaments

**Class AA At Skip Walker Field Thursday's scores**  
Idaho Falls 4, Jerome 1  
Twin Falls 7, Pocatello 5  
**Today's games**  
4 p.m.  
Pocatello vs. Jerome  
7:30 p.m.  
Championship game, Idaho Falls vs. Twin Falls

**Class A At Idaho Falls B - Bonneville HS, H - Hillcrest HS Thursday's scores**  
Blackfoot 7, Idaho Falls Grizz 3  
Pocatello Razorbacks 11, Upper Valley 3  
Idaho Falls Royals 4, Kimberly 3

Twin Falls Hawks 3, Snake River 0  
Burley 3, Blackfoot 0  
Idaho Falls Royals 2, Twin Falls Cowboys 0  
Idaho Falls Bees 7, Pocatello Razorbacks 3  
Madison 11, Twin Falls Hawks 1  
**Today's games**  
9 a.m.  
Kimberly vs. Blackfoot (H)  
Snake River vs. Pocatello Razorbacks (B)  
**Noon**  
Idaho Falls Grizz vs. Twin Falls Cowboys (H)  
Upper Valley vs. Twin Falls Hawks (B)  
3 p.m.  
9 a.m. winners (H)  
Idaho Falls Bees vs. Burley (B)  
6 p.m.  
Noon winners (B)  
Idaho Falls Royals vs. Madison (H)

## GUEST COLUMNIST

# Cape Cuisine: Local Star Weighs in on East Coast Life

*Editor's Note: J.D. Leckenby's guest column did not appear in its entirety in Thursday's edition. This is the complete column. The Times-News regrets the error.*

*Editor's Note: Buhl High School alumnus and current Washington State pitcher J.D. Leckenby is pitching in the Cape Cod League this summer and sending periodic updates of his time back east. This is the third update J.D. has written for the Times-News.*

As we approach the final few weeks of the summer, everyone seems to be getting anxious to wrap up their seasons strong and head back home to see their families before school starts again. Most kids get a little longer at home than Pac-12 schools, since my roommate Jason Monda and I, along with the rest of our Washington State teammates, have to be back on Aug. 16. That doesn't give us a lot of time to rest and see our friends and family back home.

As of right now the Brewster (Mass.) Whitecaps are fighting to get into the playoffs and keep our Cape Cod League title dreams alive. Aug. 7 is the last regular season game and playoffs run Aug. 9-16. If the Whitecaps make the final, we would be heading straight back to Pullman to start the year over again.

So with plane tickets and momma's home cookin' on our minds, we still have to take care of business on the field and play the game we love and enjoy.

Speaking of home cooking, I'm looking forward to some steak and potatoes and fresh corn on the cob from our fine farmers of southern Idaho. After a long summer here on the Cape, I have had my fair share of fresh fish and exotic dinners that seem to be very uncommon in Idaho.

Being the fishermen and outdoors types that we are, we get a kick out of trying any fish we can get out hands on. Around the Brewster and Orleans area there are tons of little privately-owned fish markets and restaurants that specialize in the saltwater cuisines. We have pretty much been to all of them.

We recently went to dinner and lunch with my host parents from last year when I played in Vermont, and we went to two very nice places — JT's Seafood and the Starvin' Marlin. We tried to order things that we have never had before, considering Norm, my old host dad, told us to order anything you want and don't be shy.

I ordered a pink flounder with a few quahogs, which was awesome and Jason ordered a scrod filet, which he said was very good.

When we ordered the quahogs we were a little nervous, knowing that they were kind of like a crab cake but stuffed with clam and deep fried. They turned out to be the best thing of the night.

The next best thing on the menu was a lobster roll, which is a roll or bun



J.D. Leckenby

Life on the Cape

stuffed with hot or cold lobster, which is also wonderful and usually what we get.

It was great to see the different kinds of restaurants and kinds of food out here compared to Buhl and Pullman. Buhl is known as the trout capital of the world with all the fish hatcheries along the Snake River — that was the last fish I wanted to see.

After dinner is also a great time but a big decision in trying to figure out where to get ice cream, since there are about 50 little ice cream places around us with all great flavors. We usually walk down the road to Kate's Ice Cream, which is quick and easy. Kate's also had an old man fix up his early 1930s John Deere tractor and trailer. He gives people rides down to the beach for just a dollar. Sparky's Hay Rides is what he calls it.

It makes me feel at home and almost like the Fourth of July when I see ol' Sparky and his tractor putt-puttin' by. But it is nice knowing he won't be taking up the whole road and flipping dirt and other messy things everywhere like some of the tractors do in Buhl.

Another thing that was nice is I have been able to go to a very nice church here on the Cape, which helps us keep our faith strong and see many new faces of the area's people. And people love to see the Whitecaps players attend the local Mass. Our Lady of the Cape is the nice church we go to, and it is very big and probably around 5 percent of the worshipers were under 25. Being here in Brewster for almost two months has opened me to many new things that I never get to experience back home, especially with food, the people and the baseball. I have made memories and friendships here that will last a lifetime, and the great friendships we have made which I am so thankful for.

The baseball here is like none other, from the quiet atmosphere to the best talent in the country. It's an honor to say I have played against the best of the best.

Leaving home and playing baseball on the other side of the country at first might seem a little scary to kids, which it was for me last year heading to Vermont, but what it all comes down to is we are doing something that every kid sitting at home wishes they were doing. That helps bring us back to reality sometimes and makes us thankful for the opportunities we are getting. In return, it helps us not take the game so seriously.

Sometimes when we give up a run or strike out, I think it helps us play better and realize that even though right now our lives are based around baseball, it's still just a game.

## Richman

Continued from Sports 1

After 26 years, the Spudman Triathlon is well established, but Richman and his team of race organizers still looks for ways to improve the race.

For example, last year they reversed the bike course and shortened the start time between waves. The experiment didn't work as well as they'd hoped, so this year they're going back to the old course and extending the time between waves.

Plus, they are adding six teams of officials who will police the bike course for drafting, which is illegal in triathlon.

"We're doing that, not so much to penalize them, but to try to keep the race safe," Richman said.

Once the race is over on Saturday, the Burley Lions Club will begin planning and working toward next year's race in what has become a year-round effort.

"I feel honored to be a part of it," Richman said. "I was fortunate to be in the right place at the right time. It's neat to work with folks and get to know them in a setting where you're trying to accomplish something big. It's really cool."

Civic-minded people interested in volunteering at Spudman or becoming a member of the Burley Lions Club can call Richman, 678-2048.

## LOCAL ROUNDUP

# Idaho Boys 13th at Junior America's Cup

TIMES-NEWS

**EAGLE • Twin Falls senior Kyle Miley carded a 4-over 74 on the final day of the Junior America's Cup at Banbury Golf Course, finishing tied for 44th at the three-day event.**

Miley finished the tournament at 15 over par, 24 shots off the winning score posted by Southern California's Rico Hoey.

Miley was one of four members of Team Idaho, which finished 13th in the 17-team competition by shooting a three-day score of 36 over par (666). His score was second-best among his teammates.

Northern California repeated as team champions with a three-day score of 7 under par.

**HARR STRONG ON DAY 3 OF GIRLS' JUNIOR CUP**

**WAILEA-MAKENA, Hawaii • Sierra Harr shot her best round of the Girls Junior America's Cup on Thursday, carding a 3-over 75 to help Idaho to a ninth-place finish at Wailea Golf Club.**

Harr's three-day score of 16 over par put her alone in 34th position, second best among the four Idahoans competing.

Southern California's Elisabeth Bernabe won the event with a three-day score of 5 under par. Hawaii's team used home course advantage to take the win at even par, a single stroke up on Southern California.

Idaho finished at 42 over par.

**HOLE-IN-ONE**

Gale Roberts, July 25 at Peb-

ble Ponds Golf Course. 100-yard No. 6 hole, with pitching wedge. Witnesses: Joyce Roberts, James Roberts.

## Basketball

**CSI WOMEN ADD INTERNATIONAL**

**TWIN FALLS • The College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team is now at an even dozen.**

CSI has signed Stephanie Toumson, a basketball player from Basse-Terre, Guadeloupe, according to the NJCAA signing database. Toumson is the second international player of the three CSI can sign. Current CSI player Jessy Saint-Felix is also from a French colony, hailing from Martinique.

The Golden Eagles are now two under the NJCAA Division I scholarship limit.

## Spudman

Continued from Sports 1

For Hunter, the social aspect is just as healthy as the exercise.

"It's always fun to be there with everybody," Hunter said. "It's a lot of fun working out with all the guys. I have a group I swim with at noon, a group that I bike with and some that I run with."

"That's like me. If you see me at Spudman stumbling in my trot, look into my eyes. I'm kicking butt."

Randy Stone

Stone tells about a 15-year-old Labrador dog that used to be athletic and agile when it was younger. These days, it stumbles and staggers. Toss her a ball, and she can barely walk, let alone fetch it. However, when Stone looks into her eyes, it's

a different story. In her eyes, it's as if she's young and vibrant again and she thinks she's on a dead sprint.

"That's like me," Stone said. "If you see me at Spudman stumbling in my trot, look into my eyes. I'm kicking butt."

## LOCAL TRYOUTS

### Officials Meetings

**Football:** Aug. 1, 7 p.m., Canyon Ridge HS. State rules meeting Aug. 6, 7 p.m., Twin Falls HS. New officials encouraged. Information: Kenny Lively, 731-8919.

### Tryout/Meeting Information

**BUHL**  
**Football:** Mandatory player-parent meeting Aug. 7, 6 p.m., high school gymnasium. Gear checkout at 5 p.m. Practice begins Aug. 10, 8

a.m. Information: Stacy Wilson, 308-6170.

### DECLO

**Soccer (boys and girls):** Practice begins Aug. 6, 6:30 p.m. Water, cleats and shin guards required. Information: Tim Henrickson, 312-4270.

### GOODING

**Football:** Mandatory player-parent meeting July 31, 6:30 p.m., high school gymnasium. Information: Cameron Anderson, 421-4268.

### JEROME

**Football:** Mandatory parent

meeting Aug. 2, 6:30 p.m., high school. Practice begins Aug. 6, 8 a.m.

### KIMBERLY

**All sports:** Mandatory athlete and parent concussion meeting Aug. 1, 6 p.m., high school commons.

**Football:** Gear checkout Aug. 9, 4-6 p.m., Aug. 10, 8-10 a.m., Thomas Gym. Mandatory player-parent meeting Aug. 18, 11 a.m. Practice begins Aug. 13, 7 a.m.

### MINICO

**Boys soccer:** Tryouts Aug.

6, 9 a.m., high school track; Aug. 7, 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., soccer fields; Aug. 8, 4 p.m., soccer fields. Information: Armando Tapia, 431-6145.

**Football:** Mandatory player and parent meeting July 31, 5:30 p.m., high school auditorium. All paperwork required at meeting.

### RAFT RIVER

**Football:** Practice begins Aug. 6, 6 p.m. Information: Brian Poole, 307-871-0632.

**Volleyball:** Tryouts are Aug. 10, 8 a.m. Information: Cami Schumann 251-2321.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

### LCS Benefit Golf Scramble

Lighthouse Christian School is hosting its second annual benefit golf scramble on July 28 at Canyon Springs Golf Course with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$75. All proceeds benefit LCS athletics. Information: light-housecs.org, 737-1425 or 539-3530

### Volleyball Camp

Jerome High School will be the site for a volleyball camp on Aug. 6-7 for girls grades 4-8 from 9 a.m.-noon. Campers can register on the camp's first day and cost is \$25. Information: Nichole Dally, 539-2810.

### JRD One-pitch Softball

Registration for Jerome Recreation District's one-pitch softball league is open through Aug. 6 at 5 p.m. Team fee is \$240, with a max of eight teams per league (three divisions). Team fees, waivers and

JRD sexual harassment policy forms must be turned in at time of registration. Information: 324-3389.

### Drive N' Dish 3-on-3 Tournament

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley's iSCORE Sports Academy is hosting a 3-on-3 basketball tournament on July 27-28 at the Twin Falls Reformed Church Parking Lot, 1631 Grandview Drive North in Twin Falls. Cost is \$80 per team. There are divisions for boys and girls ranging from grades 3 and up to 18-and-older. Information or to register: 736-7011.

### Tough Enough to Wear Pink Fun Run

The Tough Enough to Wear Pink Fun Run is Aug. 4 at 8 a.m., starting at the Jerome Recreation District offices. There are divisions for a 5K walk and 10K run. Cost is \$15 per person or \$45 for a family of four. Registra-

tion after July 30 is an additional \$5. Information: 324-3389

### Mac McLean One-Pitch Tournament

The third annual Mac McLean Memorial Co-ed One-Pitch softball tournament is Aug. 25-26 at Forsyth Park in Jerome. Cost is \$150 per team with a three-game guarantee. Register by Aug. 8 at the Jerome Recreation Department. All proceeds go toward scholarships for Jerome High School athletes.

### Magic Valley Junior Football

Registration for Magic Valley Junior Football (tackle) is underway for grades 4-6. Registration forms are available at Twin Falls Parks and Recreation or the Boys and Girls Club. Cost is \$65, or \$85 after July 27 deadline. All players must have a current physical. Information: Commissioner Eric Bauman at 736-5099 or 490-3926,

or assistant commissioner Jeff Bowman 208-316-5152.

### JRD Fall Sports

Jerome Recreation District is taking registrations through Aug. 20 for its co-ed fall soccer, flag football and youth volleyball leagues. Cost is \$17 per person in district, \$27 outside of district. Soccer is open to kids ages 4 to sixth grade, flag football is open to grades 1-4 and volleyball for grades 5-8. Information: 324-3389.

### Flag Football League

The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is taking team rosters for the fall league until July 27 at 5:30 pm. Cost is \$510 for a 10-game season and a double-elimination tournament. Games will be played on Tuesday nights at 7, 8 and 9 p.m. at Harmon Park starting on August 14. Information: 736-2265 or bmson@tfid.org.

— Staff reports

## COLLEGE ROUNDUP

# LONGTIME IDAHO BROADCASTER DIES

**COLFAX, Wash. • Longtime University of Idaho sports announcer Bob Curtis died Wednesday. He was 87.**

Curtis had a 59-year stint calling Idaho games, primarily football games. He called 540 consecutive football games over 50 years, and also called hundreds of basketball games. He retired in 2004.

Curtis was the recipient of

the 2008 National Football Foundation Chris Schenkel Award and was named the Idaho Sportscaster of the Year on 33 occasions by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association. He is a member of the Vandal Athletics Hall of Fame.

"I couldn't be more sad to hear of the passing of Bob. He was a great man, a great

friend and a great Vandal. I was proud of the friendship we had," Vandal football coach Robb Akey said in a school release. "My thoughts and prayers go out to Lynn and the family. We'll miss Bob — he was a great Vandal; a legend."

A memorial service will be held today in Colfax.

—Times-News

### Mountain West Tried to Keep BSU

**LAS VEGAS • Mountain West Conference Commissioner Craig Thompson says he tried to make it as difficult as possible for Boise State to leave the league, even offering to drop its restriction against the Broncos wearing their blue football uniforms**

on their blue turf.

Thompson says the league also discussed using performance to determine the distribution of half of the conference's revenue sharing money.

Boise State's football team is leaving the Mountain West for the Big East next summer and will forfeit an estimated \$2.3 million in conference revenue shares for the 2012-13 acad-

emic year. The Broncos still would be eligible for \$4 million if it qualified for a BCS bowl game, but would have to use that money to cover its expenses.

BSU's other sports programs are scheduled to join the Western Athletic Conference, but there have been discussions with the Big West Conference as well.

—Associated Press

# SCOREBOARD

**Odds**  
Major League Baseball National League

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
St. Louis	-160	at Chicago	+150
at Miami	-140	San Diego	+130
Philadelphia	-120	at Atlanta	+110
Pittsburgh	-140	at Houston	+130
at Milwaukee	-135	Washington	+125
Cincinnati	-120	at Colorado	+110
at Arizona	-135	New York	+125
at San Francisco	-185	Los Angeles	+175

**American League**

at Baltimore	-115	Oakland	+105
at New York	-160	Boston	+150
at Toronto	-110	Detroit	+100
at Texas	-145	Chicago	+135
at Minnesota	-125	Cleveland	+115
at Los Angeles	-175	Tampa Bay	+165
at Seattle	-125	Kansas City	+115

**Baseball**  
**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

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Boston at N.Y. Yankees, 6:05 p.m.

Tillman W,3-1	6	5	2	2	4	5
O'Day H,6	1	0	0	0	0	1
Strop	1	0	0	0	0	2
J.Johnson	1	2	0	0	0	0

Tillman pitched to 3 batters in the 7th.  
HBP—by Shields (Hardy).  
Umpires—Home, Gary Darling; First, Paul Emmel; Second, Jerry Meals; Third, Scott Barry.  
T-25L A-2130L (45,971).

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

East	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	59	39	.602	-
Atlanta	54	44	.551	5
New York	47	51	.480	12
Miami	45	53	.459	14
Philadelphia	45	54	.455	14½

**Central**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Cincinnati	58	40	.592	-
Pittsburgh	56	42	.571	2
St. Louis	53	46	.535	5½
Milwaukee	44	54	.449	14
Chicago	40	57	.412	17½
Houston	34	66	.340	25

**West**

W	L	Pct	GB	
San Francisco	55	43	.561	-
Los Angeles	53	47	.530	3
Arizona	49	49	.500	6
San Diego	42	58	.420	14
Colorado	37	60	.381	17

**Wednesday's Games**  
Washington 5, N.Y. Mets 2  
Pittsburgh 3, Chicago Cubs 2  
Atlanta 7, Miami 1  
Philadelphia 7, Milwaukee 6, 10 innings  
San Diego 6, San Francisco 3  
Cincinnati 5, Houston 3  
St. Louis 3, L.A. Dodgers 2, 12 innings  
Colorado 4, Arizona 2

**Thursday's Games**  
St. Louis 7, L.A. Dodgers 4  
Pittsburgh 5, Houston 3  
Washington 8, Milwaukee 2  
N.Y. Mets at Arizona, late

**Friday's Games**  
St. Louis (Lynn 12-4) at Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 4-5), 12:20 p.m.  
San Diego (K.Wells 1-3) at Miami (Zambrano 5-8), 5:10 p.m.  
Philadelphia (Hamel 11-4) at Atlanta (Sheets 2-0), 5:35 p.m.  
Pittsburgh (Karstens 3-2) at Houston (Lyles 2-7), 6:05 p.m.  
Washington (Detwiler 5-3) at Milwaukee (Fiers 3-4), 6:10 p.m.  
Cincinnati (Arroyo 5-6) at Colorado (D.Pomeranz 1-5), 6:40 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets (Niese 7-4) at Arizona (Collmenter 2-2), 7:40 p.m.  
L.A. Dodgers (Fife 0-0) at San Francisco (M.Cain 10-3), 8:15 p.m.

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N.Y. Mets at Arizona, 6:10 p.m.

**Sunday's Games**  
San Diego at Miami, 11:10 a.m.  
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 11:35 a.m.  
Pittsburgh at Houston, 12:05 p.m.  
Washington at Milwaukee, 12:10 p.m.  
St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 12:20 p.m.  
Cincinnati at Colorado, 1:10 p.m.  
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, 2:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets at Arizona, 2:10 p.m.

H.Rodriguez	1	1	2	2	0	0
Mic.Gonzalez	1	0	0	0	0	1
Milwaukee	5	7	7	7	2	6
Gallardo L,8-8	1	0	0	0	0	1
Henderson	1	2	1	1	1	1
Thornburg	2	0	0	0	0	3

Yardage: 6,966 • Par 70 (35-35)  
**First Round**  
A-Denotes Amateur  
Scott Piercy 30-32-62 -8  
Greg Owen 29-34-63 -7  
William Mcgirt 32-31-63 -7  
Robert Garrigus 32-32-64 -6  
Troy Matteson 32-33-65 -5  
Bo Van Pelt 32-33-65 -5  
Jhonattan Vegas 32-33-65 -5  
Stuart Appleby 31-34-65 -5  
Charl Schwartzel 31-32-65 -5  
Gavin Coles 32-33-65 -5  
Vijay Singh 32-34-66 -4  
Bill Lunde 32-34-66 -4  
Roland Thatcher 32-34-66 -4  
Adam Hadwin 32-34-66 -4  
John Huh 34-33-67 -3  
J.J. Henry 32-35-67 -3  
Josh Teater 33-34-67 -3  
Cameron Tringale 33-33-67 -3  
Ryo Ishikawa 33-34-67 -3  
Daniel Summerhays 33-34-67 -3  
Heath Slocum 32-35-67 -3  
Matt Kuchar 31-36-67 -3  
Erik Compton 34-33-67 -3

**Golf**  
**CANADIAN OPEN**  
At Hamilton Golf & Country Club Ancaster, Ontario  
Purse: \$5.2 Million  
Yardage: 6,966 • Par 70 (35-35)  
**First Round**  
A-Denotes Amateur  
Stacy Lewis 31-32-63 -9  
Hee Young Park 32-33-65 -6  
Ilhee Lee 32-34-66 -6  
Mika Miyazato 32-35-67 -5  
Mariusz Ujda 33-34-67 -5  
Paula Creamer 34-34-68 -4  
Shanshan Feng 32-36-68 -4  
Sandra Gal 34-35-69 -3  
Natalie Gulbis 36-33-69 -3  
Hyo Joo Kim 32-37-69 -3  
I.K. Kim 32-37-69 -3  
Meena Lee 32-37-69 -3  
Lee-Anne Pace 32-37-69 -3  
Suzann Pettersen 33-36-69 -4  
Jiyai Shi 33-36-69 -4  
Momoko Ueda 36-33-69 -2  
Jodi Ewart 36-34-70 -2  
Karine Icher 33-37-70 -2  
Ha-Neul Kim 32-38-70 -2  
Becky Morgan 34-36-70 -2  
Azahara Munoz 34-36-70 -2  
Se Ri Pak 35-35-70 -2  
Karrie Webb 37-34-71 -1  
Helen Alfredsson 35-36-71 -1  
Katherine Hull 35-36-71 -1  
Jill Inkster 36-35-71 -1  
Cristie Kerr 35-36-71 -1  
Brittany Langer 35-36-71 -1  
Karen Lun 34-37-71 -1  
Ai Miyazato 33-38-71 -1  
Gwladys Nocera 33-38-71 -1  
Inbee Park 33-38-71 -1  
Beatriz Recari 35-36-71 -1  
Hee Young Seo 35-36-71 -1  
Giulia Sergas 35-36-71 -1  
Chenyne Woods 36-35-71 -1  
Lindsey Wright 36-35-71 -1

**LPGA EVIAN MASTERS**  
At Evian Masters Golf Club Evian-les-Bains, France  
Purse: \$3.25 Million  
Yardage: 6,457 • Par: 72 (36-36)  
**First Round**  
Stacy Lewis 31-32-63 -9  
Hee Young Park 32-33-65 -6  
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Meena Lee 32-37-69 -3  
Lee-Anne Pace 32-37-69 -3  
Suzann Pettersen 33-36-69 -4  
Jiyai Shi 33-36-69 -4  
Momoko Ueda 36-33-69 -2  
Jodi Ewart 36-34-70 -2  
Karine Icher 33-37-70 -2  
Ha-Neul Kim 32-38-70 -2  
Becky Morgan 34-36-70 -2  
Azahara Munoz 34-36-70 -2  
Se Ri Pak 35-35-70 -2  
Karrie Webb 37-34-71 -1  
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**SENIOR BRITISH OPEN**  
Leading Scores  
At Turnberry Resort (Ailsa Course) Turnberry, Scotland  
Purse: \$2 Million  
Yardage: 7,105 • Par: 70 (35-35)  
**First Round**  
Bernard Langer, Germany 32-32-64  
Mark McNulty, Ireland 32-33-65  
Michael Allen, United States 32-34-66  
Chien Soon Lu, Taiwan 30-36-66  
Dick Mast, United States 32-34-66  
David Frost, South Africa 32-34-66  
Tom Lehman, United States 32-34-66  
Jay Don Blake, United States 32-34-66  
Tony Johnstone, Zimbabwe 35-32-67  
Lee Rinker, United States 34-33-67  
Barry Lane, England 35-32-67  
Eduardo Romero, Argentina 34-34-68  
Lauren Roberts, United States 35-33-68  
Peter Fowler, Australia 31-37-68  
Pete Senior, Australia 33-35-68

**INDIANS 5, TIGERS 3**

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Capuano L,10-6	12-3	11	6	6	1
Guerra	4-13	4	1	1	1
Choate	1	2	0	0	1
Lindblom	1	1	0	0	0

**Los Angeles**

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Westbrook W,9-8	7	7	4	3	1
Boogs H,15	1	1	0	1	6
Motte S,22-26	1	0	0	0	3

Umpires—Home, John Tumpane; First, Marty Foster; Second, D.J. Reyburn; Third, Jeff Kellogg.  
T-3:03. A-36,607 (43,975).

**PITTSBURGH 5, ASTROS 3**

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Smartie If	4	1	2	1	2
Walker 2b	3	0	1	0	0
AMCCT cf	4	1	0	0	0
Gjones rf	4	1	0	0	0
Presley lf	0	0	0	0	0
McGeib lb	4	0	0	0	0
PAIWRZ 3b	4	0	0	0	0
Barajs c	3	1	0	0	0
Barnes ss	4	1	2	0	0
AJBRnt p	3	0	1	0	0
Lincro p	0	0	0	0	0
Sutton ph	0	0	0	0	0
Hanrnp p	0	0	0	0	0

**Totals 34 5 8 5 Totals 30 3 5 3**  
Pittsburgh 320 000 000 - 5  
Houston 000 000 021 - 3  
DP—Pittsburgh 1, LOB—Pittsburgh 4, Houston 4, HR—Martie (1), Gjones (15), Barnes (5), C.Johnson (7), Corporan (2), CS—5, Martie (1), 5—Keuchel

**Tennis**  
**ATP FARMERS CLASSIC**  
At Los Angeles Tennis Stadium at UCLA  
Purse: \$638,050 (W1250)  
Surface: Hard-Outdoor  
**Singles**  
Second Round  
Ricardas Berankis, Lithuania, def. Igor Andreev, Russia, 6-4, 7-5.  
Marinko Matosevic (6), Australia, def. Tobias Kamke, Germany, 6-3, 1-6, 6-0.  
Xavier Malisse (5), Belgium, def. Matthew Ebden, Australia, 6-4, 6-3.  
Nicolas Pietrangeli (4), France, def. Paolo Lorenzi, Italy, 7-5, 7-6 (7).

**ATP WORLD TOUR**  
**BET-AT-HOME CUP**  
At Mercedes-Benz Sportpark Kitzbuehel Kitzbuehel, Austria  
Purse: \$498,500 (W1250)  
Surface: Clay-Outdoor  
**Singles**  
Second Round  
Philipp Kohlschreiber (1), Germany, def. Attila Balazs, Hungary, 6-4, 6-1.  
Rogerio Dutra Silva, Brazil, def. Ernests Gulbis (7), Latvia, 6-4, 6-4.  
Filippo Volandri, Italy, def. Albert Ramos (4), Spain, 6-4, 6-4.  
Robin Haase (3), Netherlands, def. Philipp Oswald, Austria, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.  
Wayne Odesnik, U.S., def. Jurgen Zopp, Estonia, 5-7, 5-6, 6-3.

**Quarterfinals**  
Filippo Volandri, Italy, def. Rogerio Dutra Silva, Brazil, 6-4, 6-4.  
Philipp Kohlschreiber (1), Germany, def. Lukas Rosol, Czech Republic, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.  
Robin Haase (3), Netherlands, def. Wayne Odesnik, U.S., 6-2, 6-4.  
Martin Kizvan (5), Slovakia, def. Simone Bolelli, Italy, 1-6, 7-5, 6-1.

**WTA BAKU CUP**  
At Baki Tennis Akademiyasi Baku, Azerbaijan  
Purse: \$220,000 (Int'l.)  
Surface: Hard-Outdoor  
**Singles**  
Quarterfinals  
Julia Cohen, U.S., def. Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.  
Bojana Jovanovski (5), Serbia, def. Aleksandra Krunic, Serbia, 5-7, 7-6 (3), 6-3.  
Olga Puchkova, Russia, def. Mandy Minella (3), Luxembourg, 2-6, 6-1, 6-2.  
Alexandra Panova (2), Russia, def. Nina Bratchikova (6), Russia, 2-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4.

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Boston (A.Cook 2-3) at N.Y. Yankees (P.Hughes 9-8), 5:05 p.m.  
Oakland (J.Parker 7-4) at Baltimore (Britton 1-0), 5:05 p.m.  
Detroit (Porcello 7-5) at Toronto (Villanueva 5-0), 5:07 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox (Sale 11-3) at Texas (Darvish 11-6), 6:05 p.m.  
Cleveland (Tomlin 5-7) at Minnesota (Diamond 8-4), 6:10 p.m.  
Tampa Bay (Cobb 4-7) at L.A. Angels (Haren 7-8), 8:05 p.m.  
Kansas City (Guthrie 0-1) at Seattle (Beavan 5-6), 8:10 p.m.

**Saturday's Games**  
Detroit at Toronto, 11:07 a.m.  
Boston at N.Y. Yankees, 2:05 p.m.  
Kansas City at Seattle, 2:10 p.m.  
Oakland at Baltimore, 5:05 p.m.  
Cleveland at Minnesota, 5:10 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox at Texas, 5:05 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels, 7:05 p.m.

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## 40 Years of Pain Worth a Minute of Silence

A minute of silence carved out of a three-hour opening ceremony is not too much to ask. It works out to little more than five seconds for each victim. Besides, the widows and families of the Israeli athletes murdered by Palestinian gunmen at the 1972 Munich Games have been waiting for 40 years.

International Olympic Committee boss Jacques Rogge, who competed as a yachtsman for Belgium that summer, gave them little hope it would happen in the next 40 years, or ever. Yet he and his IOC swells had no problem observing that exact same minute of silence for a Georgian luger killed in a crash just hours before the opening ceremony at the 2010 Vancouver Games.

Try to work out the moral calculus on that one.

"My husband was murdered on Olympic soil," Ilana Romano said.

And that's why she thinks it's only fair that he should be commemorated there, too, on the games' grandest stage, instead of at impromptu and out-of-the-way services that few people see and even fewer can derive any satisfaction from. Like so much else about this tragedy, they refuse to believe that's a coincidence.

"They were not accidental tourists," said Anke Spitzer, whose husband, Andrei, was a fencer. "They came with dreams and came home in coffins."

The two women left a meeting Wednesday with Rogge more discouraged than ever. Despite presenting a petition with more than 100,000 signatures as well as the support of a handful of nations, U.S. president Barack Obama, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney, Spitzer and Romano left with the same answer they've received for decades: No.

At a news conference afterward, they ticked off the reasons given each time their request for a moment of silence was denied: the threat of a boycott by Arab nations; a refusal to inject politics into the games; wrong time, wrong place. Always something or other wrong.

Spitzer believes those are all code for the real answer. "They came from the wrong country," she said, "and the wrong religion."

So this time, the two widows are appealing directly to the audience at today's opening ceremony, asking spectators to stand in silence when Rogge takes the stage to speak. The Israeli Olympic Committee, which has compliantly followed the IOC's lead in the matter through the decades, plans no departure from the delegation's standard entry. Whether the rest of the world's athletes will respond remains anyone's guess.

Bob Costas, who has been the lead host of NBC's Olympics coverage for 20 years, told the Hollywood Reporter that he intends to take note of the IOC's stance when Israeli athletes enter the Olympic Stadium. He has offered no specifics.

If the silent protest fails to have much impact, Spitzer's daughter, Anouk, who born just be-



fore the Munich Olympics, says she's prepared to carry on the fight for another 40 years. From the sound of things at the IOC, she'd better be.

"If people stand, so be it," IOC spokesman Mark Adams said Thursday. "They are free to mark it as they wish. We have marked, we continue to mark and we will mark those tragic events in the future. We are doing this year what we think are the most appropriate ways to commemorate what was the darkest day in the history of the Olympics."

On Monday, Rogge delivered an unscheduled tribute and observed a minute of silence for the victims of Munich during a ceremony at the athletes village organized to promote the Olympic truce. On Aug. 6, he'll attend a private ceremony at the Guildhall in the city. On Sept. 5, the day of the attack in 1972, he'll attend a formal commemoration at the airfield in Munich where nine Israelis died in a botched rescue attempt.

"People seem to think we're not marking it," Adams said. "The only issue is how we mark it."

Adams defended the decision to observe a moment of silence for luger Nodar Kumaritashvili by saying the opening ceremony "occurred so close to the terrible event. ... This is not to make comparisons, but in Munich, the games were suspended afterward for a whole day. It has not happened since and we hope it never happens again."

The IOC response in Munich, by any measure, was a travesty. Then-president Avery Brundage barely mentioned the murdered athletes and instead spoke about the need to defend the Olympic movement from commercialism. Along with the Olympic flag, the flags of most of the competing nations were lowered to half staff. Within hours, a dozen Arab nations demanded their flags be returned to the top of the flagpoles.

Since then, kicking Israel around has practically become a sport unto itself.

Iran's Olympians have withdrawn for several Olympic competitions rather than face Israeli opponents — without being penalized. In what might be only the most egregious example, a Saudi Arabian soccer team refused to play Israel at the Special Olympics in Ireland nearly a decade ago.

That increasing isolation in the sporting world is why Israeli athletes were gathered in Tel Aviv at a memorial to those slain in Munich before heading off for the games. Ultimately, they've come to rely only on each other.

"It's keeping them in our hearts, that's the main thing," Israeli swimming coach Chanan Sterling said. "Everybody knows about it, thinks about it."

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# Fencer Zagunis to Lead Americans in Ceremony

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**LONDON** • The mother of fencing star Mariel Zagunis pushed up her flight by two days and frantically packed her bags to make sure she gets to London in time.

After all, it's not every day her daughter leads the U.S. team in the opening ceremony of the Olympics.

So Cathy Zagunis threw her things together Thursday at her home near Portland, Ore., still overwhelmed with emotion a day after her daughter called with the news. The proud mom is intent on getting to Olympic Stadium to see the two-time gold medalist serve as flag-bearer tonight — and the U.S. Olympic Committee swiftly secured her a hard-to-get ticket for an event that could draw an upward of 1 billion viewers worldwide.

"I'm speechless is the problem," Cathy Zagunis said by phone, fighting tears. "I'm still in quite a bit of shock. It's an incredible honor to represent your country,

but to be the single person at the opening ceremony holding the American flag is an amazing thing — to be the flag-bearer is incredibly special. When she told me, I cried for an hour."

For one night, Mariel Zagunis will turn her laserlike fencing focus to another important task with the world watching.

"I'm just going to focus on not tripping, not letting the flag touch the ground and doing everything right," she said at a news conference Thursday.

The start of the Olympics will be far more somber for the Israeli delegation. This is a time of remembrance — the 40th anniversary of the 1972 Olympics, when 11 Israeli athletes and coaches were killed in Munich by Palestinian gunmen.

The IOC would not allow a moment of silence at the ceremony. NBC Sports broadcaster Bob Costas, however, planned an on-air minute of silence of his own.

All the while, Israeli swim coach Chanan Sterling tried

to keep his athletes focused, given the constant coverage in London and beyond of that terrible day 40 years ago.

"It's keeping them in our hearts, that's the main thing," Sterling said. "Everybody knows about it, thinks about it. We have a memorial also in Israel, there's a place in Tel Aviv that we gather before the Olympics with all the people who are coming to the Olympics — coaches, athletes."

Efrain Zinger, chief of the Israeli Olympic delegation, said the team has no special plans for the opening ceremony. The national Olympic committee will hold its own tribute Aug. 6 as it has during recent Summer Olympics.

"The Israeli delegation will march in the opening ceremony according to IOC rules," Zinger said. "We don't have any intention to break any of their procedures or regulations. It's not the place to make a statement"

But it will be a place for heavy hearts.

"It's very hard for us,"

Sterling said as his team trained in the Olympic pool. "But those days there were so many things. One year later there was the war in Israel. Those days we were used to this kind of life, unfortunately. Today it's not like that."

Through it all, he remains optimistic that any step toward bringing the world together — like an Olympics — will serve a better cause.

"We are hoping for it every day," he said.

It was no easy thing for Zagunis to earn her spot at the front of the 530-member U.S. team — 269 women and 261 men. First, she made it as a finalist and then prevailed in five rounds of voting by team captains. After four rounds, Zagunis and another unidentified athlete were tied.

"To get that final vote, someone had to change their mind, and they changed their mind in my favor," she said. "For the decision to be for me, in my favor, it means a lot to me. I can't believe it's going to be me."

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# North Korean Athletes in Seclusion After Flag Flap

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**GLASGOW, Scotland** • The flag flap that overshadowed the start of women's soccer at the London Olympics might be consigned to a list of human errors by organizers, but it could hardly have been more insulting to North Koreans.

The team from the reclusive communist country was back in seclusion at a hotel in Glasgow on Thursday after accepting profuse apologies from Olympic organizers, who mistakenly displayed the South Korean flag when introducing North Korean players before a game Wednesday night.

The North Koreans refused to take the field and considered withdrawing from the tournament in

protest, before finally agreeing to play Colombia. The game started more than an hour late, and the North Koreans won 2-0.

"Winning the game can't compensate for the mistake," North Korea coach Sin Ui Gun said through an interpreter after the game, still angry about such a major gaffe on the first day of Olympic competition. "I just want to stress once again that our players' images and names can't be shown alongside the South Korea flag."

North Korea's IOC member, Chang Ung, wants Olympic organizers to make sure such a mistake never happens again, especially at medal ceremonies.

"This should not have happened," Chang told The Associated Press. "I am real-

ly surprised how ... the London Olympic team, the protocol people, didn't invite someone from the team to check if it is your flag."

Chang proposed that Olympic officials meet with team leaders before each medal ceremony to confirm that the correct flags and anthems are being used.

"With 302 medal awarding ceremonies, if something bad happened, that's damaging for the IOC," he said.

Asked whether he was satisfied with the apology from London organizers, Chang said, "They apologized to the national team, that's enough."

Earlier, speaking during the final session of the International Olympic Committee's general assembly, Chang said the flag mistake

wasn't "a big political issue," but that further mix-ups could have "negative political consequences" for the Olympic movement.

IOC President Jacques Rogge said it was a "most unfortunate incident." Prime Minister David Cameron called the mix-up an "honest mistake" and said "every effort will be taken to make sure this won't happen again."

North Korea and South Korea are still technically at war. The fighting from 1950 to 1953 ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty. The peninsula is divided by a heavily fortified border and vast differences in ideologies.

There was a thaw in relations in 2000, when North and South Korean athletes marched together at the opening ceremony of the

Sydney Olympics under the unified Peninsula flag, sparking a standing ovation. But with relations deteriorating in the years since, each country insists on separate flags.

The flag mix-up comes amid high tension on the Korean Peninsula, following a North Korean long-range rocket launch in April and repeated threats by Pyongyang to attack the South. Seoul and the United States called the launch a cover for a test of banned long-range missile technology. North Korea says the rocket, which broke apart shortly after liftoff, was meant to put a satellite into orbit.

At the men's soccer competition Thursday, the South Korean team showed little interest in the flag mix-up. Coach Hong Myung Bo

deflected questions following a 0-0 draw against Mexico, and South Korean midfielder Ki Sung-yueng added, "We don't care about that. People can make mistakes."

Olympic organizers spent time with the North Korean women's team, trying to explain the flag mistake and writing a letter of apology to the team. When asked if he thought the flag error might have been premeditated, Sin replied: "That was the question I was going to ask to LOCOG."

Paul Deighton, London organizing committee chief executive, said it was a "simple human error."

"We have apologized and taken steps to make sure that it absolutely cannot happen again," Deighton told BBC's Today program.



## Summer Lawn Care Tips

Your lawn reaches its peak growing potential during the summer, when a combination of sunshine and warmer weather helps to boost grass production. The warmer season also presents its own challenges to the homeowner <<http://www.gardenguides.com/101872-summer-lawn-care-tips.html>>. Several management strategies can tackle season-specific problems like increased moisture loss to help ensure a healthy and lush lawn, all year round.

**1. Water.** The water needs of lawns go up in the summer as the warmer weather causes increased water use by the turfgrass and more moisture evaporation from the soil. Gardeners should supply sufficient water for the specific turfgrass species being reared, since this varies by grass. For example,

bermudagrass is more drought-tolerant than St. Augustine Grass. General signs of drought stress include wilting and a blue-gray hue to the grass. When water is supplied, enough should be given to moisten the dirt to a depth of 8 inches.

**2. Mowing.** Most grass species have a range of acceptable mowing heights. For example, Bermuda grass is typically trimmed at a height of 1/2 to 1 1/2 inches, depending on the specific cultivar. In the summer, homeowners <<http://www.gardenguides.com/101872-summer-lawn-care-tips.html>> should trim grass to the maximum height recommended for the specific species. This helps reduce water loss during summer's longer, sunnier days.

**3. Weeds.** Summer annuals like crabgrass rear their ugly head in lawns starting in May and June. Such weeds can be prevented using a pre-emergence herbicide like oryzalin or pendimethalin. These stop weed seeds from germinating while not harming your pre-existing turfgrass. Homeowners should follow the specific herbicide product's labeled guidelines when handling the chemicals, since toxicity varies by product.

**4. Aeration.** The end of summer is a prime time for aerating the lawn, as thatch and extensive soil compaction may have built up during the spring and summer growing season. This also helps to prepare the turfgrass for the next year of growing.

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**Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt speaks at a press conference held by the Jamaica Olympic Association Thursday in London.**

## Bolt: Bad Back Caused Problems

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**LONDON** • Usain Bolt fessed up. It was his back.

The Olympic champion said Thursday a bad back has been causing him hamstring problems, leading to a pair of losses to training partner Yohan Blake at the Jamaica trials.

"It was a slight problem. I got that fixed and I'm ready to go," Bolt said in his first formal media appearance of the London Games, where he was given the honor of carrying his country's flag at today's opening ceremony.

Bolt lost to Blake twice at the recent Jamaican trials in both the 100 and his favored 200 meters. The setbacks fueled speculation that he was injured but haven't dampened expectation that he will retain his 100 and 200 gold medals.

"My fitness (at the trials) was all right, I guess, but I wasn't at the best," Bolt said. "I can't complain. It was all right. It's always a wake up call to get beaten. For me it's all about getting it right on the day. I'm all right (now)."

Bolt also dismissed talk that he had been training

away from TV cameras and reporters at the Jamaican team camp in central England because he is injured. Jamaica's 4x100 relay team also is the current Olympic champion.

"I'm always ready," he said. "It's all about the championship. It's never about the trials, everyone knows that. My coach doesn't like the cameras. He likes to keep me away from the cameras."

Bolt was scheduled to appear alongside Blake and other athletes at the event in the heart of east London, but travel problems held some of them up, the Jamaican Olympic Association said.

Instead, Bolt and teammate Asafa Powell were the only two present out of six Jamaican athletes who were supposed to attend.

Before their appearance, JOC President Michael Fennell announced Bolt would be Jamaica's flag bearer at the opening ceremony.

"Carrying the flag is an honor," Bolt said. "For my country Jamaica, I'll do anything — to be on TV. I'm happy. I'm looking forward to tomorrow."

## Phelps Having More Fun at Final Olympics

ASSOCIATED PRESS

**LONDON** • For Michael Phelps, this is it. In his mind, there's no doubt about it. As soon as his hand touches the wall for the final time at the London Olympics, his swimming career is over.

And, really, what's left to accomplish?

"Enough is enough," said Phelps' longtime coach, Bob Bowman. "Come on! It's been a very long road. A great road, no doubt, but I think at some point you have to graduate. He needs to move on to something else."

What he's moving on to is still rather vague.

Phelps wants to keep working toward his long-stated goal of turning swimming into a truly mainstream sport, but he's much better positioned to advance that cause when he's in the water, rather than on land. He'll probably look to expand his chain of swim schools, and there will still be plenty of work to do with his sponsors, who aren't likely to abandon him just because he's turned in his suit.

Heck, he might turn up in Rio as a television commentator four years from now.

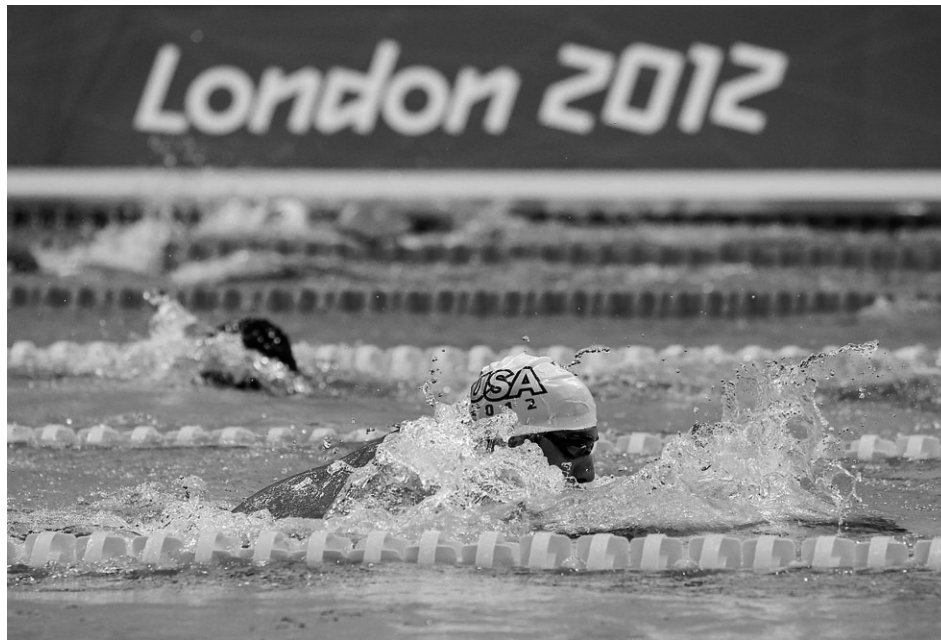
"I'd probably need some help," he concedes. "I know there are some things you should and shouldn't do on TV. It would be kind of fun. Maybe call a couple of races."

Will he be satisfied watching others compete? Can he harness that win-at-all-costs mentality that carried him to gold in Beijing by a thousandth of a second when it seemed certain he was beaten in the 100-meter butterfly?

"I'm competitive in anything that I do," Phelps said. "I'm sure I'll pick up another hobby or something else that will keep me occupied for the rest of my life."

No matter what happens in London, Phelps' legacy in the pool is largely secure.

He's won a staggering 14 gold medals, which is five more than the second-best number on the list. He'll almost surely surpass the mark for most medals overall, coming into these Olympics just two shy of the 18 won by Soviet gymnast Larisa Latynina. By any measure, Phelps is the great-



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**Michael Phelps trains at the Aquatics Center at the Olympic Park, Monday in London.**

est swimmer the world has ever seen, and these games should secure his title at the top of the Olympic heap.

Maybe that's why he seems to be having a lot more fun in the days leading up to London than he did at Athens or Beijing, where he was under intense pressure to turn in record-breaking performances.

"This is closure," Phelps said Thursday, sitting beside Bowman in the largest conference room at the Main Press Centre. "Now it's just a matter of how many toppings I want on my sundae."

Several hundred media packed the room, including Olympic speedskating star Apolo Anton Ohno, who's now working for NBC and got in a question about how Phelps keeps things simple with all the distractions.

Actually, he seems to be having a blast. After Phelps walked in the room, he pulled out his phone and snapped a picture of all the reporters and cameras staring back at him, capturing another moment on his farewell tour.

"This is the last competitive meet I'm going to have in my career," Phelps said. "It's big. It's something I've never experienced. I'm going to have a lot of firsts and a lot of lasts this week."

He's been relaxing in the common room of his apartment in the Olympic Village, watching episodes of "The Wire," the gritty drama

based in his hometown of Baltimore. He's spent time strolling through the sprawling complex, caught off guard when he spotted three Russian female athletes — all of them taller than the 6-foot-4-inch swimmer.

"Geez, I thought I was tall," Phelps said with a chuckle.

He better chill now, because he'll be a very busy guy starting Saturday with his duel in the 400 individual medley against American rival Ryan Lochte. Even though Phelps dropped out of the 200 freestyle, he's still swimming more events than anyone except teammate Missy Franklin: four individual races and, most likely, all three relays.

Compared to the last Olympics, where he broke Mark Spitz's record for a single games with eight gold medals, this program looks like a relative breeze for the 27-year-old Phelps. The fact that someone swimming seven events could be viewed as taking it easy perhaps sums up his dominance better than anything else.

"In Beijing, we were trying to conquer everything," he said. "We're a lot more relaxed. We're having fun."

When Bowman was asked what makes Phelps such a dominating swimmer, he pointed to his physical attributes (large feet and a long torso), the support of a swimming family, a superb work ethic and perhaps the greatest attribute of all —

"his ability to focus under pressure."

"If you checked off everything you wanted in a superstar athlete," Bowman said, "he has all those."

Phelps has been such a dominating figure for so long, some wonder how the sport he took to new heights will carry on once he's gone.

In many ways, he's like Tiger Woods in golf. Not necessarily the one with the intriguing personality. Not the one who comes across to fans as warm and fuzzy. Maybe not even the most popular one with the fans (judging from the fan reactions at meets this year, that would be Lochte).

But Phelps is the one who draws most of the attention, the one whose sheer brilliance was enough to persuade the IOC to flip-flop the entire swimming schedule at Beijing so NBC could televise the finals live in the States.

"I think the neatness of the accomplishment in Beijing really sort of catapulted him to a whole different level," said Peter Carlisle, Phelps' agent. "It's not just what happened in the pool, but having so much of the world watching it. The timing of it, the manner in which he won, the fact that it unfolded over several days. It all had this cumulative effect. Eventually, he drew everyone in, and it's hard to captivate the attention of a significant percentage of the world at any given time."

## Franklin Keeps Colo. in Her Thoughts

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**LONDON** • Missy Franklin is dedicating all her Olympic races to her home state of Colorado.

The 17-year-old swimmer said Thursday she was affected by the movie-theater shootings in the Denver suburb of Aurora, where she attends high school and trains.

"Every single race I'm going to have that Colorado incident back on my mind," she said. "It's such a terrible thing and I'm so shaken by it. They're in my thoughts this entire process."

Franklin, who lives in Centennial, Colo., said she and her parents didn't know any of the 12 shooting victims or the 58 others who were injured.

"But Aurora and Colorado in general is such a close state that when something like that happens we're all affected by it, no matter who it is," she said, adding that she had never been to the theater where the shootings took place. "It's hitting very close to home."

Franklin and the rest of the U.S. swimming team was training in France when she first heard about the shootings through Twitter. Because of the time difference, she had to wait several hours to find out if any of her friends had attended the midnight showing of the Batman movie.

One of them did but "thankfully he was not at

that theater," she said.

Franklin will have to clear her mind of the tragedy while she competes in seven events at her first Olympics. She opens her program Saturday, when she's expected to swim a leg of the 4x100-meter freestyle relay on opening night at the Aquatics Centre.

No less an expert than 14-time Olympic gold medalist Michael Phelps said Franklin's biggest challenge will be harnessing her boundless energy over the eight-day meet, but Franklin figures last month's ultra-competitive U.S. trials gave her valuable experience.

"I know that I've done this many events before and I'm ready to add in relays, but relays are my favorite part and I think those are going to give me energy," she said. "I know that it's going to be tough, but like Michael said, it's all mental and I think that I'm prepared to do it."

Phelps even told Franklin to ask, phone or text him if she needs anything.

"She hasn't," he said. "I offered."

Franklin has gotten most of her advice from others on the women's team, but one thing she wants to ask about is college. Phelps attended Michigan for one year, but didn't swim for the Wolverines.

"I love getting opinions from everyone," she said. "It's just great to have all that knowledge behind you."



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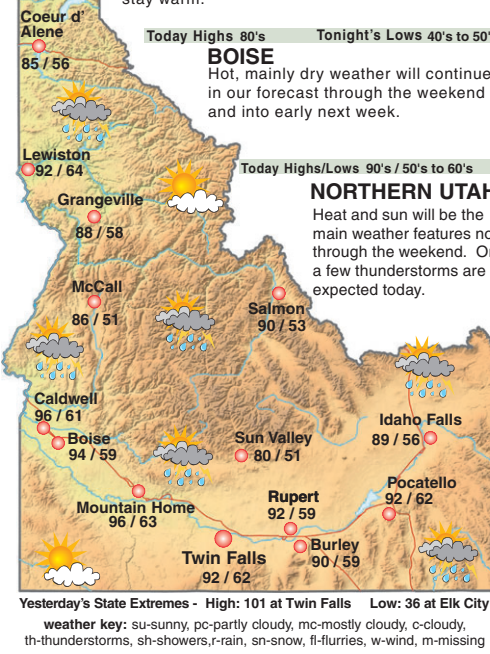
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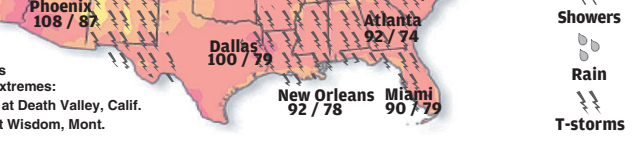
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NFL Launches Player Wellness Program

ASSOCIATED PRESS NEW YORK • In an offseason marked by Junior Seau's suicide and scores of lawsuits over brain injuries, the NFL on Thursday launched a comprehensive wellness program for current and retired players — including a confidential mental health phone line.

Like Stabler, the other retirees claim the NFL did not do enough to shield them from the long-term effects of repeated hits to the head, even when medical evidence established a connection between head trauma in football and health problems later in life.

Stabler, 66, claimed in the lawsuit he has experienced cognitive difficulties, including headaches, dizziness, depression, fatigue, sleep problems, irritability and numbness/tingling in his spine. Seau's family recently requested that brain tissue of the NFL linebacker be sent to

the National Institutes of Health for examination. The former All-Pro died May 2 of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the chest. He was 43, just 2 1/2 years retired from a career that saw him picked for 12 Pro Bowls. His death had similarities to that of former Chicago

Bears safety Dave Duerson, who died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the chest last year. Duerson left a suicide note, asking that his brain be studied for signs of trauma. NFL officials said while Seau's death was high profile, the league's suicide numbers

across the board are low. They said in the past 25 years there have been 13 documented suicides by those who played in the NFL. Nonetheless, after Seau died, both the NFL and the players' union acknowledged more could be done to provide mental health services.

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