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Planning for the polls T.F. city could see water bond issue next year

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

That soothing shower that woke you up this morning might cost you more next year.

Voters in Twin Falls could see a bond issue election, for possibly more than \$26 million, in May 2009 for water and wastewater projects to meet the city's growth, a city

official said this week.

The bond and what it would fund are still being drafted but early estimates from city officials put bonded water projects at about \$11 million and the cost of wastewater capacity at \$15 million for a total sum of around \$26 million. Twin Falls Engineer Jackie Fields said she is hoping a vote will come next spring.

"It would be really nice if it would happen in May," Fields said. "That would be great if we could get ourselves to a spot where we said, 'look people, let's make a decision.'"

In order to increase the city's water quantity and its quality to meet federal standards, the city needs judicial confirmation — getting a judge's approval — on a

complex deal with the state and water users.

Almost \$30 million in the Pristine Springs transaction and incorporating the water into Twin Falls will be submitted to a judge, including the \$10 million buyout of the fish farm and most infrastructure related to meeting federal arsenic standards in 2011, according to a budget document.

The \$11 million, including a \$5 million storage tank, is considered growth-related and will be set aside for the bond.

"We don't have a number because we haven't done enough work on the project to know where we're going to draw the line or where we think we want to draw the line," Fields said.

"And the judge may want

to draw the line elsewhere."

City officials also said they'll likely need a bond to increase the city's wastewater treatment plant for growth at around 2 percent. The city would seek about \$15 million to expand average daily capacity from the current more than 4 million daily gallons to more than 4.5 million.

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Crawling to class



MEGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

A driver is reflected in a mirror as he waits in traffic to exit the College of Southern Idaho campus Tuesday afternoon at the west entrance on Washington Street in Twin Falls. To order photo reprints, go to magicvalley.com and click on the Pictopia button.

Construction work snarling CSI traffic

By Ben Bokin
Times-News writer

Construction work on an intersection is underway this week as the semester begins at the College of Southern Idaho.

Road crews are working on the Falls Avenue entrance to the campus, a project that will merge two separate entrance and exit lanes into a new entry. College spokesman Doug Maughan said the traffic flow should improve soon. Classes

started on Monday.

"We're hoping this week will be the worst of it," he said.

For now, students need to exit the college using the Washington Street or North College Road entryways. While one lane will be open for campus entry at Falls Avenue, there's no exit there.

It's possible that the Falls Avenue project will be paved by Tuesday for students returning after Labor Day weekend, Maughan said.

If that happens, stop signs will guide vehicles at the Falls Avenue entrance until traffic lights are installed. The goal for finishing the project is Sept. 12.

When complete, the traffic lights at the Falls Avenue entrance will improve the safety there, Maughan said.

For students, finding a park space close to class was a bigger challenge than navigating through road work.

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Miles before new victories

Travel time taking a toll on high school sports

By Bradley Gaire
Times-News writer

While pads are crunching on the field this fall, area high school sports administrators will continue to crunch numbers with a heightened sense of frugality.

The rising cost of transportation is affecting everyone, and many Class 1A schools in southern Idaho are feeling the squeeze when it comes time to budget for away games.

The Division I Snake River Conference, which added Challis and Shoshone from eastern Idaho districts last year, brought its football ranks to nine.

Both schools could have joined other 1A conferences in their respective districts, but starting this season Class 1A is split at the 100-student marker. Now they have no district competition as both are classified as large schools (Div. I), while former district rivals North Gem, Rockland, Clark County, Leadore and Mackay are classified as small schools (Div. II).

According to RandMcNally.com, a one-way trip from Castledale to Challis is 183 miles. From Hagerman, it's 163 miles. Oakley 203. Those numbers look much worse as the price at the pump remains near \$4 a gallon.

Hagerman would have to travel to Challis at least four times during the 2008-09 school year.

4 trips
326 miles x
\$1.45 a mile =
\$1,890.80

District breakdown

- Class 1A Div. I Snake River Conference**
- Challis + Castleford
 - Hagerman
 - Hansen
 - Lighthouse Christian
 - Oakley
 - Shoshone
 - Raft River
 - Sho-Ban*

* District V + District VI

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Hostile crowd assails Kimberly rate meeting

City to continue hearing tonight

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

The Kimberly City Council agreed Tuesday to postpone its vote on proposed utility rate increases of more than 100 percent, after hundreds of residents planning to protest the move had to wait outside chambers due to space constraints.

Residents turned out in

droves to protest the rate increases, arguing the amounts are too much too quickly during a downward economy. Many said the city did a poor job of publicizing the increases.

"To be honest, I feel a little bit like I've been snookered," Ian Crawford, 36, told the council. "I heard about this

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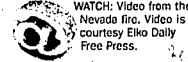
Jarbridge wilderness fire doubles in size

Murphy Hot Springs not evacuated

By John Semts and Naté Poppino
Staff writers

ELKO, Nev. — Firefighters managed to hold a fire in the Jarbridge wilderness to about 38,500 acres on Tuesday after windy, red flag weather conditions combined with low humidity and high temperatures to allow the fire to more

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than double in size late Monday. Cooler temperatures, lighter winds and a change in wind direction helped turn around the East Slide Rock Ridge Fire, which

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A Skyranki Skycrane helicopter douses flames with water Monday afternoon on the East Slide Rock Ridge fire near Jarbridge.

ROSS ADDRESS/Daily Free Press

MORNING BRIEFING



TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

The 9th annual Sun Valley Shakespeare Festival, The Complaint Wrks of William Shksptr (Abridged), 6 p.m., Sun Valley Festival Meadows, Sun Valley Road, (208) 726-9124.

The Wah-Hoo Revue, featuring the Wild West Players with singing, dancing, comedy and audience involvement, includes western-style barbecue, 6 p.m., on the lawn near the opera house; and show, 7:30 p.m., Historic Sun Valley Opera House, dinner/show tickets: \$35 for adults, \$30 for senior citizens and \$25 for children 12 and under; for show only: \$18 for adults and \$14 for senior citizens and children 12 and under, 622-2135 or 888-622-2108.

BUSINESS

BAMA (Burley Area Merchants Association), 7:30 a.m., Burley City Hall, 878-2224.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Twin Falls Lions Club meeting and no-host lunch, club day, noon, Norm's Catering Room, 627 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, visitors welcome, 312-5047.

Burley Kiwanis Club meeting, noon, Morey's Steakhouse, 219 E. Third St. N., 436-0720.

Burley Soroptimist Int'l. meeting, noon, Suring Plaza, 626 Elba Ave., 438-8666.

Rupert Kiwanis Club meeting, noon, Rupert Elks Lodge, 850 S. 200 W., 436-8242.

Rupert Lions Club meeting, noon, Wayside Café, Heyburn, 878-8981.

Twin Falls Citizens Protecting Resources (CPR) meeting, 7 p.m., Idaho Fish and Game Building, two miles north of the Flying J on Hwy. 93, 324-3202.

Snake River Flats meeting, 7:30 p.m., Harmony Hall, 123 K St., 436-6047.

Burley Rupert Shrine Club, dinner meeting, 6:30 p.m., Rupert Elks Lodge, 678-2811.

FESTIVALS AND FAIRS

Beginning day of Twin Falls County Fair, "Children's Dream and Country Things," with food, arts, crafts and business booths, hypnotist, petting farm, carnival rides, games and featuring Jason Aldoon In concert, 8 p.m., Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Bill, www.tfcc.com or (208) 326-4396.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls county commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 94 E. 18th St., 678-9153.

Twin Falls School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 201 Main Ave. W., 733-6900.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc.,



301 Main St. N., Kimberly, no cost, 737-5988.

Silversneakers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weigh ins from 5 to 5:30 p.m. and meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., BridgeView Great Room (north entrance, third floor), BridgeView Estates, 1828 Bridgeview Blvd., 404-4793 or 736-9282.

Grifeshare Support Group, a 13-week program Wednesdays through Nov. 19, 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, 2262 Hilland Ave., Burley, child care provided, 654-2500 or 878-7613.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Woodcarving days, public welcome to come and carve wood, 1 to 5 p.m., and 10 to 10 p.m., 310 Filer Ave. W., Twin Falls, classes available, 736-0061.

MUSEUMS AND PARKS

Faulkner Planetarium "Dinosaur Chronicles," 2 p.m., Harrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magicvalley.com, by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is twin, four days in advance of the event.

Pat's Picks ... Pat Marcantonio

Three things to go and do today

State fairs may be big, but county fairs are home.

- The Twin Falls County Fair, which opens today in Filer, offers so much to do that you'll go back for more.
- Fair is complete without the food and part of the appeal is the booths run by the local organizations and churches, with a variety ranging from fresh corn to trout burgers to the famous Tater Pig.
- Gate admission is \$7 for adults, \$3 for kids 6 to 12

- And those younger are free. End the first day of the fair with music, as Jason Aldean performs at 8 p.m. in the Shouse Arena for singing fans. General seating is \$10, \$15 for reserved.
- For sports fans, the College of Southern Idaho Booster Club and athletic department will hold a dinner at 6 p.m. in the campus Room Garden to introduce the athletic teams, and coaches will preview the season. The booster club

will provide the dinner. Bring a dessert to share.

- If you're willing to make the drive, Sheryl Crow performs at the Idaho Center Amphitheater in Nampa. It should be worth the cost of the gas. Tickets start at \$30 and go up.

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

Crowd

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Last Friday I suppose this was in the works for some time.

The proposal is to increase monthly water rates, which are not metered, from \$21.50 to \$48.00 and sewer rates will go from \$19.25 to \$44.18.

The council heard from about a half-dozen residents — one man used profanity — and will continue the hearing at 7 p.m. tonight in the Kimberly High School gymnasium. A notice will be posted at City Hall, said Kimberly Mayor Dave Overacre.

Last week, two petitions opposing the increases began circulating; they combined to garner more than 100 signatures — almost one-third of the city's more than 3,000 residents — before turning them in Tuesday.

The decision to hold the hearing in a larger room came after nearly 200 people — many of whom could be heard yelling into the council chambers — were not allowed to enter the meeting room on Madison Street. There were already more than 100 people crowded into it.

"It was horrible," said Jerry Terry, 36, who stood outside most of the meeting. "The whole thing is we still don't

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— Jerry Terry, Kimberly

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Overacre said after the meeting he did not expect such a large crowd.

Audience members shouted they only knew of the meeting through word of mouth.

Of the residents who testified, some said they were comfortable with a smaller increase, but wanted more transparency from the city, suggesting that notification come through the mailed water bill.

"Communication — that hasn't happened here," said Tom Davis, who organized one of the petitions.

City officials have said the rate hikes are due to planning for the future, the city's recent growth spurt — the last seven years have seen an increase of more than 500 people and previous city councils dragging their feet. Overacre, who served 10 years on the council before being elected last year, recently told the Times-News that he's partly to blame.

Before the public hearing, residents heard a more than hour-long presentation from Bill Jarbidge, the director of the Environmental Finance Center at Boise State University, who had calculated the increases.

He told them they've survived with low rates, but without proper infrastructure there was potential for prospective businesses or homeowners to pass on settling in Kimberly.

"In the city of Kimberly, if you one can flush their toilets you'll get a reputation, wouldn't you?" he asked.

"But those in the room had grown impatient before Jarbidge was even finished. When Josh Tucker reached the podium shortly before Overacre gavelled the meeting, he told the council that the rate hikes were unfair to people like him raising young families.

"You're elected in and you can be elected out," he said to a round of applause.

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Fire

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is burning through steep, rugged terrain across roughly 10 square miles, Forest Service spokeswoman Pam Wilson said.

"Things are going really well out there today," she said about 6 p.m. Tuesday. Firefighters halted the blaze's march north with a line of retardant and winds that blew it to the southeast, back on itself, Wilson said.

The fire got within five miles of Murphy Hot Springs, leading the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office to advise residents on Monday night to pack clothing, medicine and other essential items to escape the fire surged north toward the community. The area was not evacuated.

Firefighters completed some fire breaks or hotting lines, south of the community and engines are on site to provide structure protection. Sheriff Gary Aman kept officers in the area for most of Tuesday.

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the Idaho governor's office also kept tabs on the situation, he said.

Firefighters were allowed back into the Spike Camp at Pole Creek after officials

determined it wasn't affected by Monday's expansion, Wilson said. More than 200 firefighters were staying at the camp.

Wilson said fire crews expected only minimal growth from the blaze on Tuesday, and that historic structures dotting the area still seemed to be untouched.

Favorable weather should continue today and possibly Thursday, she said, giving crews a chance to get on top of the fire.

The lightning-sparked fire, which the U.S. Forest Service originally managed with a wildland fire use technique to naturally reduce fuel loads of dead or diseased trees, grounded aircraft and forced firefighters to move to safety zones by mid-afternoon as Monday as it outflanked them.

"We just couldn't risk having our firefighters becoming entrapped," said the commander Paul Summerfelt.

The blaze is headed away from Jarbidge as well. Jarbidge Volunteer Fire Department Chief Ken Hill said residents in the area are meeting and making contingency plans in case an evacuation is needed. He said there wasn't much smoke in the town Monday, although they received a bit over the last few days.

"There are a lot of flames up there," Hill said. "It is a long fire front, it is way out of control."

The Elko County Commission issued an emergency declaration Monday and is seeking additional emergency declarations from the state, which may in turn trigger a federal disaster declaration and help allocate additional resources to the fire.

A Type I National Incident Management Team is managing the fire.

There are currently 476 personnel fighting it, including six Type I Hotshot crews, six Type II crews, five helicopters, 10 engines, three dozers and eight water tenders.

While firefighting efforts have been in suppression mode since last week, the state's fire chief said a wildland fire use strategy drew some criticism.

The blaze, which began Aug. 8, has grown beyond original projections and damaged some grazing allotments.

"We haven't pinpointed exactly how much of each component of the (wastewater) work will need to be completed," Fields said. "We got ourselves to a place where we thought we knew what we wanted to do and that came out of the draft facility plan" that is presented to the council earlier this year.

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Ashcroft sentenced to program for vehicular manslaughter

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

A young man charged with vehicular manslaughter for two of his friends' deaths last year will serve six months in a boot camp-style program with counseling to help for substance abuse, Jerome County Prosecutor Mike Seib said.

Jayson T. Ashcroft, 19, Twin Falls, pleaded guilty to a count of vehicular manslaughter on July 7 and was sentenced Monday to prison time — eight years

fixed, seven indeterminate — which will be suspended until the end of his six-month program called a ride.

Ashcroft lost control of his vehicle and rolled it in June 2007 near the Flying J on U.S. Highway 93. His friends Larry Larsen, 20, and Jace Bixler, 20, both from Twin Falls, weren't wearing seatbelts and died.

After Ashcroft finishes his six-month rider program he'll go back before a judge, where he could be placed on probation or go to prison to fulfill his sentence, said Seib. "I hope he is at least."

At least some family members consented to the sentence.

"We approve of it," said Stephanie Larsen, Larry Larsen's mother. "It was heart-wrenching on both sides, with us, and with Jayson's family also. Honestly we wish the best for Jayson."

Bixler's mother didn't return a call Tuesday from the Times-News.

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Water

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10 million gallons, according to Finance Director Gary Evans.

The \$15 million does not include a third digester Fields hopes to install at the wastewater plant, which is managed by C12M HILL OMI.

Two existing 1.27 million gallon digesters are undergoing upgrades.

Fields said she expects the city to try and do both votes

together, but that's undecided.

Funding for current and future sewer projects, including the possibility of bonding — have surfaced at every budget discussion of the Twin Falls City Council in the last two months.

On Monday, the council adopted the city budget, which includes \$1.4 million to replace an aging component of the wastewater plant.

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S. Barker continues run through Sawtooth Forest

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Increasing winds helped the South Barker fire grow to 19,400 acres Monday, the U.S. Forest Service reported in a news release.

The fire is passing through timber stands in the Sawtooth National Forest northeast of Featherline, officials stated, consuming trees killed by bugs as it travels. The most activity is still in the Willow Creek Drainage.

Fire crews spent Tuesday assessing the effects of Monday's wind, including monitoring and mapping the new perimeter.

The fire's northern flank is beginning to reach the site of the Boise National Forest's

Traill Creek Fire, which burned outside of Atlanta in 2000. Fire managers expect fire activity to decrease significantly once it reaches that area, the release states.

Smoke from the fire is moving into nearby areas, including Atlanta and the Stanley Basin from Hells Roaring Creek to Frenchman's Creek. The highest density of smoke is around Aluta Lake.

Officials removed one of two air-quality monitors in the area because it was giving spotty readings, spokesman Chris Wehrli said. The remaining monitor is at Pipe, and its data can be viewed at <http://www.satguard.com/USFS/fleet.aspx>. On Tuesday afternoon, its readings rested

in the green or "good" air quality rating.

The lightning-sparked fire is being allowed to burn for management purposes. A number of campgrounds, trails and roads are still closed in the area. A Boise National Forest closure order is pending for Forest Service Roads 135 and 138.

Only about 190 Forest Service personnel are assigned to the fire now, down from 230 over the weekend. The reduction comes from the fact that part of the fire that escaped onto the Boise forest has been contained, Wehrli said, and

more personnel should be released over the next few weeks. The fire will be monitored until a snowstorm or other "season-ending event," he said.

Aside from the East Slide Rock Ridge Fire in Nevada, only one other blaze was reported on Tuesday. The U.S. Bureau of Land Management recorded a one-acre fire on private land near Malta.

The Nevada fire was originally managed like the South Barker before wind and other factors caused it to grow out of control. But fire officials aren't worried about whether

the South Barker will do the same thing, Wehrli said. The Idaho fire is creeping along the ground, he pointed out, not roaring through the trees. Officials do have contingency

plans in place just in case, he said.

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Perrine Elementary student hit after darting into street

Times-News

A student at Perrine Elementary School was sent to the hospital Tuesday morning after being hit by a car, officials with the Twin Falls School District announced.

Arthur Garcia of Twin Falls was driving east on Caswell Avenue West at about 8 a.m. when the student, who has not been identified, darted across the road from the south, Twin Falls Police Staff Sgt. Dennis Pullin said. The incident happened in front of Robert Stuart Junior High.

The student responded to the scene and was transported to St. Luke's

Magic Valley Medical Center, where he was alert and stable, school officials reported. Garcia, driving a 1991 Oldsmobile Cutlass, was following the speed limit and was partially blinded by the sun, Pullin said.

He will not be charged in the incident.

"It was pretty shook up, I know that," Pullin said.

The accident is a reminder for pedestrians and drivers to be careful as school resumes, both police and district officials said, especially when drivers are faced with the bright morning sun from the east.

Pullin said drivers are reminded to slow down in school zones.

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Happy 90th Birthday!

Harry LeMoine of Twin Falls, celebrated his 90th birthday on Thursday, August 21.

He was born in Halsey, Idaho, August 21, 1918. The son of Harry LeMoine, Sr., & Jeannette Fox LeMoine of Halsey.

Harry Jr., graduated from Hagerman High in 1935 and went to Boise Junior College for one year and then on to the University of Idaho. He applied to be an aviation cadet in the Army Air Corps in the spring of 1941 and graduated as a 2nd Lieutenant in May, 1942. He served as an air corp pilot instructor at a Williams Field, Arizona and was a P-47 fighter pilot with the 8th Air Force from May to November of 1944.

He currently resides in Twin Falls and still goes to work everyday at LeMoine Realty & Appraisals as an Associate Real Estate Broker.

SRA yet to be served with nuke suit

Staff report

A prominent nuclear watchdog group is still searching for a lawyer to respond to a defamation suit filed by Alternat Energy Holdings Inc., the company behind a proposed Elmore County nuclear power plant.

Snake River Alliance Executive Director Andrea Shipley called company officials "scammers" in an Aug. 11 news broadcast on KTVB Channel 7. The Boise station can be received over the air in the Magic Valley as Channel 38.

AEBH officials filed suit over the comments on Friday in Ada County court.

Sandy Pederson with the SRA said Tuesday that the group is still seeking legal counsel and still has not

received a copy of the suit. The group is not issuing any other comments until they have consulted with a lawyer, she said.

AEBH spokesman Martin Johncox also said Tuesday he did not believe the SRA had been served yet. AEBH led out another announcement about the suit Tuesday afternoon, this one written from the mouth of a business angel.

The environmental group has actively opposed the proposed nuclear plant, questioning its financial plans and the intentions of company CEO Don Gillespie. The suit asks for financial recompense for damages, and for the SRA to retract the statement and refrain from making such comments in the future.

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Fair week arrives Last minute preparations made for T.F. Co. Fair

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

So far, so good, said Twin Falls County Fair Manager John Pitz about activities leading up to today's fair opener.

"We're hanging banners and such, stuff we couldn't do too far in advance because they would've just gotten blown away," Pitz said. "But so far everyone seems to be feeling pretty good and relatively positive."

Pitz said he wasn't privy to any problems being had by the 42 food vendors or 200 plus business vendors that have been setting up shop.

"They started setting up on Saturday and everything is going pretty smooth. We'll be ready," Pitz said.

Chandra Berheim, 17, says she'll be working Tuesday through Thursday at the farm-to-table club at the food booth.

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"It's exciting. Everyone is working and getting ready for the fair to start," Berheim said. "We've had customers all day."

In addition to her food booth duties Berheim said she's also been active getting her family's 14 pigs ready for show.

"We have to weigh all the pigs in this afternoon and have the open-class showing tomorrow," she said. "Plus we'll be decorating the pig barn. There is always a lot of work to do before the fair starts... I'm so glad we aren't starting school until after the fair because it's hard to juggle it all."

The exciting atmosphere at the grounds was also felt by

food vendor Bob Shortt, of BoMar Enterprises from Washington. He and his wife Mango Shortt spent Tuesday getting their booth ready for an expected onslaught of customers.

They spent a large portion of yesterday dicing onions, bell peppers and tomatoes for use in their New York Style Sausage Sandwich.

It is the first time BoMar Enterprises has attended the Twin Falls County Fair and the couple said they're impressed.

"This is a good outfit," he said. "Everyone has been caring and the staff and all the people have been really, really nice, helpful and congenial."

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Daily interview shows hosted by Steve Crump from the Twin Falls County Fair will be part of the Times-News coverage of the annual event on its online site, magicvalley.com and its webpage.

At 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., interview shows hosted by Crump, the Times-News columnist, will be posted on [Magicvalley.com](http://magicvalley.com). Site visitors can view them anytime after that.

Today, fair manager John Pitz and Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tousey discuss safety tips while at the fair.

Thursday: Teresa Tevry, University of Idaho

extension, and Janie Mack, photography department superintendent.

Friday: Radio producer Ike Sankey, and Relph Denton, a fair board member.

Saturday: The rodeo announcer, and 6th District High School Rodeo Queen Shelly Schlund and Queen of Magic Valley 2007 Crystal Kenney.

Sunday: Alvin Kral, superintendent of the dairy department and St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center paramedic.

Monday: The people who came up with the Tater Pig, and John Pitz.

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There are some challenges, Shortt said.

"We were going to do a pizza buffet but it wasn't delivered in time," he said. "But we'll make do with what we do have. In fact, we ordered our bread and purchased produce locally and I think everything will work out just fine."

If BoMar's experience con-

tinues along the positive trend the couple plans on making the Twin Falls County Fair a yearly venue.

"Everything has been phenomenal. There are some fears where you buy your space and you aren't able to go an inch over that. But here there is ample space and plenty of wiggle room," Shortt said.

With all the animal, food, business and carnival exhibits, feeling so positive it sounds like the week is getting off on the right foot.

"The only thing missing now is local residents' attendance." "We're all just hoping, with the economy the way it is, the fair will be a success," Pitz said.

Waste collection firm responds to Filer residents' complaints

By John E. Swazy
Times-News correspondent

Earlier this month the Filer City Council approved a request from Western Waste Services asking that city residents who receive weekly garbage service move containers from alley ways to the street for collection.

The decision prompted comments from about a dozen city residents attending a city council meeting last week. And a Times-News article prompted a response from Western Waste Customer Relations Representative Scott Parks.

"We are the premier service provider in this area and we pride ourselves on that," Parks said Monday. "My biggest concern is that other communities we serve will

read this one-sided story and its headline, thinking that the whole community of Filer really is fed up and we're really not doing our job."

One of several patron comments was a concern the change could reduce quality of life and curb appeal in residential neighborhoods.

Parks believes street pickup leads to a greater sense of neighborhood accountability for trash disposal.

"Alley-ways can often just become places to dump trash where it's out-of-sight, out-of-mind," he said. "I can't imagine that those who attended the meeting represent more than 15 percent of Filer residents who, by and large, are more than satisfied with the service we offer."

Additional reasons for the move were to help assure the safety of community youth, reduction in alley-way property damage and the need for workman's compensation claims among company employees.

Filer resident Debbie Crawford, who is also a city employee, voiced concern that curb trash pickup would cause needless hardship for elderly citizens and that service has not remained at an acceptable standard for the price charged.

Parks countered by referring to sanitation bid options his company presented and the City Council considered one year ago. The city's current charge covers the cost of weekly garbage pick-up as well as landfill disposal.

"We initially came to the council with a bid and made it clear we were willing to work with the city to offer premium service and that hasn't changed," he said. "The city sets the \$11 fee and certainly can change it."

In response to the public outcry, Mayor Bob Tompleman has assured that alley garbage pick-up would not change until he contacts Western Waste and helps come up with a solution to satisfy everyone.

Parks said he plans to meet with the mayor to discuss the issue and is willing to come before the council to answer questions from city residents.

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For you drugstore cowboys, put up or shut up. I'm going to Pink Night at the Magic Valley Stamped in Filer on Thursday, and I won't be wearin' paisley. Ya'll got the chops to ante up?

And it don't count if your significant other's wearin' a pink shirt. She's a girl. Don't own a pink shirt? No excuse. The folks from Wrangler got themselves a pink online catalog (<http://www.toughenoughstore.com>).

You got your Tough Enough to Wear Pink black men's T-shirt (\$24), your TETW military green tee (\$24), or your TETW pink long-sleeve cotton twill shirt with button-down collar (\$28, available locally at Vickers and D&B). Web that off with a TETW!

Wrangler bandana (\$5).

Two years ago, in cases, we all know you're not just gonna turn up attired in salmon unless she shames you into it. You go, girls. Tell Bubba there what Jo Paolotti, a professor of American studies at the University of Maryland, told The New York Times.

"When colors were first introduced to the nursery in the early part of the 20th century, pink was considered the more masculine hue, a pastel version of red. Blue was thought dainty. As late as the 1930s a significant percentage of adults in one national survey held to that split.

That's why, Paolotti explains, the early Disney cartoon heroines — Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, Wendy, Alice in Wonderland — wore blue.

Shoot, in the '60s guys wore pink on mass. Remember Danny Zuko from "Grease"?

It wasn't until the '80s, when sex differences became a key strategy of children's marketing, that pink was deemed to girls.

So your bear there ain't defendin' masculine tradition; I've seen a picture of Hank Williams in a pink shirt. And he didn't walk funny in cowboy boots, neither.

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IDOC nixes jail contract with local counties

State prisoner numbers below projections

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

The Idaho Department of Correction is not signing off on a contract this year with a handful of Magic Valley counties interested in building regional correctional facilities, state and local officials confirmed.

Gooding, Camas, Lincoln and Jerome counties were talking with the state and a private prison operator, Rocky Mountain Corrections, to build a regional correctional facility in the Magic Valley for state and local inmates.

But the state on Monday told the counties it's not going to sign off on the prospect right now, at least in part because state inmate numbers are down as hundreds of new beds are slated to come online in the next couple of years.

Jerome County officials voted in July to build its own facility rather than join the regional plan. But a state and Gooding County official said Jerome County was participating in the discussions about state contracts.

"We ended up 431 inmates below projections," said IDOC Director Brent Reinke. "We want to slow the process down and make sure if we enter into an agree-

ment with them that it's going to be a long term agreement."

IDOC is signing off on a similar facility in Power County with Rocky Mountain Corrections, close to an existing prison in Pocatello.

Private, state and county partnerships are new when it comes to building correctional centers in Idaho.

"What we're doing is unique. We want to make sure we learn all the lessons we can in the first project," said Reinke. "In the model we're developing, we want to do it right."

The Power County facility is slated to be medium security with about 200 beds — which was the plan for the Magic Valley area project.

There are 7,314 inmates incarcerated and another 13,600 in community corrections through IDOC, Reinke said.

State owned facilities are overcrowded and bifolding another with 1,500 beds could cost about \$191 million, not including staff, said IDOC Spokesman Jeff Ray.

So IDOC uses a Virtual Prison Program that sends state inmates to county jails as well as two out-of-state private, contracted facilities. There are 765 Idaho inmates lodged in facilities out of state, Reinke said. "Our goal is to get those inmates back."

Contracting saves the state money and the Virtual Prison Program provides oversight, IDOC officials have said.

Some state inmates were sent to do time at the Gooding County jail through the program, but IDOC pulled the inmates out after a recent escape, jail person-

nel were fired in connection to the incident.

Those issues weren't a factor in IDOC's move not to sign a contract with Magic Valley counties, Reinke confirmed.

Crime numbers are also down in Idaho, which factors into the lower than anticipated state inmate numbers, he said.

Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough said Magic Valley counties are still talking and haven't given up on the state. "They'll have the need if more people go into the prison system," Gough said.

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"Construction didn't bother me," said Breyanna Smith, a nursing student who transferred from the University of Utah. "It was the parking part that bothered me."

Liz Westra, a sophomore majoring in education, arrived on campus at 8 a.m. to be added to the rush of traffic.

"It was pretty busy for 8 o'clock," she said. She said traffic conditions were far worse earlier this summer, when crews were working the North College Road entrance. That entrance was ready for traffic when classes started Monday.

"I was back before school. It was really bad, and it calmed down a lot," Westra said.

The Falls Avenue project is receiving \$750,000 in federal highway money. For the North College Road entrance, \$130,000 of college funding is paying for the work.

Work also is continuing on a parking lot adjacent to the North College Road entrance. The state division of public works provided \$200,000 for the lot work.

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Schools

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assuming that no games are combined in one trip: one football game, one volleyball game, and one basketball game each for boys and girls varsity. That's more than 1,400 miles round trip. Depending on what kind of bus is used — the traditional yellow or a coach — \$1.45 to 1.70 per mile will be cost. Hagerman from \$1,800 to \$2,300.

Answers to raising more money come in the forms of supplemental levies and fundraising. In Castledo, student athletes paid a travel fee until a supplemental levy passed in 2007. Set aside money for transportation costs.

This April, the *Times-News* published a story that said the school board might pursue another levy. But prices are escalating in a way that levies and fundraisers struggle to offset.

"For a small school, I think we're at the top of our fundraising capabilities," Hagerman Athletic Director Kevin Cato said. "The same people pay for everything, and over and over again. We'll have to figure out different things."

According to Blain Aldous, transportation supervisor for the Challis School District, travel to District IV would be a drastic change for the Vikings.

Help out local student-athletes

The Youth Endowment for Activities Foundation, Inc., or YEA, may accept contributions from schools, private persons or businesses. Anyone who wishes to make a contribution toward a school of their choice may contact executive director Dick Curtis at 208-850-1178 or visit the YEA Web site at <http://www.yeafoundation.org>.

"It'll probably increase our costs, and we'll definitely be traveling far," he said, "but we're used to going to Teton (183 miles one way) so it's not so different."

Challis' closest opponents are Mackay and Salmon, roughly 60 miles away.

As purse strings tighten across the country — the Mount Vernon (N.Y.) School Board recently cut all sports — area administrators are looking for creative ways to keep costs down and sports programs alive.

"When we go to Sho-Ban for football and volleyball, we'll try to schedule on the same date," Castledo High School principal Andy Wiseman said. "We'll play volleyball early and football right after."

This plan should have its greatest impact during the winter as schools combine girls and boys varsity basketball into one night. Hagerman is also exploring this option.

"We weren't able to do it for

football and volleyball, but boys and girls basketball will play on the same day and use the same bus," Cato said.

The downsides to multiple-game nights is that all teams will have to travel at the same time and start playing earlier, meaning more missed class time. But it may be a needed concession.

"They'll (students) miss classes more if we leave at 1 p.m., but it's something we'll look at strongly," Wiseman said. "The price of the bus is the same, so it would be quite a savings."

One possibility Wiseman may explore is to transport more than the team. For sports such as volleyball, which have smaller rosters, the rest of the bus could be filled with parents and fans, who would pay a small fee to ride, he said.

Another solution will come during basketball season, as the Snake River Conference will have North-South divisional play.

Two South teams, like

Castledo and Hagerman, will play twice during the regular season. Inter-divisional play will be limited to one regular-season game.

"We talked about divisional play in football," Cato said. "For whatever reason, the conference voted against it."

Other ideas have also been thrown into the mix informally, such as designated "activities days" or a four-day week for scheduling activities. There's also the possibility of reducing the number of regular-season games for volleyball and basketball, Cato added.

Schools may have some help when it comes to staying within budgets. The HISAIA has recently formed the Cost Analysis and Transportation Committee from representatives around the state. Executive director John Billeze said the state wants to get in front of the issue by surveying schools in Idaho.

"What are you doing? What are you cutting back? What is the committee is just fact-finding now," Billeze said.

The plan is to send out surveys in mid-September and have a conference call to discuss results. The committee met in early August and is scheduled to reconvene in December.

Currently, the HISAIA reimburses travel and meals for football, volleyball and bas-

ketball teams that qualify for state competition. Part of that money comes from the United Dairywomen of Idaho, which sponsors the tournaments. The HISAIA is also attempting to start a travel database of hotels and other services that could be of use to teams on the road, according to Billeze.

The Boise-based Youth Endowment for Activities Foundation, Inc., is becoming a larger source of reimbursement as well. Dick Curtis took over as executive director in May.

"Based on what I've heard, people are more aware of our mission and what we're trying to do," he said.

"YEA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit foundation" of the HISAIA, incorporated in 1986. It can provide support to teams involved in sanctioned state tournament competition not covered by the HISAIA, such as track and field.

However, regular-season travel is still the full responsibility of every school, and despite the coming changes, Castledo and Hagerman are just two of many school districts that have made a promise to their students: School boards in places like Mount Vernon may be cutting programs, but not us.

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Carlson yet to speak on Big Sky

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

It's not clear whether the Jerome County commissioners will accept more public input in the Big Sky feedlot case, after one attorney who thought he was on their agenda didn't get to speak Monday.

Rich Carlson, who represents the family of Dean Dimond as interveners in the case, planned to request a chance for both he and John Lottspeich, representing Big Sky applicant Don McFarland, to submit their own findings on the case for the commissioners to consider.

The proposal, Carlson wrote in an Aug. 14 letter, is intended to correct a "misunderstanding" regarding Judge Richard Hewitt's decision to deny a permit to build the feedlot.

"All I'm trying to do is give them some options," he said on Monday evening.

Carlson's chairman Charlie Howell said Friday that Carlson would be on

Monday's agenda. But Carlson said he and Lottspeich both showed up Monday morning to find that they weren't slated to speak. Both showed up in part because of Howell's comments that day in the *Times-News*, he said.

Howell is on vacation this week and could not be reached for comment.

Commissioner Diana Obenaus said Tuesday that Carlson's discussion had apparently been postponed, perhaps because Howell wanted to be present for it.

"It was poor communication," Obenaus said. "The whole thing could have just been a misunderstanding. County Prosecutor Mike Selb, who is drafting the written decision, said Howell may have thought Carlson was on the agenda because of a conversation in which the prosecutor told Howell that Carlson planned to put himself on."

Selb said he never saw Carlson on the agenda, despite repeatedly checking the written and online versions.

"He was never on there, never crossed out," Selb said.

A discussion on the case is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Tuesday. It wasn't clear if that included Carlson's request.

Officials are eager to help resolve the long, complicated case, Obenaus said. At the same time, she said, the feedlot's potential effects on the Minidoka National Historic Site and other aspects of the county merit a closer look.

"I just hope that we can come to some conclusion that meets everybody's needs," Obenaus said. "We have so much emotion tied up into this."

On Friday, Howell expressed reluctance to allow for more comment from the attorneys, saying that the case was sent back to the commissioners for a decision. More comment, he said, could open the door to anyone else from the general public demanding time and delaying the case.

But Obenaus said she wasn't convinced of that argument, and that more public input may be both

allowed and helpful.

"I think that we could have had better instruction (for handling the permit), and we could have opened this more for the public to participate," she said. "We should be open to that."

Commissioners voted 2-1 to approve the permit on Aug. 11, but the HISAIA is not yet formalized. The commissioners plan to sign the formal memorandum decision on Tuesday, Howell said, delayed one week to give them time to discuss additional requirements for the feedlot such as a traffic study. But Obenaus said no discussion has happened yet, and one may not occur until Howell comes back next week.

Selb said he has started writing the document and will have a rough draft for any extra conditions. The decision could be approved and filed on Tuesday, he said, even with time for discussion.

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N. Idaho sheriff's post declared vacant after he goes missing

By Brad W. Gary
Lewiston Tribune

The office of Nez Perce County Sheriff Jim Dorion has been declared vacant after unsuccessful attempts to make contact with the first-term sheriff, the county commission announced Monday to vacate the election post on the grounds Dorion is no longer a Nez Perce County resident.

The commissioners separately voted to withhold Dorion's paycheck for the month of August.

Both actions came amid questions about his whereabouts, and reports Dorion was facing allegations in a separate law enforcement probe.

Monday's vote came nearly four months after Dorion was on a 90-day paid medical leave. The county commissioners announced that leave May 1, after Dorion said he had been diagnosed with terminal pancreatic cancer.

That leave expired on July 30, Nez Perce County Prosecutor Dan Spickler said Monday. The commissioners had unsuccessfully sought confirmation of Dorion's condition in order to authorize a second 90-day leave that would enable the sheriff to continue to seek an application for disability retirement. That request went unanswered, officials said.

"Since beginning the leave, we have had no communication with Sheriff Dorion whatsoever," Spickler told the commissioners Monday. The county has found itself in a unique situation, Spickler said, as no recorded cases of such a situation have come up in the state.

And several county officials said Monday that they

don't know where the sheriff is.

Dorion has sold his Lewiston Orchards home, and all correspondence was forwarded to his parents' home in Lewiston. Dorion's mother reportedly told county officials that she had been unsuccessful in contacting her son. Spickler told commissioners.

Darlene Dorion, the sheriff's mother, declined comment when reached by the Tribune, but said that her son is ill and needs his privacy because of that.

Joseph P. Filicetto, Dorion's Boise attorney, said last week he had not been in contact with his client.

Idaho code prohibits any county official from being absent from the state for more than 20 days without approval by the county commissioners.

"It has been 25 days since the leave expired and to the best of our knowledge Sheriff Dorion has not been in the county, nor been in the office, not doing the duties for which he is required," Spickler said.

The latter vote to declare the office vacant effectively stops all payments from now on, Spickler said after the meeting. The only way by which Dorion could be reinstated as sheriff would be through appeals.

Commissioner J.R. Van Tassel initially motioned to halt the vacancy vote for two weeks to allow Dorion time to appear. He later voted with Commissioners Ron Wittman and Douglas Jensen, however, after learning of the appeals process available to Dorion.

"I'm willing to make a motion to reconsider if he refuses," Van Tassel said, but he and other commissioners noted the ball is now in Dorion's court.

Two dead in flash flooding in California, Arizona

By Amanda Lee Meyers
Associated Press writer

PHOENIX — Eunice Mork and four of her closest friends were returning from a trip they made all the time—a 55-mile drive from playing bingo in Parker to their homes in Salome.

But this time, a raging flash flood in a normally dry wash caught Mork, 77, and her friends by surprise when it swamped her small sedan amid lightning, thunder, rain and wind in a pitch-black rural area of western Arizona late Monday night.

The five women climbed out of the car in an attempt to cling to it, but only two could hang on, the local sheriff said. Mork, who couldn't swim, and two others were swept away. "It was dramatic — the winds were blowing so heavy that the rain was going sideways," La Paz County Sheriff Hal Collett said. "I can't imagine how traumatic it was being swept away by the water."

Family and rescuers searched for Mork until a Marine Corps helicopter spotted her body seven miles away at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday. The other women were found alive, one clinging to a tree and one lying on the shore. "I was 15 miles from where Mork died, on the other side of the Colorado River in



Vehicles attempt to navigate flooded areas after monsoon storms hit the metro area Monday, in Phoenix. AP photo

California, another woman died Monday night when her Honda sedan was shoved off a road by floodwaters. Rosemary Gene, 51, of Big River, was trapped under her overturned car and drowned.

Collett said Gene worked at a CVS Pharmacy in Parker. The summer thunderstorms that led to the deaths hit a wide area of mountains, deserts and inland valleys along the California-Arizona border Monday night, and flooding shut down several roads and highways.

Mork's daughter, Sharon Giles of Phoenix, said she and other family members were looking for her mother for

about six hours until the helicopter found her. She said her mother's friends and the driver of an RV that was also swamped in the wash told her the wash only had a few inches of water when they drove in and a wall of water suddenly came upon them.

"My mom would never enter a running wash," she said.

Giles said Mork was a partyer without the alcohol, forever playing bingo, canasta or other card games with a slew of friends. She had won at bingo in Parker on Monday night, Giles said.

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Cassia school bond issue merits yes vote

Nobody backs public education like the taxpayers of Cassia County.

Most bond issues submitted to patrons over the past generation have been approved, and with commendable regularity voters OK annual supplemental levies for the sprawling, 5,000-student district.

Still, Thursday's \$44.5 million bond issue proposal in a district with fewer than 21,000 residents is asking a lot. The Twin Falls School District got a \$49.7 million bond issue for a new high school passed two years ago, but it had nearly 40,000 people at the time.

And any proposed spending in the Cassia district is bound to meet resistance from folks who don't think enough is being earmarked to fix their local schools — and too much is being lavished on other communities.

The main opposition this time around has come from Oakley. Teachers and residents complain that their elementary school is too small and overcrowded, and that this bond issue does nothing to address the problem.

They recall promises made and broken in a 1996 bond issue, don't like a planned auxiliary gymnasium for nearby Declo that would give the school three gyms, and complain of the proposed construction of two new elementary schools in Burley — but none in Oakley.

Oakley residents are right about the need for a new grade school in their town, but that's not reason enough to scuttle this whole proposal.

We support this bond issue, which will require two-thirds of voters to approve, because the district has many school buildings dating from the 1950s. Simply put, they're coming to the end of their lifespan.

These aging facilities are equipped with obsolete and inefficient energy systems, and there are concerns about unreinforced masonry walls and inadequate classrooms and laboratories. Some classrooms don't even meet state code.

To make matters worse, from one end of the district to the other, schools are overcrowded.

The alternative to a big bond issue now is to repair the shortcomings piecemeal, but let's be honest: The district would be back within a few years with an even larger bond issue proposal.

If Thursday's measure is approved, the owner of a \$150,000 home would pay \$7.67 more a month in property taxes. The owner of an irrigated farm would pay 5 cents more a month per acre.

To be sure, that's not a negligible tax increase in an uncertain economy.

But if Cassia School District patrons don't choose to pay more, they'll certainly pay more later. And education will suffer in the meantime.

Where the money would go

- Malta (\$7 million)**
 - Build new high school with gymnasium in Malta
 - Remodel the existing Raft River High School to become a junior high school
 - Build a new agricultural science and technology building in Malta
 - Maintain existing agriculture building to serve as storage for maintenance use
- Oakley (\$7.2 million)**
 - Build junior high school classroom connected to Oakley High School
 - Construct new gym for junior/senior high school in Oakley
 - Remodel and add on to the agriculture building in Oakley
- Declo (\$9.9 million)**
 - Build auxiliary high school gym
 - Remodel Declo Junior High School and gym
 - Construct a new elementary school incorporating existing kitchen and multipurpose area and fourth/fifth grade building Burley (\$18.4 million)
 - Create an off-street student drop-off area at White Pine Intermediate School
 - Build five new classrooms and a science laboratory at Burley High School
 - Construct two new elementary schools to address current and future growth
 - Create an additional computer lab at Burley Junior High School
 - Remodel Dworshak Elementary School to include a new heating system
 - Create an off-street student drop-off area at Dworshak
 - Remodel Mountain View Elementary School to become the Cassia Alternative High School
 - Add laboratory space to the automotive program to Cassia Regional Technical Center.

— Source: Cassia County

If things get down and dirty, McCain wins

So the Obama campaign has turned to the politics of personal destruction, attempting to make a campaign issue out of John McCain's inability to remember how many houses he has. And the turn comes not a moment too soon.

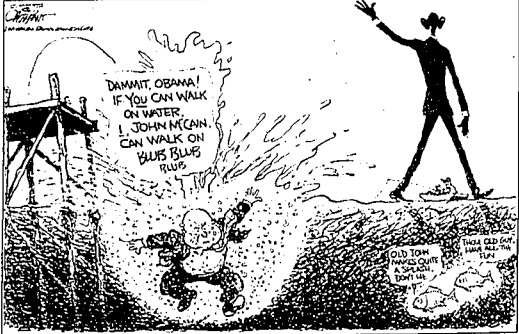
Over the past month or so many Democrats have had the sick feeling that once again their candidate brought a knife to a gunfight. Barack Obama's campaign, inexplicably, was unprepared for the inevitable Republican attack on the candidate's character. By the middle of last week, Obama's once formidable lead, both in national polls and in electoral college projections based on state-level polls, had virtually evaporated.



Obama's waning advantage brought back fond memories of the 2004 campaign, whose key lesson was that there are no limits to the form GOP character attacks can take.

You might think, for example, that a party claiming to support the troops would shy away from attacking a war hero's military record — but back in 2004 the Swift-but lies were enthusiastically embraced by Republican activists, and helped neutralize the advantage John Kerry was supposed to get from his biography.

And you might think that a party committed to tax cuts for the rich, a party that routinely castigates those who engage in "class warfare," would shy away from attacking a Democrat for his wealth. But raw class envy played an important role in the attacks on Kerry, whom Rush Limbaugh described repeatedly as a "gigolo" with a "sugar daddy wife," and GOP supporters



porters don't seem to have experienced any cognitive dissonance.

It was predictable, then, that Obama would find himself on the receiving end of an all-out character attack, much of it nonsensical: he's un-American because he vacations in Hawaii, where his grandmother lives? It was also predictable that responding by repeating what a great guy the candidate is, or denouncing the attacks as unfair, would be ineffective.

So now the Obama campaign has responded with its own character attack.

Is it fair to attack McCain for having too many houses?

In an ideal world, politicians would be judged by their actions, not by their wealth or lack thereof. Franklin Delano Roosevelt was born to wealth, but that didn't stop him from doing more for working Americans than any president before or since. Conversely, Joseph Biden's handsomely funded, though inspiring, didn't stop him from supporting the odious 2005 bankruptcy bill.

But in the world we actually live in, pre-corporate, inequality-increasing Republicans argue that you should vote for them because they're regular

guys you'd like to have a beer with, while Democrats who want to raise taxes on top earners, expand health care and raise the minimum wage are smoochy elitists.

And in that world, stripping away the regular-guy facade — pointing out that everything Rush Limbaugh said about Kerry applies equally to McCain, that McCain lives in a material world few Americans can imagine — is only fair. Yes, Obama vacations in Hawaii and Cindy McCain says that "in Arizona, the only way to get around the state is by small private plane."

The squealing from the usual suspects demonstrates how much the Obama counterattack has the GOP worried. Back in 2004 Fox News described John Kerry as "one of the funnest" of a billionaire voters' now it asks whether raising the issue of McCain's houses is "bashing the American dream."

And the McCain campaign, after initially mumbled something about how Obama eats argula, quickly resorted to its all-purpose answer: you can't criticize the candidate because he's former POW. Maybe the campaign hopes that the Obama people will fall into a reflexive cringe, the same way they did when

Wesley Clark made the entirely reasonable point that having been a POW, while it makes you a hero, doesn't necessarily qualify you to become president.

Assuming that the Obama campaign isn't scared off by the POW thing, can it really win in an exchange of character attacks? Probably not — but it doesn't have to.

The central fact of this year's election is that voters are fed up with Republican rule. The only way McCain can win the presidential race is if it becomes a contest of personalities rather than parties — and if this campaign can instill in voters the perception that Obama is a suspicious character while McCain is a fine, upstanding gentleman.

The Obama campaign, on the other hand, doesn't need to convince voters either that he's the awesome candidate ever or that McCain is a villain. All it has to do is remind Obama is a suspicious character so that voters see this as a race between a Democrat and a Republican. And that's a race the Democrat will easily win.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Garcia for sheriff

I would like to introduce myself. I'm Felix Garcia and I'm running for sheriff as an independent candidate.

My supporters tell me it is time for a change. They also tell me that the community is interested, but they are not familiar with me. This is one of the best ways to give everyone a little history about me.

I have lived in Twin Falls for 20 years and been employed in the law enforcement field for 16 years. In my 16 years of experience, I have supervised in the field and in the jail division. I sat on budget committees and worked in the detectives' office. I work as a sleep technician and, in my spare time, I teach self-defense classes. I enjoy helping people and making their quality of life better.

My goals for our community is to improve the morale at our sheriff's department, have a good working relationship with surrounding law enforcement departments, commissioners and judges. I believe that the sheriff should be in the public eye and show support to our community and staff. I feel strongly about working hand in hand with my fellow officers and not leaving the total burden on them.

If you would like to know more about me, stop by my booth at the Twin Falls County Fair. I will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have. Remember, vote for Felix Garcia for Twin Falls Sheriff on Nov. 4. FELIX GARCIA Twin Falls

Support the local Democrat Party

Please stop by our local Democrat Party booth at the Twin Falls County Fair! Despite the Times-News obituary, local Democrats are alive and well!

As wonderful Congressman Richard Stallings would say, "Democrats are as independent as Idaho." We disagree on a few issues, but

we all want to help working families and small businesses who presently take a backseat to the lobbyists that run the Legislature. I'll be at the Fair from 4 to 8 p.m. daily, so please stop by!

Here my top three priorities:

1. Stop paying \$30,000 per inmate per year to out-of-state prisons to baby-sit prisoners. Let's put all prisoners to work to pay for themselves.

States like Oregon and Pennsylvania save millions and help rehabilitate prisoners by providing productive jobs, like making blue jeans. Healthy prisoners should be paying for themselves with money left over to compensate the victims of their crimes.

2. Let's cut waste, not raise taxes! The Incentive for Improvement Initiative.

The "Incentive for Improvement Initiative" is simple. If a state employee reports a wasteful procedure or a cost-effective alternative that is adopted, they get a cash reward. I

want people coming to work alert and eager for efficiency. If we cannot keep a low and balanced budget, why not have a sales tax on cosmetic surgeries, for those who can afford these procedures?

3. First class education for our children. The Incentive to Teach Initiative.

The key area is early reading and math skills. Early learning, in a fun format, is best done by parents, when possible. I propose an incentive program for high school students to tutor youngsters who are struggling with reading and math skills. They could earn credit toward tuition at an Idaho college for their work. Let's teach parenting skills, and teach struggling young ones before they are truly left behind.

DR. PETER RICKARDS Twin Falls

Editor's note: Peter Rickards in the Democratic nominee for the Idaho House of Representatives in District 23)

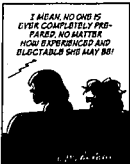
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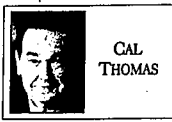


By Bruce Tinsley



How will Biden explain his support for Iraq war?

DENVER — In selecting Barack Obama as his running mate, McCain gains some needed foreign policy expertise, but loses some credibility. If Washington is as bad as these two say it is, was Biden a contributor or an enabler during his six Senate terms? If 36 years in the Senate doesn't make you an "insider" and part of the problem, what does?



CAL THOMAS

of criticism of Obama, which the McCain campaign will use to undermine whatever enhancements Biden brings to the Democratic ticket.

Last August on "The Diane Rehm Show," Biden said, "If the Democrats think we're going to be able to nominate someone who can win without that person being able to take unimpeachable credentials on national security and foreign policy, I think we're making a tragic mistake." If Democrats buy the line that Biden's foreign policy cre-

ditentials as chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee make up for Obama's foreign policy deficiencies (Obama has said his opposition to the Iraq War "came from a set of experiences that come from a life of living overseas, having family overseas, being able to see the world through the eyes of people outside our borders"), aren't they making the Republicans case for putting Dick Cheney on the GOP ticket in 2007?

While 100-degree turns are common in politics, Biden has a record of substantial criticism of Obama and of support for the Iraq War that will be difficult to explain, even in our cynical age. Presuming that Biden once held these views out of strong conviction, how does he now reverse himself without being charged with

a willingness to say and do anything in order to win?

On "Meet the Press" last September, Biden attacked Obama for his vote against funding American troops in Afghanistan and Iraq: "If you tell me I've got to take away this protection for these kids in order to win the election, some things aren't worth it." This sounds similar to McCain's charge that Obama would rather lose a war in order to win the election.

Obama has said he would meet unconditionally with dictators, though he subsequently qualified that pledge by saying there must be "some kind of advance preparations." Last year at the National Press Club in Washington, Biden criticized Obama's initial statement regarding "advance preparations." I make a blanket commitment to meet unconditionally with the leaders of these

countries within the first year I was elected president? Absolutely, positively no." Obama has said that Saddam Hussein poses no imminent and direct threat to the United States, or to its neighbors. Biden thought otherwise: "This is a guy who's used weapons of mass destruction. This is a guy who has destabilized the whole neighborhood. This is a guy who in a war with Iraq, over 400,000 people on both sides were killed. This is a guy who is an extreme danger to the world. And this is a guy who is in every way possible seeking weapons of mass destruction, that case, in and of itself, ought to be sufficient." ("Meet the Press," Aug. 4, 2002)

The McCain campaign can revisit quotes other than those of Obama and Biden. It has produced a new ad

featuring Hillary Clinton, which recalls some of her criticisms of Obama and "complicity" with her for not being chosen by Obama as his running mate.

There's also the issue of Obama's much touted ability to reach out and compromise with Republicans. According to the *National Journal*, Obama has the Senate's most liberal voting record. Joe Biden was ranked third most liberal in 2007. No demonstration of compromise there.

Biden is not "change we can believe in." He is change to deceive with. Biden's toughest opponent is not John McCain and whoever he picks as his running mate. Biden's toughest opponent is himself.

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Reality is still black and white for Obama

DEAIRBORN, Mich. — The fun and games may be in Denver, but this year's presidential election will likely be decided in critical states like Michigan, where many Democratic voters, despite being hammered by a double economy, are ambivalent at best about the candidate at the top of their party's ticket.



BOB HERBERT

"A lot of people are out of work. The housing market is just awful. And I don't feel that John McCain cares about the average person."

She said she plans to vote for Obama. Jack Davis, an assembler at an auto-parts plant in Grand Rapids, said of Obama: "I don't care if he's polka-dot as long as he can get us out of this mess."

Obama was up by two to seven points in the most recent statewide polls. And he hopes to get a bounce from this week's convention and his selection of Joe Biden as his running mate.

So what's the problem for the Obama campaign? The problem is the dog that isn't barking.

Talk for more than a few minutes with an Obama supporter in a white middle-class or working-class area and you'll hear about a friend or relative or co-worker who has a real problem with the candidate. When Jack Davis' wife, Jean, who also plans to vote for Obama, was asked about Democrats that she knew who would not vote for him, she replied:

"My mother she's 85 years old. I'm sorry to say, but she will not vote for Obama."

Joseph Costigan, a regional political director for the union, Unite Here, spoke candidly about the tension between the economic distress of working men and women and the persistent, though hard-to-quantify, resistance to Barack Obama's candidacy.

"We've been talking with staff in different parts of the Midwest," he said, "and we're all struggling to some extent with the problem of white workers who will not vote for Obama because of his color. There is no question about it. It's a very powerful thing to get over for some folks."

Costigan believes — and hopes — that the number of people holding such views is relatively small, and that Obama, now with the help of Biden, can surmount that obstacle.

Understanding it will be crucial not only do the polls show this to be a close race, but the polls, when it comes to Obama, cannot be trusted. It is frequently the case that a statistically significant percentage of white voters will lie to pollsters — or decline to state their preference — in races in which one candidate is black and the other white.

After many years of watching black candidates run for public office, and paying especially close attention to this year's Democratic pri-

mary race, I've developed my own (very arbitrary) rule of thumb regarding the polls in this election:

"Take at least two to three points off of Obama's poll numbers, and assume a substantial edge for McCain in the breakdown of the undecided vote."

Using that formula, Barack Obama is behind in the national election right now.

The race issue can come up in peculiar and wrong ways. After hearing that some union voters had openly wondered about Sen. Obama's possible "demise," I asked Don Hamersmith, president of Unite Here Local 748 in Grand Rapids, if workers were really talking about whether Obama could survive as president.

"That is a concern that I've heard, yes," he said. "But I tell people, 'Are we supposed to be afraid of that and not go ahead and try to do something different?' We should fear the weekend. The Detroit Free Press ran a chart showing how people responded when asked if they agreed with the statement 'I have a concern that Obama would hurt Barack Obama because of his race and sometimes I fear for his safety.' Fifty-seven percent agreed."

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Pelosi and the big wind Boone-doggle

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi recently called congressional Republicans who want up-and-down drilling votes "hand-mechanics of the oil companies." Let's call Pelosi what she is: House girl of the Big Wind boondoggles.



MICHELLE MALKIN

Though she seemingly backed on her big wind drilling "earlier" this month, Pelosi refuses to consider GOP energy proposals that don't include massive government subsidies for so-called "renewable" energy that have never panned out.

What brings us to Madame Speaker's 2007 financial disclosure form. Schedule 13 lists "Assets and Liabilities" between \$100,001-\$250,000 from Clean Energy Fuels Corp. — Public Common Stock, Clean Energy Fuels Corp. (CLE) is a company energy provider founded by T. Boone Pickens. Yep, that T. Boone Pickens — former oilman turned wind-power evangelist whose ads touting a national wind campaign are now as ubiquitous as Viagra promos.

Pickens and Pelosi share the same talking points: downplaying the need to drill and open up more access to American oil. Instead, the Pickens pie-in-the-sky plan proposes to replace natural gas with wind power in power-generation and theoretically free up natural gas for America's transportation needs.

All well and good in 10-la-land, but let's be real about

reductions in carbon dioxide emissions, which are misleading, according to the National Academy of Sciences.

Not to mention the thousands of silenced-up birds and other wildlife that have become wind power casualties — a problem scientists say will be solved by "repowering" old turbines at a cost of untold billions.

Fittingly, the environmental mascot of the Democratic National Convention — the dove — is the symbol of an alternative energy approach — is an eastern Colorado wind turbine propped up with Democratic carbon-credit funds that has never pro-

duced any substantial energy because of its chronic equipment malfunctions.

But I digress. Naturally, the Pickens Big Wind plan is proudly endorsed by Do-Nothing Pelosi's friends at the obstructionist Sierra Club. Through another company, Mesa Power, Pickens has committed over \$12 billion in wind farms on the Texas panhandle. CLNE and Mesa Power are separate entities, but their benefits are one piece of the Pickens puzzle benefits them all. The wind venture, as Pickens himself acknowledges, depends on permanent federal subsidies.

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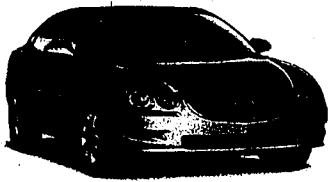
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

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Jerome Chamber's after hours today

The Jerome Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly Business After Hours event today at First Federal Savings on South Lincoln in Jerome.

Chamber members are invited to attend the event, which will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, contact Elizabeth Thomas, executive director, at 208-324-2711.

CSI offering class on money management

The College of Southern Idaho Community Education Center will offer a money management class from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Sept. 10 through Sept. 24. The class will be held in the Shields Building in room 109. The cost is \$59.

A Thursday class will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Sept. 11 through Sept. 25. For more information or to register for this class, call the CSI Community Education Center at 208-732-6442 or register and pay online at www.csi.edu/communityed.

IDAHO

Businesses sought for older workers job fair

BOISE — Idaho's first annual Mature Workers Job Fair will be held, Saturday, Oct. 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Meridian School District Building, 1303 Centre Drive.

The number of Idaho workers 55 and older has been growing at three times the rate of the work force overall for over a decade. A number have already retired and others are preparing for retirement. But in many cases these people are really not ready to leave the workplace and can offer businesses across the economic spectrum a wealth of experience, solid judgment, responsibility and loyalty.

For more information on the job fair, log onto laboridaho.org or call 208-332-3570 ext. 3515.

NATION

Oil prices rise as Hurricane Gustav nears

NEW YORK — Oil prices swung higher Tuesday as Hurricane Gustav developed south of Haiti, raising concerns that the storm could slam into major oil operations in the Gulf of Mexico.

However, the price rise was dampened by a stronger dollar and report from the Energy Department showing even slower gasoline demand than originally estimated.

After dropping as low as \$12.36 per barrel in overnight trading, light, sweet crude for October delivery ended the day up \$1.16 to settle at \$116.27 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Fed likely to move rates up

WASHINGTON — Documents, released Tuesday, provided insight into the Fed's thinking at the Aug. 5 meeting when central bank policymakers decided to hold its key rate steady at 2 percent for the second straight meeting. Confronted by problems at every turn — rising unemployment, shaky growth, credit troubles and creeping inflation — the Fed took a gamble that once again the best move was none at all.

— from staff and wire reports

Worst may be over for housing

Consumer outlook and housing sales up

By Anne D'Innocenzo
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Two reports released Tuesday suggested that the worst may be over for the slumping housing market. Meanwhile, Americans felt better about the economy in August, as a widely watched barometer of senti-

ment posted the biggest boost in two years amid falling gas prices.

The latest reports on housing showed that the severity of the slump may be lessening. The Standard & Poor's Case-Shiller U.S. National Home Price Index showed home prices dropping a record 15.7 percent during the second quarter. However, the rate of single-family home price declines slowed from May to June, a possible silver lining.

Sales of new homes also posted an unexpected increase in July as heavily

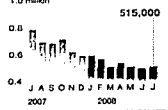
discounted properties lured cautious house hunters to become home buyers, according to the Commerce Department.

Meanwhile, the Conference Board, a private research group, said Tuesday that its consumer confidence index rose to 56.9, up from a revised 51.9 in July. That's the largest gain since August 2006, and is ahead of the 53 expected by economists surveyed by Thomson/IFR.

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New home sales

Sales of new single-family homes at a seasonally adjusted annual rate



SOURCE: Department of Commerce

GROWTH BY DIVERSIFICATION

Filer Mutual Telephone adds new services in more competitive market

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

FILER — As customers continue disconnecting their land-line telephone service for cell phones and wireless Internet access, Steve Cowger, Filer Mutual Telephone general manager, says the company continues moving with them.

In early 2007, the 2,500-member cooperative unveiled the new Motorola Canopy Wireless Broadband system. With tower locations at Curry Crossing, Buhl, Castleford and Wendell, Cowger said Filer Mutual is rapidly becoming a premier Internet service provider.

"Our biggest challenge is our loss of (land-lines). Customers, especially young people, are doing away with land-lines at home and only use a cell phone," Cowger said. "The only way to remain viable is to diversify or raise the rates. We haven't had a significant rate increase in many years but we have diversified in many areas."

The canopy system reaches roughly 90 percent rural locations because it is wireless. DSL, or Digital Subscriber Line is a popular access to the Internet but limited to the installed physical cable plant of the service provider.

The wireless solution reaches beyond the limitation of installed cable to get high-speed Internet to outlying, rural areas.

"The new service gives more rural customers the opportunity to get DSL-like service," Cowger said. "We are looking at a fifth location for a

tower so we can reach even more of those rural locations."

Other technological upgrades include fiber to the home, a passive optical network that can provide Internet speeds up to 20 megabytes per second, he said.

While the canopy wireless broadband system is the newest technology deployed by Filer Mutual, Cowger said it's just one example of the company's diversification.

"In 2004 we started Internet Protocol T.V. which is television over the internet, basically," Cowger said. "We are also a partner in Syringa Wireless ... the trend is going to where everyone has a cell phone and so we've deployed the call service to keep up with that market demand."

Syringa Wireless is a consortium of five longstanding and small independent telecommunications companies in Idaho: Albion Telecommunication Company, Direct Communications of Rockland, Idaho, Filer Mutual Telephone, Silver Star Communications of Freedom, Wyo. (serving the Driggs and Victor, Idaho areas) and Rupert's Project Mutual Telephone.

Joining forces with the other four telecommunications firms gave Filer Mutual an opportunity to stretch their investment dollars.

"By being a five-member owner in Syringa Wireless the expenses involved are shared over all five partners. There is that cost sharing benefit by

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BLAIR KOCH/Times-News

Filer Mutual Telephone Technician Mike Cowker inspects newly installed Motorola Canopy Wireless Broadband internet equipment. Filer Mutual began deploying the new system earlier this year so far the company has tower locations at Curry Crossing, Buhl, Castleford and Wendell and is looking at erecting a fifth tower in the near future so even more rural Magic Valley areas can receive high speed internet service.

New space for new business

Wild West Business Park brings new commercial space to Shoshone

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Jerry Turco, a businessman with a home in the Wood River Valley, passed through Shoshone almost every day as he commuted back and forth from Twin Falls.

It was during those long drives that he envisioned a business park lined with restaurants, retailers and other businesses.

A few years later that vision is now a reality in the form of the Wild West Business Park — a commercial development that promises to take advantage of the growth in the Shoshone area.

The business park, which is located at 410 Highway 75 in Shoshone, recently completed the first phase of construction last month.

Karen McClure, marketing manager for the business park, said there are total of

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Find out more.

For more information about the Wild West Business Park, contact Karen McClure at 208-544-7743 or via email at wildwestbp@qwest.net.

Brice reappointed to real estate commission

Mini-Cassia resident reappointed to real estate commission: Marvis Brice is a name that many business people in the Mini-Cassia area recognize — she worked in the Cassia County School District office until 1975 and then as a real estate agent.

She also served as the president of the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce in 2004.

Brice is now the latest member of the Idaho Real



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Estate Commission. Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter reappointed her to serve on the commission until 2012.

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STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	21.45	▼ .36	Dell Inc.	25.17	▲ .13	Idacorp	29.99	▲ .01
Lithia Mo.	5.48	▲ .02	Micron	4.24	▼ .25	Supervalu	23.78	▼ .21

COMMODITIES

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Live cattle	101.70	▼ .30	Oct. oil	116.22	▲ 1.11
Oct. gold	825.4	▲ 3.3	Sept. silver	13.58	▲ .21

Today in business WASHINGTON — Commerce Department reports durable goods for July.

MARKET SUMMARY

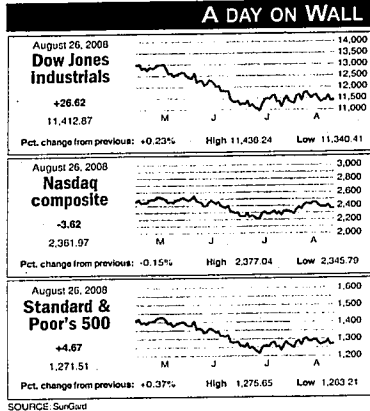
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Table titled 'INDEXES' showing Dow Jones Industrials, Dow Jones Transportation, S&P 500, and other market indices with their respective values and changes.

Table titled 'STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST' listing various regional stocks like KATN, KAYC, and others with their prices and changes.

Here are 700 of the most active mutual funds, the most recent commodity prices and a market summary. A complete listing of stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, NASDAQ National Market and American Stock Exchange is available at Magically.com.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT. Includes instructions on how to read the report, symbols used, and a list of active mutual funds.



NEW YORK — The Dow Jones industrials rose 26.62, or 0.23 percent, to 11,412.87. The blue-chip index crossed in and out of positive territory throughout the session. Broader indexes were mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 4.67, or 0.37 percent, to 1,271.51; the Nasdaq composite fell 3.62, or 0.15 percent, to 2,361.97.

COMMODITIES REPORT. Includes sections for CLOSING FUTURES (Wheat, Soybeans, Corn), CHEESE (Cheddar, Swiss), POTATOES (USDA, Idaho), LIVESTOCK (Cattle, Hogs), BEANS (Yellow, White), and METALS/MONEY (Gold, Silver, Copper).

Housing. It's also the second month in a row that sentiment improved, after a six-month slide since January — but it remains about half what it was a year ago. "Consumer confidence readings suggest that the economy remains stuck in neutral, but may be showing signs of improvement by early next year," Lynn Franco, director of The Conference Board Consumer Research Center, said in a statement.

Shiller report showed that 14 cities in the monthly index showed improvement from May to June, but nine recorded positive returns. The government reported that sales of new single-family homes rose by 2.4 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 515,000 units, the most since April.

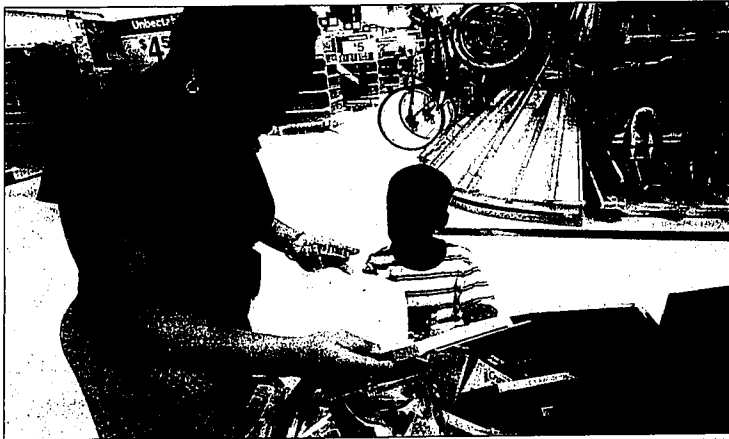
Continued from page B2. Growth. Continued from page B2. Joining together," said Cowger. Filer Mutual Telephone Board President Clark Kauffman said ongoing diversification and investment in new technologies has been a goal of the board for decades.

Wild West. The Wild West Business Park located at 410 Highway 75 is the newest commercial development in Shoshone. Includes an image of the park and text describing its features.

Bites. Continued from page B1. She already has plenty of experience, having previously served on the commission from 1984 to 1992. Wells Fargo awards scholarship to two local students. Wells Fargo awarded 732 students in the United States scholarships totaling more than \$1 million — one of those students happens to live in Twin Falls.

Walmart Superstores across the United States. Great Will of Twin Falls appears in the luggage department of Walmart at the Smarting Luggage tags. Wilson was not available for comment on Tuesday. Thyri Car Sales: Not all auto sales are the same. As more consumers seek fuel efficient, affordable vehicles, some auto dealerships are catering to the new customer.

School of family finance



With a list of school supplies and calculator in hand, Diamond Emory, left, compares prices of erasable markers with her five-year-old son Eric at a Wal-Mart store in Canal Winchester, Ohio. Parents trying to tighten the household budget can use shopping for school supplies as an opportunity to teach even young children some important lessons about money.

Shopping for back to school can be a lesson itself

By Eileen AJ Connelly
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — When Diamond Emory and her daughter Makalah arrived at Wal-Mart to buy her fifth-grade school supplies, they encountered much to entice a young shopper.

But instead of indulging her 10-year-old daughter, Emory carried a calculator and together they figured out what they could purchase and still stay within their budget.

"We're watching how we're spending our money and paying debt down aggressively," said Emory, "every penny counts."

With a household income of about \$90,000 per year, Diamond and her husband, Eric, adopted a strict budget for the family early this year. As part of the plan, the Emorys have included their three children in the planning and decision making that such tight controls involve. They see outings like shopping for school supplies as a way to help Makalah and their 5-year-old twins, Eric and Elise, learn about handling money.

It's a significant step, because most children are not likely to get any lessons about handling money in the classroom. Just five states require instruction on the principles of money management for elementary school students, according to the JumpStart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy, an advocacy group. Only 20 states require or consider teaching mandated instruction on this topic for middle school or high school students.

Financial planner Susan Bruno sees back-to-school shopping as a perfect way to teach children a lesson before the first bell rings.



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— Diamond Emory

Bruno, a principal at Beacon Wealth Consulting in Rowayton, Conn., said parents can even try to make a game out of the exercise. "It's kind of fun with younger kids to say 'What do you think it's going to cost' and then talk through it," Bruno said.

There are plenty of opportunities to work with kids in stores. Even in a tough economy, the National Retail Federation estimates back-to-school spending for kindergarten through 12th grade will reach \$20.1 billion this year. But it's worth noting that like the Emory family, about 73 percent of back-to-school shoppers are heading to discount stores to stretch their dollars, the NRF said. What's more, thrift stores such as Goodwill and Salvation Army are reporting stronger sales.

If you're going to start a dialogue with your kids, some tips to keep in mind:

1. Discuss the concept of money with even your youngest children. Help them

understand that you go to work to provide food, clothing and their toys.

2. Help kids understand the concepts of saving, investing, and donating — not just spending.

3. In an age of ATMs and online purchases, remember that you'll need to explain to young children how those transactions relate to cash. Explain how credit cards work.

4. Use shopping for school supplies, and even regular trips to the grocery store, as opportunities to teach kids about budgeting, and understanding wants versus needs.

5. Open a bank account for your children and teach them to save for something they want.

There are numerous online resources available to help parents walk through money basics with their kids. One that has a feature for young

children is Pittsburgh-based Huntington National Bank's "Virtual Backpack," where kids can choose different school supplies to put in their backpack, while watching the total amount they're spending climb. It can be found at www.huntingtonforchools.com, where the bank also offers parents and older kids details on other personal finance topics.

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants offers a range of tools online for parents and kids. At www.360financialliteracy.org, there are articles about how to teach children of various ages about money, and tools to help.

The AICPA's www.feedthebig.org site offers e-mailed tips with money management tips and podcasts for older kids, presented through the eyes of "Benjamin Banker," a "grown up" piggy bank.

Though she ended up spending a bit more than her \$185 budget, Emory said that involving the kids has engaged them, and they now want to be a part of the effort that began in January to pay off about \$40,000 in debt. "Bringing the kids in helps them understand why we can't go to Chuck E. Cheese this week," she said. "They begin to help you look for bargains." Her kids have even gone through their toys and other possessions to identify items they want to sell in a garage sale, she said.

"They love helping," she said. "Kids just want to feel a part of things. It's so much better than just saying, 'No.'"

Historical trends suggest that the buck is back

By Joanne Slater
The Wall Street Journal

The dollar's bounce in recent weeks has investors wondering whether this is the beginning of the end of its extended slide.

Such a turning point would be one of the handful over the past 30 years. Since the late 1970s, the dollar has experienced long, deep, multiyear trends, veering from super-strong to feeble and back. These currency cycles have tended to last from five to seven years in each direction.

By that standard, the dollar's decline, now more than six years old, is looking long in the tooth. The dollar touched its recent peak versus the euro in late 2001, and against a broader basket of currencies in early 2002.

"The biggest question I get is, 'Has the dollar embarked on a seven-year upturn?'" says Robert King, head of currency investing at Putnam Investments. Some of his clients have started to prepare for that eventuality, he said, by changing their level of exposure to the dollar's movement.

The dollar's latest gains — it is up 8 percent versus the euro and 5 percent against the Japanese yen since mid-July — have been grounded more in pessimism about growth prospects elsewhere than in optimism about those of the U.S. Recent data have confirmed that economies in Europe and Japan are weakening. The dollar also has benefited from lower oil prices, as the two have tended to trade in opposite directions.

The U.S. credit crunch, housing slump and other baleful indicators are far from ending. "These are some of the strongest fundamentals I've ever seen for a dollar turn," said Alan Ruskin, chief international strategist at RBS Greenwich Capital. "Nonetheless, it does look like a turn."

The record shows that major changes in the dollar's direction take time to unfold and rarely are smooth. In each case, the dollar reached a point of extreme weakness or strength before heading in the other direction. The current slide seems to follow that pattern. In its peak in 2001, until its low last month, the dollar lost nearly half of its value versus the euro, reaching a level that currency experts say is about 30 percent below its long-term economic fundamentals.

Still, currencies are known to overshoot such theoretical trends, sometimes for long periods of time. At certain points, the cycle began changing only after governments intervened directly in the currency markets. So far, there's no sign of such coordinated government intervention, which helped jolt the dollar into moving in different long-term directions in 1985 and 1995, for instance. In 1985, governments intervened to prevent a strong dollar from becoming stronger; in 1995, they did the opposite. Capital flows also play a

role in major turns in the dollar, as investors re-evaluate where to put their money around the globe. Around the time of the previous big shift in the dollar, the dot-com bubble popped and a U.S. recession followed. That prompted the Federal Reserve to slice interest rates dramatically, making dollar-denominated investments less enticing. Now, the signs have emerged that things are turning more positive for the buck on that front. There are stronger inflows coming into the U.S. in waves of mergers and acquisitions. The net total of such deal-related inflows now in the pipeline touched its highest point in seven years at the end of July, according to Bank of America.

At the same time, U.S. investors are no longer sending massive amounts of money abroad in search of profit. Mutual funds that focus on investing abroad had net inflows of \$9 billion in the first six months of this year, compared with more than \$80 billion in the same period last year, according to the Investment Company Institute.

Another possible point of dollar bargains are rising, so the U.S. trade deficit is declining. In the U.S., exports registered their largest monthly jump in more than four years, by making U.S. goods more competitive overseas, the dollar's long weakness has helped to mitigate some of the large imbalances in the global economy.

However, some investors say that without signs of improvement in the overall U.S. economy, an upturn in the dollar remains unlikely. One condition for the dollar's rally to be sustainable "is that the U.S. economy stabilizes, and that's a huge gamble," said Maxime Fournier, head of foreign exchange at the Caisse de Québec, Canada's largest pension fund, with \$155 billion under management. "If investors aren't rushing to buy U.S. stocks and bonds because of such leanness about the U.S. economy, noted a recent report from Goldman Sachs, a factor it said it would be monitoring closely to gauge the dollar's future trajectory.

Even some who think the dollar's bottoming are cautious. David Bailey, who manages \$23 billion in global bonds at Loomis Sayles, has been holding more assets in dollars than his benchmark index recommends. Despite the dollar's recent gains, "We're not brave enough to add to (that) trade," he said. "There's still grief and consternation out there."



Diesel gives truckers a break, but for how long?

By Samantha Bomkamp
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — With the price of diesel down for the sixth straight week, truckers may breathe a sigh of relief. But some analysts warn the break could be short-lived.

The U.S. average cost for on-highway diesel fell about 6 cents to just under \$4.15 a gallon last week from a week earlier, according to the Energy Information Administration. Diesel has fallen about 13 percent since a record on July 14 of about \$4.74 a gallon, but it is still up nearly 45 percent

from a year ago.

Longbow Research analyst Lee Klaskow said the recent relief at the pump gives an extra boost to truckers, because most companies have fuel surcharges that are delayed by one to two weeks. That means some truckers are still gauging the price they charge shippers by a higher price of diesel than the current price.

And as fuel prices go down, truckers can become more competitive with railroads, which are about four times more fuel efficient. Grabbing business from the mills could

spur demand, which would also allow truckers to charge higher prices.

Truckload carriers, which haul freight directly from the shipper to receiver, are also benefiting from increased demand amid fleet reductions and bankruptcies, Klaskow said. Although the price of diesel is spurring better pricing across the industry, Klaskow notes that rails still have a leg up with historically strong pricing.

Wachovia Capital Markets analyst Justin B. Yegerman agreed that capacity cuts should help with truck pricing, but he expects trucking

stocks to fluctuate widely in the near future as fuel prices fall but the economic outlook remains largely uncertain. Yegerman predicts demand might be muted as truckers enter the peak season later this year with fuel prices still high along with another economic concern. The analyst also predicts that diesel prices might go up again this fall.

The EIA predicts diesel fuel retail prices in 2008 will average \$4.18 per gallon, up from \$2.88 per gallon in 2007. The price is expected to average \$4.27 per gallon in 2009.



lunch solutions



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By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

For parents, September means backpacks, sharpened pencils, new shoes and, for some, the morning ritual of packing a sack lunch. Whether your kids aren't impressed with the hot midday offerings or you're looking to save a few bucks, a sack lunch is a great way to feed your children.

But what to pack? Lindsey Westburg, branch director for the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley, said kids tend to like basics. Don't neglect traditional offerings like peanut butter and jelly, she said, even if they strike you as boring.

"I think with kids, the simpler, the better," Westburg said. And don't shy away from offering fruits and veggies. Chris Dunn, director of Kids Will Be Kids Preschool in Twin Falls, said even if children think they don't like fruits and vegetables, most warm up to them after a while. Sometimes, it just takes a little creativity in the presentation. "We give them broccoli and we call them little trees, or something like that," Dunn said. Westburg agreed, saying salad, watermelon and green beans are especially popular with Boys and Girls Club kids.

"Rather than things you can get all year long, they like the seasonal stuff," she said. Reframing healthy food as a treat instead of a requirement can make it sound more appealing. Try offering grapes as a dessert or pears as a snack instead of cookies and chips. "Honestly, I've had kids say 'Do we have to have cookies again? Can we have fruit snacks?'" Dunn said. "I think they get kind of tired of cookies."

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Still looking for great ideas?

Use these tips to catapult your sack lunches from bland to the talk of the cafeteria.

- Make your children smile with notes written on their napkins. It doesn't matter how old they are or how uncool they will tell you it is — your kids will grin at your written words of encouragement or corny jokes.
- Let your children pick out their own lunch boxes. There are many options available, from thermal to hard-sided. Chances are, though, your children will base their selection purely on aesthetics. And who can blame them? Superhero lunch boxes are just too cool.
- Need to get your kids excited about eating healthy? Give them nutritious choices to pick from so they feel like they have control. Banana or apple? String cheese or yogurt? The power to choose might distract them from craving pudding cups and potato chips.
- Dress up your traditional sandwiches. Stamp out fun shapes with cookie cutters, put the fixings in buns or tortillas instead of bread, or skip the bread altogether and turn the meat and cheese into cracker toppings.
- Forget the disposable fruit cups and individual servings of cheese. Save money and reduce waste by investing in sturdy, reusable plastic containers.
- Still desperate for ideas? Turn to the Internet. Google "lunch box ideas" for Web pages, blogs, books and communities filled with tips and recipes.

Bite-size turnovers can be the life of the party

By Denise Martin
and Donna Deane
Los Angeles Times

A let's-get-a-few-friends-together soiree begs for party snacks with a few surprise ingredients — bite-size turnovers that have personality and that go down perfectly with either a glass of crisp, cool white wine or a light summer ale. These are life-of-the-party appetizers. Green and leafy watercress puts a peppery twist on traditional spanakopita, and fresh herbs and wild mushrooms class up mini calzones with truffle cheese. Ripe plantains used as the "dough" for festive vegetarian

empanadas are a sweet-savory indulgence. The fun ones? Ditch the flour and make the empanada dough from a combination of plantains and bananas. Roast the plantains until they literally ooze from their skins, then blend them with super-ripe bananas and salt. A tortilla press and two sheets of plastic wrap serve best to flatten balls of the sticky dough into round discs ready for stuffing, but a heavy-bottom skillet can substitute for the press. Toss together green onions, roasted chipotle, cheese and refried beans and spoon a little onto each empanada, then carefully

fold the dough into half-moon shapes. Pan-fry them quickly in hot oil until golden brown on the outside; the result is light and crisp on the outside, warm and tender on the inside. Serve them immediately with chilled chipotle-infused creme fraiche. Herb 'n' mushroom bliss: It's almost a given to throw a handful of fresh herbs into a calzone dough. Sprinkle in some thyme and make way for the guests who will follow the crisp aroma into the kitchen. For the filling, a mix of wild mushrooms — like oyster, shiitake and cremini — pairs beautifully with the thyme. Add a bit of pancetta and

truffle cheese (truffle cheese is easier to find than truffles). Grind some black pepper onto the thyme-flecked calzones and watch them puff up into golden morsels, warm and deliciously gooey in the middle. Prêsto pesto: Watercress is the base for a pesto that gets tucked into spanakopita-style turnovers. We keep the fetacheese, the tang of which goes well with the watercress pesto (made with the addition of garlic and almonds) and add lemon-garlic chicken. The marinated chicken can be grilled ahead of time and stored in the fridge.



Chicken and watercress pesto turnovers. Recipes on C2. ROCK LOOMES/Los Angeles Times

Party

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The sheets of paper-thin filo dough traditionally used for pastas can be found at most grocery stores. (Keep them covered with damp paper towels and handle delicately.)

Turn one sheet on a clean surface and brush lightly with melted butter. Add two more sheets brushed with butter. Cut the dough cross-wise into eight strips, then spoon a little chicken pesto onto a patch of filo on one end before folding into triangles.

In less than 20 minutes, the lightly golden turnovers emerge sharp and rich — a brilliantly buttery party treat. You can also put them in airtight plastic bags and freeze them and then reheat them at your leisure — for even those unexpected guests.

MUSHROOM AND CHEESE CALZONES

The calzones can be made several hours ahead and reheated at 350 degrees for 5 minutes just before serving.

- 2 teaspoons dry yeast
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 4 1/2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 3 cups flour
- 3 1/2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme, divided
- Salt
- 1/2 pound mixed mushrooms such as shiitake, crimini, oyster and button, cut into 1/2-inch pieces (about 4 cups)
- 1/2 cup pancetta, cut into 1/4-inch dice
- 1 tablespoon minced shallots
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 cup shredded truffle cheese

1. Dissolve the yeast in 1/2 cup of warm water. Sprinkle the sugar over the mixture and stir. Allow to stand until bubbly, 10 to 15 minutes, then stir in 1 tablespoon of the olive oil.

2. In a large mixing bowl or in the bowl of a stand mixer, combine the flour, 3 teaspoons thyme and 1 teaspoon salt. Add the yeast mixture to the flour along with an additional 1/2 cup warm water and mix to combine.

3. Turn out the dough onto a board and knead by hand, or continue to mix with the dough hook, until smooth and satiny, about 5 minutes. Place the dough into an oiled bowl and cover loosely with plastic wrap, then allow to rise until doubled, about 45 minutes.

4. While the dough is rising, prepare the mushroom filling. Heat 2 tablespoons of the oil in a large, heavy sauce pot over medium-high heat until hot. Add the mushrooms and 3/8 teaspoon salt. Sauté, stirring, until the mushrooms are lightly browned and dry, about 5 to 10 minutes. Remove from the heat and set aside.

5. To the pot, add the remaining tablespoon oil along with the pancetta and sauté over medium heat until the pancetta is browned, 5 to 6 minutes. Add the shallots and garlic and sauté until they are tender and fragrant, 1 minute. Stir in the reserved mushrooms and the remaining half-teaspoon of thyme. Season to taste with salt and freshly ground black pepper, then cool to room temperature.

6. Heat the oven to 400 degrees. Punch down the dough and divide it in half. Roll out each half to 1/8-inch thickness, then cut out rounds using a 2 1/2-inch cutter. You should have 2 1/2 dozen rounds from each half.

7. Assemble the calzones: Lightly brush the edges of half of the rounds with the beaten egg, then top with a generous teaspoon of mushroom filling and a half-teaspoon of cheese. Top each mound with another round of dough, pressing the edges together to seal completely. Brush each calzone with the beaten egg, then top with a sprinkle of fresh ground pepper. Make a small slit in the center of each calzone to form a vent and place them on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until lightly browned. Serve warm.

Total time: About 2 hours. Servings: 2 1/2 dozen.

Each serving 60 calories; 3

grams protein; 12 grams carbohydrates; 1 gram fiber; 3 grams fat; 1 gram saturated fat; 10 mg cholesterol; 139 mg sodium.



Photos by ROCK LOOMIS/Los Angeles Times

CHICKEN AND WATERCRESS PESTO TURNOVERS

This recipe uses 13-by-18-inch filo sheets. The turnovers can be baked ahead and frozen. Reheat at 350 degrees for 10 minutes.

- 1/3 cup plus 2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest
- 2 crushed garlic cloves, plus 2 minced garlic cloves, divided
- 2 skinless, boneless chicken breasts
- Salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 3 cups loosely packed watercress, leaves only (stems removed)
- 1/4 cup toasted, slivered almonds
- 18 sheets filo dough
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) melted butter or more as needed
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese

1. In a nonreactive, shallow baking dish, stir together 2 tablespoons of the olive oil, lemon zest and crushed garlic. Add the chicken breasts and rub them all over with the marinade. Cover loosely with plastic wrap and let stand at room temperature for 30 minutes.

2. While the chicken is marinating, make the pesto. Puree the watercress, minced garlic, almonds and 1/4 teaspoon salt in a food processor until smooth. With the motor running, drizzle in the remaining 1/3 cup olive oil until emulsified. Set aside.

3. Heat a grill pan or grill over medium-high heat. Shake off the excess marinade and season each chicken breast with 1/4 teaspoon salt and a couple grinds of black pepper. Place the chicken on a medium-hot grill and cook until the meat is opaque and firm and a thermometer inserted in the center reads 160 degrees, 10 to 12 minutes. Cool, then cut into a 1/4-inch dice.

4. Heat the oven to 375 degrees. Lightly brush one sheet of filo dough with melted butter. Top with a second sheet and brush with butter. Top with a third sheet. Use a sharp knife to cut the filo dough crosswise into eight strips. Spoon about 1 teaspoon diced chicken at one end of the filo strip. Top with 1/2 teaspoon of the pesto, then about 1/4 teaspoon cheese.



5. Fold one corner over the filling, forming a small triangle. Continue to fold, as if folding a flag, retaining the triangular shape. The last fold may nest remaining. Repeat with the remaining filling and filo strips. Place turnovers in a single layer on parchment-lined baking sheets, lightly brush with melted butter. Bake till golden brown, 15 to 20 minutes.

Total time: About 2 hours. Servings: Makes 4 dozen.

Each serving: 68 calories; 2 grams protein; 4 grams carbohydrates; 0 fiber; 5 grams fat; 2 grams saturated fat; 9 mg cholesterol; 47 mg sodium.

PLANTAIN EMPANADAS WITH CHIPOTLE CREAM

Adapted from a Border Grill restaurant recipe. The plantains should be mostly brown with only a little yellow; plantains with any green on them will not be sweet.

- 6 very ripe plantains, unpeeled
- 2 small poblano chiles, roasted, peeled and seeded
- 2 cups good-quality, canned refried black beans
- 4 green onions, white and light green parts, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup grated anejo, Romano or feja cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Manchego or Monterey Jack cheese
- Salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

- 2 ripe bananas, peeled
- 2 medium onions, roughly chopped
- 7 dried chipotle chiles, stemmed, or 3 canned chipotle chiles, stemmed and rinsed
- 16 Roma tomatoes, cored
- 20 garlic cloves, peeled
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1/2 cup peanut oil
- 1 cup crema, creme fraiche or sour cream

1. Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Cut a longwise slit into each plantain and place on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Bake until the flesh is thoroughly soft and oozing through the slit, 40 to 50 minutes. Remove from the oven and set aside.

2. While the plantains are roasting, make the stuffing: Finely dice the poblano chiles. In a medium bowl, combine the diced chiles, beans, green onions, cheeses and 1/2 teaspoon each of salt and pepper. The stuffing can be made up to a day in advance and reserved in the refrigerator.

3. Make the dough: Peel, trim and discard any tough ends from the plantains. In a food processor or in a stand mixer with the paddle attachment, combine the plantains and bananas with 2 teaspoons salt and puree. Be careful not to overwork the dough or it will become too starchy. Wrap the dough in plastic and chill until firm, about 2 hours.

4. Make the chipotle salsa: Combine the onions, chipotle chiles, tomatoes, garlic and 6 cups water in a medium

saucepan. Stir in 4 teaspoons salt, 1 teaspoon pepper and the sugar. Bring to a boil over high heat, stirring occasionally, then reduce the heat and simmer, uncovered, for 20 minutes or until the liquid is reduced by about 1/3 and the tomato skins are falling off. Remove from the heat and set aside to cool. Pour the mixture into a blender or food processor and puree until smooth, then cover and refrigerate. This makes more salsa than is needed for this recipe. The remainder can be reserved for another use.

5. To assemble the empanadas, roll 2 tablespoons of the dough lightly between your palms to form a ball. Line the bottom of a tortilla press with a small plastic bag or plastic wrap and place the ball of dough in the center. Place another small plastic bag, or piece of plastic wrap, over the dough and press to form a 3 1/2-inch circle. Place 1 teaspoon of bean stuffing on half of the circle and fold over

to enclose, pressing the edges to seal. Repeat until you have used up the dough and stuffed empanadas. Place the stuffed empanadas on a tray and chill at least 30 minutes, up to a day.

6. Heat the peanut oil in a medium skillet over medium-high heat, until a thermometer inserted reads 350 degrees. Fry four to six empanadas at a time, shaking the pan constantly about 1 minute until dark brown. Flip and cook the reverse side of each. Remove the empanadas and drain on paper towels.

7. Combine 1 cup of the chipotle salsa with the crema in a small bowl. Serve with the warm empanadas.

Total time: 2 hours, plus cooling time. Servings: Makes 30 empanadas.

Each empanada: 133 calories; 3 grams protein; 18 grams carbohydrates; 2 grams fiber; 7 grams fat; 2 grams saturated fat; 7 mg cholesterol; 431 mg sodium.

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A couscous and vegetable dish for beginners

The Washington Post

Don't be dismayed by the number of ingredients. The vegetables are easy to prep, and they help to build a flavorful sauce.

Make the effort to find garam masala an Indian blend, as a specialty store instead of using generic curry powder. For a little extra flavor, vegetable broth (or chicken broth, if you do not require a meatless dish) may be substituted for the water used in the vegetables and the couscous.

From chef Susan Holt of Cullin-Aerie.

SPICED VEGETABLE COUSCOUS

6 to 8 main-course servings

For the vegetables:
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 large red onion, finely chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 cup tomato puree

3 1/2 teaspoons garam masala
1 1/2 cups cauliflower florets
1 1/2 cups baby-cut carrots, cut in half lengthwise
1 medium red bell pepper, stemmed, seeded and cut into 1/4-inch dice

Water
6 medium ripe plum tomatoes, about 1 1/2 pounds, coarsely chopped

1 medium zucchini, trimmed and cut into 1/2-inch dice

1 (14- or 15-ounce) can chickpeas, drained and rinsed

1 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1/4 cup finely chopped cilantro leaves (to 4 stems)

For the couscous:
2 cups water
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
2 cups couscous

For the vegetables: Heat the oil in a large saute pan over medium-heat. Add the onion and garlic; cook, stirring, for about 2 minutes, until they have softened but not browned.

Add the tomato puree and garam masala. Cook, stirring, for 2 minutes, until the mixture is fragrant and warmed through.

Add the cauliflower, carrots and red bell pepper, mixing well. Add enough water to cover the vegetables halfway. Increase the heat to a boil then reduce the heat to medium-low.

Cover and cook for 5 minutes, stirring once or twice, until the vegetables are cooked through but not mushy.

Add the tomatoes, zucchini and chickpeas; cook, covered, for 10 minutes (the tomatoes will have broken down, saucelike), then add the salt, black pepper and cilantro. (The vegetables can

be prepared to this point 1 day in advance and kept refrigerated. Reheat before serving.)

For the couscous: Meanwhile, combine the 2 cups of water, the salt and butter in a large saucepan; bring to a boil over high

heat. Remove from the heat and add the couscous, stirring until it is all moistened. Cover the pan and let stand for 3 minutes.

To assemble: Use a fork to fluff the couscous, separating the grains. Transfer to a warmed serving dish and

spoon the vegetables on top, along with any liquid. Serve hot.

Per serving (based on 8): 355 calories, 11 g protein, 59 g carbohydrates, 9 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 8 mg cholesterol, 635 mg sodium, 8 g dietary fiber.



Photo by LED SPWOOD/Washington Post

Tips for kitchen newcomers

The Washington Post

Washington, D.C., chef Susan Holt, a former instructor at L'Academie de Cuisine in Maryland, has these tips (and many more) for new cooks:

• When you dress a salad, always put the oil on first; it's called oil and vinegar for a reason, because if you hit the lettuce leaves with acid first, they break down quickly.

• When solid chocolate is cloudy, it means that some of the cocoa butter has started

to separate and has risen to the surface. It could be a function of heat or extreme cold. It's called bloom, and it doesn't affect the chocolate's flavor or quality.

• Salt pasta water heavily enough that it tastes like seawater, because most pasta dough contains no salt. You want to season the water, as opposed to draining the pasta and then seasoning it. If you season it later, the salt sticks on the pasta and blisters the surface, or it gets washed away by the sauce and makes

the sauce too salty.

• Using frozen shrimp is fine. They're cheaper, you can use them anytime, and unless you see them heads-on at \$20 or more a pound, the shrimp you buy thawed at the counter were most likely once frozen anyway. Don't refreeze thawed shrimp; better to cook them off and freeze them that way if need be. If you're using wine in a sauteed shrimp salad, start with the shrimp in a frozen state to allow the wine's alcohol enough time to evaporate.



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Dinner in 20 minutes: Tomatoes at their best

The Washington Post

Reader Patrice Kehoe is inspired to make this dish when "the farmers markets are overflowing with great tomatoes," she wrote. With five at her table, including three hungry teenagers, she also appreciates how easy it is to make.

Kehoe, an art teacher at the University of Maryland, made a similar recipe from "The Silver Palate Cookbook" for years but recently hit upon using roasted garlic instead of raw. The mellow roasted garlic blends with olive oil, brine, basil and the juice of ripe tomatoes. She cuts off the cheese rind in deference to young palates but says it's not necessary to do so. When she makes this pasta without time constraints, she lets the sauce sit at room temperature for an hour or two to intensify the flavor.

Serve with a green salad.

PASTA WITH FRESH TOMATO, ROASTED GARLIC AND BRIE

6 servings

12 to 16 ounces dried whole-grain thin spaghetti, such as Barilla brand

6 to 7 large Roma tomatoes or 2 pints of assorted cherry/grape tomatoes

1 cup packed basil leaves

1/2 head roasted garlic (if roasting garlic for this recipe, add 20 minutes; may substitute 1 1/2 tablespoons store-bought roasted garlic)

6 ounces brie, preferably at room temperature

1/4 to 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil

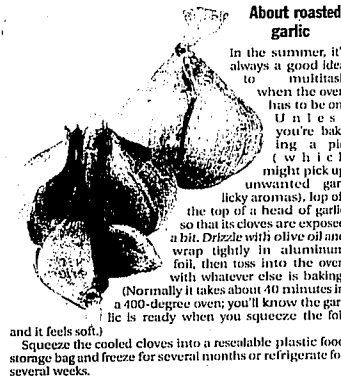
1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)

Freshly ground black pepper

1/2 cup freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil over high heat. Add the pasta and cook according to the package directions.

While the pasta is cooking,



About roasted garlic

In the summer, it's always a good idea to multitask when the oven has to be on. Unless you're baking a pie which might pick up unwanted garlicky aromas, lop off the top of a head of garlic so that its cloves are exposed a bit. Drizzle with olive oil and wrap tightly in aluminum foil, then toss into the oven with whatever else is baking. (Normally it takes about 40 minutes in a 400-degree oven; you'll know the garlic is ready when you squeeze the foil and it feels soft.)

Squeeze the cooled cloves into a resealable plastic food storage bag and freeze for several months or refrigerate for several weeks.

coarsely chop the tomatoes and place in a large serving bowl. Stack the basil leaves neatly, then roll them tight and cut into very thin shreds; add to the bowl. Squeeze about half of the cloves from a head of roasted garlic, or add about 1 1/2 tablespoons of roasted garlic and mix well.

Tear the brie into chunks, discarding the rind, if desired, and add to the bowl, along with the oil to taste, salt, if desired, and pepper to taste. Toss to combine, placing the bowl of sauce on a

warm surface of the stove top.

Drain the pasta thoroughly and add to the sauce; toss until the brie has melted. Add the Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese and toss lightly to combine. Divide among individual wide, shallow bowls and serve with more of the cheese for passing at the table.

Per serving (with 2 ounces of pasta per person): 462 calories, 18 g protein, 54 g carbohydrates, 21 g fat, 7 g saturated fat, 34 mg cholesterol, 286 mg sodium, 3 g dietary fiber.



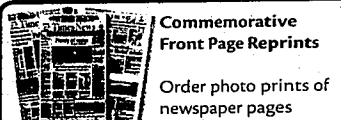
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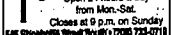
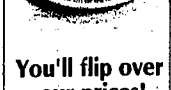
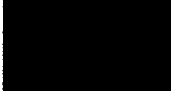
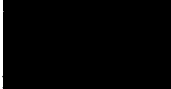
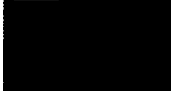
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Dr. Thomas H. Weller, 93, Nobel Laureate in medicine, dies

By Thomas H. Maugh II
Los Angeles Times

Dr. Thomas H. Weller, the Harvard virologist who shared the 1954 Nobel Prize in Medicine for developing techniques to grow the polio virus in the laboratory, a feat that led to the growth of the development of the polio vaccine and the feared virus's near-eradication from the world, died in his sleep Saturday at his home in Needham, Mass. He was 93.

The techniques developed by Weller, Dr. John F. Enders and Dr. Frederick C. Robbins made it possible to grow a host of viruses in the laboratory and led to the development of many vaccines.

Weller also isolated the rubella (German measles) and herpes zoster viruses and demonstrated that the rubella virus and cytomegalovirus could be transmitted congenitally to fetuses, producing birth defects.

Weller "was one of the great scientists of the 20th century and a leader in neglected and tropical diseases," said Dr. Dyanne Wirth, chairwoman of the department of immunology and infectious diseases at the Harvard School of Public Health, where Weller spent much of his career. "He inspired many during his lifetime, and his vision led an entire field for many decades. His work is not to be remembered."

In the late 1940s, when Weller and Robbins were research fellows in Enders' Harvard laboratory, viruses that had not been grown with tools available. Working with the viruses required injecting them into monkeys or other laboratory animals and observing their effects. Small amounts of the virus had been isolated from the brains and nervous systems of monkeys, but attempts to produce a vaccine had failed until, in some cases, proved catastrophic. Some of the vaccines simply did not work, while others were contaminated with nerve tissue that produced disastrous inflammation in the brains of recipients.

The Harvard trio stumbled upon their discovery almost by accident. It was, Weller said, "a stroke of good thought." They had been trying to grow the varicella (chicken pox) virus in a mixture of human embryonic nerve, skin, muscle and gut cells.

"We had no immediate intention of carrying out experiments with 'poliomyelitis viruses' as the three wrote in their 1954 paper describing the research, published in the journal *Science*.

"Nevertheless, from time to time we had considered the mounting evidence that the polio virus might be able to grow in tissues other than nerve cells.

With the varicella experiments going nowhere, the team decided to lace some of their culture media with a polio strain they had in the laboratory refrigerator. To their surprise, the virus proliferated readily. Furthermore, the virus altered the appearance of cells it infected, making it easy to track.

These findings sparked further research, which showed that the polio virus enters the body through the mouth, multiplies in the intestines and occasionally passes into the bloodstream. The virus enters the brain in about 1 out of every 200 people infected and causes paralysis and other severe complications.

With large amounts of the

virus available — Weller noted that one test tube of the virus was equal to one monkey's worth — other researchers quickly began working on vaccines. In 1954, Dr. Jonas Salk began national testing of the killed-virus vaccine that was administered by an injection. Eight years later, Dr. Albert Sabin introduced a live-virus vaccine that could be absorbed into a sugar cube and given orally.

With the introduction of the vaccines, the number of U.S. paralytic polio cases fell from 16,000 in 1949 to a handful in 1970. The disease has been nearly eradicated from the world, with only small pockets of infection in certain African countries where the Western vaccine is viewed with great suspicion.

In 1960, Weller had been trying without success to isolate the rubella virus when his then-10-year-old son, Robert, developed an unusually severe case of the disease. Weller infused Robert's urine into cultures of human amnion tissue — the membrane that surrounds a fetus.

Nothing much happened initially, but Weller maintained the cultures much longer than was thought necessary. On the 23rd day, he saw changes in the cells and was able to culture the virus. With Dr. Franklin Neva of Harvard, he collected specimens from other rubella outbreaks and showed they contained the same virus.

At the same time, the pair discovered that a team at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Washington had isolated a rubella virus. With the help of Sabin and others, the two teams exchanged viruses and showed they were the same. Their papers were published back to back in the October 1962 issue of the *Proceedings of the Society of Experimental Biology and Medicine*.

Weller also isolated the herpes zoster virus, which causes shingles, and demonstrated that it was identical to the rubella virus. He and his colleagues also were successful in isolating the chickenpox virus.

Thomas Huckel Weller was born in Ann Arbor, Mich., on June 15, 1915. He was a pathologist at the University of Michigan Medical School. A devoted bird watcher with a strong interest in natural history, Weller received his bachelor's and master's degrees in medical zoology from the University of Michigan.

His first scientific paper, published in his third year of college, was on blue jays. His master's thesis was on fish parasites. But his interests changed, and he enrolled in Harvard Medical School, receiving his degree in 1940. He joined the Army Medical Corps in 1942 and spent most of World War II at the Amiles Medical Laboratory, San Juan, Puerto Rico, where he was responsible for the Army's efforts to control malaria in its Caribbean bases.

After the war, he returned to Harvard, where he spent the rest of his career, formally retiring in 1985. In addition to his posts at Harvard, he held positions with the U.S. Public Health Service, the World Health Organization and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Weller is survived by his wife of 62 years, Kathleen; two sons, Peter, of Wellesley, Mass., and Robert, of Bourne, Mass.; a daughter, Janet, of Washington; three grandsons and three granddaughters.

WENDELL — Lovelle L. Parr, 83, a resident of Wendell, was home to our Lord on Aug. 24, 2008.

Lovelle was born in Bountiful, Colo., the daughter of Wells and Blanche Mortenson. After the death of her parents, she was raised by her maternal grandparents Kirtland and Hagerman and graduated from high school there in 1937. She married Bus Parr on April 4, 1937, in Jerome. They lived in Wendell where they worked in the family businesses, Parris Lockers, Parris and Wendell. Lovelle especially enjoyed her children and grandchildren, camping in the Idaho Mountains, playing cards, her sewing groups, reading, gardening and traditional family water fights. She was active in Idaho Rebekah Lodge, Eastern Star, Jobs Daughters and Wendell PTA.

She is survived by a son, Rollin Parr of Austin, Texas; three daughters, Colen (Ed Otton) of Vancouver, Wash., Elaine (Dave Williams) of Puyallup, Wash., and Pauline (Earl Ostrom) of Eugene, Ore.; one sister, Colleen Mulligan of Paradise, Calif.; nine grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bus; her mother, father and two baby brothers.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 29, at the Living Waters Presbyterian Church, 821 E. Main in Wendell. Family members and friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, at Demmay Funeral Chapel on Main Street in Wendell. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Living Waters Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 218, Wendell, ID 83355, or First Choice Home Care and Hospice, P.O. Box 1054, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

DEATH NOTICES

Leona Jones

GLENN'S FERRY — Leona Jones, 95, of Glenns Ferry, died Monday, Aug. 25, 2008, at a local hospital.

Arrangements will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29, at Glenn Rest Cemetery in Glenns Ferry (Rost Funeral Home, McMurry Chapel in Mountain Home).

Donald L. Peterson

SAFFORD, Ariz. — Donald Lee Peterson, 79, of Safford, Ariz., and formerly of Richfield, died Saturday, Aug. 9, 2008, in Arizona. No service is planned.

Debra L. Keas

MOUNTAIN HOME — Debra Lynn Keas, 53, of Mountain Home, died Friday, Aug. 22, 2008, at her home.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Wolfgang Vogel, Cold War go-between, dies at 82

By Joe Holley
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Wolfgang Vogel, an East German lawyer who became the go-between for thousands of spy swaps and prisoner exchanges during the Cold War, died Aug. 21 at his home in the Bavarian city of Munich after a heart attack. He was 82.

An unofficial emissary who operated in the twilight world of postwar divided Germany, Vogel had the unique distinction of winning the confidences of West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and East German leader Erich Honecker. They and thousands of East Germans migrate to flee to the West relied on Vogel's intermediary skills, and also knew that Vogel was the man who could make it happen.

In addition to helping arrange East-West prisoner exchanges, he facilitated the 1962 exchange of Brooklyn-based KGB spy Rudolf Abel for Francis Gary Powers, an American pilot shot down over the Soviet Union while piloting a U-2 spy plane. He also crafted the complex exchange agreement that freed Anatoliy Shebaransky, the Jewish dissident who was imprisoned by the Soviet Union for nearly nine years and later was known as "John Shebaransky" and served in the Israeli cabinet.

For 30 years, Vogel negotiated complex deals that involved multiple governments as well as hard currency and raw commodities that East Germany desperately needed. He facilitated the return of most major Eastern bloc spies, several American and British agents and an Israeli pilot imprisoned in Mozambique.

He negotiated the release of 33,755 countrymen convicted of political crimes in

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SERVICES

Richard Lee "Dick" Broadhead of Rupert, memorial service and potluck lunch at 11 a.m. today at the Broadhead home, 802 E. 300 N. in Rupert (Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley).

Lacy Ine Anderson of Pocatello, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Riverside LDS Church in Blackfoot; visitation one hour before the service today at the Hawker Funeral Home, 132 S. Shilling Ave. in Blackfoot.

Edward Alfred Reynolds of Shoshone, celebration of life graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Shoshone Cemetery; reception follows at the Shoshone City Park (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Cleo Burgess of Twin Falls and formerly of Jerome, graveside committal service at 1 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park, 2296 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Darrell Eugene Brownlee of Riverton, Utah, memorial service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Jerome LDS 5th Ward Chapel, 50 E.

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Nancy Catherine Wormsbaker

Nancy Catherine Wormsbaker left her earthly life to be with the angels on Sunday, Aug. 24, 2008, after a hard-fought, courageous battle with cancer.

Nancy was born Nov. 30, 1941, in Colbran, Colo. She moved to the Magic Valley with her parents, Carl and Katherine Porter, where she graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1959. Nancy raised her children by working for Con Agra-Lamb Weston, along with several other part-time jobs at area businesses including 20 years of bartending at The Pioneer Club. Nancy's laughter was infectious and, when she started to laugh, so did everyone else. Nancy enjoyed playing pool in the Twin Falls Women's Pool League for more than 20 years. Nancy enjoyed traveling and camping with her friends, but she lived for Christmas.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Katherine Porter; brother, Dr. William Porter; two sis-

ters, Botticlen Kenny and Alice Raman. Nancy is survived by her children, Lee (Robin) Wormsbaker of North Canton, Ohio, Carl (Shelly) Wormsbaker of Kimberly, Neva (Jon) McGregor of Twin Falls, Curtis (Kim) Wormsbaker of Shoshone and Sam Wormsbaker of Boise. Nancy has 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, with two more on the way.

A celebration of Nancy's life will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, at White Mortuary, 1343 S. Main. The family has asked that all donations be made to MSTT Support Services, 100 E. Idaho, Boise, ID 83713 in honor of Nancy Wormsbaker's battle with cancer. Family and friends may share their memories at www.MEM.com.

100 S.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Main. The family has asked that all donations be made to MSTT Support Services, 100 E. Idaho, Boise, ID 83713 in honor of Nancy Wormsbaker's battle with cancer. Family and friends may share their memories at www.MEM.com.

Marvin Ray Bronson, formerly of Almo, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Crescent LDS 11th Ward Chapel, 89 E. 1100 S. in Sandy, Utah; visitation from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Donald S. McNulty of Glenns Ferry, graveside service at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Glen Rest Cemetery in Glenns Ferry (Demmay Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

Nancy C. Wormsbaker of Kimberly, memorial service at 4 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Leroy J. Kohl of Buhl, memorial from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1129 Poplar St. in Buhl.

Joyce Elaine Peterson Thleme of Othello, Wash., memorial service at noon Saturday at the Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Othello, Wash.

Patient Spotlight

'Fritz and his staff are always so accommodating and helpful.'

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Nearly 600 detained in Mississippi plant raid

By Holbrook Mohr
Associated Press writer

LAUREL, Miss. — The largest single-workplace immigration raid in U.S. history has caused panic among Hispanic families in this small southern Mississippi town, where federal agents rounded up nearly 600 plant workers suspected of being

in the country illegally. One worker caught in Monday's sweep at the Howard Industries transformer plant said fellow workers applauded as immigrants were taken into custody. Federal officials said a tip from a union member prompted them to start investigating several years ago.

Fabiola Pena, 21, cradled her 2-year-old daughter as she described a chaotic scene at the plant as the raid began, followed by clapping. "I was crying the whole time. I didn't know what to do," Pena said. "We didn't know what was happening because everyone started running. Some people thought it was a bomb but

then we figured out it was immigration." About 100 of those detained were released for humanitarian reasons, many of them mothers who were fitted with electronic monitoring bracelets and allowed to go home to their children, officials said. Another 475 workers were transferred to a U.S.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in Jena, La. Nine who were under 18 were transferred to the custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement. John Foxworth, an attorney representing some of the immigrants, said eight appeared in federal court in Hedgesville on Monday because they face criminal

charges for allegedly using false Social Security and residency identification. He said the raid was traumatic for families. "There was no communication, an immediate loss of any kind of news and a lack of understanding of what's happening to their loved ones," he said. "It's complete and utter feeling of helplessness."

Clinton salutes Obama



Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., acknowledges the crowd as she prepares to address the Democratic National Convention in Denver, Tuesday. AP photo

Democratic Convention speakers rip McCain

By David Easo
Associated Press writer

DENVER — Hillary Rodham Clinton summoned millions of voters who supported her in the primaries to send Barack Obama to the White House Tuesday night, declaring in a Democratic National Convention speech that the man who defeated her "is my candidate and he must be our president."

In a prime time address, the former first lady added, "we don't have a moment to lose or a vote to spare."

The packed convention floor became a sea of white "No way, no how, no McCain," she said in this campaign just for me!" she asked.

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mal roll call of the states when the nomination is awarded by delegates on Wednesday night.

Calling herself a "proud supporter of Barack Obama," she dismissed Republican John McCain with a few choice words. "No way, no how, no McCain," she said in this campaign just for me!" she asked.

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If he's the answer, then the question must be ridiculous," New York Gov. David Paterson said of the GOP presidential candidate.

Said Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland, "It's time to bring our jobs back and bring our troops home." "Call the roll!" urged Ted Sorenson, a party elder eager to propel Obama toward the White House as the first black president.

Not yet, Obama's formal nomination was set for Wednesday night. First came Clinton, his tenacious rival in a riveting battle for the nomination, closing out her own history-making quest.

The convention hall was packed for her appearance, so much so that officials sealed the entrances.

Despite lingering unhappiness among some delegates nursing grievances over Clinton's loss, party chairman Howard Dean declared the

convention determined to make Obama the nation's 44th president. "There is not a unity problem. If anyone doubts that, wait till you see Hillary Clinton's speech," he said.

In the convention keynote address, former Virginia Gov. Mark Warner said Obama will "appear to us not as Republicans or Democrats, but first and foremost as Americans." He added, "We need leaders who see our common ground as sacred ground."

In contrast to many of speeches delivered earlier in the day, out of prime time, Obama's remarks were more a sketch of the "post-primaries" possibilities that Obama often speaks of, rather than criticism of McCain and President Bush.

"I know we're at the Democratic National Convention, but if an idea works, it really doesn't matter if it has an 'R' or 'D' next to it," he said.

New attack ad on TV, but this one targets hot dogs

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — A new TV commercial shows kids eating hot dogs in a school cafeteria and one little boy's haunting lament: "I was dumbfounded when the doctor told me I have late-stage colon cancer."

It's a startling revelation in an ad that vilifies one of America's most beloved, if maligned, foods, while stoking fears about a dreaded disease.

But the boy doesn't have cancer. Neither do two other kids in the ad who claim to be afflicted.

The commercial's pro-segregation sponsors say it's a dramatization that highlights research linking processed meats, including hot dogs, with higher odds of getting colon cancer.

But that connection is based on studies of adults, not children, and the increased risk is slight, even if you ate a hot dog a day. While compelling, it isn't conclusive.

So what exactly is the truth about hot dogs?

The 33-second ad launched last month in several U.S. cities provides a rare fact opportunity to separate fact from fiction about this mysterious yet so familiar meat. It is to run in September in Chicago and Denver.

The bottom line from several nutritionists familiar with the ad is this: Hot dogs aren't exactly a "health food," but eating one every now and then probably won't hurt you.

"My concern about this campaign is it's giving the indication that the occasional

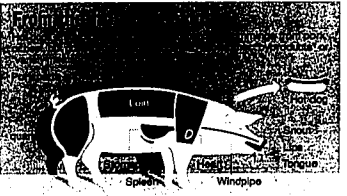
hot dog in the school lunch is going to increase cancer risk," said Colleen Doyle, the American Cancer Society's nutrition director. "An occasional hot dog isn't going to increase that risk."

Americans as a whole eat hot dogs more than occasionally. According to the National Hot Dog & Sausage Council, U.S. consumers spent more than \$4 billion on hot dogs and sausages last year. That includes more than 1.5 billion pounds of hot dogs and sausages bought at retail stores alone.

The health concerns primarily come from their high fat and salt content and sodium nitrate and nitrite, commonly added preservatives and color-enhancers. Nitrate-related substances have been reported to cause cancer in animals, but there's no proof they do that in people.

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Number of uninsured drops; poverty holds steady

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldívar
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The number of people without health insurance fell by more than 1 million in 2007, the first annual decline since the Bush administration took office, the Census Bureau reported Tuesday. Income edged up for the middle class while poverty held steady.

The numbers represent a scorecard on President Bush's stewardship of the economy at the kitchen-table level. But they only went as far as the end of last year, before the current economic downturn started gathering force. Although there were some bright spots, it was a mixed picture.

While the overall poverty rate held steady at 12.5 percent, poverty did rise among some groups. Latinos, children of the foreign-born — demographic categories that

overlap considerably — experienced significant increases. And while the number of uninsured dropped to 45.7 million, down from 47 million in 2006, which was 550,557. "The American work force is basking a bigger economic pie, but the slices haven't grown at all," Bernstein said.

For the middle class, the median — or midpoint — household income rose to \$50,233, a modest increase of \$665 from the previous year, although it was the third consecutive annual rise.

"The gains that occurred last year were welcome, but unfortunately, they are too little, too late," said Jared Bernstein, senior economist with the liberal Economic Policy Institute in Washington. "The median household is no better off now than they were back in 2000, despite their deep contribution to the nation's economic growth during this period."

For example, after adjusting for inflation, last year's median household income of \$50,233 was not significantly different from the figure for 2000, which was \$50,557. "The American work force is basking a bigger economic pie, but the slices haven't grown at all," Bernstein said.

But White House spokesman Tony Fratto said the household income and health insurance numbers are definitely good news.

"It's clear that the long period of strong economic growth we were in had a positive impact for most Americans," Fratto said. "Obviously today we're dealing with higher energy prices and the downturn in housing, but the economy is showing enough resilience to keep growing in spite of those challenges."

Republican candidate John McCain distanced himself from the White House

response, saying in a statement. "Too many of our neighbors are living in poverty; too many can't find a job, not too many are living without health insurance." The Arizona senator pledged tax cuts and policy changes to make health care more affordable.

Some analysts said that global trends, not just administration policies, are shaping the economic fortunes of individual Americans.

"Presidents like to take credit when things go well, and therefore they should get the blame when things don't go well, but there are lots of things driving this, not all of which are home grown," said Douglas Besharov, an expert on poverty at the business-oriented American Enterprise Institute. "The oil shocks are not. And globalization, which on balance is good for the country, leaves winners and losers."

FAA says communication breakdown delaying flights

By Hany R. Weber
Associated Press writer

ATLANTA — An electronic communication failure Tuesday at a Federal Aviation Administration facility in Georgia that processes flight plans for the eastern half of the U.S. was causing hundreds of flight delays around the country.

An FAA Web site that tracks airport status showed delays at some three dozen major airports across the country. The site advised passengers to "check your departure airport to see if your flight may be affected."

FAA spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen in Atlanta said there were no safety issues and officials were still talking to pilots on planes on the ground and in the air. She said she did not know

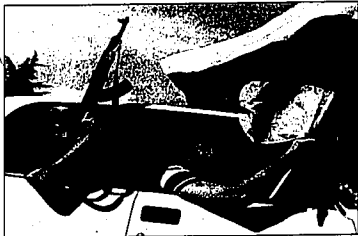
exactly how many flights were being affected, but she said it was a similar facility in Salt Lake City. She added that officials might not have total figures until Wednesday. Bergen said that in a 24-hour period the FAA processes more than 300,000 flight plans in the U.S.

Bergen said the problem that occurred Tuesday afternoon involved an FAA facility in Hampton, Ga., south of Atlanta, that processes flight plans. She said there was a failure in a communication link that transmits the data to a similar facility in Salt Lake City.

As a result, the Salt Lake City facility was having to process those flight plans, causing delays in planes taking off. She said there were no problems landing for planes that were already in the air.

Russia recognizes independence of Georgian regions

By Douglas Birch
Associated Press writer



South Ossetian separatist fighters were a Kalashnikov, and the South Ossetian Separatist flag, in a car in Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia's separatist-controlled territory of South Ossetia, Tuesday, as local residents celebrate Medvedev's signing of the decree recognizing the independence of the breakaway Georgian territories of South Ossetia and Abkhazia.

MOSCOW — Russia stunned the West on Tuesday by recognizing the independence claims of two Georgian breakaway regions, and U.S. warships plied the waters off of Georgia in a gambit the Kremlin saw as gaubato diplomacy.

The announcement by Russian President Dmitry Medvedev ignored the strong opposition of Europe and the United States, and signaled the Kremlin's determination to shape its neighbors' destinies even at the risk of closing its doors to the West.

"I do not affirm anything including the prospect of a Cold War," President Dmitry Medvedev said hours after announcing the Kremlin's decision and one day after Britain and the United States had supported the recognition.

While the risk of a military clash with the West seemed

remote, the lack of high-level public diplomacy between the White House and the Kremlin added to an uneasy sense here at least of an esca-

lating crisis. Medvedev also promised a Russian military response to a U.S. missile defense system in Europe, Washington says

the system would counter threats from Iran and North Korea, but Russia says it is aimed at blunting Russian nuclear capability.

The Kremlin's recognition of the breakaway regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia suggested it was willing to risk nearly two decades of economic, political and diplomatic bonds with its Cold War antagonists.

Medvedev's grim announcement, carried on national television, inspired jubilation on the streets of the rebel capitals. In the South Ossetian capital of Tskhinvali, a parade of cars bearing the South Ossetian and Russian flags blared their horns, women cried for joy and gunmen fired their weapons in the air.

The United States, surprised by the speed of the Russian response, threatened a veto in the U.N. Security Council should Russia ask for international recognition for

the territories. "Abkhazia and South Ossetia are part of the internationally recognized borders of Georgia and it's going to remain so," Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said.

President Bush called the Russian move "irresponsible."

The Kremlin insists, despite some doubts in the West, that its invasion of Georgia was a spur-of-the-moment response to the Georgian military's surprise crackdown on South Ossetia.

By contrast, Moscow has had weeks to weigh the consequences of recognizing the breakaway regions. As the West focused on Russia's effort to shift Georgia's internationally recognized borders, the Kremlin had a Navy destroyer and Coast Guard cutter named the Dallas to deliver aid to Georgia's Black Sea coast. "Normally battleships do

not deliver aid," Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov dryly told reporters in English, apparently conflating the word "warship" with "battleship."

Earlier Tuesday, the United States said it intends to deliver humanitarian aid by ship on Wednesday to the beleaguered Georgian port city of Poti, which Russian troops still control through checkpoints on the city's outskirts.

The Kremlin said it accepted the independence claims because the Georgian military assault amounted to "genocide."

But beyond a handful of resolute U.S. foes, such as Cuba and Venezuela, few other nations seem likely to follow the Kremlin's lead. And the declaration seems to have little practical impact on the lives of people living in the separatist regions, who have lived for years under Russia's economic, political and military umbrella.

Egypt septuplets stir debate on fertility drugs

By Hadeel Al-Shalchi
Associated Press writer



Habiba Khamis, a female newborn septuplet, is seen inside an incubator at a hospital in Alexandria, Egypt, Aug. 18. Khamis' parents badly wanted a boy, and the mother had not conceived in five years, so doctors gave her hormones.

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt — The 27-year-old woman and her husband already had three children and she said they badly wanted a boy, and she had not conceived in five years, so doctors gave her hormones.

The startling result was healthy septuplets — four boys and three girls — heralded by Egyptian doctors as a miracle. But ethics perils about the debate of fertility treatment in a nation where medical oversight is lax, incubators and neonatal respirators are rare, and many families face pressure to have a son.

In addition, Egypt faces concerns about overpopulation and cheap fertility drugs could lead to a wave of multiple births. President Hosni Mubarak warned in June that growth is hindering Egypt's economy, saying Egypt's population of 79 million — mostly crammed into the 3 percent of the country's area around the Nile River — will double by 2050.

For the mother, Ghazala Khamis, the most pressing question now is how her impoverished family is going to get by.

"I'm really scared," she said, lying in her hospital bed in this Mediterranean coastal city. "We live in a mud hut with only two rooms. I don't know how we're going to afford 10 children now."

Khamis' husband Farag Mohammed Ali, a 31-year-old farm laborer, can find work only a few days a week, she said. "I'm really worried about what the future looks like."

Much about the Aug. 16

birth, by Caesarean section, was stunning. The babies are large for a multiple birth, weighing between 3 pounds 3 ounces and 4 pounds 10 ounces each. The duration of the pregnancy was also the longest ever for septuplets — 34 weeks.

By contrast, the world's first surviving septuplets, born to the McCaughey family in Iowa in 1997, came at 31 weeks and the biggest baby weighed about the same as Khamis' smallest. There are two other sets of surviving septuplets, both born to Saudi women.

Khamis' doctors waited so long to deliver the babies because Egypt has only a few respirators for newborns, and none were available. So for weeks, doctors kept Khamis in Alexandria's Shatby Maternity University Hospital, letting the fetuses develop enough that their lungs could function on

their own after birth. But the wait also increased the risk to the mother.

"We were simply blessed by God that no complication happened — if there had been a complication, Ghazala would have died," Dr. Mahmoud Meis, who performed the Caesarean section, told The Associated Press.

After their birth, images on television showed the boys — Mohammad, Kareem, Bilal and Yassin — and the girls — Israa, Habiba and Do'a — lying side-by-side in two makeshift incubators, oxygen hoods covering their heads. Four were then whisked by ambulance to two other hospitals because there were not enough incubators at Shatby.

Except for the television images, Khamis has not yet seen all her babies; she has been able to hold and breast-feed only the three at Shatby. Though she was ready to leave days after the birth, she remains hospitalized because she has nowhere to stay in Alexandria, a four-hour drive from her farming village of Ezbakiya.

Last week, baby girl Habiba and boys Yassin and Mohammed were resting in incubators at Shatby, tiny caps on their heads — red for the boys and lime green for the girl.

All were breathing on their own, though Habiba and Yassin wore protective eye patches.

Some Western medical ethicists have questioned the use of fertility drugs by a young woman who already has three children, considering the risk of multiple births.

Airliner hijacked from Darfur to Libya

By Khalid El-Deeb and Mohamed Osman
Associated Press writers

TRIPOLI, Libya — Hijackers in Sudan's western Darfur region seized a jumbo jet Tuesday, and forced it to land at a World War II-era airfield in the heart of the Sahara Desert in neighboring Libya, officials said.

A Libyan official at the remote Kufra airport said there were 10 hijackers belonging to a Darfur rebel group and were demanding enough fuel for the Boeing 737 to continue to France.

The rebel group quickly denied any link to the hijacking.

The flight was commandeered soon after taking off from Nyala, capital of southern Darfur, en route to Khartoum, the national capital, said Yusuf Ibrahim, director of Khartoum's airport.

The plane was diverted to Kufra, a desert oasis in southeast Libya close to the Sudanese and Egyptian borders, some 1,000 miles from Tripoli.

The Kufra airport official said the hijackers belonged to the Darfur rebel Sudan Liberation Movement led by Abdul-Wahid Nur. They

rejected Libyan requests that they release women and children on the flight and allow provisions onto the plane, refusing any negotiations and demanding the refueling, the official said.

The official, who was prior to communications between the plane and airport officials, spoke on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the press.

Sudanese spokesman Yabia Bolal denied any involvement, saying his group has "no relation to this act."

"This is a fabrication by the Sudanese government and some criminals," said Bolal, from London. "We denounce and condemn this act. We want the protection of civilians wherever they are. This is a dirty conspiracy to defame" the rebels.

In the early hours Wednesday, the plane had not refueled and it was not known whether the Libyans would allow it to do so. The airfield has little communications equipment, and it was unclear how extensive the contacts were between the plane and the officials. Some Libyan troops are located at the facility, but their numbers were not known, and no additional forces or higher-ranking officials had arrived hours after the plane landed.

Hurricane Gustav gaining strength

By Jonathan M. Katz
Associated Press writer

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Officials in Haiti are reporting the first death from Hurricane Gustav — a man killed in a landslide.

Civil protection director Marie-Aline Jean-Baptiste said the man died in the mountain town of Benet, in southern Haiti. She was speaking Tuesday on Radio Metropole.

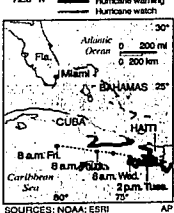
Gustav roared ashore earlier Tuesday with top sustained winds near 90 mph (145 kph). Heavy rains pelted the area, bending palm trees and kicking up mud along waterfronts of dilapidated wooden buildings.

The fast-forming storm was also on track to hit Cuba. The National Hurricane Center in Miami said the hurricane's maximum sustained winds were near 85 mph with higher gusts. A

Gustav hits Haiti

Hurricane Gustav swept through Haiti Tuesday and is expected to intensify as it heads toward the Gulf of Mexico.

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Category 2 hurricane has winds of 96 mph or higher. Haitians were told to prepare for evacuations as the storm formed Monday in the Caribbean. Haiti upgraded

storm warnings to hurricane warnings along much of its coast as Gustav closed in from the south. A warning means hurricane conditions are expected within 24 hours.

Forecasters said storm preparations in Haiti should be rushed to completion and that floods and landslides were possible across its southern peninsula. The forecasters figured Gustav's eye could pass near the capital of Port-au-Prince, home to nearly 3 million people.

Cuba issued a hurricane watch for several provinces and Jamaica upgraded its tropical storm watch to a hurricane watch.

A watch means hurricane conditions are possible within 48 hours.

At 5 a.m. EDT Tuesday, the hurricane was centered about 100 miles southeast of Port-au-Prince and was moving toward the northwest near 9 mph.

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Colleges confront shootings with survival training

By Alan Scher Zagier
Associated Press writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Hundreds of colleges across the nation have purchased a training program that teaches professors and students not to take campus threats lying down but to fight back with any "improvised weapon," from a backpack to a laptop computer.

The program — which includes a video showing a gunman opening fire in a packed classroom — urges them to be ready to respond to a shooter by taking advantage of the inherent strength in numbers.

It reflects a new response at colleges and universities where grisly memories of the campus shootings at Virginia Tech and Northern Illinois University are still fresh.

"Look at your environment through the lens of survival," said Donemerk Brouillette, who administered the course at Metropolitan Community College, which serves more than 20,000 students.

"Survivors prepared themselves, both mentally and emotionally to do what it takes. It might involve life-threatening risk. You may do something you never thought you were capable of doing." Nearly 300 professors at Metropolitan Community College were shown the video as part of a training exercise before the first day of classes on this downtown campus. The training, produced by the Center for Personal Protection and Safety, a for-profit firm based in Spokane, Wash., is also available for the school's students.

The training drills teachers and students in a "survival mindset," said Randy Spivey, a former U.S. Department of Defense hostage negotiator who is executive director of the center. The center's roster includes retired FBI agents and others with federal law enforcement experience.

There are two extremes. On the one hand is paranoia, and on the other is oblivion," he said. "We're just trying to

get people to keep this on their radar." The training discourages covering in a corner or huddling together in fear. Brouillette emphasized at the Kansas City session. Instead, Metropolitan Community College faculty members were taught to be aware of their surroundings and to think of common classroom objects — such as laptops and backpacks — as

"improvised weapons."

The program has been bought by nearly 500 colleges, which tailor the company's safety messages — laid out in instructional videos and other training guides — to craft localized violence prevention programs. Spivey expects that by year's end that number will have grown to about 1,000 schools.

Schools may provide the training to students as well as

staff, as at Metropolitan, or limit it to instructors or security personnel.

Campus safety experts interviewed by The Associated Press said they are not aware of any similar survival training courses marketed specifically to college campuses.

"It's a dark subject," Brouillette said. "But we can't say it's never going to happen again." It's "When is it going to

happen? And we have to be prepared to survive that."

The sort of aggressive survival response cited by Brouillette troubles school violence researcher Loren Coleman, a retired University of Southern Maine professor.

Showing students violent images of school shootings could trigger post-traumatic stress or other reactions that resident advisers, graduate assistants and similarly

untrained workers would be unequipped to handle, Coleman said.

And the techniques shown in instructional videos such as "Shots Fired" could provide inspiration for troubled students considering their own acts of violence, Coleman suggested.

"You more or less are giving them a blueprint for how to avoid law enforcement," he said.

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NYC judge orders release of Rosenberg testimony

By Larry Neumeister
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — A judge on Tuesday ordered the release of key secret grand jury testimony in the atomic spy trial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, citing its value to historians in the debate over national security versus freedom.

The ruling from U.S. District Judge Alvin Hellerstein pertained to witnesses whose secret testimony was taken in 1950 and 1952. The witnesses are still alive but have not consented to the release or could not be located.

The Rosenbergs were convicted of passing nuclear weapons secrets to the Soviet Union and were executed in 1953. Since then, court-ordered censors have appeared to enjoin that Julius Rosenberg was a spy, but doubts have remained about Ethel Rosenberg's involvement.

The judge gave the government two months to appeal. In his ruling, Hellerstein cited the importance of history in resulting tension between U.S. security and the "vigorous expression of the freedoms that make our society great."

"Each generation has defined its own answer," he said. "And each generation needs to explore the history of the past to understand fully the context in which these polar extremes came to clashes with one another.... So history of how we dealt with these problems in the 1940s and 1950s is a current history, and a history that is very important for us to understand."

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Minico boys blank T.F.

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

Welcome to Idaho, Mr. McArthur. Scott McArthur, Minico's recent transplant from West Virginia, scored two goals in the Spartans' 3-0 win over Twin Falls in non-conference boys soccer action Tuesday.

The senior midfielder scored in each half, while junior forward Jorge Carrillo added another first-half goal. All three Spartan goals were assisted by senior forward Isaac Medina.

Goalkeeper Alejandro Olmos earned the shutout for Minico (1-0-1).

"I had a good ball played over the top and (Twin Falls') defense tried to play an offside trap and I just ran and touched past the keeper," McArthur said of his first goal. "This win is real big. We're a new team trying to get our teamwork started right now, so it helps a lot."

The win was Minico's first of the season after playing Highland to a 1-1 tie.

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Minico's Scott McArthur celebrates his second goal during the second half of the Spartans' 3-0 win over Twin Falls Tuesday in Report.

Slick-passing Twin Falls girls coast past Spartans

By David Bashore
Staff writer

In sports, the devil is always in the details, even when you're up big.

Twin Falls eased to a 6-1 victory at home over Minico on Tuesday, but it took the better part of an hour's worth of play before the Bruins got anywhere near the level of play expected by head coach Katie Kauffman. Once they did, however, the goals came quickly and authoritatively.

Twin Falls (2-0-0) tallied four times in the space of 25 minutes in the second half after heading into the break with a 2-1 lead.

"The problem was that (in the first half) we were either passing through the center all the time or on the outside all the time," Kauffman said of their team, which totaled 35 shots in the game, 17 in the first half. "Once you start going inside and outside things a lot of options open up."

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Twin Falls' McKenzie Johnson, right, passes the ball back to a teammate on an offensive strike Tuesday evening during Twin Falls High School's victory over Minico at the Swaney Soccer Complex in Twin Falls.

LET THE STAMPEDE BEGIN



The Magic Valley Stampede hopes to offer more exciting rodeo action this week.

Magic Valley Stampede gets underway this week

By Diane Phibbin
Times-News writer

A pair of local favorites will join a number of the world's top-ranked cowboys at the 2008 Magic Valley Stampede, held in conjunction with the Twin Falls County Fair. Rodeo action at the PRCA-sanctioned event kicks off at 7:30 p.m., Thursday in Filer and continues with performances Friday and Saturday. There is also a sack scheduled after the Friday evening performance.

This year's Stampede includes Kimberly cowboys Todd Young, currently the seventh-ranked bareback rider in the Crusher Rentals PRCA Association World Standings, and No. 27 Cody DeMers. Both are scheduled to ride Saturday night, with Young also competing in team roping on Friday night.

With only the top 15 riders

qualifying for the National Finals Rodeo, DeMers feels he still has a slim chance to make it to Las Vegas in December.

"I need to win \$25,000-\$30,000 to have a chance," he said. "I've had a weekend where I earned \$13,000, so I know I'm not out of it yet. I'm going to enter everything I can and give it a whirl."

As do many cowboys, DeMers is entered in three rodeos this weekend. In addition riding in to Filer, he'll make a trip to Ellensburg, Wash., on Friday night and then head to Walla Walla, Wash., for a Sunday performance. DeMers goes where the best horses are and says that "the horses like Sankey brings really buck good in the Filer arena."

When asked about the year that Young is having, DeMers said, "He is having a dream year and is riding outstanding. This is the first

Magic Valley Stampede

What: A three-day PRCA rodeo held in conjunction with the Twin Falls County Fair
When: Thursday through Saturday, 7:30 p.m., each day
Where: Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filer
Tickets: Reserved seats are \$5. Day sheets available for \$1 each night.

time he has gone at it extremely hard and has decided this is a make it or break it year. He has the attitude it takes that there isn't a guy he can't beat. And he wants to be the world champion."

Speaking of champions, there were originally three reigning world champions scheduled to compete in Filer this week in bareback

rider Bobby Mote, saddle bronc rider Taos Muncy and bull rider Wesley Silcox. Unfortunately, Silcox will be a medical no-show after being injured last weekend when a bull stepped on his lower right leg, causing fractures of both the tibia and fibula. Silcox underwent surgery this past Sunday.

Fans that follow the rodeo circuit will also recognize the familiar names of three-time world champion bareback rider Will Lowe, seven-time world champion steer wrestler and 1999 all-around cowboy Fred Whitfield, five-time world champion in tie-down roping and 2001 all-around cowboy Cody Olt and 2004 world champion bareback rider Kelly Timberman.

Also scheduled to compete are Cash Myers, the No. 6-ranked cowboy in steer wrestling, and Josh Peck. The

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First line of defense

Williams anchors BSU defensive line

By Dustin Lapray
Times-News correspondent

It's the first line of defense. Literally. In football, the defensive line is a group intent on controlling the line of scrimmage, and thereby controlling the game.

At Boise State, there is no set defensive alignment. The Broncos run a 3-4, a 4-3, a 5-2 and myriad mixtures of all. In years past, the Broncos have even dropped all 11 players into coverage.

This year's BSU line is led by senior and sophomore more defensive ends and three little-known tacklers — and the importance of the unit is immeasurable.

"If we don't get after the quarterback the pass defense is shot," said Joe Bozokovich, a senior defensive tackle. "Everyone has to be working completely together to make a defense work, especially with us. There are no unsung heroes. I could care less if we are unsung heroes. We're dirt dogs. That's what we're here for."

Mike T. Williams is the anchor. The senior end from Sacramento, Calif., brings leadership to a unit that doesn't get a lot of media attention. He led the team with six sacks and 7.5 tackles for a loss in 2007. Even in one-on-one practice drills, Williams puts forth maximum effort. That's not going unnoticed by his fellow linemen.

"Mc, being a senior, I have to step it up and lead by example," Williams said. "That's what I plan on doing for the team. It's always good to just go as hard as you can every time and give your best effort. You never know who's watching, who's looking up to you, wanting to emulate you."

Williams' opposite end, sophomore Ryan Winterswyk (6-foot-4, 258 pounds), led the team with nine tackles-for-loss last



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season. He also finished with 43 tackles and 5.5 sacks. Both Williams and Winterswyk put up a solid pass rush. They also are charged with containing the quarterback and rushers within the tackle box, where their teammates can easily rally to the ball. Both have an eye on the BSU sack record, held by Chris Wing, who recorded 20 sacks in 1996.

Their position coach, Pete Kwiatkowski, recorded 15 quarterback sacks in 1997. He is second in career TFL with 82. Williams said he would love to surpass his coach's mark. But in the meantime he is just learning from Kwiatkowski.

"He just instills in us that no matter what we do, just go hard," Williams said. "If somebody beats us it's on us. He tells us to finish on everything. If you have great technique with anything, you should win."

Jerrell Root will backup both the starting ends and should get plenty of reps this season.

The Broncos also sport three senior defensive tackles in Bozokovich, Sean Bingham and Steven Reveles. Bingham played end last season and moved inside this spring. Bozokovich finished with 10 tackles last season, while Reveles is a junior college transfer who will see his first major action this season.

"Your last year you want to go out with a bang," Reveles said. "Coming from where I came from, the long way I think makes it more worth it this year."

Despite his lack of playing time and stats, Reveles has impressed his teammates.

"He's showed a lot lately," Williams said. "He didn't play a lot last year. He's making a lot of plays, making a name for himself. I can't wait to see him get out there."

Billy Winn (6-4, 282), I.P. Nisby (6-1, 295) and Chase Baker (6-1, 295) will push the seniors. Shea McClellin (6-3, 255) may also make an impact this season if he doesn't redshirt.

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Despite injury, Wood River grad striving to be a part of ISU team

By Mark Liptak
Times-News correspondent

POCATELLO — It isn't often you find people who know where they are going and what they have to do to get there. When you do find those kinds of people, you take note and watch carefully, because you

know they'll be making a name for themselves.

Such a person is Wood River High School graduate Eric Jacobson. The strapping 6-foot-5, 235-pound freshman tight end for Idaho State University is a person who comes without any baggage. He's the type of person head coach John

Zamberlin wants to build his program around.

"You can tell he's a quality kid, he was raised well and is a credit to his family," said Zamberlin. "He has a great attitude, a great work ethic."

Jacobson was a star for the Wolverines both on the football field and the basketball court. But

it's his effort to be the best he can be on every day that set him apart and caught Zamberlin's eye. Case in point came last December in a basketball game against Century. Wood River was losing badly, but there was Jacobson sprinting back down

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Jacobson

Cutthroats take down Senators

Times-News

The Community School girls improved to 2-0 in High Desert Soccer Conference play Tuesday by defeating... (Gooding 10-0.)

Tegan Palmer scored five goals, Bailey Blumshild scored two, Emma Willander and India Emerson each netted one and Kerry Lee Nelson scored on a penalty kick for the Cutthroats.

"We're a whole new team. The ball was in our half most of the time. We'll get a little rest and get back out there," Gooding coach Chris Thompson said of the loss.

The Cutthroats (2-2 overall) travel to Wendell on Sept. 3. The Senators (0-1-1) travel to Buhl the same day.

PRESTON 10, BURLEY 2

The young Burley Bobcats suffered a

10-2 setback at Preston on Tuesday. Burley fell behind 10-0 before Kelsie Wassom netted a pair of late goals for the Bobcats.

"We still need to tweak and get things worked out," said coach Tom Schmitt, whose team fell to 0-2. Burley will try to get into the win column Thursday when it hosts Century at 4:30 p.m.

Boys soccer

COMMUNITY SCHOOL 3, GOODING 1

The visiting Community School Cutthroats defeated Gooding 3-1 Tuesday in a High Desert Soccer Conference match. Tony Martin's two goals and one from captain Tanner Flanigan — named "Man of the Match" by Community School coach Richard Whitelaw — put the

Cutthroats up 3-0 by the half. Gooding kept fighting, and Danny Lopez scored in the second half. "They're going to be a force," Whitelaw said in praise of the Senators. The Community School (2-1-1, 2-0) travels to Wendell on Sept. 3.

BURLEY 1, PRESTON 0

Luis Miramontes struck from 25 yards out in the 30th minute, propelling Burley to a 1-0 home win over Preston on Tuesday.

"We're pretty happy with it," Burley coach Wes Nyblade said of the win, which lifted the Bobcats to 1-1 on the season.

Nyblade said his team controlled the tempo well after Miramontes' goal. Burley travels to Century on Thursday.

Soto's 7 RBIs lift Cubs to win

PITTSBURGH — Geovany Soto drove in seven runs and Chicago overcame Alfonso Soriano's second dropped fly ball in Pittsburgh this season to rally for a 14-9 victory Tuesday night.

The Cubs won their fourth straight to move 32 games above .500 for the first time since they were 90-58 on Sept. 15, 1984. They trailed 0-7 before scoring seven times in the eighth against three Pirates pitchers.



Chicago Cubs' Geovany Soto hits a three-run double against the Pittsburgh Pirates in the eighth inning of a baseball game in Pittsburgh, Tuesday. The Cubs won 14-9.

ATLANTA — Yarel Escobar's single capped Atlanta's four-run ninth against Florida closer Kevin Gregg.

With the bases loaded and one out, Gregor Blanco grounded into what would become a game-ending double play, but shortstop Hanley Ramirez was unable to pull the ball from his glove as Mark Kotsay slid into second, and Jeff Francoeur scored to make it 9-all.

BRVES 10, MARLINS 9

ST. LOUIS — Ben Sheets worked six scoreless innings and Ryan Braun was 3-for-5 with a two-run homer for Milwaukee. Prince Fielder had three hits and two RBIs for the Brewers, who have won seven straight over the Cardinals. Craig Counsell had two hits and two RBIs for the Cardinals.

WASHINGTON — Washington third baseman Ryan Zimmerman started four double plays for Los Angeles matched their season high with a fifth straight loss. The Dodgers have lost seven of eight and are 0-5 midway through a 10-game

road trip. They have lost a season-high seven straight road games and have fallen two games below .500.

REDS 2, ASTROS 1

HOUSTON — Bronson Arroyo pitched Cincinnati's first complete game of the season and Ryan Imanigbi hit a solo homer.

Houston broke the tie in the eighth with a one-out homer off Geoff Geary that bounced off the facade in left center, just above the yellow line. Second-base umpire Ted Barrett made the home run signal and Houston manager Cecil Cooper came out to talk to him.

AMERICAN LEAGUE BLUE JAYS 6, RAYS 2

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Roy Halladay beat Tampa Bay for the first time this season, an 8-2 victory. The game was largely played in the Minico hall of the field, but the Spartan defense coped reasonably well before injuries and discipline took their toll on the game. Two players limped off the field for Minico (0-2-0) before Santana conceded the team's second penalty kick of the game and was sent off for

innings. The right-hander posted a 5.32 ERA in losing his previous three starts against Tampa Bay this year. Noam has beat Halladay four times in the same season.

RED SOX 7, YANKEES 3

NEW YORK — Tim Lincecum struck in his return from the disabled list and Boston moved a step closer to squashing New York's playoff hopes.

Tim Lincecum struck in two runs. David Ortiz had a strong game at the plate and Boston got an outstanding effort from its bullpen in the opener of a three-game series.

WHITE SOX 8, ORIOLES 3

BALTIMORE — Gavin Floyd pitched eight innings of four-hit ball and Nick Swisher homered as Chicago handed Baltimore its fifth straight loss.

Orlando Cabrera went 4-for-5 with two RBIs for the White Sox, who have won eight of 10 to move a season-high 20 games over .500 (76-56). Chicago had nine extra-base hits, including a season-high-tying seven doubles.

INDIANS 10, TIGERS 4

DETROIT — Cliff Lee got his AL-leading 11th win as Ben Francisco hit two homers in Cleveland's ninth straight victory.

Jamey Carroll and Kelly Shoppach hit back-to-back homers for Cleveland, which overtook Detroit for third place in the AL Central.

RANGERS 2, ROYALS 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kevin Millwood pitched his second straight complete game and Texas took advantage of some poor defense to score two unearned runs.

— The Associated Press

U.S. OPEN Ivanovic rallies, Williams sisters win

Federer cruises

NEW YORK (AP) — Ana Ivanovic raised her racket, ready for an easy overhead slam in what was shaping up as an easy match.

Then she somehow spiked the ball right into the net from just a few feet away.

Out of whack lately because of an injured right thumb, the world No. 1 was suddenly out of sorts. Ivanovic recovered in time Tuesday to avoid becoming the first top-seeded woman to lose in the first round at the U.S. Open, rallying over Venus Dushkevina 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

"I could feel some shots, lack of practice," Ivanovic said.

Serena Williams took a more direct approach. Favored by oddsmakers to win the women's title, she overhwhelmed Katerina Bondarenko with her serve in a 6-1, 6-4 victory.

Wearing bright red, the fourth-seeded Williams was dressed for an afternoon workout — clothes she'll reveal her more elegant outfits at evening matches. The two-time U.S. Open champion is ready to dominate the Grand Slam event she lost last year in 2002.

"I don't even remember holding up the trophy," she said. "I didn't even know I won this tournament."

Seventh-seeded Venus Williams advanced, too, beating Samantha Stosur 6-2, 6-3. Like her younger sister, she's twice won the U.S. Open.

"I had a chance to play and be healthy, so I'm excited to be here," the elder Williams said.

The 74-year-old Selig, who described himself as "old fashioned" and an admirer of baseball's "human element," softened his opposition following a rash of blown calls this year.

For now, video will be used only on so-called "boundary calls," such as determining whether fly balls went over the fence, whether potential home runs fair or foul and whether there was fan interference on potential home runs.

"Any time you try to change something in baseball, you're going to have an emotional and difficult," Selig said.

"There's been some concern that, well, if you start here, look what it's going to lead to. Not as long as I'm the commissioner."



Venus Williams returns to Samantha Stosur during their match at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York, Tuesday.

Agneszka Radwanska of Poland, No. 13 Agnes Szavay of Hungary and No. 16 Flavia Pennetta of Italy won. Anna-Lena Groenefeld of Germany beat No. 11 Daniela Hantuchova.

No. 13 Fernando Verdasco of Spain, No. 14 Ivo Karlovic of Croatia and No. 15 Tommy Kohndor of Spain were out. Tommy Haas of Germany beat No. 12 Richard Gasquet of France 6-7 (3), 6-4, 5-7, 7-5, 6-2 and Sam Querrey beat No. 22 Martin Klizanec of the Czech Republic 6-3, 6-1, 6-2.

Marat Safin, the 2000 U.S. Open champion, was as volatile as ever, throwing a tantrum after being called for a foot fault during his 3-6, 6-2, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 win over Venus Spadea.

"I don't want fight. I don't want to shout," the Russian said after being called for a foot fault during his 3-6, 6-2, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 win over Venus Spadea.

Expected to cruise, Ivanovic struggled against a Russian ranked No. 57. The French Open champion found her confidence — and her winning strokes.

The 20-year-old Serbian star had played only two matches since Wimbledon in mid-July when he thumb healed. The injury forced Ivanovic to withdraw from the Olympics before they began and kept her from practicing until last week.

"Happy finally to be without the pain," she said.

The sweetest ever for a No. 1 woman at the U.S. Open came in 1967 when Maria Bueno drew a first-round bye and then lost in the second round, event where each contestant is judged upon the skill demonstrated as he or she attempts to stay aboard their woolly mount bucks for the required six seconds.

T.F.

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Kaitlynn Simpson, McKenzie Johnson, Amanda Koeberle and Stephanie Peck each struck once for Los Angeles matched their season high with a fifth straight loss. The Dodgers have lost seven of eight and are 0-5 midway through a 10-game

Central midfielder Lexi Clark bagged a pair for Twin Falls, the first coming a half hour after she struck from the top of the 18-yard box and the second on a penalty kick that resulted in Spartans defender Bianca Santana being sent off.

"I like to score goals, but my job is more to be the assist person," said Clark. "I think it's really important for us to get some goals, because

last year was really rough for us and we want to get this team back to win."

Twin Falls has scored 15 goals in its first two games this season, one more than the Bruins tallied all of last year, including the Region Four-Five-Six tournament.

The game was largely played in the Minico hall of the field, but the Spartan defense coped reasonably well before injuries and discipline took their toll on the game. Two players limped off the field for Minico (0-2-0) before Santana conceded the team's second penalty kick of the game and was sent off for

picking up a second yellow card.

Still, it was a better performance for the Spartans than their 16-0 drubbing at the hands of Highland on Saturday.

"I thought we lost our composure a little bit and then they scored that first goal in the second half and we got down on ourselves," said Minico coach Dennis Haynes. "But I thought we were not aggressive, we passed the ball better, played defense better... all around it was a better game for us."

Minico hosts American Falls today, while Twin Falls is at Wood River on Thursday.

by Olmos.

"I don't have any excuses, but there are definitely things that we will need to work on throughout the season to improve," Hegstrom said. "We had about 20 minutes where we were passing the ball real well. It's going to take a lot, we have a real exciting team. But if everybody wants it bad enough, if we work together as a team, I know we can accomplish it if we really want to." Minico won by winning

Minico

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in the season opener. Minico coach Armando Tapia, however, is a typical Rolling Stones-type coach: "It's always good for confidence, but I still saw just a few mistakes, especially on our defense that we need to work on," Tapia said. Twin Falls (0-2-0) had opportunities to score, including at least three open looks by junior Dustin Hegstrom that either just missed wide or were snuffed

Rodeo

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No. 3 in the all-around. Local fans will be able to catch a pair of current College of Southern Idaho rodeo cowboys: saddle bronc rider Alex Wright of Buhl and bull rider Zack Elliott of Thatcher, Utah. Elliott will ride Friday and Wright on Saturday.

Other Magic Valley cowboys and cowgirls that are scheduled to contend are Tim Lickley of Jerome and Kallio Parker of Wendell in barrel racing on Thursday and Andrea Jones of Twin Falls on Saturday. In tie-down roping, Ryan Lickley of Jerome and Kent Champneys of Filer will go on Friday and Pete Jones of Twin Falls on Saturday. Jones teams up with Friday and Champneys on Saturday. Steer wrestling features Tanner Stanger of Murtaugh on Friday and T.W. Parker of Wendell on Saturday.

The Magic Valley Stampede has \$1,000 added money bringing the total to \$6,000 per event in the six

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— Gene Schiffer, chairman of the rodeo committee

standard PICA events: barrel racing, saddle bronc, bull riding, steer wrestling, tie-down roping and team roping. The increased winnings have allowed cowboys handling high fee prices to compete for more money closer to home and in turn, bring more star power to some of the smaller rodeos.

A newly formed 14-member Twin Falls rodeo committee has been working hard since March to promote a better 2008 product. The committee's first order of business was to gather and encourage new sponsors and generate a list of ways to make the rodeo bet-

ter for fans and cowboys alike.

"The main goal of this year's Stampede is to make for greater fan appeal," said Gene Schiffer, chairman of the rodeo committee. "We have had tremendous support from our 40 new sponsors. There will be 40 three by eight sponsor banners in the arena recognizing and advertising all the sponsors. And we will have a social time where the sponsors will be able to meet the cowboys."

The specialty act of J.D. Platts K3 Kings, the first and only professional frisbee dog entertainment company in history to receive a PICA act card, will be on hand to entertain. Spectators won't have to settle for just watching the rodeo. They will be able to be a part of it as boys and girls may compete in the Mattson Busby event where each contestant is judged upon the skill demonstrated as he or she attempts to stay aboard their woolly mount bucks for the required six seconds.

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Report: Strahan to stay retired after considering return

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Michael Strahan is staying retired, although his agent said that the seven-time Pro Bowler seriously considered returning to the Super Bowl champion New York Giants.



New York Giants defensive end Michael Strahan celebrates after the Giants beat the New England Patriots 17-14 in the Super Bowl XLIII football game in Glendale, Ariz. in February. The Giants asked the 36-year-old Strahan to reconsider his retirement, but he needed just about a day to turn down an offer to return for a 16th season, according to a report Tuesday. AP Photo

"He was very close to returning, but the great part about Michael is that he takes his time to think about things and he is very thorough," Tony Agnone said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press on Tuesday night. "You can get excited about coming back and running through the tunnel one more time."

Agnone said that Strahan struggled deciding whether he could give 100 percent mentally. "In the end, he felt he could not get back to where he was," Agnone said.

The first report of the news was provided by FoxSports.com, which contacted Strahan in a phone interview. "This has been one of the toughest nights of my life," Strahan told FoxSports.com. "But after long deliberation and throwing around a mil-

lion scenarios in my head for the past day, I think it's just best if I stay retired."

Giants general manager Jerry Reese has asked the 36-year-old Strahan to reconsider his retirement on Monday, just 48 hours after the Super Bowl champions lost Pro Bowl defensive end Osi Umenyiora for the season to a knee injury in the preseason game against the New York Jets.

Strahan needed just about a day to turn down an offer to return for a 16th season with what could have been an \$8

million contract.

PEYTON TAKES KNEE OUT OF QUESTION

INDIANAPOLIS — More than a month after having knee surgery and enduring weeks of rampant speculation about whether the injury was worse than first feared, two-time league MVP Peyton Manning finally provided his doubters with one emphatic answer Tuesday: He's back, right on schedule.

"This is a significant step for me to get back out on the

practice field." Manning said before throwing and running with teammates. "If things go well, as we expect they will, then I hope to be full go next week and ready for the season opener."

Manning will be limited in practice initially after being activated from the physically unable to perform list.

Coach Tony Dungy said the Colts will be cautious with the franchise quarterback during this short week — Indy played Buffalo on Sunday night and faces Cincinnati on Thursday — before giving him a full complement of snaps next week.

"We're going to monitor him and (rookie tight end) Tom Santi, who will start practicing today," Dungy said. "So we do have a pitch count on those guys."

It's been a crazy month for Manning, the Colts' iron man who has never missed a start in his 10-year NFL career.

He was instructed by doctors not to report to training camp with his teammates July 24, 10 days after having surgery to remove an infected

bursa sac from the left knee. Team officials said it would take Manning four to six weeks to recover, and the six-week anniversary came Monday when the Colts did not practice.

PALMER WILL SIT OUT LAST PRESEASON GAME

CINCINNATI — Quarterback Carson Palmer will skip Cincinnati's last preseason game, resting his broken nose while running back Rudi Johnson makes his first — and what he thinks could be his last — appearance in a Bengals uniform.

Palmer didn't participate in practice again Tuesday, watching while the rest of the team got ready for its game Thursday night in Indianapolis. Palmer broke his nose and cut his lip on a sack Saturday night during a 13-0 loss to New Orleans.

Palmer said he probably would have sat out the final preseason game even if he

hadn't broken his nose. He expects to be ready for the opener at Baltimore on Sept. 7.

SUPER BOWL HERO DAVID TYREE ON PUP LIST

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Wide receiver David Tyree was placed on the physically-unable-to-perform reserve list by the New York Giants on Tuesday, meaning the player who made a game-saving catch in the Super Bowl won't be making any for at least the first six weeks of the season.

Tyree, whose spectacular one-handed catch against his helmet sparked the Giants' late game-winning drive against the previously unbeaten New England Patriots, has not practiced since training camp opened in July because he is rehabilitating a surgically repaired right knee. He had surgery in May.

— The Associated Press

LPGA to require English for international players

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The LPGA Tour boasts players from all over the world, and it wants all of them to be able to speak English.

The LPGA will require players to speak English starting in 2009, with players who have been LPGA members for two years facing stiffer evaluation if they can't pass an oral evaluation of English skills. The rule is effective immediately for new players.

"Why now? Athletes now have more responsibilities

and we want to help their professional development," deputy commissioner Ilhba Galloway said The Associated Press. "There are more fans, more media and more sponsors. We want to help our athletes as best we can succeed off the golf course as well as on it."

The tour held a mandatory meeting with South Koreans last Wednesday at the Safeway Classic to inform them of the new policy, which was first reported by

Golfweek magazine. There is no such rule on the PGA Tour. There are 121 international players from 26 countries on the LPGA Tour, including 45 players from South Korea.

The South Koreans were informed of the rule, however. LPGA commissioner Carolyn Bivens has not given them — or anyone — a written explanation, Galloway said.

But the message already appears to be lost in translation. The magazine said

every South Korean player it interviewed believed she would lose her card — not be suspended — if she failed the English evaluation.

Angela Park, born in Brazil of South Korean heritage and raised in the United States, said the policy is fair and good for the tour and its international players.

"A lot of Korean players think they are being targeted, but it's just because there are so many of them," Park told the magazine.

Jacobson

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of work yet. It doesn't matter, though. He's still at every practice anyway watching and learning. He actually sees positives coming out of what is expected to be a redshirt season.

"Your time on Earth is limited, less than a hundred years," Jacobson said before a recent practice. "That's not a lot in the big sense. There's not enough time for you to waste it, to only spend half of it working hard. I want to put my heart and soul into everything I do, be it writing an essay or playing a sport."

He says this with a serious look on his face and you believe him because of the passion in his voice and because you know for example, that this young man actually sings the National Anthem before every game he plays, something that many consider passé today.

It's on scholarship at ISU but because of shoulder surgery this past offseason, he hasn't been cleared to do a lot

of work yet. It doesn't matter, though. He's still at every practice anyway watching and learning. He actually sees positives coming out of what is expected to be a redshirt season.

"You have an opportunity to get stronger, to work hard and to get adjusted to college life," he said. "Next season I'll be that much better prepared to play."

It's that purpose and honesty that made him immediately take a liking to Zambelin when the two talked after Jacobson visited Boise State.

"It was my junior year and we just returned from Boise State. My mom and I immediately went to Pocatello and spoke with coach. I respect his values, what he wants to accomplish. When we got back in the car and were driving home, I told my mom that this was where I wanted to go. He was more personal with me and I was comfortable in this environment."

With his size, speed and

smarts, that comfort level is working both ways, and in the future, expect to see some big

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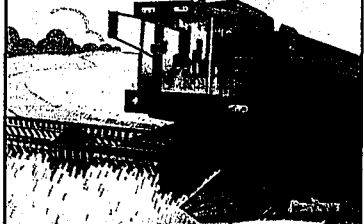
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Take a 'cassy' break Husband's hairdresser is getting under wife's skin

DEAR ABBY: For the past 25 years, my husband, "Don," has had his hair cut by a woman I'll call "Barber-Elia." She's slim, attractive and full of energy. Don has mentioned that she often pats him on the head and kind of flirts with him. We have been married 35 years, and I've never had a reason to mistrust him. Our life hasn't been a bed of roses. We have a 30-year-old disabled daughter who lives with us. I have rheumatoid arthritis, which causes me pain and saps my energy. The medication has made me gain weight in my belly and face, and I feel unattractive.

Barber-Elia seems to have a lot of influence on Don. She persuades him to buy certain products, and once talked him out of a medical procedure "because it went wrong, or for a friend." Recently he told me she has been telling him dirty jokes and using four-letter words in the hotel. Don says, "She likes to see how well I can get." Although she is married, I'm not convinced that she's all up to me.

I feel this woman's behavior is inappropriate. Does this have to do with my own insecurities than with her? Why does she do this? Should I ask him to change stylists? Should I call her and ask what she's adding back dancers to her services?

I don't want to put Don in the

DEAR ABBY: I am the youngest of four girls. I share a room with my sister, "Noelle," who is the next-to-the-youngest. We fight a lot. Recently during an argument, Noelle told me our oldest sister told her our parents only had her because Dad wanted to try "one more time" for a boy. She said Dad was disappointed that I was a girl and wished they hadn't had a fourth kid.

I don't know if this is true. My sister could have said it to be mean. It makes sense, though. I mean, what man would be hoping for a boy after three girls? It hurts me to think that I wasn't really wanted.

I love my dad, and I think he loves me, but I always did have the feeling that he was somehow disappointed in me and loved my older sisters more. I'm afraid to talk to him about it for fear of finding out that it's true. What should I do?

—HURT

DEAR HURT: If you're afraid to talk to your father, then you should tell your mother what Noelle said. It was nasty, calculated to hurt, and I'd be very surprised if there was any truth to it.

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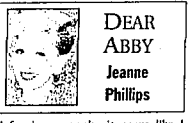
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DEAR ABBY
 Jeanne Phillips

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, August 27, the 240th day of 2008. There are 124 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 One hundred years ago, on Aug. 27, 1908, Lyndon B. Johnson, the 36th president of the United States, was born near Stonewall, Tex.

On this date:
 In 1850, the second debate between senatorial candidates Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas took place in Freeport, Ill.

In 1859, Col. Edwin Drake drilled the first successful oil well in the United States, near Titusville, Pa.

In 1903, the island volcano Krakatau blew up, the resulting tidal waves in Indonesia's Sunda Strait claimed some 36,000 lives in Java and Sumatra.

In 1982, 10 seriously damaged New York's original Metropolitan Opera House.

In 1983, the Redford-Briland tract was signed in Paris, outlawing war and providing for the peaceful settlement of disputes.

In 1948, former U.S. Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes died in Newville, N.Y., at age 86.

In 1962, the United States launched the Mariner 2 space probe, which flew past Venus in

February 1962.

In 1975, Halle Schaeffe, the last emperor of Ethiopia's 3,000-year-old monarchy, died in Addis Ababa at age 93, almost a year after being overthrown.

In 1979, British war hero Lord Louis Mountbatten and three other people including his 14-year-old grandson Nicholas, were killed off the coast of Ireland in a boat explosion claimed by the Irish Republican Army.

In 2006, a Comair CRJ-100 crashed after trying to take off from the wrong runway in Lexington, Ky., killing 49 people and leaving the co-pilot the sole survivor.

Ten years ago: Two suspects in the bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Kenya were brought to the United States to face charges. Mohamed Rashed Daoud al-Odhali and Mohammed Siddiq Odah were convicted in 2001 of plotting to carry out the bombing; both were sentenced to life in prison.

Five years ago: A granite monument of the Ten Commandments that had become a lightning rod in a legal storm over church and state was wheeled from the grounds of the Alabama Supreme Court building as protesters knelt,

prayed and chanted, "Put it back in Chicago, a man who had been fired from an auto parts warehouse six months earlier came back with a gun and killed six employees before being shot dead by police. Thirty-nine people died in a stampede at an Iran religious festival. A multinational summit on North Korea's nuclear program opened in Beijing.

One year ago: Attorney General Alberto Gonzales announced his resignation after controversy over the firing of nine U.S. attorneys. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, said in a statement he was not involved in any inappropriate conduct when he was arrested at the Minneapolis airport and should have not pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct. (The Capital Hill newspaper Roll Call reported that Craig was arrested June 11 by a plainclothes officer investigating complaints of lewd conduct while at a Washington, D.C., hotel room.) Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick apologized for "using bad judgment and making bad decisions" and vowed to redeem himself after pleading guilty to federal felonies. Russia announced the arrest of 10 people in the killing of journalist and Kremlin critic Anna Politkovskaya.

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IF AUGUST 27 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your imaginative nature carries you off on dizzying flights of fancy this fall. Other people will appreciate your ideas, and new friends might invite you to join social organizations. Since you have a dream, you will do better easierwise or may get extra credit for your work. Don't become overly trusting by overreacting to attachment, however, because a passing fancy might head off your January is the month when your judgment is at its best and you can make wise choices.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The restless urge to do something different could upset someone else's careful planning. You usually like to have things your way, but these are times when you should give the other guy first dibs.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): The farthest you can go is just behind you. You could be limited by your own past actions or decisions. When you get a huff of trouble, take the time and the steps to cure the problem or fix the drawback.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Go on a gossip diet. Stop listening to tattlers and those with serpentine

agendas. Then you can be interested and really listen to people when they tell you what's going on in their lives.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may be disturbed by the crumbling difference between right and wrong. If your suspicions are triggered, you may do something you will regret. Remain calm in the face of angering revelations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Bravado begs for attention. You may boast like a lion, only to sacrifice like a lamb. A conservative approach to finances will begin to pay off if you don't give in to a passing whim during the next few days.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You have a pair of happy feet. If you let your feet do the thinking you will walk away from a confrontation or criticism. Wear your running shoes to bypass shopping malls and tempting purchases.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): That which does not destroy you makes you stronger. Every little trial and tribulation makes you better equipped to handle another round. Consider yourself lucky to have a supportive family to boost spirits.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You won't receive press coverage for

exaggerating your successful transactions. The paparazzi have bigger fish to fry, so don't expect flashlights to go off when you walk out the door.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The milk of human kindness may have a slightly sour smell. Maybe you have avoided making an apology for too long, or perhaps you are expecting the other guy to back for an act of self-interested generosity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Sit on your hands. It is tempting to meddle or meddle more. Resist this last good time to disturb the status quo. Curb your appetite for the latest fad or desire for an attractive new conquest.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Relationships can unravel like a ball of yarn bouncing down the stairs. You have developed a habit of counting on your charming smile to get you out of jams, but that formula won't work right now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You prefer to stand out in a crowd. The problem is that you make an easy target, especially for those with ideas of their own. It is commendable to be unique and distinctive as long as you don't offend others.

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Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2008

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"Then I'll get on my knees and pray
We don't get fooled again."
— Pete Townshend

It is only rarely that a defender can work out that it is to his advantage to mislead everyone at the table. Today's deal offers one example.

In this deal from the 1996 Cavendish Invitational Pairs declarer can manage to unscramble his tricks in three no-trump despite potential blockages. The whole field duly succeeded in making a game on this board except for the Hammans (father and son). They reached the normal spot of four spades, and Gerry Sosler kicked off with a top diamond. Larry Cohen now played a textbook false-card, echoing enthusiastically in diamonds, and Sosler continued with two more rounds of the suit.

In retrospect it looks easy enough to discard from dummy on the third diamond, but declarer made the natural play of ruffing with the spade 10. When Cohen followed suit, Chris Hamman knew he had been fooled. However, he simply laid down the top spades now, and the defenders had two trump tricks for down one.

Perhaps declarer should have taken for the top heart, then three rounds of clubs, throwing his diamond, before ruffing a heart to hand. A spade to dummy and another heart from the board in the fourth-card ending (with East and South being down by four trumps each) ensures three winners for declarer if he reads the position. He must overruff East, then can lead any trump from hand but the ace.

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NORTH 08-27-A
♠ K 10
♥ K J 9 5 4 2
♦ Q 8
♣ K Q 7

WEST
♠ 7
♥ Q 8 7
♦ A K 7 2
♣ J 10 8 5

EAST
♠ Q 9 6 2
♥ 10 0 3
♦ 10 5 3
♣ 6 4 3

SOUTH
♠ A J 8 5 4 3
♥ 10 9 8 7 6 5
♦ J 9 6 4
♣ A 2

Vulnerable: Neither Dealer: North

The bidding:

South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♥ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ All pass
*Forcing, by agreement

Opening lead: Diamond king

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:

♠ A J 8 5 4 3
♥ A
♦ J 9 6 4
♣ A 2

South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass

ANSWER: My preference is to re-bid two diamonds rather than repeat the spades (though both actions make sense). This way you tell partner about nine of your cards, not six. It won't always work well, but if you do end up in a 4-3 fit, you figure to score plenty of tricks on a crossruff. Incidentally, always bid the four-carder when you have extras.

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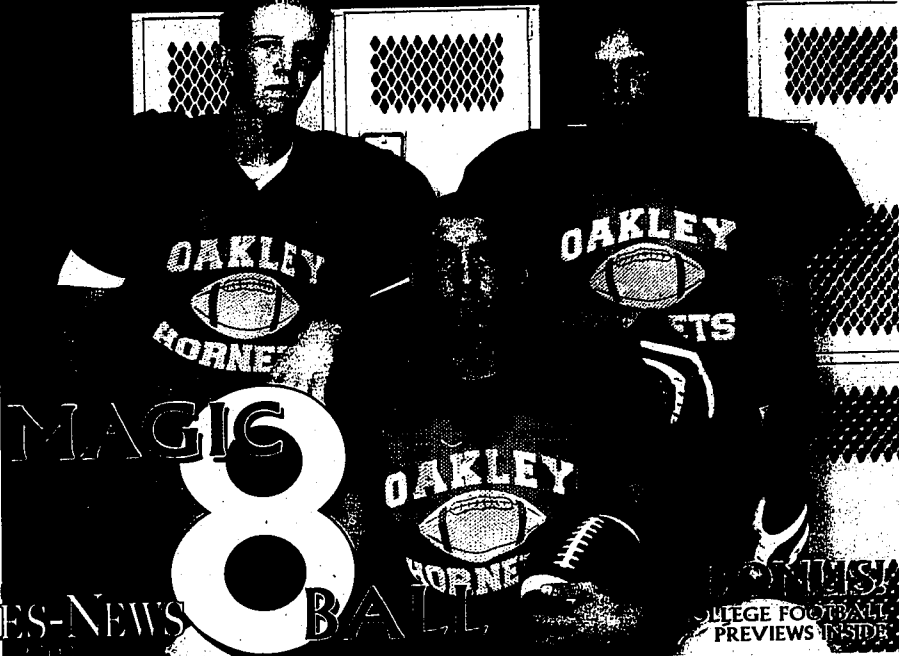
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By Ashley Smith/Times-News

Wendell's Jordan Lancaster carries the ball during practice earlier this month. The Trojans move to Class 3A this year under new coach Brad Neuendorf.

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Boise State senior linebacker Dallas Dobbs hopes to lead an improved BSU defense this fall. For a preview of the Broncos' season, see page 19.

LATE 2000

Oakley head coach Nick Greenwell, a former Hornets player, has guided the program to a resurgence in recent seasons, capped by last year's Class 1A Division I state title.



RYAN HOWE/
Times-News

All is well: Oakley is a football town again

BY RYAN HOWE
Times-News writer

Once upon a time, Oakley was a football town. Everyone would gather at the field on Friday nights in the fall, tilting and cheering for

the hometown Hornets. A line of cars would follow the team bus to away games. Oakley football was the talk of the town as folks would dissent last week's game and discuss next week's opponent. The Hornets win a lot of games back then.

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At Burley, it's Friday Afternoon Sunshine

BY RYAN HOWE
Times-News writer

High school football on Friday nights under the lights is an American tradition so intriguing Hollywood has made movies and TV shows about it.

From the time a young football player slips on his first shoulder pads in rec league, he dreams about playing under those lights. There's something magical about it.

Unfortunately for Burley High, those dreams have been dashed — at least for this season.

Due to funds running out on the new \$1.27 million Skaggs Event Center, stadium lights will not be installed this season, leaving the Bobcats to play under the magic of "Friday Afternoon Sunshine."

Kickoff will be 5 p.m. for the season opener against Buhl on Aug. 29, as well as the following week (Sept. 5) against Century.

Great Basin Conference West games with Jerome (Sept. 26) and Wood River (Oct. 3) will begin at 4 p.m.

The Burley coaches and players are taking the situation in stride. Because, as Burley coach Eugene Kramer points out, "Lights don't give me six points."

"The Bobcats are so excited for this season, they'd play at 6 a.m. in a horse pasture with pop sticks for first down markers if they had to."

"I like Friday Night Lights, but you can't have it all, so I guess just deal with it. Just play," said senior lineman Brian Guerrero.

Another concern is the earlier kickoff time will hinder fans from attending.

"It should be all right, as long as everybody can show up," said senior receiver Kordell Koepnick.

"The biggest thing right now is that we can have our fans in the

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While construction crews continue to work on Burley High's new stadium, the Bobcats, including quarterback A.J. Hunter, left, work to get ready for their Aug. 29 home opener against Buhl.

RYAN HOWE/TIMES-NEWS

"We have enough players that they're competing for positions now, where in the past it's been a little lean. We have so many bodies now I don't know what to do with them all."

—Oakley head coach Nick Greenwell

Oakley

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Football was Oakley's passion. Call it, Mayberry meets Hoosiers.

But something happened. Maybe it was a few down years. For whatever reason, Oakley football lost its aura. It lost its identity.

Then Nick Greenwell took over as head coach in 2004. As an Oakley player back in the 1980s, Greenwell took part in the heydays, playing for three state championships in four years. As head coach, he went to work trying to resurrect the program to the glory it once knew.

In his first year as head coach, only 17 kids came out for the team. Gradually those numbers grew as the Hornets posted a 4-4 record in each of Greenwell's first two seasons. In 2006, the team was 6-3. Heading into the 2007 season, Oakley felt like it was back on track.

"We had a pretty good idea that we were going to be very competitive," Greenwell said. "But we never would have thought 12-0 and state champs."

The Hornets crushed their competition in '07, ending eight of their 12 games by mercy rule, en route to the Class 1A Division I state championship.

Back to the good ol' days. The tailgaters have returned. Talk around town is buzzing — no pun intended — about the Hornets again. Visitors to Oakley are greeted with the sweet smells of agriculture that are typical in rural farming communities. But in the fall, the air is also filled with excitement. "The smell of football comes back in the fall. I love it," said senior quarterback Mark Pickett.

Now Greenwell's problem — a good one to have — is finding spots for the 42 young men who came out for the team this year.

"We have enough players that

they're competing for positions now, where in the past it's been a little lean," Greenwell said. "We have so many bodies now I don't know what to do with them all."

Oakley is back on top again. The focus now is to avoid complacency.

"Strutting around, sticking your chest out and wearing that state championship ring for too long might get you in trouble," Greenwell said.

"We're not looking back. We're a whole different team this year," senior Brian Babbitt said. "We're flying around having fun, just doing what we do best."

What they do best is run the ball. Babbitt was an all-state running back last season and the entire offensive line — Colten Wadsworth, Caleb Greenwell and Jake Sogers — returns. However, coach Greenwell would like to move Wadsworth into the backfield alongside Babbitt.

"The smell of football comes back in the fall. I love it."

—Oakley senior quarterback Mark Pickett

The Hornets participated in several team building activities over the summer, including the Goose Creek Turf-off. It's become a Hornet tradition. The seniors gather up the team and they run the 6.2 miles. When players reach the finish line, they turn around and run back to find their teammates and run in with them. They continue until the entire team crosses the finish line together.

With the proverbial target on their backs, the Hornets know they'll also need to stick together throughout this season.

"People will be looking to throttle us, but we just have to come out harder than they do and show them that we're really here, that it wasn't just the seniors that led us (last year)," Babbitt said.

Oakley also took a trip to Boise where they attended an arena football game and visited Boise State's Bronco Stadium. BSU coaches sat the team down for a heart-to-heart.



"We're not looking back. We're a whole different team this year."

—Oakley senior running back Brian Babbitt

"The Boise State coaches talked to our team a lot about complacency," coach Greenwell said. "After Boise State had won the Fiesta Bowl, they came back the next year and got beat a couple of times. They told us not to be satisfied with last year, take that ring off and put it on your dresser and get re-focused."

The Hornets could have a chance to add another ring to the collection, but coach Greenwell knows — from his own experience as a member of Oakley's 1985 state championship team — that two in a row isn't that easy.

"Everybody looks to knock the state champs off," he said. "We're going to have to be ready every game because they're going to bring it. We're going to have to start from scratch and get dirty."

The pride has returned, along with the high expectations. All is well in Mayberry. Oakley is a football town once again.

Burley

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stands. It's going to be a little more of a challenge to play at 4 and have people get out of work early."

Burley coach Eugene Kramer is confident Burley fans will find a way to attend home games.

"Our fans are great. They'll be here no matter what time it is," Kramer said. "You look at last year, we went 1-8 and by the last game of the season we still had more fans in the stands."

Even without lights, Burley is still enthusiastic about its new artificial turf.

"It's intense. I like it," said Guerrero. "Getting out there to play on a new field, it feels good. It feels a little lighter than grass and it feels like you're flying on there, when you're running across the field."

Players report that the field makes it easier to make cuts and change directions quickly. They also say it's softer than grass when being tackled.

Will Burley's new stadium provide the Bobcats with an extra home-field advantage?

"Yes and no," Kramer said. "We're used to playing on it, but also I think when teams come here, they're going to be a little more jacked to play on turf like this, and they're going to feel they're faster."

Said Guerrero: "Yeah, we got a brand new field and it looks nice and everything, but it doesn't matter. Football is football. You've just gotta play."

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TWIN FALLS BRUINS

Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 5	Nampa	7 p.m.
Sept. 12	@ Madison*	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	@ Century*	6 p.m.
Sept. 26	Highland*	7 p.m.
Oct. 2	Pocatello	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	@ Jerome	7 p.m.
Oct. 17	Stikine*	7 p.m.
Oct. 24	Minko	7 p.m.
Oct. 31	@ Idaho Falls*	7 p.m.

* denotes conference game
At Holt Arena, Pocatello



Photo by JARVIS JACKSON/Twin Falls

Twin Falls senior Braden Box runs across the field during practice earlier this month in Twin Falls.

Mark your calendars: On Sept. 26, the Bruins host Highland in their first Region Four-Five-Six home game of the season. A win over the Rams, who made it to the state playoffs last year, would be a big boost to the Bruins' playoff hopes.

Head coach: Allyn Reynolds, second year
2007 record: 2-7, fourth in Region Four-Five-Six
2008 prediction: Third in Region Four-Five-Six

Scouting report

Offense

The Bruins are loaded in the backfield, with senior quarterback Kylon Myers and senior running backs Braden Box and D.J. Gilbert. But the offensive line will feature five new starters. There is talent, including senior Jay Barrow and Kevin Hurd and junior Jacob Nolan. If the line can come together, the Bruins should have success with a run-oriented offense that features multiple sets. Devin Bryant, a senior wide receiver whose prep career has been limited by back issues, has also shown promise.

Defense

Senior linebacker Casey Fought (55 tackles in 2007) is the only returning starter in Twin Falls' defense, which features a four-man front with multiple coverage behind. That front will feature senior Bryson Miller, while Zak Sloten and Heath Stewart join Fought as linebackers. "Lots of questions on our defense with only one starter back," said second-year head coach Allyn Reynolds.

Overview

As long as the offensive line comes together and a few players step up on defense, Twin Falls should improve on last year's 2-7 mark. Myers is more confident under center and has plenty of talent around him in the skill positions. With five home games, the Bruins could crank out a winning record in 2008.

Bruin backfield: Senior trio has T.F. aiming high

BY MIKE CHRISTENSEN
Times-News writer

Two games into last season, Kylon Myers got his trial by fire. It came when Twin Falls High School's coaches decided to move senior quarterback Bryant Ward to tight end. That move meant Myers, a junior, was suddenly the Bruins' starting quarterback.

His options: Sink or swim. Myers did his best to do the latter, leading the Bruins to two wins in his seven starts. But it wasn't easy. Myers wound up completing 76 of 148 attempts for 1,106 yards, nine touchdowns and eight interceptions.

"Last year was kind of a big rush to get everything together," said Myers. "And the games themselves? They felt like a run, too. That should change this year."

"The game should slow down for a him," said second-year head coach Allyn Reynolds.

Myers agrees. "I'm hoping to improve a lot since I'm actually going to know what I'm doing," he said. "With all the blitzes and stuff, it's a lot easier and a lot quicker. I don't have to think so much."

Of course, the success of the Bruin offense doesn't rest solely on Myers' arm. Twin Falls' backfield is loaded with senior talent and leadership in speedster Braden Box and bruiser D.J. Gilbert. Both found success in 2007, and are poised for big senior seasons.

"We just all have a lot of motivation this year," said Gilbert, a 5-9, 190-pounder, who rushed for 367 yards and five TDs last year. "We and Braden have improved. I've gotten stronger and improved my speed, and he's even faster."

That's saying something considering the speed Box displayed last fall, particularly on special teams where he returned two kickoffs for scores.

Reynolds says Box is the Bruins' fastest player, and the team will look to get the ball in his hands often. "We'll move him around to try and get him the ball in space and let him go," said Reynolds.

That's music to Box's ears as the senior said his role is to "bring excitement and get everyone fired up." His favorite time to do that is on kickoff and punt returns. "It's you against everyone else," Box said. "You just have to find a hole and go." Offensively, Box was the team's leading rusher, totaling 444 yards and four touchdowns on 109 attempts. He also had 18 catches for 380 yards and five scores.



Twin Falls senior quarterback Kylon Myers

While there's no doubt about the talent in the backfield, the Bruins are in search of an offensive line to give Myers time to throw and the backs room to run. All five starters from 2007 are gone, but Reynolds has confidence in seniors Jay Barrow and Kevin Hurd and junior Jacob Nolan. The other line spots are up for grabs, but Myers isn't too concerned.

"I've played with these guys my JV and freshman years, so they're pretty good," he said. "They know what they're doing. I think they'll do all right."

As for Myers, expect more touchdowns and fewer miscues from the Bruin QB. "He's steady," said Reynolds. "He doesn't get rattled. He's not going to make spectacular plays, but he'll manage the game for us."

And when the going gets rough, he's got Box and Gilbert on his side.

"If we live in scramble drill, I know Braden's going to get open," said Myers. "And D.J. can be there to pound it so you don't have to throw all the time, so they don't take their part to help me."

If the seniors have their way, they'll help each other to a state playoff berth. The key elements are there: They believe in each other, and they believe in the program.

"We should be a lot better," said Myers. "I think a lot more people are buying in to what Coach Reynolds is trying to do."

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BURLEY BOBCATS

Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 29	Buhl	5 p.m.
Sept. 5	Century	5 p.m.
Sept. 12	@ Pocatello	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	@ Minico*	7 p.m.
Sept. 26	Jerome*	4 p.m.
Oct. 3	Wood River*	4 p.m.
Oct. 10	@ Blackfoot	7 p.m.
Oct. 17	BYE	
Oct. 24	@ Preston	7 p.m.

* - denotes conference game

Mark your calendars: On Aug. 29, Burley will play its first game in its new stadium. The Bobcats host Buhl for this historic game.

Quick Hits

Head coach: Eugene Kramer, second year

2007 Record: 1-8, fourth in Great Basin Conference West

2008 prediction: Third in Great Basin West

Burley senior running back Jared Byington returns to lead the Bobcats this fall.

Times-Herald file photo



Scouting report

Offense

Burley moved the ball well between the 20s last season, but often struggled to find the end zone. The Bobcats plan to put more points on the board by implementing more variety in the offense, led by the arm and legs of quarterback A.J. Hunter. The Bobcats' balanced attack will feature plenty of running back Jared Byington.

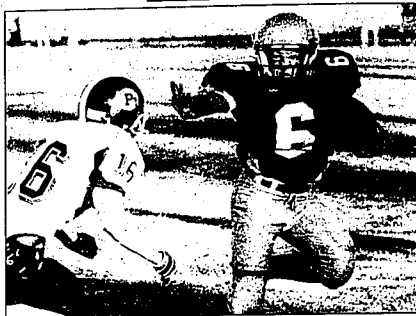
Defense

Despite its losing season, the Bobcats' defense got better as the season progressed last year, and by the end of the season it could hang with any team. According to Burley coach Eugene Kramer, that continued improvement poured over into the offseason. Kramer says Burley's secondary is 10 times better than it was last year. Garrett Lyons returns at outside linebacker to head up a squad that likes to fly around and make game-changing plays.

Overview

Burley's rebuilding project goes beyond just a new stadium. Kramer is in his second year with the program and all indications are he's headed in the right direction. The Great Basin Conference West is solid this season, but Burley should improve from its 1-8 record from a year ago.

MINICO SPARTANS



Senior running back Skylar "Poke" Morgan (6) is poised for a record-setting season for Minico.

Times-Herald file photo

Scouting report

Offense

Minico lost eight starters to graduation, including stud quarterback Dane Broadhead. Plus, only one offensive line starter returns.

The good news is the Spartans still have all-state running back Skylar "Poke" Morgan, who is on schedule to shatter all of the school's career rushing records. If opponents key on stopping Morgan, QB Chris Joyce has plenty of options to throw to, including London Barnes, the Spartans' leading receiver last year (36 receptions, 659 yards).

Defense

The Spartan offense will need to be solid, especially early in the season while the offense gets on track. Defense will be Minico's strength as seven starters return, including linebacker Jordan Reed, who tallied a team-leading 70 tackles and two sacks last season. They're not huge, but make up for it with speed and heart.

Overview

The three-time defending champs of the Great Basin Conference West narrowly lost to eventual Class 4A state champion Blackfoot in the playoffs last season. The Spartans haven't forgotten it, either. For Minico, conference championships are nice, but a state title is the goal.

Schedule

Date	Opponent*	Time
Aug. 29	Century	7 p.m.
Sept. 5	Bishop Kelly	7 p.m.
Sept. 13	Colfax (Calif.)#11	a.m.
Sept. 19	Burley*	7 p.m.
Sept. 26	@ Preston	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	@ Wood River*	7 p.m.
Oct. 17	Jerome*	7 p.m.
Oct. 24	@ Twin Falls	7 p.m.

* - denotes conference game
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Mark your calendars: On Oct. 17, Jerome visits Minico in a key GBW showdown. The Tigers gave Minico all it could handle last season, and this contest, which happens to be the Spartans' homecoming game, could be for the conference championship.

Quick Hits

Head coach: Tim Perrigo, 13th year

2007 Record: 9-1, first in Great Basin Conference West

2008 prediction: Second in Great Basin West

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JEROME TIGERS



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Jerome players gather around head coach Gary Krumm (in ball cap on left) to end a preseason practice earlier this month.

Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 29	@ Mount Home	7 p.m.
Sept. 5	Midleton	7 p.m.
Sept. 12	Century	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	@ Buhl	7 p.m.
Sept. 26	@ Burley*	4 p.m.
Oct. 3	BYE	
Oct. 10	Twin Falls	7 p.m.
Oct. 17	@ Minico*	7 p.m.
Oct. 24	Wood River*	7 p.m.

* - denotes conference game

Mark your calendars: The Great Basin Conference West Division title will almost certainly be on the line when the Tigers travel to three-time defending champion Minico on Oct. 17. These two teams played to a 49-42 Minico victory in Jerome last season, and the encore should be just as electric.

Quick Hits

Head coach: Gary Krumm, third year (14th overall)
 2007 record: 6-4, second in Great Basin West
 2008 prediction: first in GBW

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Scouting report

Offense

With one year under the belt, Jerome's run-and-shoot offense should be even more proficient — and more lethal as the team digs deeper into the playbook. Senior quarterback Jake Larmers is the star of the show, but he'll run the offense with a terrific stable of athletes at his disposal. Kevin Williams, Logan Park, Zach Ingaham and Aaron Jackson are just a few of the horses likely to feature for the Tigers this year.

Defense

Much like the more acclaimed offense, this is also the second season for Jerome's 3-5 defense. With a full season in the books running the defense, the Tigers feel more confident and more aggressive. Good linebacker play is the key to a successful 3-5, and Jerome's ability to shore up a liability from last season will go a long way toward the Tigers reaching the next level.

Overview

There are a lot of holes to fill from last season's state quarterfinal team, but there are also a lot of capable players ready to step into those gaps. A greater sense of self-confidence and with good reason. As long as the key cogs remain healthy, there's no reason to think that Jerome can't ascend to elite status in Class 4A.

WOOD RIVER WOLVERINES



Photo by JENNIFER LEWIS/ML

Wood River running back Sean Bunce practices with the Wolverines, Aug. 18, in Halley.

Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 5	@ Buhl	7 p.m.
Sept. 12	Wendell	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	Gooding	7 p.m.
Sept. 26	Kimberly	7 p.m.
Oct. 3	@ Burley*	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	Minico*	7 p.m.
Oct. 17	@ Hillcrest	7 p.m.
Oct. 24	@ Jerome*	7 p.m.

* - denotes conference game

Mark your calendars: The Wolverines face Burley and Minico for back-to-back conference games in early October. They'll finish the regular season at Jerome on Oct. 24.

Quick Hits

Head coach: Mike Glenn
 2007 record: 1-7, third in Great Basin West
 2008 prediction: Fourth in Great Basin West

Scouting report

Offense

Mike Glenn will have his Wolverines run a multiple formation offense but will keep things simple as he has only two returning starters. Running back Sean Bunce and quarterback Michale Brunker will lead the backfield.

Defense

Three players return on defense, so Wood River will keep a basic 4-3 package. Tyler Peters, a junior, will be a leader at linebacker.

Overview

Glenn emphasized patience as a key this season. The team is very young and very small in number, with at most 70 kids in the program, but also hard working with good attitudes.

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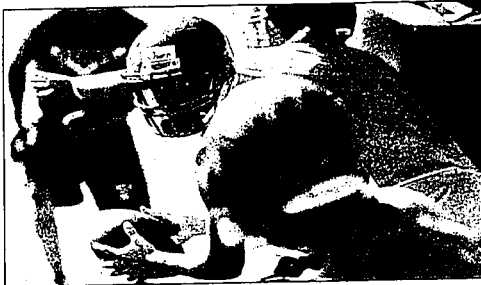
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BUHL INDIANS



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Buhl quarterback Cader Owen ready to hand the ball off during a recent practice in Buhl.

Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 29	@ Butley	5 p.m.
Sept. 5	Wood River	7 p.m.
Sept. 12	BYE	
Sept. 19	Jerome	7 p.m.
Sept. 26	@ Gooding*	7 p.m.
Oct. 3	Filer*	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	@ Glenss Ferry	7 p.m.
Oct. 17	Kimberly*	7 p.m.
Oct. 24	@ Wendell*	7 p.m.

* - denotes conference game

Mark your calendars: Buhl's schedule has some stiff tests, but the big game for the Indians is undeniably Oct. 17 when they host defending conference champion Kimberly. The Bulldogs won an emotional 13-7 game last year to win the SCIC, and Buhl definitely has revenge on his mind.

Quick Hits

Head coach: Stacy Wilson, sixth year
2007 record: 7-3, second in Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference
2008 prediction: Second in SCIC

Scouting report

Offense

It's Eric Sengvannphong's time to shine in the Buhl backfield. After helping to comprise a monacing 1-2 punch with bulldozer Ryan Siruack last year, Sengvannphong is expected to carry the load in a run-oriented, multiple-formation offense. His experience will be even more important as the Indians break in new starting quarterback Cader Owen and a few fellow juniors at the skill positions. Four of the five offensive linemen are seniors, which should give aid to the young skill players.

Defense

This area is perhaps Buhl's strength. The Indians return three of their four starting linemen from last season and have the players to be solid along the defensive line.

The 4-4 defensive front will enable Buhl to put some pressure on the quarterback, but also drop linemen into coverage as needed. Maturity on defense will be a must early on as a young offense finds its feet.

Overview

Same M.O., different faces, and lots of them. The 57 or so players' head coach Stacy Wilson has out is his highest player pool in a few years, he said. But with just nine seniors that depth will be tested as Buhl tries to find some leaders among the underclassmen. As long as the younger players can successfully adjust to the varsity game, Buhl should comfortably return to the state playoffs.

FILER WILDCATS



ADLEY SMITH/Times-News

Filer's Jacob Bogner prepares to make a catch during football practice earlier this month at Filer High School.

Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 29	@ New Plymouth	7 p.m.
Sept. 5	Sugar-Salem	7 p.m.
Sept. 12	@ American Falls	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	Wendell*	7 p.m.
Sept. 26	Declo	7 p.m.
Oct. 3	@ Buhl*	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	Gooding*	7 p.m.
Oct. 17	BYE	
Oct. 24	@ Kimberly*	7 p.m.

* - denotes conference game

Mark your calendars: Sept. 5 marks the home opener for the Wildcats, and the first home game for new head coach Robert Kohler. With perennial playoff team Sugar-Salem coming to town, it'll be a huge test right out of the chute for a Filer team that wants to go back to state again after a promising start to last season.

Quick Hits

Head coach: Robert Kohler, first year
2007 record: 6-3, third in Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference
2008 prediction: third in SCIC

Scouting report

Offense

Expect a lot more of the same from last year, with a minor tweak in the spread-option offense that generated so much success.

Nathan Hughes, now a senior, will once again man the offense and be relied upon heavily to help control the ball. A second player in the backfield for the spread-option will help disguise plays and give Hughes one more quick out.

Defense

This is expected to be the biggest change from last season's Wildcats. Filer will employ a five-man defensive front designed to put pressure on the quarterback and, in head coach Robert Kohler's words, "tomp people to throw on us."

Overview

So far, so good in the transition to Kohler from former coach Jaxon Schwelker. Morale is high, intensity is high, and the senior leadership the Wildcats possess should pay a big dividend as the season progresses.

As ever, depth is the key and as 2007 revealed, the fate of the entire season rests on keeping Hughes healthy and productive.

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GOODING SENATORS



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Gooding High School football players complete a drill during practice earlier this month in Gooding.

Scouting report

Offense

The Senators will run a spread offense with returning quarterback Tyler Rex. The 6-foot-4-inch Austin Bastercheo should be a primary target in the receiving corps.

Defense

Gooding lines up in a 4-4, with Derek Christensen and Jacob Tomkinson at line-backer. Senior linemen Tommy McMurdie and T.J. Williams return as ends.

Overview

Depth and experience at quarterback will help propel the Senators through the season, but the biggest hurdle may be mental. Gooding hasn't won a game since 2006 and will need to win the opener with Glens Ferry to build confidence.



Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 5	Glens Ferry	7 p.m.
Sept. 12	@ Valley	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	@ Wood River	7 p.m.
Sept. 26	Buhl*	7 p.m.
Oct. 2	Kimberly*	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	@ Filer*	7 p.m.
Oct. 17	@ Wendell*	7 p.m.
Oct. 24	Declo	7 p.m.

* - denotes conference game
 Mark your calendars: The Senators play their entire conference schedule during the heart of the season. Now that Wendell has joined the SCIC, look for that in-county rivalry to intensify come Oct. 17 when Gooding travels to face the Trojans.

Quick Hits

Head coach: Chris Cmostock, sixth year
 2007 record: 0-8, fifth in Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference
 2008 prediction: fifth in SCIC

KIMBERLY BULLDOGS



Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 5	American Falls	7 p.m.
Sept. 12	Declo	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	@ Valley	7 p.m.
Sept. 26	@ Wood River	7 p.m.
Oct. 3	@ Gooding*	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	Wendell*	7 p.m.
Oct. 17	@ Buhl*	7 p.m.
Oct. 24	Filer*	7 p.m.

* - denotes conference game

Mark your calendars: Kimberly plays all its conference games in October. The Oct. 17 game at Buhl should be one to see as the Bulldogs defeated the Indians 13-7 in a last-ditch effort with 33 seconds left in regulation.

Quick Hits

Head coach: Kirby Bright, 14th year
 2007 record: 10-1, first in SCIC
 2008 prediction: first in SCIC

JUSTIN JACKSON/Times-News

Kimberly's Braeden Nield runs the ball upfield during practice earlier this month in Kimberly.

Scouting report

Offense

The Bulldogs run the wing-T with Eric Marvin returning in the backfield. A new quarterback must step up to replace Evan Jerke. Isaac Makings, Blake Rodeman and Nick Dame were strong contenders during the preseason.

Defense

A strong corps of linebackers and corners returns for Kimberly's 4-3 defense, but some holes will need to be filled on the line.

Overview

Graduation left some holes in the Bulldogs roster, but there are still many players with game experience and a desire to go deep in the Class 3A playoffs. It may become more difficult as a conference championship and a 10-win season puts a target on the Bulldogs' backs.



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WENDELL TROJANS



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First-year coach Brad Neuvendorf looks on as his players warm up for practice earlier this month at Wendell High School.

Scouting report

Offense

A conservative offense just got a little more so as Wendell moves up to the Class 3A rank. The Trojans will aim to play ball control with a misdirection-style running game out of various power-game sets like the double-wing, wing-T and so on. With an understated line, deception and misdirection will be the name of the game as the Trojans try to grind out victories on the ground.

Defense

Not much has changed scheme-wise for a number of years, and don't expect 2008 to be any exception. The hybrid 3-4/5-2 defense gives Wendell some flexibility on the outside to play to the pass or the run as situations or teams call for it.

Overview

In short, it looks like a similar Wendell team to that of a year ago, with new faces and a new offensive plan of attack. The deception and misdirection the new offense provides should open things up for an understated offensive attack, but the ball-control nature of Wendell's offense means that the defense will have to be at its best. Expect a lot of low-scoring, smash-mouth-type games if Wendell is to be successful.

Quick Hits

Head coach: Brad Neuvendorf, first year
2007 record: 3-6, first in Canyon Conference
2008 prediction: Fourth in Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference

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DECLO HORNETS



Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 5	@ Aberdeen	7 p.m.
Sept. 12	@ Kimberly	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	@ Malad	7 p.m.
Sept. 26	@ Filer	7 p.m.
Oct. 3	@ Wendell	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	@ Valley*	7 p.m.
Oct. 17	@ Glens Ferry*	7 p.m.
Oct. 24	@ Gooding	7 p.m.

* denotes conference game

Mark your calendars: On Oct. 10 Declo will play its first Canyon Conference game at home against Valley. With only three teams in the conference (Glens Ferry is the other), this game could decide whether the Hornets go to state.

Quick Hits

Head coach: Kelly Kidd, 13th year
2007 Record: 3-5, fourth in SCIC
2008 prediction: First in Canyon Conference

Declo quarterback Tanner Field is poised for a big year.

Team News Photo

Scouting report

Offense

Declo has three talented quarterbacks — Tanner Field, Tucker Edgar and Jeremy Jenkins — each with unique abilities that will allow the Hornets to diversify its spread wing-T offensive attack. With seven returning offensive starters, Declo is poised to make a big splash as it moves into the Class 2A ranks.

Defense

Declo returns seven starters on defense; including all its linebackers and secondary players. A big concern is the defensive line's inexperience. The Hornets' defensive scheme will adjust depending on the opponent, from 4-3 to 4-4. Declo will also often stack six defenders on the line to pressure opponents into mistakes.

Overview

In 2007, Declo struggled through its first losing season since coach Kelly Kidd took over the program in 1996. The Hornet upperclassmen hope to mesh better than last year's team and return to the playoffs. Despite being the smallest school in Class 3A the past few years, Declo competed well and the move to 2A should only help the Hornets. They'll enter the Canyon Conference with Valley and Glens Ferry.



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GLENN'S FERRY PILOTS



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Glens Ferry's Johny Zacarias kicks off for the Pilots in this 2007 game.

Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 29	@ Nampa Chr.	7 p.m.
Sept. 5	@ Gooding	7 p.m.
Sept. 12	New Plymouth	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	Melba	7 p.m.
Sept. 26	@ Wendell	7 p.m.
Oct. 3	BYE	
Oct. 10	Buhl	7 p.m.
Oct. 17	Declo*	7 p.m.
Oct. 24	@ Valley*	7 p.m.

* denotes conference game

Mark your calendars: The Pilots spend the first five weeks of the season playing nonconference opponents. They will have a bye before the most difficult test of the season: hosting the always-tough Buhl Indians on Oct. 10 before diving into Canyon Conference play.

Quick Hits

Head coach: Rob Spriggs, seventh year
2007 record: 3-6, second in Canyon Conference
2008 prediction: second in Canyon Conference

Scouting report

Offense

The Pilots will operate primarily out of the wing-T. Glens Ferry wants to run the ball as much as possible to control the tempo of the game.

Coach Spriggs said, "I strongly believe games are won in the trenches." Juniors Phillip Owsley, Ross Aretano, Michael Crane, Gabo Arvalo, Destry Royce and sophomores Terry Jacobsen will be expected to contribute. Crane had 360 yards rushing and 311 receiving last year and may play quarterback in some sets. The line will be anchored by seniors Cody Crawshaw and Taylor Owen.

Defense

The Pilots will run a base 4-3, aiming for a balanced defense on the ground and in the air. Many of the formerly mentioned players, including Crane (47 tackles, four sacks in 2007) and Crawshaw (52 tackles, two sacks) will also spend a lot of time on defense as Glens Ferry's numbers keep shrinking year to year.

Overview

While Spriggs said his team has "a solid core of returning players" and decent size and speed on the offensive line, the Pilots will need to avoid injuries with their lack of depth. A schedule that includes three Class 3A teams will also make it a challenge to earn a winning record.

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VALLEY VIKINGS

Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 5	@ Wendell	7 p.m.
Sept. 12	Gooding	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	Kimberly	7 p.m.
Sept. 26	@ West Jefferson	7 p.m.
Oct. 3	Grac	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	@ Declo*	7 p.m.
Oct. 17	@ Butte County	7 p.m.
Oct. 24	Glens Ferry*	7 p.m.

* denotes conference game

Mark your calendars: Canyon Conference play comes in October when the Vikings travel to new conference rival Declo on Oct. 10, then host Glens Ferry Oct. 24.

Quick Hits

Head coach: Brian Ayers, third season
2007 record: 2-7, third in Canyon Conference
2008 prediction: third in Canyon Conference



JAMES JACKSON/TIMES NEWS

Valley High School quarterback Daniel Burns looks to make a pass during practice earlier this month at Valley High School.

Scouting report

Offense

The Vikings will run a wing-T offense and emphasize ball control. Five will return, both on the line (Scott Barnes, Derek Murphy) and skill positions (Daniel Burns, QB; Juan Zambrano, RB; Brogen Reed, RB). Depth will be an area of concern for Valley.

Defense

The same five players also return on defense as the Vikings' shallow roster will mean a lot of iron-man football. Burns will play in the secondary, Zambrano and Reed at linebacker and Barnes and Murphy again as linemen.

Overview

Brian Ayers lists good team speed and the players' willingness to work hard as key, but again, depth will be an issue. However, his philosophy of team building and not allowing any one player to be singled out has led to some success. Valley went from a program that lost every game in 2005 to one that can at least be competitive, winning six games over the past two seasons.

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OAKLEY HORNETS

Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 29	North Gem	7 p.m.
Sept. 5	Lighthouse Chr.*	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	@ Raft River*	7 p.m.
Sept. 26	@ Shoshone*	7 p.m.
Oct. 3	Challis*	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	Sho-Ban*	7 p.m.
Oct. 17	@ Castleford*	7 p.m.
Oct. 24	Hagerman*	7 p.m.
Oct. 31	Hansen*	7 p.m.

* - denotes conference game

Mark your calendars: On Sept. 19 Oakley travels to Raft River for a big conference showdown with its biggest rival. The Trojans will be looking for revenge as Oakley beat them for the first time since moving to 8-man football in 2003.

Quick Hits

Head Coach: Nick Greenwell
2007 Record: 12-0, first in Snake River Conference, Class 1A Div. I state champion



RYAN HOWE/STAFF WRITER
 Oakley running back Brian Babbitt looks to follow up his impressive 2007 season.

Scouting report

Offense

With its entire offensive line returning, along with all-state running back Brian Babbitt, Oakley will have a dangerous running game in 2008. Last year Oakley ended eight of its 12 games early via the mercy rule (up by 45 points or more after halftime). However, with the exception of Babbitt, all of Oakley's skill players are first-year varsity starters.

Defense

Oakley's defense and special teams did such a fine job last year that the Hornets offense didn't start drives on its end of the field very often. The Hornets defense has a tremendous amount of speed and plenty of depth with experienced players returning.

Overview

The defending 1A state champions have a strong core returning this season. Oakley coaches have preached all summer about avoiding complacency and the players report they went through the toughest week of two-a-days in their high school careers.



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CASTLEFORD WOLVES

Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 29	@ Carey	7 p.m.
Sept. 5	Challis*	7 p.m.
Sept. 12	Sho-Ban*	7 p.m.
Sept. 26	@ Hagerman*	7 p.m.
Oct. 3	Hansen*	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	@ Lighthouse Chr.*	7 p.m.
Oct. 17	Oakley*	7 p.m.
Oct. 24	@ Raft River*	7 p.m.
Oct. 30	@ Shoshone*	7 p.m.

* - denotes conference game

Mark your calendars: The Wolves face some tough games early, meaning making the Sept. 26 conference date at Hagerman a must-win. If Castleford can sink the Pirates, they'll put themselves in position to fight for a playoff spot.

Quick Hits

Head coach: Tracy Vulgamore, second year
2007 Record: 4-5, sixth in Snake River Conference

Scouting report

Offense

Head coach Lonnie Funkhouser always tries to adjust his scheme to fit his personnel. This year, that means running a variation of the spread offense. He certainly has talent to work with the skill spots, with quarterback Dylan Brooks and running backs Morgan Knight and Talyn Henkle leading the way. Tight end Thomas Owens adds another dimension, while Jason Smith anchors a young offensive line.

Defense

The five returning starters on offense will lead the defense as well. If Hagerman can slow down the opposition, it should score enough points to win most nights.

Overview

Funkhouser said his team suffers from a "lack of experience" on the offensive and defensive lines. "I think our strength is in the skill positions," he said, if the lines come together, the Pirates have the talent to compete for the Snake River Conference crown. A kind schedule early should put them on path for another playoff berth.

Scouting report

Offense

While Castleford returns five players with starting experience, the Wolves must replace three-year starting quarterback Zach Kline. Key contributors Jo Lobo and Casey Easterday are also gone, meaning players like Oscar Vargas and Zack Frey need to step up. Second-year coach Tracy Vulgamore said his team will look for a balanced mix of run and pass this fall.

Defense

Will Homer, the team's lone senior, joins Nick Howard, Houston Horner, Vargas and Frey as players with starting experience. The Wolves are young, but many of those underclassmen saw time in 2007. The goals for the defense are simple. "Beard, don't break, and get our offense back on the field," said Vulgamore.

Overview

While Castleford's young roster gained valuable experience last fall, the Wolves are probably a year away from contending for the conference title, especially with the departure of Kline.

HAGERMAN PIRATES

Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 29	Gemas County	7 p.m.
Sept. 5	Shoshone*	7 p.m.
Sept. 12	@ Challis*	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	Sho-Ban*	7 p.m.
Sept. 26	Castleford*	7 p.m.
Oct. 3	@ Hansen*	7 p.m.
Oct. 17	@ Lighthouse Chr.*	7 p.m.
Oct. 24	@ Oakley*	7 p.m.
Oct. 31	Raft River*	7 p.m.

* - denotes conference game

Mark your calendars: The Pirates play four of their first five games at home. The lone road trip is Sept. 12 at Challis, a team dropping down from the Class 2A ranks. A win over Challis would put Hagerman in good shape entering a tough slate down the stretch.

Quick Hits

Head coach: Lonnie Funkhouser, 10th season
2007 Record: 7-3, tied for second in Snake River Conference

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HANSEN HUSKIES

Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 29	@ Rockland	4 p.m.
Sept. 5	Raft River*	7 p.m.
Sept. 12	Shoshone*	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	@ Challis*	7 p.m.
Sept. 26	@ Sho-Ban*	7 p.m.
Oct. 3	@ Castelford*	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	Hagerman*	7 p.m.
Oct. 24	Lighthouse Chr.*	7 p.m.
Oct. 31	@ Oakley*	7 p.m.

* denotes conference game

Mark your calendars: One team that finished in the bottom half of the conference last year could surprise and finish near the top in 2006. For that to be the Huskies, they'll need to beat Shoshone in a Sept. 12 home game.

Quick Hits

Head coach: Cameron Andersen, third year
2007 record: 2-7, seventh in Snake River Conference

Scouting report

Offense

Hansen will employ a two-quarterback system in 2006, with seniors Jesus Guerrero (5-10, 140 pounds) and Derek Bates (6-3, 200) seeing time. When Guerrero is in the game, expect the Huskies to run the spread option, utilizing the senior's speed. Bates is more of a pocket passer and excels in the pro set with play-action passing. When Hansen's hands off, expect Kelly Coates to get the bulk of the carries behind a young offensive line.

Defense

While the Huskies lack hulking defensive players, they have quickness. They hope to use that in their new 3-2-3 defensive set to fly around and make plays. Guerrero, Bates and Coates join Cheryne Bennett, Cody Brown and Koltin Kenney are returning defenders.

Overview

While Hansen's roster boasts mostly senior and Juniors, Andersen sold only four of his players who more than one year of varsity experience. The Huskies should be better on both sides of the ball, but in a tough conference, it may be difficult to move up in the standings.

RAFT RIVER TROJANS

Scouting report

Offense

The Trojans would like to throw the ball more than in past seasons. Five starters return, including the entire offensive line. Junior Cade Powers will ease his way in at the quarterback position. His receivers might not be blazing fast, but the Trojans have several weapons who run crisp routes and have good chemistry with their QB.

Defense

Raft River's defensive front is deep and talented. This group is athletic and versatile, and the Trojans to mix things up scheme-wise. Look for them to show several sets and blitzes to capitalize on their athleticism.

Overview

For many teams, going 6-3 is a fantastic year. But in Malita, it's below expectations. The perennial state contender Trojans missed the playoffs for the first time under coach Randy Spaeth, who took over in 1998. This year's squad has good rapport, works hard in practice, and is confident it can reclaim the conference title end and its playoff hiatus.

Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 29	Murtagh	7 p.m.
Sept. 5	@ Hansen*	7 p.m.
Sept. 12	Lighthouse Chr.*	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	Oakley*	7 p.m.
Oct. 3	@ Shoshone*	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	Challis*	7 p.m.
Oct. 17	@ Sho-Ban*	7 p.m.
Oct. 24	Castelford*	7 p.m.
Oct. 31	@ Hagerman*	7 p.m.

* denotes conference game

Mark your calendars: On Sept. 19 Raft River hosts defending 1A champ Oakley in a big Magic Valley Conference showdown between the two rivals.

Quick Hits

Head coach: Randy Spaeth, 12th year
2007 record: 6-3, third in Snake River Conference

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN LIONS

Scouting report

Offense

Senior Ian Fadness will try to fill the shoes of last year's dynamic starter Jeremy Edredge in what first-year coach John Van Vleet calls the "eight-man version of the spread" offense. Junior Kevin McCullough (full-back) and senior Chase Dille (receiver) give Fadness good weapons to work with. Seniors Scott Walters and Ryker Fairbanks will anchor the line.

Defense

The five returning varsity players mentioned above will lead the Lions' 5-2 defense, which aims to "control the line of scrimmage and use our speed and quickness," according to Van Vleet. Fadness and McCullough are solid options at linebacker, while Dille leads the secondary.

Overview

With just five varsity returners, the Lions will need new faces to step up and continue the success they enjoyed the past two years under former coach Nick Karavadas. If some depth is developed, Lighthouse Christian should again be in the upper half of the conference, fighting for an elusive playoff berth.

Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 29	Richfield	5 p.m.
Sept. 5	@ Oakley*	7 p.m.
Sept. 12	Raft River*	4 p.m.
Sept. 19	Shoshone*	4 p.m.
Sept. 26	@ Challis*	7 p.m.
Oct. 3	@ Sho-Ban*	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	Castelford*	4 p.m.
Oct. 17	Hagerman*	4 p.m.
Oct. 24	@ Hansen*	7 p.m.

* denotes conference game

Mark your calendars: On Sept. 12, the Lions host Raft River. If Lighthouse Christian hopes to stay in the mix atop the conference, a home win over the Trojans is a must.

Quick Hits

Head coach: John Van Vleet, first year
2007 record: 7-2, tied for second in Snake River Conference

SHOSHONE INDIANS

Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 29	Dietrich	7 p.m.
Sept. 5	@ Hagerman*	7 p.m.
Sept. 12	@ Hansen*	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	@ Lighthouse Chr.*	7 p.m.
Sept. 26	Oakley*	7 p.m.
Oct. 2	Raft River*	7 p.m.
Oct. 17	@ Challis*	7 p.m.
Oct. 24	Sho-Ban*	7 p.m.
Oct. 30	Castelford*	7 p.m.

* denotes conference game

Mark your calendars: On Sept. 19, the Indians visit Lighthouse Christian in a battle of evenly-matched teams. The winner will have the best shot to finish in the upper-third of the conference standings.

Quick Hits

Head coach: Mark Sant, 10th year
2007 record: 5-4, fifth in Snake River Conference



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CAMAS COUNTY MUSHERS

Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 29	@ Hagerman	7 p.m.
Sept. 5	@ Rockland*	7 p.m.
Sept. 12	@ Jackpot	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	Carey*	3 p.m.
Oct. 3	Dietrich*	3 p.m.
Oct. 10	Mackay*	3 p.m.
Oct. 17	Murtaugh*	3 p.m.
Oct. 24	North Gem*	3 p.m.
Oct. 31	@ Richfield*	7 p.m.

* — denotes conference game

Mark your calendars: The Mushers open with three straight road games before facing conference favorites Carey and Dietrich at home. That means the Oct. 10 home game with Mackay is vital to Camas County improving over 2007.

Quick Hits

Head coach: Randy Jewett, 15th year
2007 record: 0-9, eighth in Sawtooth Conference

Scouting report

Offense

The Mushers hope to run the ball with power this year. Junior Mackenzie Boggs is back at quarterback and should be better with a year of experience. The team will rely on Liam Donohoo, Jake Wise, Bryan John, Carlos Robles and Derek Walker at the skill positions. Stacy Stroud and Cody Miller lead the offensive line.

Defense

Camas County struggled to slow down foes in 2007 but could fare better in 2008 behind the play of defensive tackle Dakota Handrier, defensive ends Jeff Ellington and Dakota Fehrenwald. While the Mushers lack overall size, linebacker Cory Brand should be an effective stopper.

Overview

While still young overall, the Mushers have more experience this fall and should break into the win column. While not ready to challenge the elite teams in the Sawtooth Conference, Camas County should be competitive enough to win multiple games.

DIETRICH BLUE DEVILS

Scouting report

Offense

Dietrich returns all-conference performer Jaren Stoddard, who will enter his fourth year as a starter. The Luke Hubert, G.W. Bailey and Dakota Astle. The only question mark for the Blue Devils is at quarterback. Both Anthony Pitman and Tyrell Porter have graduated, leaving sophomores James McDaniel and Alex Heimerdinger to fill the role. If either steps up, Dietrich should be pretty potent out of its multiple offensive sets.

Defense

Stoddard, Luke Hubert, Kolton Hubert, Scott Perron and Spencer Hansen return as defensive starters in Dietrich's 4-2-2 scheme. With that group anchoring things, coach Ed Simons, Jr., hopes he has a squad that will fly to the ball and deliver heavy hits.

Overview

Coming off consecutive playoff appearances, Dietrich is hungry for more. Last year's team went 8-5 before failing to Carey in the playoffs. "This group has great work habits," said Simons. "They have tons of experience and they love to play football." All that should translate into another playoff berth, and possibly a conference crown, for the Blue Devils.

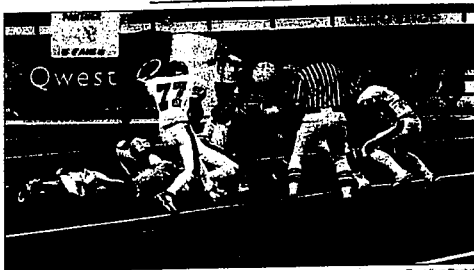
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CAREY PANTHERS



Carey's Heath Adamson (with football) should be a power for the Panthers as they try for another Class 1A Division II state title.

Scouting report

Offense

D.J. Simpson may be gone, but Carey will still have a D.J. Simpson under center this fall as junior Dillon Simpson takes over the quarterback duties. While Carey will miss a talented group of centers from a team Panthers still has good talent, Heath Adamson and Gonzalo Zarate will get carries at running back, while Todd Peck and Tyler Chavez return to the trenches. As always, Carey will use multiple sets and a variety of plays to attack opponents' weaknesses.

Defense

If you're a quarterback facing Carey's defense, beware. The Panthers will attack from the outside and bring blitzes up the middle all game long. "We put tremendous pressure on the quarterback," said eight-year coach Lane Kirkland. The same group returning on offense will also lead the way on defensive.

Overview

Kirkland said his team has the most size it's had in the last 12-15 years. But there's also plenty of speed. While depth is more of a concern than past seasons, Kirkland is confident some new faces will develop. With a powerful running game leading the way, expect Carey to keep its spot atop the Sawtooth Conference standings.

Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 29	Castelford	7 p.m.
Sept. 5	@ Richfield*	7 p.m.
Sept. 12	Rockland*	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	@ Jackpot	4 p.m.
Sept. 26	Camas Co.*	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	@ Dietrich*	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	Mackay*	7 p.m.
Oct. 24	@ Murtaugh*	7 p.m.
Oct. 31	North Gem*	3 p.m.

* — denotes conference game

Mark your calendars: The Sawtooth Conference title could very well come down to the Oct. 10 game at Dietrich. The Panthers have had the Blue Devils' number in the past and will need to continue that trend to stay atop the conference.

Quick Hits

Head coach: Lane Kirkland, eighth year
2007 record: 10-2, first in Sawtooth Conference, Class 1A Div. II state runner-up

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MURTAUGH RED DEVILS**Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 29	@ Raft River	7 p.m.
Sept. 5	@ Mackay*	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	North Gem*	7 p.m.
Sept. 26	Richfield*	7 p.m.
Oct. 3	@ Rockland*	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	Jackpot*	7 p.m.
Oct. 17	@ Camas Co.*	7 p.m.
Oct. 24	Carey*	7 p.m.
Oct. 31	@ Dietrich*	7 p.m.

* denotes conference game

Mark your calendars: On Sept. 19, Murtaugh hosts North Gem in its home opener. The matchup is one of the most winnable for the Red Devils in a tough Sawtooth Conference. A win would put the Red Devils on pace to beat 2007's 1-8 mark.

Quick Hits
Head coach: Forrest Anderson, second year
2007 record: 1-8, seventh in Sawtooth Conference

RICHFIELD TIGERS**Scouting report****Offense**

Richfield's run-oriented, ball-control offense has the player to make things work this fall as senior Tei Clark returns to his quarterback spot. Joining him the backfield are senior fullback Luke Wood and junior running back Michael Lézamiz. There's also size and experience on the line, led by junior guard D.J. Anderson.

Defense

In eight-man ball, two-way starters are the name of the game. Richfield is no different as Clark (defensive end), Wood (linebacker), Lézamiz (linebacker/defensive back) and Anderson (tackle) look to start on this side of the ball as well. Junior defensive end Tucker Smith should also make an impact.

Overview

The Tigers enter the season with heavy hearts after senior Jimmy Kennison was killed Aug. 17 in a car accident. Kennison was expected to play guard and tackle for the squad. "He would have made a big contribution to our program," said head coach Garr Ward. With a season likely dedicated to their fallen teammate, Richfield will have plenty of motivation. Ward also said the team has more experience and better numbers, with 17 players out this season. That combination gives Richfield a good shot to better last year's 5-4 mark and contend for the conference title.

Scouting report**Offense**

Seniors Daniel Hewitson (receiver), Brady Meekoff (quarterback), Cobin VanLoven (guard) and Saylor Oliverson (receiver) will be looked to for leadership on a young squad. Second-year coach Forrest Anderson said the Red Devils will keep things simple offensively to help the numerous first-time players.

Defense

Joining the seniors mentioned above, Juniors Zach Cummins, Manny Pachelo and Ramon Martinez will look to lead the defense. "We focus on solid hits and sure tackling," said Anderson. "We try to create turnovers and eliminate easy scores." Doing that should get the Red Devils in more games this fall.

Overview

Anderson said his team possesses plenty of heart, tenacity and work ethic. They'll need that as they continue to rebuild. With only 13 players on the roster, avoiding key injuries is a must. Murtaugh will have to battle to avoid the conference basement.



The Times-News sports staff has looked into its crystal ball and sees the following unfolding in 2008.

**Class 5A
Region Four-Five-Six**

1. Highland
2. Madison
3. Twin Falls
4. Idaho Falls
5. Skyline

**Class 2A
Canyon Conference**

1. Declo
2. Glens Ferry
3. Valley

**Class 4A
Great Basin Conference
West Division**

1. Jerome
2. Minico
3. Burley
4. Wood River

**Class 1A Division I
Snake River Conference**

1. Oakley
2. Raft River
3. Challis
4. Hagerman
5. Lighthouse Christian
6. Shoshone
7. Casteford
8. Hansen
9. Sho-Bon

**Class 3A
Sawtooth Central Idaho
Conference**

1. Kimberly
2. Buhl
3. Filer
4. Wendell
5. Gooding

**Class 1A Division II
Sawtooth Conference**

1. Carey
2. Mackay
3. Dietrich
4. Richfield
5. Rockland
6. North Gem
7. Camas County
8. Murtaugh

Mark your calendars: If Richfield hopes to contend for the Sawtooth conference title and a playoff berth, the Tigers will need a Sept. 12 home win over Dietrich. That game also precedes a three-game road stretch, so getting an early home win over a conference contender is all the more important.

Quick Hits

Head coach: Garr Ward, 13th year
2007 record: 4-4, fourth in Sawtooth Conference



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ONES TO WATCH

Area coaches share thoughts on their top players

Twin Falls Bruins

Quotes: Head coach Allyn Reynolds



Braden Rex
Running back

"Breakaway speed. He's the fastest kid we have on our team, so we'll get the ball in his hands."



Jay Harvey
Offensive lineman

"He's going to be an anchor on both the offensive and defensive lines. We're hoping he can be a leader for us."



D.J. Gilbert
Running back

"He's a big strong running back, who's not afraid to pound it inside. Improved as a team player."

Jerome Tigers

Quotes: Head coach Gary Krumm



John Lammers
Quarterback

"Jake has confidence in himself, but... all 25 of our offensive kids are in unison with that confidence."



Zach Ingraham
Wide receiver

"He's so versatile with the ball in his hands, and we'll have multiple ways to get him the football."



Brian Nicholson
Offensive linemen

"He's not the biggest guy out there, but his strength and toughness and speed make him our best lineman."

Burley Bobcats

Quotes: Head coach Eugene Kramer



Jared Dylington
Tailback

"He's got great speed, and when he lowers that shoulder, he's tough to bring down."



Brian Guerrero
Center

"Brian is a great leader. We moved him from guard to center and he's the anchor of our offensive line."



A.J. Hunter
Quarterback

"A.J. has matured a great deal. He had a great summer and he's come out as a great leader and knows the offense."

Wood River Wolverines

Quotes: Head coach Mike Glenn



Michale Brunner
Quarterback

"They have to be our key guys on offense. They need to be a focal point on offense and defense as we'll have kids playing both ways."



Scott Danco
Running back



Tyler Peters
Wide receiver

Minico Spartans

Quotes: Head coach Tim Perigot



Stryker Morgan
Running back

"What makes Peko a true all-state running back is the fact that he can catch the ball out of the backfield and do something with it."



Landon Barnes
Wide receiver

"Landon has to step up and be a game breaker for us. He has great tools and ability, now he needs to become a threat."



Jordan Reed
Middle linebacker

"This kid was all over the field last year. He's got a great nose for the football."

Buhl Indians

Quotes: Head coach Stacy Wilson



Nick Hamblen
OL/Linebacker

"Being cleared for just a little over a month (from an ACL tear), he doesn't have the endurance and strength and speed, but he's still got the heart and the desire and that's half the battle."



Eric Segovian
Tailback

"The good thing about him is he never really gets hit. He's got that ability to make people miss."



Kurren Kelly
Fullback/Linebacker

"He's a kid that goes hard every play, and he's a pretty bright kid on the football, who can help the others if they've got questions out on the field."

ONES TO WATCH

Area coaches share thoughts on their top players

Filer Wildcats

Quotes: Head coach Robert Kohler



Nathan Higgins
Quarterback

"Nathan's one of the best football players I've coached. We'll put the ball in his hands and let him make decisions."



Tyler Kraft
Running back

"The thing about Tyler, and all of our running backs, is that they run hard and look like strong runners."



Jeremy Acte
Wide receiver

"He's an athletic kid and a big target (at the receiver position)."

Gooding Senators

Quotes: Head coach Chris Cornstock



Tyler Rutz
Quarterback

"He's one of the reasons why we went (to the spread offense). We felt it would fit him better."



Justin Dalton
Linebacker

"He's a leader ... very aggressive as a lineman. Those two things together are good to have."



Austin Buehlerbach
Wide receiver

"He will be our No. 1 threat. He has experience, and he's tough to match up against ... his size, and he's fast."

Kimberly Bulldogs

Quotes: Head coach Kirby Bright



Eric Stradley
Offensive lineman

"Both (Stradley and Folk) are player-coaches, and they work so well side by side."



Jamie Folk
Offensive lineman

"He had (left) shoulder surgery last year, so he's lost a little strength and size."

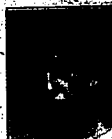


Isaac Makings
Quarterback

"He throws the better ball, but he's so laid back that he will have to tell us that he wants it."

Wendell Trojans

Quotes: Assistant coach Ryan Jarvis



Dusty Vandenberg
Running back

"He's an excellent defensive player and he could be a lot more involved in the offense this year."



Justin Braxton
Defensive end

"Justin's an important guy on the ball for us."



Keith Murray
Quarterback

"Keith played really well last year when he was asked to ... I see nothing but good things for him this year."

Declo Hornets

Quotes: Head coach Kelly Kidd



Tanner Field
Quarterback

"Tanner could play any position on the field. ... We look to him for leadership and to play well wherever he ends up."



Jarell Erickson
Tight end/fullback

"He runs well and has really soft hands. We'd like to throw the football more and he'll be an important part of that."



Rick Mahoney
Offensive line

"Rich is a great big kid who fundamentally is pretty good. He continually does things right and he's quick."

Glenns Ferry Pilots

Quotes: Head coach Rob Spriggs



Cody Crane
Offensive line/LB

"He's got the potential to be a good playmaker for us. We expect a lot out of him."



Michael Crane
RB/WR/QB/LB

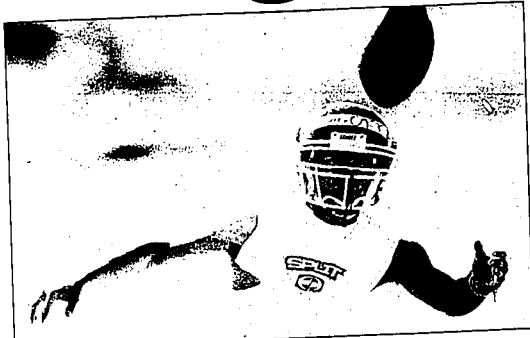
Crane is a triple threat who should give defenses a lot to think about."



Ross Arlano
Wide receiver/QB

"He is an all-around receiver who has speed, hands and jumping ability."

Parting shots



ABOVE: Ryan Orr, of Filer High School, reaches for the ball during football practice earlier this month in Filer.

JUSTIN JACKSON/TimeNews



ABOVE: Buhl players pause during drills earlier this month.

AT LEFT: Kimberly's Lael Schoessler blocks a teammate during practice earlier this month in Kimberly.

Photos by ANKLEY SMITH and JUSTIN JACKSON/TimeNews



Oakley Hornets

Quotes: Head coach Nick Greenwell



Jake Segars
Offensive line/DL

"He's really fast for a big kid. He lives in the weight room. ... Teams will be double-teaming him alot."



Payson Bodke
Running back/DB

"Payson is just crazy fast. He's our utility guy, he'll play all over."



Colton Wadsworth
Running back/LB

"He'll be a running back and line-backer this year. He was all-conference and will have a crazy good year."

Raft River Trojans

Quotes: Head coach Randy Spaeth



Bridger Barrett
Running back/DB/WR

"He's really athletic. Bridger makes natural adjustments to the ball and he's confident at receiver. He's tough to cover one-on-one."



Lance Debes
Offensive line/LB

"Lance will play a huge role, leadership-wise."



Cody Igo
Offensive line/DL

"Cody brings experience and stability. ... Between our three linemen, they have great chemistry between them and work well together."



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Boise State looks to regain perch atop WAC

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY
Times-News correspondent

BOISE—If you want to anger a champion, hit him full just once. He will show you why he is called a champion.

In 2007, Boise State failed as the Broncos missed winning the Western Athletic Conference title for the first time since joining the league. In 2008, the team looks to re-establish its dominance over a conference in which it has lost only two games in six years.

Offense

The BSU offense is no slouch. Since the year 2000, the Broncos have scored 4,223 points (41.81 points per game), more than any other team in the country. Its shifts and motions tend to confuse defenses. It contains a powerful running game and an explosive passing attack unparalleled in its consistency.

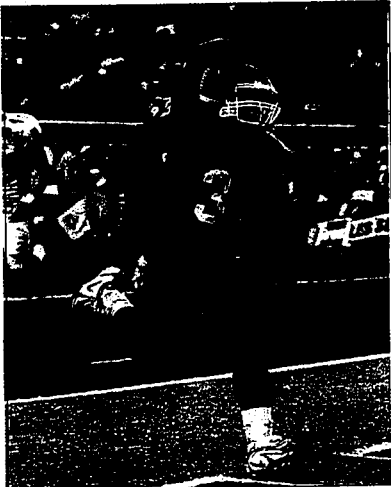
"Our philosophy on offense is to do what we need to do to be successful," head coach Chris Petersen said. "We just gotta figure out ways to move that ball and score points, create as many headaches for the defense as possible. Certain years we have kind of emphasized different parts of it depending on the guys we have and trying to play to their strengths."

This offense boasts six wide receivers as legitimate scoring threats, a stable of tailbacks with prolific productivity. But there is the issue of an offensive line with serious questions and four new starters.

The battle at the quarterback went through spring and fall camps before Petersen chose redshirt freshman Kellen Moore over fifth-year senior Bush Hamdan. Moore will be the first freshman QB in school history to start a season opener when BSU hosts Idaho State on Aug. 30.

Defense

The BSU defense lost two key members in the secondary in Marty Tidman and Orlando Scandrick. But the guys stepping in (Aron Johnson and Brandy Thompson) should do nicely. The real growth here is at linebacker



Courtesy Boise State University

Boise State sophomore running back D.J. Harper is one of many weapons the Broncos boast on offense this season.

where Kyle Gings and Tim Brady return in their second seasons as starters. Sophomore Derrell Acry should have a breakout year in the middle of this rally-to-the-ball defense.

Both Mike T. Williams and Ryan Winterswyk should have productive seasons at defensive end, but for the most part this team will rely on teamwork, last season. That must get better if the Bronco offense struggles than last season, where the Bron-

cos only forced 22 turnovers (the offense gave up 21).

"Turnovers are huge and a lot of it starts with the D-line getting pressure on the quarterback," Petersen said. "If we can do that then there's a chance to get more turnovers."

The total defense and scoring defense ranked 25th in the nation last season. That must get better if the Bronco offense struggles early on behind a rebuilt O-line.

Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 30	Idaho State*	6 p.m.
Sept. 13	Bowling Green*	6 p.m.
Sept. 20	@ Oregon*	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	Louisiana Tech**	6 p.m.
Oct. 11	@ Southern Miss	6 p.m.
Oct. 17	Hawaii†	6 p.m.
Oct. 24	@ San Jose St.†	7 p.m.
Nov. 1	New Mex. St.*	5 p.m.
Nov. 8	Utah State*	Noon
Nov. 15	@ Idaho*	6 p.m.
Nov. 22	@ Nevada*	2 p.m.
Nov. 28	Fresno State*	4 p.m.
TV:	* - KTVB; # - ESPN; † - ESPN2	

Last season the team scored 20 points more than its opponents on average. That's a nice cushion for the defense.

Special teams

The Broncos return Kyle Brotzman as placekicker. He enters the season with a streak of 66 straight PATs made. He went 16 of 18 on field goals as a freshman. He may also retain the punting duties, where he averaged 44.5 yard per punt last season, winning appointments inside the 20 nine times. Brad Elkin will also punt for BSU. He averaged 37.5 yards per punt. BSU will punt in the classical style and will also do the rugby-style punt.

The Broncos hold open competition for special teams roles. Acry referred to the special teams duties as "an honor." "We've seen a lot of games around here on special teams," Petersen said. "We just know how important it is. We play our best guys on special teams. There's no question."

"There's not a guy on our team that we'd like to think the special teams are as important as the offense or defense. No matter which side they play, they know

"There's not a guy on our team that doesn't think the special teams are as important as the offense or defense. No matter which side they play, they know that's the ticket to winning programs."

— Boise State coach Chris Petersen

that's the ticket to winning programs."

Overview

The Broncos never rest on laurels. They consistently produce champions and players who become All-WAC performers, get named to award watch lists and a few who make the leap to the NFL. This season they really begin to reap the recruiting benefits of winning the Fiesta Bowl. The athletes now in camp are better than BSU has ever seen. But they must learn the system and that takes time.

The team has work to do and roles to fill. But that really may scare the rest of the WAC: that system is getting better.

"On defense we're trying to stop explosive plays, and on offense we're trying to figure out ways to create them," Petersen said. "If we can get those things done I think we'll be making more progress."

Progress is a requirement at BSU. The team will have to fulfill that requirement if it again wants to be called a champion.

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Vandals ready to build on foundation

BY GRANT JOKI

TAMM NEWS CORRESPONDENT

MOSCOW — Idaho coach Robb Akey believes stability has the Vandals ready for resurgence. A young and talented group of recruits, along with 41 returnees, has Idaho's prospects for success looking forward favorable.

said Akey, "It's my desire to bring pride back into this program ... and get it back to where it was a force in western football. ... I want it to be nationally known."

Akey says this squad is better than last year.

"We have the staff back and returnees are helping," he said. "Everyone knows the system, it is much smoother — teaching, helping and getting things in place. We can now rework things and get better instead of trying to get new things in."

Offense

Idaho's offense appears to be very sound with good depth and experience on the line, at running back, at receiving corps and at quarterback. Ten starters return.

The offensive line has good depth, although junior guard Mike Lupati (shoulder) is out until October and redshirt freshman tackle Matt Cleveland (broken fibula) is sidelined until early November.

Senior captain Adam Kirby anchors the line at the center position. Tackles, Billy Bates and Adam Juratovac, along with guards Kirk Anderson and Tyrone Novikov are battling for starting spots.

"I do feel good about our depth overall," said line coach Dan Finn.

Running back Deonte Jackson returns after rushing for 1,175 yards last year. He has strong support from Devon Sturdivant, Corey White, Princeton McCarty, Kama Bailey and Troy Vital.

"We are a lot better this year. We have good speed, good genes and good recruits," said offensive coordinator Steve Axman. "Everything is wide open. Any-



Idaho head coach Robb Akey, standing, addresses his players during a fall practice session earlier this month. After going 1-11 in 2007, the Vandals are hoping for progress in 2008.

"I see a closer football team ... They're having a great time. There's an air of excitement ... We have better expectations."
— Idaho coach Robb Akey

body who can lend a helping hand is going to get a chance," said Akey of the receiving corps.

Eric Greenwood, Max Komar, Maurice Shaw, Eddie Williams, Dewey Hale and Lee Smith are veterans getting looks. But a strong recruiting class at the position is challenging for time as well.

Sophomore Nathan Enderle (1,787 yards passing in 2007) had

a good fall camp and will guide the shotgun spread. He is backed by shifty and quick sophomore Quin Ashley, giving the Vandals two QBs.

Defense

Defensively, only three starters return.

The down line is small, but possesses good speed and quickness. Seniors Josh Shaw and Taylor Rust join sophomores Aaron Lavararis, Fenomaru Sekona and Jonah Sataraka as the primary players on the defensive front.

"This whole group is improved and will flat fly to the ball," said defensive coordinator Mark Criner. "Instinctively, they are very strong.

Criner likes his three sophomore linebackers in Jojo Dickson, Justin Allen and Jonathan Parano.

"They have good speed for pass rush and coverage," added Criner.

Idaho's cornerback spots are being held down by Breyon Williams and Isaac Butts. Team captain and all-WAC safety Shiloh Keo gives much needed leadership and experience in the secondary. He is partnered-up with junior college transfer Virrell Larkins, who originally signed with Pac-10 school California out of high school.

Special teams

Breakaway threat Dewey Hale (21.5 yards per return in 2007) and speedster Breyon Williams will handle kickoff returns, while

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Sept. 6	Idaho State*	3 p.m.
Sept. 13	W. Michigan	3 p.m.
Sept. 20	@ Ugh State*	2 p.m.
Oct. 4	@ SDSU*	5 p.m.
Oct. 11	@ Nevada	3 p.m.
Oct. 18	@ Fresno St.*	8 p.m.
Oct. 18	@ La. Tech	5 p.m.
Oct. 25	New Mexico St.*	3 p.m.
Nov. 1	San Jose St.	3 p.m.
Nov. 15	Boise State	3 p.m.
Nov. 22	@ Hawaii	9 p.m.

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Keo returns as a dangerous punt returner.

Senior E. J. Conley will handle the punting chores for the fourth straight season, while field goals and PATs will be the job of accurate and strong-legged senior Tino Amancio. Amancio's career numbers include 53 of 53 PATs and 24 of 33 field goals with a long 51 yards. Vincente Bico will handle kickoffs and is adept at booting the ball to the end zone.

Senior Joel Jones will be the long snapper.

Overview

The Vandals should be more potent on offense, but the defense could struggle. High-scoring games may be the norm this fall. If Idaho's defense can make plays, the Vandals could have enough to escape the WAC basement and possibly challenge for a bowl berth.

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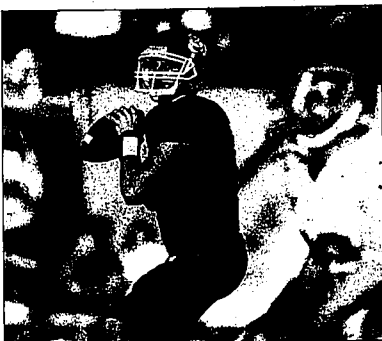
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Pesky WAC looking for third straight BCS berth

BY DOUG ALDEN
Associated Press writer



Courtesy Fresno State University

Fresno State quarterback Tom Brandstator is just one of the returning players that makes the Bulldogs a favorite for the WAC title this fall.

As much as Western Athletic Conference teams would prefer a guaranteed ticket to the BCS, the WAC is doing just fine getting there the hard way.

It's good to be the WAC these days.

A WAC team has been in a Bowl Championship Series game each of the last two years and will be trying to beat the system and the big leagues again. The new national baseball championship (Fresno State) also hails from the WAC, leaving the conference on a high as football season approaches.

But football is the game WAC teams have established themselves as perennial powers that have earned higher profiles and bigger budgets.

"A lot of teams don't respect the WAC for some reason. I don't know why," Fresno State tight end Bear Pascoe said. "We've got great teams. We've got great athletes."

Pascoe's classmates on the Fresno State baseball team backed his argument in June by winning the College World Series, upsetting Georgia. And the powerhouse Southwestern Conference — for the championship.

The Fresno State Bulldogs were picked by the WAC coaches as the preseason football favorite and Boise State was No. 1 in the media poll.

The goal is to win the league, then hope for an invitation to the BCS. Champions from the non-automatic qualifying leagues such as the WAC can earn automatic berths by winning the BCS (Utah from the Mountain West was first in 2004) and in all three cases it took an unbeaten record to crack the lineup.

Hawaii went 12-0 during the regular season last year and went to the Sugar Bowl, where the Warriors were humbled in a 41-10 loss to Georgia. It was a setback for the WAC's national image, but with another season in Boise State had two years ago.

The Broncos' overtime over Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl and assortment of trick plays to complete it affirmed Boise State —

and the WAC — as legitimate threats to college football's blue-bloods.

"It's closing the gap that everyone believes is there," said Boise State running back Ian Johnson, who scored on the gutsy 2-point conversion call that beat the Sooners.

Sure, it was two years ago. But few have forgotten what the Broncos did and perhaps started with the Fiesta Bowl appearance.

If the WAC gets a third straight BCS berth, nobody will be able to say it's because of a soft nonconference schedule. Fresno State Wisconsin and UCLA. And the Bulldogs have to close the regular season on the blue turf of Boise, where the Broncos haven't lost a regular season game since 2001.

Boise State's nonconference schedule includes visits to Oregon and Southern Miss as the Broncos try to quickly replace large chunks of their traditional high-powered offense. Gone are quarterback Taylor Tharp and five other offensive starters, including left tackle Bryan Clay — the first Bronco to leave school early for the NFL. He was the 12th overall pick in the draft.

Coach Chris Petersen said Clay's draft position is an indicator of how far the Broncos' success — much like their preseason position as one of the favorites despite having a new quarterback and four new starters on the offensive line.

"I hate the polls. I'd like to be picked right about the middle of the pack, then we just go our thing," Petersen said. "Would I

pick us second? Heck, I don't know."

A capsule look at the teams in predicted order of finish:

FRESNO STATE: Key players: QB Tom Brandstator, Sr.; TE Bear Pascoe, Sr.; Returning starters: 10 offense, 6 defense.

Notes: After going 4-8 in 2006 — coach Pat Hill's first losing season since 1999 — Fresno State went 9-4 last fall and is looking to win the league for the first time since tying for the 1999 championship. If the Bulldogs make it through the nonconference season without a loss, they'll be making a run for the BCS.

BOISE STATE: Key players: RB Ian Johnson, Sr.; OT Andrew Woodruff, Sr.; K Kyle Brotzman, So. Returning starters: 4 offense, 7 defense.

Notes: The Broncos slipped from the top of the WAC last year, but to No. 2. ... Johnson has rushed for 3,417 yards and scored 45 career touchdowns.

NEVADA: Key players: QB Colin Kaepernick, Sr.; DB Nick Graziano, Jr.; RB Luke Lippincott. Returning starters: 8 offense, 4 defense.

Notes: The Wolf Pack attack could have a diverse look behind Kaepernick and Graziano. Graziano was the starter a year ago, but a foot injury ended his season five games in and Kaepernick took over — playing well enough to be named WAC freshman of the year. At 6-foot-8, Kaepernick is 5 inches taller than Graziano, but still raw.

LOUISIANA TECH: Key players: RB Patrick Johnson, Sr.; S Antonio Baker, Jr. Returning starters: 8 offense, 5 defense.

Notes: In his first season, coach Derek Dooley took the Bulldogs from 3-10 to 5-7 and 4-4 in the WAC. ... Johnson needs 1,170 rushing yards to break the school record.

HAWAII: Key players: RB Solomon Elimimian, Sr.; LB Adam Leonard, Sr.; DB Inoke Funaki, Jr. Returning

starters: 4 offense, 5 defense. **Notes:** New coach Greg McMackin inherits a team that averaged 43 points and 512 yards per game last season, but is missing much of the 2007 offense. Colt Brennan, who passed for 4,343 yards and 38 touchdowns, and 13 other starters are gone. ... Hawaii has a tough stretch in October with a visit to Boise State followed by a home game against Nevada.

NEW MEXICO STATE: Key players: QB Chase Holbrook, Sr.; WR Chris Williams, Sr. Returning starters: 8 offense, 7 defense.

Notes: Holbrook passed for 3,866 yards and 26 touchdowns as a junior and gets his top receiver back in Williams, who caught 11 touchdowns in eight games then missed the rest of the season with a shoulder injury.

... The Aggies are trying to end a 48-year postseason drought. Their last bowl appearance was in the Sun Bowl in 1960.

SAN JOSE STATE: Key players: WR Kevin Jurovich, Sr.; CB Christopher Jacobsen, Sr. Returning starters: 6 offense, 6 defense.

Notes: The Spartans ended a five-year run of losing seasons in 2006 by going 9-4, but slipped back to 5-7 last fall. ... San Jose committed 14 just three lost fumbles.

UTAH STATE: Key players: QB Sean Setzer, Sr.; LB Jake Hutton, Sr. Returning starters: 6 offense, 9 defense. **Notes:** The Aggies were outscored 408-247 last year and are 6-29 in three seasons under coach Brent Guy. Utah State has six home games for the first time in 10 years.

IDAHO: Key players: QB Deonte Jackson, Sr.; LB John Dickson, So. Returning starters: 11 offense, 4 defense.

Notes: Coach Robb Akey begins his second season with the Vandals still looking for his first WAC win. Idaho was 1-11 in Akey's debut. ... The Vandals have not had a winning season since going 7-4 in 1999.

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ISU's success depends on defense

BY MARK LEPTAK

Times-News correspondent

POCATELLO — In his second year at Idaho State, John Zamberlin is starting to see things done his way. He also has better talent to work with.

Whether or not that means improvement on last season's 3-6 record will largely depend on how a porous 2007 defense improves.

"We want to continue to make progress this season," said Zamberlin. "We're still laying the foundation for the program, but at least the kids know what I expect and how I want them to play."

Offense

This side of the ball is clearly the strength of the Bengals.

Shomone quarterback Russel Hill returns after throwing for more than 2,300 yards last season. With the experience he gained last year, he should be much better in his decision making.

All-Big Sky Conference receiver Eddie Thompson, who caught 83 balls for 907 yards in 2007, is also back and leads perhaps the deepest receiving corps in the conference.

Still, Idaho State figures to be a running team. Clint Nickrehm, Kurt Cornist and Idaho transfer Jayson Bird should get the ball 35 to 40 times a game.

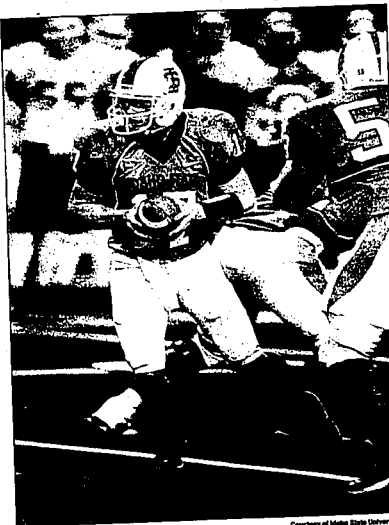
Defense

"The big question based on last season: Can the Bengals stop anyone?"

The linebackers corps, led by Ryan Philipps, is very good with range and has a streak of nastiness.

But the defensive line was hit hard by graduation. New faces will need to come together and get pressure on the quarterback for ISU to succeed.

If that doesn't happen, a secondary that was torched by opponents last season could be tiddled again, although it does figure to be better led by preseason all-conference cornerback D.J. Clark.



Courtesy of Idaho State University

ISU quarterback Russel Hill, above, and receiver Eddie Thompson, above right, hope to lead an improved Bengals offense this season.

Special Teams

This is another major question mark as both last year's starting kicker and punter are gone. Punter Jon Vandervliet has waited three years for his chance and figures to be the starter on opening night.

Kicker Mike Ramos, a junior

college transfer who redshirted last year, booted three long field goals in the spring game and is expected to get the starting nod.

Return specialist J.D. Ponciano is back for his senior season and figures to be a marked man after breaking two for touchdowns last year.

Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 30	@ Boise St.	6 p.m.
Sept. 6	@ Idaho	3 p.m.
Sept. 18	N. Dakota	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	@ E. Wash.	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	Mont. St.†	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	@ N. Colo.†	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	N. Ariz.	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	@ Port. St.	2 p.m.
Nov. 1	@ Cal Poly	7 p.m.
Nov. 8	Weber St.†	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 15	@ Mont.†	noon
Nov. 22	Soc. St.	3 p.m.

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Overview

The Bengals were picked toward the bottom of the Big Sky preseason poll by both the conference's coaches. But Zamberlin has installed a "no-quit" attitude in his players. Last season, regardless of the score, the Bengals played hard and they could pull a surprise or two along the way in 2008.

They only have five home games this season, which could be an issue. But with a break or two a 6-6 season is not out of reach.

It's more likely four or five wins are in the offing, which is still a step on the road to respectability



and a few more wins than the program had when Zamberlin arrived last year.

After being considered an afterthought in the conference for more than 20 years, improvement is measured in small steps, a philosophy echoed by the head coach.

Said Zamberlin: "We'll play hard every game and at the end of the year see where we stack up."

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BYU back on top in Mountain West football

BY DOUG ALDEN
Associated Press writer

Going unbeaten is not only a guaranteed way to win the Mountain West Conference, it's almost a requirement.

The last four MWC champions have finished undefeated in the league, a run that started with Utah's perfect season in 2004 and has continued the last two years with Brigham Young's back-to-back titles. But the Cougars' 16-0 run through the conference the last two years has earned them only two more trophies and consecutive trips to the Las Vegas Bowl, where two more victories were quickly overturned by the dozens of postseason games that followed.

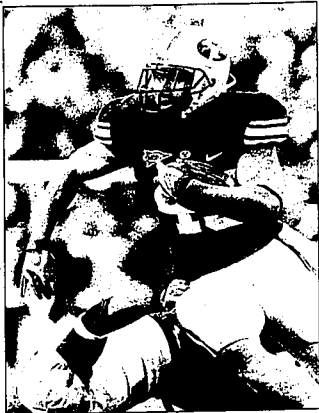
BYU wants a piece of the BCS. "When they were in their heyday, BYU was winning conference championships year in and year out," BYU defensive lineman Jan Jorgensen said.

The Cougars were the favorite in both the MWC coaches and media preseason polls, followed by rival Utah and TCU. The three schools have combined for the last five league titles, but only two made it to the Bowl Championship Series.

Without a guaranteed berth, getting to the BCS from the Mountain West unofficially takes an unbeaten record. Whichever team wins the league this year will need to get through the conference games undefeated in order to seriously think about a spot in the big-three, which would bring the league some nice credibility and millions of dollars.

In three seasons, coach Bronco Mendenhall has led the Cougars back to being perennial favorites in the league and a Top-25 team, but not quite to where BYU once was.

"There's not one player that's satisfied, nor a coach that's satisfied," Mendenhall said. "We've had 10 starters back from the top offense in the league, led by junior quarterback Max Hall. Hall passed for 3,948 yards last season, completing 60 percent of his passes with 26 touchdowns and 12 interceptions. It was his second football debut and he looked more like some of his predecessors at BYU than a



BYU running back Harvey Ungs is back for more after an impressive freshman campaign in 2007.

Courtesy Brigham Young University

greenhorn who hadn't played in an actual game since his senior year of high school in 2003.

BYU will have eight new starters on defense, but all should have some experience.

The Cougars have had to recover from two non-conference losses in the last two seasons, but this year their league schedule may actually be more difficult. BYU travels to TCU on Oct. 16 and is on the road again at Utah in the state rivalry game which has come down to the final minutes of the last three years.

"Ideally, the last game of year comes down to the conference championship," Utah coach Kyle Whittingham said. "If you could write the script, that's how you'd want to write it."

Utah started the conference 0-2 last year, but recovered with seven straight wins and finished third in the league. Quarterback Brian Johnson is one of 14 returning starters and is healthy for the first time in almost three years. He separated his throwing shoulder in the season opener at Oregon State last year and his arm was never quite at full strength.

Utah took a gamble by accepting a one-game deal with Michi-

gan, where the Utes open the season on Aug. 30. A win would be huge for the Utes, who have sputtered with inconsistency at times during Whittingham's first three seasons.

A capsule look at the teams in predicted order of finish:
BYU: Key players: QB Max Hall, Jr.; RB Harvey Ungs, So. Returning starters: 10 offense, 3 defense.

Notes: Even with a rebuild, defense, BYU may simply overpower opponents with offense. Hall has four returning starters blocking for him on the line and three bruising running backs in Ungs, Marquise Tonga and Full Velazquez. ... The Cougars' 10-game winning streak is the longest in the nation and they haven't lost at home since 2005.

UTAH: Key players: QB Brian Johnson, Sr.; KP Louie Sakoda. Returning starters: 8 offense, 8 defense.

Notes: Michigan isn't the only tough nonconference game on Utah's schedule. Oregon State comes to Salt Lake City for a Thursday night game on Oct. 2. ... RB Barrett Mack ran for 1,204 yards and 12 TDs last season. TCU: Key players: RB Aaron Brown, Sr.; C Blake Schlueter, Sr. Returning starters: 8 offense, 8 defense.

Notes: The Horned Frogs hope to take the MWC title out of the state of

Utah for the first time they won it three years ago. TCU followed up back-to-back 11-win seasons by failing to go 5-5 last fall, going 4-4 in conference. ... Frogs visit Oklahoma on Sept. 27.

AIR FORCE: Key players: DE Ryan Kemp, Sr.; QB Shea Smith, Sr.; QB Eric Herbert, Jr. Returning starters: 3 offense, 5 defense.

Notes: Air Force was the surprise team in the league last year, finishing second under first-year coach Troy Calhoun. But the Falcons entered fall camp without a starting quarterback to replace Shaun Casey.

NEW MEXICO: Key players: QB Donovan Porterie, Jr.; RB Rodney Ferguson, Sr. Returning starters: 6 offense, 6 defense.

Notes: The Lobos closed last season by shutting out Nevada 23-0 in the New Mexico Bowl — the school's first postseason victory since 1961. ... New Mexico also tries to avenge a 27-0 loss to TCU last year when the Lobos lost the Horned Frogs in the season opener.

WYOMING: Key players: QB Karsten Sween, Jr.; RB Devin Moore, Sr. Returning starters: 8 offense, 7 defense.

Notes: With 15 returning starters, the Cowboys are one of the more

experienced teams in the league. But that will only help if they have improved from last year's 5-7 finish, going 2-5 in the conference.

COLORADO STATE: Key players: RB Garrett Johnson, Sr.; Kyle Bell, Sr. Returning starters: 8 offense, 6 defense.

Notes: Former Ram quarterback Steve Fairchild takes over as coach for Sonny Lubick, whose 15-year run at Colorado State ended when he was fired after last season. The Rams never recovered from an 0-6 start.

SAN DIEGO STATE: Key players: LB Russell Allen, Jr.; LB Luke Lalajogji, Jr. Returning starters: 4 offense, 6 defense.

Notes: It was fitting that Aztecs' first two practices were at the U.S. Marines base in San Diego. Coach Chuck Long's offense could use something like boot camp with only four returning starters — two on the line and two receivers.

UNLV: Key players: RB Frank Summers, Sr. Returning starters: 9 offense, 5 defense.

Notes: The Rebels are 6-29 under coach Mike Sanford. His high-scoring game plan as offensive coordinator at Utah did not follow him to Vegas. Sanford has won two games in each of his first three seasons.

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USC once again the favorite in Pac-10

BY JOSI DUBOW
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — The Pac-10 has long been a conference known for its talented quarterbacks and high-powered offenses.

"That's what makes the uncertainty at quarterback so many teams are facing at the start of fall practice: so unsettling to many teams.

Only Arizona State, Arizona and Washington opened fall practice with returning starters at quarterback entrenched in their jobs.

Everyone else is either breaking in a new starter such as Mark Sanchez at Southern California, challenging a former one like the competition between Nate Longshore and Kevin Riley at California, or hoping a young one will take the job like Nate Costa at Oregon.

"I would say that the team with the experience at quarterback probably has the lead going in because the experience at that position is so important," Cal coach Jeff Tedford said. "When you're breaking in a new quarterback, there's always a growing process."

USC figures to be an exception to that rule.

"The Trojans have done well with first-year starters at quarterback in the past under Pete Carroll, winning a share of the national title with Matt Leinart in 2003 and finishing fourth overall in the country with John David Booty in 2006.

Sanchez has made only three career starts, winning two of them while Booty was hurt last season, and has thrown just seven touchdown passes to six interceptions.

But he has the most talented roster in the league surrounding him, including linbacker Rey Mautuga, running back Joe McKnight, and receiver Patrick Turner, and the confidence of his teammates.

"It's a playmaker on the



By the photo

Southern California coach Pete Carroll hopes to lead his Trojans to another Pac-10 championship.

quarterback position," USC linbacker Brian Cushing said. "Mark will be a lot better this year. He knows it's his time. The year of maturity where he's had a little experience means a lot."

"The team best positioned to challenge the Trojans this season could be Arizona State because of the experience of Rudy Carpenter at quarterback.

Carpenter has made 31 straight starts for the Sun Devils, throwing 25 touchdown passes last season to help Arizona State tie the Trojans for the regular season title.

"You can have a guy that's very talented, and there are a lot of them in our league, and a lot of new ones in our league that are going to be playing, but there's nothing like having that experience on the football field," Arizona State coach Dennis Erickson said. "With Rudy coming back, I feel very good about that aspect of it. Not only has he played a lot, he's been very successful."

Washington coach Tyrone Willingham and Arizona coach Mike Stoops have similar feelings about their own returning starters

in Huskies sophomore Jake Locker and Wildcats senior Willie Tullman.

"The rest of the teams know it will be a growing process at quarterback."

"You've got to have support people because the quarterback can't do it on their own," Oregon coach Mike Bellotti said. "It's a dogfight and you have to protect your players and be healthy."

A capsule look at the teams in predicted order of finish:

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: Key players: LB Rey Mautuga, Sr.; FS Taylor Mays, Jr.; RB Joe McKnight, Soph.; DL Fili Moala, Sr. Returning starters: 4 offense, 7 defense.

Notes: Offensive line features four new starters but talented backfield of McKnight, C.J. Gable and Staton Johnson should make transition easier. ... Strength of the defense is the key. ... Cushing and S. Kevin Ellison. ... Home game against Ohio State on Sept. 13 highlights nonconference slate and could play big role in determining who makes BCS title game.

ARIZONA STATE: Key players: QB Rudy Carpenter, Sr.; RB Kevin Herling, Sr.; DE Dexter Davis, Jr.; K-P Thomas Weber, Soph. Returning starters: 7 offense, 7 defense.

Notes: Mike Jones (10 TDs last season) and Chris McGaha (61 catches) lead a talented receiving corps. ... Weber made 24 of 26 field goals. ... A Johnson and won the Lou Groza Award as nation's top kicker. ... A home win over Georgia on Sept. 20 could vault Sun Devils into national title picture.

CALIFORNIA: Key players: C Alex Mack, Sr.; LB Zach Pettit, Sr.; RB Jahvid Best, Soph.; DL Rulon Davis, Sr. Returning starters: 5 offense, 5 defense.

Notes: Expectations are down after Golden Bears lost six of final seven games after having a chance to be come No. 1 in the nation last year. ... Best (7.6 yds) showed flashes of brilliance as a freshman but must recover

from a hip injury. ... Florida transfer Nyan Boateng will be counted on at receiver after talented trio of DeSean Jackson, Lavette Hawkins and Robert Jordan left for NFL.

OREGON: Key players: S Patrick Chung, Sr.; DE Nick Reed, Sr.; C Max Unger, Sr.; RB Jeremiah Johnson, Sr. Returning starters: 6 offense, 7 defense.

Notes: Loss of QB Dennis Dixon and RB Jonathan Stewart leaves big holes on an offense that led conference in scoring. ... Junior college transfer RB LaSaratte Blount could make an immediate impact. ... Reed led conference with 12 sacks and 22.5 tackles for losses.

ARIZONA: Key players: QB Willie Tullman, Sr.; RB Rob Gronkowski, Soph.; WR Mike Thomas, Sr.; OT Eben Britton, Jr. Returning starters: 10 offense, 3 defense.

Notes: Coach Mike Stoops has not had a winning season in 10 years at Tucson and could be on his way out if the Wildcats to their first bowl game in 10 years. ... Offense is set with Tullman, Gronkowski and Thomas, but defense must figure out how to replace eight starters, including star CB Antonio Cassin.

UTAH: Key players: RB Khalil Bell, Sr.; K Kai Forbath, Soph.; LB Reggie Carter, Jr. Returning starters: 5 offense, 5 defense.

Notes: Coach Rick Neuheisel returns to the head coaching ranks at his alma mater and brings coordinator Norm Chow with him. ... Ben Olson could be challenged for starting QB job by junior college transfer Kevin Craft. ... Pichler was supposed to be the starter until being sidelined by a knee injury in spring. ... Bell was off to a fast start last year before knee injury.

OREGON STATE: Key players: WR Sammie Stroughter, Sr.; CB Brandon Hughes, Sr.; OT Andy Levitre, Sr. Re-

turning starters: 7 offense, 3 defense.

Notes: Beavers have been slow starters and fast finishers in recent years. With no road games at Stanford and Penn State to open the schedule, Oregon State will need to be sharp early. ... Stroughter was limited to three games last year because of a kidney injury, but was granted a medical hardship to come back. ... QB Scott Canfield is coming back from a shoulder injury and has fallen behind Lyle Moevoen on the depth chart.

WASHINGTON: Key players: QB Jake Locker, Soph.; LB E.J. Savannah, Jr.; S Mesphin Forester, Sr. Returning starters: 7 offense, 6 defense.

Notes: The pressure is on coach Tyrone Willingham after posting only 11 wins in his first three seasons. A brutal nonconference schedule that features Oklahoma, BYU and Notre Dame makes Willingham's job even more difficult. ... Locker is the leading returning rusher in the league at 82.2 yards per game.

STANFORD: Key players: WR Richard Sherman, Jr.; LB Clinton Symon, Jr.; C Alex Fletcher, Sr.; DL Penna Egojobi, Sr. Returning starters: 7 offense, 9 defense.

Notes: Coach Jim Harbaugh tries to build off a debut season highlighted by big wins over USC and Cal. ... Tavita Pritchard, who engineered the win over the Trojans, is competing for starting QB job with Joe Loviack and Jason Facker. ... Cardinal have depth at tailback with Anthony Kirtle, Toby Gerhart and Jeremy Stewart.

WASHINGTON STATE: Key players: WR Brandon Gibson, Sr.; RB Dwight Tardy, Jr.; LB Greg Trent, Sr. Returning starters: 8 offense, 8 defense.

Notes: Coach Paul Wulff has tough task as he tries to make the step up from Eastern Washington state. ... Gibson led the Pac-10 with 107.3 yards receiving per game last season. ... Gary Rogers is expected to replace Alex Brink as starting QB.



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BCS turns 10, Florida's Tebow tries to turn 2

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
Associated Press writer

The Bowl Championship Series turns 10 this season. By that time sure lives you're exasperating everyone involved with college football.

No, the 10th anniversary of the BCS will not be celebrated by most fans, or coaches, or players. The system hasn't consistently produced an undisputed national champ, and now the conference commissioners have all but guaranteed there will be no major changes to the postseason for at least the next six seasons. So put the playoff talk on hold, please.

heading into the 2008 season, such as Tim Tebow's Heisman follow-up, Georgia's best team in decades, Ohio State at USC, a new Michigan man and all those quarterbacks making the Big 12 look like the BCS.

In the end, two teams will play for the BCS title in Miami on Jan. 8, even if they wouldn't be everyone's top choices.

It's almost hard to believe the system survived this long. For 10 years it has been criticized and even resented. But instead of crumbling under the weight of all the criticism, it's grown stronger.

"We feel like it's never been healthier," Atlantic Coast Conference commissioner John Swoford said back in March, when the BCS rejected a proposal to change to a plus-one format that would have created a four-team playoff.

The BCS has spent most of its existence as a work in progress, with officials responding to each of the many controversial matchups by tweaking one element or another. Barely has a national champion been crowned in the past nine seasons without some doubt over whether the right team received the crystal football.

Last year was more of the same. In one of the strangest seasons ever, LSU became the first team to win two losses to play in the national title game. The Tigers beat Ohio State, which came in with one loss.

Georgia fans felt jobbed. The Bulldogs were jumped by LSU in



Florida quarterback Tim Tebow high-fives fans after Florida defeated Florida State on Nov. 24, 2007, in Gainesville, Fla.

the final BCS standings and bumped from the title game. The Tigers' title followed Florida's in 2006. Maybe 2008 will be the Bulldogs' season and the Southeastern Conference can pull off a first in major college football. Three different teams from the same conference have never been crowned national champions by the Associated Press in consecutive seasons.

Coach Mark Richt has built one of the country's best programs in his seven seasons with Georgia, but without a national title. Florida and LSU have overshadowed the Bulldogs.

With quarterback Matthew Stafford and tailback Knowshon Moreno providing the offense to go with a swarming defense, Hawaii smothered high-scoring Hawaii. Richt has never had a better team.

The problem is a brutal schedule that includes LSU and Florida, along with Arizona State, Tennessee and Auburn. That will make it awfully difficult for Georgia to win its first national title since Herschel Walker carried the Bulldogs to a championship in 1980.

"Our goal was to try to focus on the moment, not on way down the road," Richt said recently. "I mean, people started talking national championship after the Sugar Bowl last year. That's too long to be chewing on that bone, so to speak."

Tebow helped the Gators win a

national championship as a freshman in 2006 and became the first sophomore to win the Heisman Trophy last year with a combination of bullish running and pinpoint passing.

This season he'll try to join Ohio State's Zach Griffin as the only two-time Heisman winner (1974-75). The last two returning Heisman Trophy winners, Oklahoma's Jason White in 2004 and USC's Matt Leinart in 2005, finished third in the Heisman balloting.

"A lot of people ask me about the pressure, don't buy into it," said Tebow, the first college player to pass for 20 touchdowns and run for 20 touchdowns in the same season. "At the University of Florida, every year there's going to be pressure. No matter what happened the previous year, what trophies you won, it's the University of Florida. The quarterback's always going to have pressure."

Tebow's competitors start with his teammate, Percy Harvin, a combo receiver/running back with highlight-reel moves.

Ohio State running back Chris "Beanie" Wells and West Virginia quarterback Pat White are getting plenty of preseason Heisman hype, too.

Missouri also has a quarterback-receiver combo with Heisman abilities. Chase Daniel finished fourth in the voting after passing for more than 4,000 yards last year and Jeremy Maclin was an "All-American" all-purpose

player as a redshirt freshman.

For Daniel, simply making first-team all-Big 12 will be huge accomplishment considering the competition.

Six of the 25 highest-rated passers in the country last season Texas Tech's Graham Harrell, who led the nation with 5,705 yards and 48 touchdowns, and Oklahoma's Sam Bradford, tops in the nation with a 17.5 rating.

Throw in Colt McCoy of Texas, Todd Reesing of Kansas and Zac Robinson of Oklahoma State, and the fact that only Iowa State is breaking in an inexperienced QB, and it could be another year when more than half the teams in the Big 12 score upward of 30 points a game.

"It's just amazing and it's really challenging for defenses to be in position and to play well and limit them," said Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops, whose Sooners again have national title aspirations.

Speaking of perennial contenders, Wells and the Buckeyes again are coming into a season trying to rebound from a lopsided loss in the national championship game.

Coach Jim Tressel brings back almost every significant player from last year's Big Ten championships, including two-time All-

American linebacker James Laurinatis.

These really should be high times in Columbus. Tressel's program is a big favorite to become the first team in the 13-year history of the Big Ten to win three consecutive outright conference titles.

But despite all the success, two straight championship wins have tarnished the Buckeyes' reputation.

"People are going to have an opinion and some people might think, 'They've got a lot of people back, they're going to be good.' Some people might think, 'They run in the mud and they're slow.' Laurinatis said.

The Buckeyes can change that perception on Sept. 13, when they face Southern California at the Coliseum in what will likely be a matchup of top-five teams. It could end up being an elimination game in the national title game.

Up the road from Ohio State, the Buckeyes' biggest rivals are entering a new era. Rich Rodriguez brings his spread offense to Michigan, where the Wolverines are in extreme makeover mode. Not only are they learning new systems on both sides of the ball, but they're doing it with only 10 returning starters.

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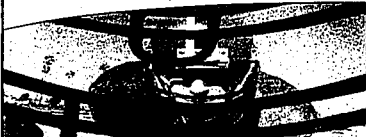
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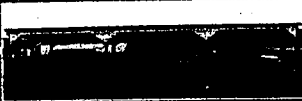
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