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Idaho's INTERSTATE inmates



The entryway of Idaho Correctional Center in Boise, which is owned by Idaho and run under a contract with Corrections Corporation of America (CCA).



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Inmates, at right, at Idaho Correctional Center in Boise exit their cell block Wednesday and head to the cafeteria for lunch, while an unidentified prison official walks by at left. The state-owned prison, run by Corrections Corporation of America, a private company contracted by Idaho.

Families feel loss as out-of-state prison population grows

By Andrea Jackson Times-News writer

Pam Drashner visited her husband every weekend in prison, until she was turned away one day because he wasn't there. He had been quietly transferred from Boise to a private prison in Sayre, Okla. She never saw him again.

In July, she went to the Post Office to pick up his ashes, mailed home in a box. He died of a traumatic brain injury in Oklahoma, allegedly assaulted by another inmate.

David Drashner was one of hundreds of male inmates Idaho authorities have sent to private prisons in other states. About 10 percent of Idaho's inmates are now out-of-state.

The Department of Correction say they want to bring them all home, they simply have no place to put them.

Drashner, who was con-



Widow Pam Drashner says her husband, David, an Idaho inmate sent to a privately operated Oklahoma lockup last year, was killed in June by another prisoner. David was shipped with hundreds of other inmates out-of-state due to prison overcrowding in Idaho. She gazed Wednesday at some of his belongings: a large bible and a peeing leviath David died before he was shipped to Oklahoma.

victed of repeat drunken driving, is one of three Idaho inmates who have died in the custody of private lockups in other states since March 2007, and was the first this year. On Aug. 18, Twin Falls native Randall McCullough, 37, apparently killed himself at the Bill

Clayton Detention Center in Littlefield, Texas.

McCullough, serving time for robbery, was found dead in his cell. IDOC officials say he left a note, though autopsy results are pending.

His family says he shouldn't have been in Texas at all. "Idaho should step up to

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the plate and bring their prisoners home," said his sister, Laurie Williams.

Out of Idaho

Idaho has so many prisoners scattered around the country that the IDOC last year developed the Virtual Prison Program, assigning 12 officers to monitor the distant prisons.

In 2007 Idaho sent 429 inmates to Texas and Oklahoma. This year, more than 700 - and by one estimate it could soon hit 1,000.

But officials say they don't know exactly how many inmates may hit the road in coming months. The number may actually fall due to an unexpected drop in total

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HEALTH SCIENCES AND HUMAN SERVICES

Work starting on new CSI building

By Ben Borkin Times-News writer

Work has started at the site of the College of Southern Idaho's future Health Sciences and Human Services building off of North College Road.

Dirt is being moved in preparation for the foundation of the building, said Michael Arrington, president of Starr Corporation, the contractor building the facility. Work is also under way on trenches for the electrical transformer, he said.

When finished, the new center will be a 72,400-square-foot building that provides space for the college to expand its health programs. State funding of \$21 million is paying for the building.

Before the end of the year, the walls of the building taking shape will be visible, Arrington said.

The center will have eight classrooms, three lecture halls, program and computer labs, six study rooms a commons area and 26 faculty offices.

Mark Sugden, instructional dean overseeing health, human services and biology, said the project is still on track to open in January 2010 for spring classes.

"Everything is going well," he said.

The college did a groundbreaking with Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter on May 16. Originally, officials had anticipated starting in July.

However, the college had to wait until getting the final approval from the Idaho Division of Public Works. Now that the state's signed off on the building, the construction work has started.

"We now have that, so it's full steam ahead," Arrington said.

Before the building opens, college officials will do a needs study to decide what areas of study to expand into. Possibilities include dental hygiene, medical lab technology and pharmacy technology.

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Justin Jackson/Times-News

Great Evans, of the Twin Falls Optimists, serves a hamburger Saturday afternoon during a lunch held at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds. The lunch was held after a convoy benefiting the Special Olympics Idaho traveled from Southern Idaho Freightliner in Jerome to the fairgrounds.

Truck convoy cruises through Magic Valley

By Ben Borkin Times-News writer

They rumbled through the Magic Valley on Saturday morning, a procession of nearly two dozen semi trucks following each other with their horns tooting.

The convoy began in

Jerome and made its way down Highway 93 and into Twin Falls along Blue Lakes Boulevard. Their journey ended at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds.

The drivers were part of the World's Largest Truck Convoy, a benefit to raise

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Bush team, Congress discuss \$700B bailout plan

By Julie Hirschfeld David and Deb Riechmann Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration asked Congress on Saturday for the power to buy \$700

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Financial turmoil got you on the edge? You're not alone.

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billion in toxic assets clogging the

financial system and threatening the economy as negotiations began on the largest bailout since the Great Depression.

The rescue plan would give Washington broad authority to purchase bad mortgage-related assets

from U.S. financial institutions for the next two years. It does not specify which institutions qualify or what, if anything, the government would get in return for the unprecedented infusion.

Democrats are pressing to

require that the plan help more struggling borrowers stay in their homes and to condition the bailout on new limits on executive compensation.

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MORNING BRIEFING

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Sun Valley Spiritual Film Festival, Liberty Theater, Hailey and Sun Valley Opera House in Sun Valley Village, tickets: \$8 for individual films, \$15 for special events, \$10 for festival pass (all films and inclusive pass all films, panel presentations, speakers and opening reception), www.sunvalleyfilmfestival.org.

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center dance, with music by the Melody Masters, 2 to 5 p.m., at the center, 530 Shoshone St. W., \$4 per person, 734-5084.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Ride with Us charity run for the local Magic Valley Gold Star Family packing party sponsored by Snake Harley-Davidson employees; includes ride to Featherline Cafe with lunch, Snake Harley-Davidson, 2404 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, open ride/public invited, \$10 registration, 734-8400 or www.snakehd.com.

The annual Testicle Festival, presented by Oyster's Saloon; menu: Rocky Mountain Anisette, hamburger or hot dog with Dutch oven potatoes, green salad, roll, alcohol with and

other beverages, 4 to 7 p.m., Albion City Park Pavilion, by donation, proceeds to the Albion Elementary Parent Organization, (208) 431-1845.

SPORTS

Jerome Gun Club sporting clays shoot, a 100-target event, 9 a.m. sign up and 10 a.m. start, at the club, 11 miles north of Junction of Highway 93 and I-84 at mile marker 64, \$20 for adults and \$14 for juniors (\$3 extra for non-members) and first 50 targets free for newcomers, 733-6045.

Horse Clinics, trainer Ray Hunt, inspiration for "The Horse Whisperer"; includes colt starting class and horsemanship class, 9 a.m., new horse arena at Dancing Star Ranch, 27 E. 300 N., Rupert, \$500 per class, 436-1880.

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 noon, four days in advance of the event.

Pat Marcantonio's Picks

Things to go and do today



• Get your motor running for the Snake Harley-Davidson's "Ride with Us" fundraiser. Riders are heading to the Featherline Cafe for lunch. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. at the dealership, 2404 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls with the ride at 10 a.m. A fee of \$10 includes the ride, lunch and one rifle ticket for a glass engraving. All proceeds go to the Gold STAR families' packing party in November to send Christmas to soldiers overseas. Information: 734-8400.

• Sign up at 9 a.m. for the Jerome Gun Club sporting clays shoot, a 100-target event. The shooting starts at 10 a.m. at the club, 11 miles north of the junction of U.S. Highway 93 and Interstate 84 at mile marker 64. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$14 for juniors (\$3 extra for non-members) and first 50 targets are free for newcomers. Information: 733-6045.

• With the crispness of fall, take a drive up north for a view of Idaho's great wilderness. Start at the Sawtooth National Recreation Area office of State Highway 75 about 8 miles past Ketchum. According to a Forest Service official, the trees are starting to turn to gold. There are plenty of places to park, fish and take photos along the way.

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.

WHAT'S NEW AT MAGICVALLEY.COM

Watch Idaho Department of Correction Director Brent Reinke and Virtual Prison Program Warden Randy Blakes talk about two out-of-state prisons where almost 10 percent of the state's inmate population has been sent.

PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY



A young woman kneels in a dramatic pose on a porch, 1905-1910. Photographer: Leah Allen. If you have information regarding this photo, please e-mail frontdoor@magicvalley.com.

Bailout

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Congressional aides and administration officials are working through the weekend to fill in the details of the proposal. The White House hoped for a deal with Congress by the time markets opened Monday; top lawmakers say they would push to enact the plan as early as the coming week.

"We're going to work with Congress to get a bill done quickly," President Bush said at the White House. Without discussing specifics, he said, "This is a big package because it was a big problem."

Lawmakers digesting the eye-popping cost and searching for specifics voiced concerns that the proposal offers no help for struggling homeowners or safeguards for taxpayers' money.

"The government must bail out the financial system because if we don't, it will have a tremendous impact on American consumers, homeowners, taxpayers and the rest," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said in San Francisco.

But she added, "We cannot deal with this unless this bailout helps families stay in their homes."

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. said "We cannot allow ourselves to be

in denial about the threat now facing the world economy. From all indications, that threat is real, and the consequences of inaction could be catastrophic. Every single American has a stake in preventing a global financial meltdown."

The proposal would raise the statutory limit on the national debt from \$10.6 trillion to \$11.3 trillion to make room for the massive rescue.

"The American people are furious that we're in this situation, and so am I," the House's top Republican, Ohio Rep. John A. Boehner, said in a statement. "We need to do everything possible to protect the taxpayers from the consequences of a broken Washington."

Signaling what could erupt into a brutal fight with Democrats over additional spending, Boehner said "efforts to exploit this crisis for political leverage or partisan quid pro quo will only delay the economic stability that families, seniors, and small businesses deserve."

Bush said he worried the financial troubles "could ripple throughout" the economy and affect average citizens. "The risk of doing nothing outweighs the risk of the package.... Over time, we're going to get a lot of the money back."

He added, "People are beginning to doubt our system, people were losing confidence and I understand it's important to have confidence in our financial system."

Neither presidential candidate took a position on the proposal. GOP nominee John McCain said he was awaiting specifics and any changes by Congress.

Democratic rival Barack Obama used the party's weekly radio address to call for help for Main Street as well as Wall Street.

"We need to help people cope with rising gas and food prices, spark job creation by repairing our schools and our roads, help states avoid painful budget cuts and tax increases, and help homeowners stay in their homes," Obama said.

"And we must also ensure that the solution we design doesn't reward particular borrowers or lenders, or CEOs, some of whom helped cause this mess," Obama said.

"Our language reflected a tricky balance that politicians in both parties are trying to strike, just six weeks before Election Day: Back a plan that dolers out hundreds of billions to companies that made bad bets and still identify with the plight of middle-class voters."

Don't ask me



When cat-astrophe strikes a dog-friendly household

I never owned a cat before. Umbra — a all-black kitten that my oldest step-daughter dragged home — started behaving like one. I had no idea what was in store.

Umbra attacks ankles. Pounces on toes in the dryer. Gets into the car and gailyfishes like a midget. Coughs weeks back. I stepped out of the shower and noticed the toilet brush disappearing under the closed bathroom door.

Umbra's losing her baby teeth, so she cheerfully chomps on anything that presents itself — notably fingers.

And she's completely unimpressed by our three dogs. Carmen, the heeler, is half convinced she's War Kitty's mother. Penula, the elderly Lhasa apso, doesn't have a twinkle when reflexes any more to prevent the cat from whopping her upside the snout. So Penula grows a lot.

And Annie, the wheaten terrier? Well, Annie is dumb and has a spectacularly fluffy tail — unfortunate traits if you're cohabiting with a cat.

War Kitty lurks for hours on the back of the couch, waiting for Annie to saunter by so she can pounce on her tail. This involves a lot of flying fur and caterwauling, and the dog doesn't like it much.

Aside from her mother and her littermates, I'm not sure War Kitty has ever met another cat. So when my wife and I walk the dogs, Umbra tags along. And whenever I'm alone, I find a nice patch of mud to roll around in, the cat does too.

She eats dog food, tries her rambunctious to steal Annie's rawhide bones and jumps up on visitors when they walk through the front door.

For all practical purposes, Water Kitty is a two-pound long-haired chihuahua with an out-of-control Garfield complex. And because she's never lost a smackdown, it's getting worse.

But soon we must have the cat spayed, and I'm not looking forward to it.

See, my wife — who has long experience with cats —

is thinking of stuffing War Kitty into a pillowcase to transport her to the vet's office. She learned that tactic when she owned a half-Siamese cat named Clarence.

You can't tell a Siamese anything, including "Get in the car." So whenever Clarence had to go somewhere, it was upside down in a linen sack.

The cat was, of course, outraged — and said so all the way to his destination and back. When Victoria and her then-husband moved into a new house, Clarence was under wraps for quite some time.

And had so much to say that he soon lost his voice to laryngitis.

So for the next week or so, Clarence skulked around his new home meowing with indignation — silently.

"I'll get back to you about what War Kitty has to say."

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M-C ceremony honors POWs, MIAs

By Laurie Welch
Times-News writer

Pouring rain added to the sobriety of a ceremony held in recognition of Mini-Cassia's Prisoners of War and soldiers missing in Action but did not dampen the spirits of those who turned out to honor them.

The event held on the Rupert Square was sponsored by the Mini-Cassia Veterans and featured patriotic music and life sketches of Mini-Cassia POWs including Duane Knox, Frank Bauman, Clyde Anderson, Donald Jacobs and Vernon McNeil as well as Greg Hollinger, who are missing in action.

Bob Jackson read a letter from presidential candidate John McCain, who was invited to attend the ceremony.

McCain paid tribute to all those who have served their country, especially those who were POW/MIAs.

"Many Americans agree that many of the best of us never returned home," the letter said.

McCain said he had the great fortune to know many of them and wished the community his best.

Keynote speaker Larry Chesley, a former Burley resi-



Former Mini-Cassia resident and Prisoner of War Larry Chesley speaks to a crowd gathered on the Rupert Square for a POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony Saturday.

dent and "Seven Years in Hanoi," detailing his experiences during the Vietnam War, spoke about the warm welcome home he received from the people in Mini-Cassia during his return and said that he believes the people in the area honored the man he was to become.

"They say it takes a village to raise a child," Chesley said. "I don't believe that, but I do believe when you're in Rome you should do as the Romans do. Just be sure you're following the right Roman. Actually, I think a village can raise a child and I feel the people in this community help raise me."

The 116th Division of the Idaho National Guard performed the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Ceremony honoring those from all branches of the military with symbolic items set on a table, followed by a salute from a firing squad, Echo Taps and passing of the flags to former prisoners of war.

Chesley closed his speech by tapping out on each night before they went to bed — God bless you.

"And don't forget, there is no such thing as a bad day when you have a door handle on the inside of your door," Chesley said.

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Inmates

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prisoner head-count, a turn-about attributed to a drop in sentencing, increased paroles and better success rates for probationers. The state also has about 1,300 more beds in Idaho. Thanks to additions at existing prisons.

State officials say bringing inmates back is a priority. "If there was any way to not have inmates out-of-state it would be far, far better," said IDOC Director Brent Reinke, a former Twin Falls County commissioner, noting higher costs to the state and inconvenience to inmate families.

Still, there's no end in sight for virtual prisons, which have few fans in state government.

"I do think sending inmates out-of-state is counter-productive," said Rep. Nicole Lefavour, D-Boise, a member of the House Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee. Lefavour favors treatment facilities over prisons. "We try to make it (sending inmates out-of-state) a last resort, but I don't think we're doing enough."

Even lawmakers who favor buying more cells would like to avoid virtual lockups.

"It's more productive to be in-state," said Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo, chairman of the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee, who said he would support a new Idaho prison modeled after the state-owned but privately run Idaho Correctional Center (ICC). "We don't want to stay out-of-state unless we have to... It's undesirable."

A decade of movement

Idaho has shipped inmates elsewhere for more than a decade, though in some years they were all brought home when beds became available at four of Idaho's state prisons.

The 1,500-bed ICC — a state-owned lockup built and run by CCA (Corrections Corporation of America) — also opened in 2000.

But that wasn't enough: "It will be years before a substantial increase in prison capacity will allow IDOC to bring inmates back," the agency said in April.

In 2005, former IDOC director Tom Beauclair warned lawmakers that "if we delay building the next prison we'll have to remain out-of-state longer with more inmates," according to an IDOC press release.

That year inmates were taken to a Minnesota prison operated by CCA, where Idaho paid \$5 per inmate, per day more than it costs to keep inmates in its own prisons.

"This move creates burdens for our state fiscally, and can



Inmates at Idaho Correctional Center in Boise eat their cell block and head to the cafeteria for lunch Wednesday afternoon at the publicly owned facility run by Corrections Corporation of America, a private, for-profit company under contract with Idaho.

harden our prison system, but it's what we must do," IDOC said at the time. "Our ability to stretch the system is over."

Attempts to add to that system have largely failed.

Earlier this year Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter asked lawmakers for \$191 million in bond authority to buy a new 1,500-bed lockup. The Legislature rejected his request, but did approve those 1,300 new beds

at existing facilities. Reinke said IDOC won't ask for a new prison when the next Legislative session convenes in January. With a slow economy and a drop in inmate numbers, it's not the time to push for a new prison, he said.

Still, recent projections for IDOC show that without more prison beds here, 43 percent of all Idaho inmates could be sent out-of-state in 2017.

"It's a lot of money to go out-of-state," Darrington said.

Different cultures

One of eight prisons in Idaho is run by a private company, as are those housing Idaho inmates in Texas and Oklahoma.

The Bill Clayton Detention Center in Texas is operated by the Geo Group Inc., which is managing or developing 61 lockups in the U.S., Australia and South Africa. The North-Fork Correctional Facility in Oklahoma is owned and operated by CCA, which also has the contract to run the Idaho Correctional Center. CCA houses almost 75,000 inmates and detainees in 66 facilities under various state and federal contracts.

Critics of private prisons say the operators boost profits by skimping on programs, staff, and services.

Idaho authorities acknowledge the prisons make money, but consider them well-run.

"Private prisons are just that — business run," Idaho Virtual Prison Program

Warden Randy Blades told the *Times-News*. "It doesn't mean out-of-sight, or out-of-mind." Yet even Reinke added that "I think there's a difference. Do we want there to be? No."

The Association of Private Correctional and Treatment Organizations (APCTO) says on its Web site that its members "deliver reduced costs, a high quality, and enhanced accountability."

Falling short?

Thomas Aragon, a convicted thief from Nampa, was

shipped to three different Texas prisons in two years. He said prisons there did little to rehabilitate him, though he's up for parole next year.

"I'm a five-time felon, all grand theft and possession of stolen property," said Aragon, by telephone from the ICC. "Apparently I have a problem and need to find out why I steal. The judge said I needed counseling and that I'd get it, and I have yet to get any."

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100 year Birthday Party for Sarah Watson

The friends and relatives of Sarah Watson are invited to reception and party to be held Saturday Sept. 27th, 2008, 2pm - 4pm at the Red Lion Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho.

She was born in Myton Utah, October 31, 1908 (on Halloween day) to Walter and Spicy Fisher. She moved to Buhl in 1925 with her family, Lotus Fisher, Hattie Gorman, Howard Fisher, Henry Fisher and Loraine Reese. She married Lee Ondes (On, or LO) Watson, May 1929 in Gooding Idaho. Together they farmed for 52 years, 4 miles south of Buhl, on the Watson corner. They raised 5 sons, Dudley, DeWayne, Donald, David, Danny. 18 grand children, 35 great grand children, 2 great great grand children.

Sarah still loves to fish, pull the slot machine handle, dance and see her friends. Caught a little more than she should have again just a few weeks ago. Has her own slot machine And has her own pickup and can still dance if she doesn't have to move her legs. Getting to be one hundred doesn't mean you stop, you just adjust.

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Simplot seeks to intervene in lawsuit

BOISE (AP) — The J.I. Simplot Co. is seeking to intervene in a federal lawsuit challenging its plans to expand its phosphate mining operation in the Caribou-Targhee National Forest.

In a brief filed in U.S. District Court Friday, Simplot attorneys argue that the proposal to develop new phosphate deposits in southeastern Idaho is sound and has withstood rigorous public scrutiny and federal environmental review.

The company also contends it should be allowed to join the legal fight because the future of its mine, its fertilizer plant in Poacello and the

economic livelihood of hundreds of workers at both facilities hinge on the judge's ruling in the case.

This summer, the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management approved the company's plans to broaden operations across 1,100 acres of roadless public forest south of Simplot's Smoky Canyon Mine.

But last week, a coalition of environmental groups challenged the decision, claiming the approval was arbitrary and ill-advised for an area already badly polluted from past phosphate mining.

"Unless this approval is upheld, we will put immedi-

ate contingency plans in place to curtail production, resulting in a loss of production, a loss of jobs and the ultimate closure of both the mine and the plant," Bill Whitacre, president of Simplot's Agribusiness Group, said in a statement.

Simplot has mined at Smoky Canyon, along the Webster Range near the Idaho-Wyoming border, since 1984. Each year, about 1.5 million tons of phosphate ore are extracted from the mine.

money and awareness for Special Olympics Idaho. Money raised by the benefit will help athletes from the Magic Valley and throughout Idaho with their costs of participating in Special Olympics events.

Drivers and their families ended their trip with hamburgers and hot dogs at the fairgrounds, courtesy of Riddle's Family Markets. For some, the convoy was a familiar pastime. For others, it was a new experience.

Either way, the truckers described the convoy as a welcome break from their regular work. They also enjoyed the response of other drivers who blew their horns back in response.

"It's hard to explain a group of trucks blowing their horns," said Josh Cuff of Jerome. "It was like being inside an amphitheater with all the horns going off."

Lori and Kent Mahler, a Twin Falls couple who work for Western Waste Services, drove a company truck in the procession.

"It was a blast," Lori Mahler said. "We loved it."

Kent Mahler said driving the convoy was a simple task. "You just keep up with the

truck in front of you," he said. Jared Dirksen, a Special Olympics athlete from Twin Falls, rode in a truck.

"It was fun," he said. "Everybody was talking on their CBs."

Drivers in the event paid a \$100 donation for each truck that was in the convoy. Money was also raised through an auction. A total of 23 vehicles were in the convoy, which included a bus.

Lorie Kruse, an event organizer, said she would like to see the event grow to 100 vehicles in 2009. Now in its third year, participation in the event was similar to the last two years, she said.

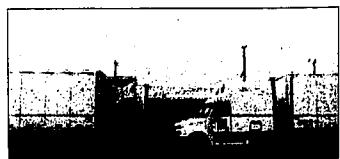
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Convoy

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Prison

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State officials said virtual prisons have a different culture, but are adapting to Idaho standards.

"We're taking the footprint of Idaho and putting it into facilities out-of-state," Blades said.

Aragon says more programs are available in Idaho compared to the Texas facilities where he works.

Like Aragon, almost 70 percent of Idaho inmates start to prison in 2006 and 2007 were recidivists — repeat IDOC offenders — according to agency annual reports.

GEO and CCA referred questions about recidivism to APTCO, which says only that its members reduce the rate of growth of public spending.

Aragon said there weren't enough caseworkers, teachers, programs, recreational activities and jobs in Texas.

Comparisons between public and private prisons are made difficult because private companies didn't readily offer numbers for profits, recidivism, salaries and inmate-officer ratios.

During recent visits to the Bill Clayton Detention Center in Littlefield, Texas — where about 371 Idaho inmates are now held — state inspectors found there wasn't a legal aid staffer to give inmates access to courts, as required by the state contract. Virtual Prison monitors also agreed with Aragon's assessment.

"No programs are offered at the facility," a state official wrote in a recently redacted Idaho Virtual Prison report obtained by the *Times-News*. "Most jobs have to do with keeping the facility clean and appear to be less meaningful. This creates a shortage of productive time with the inmates."

"Overall, recreational activities are very sparse within the facility. Informal attempts have been made to encourage the facility to increase offender activities that would in the long run ease some of the boredom that IDOC inmates are experiencing," according to a Virtual Prison report.

The prison has since made improvements, the state said.

Only one inmate case manager worked at Bill Clayton during a recent state visit, but the facility did increase recreation time and implemented in-cell hobby craft programs.

Virtual Prison reports show other inmate complaints have grown from the way they have been sent to the prisons.

Inmates describe a horrific bus ride from Idaho to Chicago in April in complaints collected by the American Civil Liberties Union in Boise. The inmates say they endured painful and injurious wrist and ankle shackling, dangerous driving, infrequent access to an unsanitary restroom and dehydration during the almost 30-hour trip.

"We're still receiving a lot of complaints, some of them are based on retaliatory transfers," said ACLU lawyer Lea Cooper.

IDOC officials acknowledge that they have also received complaints about access to restrooms during the long bus rides. Inmates maintain that most of the inmates want to go out-of-state. Many are sex offenders who prefer the anonymity associated with being out-of-state, they said.

Unanswered questions

Three deaths of Idaho interstate inmates in 18 months have left families concerned that even more prisoners will come home in ashes.

"We're very disturbed about...the rate of Idaho prisoner deaths for out-of-state inmates," Cooper said.

It was the razor blade outside of sex-offender Scott Noble Payne, 43, in March 2007 at a Geo lockup in Dickens, Texas that caught

the attention of state officials.

Noble's death prompted Idaho to pull all its inmates from the Geo prison. State officials found the facility was in terrible condition, but they continue to work with Geo, which houses 371 Idaho inmates in Littlefield, Texas, where McCullough apparently killed himself.

Noble allegedly escaped before he was caught and killed himself, inmate Aragon said he saw there, and that Noble was hog-tied and groaned in pain while guards warned other

inmates they would face the same if they tried to escape.

Private prison operators don't have to tell governments everything about the deaths at facilities they run. The state isn't allowed access to Geo's mortality and morbidity reports under terms of a contract.

Idaho sent additional inmates to the Corrections Corporation of America-run Oklahoma prison after Drashner's husband died in June. IDOC officials said an Idaho official was inspecting the facility when he was found.

IDOC has offered few details about the death.

"The murder happened in Oklahoma," said IDOC spokesman Jeff Ray, adding it will be up to Oklahoma authorities to charge.

Drashner said her husband had a pending civil case in Idaho and shouldn't have been shipped out-of-state.

She says Idaho and Oklahoma authorities told her David was assaulted by another inmate after he verbally defended an officer at the Oklahoma prison. Officers realized something

was wrong when he didn't stand up for a cousin, Drashner said.

"He was healthy. He wouldn't have been killed

over here," she said.

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Ketchum Main Street opens following fire

Main Street in Ketchum opened to all traffic on Saturday afternoon following a fire on Monday that engulfed two downtown buildings. The origin of the fire has been determined, but the cause is under investigation, according to a press release from the Ketchum Fire Department. The release did not provide any further details about the cause and officials could not be reached for comment on Saturday. The west side of the street is still unavailable to pedestrians and no parking is allowed along that portion. The employees at Whiskey Jacques' have received permission to sift through the rubble to look for valuables.

Filer Avenue in T.F. restricted to one lane

Filer Avenue, at the intersection of Van Buren Street in Twin Falls, will be restricted to one-lane traffic Monday. Idaho Power crews will be excavating along the east side of Van Buren from Filer to Borah Avenue. The project is expected to take about one week, a Friday release stated. Flaggers will direct traffic on Filer and delays should be expected. Van Buren, from Filer to Borah, will be closed to through traffic but open to residents on the affected block during the project. Residents will be notified by traffic control personnel knocking on doors. Motorists are asked to use caution and obey flaggers and traffic control signals when driving in the area.

Cub Scout recruit nights held this week

The Boy Scouts of America will hold recruit nights at 6:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Chevrolet Cadillac of Twin Falls, 1654 Blue Lakes Blvd. Boys in grades 1 to 5 are encouraged to come with families to learn more about scouting. Members of area Cub Scout Packs will be on-hand to answer questions and help possible recruits. The first 50 boys to register each night will receive an official Cub Scout pinewood derby kit.

Race cars from Magic Valley Speedway will also be featured. Information: 733-2067.

Schools begin hearing, vision, screening

The Twin Falls School District will begin student hearing, vision and scoliosis screenings this week. Kindergarten and first-grade students will have their hearing screened, and kindergarten, first-, third-

and fifth-grade students will have vision screenings. Students in sixth grade will be screened for scoliosis. Lion's Club members, College of Southern Idaho students and Parent Teacher Association/Parent Teacher Organization members are volunteering time to help with the screenings. Following is the schedule: Monday and Tuesday: Sawtooth Elementary School Wednesday and Thursday: Perrine Elementary School

Friday: Bickel Elementary School Sept. 29 and 30: Oregon Trail Elementary School Oct. 1: Lincoln Elementary School Oct. 6: Morningside Elementary School Oct. 7: Harrison Elementary School For more information, call Beth Pendergrass, community relations specialist, at 733-4009.

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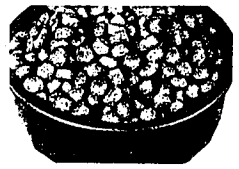
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County coroners discuss new rules for reviews of infant deaths

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — County coroners say they are taking steps to ensure that infant fatality investigations are as thorough as anywhere in the nation, although Idaho remains the only state with no system for reviewing child deaths.

Coroners from around the state met Friday in Idaho Falls to discuss rules that the Department of Justice is implementing for investigations of suspected sudden infant death syndrome.

In Idaho, coroners are legally responsible for investigating all deaths resulting from violence or under suspicious or unknown circumstances.

With an estimated 5,200 cases of SIDS in the United States each year, federal investigators are concerned that some coroners may wrongly be determining SIDS in cases of accidental death,

death from abuse, or other causes.

Coroners in Idaho will be expected to attend Justice Department training sessions, said Ada County Coroner Erwin Sonnenberg, who led the discussion, the Post Register reported.

The Idaho Association of Counties' board of directors voted in April to develop a mandatory training program. Penalties for non-compliance

remain undetermined, but Sonnenberg said county commissioners would likely have the power to replace coroners who don't get the training.

Between 1997 and 2003, Idaho had a group of doctors, law enforcement officials and others that examined child deaths, but the panel disbanded, partly because it had trouble obtaining medical records after the passage of federal

medical privacy legislation.

Child death review panels helped create programs on child car safety restraint education, home storage of firearms and canal safety and fencing.

Legislation that would have created a new infant death review team was blocked in the Legislature this year by Sen. Pitt Anne Lodge, R-Houston, chairwoman of the Senate health

and Welfare Committee.

The proposed review team would have had full confidentiality, immunity from subpoenas and clearance to obtain all records concerning unexpected child deaths in the state. Lodge said Idaho could just use information that other states gathered in reviewing their child deaths, adding that she feared the bill would expose parents to liability.

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(AP) The Dow Jones industrial average may be almost exactly where it was a week ago, but Wall Street is a completely different place. In a matter of days, Lehman Brothers Holdings

Inc. went into bankruptcy, Merrill Lynch & Co. was snapped up by Bank of America Corp. and the insurer American International Group Inc. was bailed out by the government.

Week's close 11,388.44
Week ago 11,421.99
Standard & Poor's 500: 1,256.08
Commodities indexes: 175.38

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BAILOUTS, handouts AND BUYOUTS

Uncle Sam's books could be strapped

By Rachel Beck
 Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — These are momentous times in the financial markets. That's why the Federal Reserve has been taking extraordinary steps to stabilize financial conditions — even to the point of stretching its own finances.

The central bank has been generously using taxpayer dollars to bail out ailing financial firms and keep liquidity flowing in the battered marketplace.

The latest handout came this week with the \$85 billion loan promised to American International Group to prevent the corporate giant from collapsing under the weight of its insurance commitments on risky debt. Sure, the government is getting a hefty interest rate for its cash — one that tops 11.5 percent — but there is still no guarantee that such funds will be returned.

Long considered the lender of last resort, Ben Bernanke's Fed is up against one of the biggest financial crises in decades. That's why it has actively been trying to keep the financial system functioning through turmoil caused by massive losses on mortgage debt and other risky assets.

Not only has the Fed been using monetary policy to ease credit conditions

and stimulate the economy — it has lowered overnight bank lending rates from 5.25 percent to 2 percent — it has also extended massive loans to financial companies, extended borrowing to banks and investment banks and changed some of its own rules to allow for more liquidity.

On Thursday, the Fed joined with other major central banks to inject as much as \$180 billion into money markets in an attempt to stave off the growing global financial crisis. In a separate action, it pumped another \$55 billion into U.S. markets.

"We are in an emergency crisis. You suspend barriers. You lift rules," said David Kotok, chairman and chief

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Regional retention

South-central Idaho to launch business retention program

By Joshua Palmer
 Times-News writer

During a regional economic development meeting last week, Brent Tolman, executive director of the Workforce Development Alliance, told business leaders and economic development officials that other states are actively trying to recruit businesses in south-central Idaho.

The news was a little unnerving for the audience, which was largely responsible for bringing many of these businesses to the region.

But it's also something that's recognized as the way economic development works.

"We would be foolish to think that other states or regions of Idaho are not

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— Brent Tolman, executive director of the Workforce Development Alliance

trying to attract our businesses elsewhere," Tolman said.

So the alliance — a newly organized partnership

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The Register-Guard/AP photo
 Ari Teicher, president and CEO of Scratch Golf, left, and his brother Chad Teicher, chief operating officer of the company, pose in Springfield, Ore. The pair started a custom golf wedge company several years ago that has taken off.

STROKE OF GENIUS

Oregon golf club makers find worth in wedges

By Christine
 The Register-Guard

SPRINGFIELD, Ore. — Most golfers know there's truth in the adage "Drive for show, putt for dough."

Big shots off the tee are impressive, but if you want to score well, you better knock down those putts.

Most golfers know as well that the best way to sink putts is to make sure they're as short as possible.

The five-year-old Springfield company is carving out a niche and generating buzz in the highly competitive golf club market by building high-end wedges in a near endless variety of angles, grinds and finishes.

Wedges are the clubs golfers use when they're close to the green to try to get the ball as close as possible to the pin so they can putt the ball into

the hole. Stock Scratch Golf wedges that are sold off the shelf go for \$199 per club, nearly \$100 more than wedges made by the big makers such as Titleist, Cleveland and Callaway. A custom-made wedge goes for \$299. It's a lot of money for a golf club, but serious golfers are willing to pay that for a club if they think it will shave a few strokes off their game.

Scratch Golf was founded in 2003 by Ari Teicher, club grinder Jeff McCoy and sales representative Paul Friedrich. They met while attending a golf management school at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Mich.

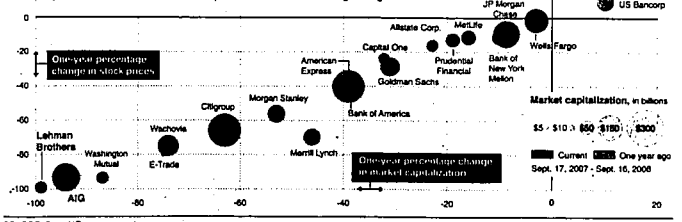
Teicher said he saw a potential niche in offering wedges that were customized to each golfer. Custom-fitting has become a big trend in golf, particularly for irons, but Teicher said few people were getting fitted for wedges.

And wedges are such a small part of the \$1.6 billion golf club market — about 3 percent — that the big makers weren't focusing on, Teicher said.

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A year of market misery

After getting caught up in the mortgage and credit crisis, many of the top firms in the Standard & Poor's 500 have had major losses in capital and share prices in the last year — American International Group and Lehman Brothers being among the worst.



More market coverage inside >>

Business Beat

Did politics lead to the market meltdown?

The high-risk mortgages that led to the downfall of Lehman Brothers and other investment banks were the product of a Clinton-era effort to give low-income families the ability to buy a home. However, oversight of the risky mortgages and the

banks that packaged them was not enforced during the Bush presidency. Political pundits are now asking the question: Which party let the markets down? It's your discussion, only at magicvalley.com/business.

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Primary Therapy Source employees

Primary Therapy Source, located at 254 River Vista Place, Twin Falls announced recent staff additions and professional development updates.

Mandy Lee is a 2006 graduate of Idaho State University where she received a master's in occupational therapy. Her clinical experience emphasizes pediatrics, sensory integration, acute care and neurological rehabilitation. Lee has completed professional courses in Pediatric Approach to Pediatric Occupational Therapy and Praxis: Clinical Assessment and Intervention. She is a member of the Idaho Occupational Therapy Association and American Occupational Therapy Association. Lee was raised in Burley. She and her husband currently reside in Heyburn.

Speech pathologist Kerry Bowman, obtained her master's in speech pathology from Idaho State University in 2002 and completed a clinical fellowship year with the Sugar-Salem School District in Sugar City. She has expertise with infants and toddlers, peer/group therapy and routine intervention



Lee

through previous work experience with a state agency and a private pediatrics facility in eastern Idaho. Bowman is a member of the American Speech Language Hearing Association. Her hobbies include family activities, wood working, singing, sewing and reading. The Bowman family relocated from Pocatello to Twin Falls during the summer.

Jamie Wight completed an associate of science, physical therapist assistant program at Pravo College. In 2007, her clinical background includes pediatrics, geriatrics, aquatic therapy and school-based therapy. Wight recently attended professional development workshops in Back Care, a Clinical Approach and Geriatric Fitness: Concepts of Therapeutic Exercise. She is a member of the Idaho Physical Therapy Association and American Physical Therapy Association. A native of Rupert, Wight and husband Riley moved from Pocatello to Twin Falls in May. She enjoys fishing, swimming and cooking outside work.



Lee

Lani Larson has joined the office staff and assists with scheduling, filing, patient records and receptionist duties. Originally from Kuna, Larson came to Twin Falls



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in 2003 to attend the College of Southern Idaho and completed an associate's degree in equine studies. She is presently working toward a second degree in dental hygiene. She and husband Brandon enjoy family events and outdoor activities including boating, camping, and riding horses.

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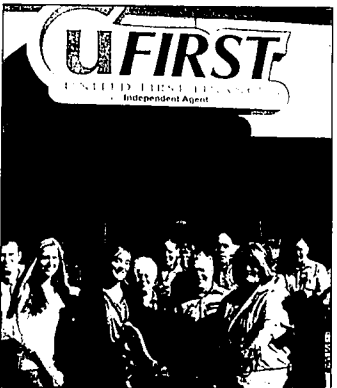
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MILESTONES

UNITED FIRST FINANCIAL



United First Financial located at 530 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls held a ribbon cutting along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's Ambassadors. Their goal is to help the Magic Valley get out of debt, one family at a time. Contact the United First Financial Office and visit with an agent for a free debt analysis. Information: 734-4222 or www.u1ffinancial.com. Pictured from left, front row, Kristy Glasett, Joni Solsosabal, Ron Blackwood, Leah Blackwood; back row, Joe Solsosabal, Debra Denny, Tanya Jones, Larry Blackwood, Kathy Duma.

WILLOWBROOK



Willowbrook Assisted Living Facility located at 1871 Julie Lane in Twin Falls held a ribbon cutting recently along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors. Willowbrook is owned and operated by Anita Haight, a certified nurse aid, who understands the disease process in the elderly and has cared for them since 1989. They are licensed for care levels 1, 2, and 3. A registered nurse monitors each resident's care and health needs. Information: 736-3727. Pictured, Anita and Kevin Haight.

NEW DAYCARE



A Small Small World Daycare located at 153 Main Ave. E. in Historic Downtown Twin Falls celebrated their grand opening recently. The Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors were there to help celebrate and cut the red ribbon. The daycare offers safe and happy childcare for children. Information: 404-5369. Pictured, left, Jennifer, Bri, Kayla and Callie; Sorenson, Cheryl and Jenrie Hoagland, Veda Sorenson, Janna Lindstrom, Abby Suher, Charles and Angel Keyes, Taylen Hitt and Dawson Kames.

Sermon Service expands in area

Sermon Service and Electric is a family owned and operated business that has newly expanded into the Magic Valley. Their new branch located in Kimberly provides full service for heating and cooling equipment, both commercial and residential, and they specialize in all manner of repair for heating and air-conditioning. They are qualified to work on all makes and models and also offer emergency service. They suggest two ways to save money on service calls: keep filters clean/changed and before calling a service professional when a propane or oil heater is not working, make sure that it has fuel. For more information, 733-4545.

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Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center held a ribbon cutting along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors Aug. 28 at their facility located at 330 Canyon Crest Drive in Twin Falls. Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center co-hosted the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Business After Hours. Canyon Crest offers a unique setting in the Magic Valley with state of the art audio and video equipment and a friendly trained and knowledgeable staff. Don Hall, event manager, can assist with weddings, conference banquets, birthday and Christmas parties or any other special event. He can be reached at 200-2582. Canyon Crest Dining offers a dining experience not found anywhere else in the Magic Valley and includes semi-private and private dining areas. Lunch or dinner can be served in its dining room, lounge, deck or patio areas with spectacular views of the Snake River Canyon. Information: 733-9392. Pictured, George Leonard, Mont Willie, Bryan Smith, John Evans Jr., Dan Willie, Jon Malone, Troy Willie, Soja Willie, Becky Matthews, Brad Walker, Lanny Ledbetter, Don Hall, Jay Holstine; front, Kendeilyn and Kytle, Willie grandchildren.

Curry care facility passes inspection

Curry Retirement Estates, an assisted living home in Twin Falls recently passed a state inspection by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. Listing the facility as "deficiency-free". Curry Retirement Estates is a 13 bed assisted living facility that provides 24-hour care to the elderly and dis-

abled in a residential home-like setting. Ron and Melissa Fustos of Twin Falls became the new owners of Curry Retirement Estates in April 2008. Since that time, the facility has seen a beautification update and increased its bed licensure from 9 to 13. Melissa Fustos serves as the facility administrator as well as the registered nurse.

Fears about consumer spending grow

By Anne D'Innocenzo
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The turmoil in financial markets is further rattling jittery shoppers just as the retail industry prepares for a critical holiday season that was already expected to show the weakest growth in almost two decades.

Major chains Macy's Inc. and Target Corp. say the upheaval on Wall Street — from the Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing of Lehman Brothers to the government bailout of insurer American International Group Inc. — hasn't changed their merchandising plans, since they have already been slashing inventories and cutting expenses.

But many are re-examining their pricing, discounting and inventory for the holiday season, and experts say merchants will need to soften their marketing messages to better appeal to increasingly fragile consumers, who are grappling with the only real shrinking 401(k)s and home values but also losing more faith in the financial system.

"This is like watching a car crash, but the two vehicles haven't hit yet," said Marian Salzman, chief marketing officer for public relations agency Porter Novelli. "Is this the worst week, or are we waiting for the other shoe to drop?"

"The turbulence is forcing shoppers such as Philanna Ford, who was already cautious about spending, to retrench even more.

"We are cutting to rock bottom," said Ford, 70, a retired nurse, who along with her 84-year-old husband, a retired



AP photo

A shopper looks at clothing at a store at a mall in San Jose, Calif. This week's financial meltdown — from the Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing of Lehman Brothers to the government bailout of one of the world's largest insurers American International Group Inc. — is further rattling largest.

fish broker, lives on a pension and investment income in Bradley Beach, N.J. "I just hope I am not going to live longer than my money is going to last."

Ford noted that she and her husband will be thinking twice about spending \$75 per week on early bird meals, even after cutting that back from \$150 a week in recent months. As for Christmas giving, she says she will get presents only for their 2-year-old grandchild. In previous years, the couple also gave money gifts to their two sons.

The financial upheaval is expected to lead to even

more layoffs, are occurring as Americans' confidence in the economy is already near historic lows. Two consulting companies predicted this week that the holiday shopping season is expected to show the weakest growth in 17 years.

"Consumers are going to be paralyzed through Christmas, Salzman says, even if this week is the worst of it.

Wendy Liebmann, president of the WSL Strategic Retail consulting group, said she could see the impact of the financial upheaval reflected on the faces of peo-

ple on the streets of Manhattan on Tuesday, a day after Lehman filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

"They" seemed shell-shocked," she noted. And while the New York City area is feeling the most impact, she says there is a lot of worry among consumers around the country whose financial security is tied to Wall Street. In particular, she added that the latest woes could further dent sales of luxury goods, which have slowed in the last few months as well-heeled customers have pulled back.

Michael Dart, a principal at consulting firm Kurt Salmon Associates, said he believes that stores from mall chains to luxury merchants will have to rethink their plans given an "unprecedented" chain of events that could depress consumer confidence more. However, he expects dollar stores and discounters will have more opportunity to gain market share this holiday season.

Advising grocery say that stores also may need to even their message to be more sensitive to uneasy consumers, similar to what many did after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

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Investment officer at Cumberland Advisors. "That happens when you are starting in the face of contagion and a meltdown."

But this "sovereign wealth Fed," as some have jokingly referred to the central bank — after the foreign funds that have been scooping up U.S. assets — is feeling the financial impact of its role in this crisis.

As the year began, the Fed had close to \$800 billion of Treasuries on its books. By last week, that dropped to \$479 billion. Of that new amount, some \$200 billion was pledged to the Fed's securities lending facility, which auctions loans of Treasuries, according to Tony Crescenzi, chief bond market analyst at Miller Tabak & Co. Subtract the \$85 billion the Fed has said it would lend to AIG, and the Fed's Treasury holdings would dip below \$200 billion. When levels get that low, "the Fed has to embark on a course to expand its balance sheet," Crescenzi said.

The Fed also has the central bank on Wednesday to take the unprecedented step of asking the Treasury Department to sell debt on its behalf. The first of those auctions raised \$40 billion, and two more to raise an additional \$60 billion are scheduled.

While that provides a cushion for the Fed's coffers, it doesn't wipe out the risks to its books.

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Then there are its loan commitments, like the one made to AIG to prevent it from collapsing. It was a deal the central bank had to do since AIG had insured much-soured debt in financial markets, meaning its demise could have had systemic consequences.

U.S. taxpayers could end up owning the insurance giant if it runs low, getting their money back hinges on whether AIG can sell off its parts and pay back the loan within two years. It could be a tall order in this tough

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economy, but analysts believe there will be interest in some of its parts, like its profitable aircraft leasing business.

There are some potentially bigger concerns for the Fed's finances. For instance, the Fed has started to accept more toxic collateral in its Primary Dealer Credit Facility, which lends cash directly to securities firms. That means companies like Citigroup, which has junk debt to back up their borrowing, two of the most volatile parts of financial markets in the last year.

The Fed also has waived its restrictions on how much bank holding companies can lend through their investment banking affiliates. The depositor-insured funds had previously been walled off from being used by the com-

panies' riskier broker-dealer units in order to protect the capital of a bank and its depositors.

"This is reckless abuse of this new form of subsidization of near insolvent broker dealers with commercial banking deposits may eventually impair the viability and solvency of their commercial banking regulation," said Nouriel Roubini, chairman of the consulting firm WGI Monitor.

At least some investors are worried about what the Fed's actions lately say about U.S. financial health. The price of U.S. Treasury credit default swaps — which are a form of insurance on creditworthiness — has jumped in recent days to new highs.

The Fed is taking bold steps in this crisis, but let's not overlook how that could affect its own finances.

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N.Y. attorney general investigates traders

Officials suspend short-selling in face of further failures

By Stevenson Jacobs
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — New York state is launching an investigation into whether some traders used illegal tactics to drive down the stock price of several Wall Street firms.

Attorney General Andrew Cuomo told reporters Thursday his office has received a "significant number" of complaints about short sellers, or investors who hope to profit by placing bets that a financial company's stock will fall.

Short-selling is not illegal. But Cuomo said he will focus on whether short sellers engaged in conspiracy or spread rumors and bad information to influence the stock prices of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc., American International Group Inc., Goldman Sachs Group Inc., Morgan Stanley and other firms that have been hammered in the ongoing

financial crisis.

"I want the short sellers to know today that I am watching. If it's proper and legal, they have nothing to worry about," Cuomo said. "It is illegal, however, when such shorting is combined with the spread of false information in order to bring a company down."

Short-selling occurs when investors borrow shares of a stock they expect will fall and sell them. If the stock does indeed fall, the traders buy the cheaper shares to cover the borrowed ones and profit from the difference.

Naked short-selling occurs when sellers don't actually borrow the shares before selling them. It's a practice some say is partially responsible for the huge drop in the shares of investment banks like Lehman, Merrill Lynch and Bear Stearns Cos., which JPMorgan Chase & Co. bought earlier this year.

Cuomo said he believes the federal government has been "ineffective" in dealing with short sellers and said his office would go after traders found to be illegally using the practice to manipulate markets.

"The markets need to be stabilized, and one way to help bring about such stability is to root out and deter short-selling that is based on the spread of false information," Cuomo said.

Cuomo said the probe would employ the state's powerful Martin Act, which provides criminal and civil enforcement powers for publicly traded companies.

The investigation comes amid growing international scrutiny over short-selling. Britain's Financial Services Authority said Thursday it is temporarily banning short-selling of shares in publicly traded financial companies.

FSA chief executive Hector Sants said his organization still regards short-selling as a legitimate investment technique, but he says "extreme circumstances" have required new rules to protect against further financial turmoil.

On Wednesday, the Securities and Exchange Commission adopted rules it said would provide permanent protections against abusive "naked" short-selling.

The SEC this summer

issued a temporary emergency ban on naked short-selling in the stocks of mortgage finance giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and 17 large investment banks, but the new rules apply to trading in the broader market.

SEC Chairman Christopher Cox also said he planned to ask his four fellow commissioners to consider on an emergency basis a new rule that would require hedge funds and other large-scale investors to disclose their short positions — the stocks they have borrowed and sold but not yet replaced.

Cuomo called the SEC measure a positive step but said "more is needed." He called on the agency to "immediately freeze short-selling of financial sector stocks on a temporary basis," just as British regulators have done.

In a statement, Morgan Stanley applauded the probe and said it also supports a temporary freeze on short-selling of financial stocks, "given the extreme and unprecedented movements in the market that are unsupported by the fundamentals of individual stocks."

Retention

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Because of economic development groups in southern Idaho — announced during the meeting that it will launch the region's most aggressive business retention program.

The program will be the first of its kind in the state of Idaho.

Beginning in October, the alliance will train chamber members and economic development officials to survey regional businesses. The information that is gathered will be logged into a database that can help officials identify challenges facing businesses in the region.

Still, Tolman said the actual meetings with businesses will be more than surveys. He said the meetings will be informal and allow businesses to communicate freely about challenges.

"We want to find out what (businesses) concerns are: what issues keep coming up; and how we can address those issues," Tolman said. "Once we have that information, we can forward it to the right agency."

For example, he said information can be sent to city, county or state governments, if the challenges are due to policy decisions.

The program will be paid for by the \$5-million federal Workforce Innovations in Regional Economic Development grant, which was awarded last year to Region IV Development.

The cost to start the program will be about \$15,000 for the computer program. In the beginning the program will target construction and manufacturing industries, but Tolman said the alliance will expand the program to cover other businesses in the future.

Alliance officials say they hope that the program will not only retain businesses but that it will also help them to expand in the region.

"What we need to remember is that 80 percent of new jobs are created through the expansion of new businesses," Tolman said.

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Wedges

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Art, 29, told his younger brother, 27-year-old Chad Techner, about his idea, and Chad came up with the seed money: \$10,000.

The company bought a grinder and a sand blaster, ordered 100 raw wedges from Japan made from soft carbon steel and put McCoy to work grinding and shaping the wedges in his Eugene garage.

They couldn't afford advertisements in major publications such as Golf Digest, so they started spreading the word about their custom-fitted and custom-made clubs on online golf forums.

And that word-of-mouth among the hard-core, gear-oriented golfers who frequent

the online forums proved to be an effective way to sell their clubs.

"Without the Internet, I don't know how we would have gotten our product out," said Art Techner, Scratch Golf's president and CEO.

The company can customize a club endlessly, from its shape, angle and grind to a putting personal touches on the back, such as a player's initials. Importantly, they can shape a club designed to fit a player's swing.

Last year, sales increased by 300 percent, to \$500,000, pushing the company past the \$1 million mark in total sales since its founding, Techner said. This year, Scratch Golf expects to double

last year's revenue and hit sales of \$1 million, he said.

The company has moved out of McCoy's garage and into a leased 2,400-square-foot shop cluttered with clubs in west Springfield.

Scratch Golf also sells three different types of iron sets — the group of clubs used to hit shorter shots and mostly from or near the fairway — but those represent only about 3 percent of sales for now. The company may get into putters, but has no plans to make woods (the clubs used for longer shots), Techner said.

A key piece of Scratch Golf's sales strategy is to get young, up-and-coming professional golfers to use its clubs. The PGA Tour is difficult for

a small company to crack because top players all have contracts with major golf club makers.

So, Scratch Golf has focused on the Nationwide Tour, which serves as the minor league for golfers who want to get on the PGA Tour.

Scratch Golf gives its clubs away to professional players on the Nationwide Tour, as do other golf makers.

Among them is Kris Blankens, who won his first Nationwide Tour event in June. Blankens

said he's been using Scratch Wedges for about two years.

"I can get any club that I like, and I can get any club geared to my own specs," he said. "But Scratch has done a real good job of taking my ideas and implementing them into their products."

If and when Blankens qualifies for the PGA Tour, he said he wants to keep playing Scratch wedges.

Scratch wedges and irons also are finding their way into the bags of serious recreational golfers. Huggin Oaks Golf Super Shop in Sacramento has been carrying the line for about a year, and the clubs are selling well, said Carl Lighthoot, a teaching professional and club fitter.

"On the custom end, they're a little expensive for most of our customers, but we have a few customers that dig having the ability to make a wedge any way they want it," he said.

"That ability to customize a club appeals" to the guys that are trying put themselves at an advantage they can," he said.

Guys like Duane Young, a 43-year-old Eugene sales representative and scratch player, who bought a set of four Scratch wedges and liked them so much he bought a full set of custom-fitted irons.

"They're the straightest, best-hitting wedges I've ever played," he said. "It's made a huge difference in my game."



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Wall Street got you on edge? Join the club

Old versus young on the anxiety scale

By Eleanor Laiss
The Wall Street Journal

On Monday night, after a day when stocks took their worst hit in years, Don Case bought a lottery ticket on his way home from work. Mr. Case, a 42-year-old data analyst in O'Fallon, Ill., is worried about the stability of the life-insurance policy he bought a few years ago from American International Group Inc., which reached a deal for a massive "bridge loan" from the government yesterday. He's also concerned about the state of his 401(k) retirement savings plan and his 529 college savings plan.

With a venerable institution like Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. crumbling, "I'm sure all companies are vulnerable," he says. "I'll win the lottery. I won't have to worry."

As stocks swoon and financial firms teeter on the edge of insolvency, the market turmoil translates into emotional turmoil for many people. Some are experiencing sleepless nights and random bouts of crying, while others hope for a miraculous windfall.

Lucy Claroni, 53, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction in the Vidalia, Ga. schools, is concerned because all of the investment options in her retirement plan are provided by AIG. Though an accountant told her the funds would be secure, "I'm still nervous."

Ms. Claroni says, "I have almost \$90,000 in there, and I would hate for it to be lost."

Some of her colleagues are talking about pulling money out of the plan even though they'd have to pay a penalty on the withdrawal, says Ms. Claroni, who says the AIG crisis "sounds like the Great

Depression — kind of scary." At the San Diego Zoo on Tuesday, a group of volunteers — most of them retirees — were preparing for an annual fund-raiser, but their conversation kept turning toward the mayhem in the markets, says Ham Beardsley, a 77-year-old retired accountant and zoo volunteer. "We've been talking about it all morning," he says.

For many, the uncertainty sparks insomnia. In Memphis, Tenn., 46-year-old Joseph Weibel says his financial ordeal, which includes having his \$300,000 savings account "frozen" in a non-illiquid security, has caused him "many sleepless nights."

"You just lay awake," says Mr. Weibel, who owns a TV-repair shop. "You can't get it off your mind. What's going to happen? What about my son's education? What about all the things we've saved for?" He says he and his wife have most of their savings in an auction-rate security, which they believed was nearly as safe as cash. Since last February, though, the market for such securities has been frozen, a casualty of the credit-market turmoil.

UBS AG, the underwriter of his investment, recently offered to let him and other investors cash out, beginning Oct. 31.

Some investors are making plans to slash unnecessary expenses. Milton Norman, an 83-year-old attorney in New York who owns some mutual funds from Neuberger

Berman, a unit of Lehman Brothers, is trying to keep calm. But he called his wife from work Tuesday morning to tell her that they should consider eating out less.

When Michael Nixon, co-owner of Wandering Goat Organic Coffee Roasters in Eugene, Ore., first saw the headlines about the Dow Jones Industrial Average tumbling on Monday, he knew he would have to con-

sider cutting back on what he had started to do months earlier. Yet he did find a measure of relief after the bad news of the last couple of weeks: "I'd rather something bad happen now than 10 years from now and have it be much, much worse," he says.

Some investors are hitting the panic button. Yacov Teplov-Phillips, a New York landscaper, moved all his investments to cash on Friday. "There's too much uncertainty," he says. "It's pretty distressing." After Monday's grim news, Larry Coleman, a retired school administrator in Fayetteville, W.Va., began making plans to move his nest egg from stock mutual funds into a savings account that is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. He says his son is planning to do the same thing.

"We're not rich folks," Mr. Coleman says. "When you see all of these banks going under, and the market in such disarray, it's a little bit frightening to think that these are the people handling your small amount of money."

Less likely to flee from stock funds are younger investors who are years away from retirement and have time to make up for downturns. "I actually see the market dips as a potential buying opportunity," says Peter Ching, a 29-year-old Web designer in New York. He allocates 80 percent of his 401(k) account to stock mutual funds, and says that his balance has dropped 16 percent over the last year. "It's been distressing to see my account balances steadily decline over the past year, but I try to take the long view," he says.

Stephanie Smith, a clinical psychologist and the Colorado public education coordinator for the American Psychological Association, says Americans overwhelmed by the financial crisis should focus on what they can control. "We can control how much we are spending

on eating out," she says, "or getting our hair or getting our new fall clothes."

Taking a break from reading or watching all the bleak financial news can be beneficial, too. "We don't need to know the gory details" because this can increase anxiety, Dr. Smith says. Families should consider a five-minute rule for discussing the banking crisis and then move on to less anxiety-inducing topics, she says.

Many investors are dealing with the turmoil by monitoring their investments much more intensely. Mr. Case, the data analyst, now checks his daughter's 529 account every couple of days, instead of just once a month, and he's checking his 401(k) every day instead of every couple of weeks. "Before, I would just gloss over it, but now I go in and see what's up and what's down," he says. "I don't have a huge amount of assets, but it's all I have, so it means a lot to me."

Some people are getting anxious calls from elderly parents who are living on fixed incomes. Lyndia McCoy, 62, and her husband got a call from Ms. McCoy's 89-year-old father, who has an annuity worth about \$30,000 with AIG. That represents about a third of her parents' savings, says Ms. McCoy, an organizational trainer in Fort Worth, Texas. While she and her sister can help her parents, "that's not the point," she says. "The point is the emotional distress that they might be in if they were to lose the whole thing."

Pittsburgh-based financial consultant Kathy L. Pollack has seen an increase in clients calling and emailing with frantic questions recently. To combat the stress, Ms. Pollack has increased her workouts from once or twice a month to five times a week. "Thinking about the economy and hearing my clients, it's easy to get caught up in it," she says.

WiFi Bathtubs and other stuff of dreams

By Elizabeth Razi
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Demand for home remodeling has weakened along with the rest of the housing business, but it doesn't cost a dime to dream about the new kitchen or bath you'll get around to doing, someday.

The National Association of Home Builders' remodelers council held its annual to-the-trade show in Baltimore last week. It was a fairly somber affair, with multiple sessions on how remodelers can tighten up business practices and make it through the downturn. Nevertheless, there was plenty of new stuff to check out, especially for kitchens and bathrooms, the most popular renovations.

I've grown a bit jaded by showers and bathtubs that have more bubbles and lights than a drive-through carwash, but I found a new pairing for the bath as spa: music and vibration. Kohler's new deep-soaking tub has underwater speakers and colored lights, but it doesn't disturb your bliss with whirlpool jets, bubbles or overfervescence. The acrylic walls of the new "Fountainhead VibraAcoustic" tub vibrate

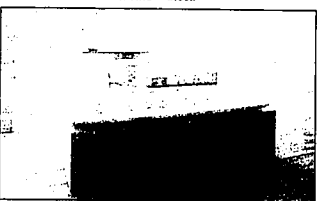
gently with the music while you soak in calm water imbued with colored light. If you tire of ethereal spa music, you can use the tub's WiFi feature to tap into your computer's Internet radio or your iTunes playlist. The tub also has sensors that shut off the water once the tub is full. It starts at about \$10,000.

A similar bathtub system was also just brought to market by MTI Whirlpools, based in Sugar Hill, Ga.

For the kitchen, I found a new countertop alternative for the thrifty remodeler: upgraded laminate that better imitates the look of natural stone. It has a richer, deeper look and an uneven surface that makes it look less humble than ordinary laminate.

Wilsonart International's "High Definition" laminate is priced about 20 percent above the traditional stuff. Formica makes a similar product, called a "Radiance" finish.

One of the joys of remodeling is that it puts your old kitchen out of commission. Someday, you might find a contractor offering to set you up with a temp kitchen made by Dwyer. It looks like a toddler's kitchen, in stainless steel.



The walls of the "Fountainhead VibraAcoustic" tub vibrate gently with the music. You can also use the tub's WiFi feature to tap into your computer's Internet radio or your iTunes playlist.

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Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., speaks to reporters after meetings of Congress met with SEC Chairman Chris Cox, third from left, and Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, fourth from left, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, and Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke, right, Thursday in Washington.

Politics complicate financial bailout

By Julie Hirschfeld Davis Associated Press writer

AP news analysis

WASHINGTON — Democrats began the week with a you-break-it-week-you-fix-it approach to the financial crisis: Its President Bush's fault, let him fix it. But disarray approached a meltdown and possible collapse of the entire economy. Only then did the Democrats, who control Congress, and presidential candidate Barack Obama pledge to work, with Republicans on a bailout that the Bush administration puts at \$700 billion.

They also are seeking help for the unemployed and people who are at risk of losing their homes. Bush is admonishing them that "the cleaner the better" for legislation he hopes Congress approves in the week ahead.

The turnaround reflects the political crosscurrents as both parties and their White House nominees confront the gravest threat to Americans' standard of living since the Great Depression.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., was an outraged spectator Wednesday when she said about the administration, "This is their problem. This is their solution." A little more than 24 hours later, she was grim-faced team player: "We hope to move very quickly. Time is of the essence."

The GOP too, shifted its stand. Minority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, began the week railing against any more taxpayer-financed bailouts—a sentiment GOP presidential nominee John McCain seemed to share and ended it promising to work with Democrats on just such a plan. By then, McCain had come out with his own proposal for a new government entity to take on bad debt from struggling financial institutions.

The financial crisis moved so quickly that it outpaced lawmakers' ability to keep on top of developments, much less develop a coherent strategy or message.

For Democrats, it is a chance to highlight what they characterize as hands-off policies by Bush and the GOP that favor the wealthy. Yet the crisis demands swift action for which Democrats, as the leaders of Congress, will bear a hefty share of responsibility. They do not relish being seen as complicit in a Wall Street rescue when voters are feel-

ing an acute economic pinch.

"There's a lot of frustration among Democrats who view this cataclysm as the logical consequence of a philosophy of deregulation," said William A. Galston, a domestic policy adviser in the Clinton White House. At the same time, "Does anybody really want to go down in history as part of the sand in the machinery that helped bring about the repeat of 1930?"

Rep. Barney Frank, chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, said Democrats cannot duck the issue after spending eight years hammering Bush for making end-runs around Congress.

"There have been people on my side complaining about executive overreaching, too much power for the executive. I think it would be grave hypocrisy to then sit back and say, 'OK, you guys do it on your own,'" said Frank, D-Mass. "We can't be for ... a two-branch operation — unless it's a tough issue."

Frank was the first lawmaker to float a possible solution: a government entity along the lines of the Resolution Trust Corp. of the 1980s that took over hundreds of failed savings and loans and sold off their assets before folding. Democratic leaders quickly backed away from the idea and said it would be months before Congress was ready to take such action. Pelosi resorted to hearings to investigate whether federal played a part in the financial collapse and what Congress might do about it in the future. She said the rescue of insurer American International Group was "outrageous."

"There was a reluctance for me to announce the first, big-government proposal," Rep. Brad Sherman, D-Calif., said before the actual size of the administration's plan became clear. Now, "Nobody can attack us for being a big government spender."

He said he and many colleagues worry that too Democrats are being stampeded into accepting what Bush and Wall Street want. "John McCain has to worry that the press will vilify Democrats for not immediately rubber-stamping this urgent proposal," Sherman said.

Irene L. Holland

BURLEY — Our sweet mother, sister and grandmother, Irene Luella Barber Holland, went to be with the Lord on Sept. 18, 2008. We will always miss her and cherish wonderful memories of her.



Irene was born in Syracuse, Utah, on Feb. 22, 1922, to Clyde Casper Barber and Marjha Walker Barber. Irene was the first daughter following two sons, Vaun and Rex. Her sister, Shirley, was born eight years after Irene.

Irene grew up in Syracuse, attending local schools and graduating from Davis High School in Layton, Utah. Not long after graduation she worked at the Air Force Base PX, a supply warehouse for servicemen and women going overseas during World War II. She often talked about giving armloads of candy and food to service members who were being shipped out.

She met the love of her life, Henry Holland, at a dance in Salt Lake City. For both of them, it was love at first sight. That night they talked until dawn, planning their life together, including how many children they would have. Henry was shipped overseas to the Philippines for six months. When he returned, they married in North Carolina on June 27, 1946. They were married for just short of 60 years before Irene passed away on Feb. 13, 2006.

Irene stayed in the service for 12 years and they lived in North Carolina and Denver during this time. After returning to Utah, to care for Irene's ill mother, the couple drew a homestead on the north side of Rupert. They farmed there for 18 years, raising their four children, including Henry, who later moved to Rupert, where they resided for 30 years.

Irene loved to garden and sew. She raised beautiful flowers and was a talented seamstress, sewing clothes for all of her children and many for friends and relatives. She had a knack for word games and spent many hours playing Scrabble, doing crossword puzzles and playing Trivial Pursuit with her family. At the time of her death, she was the family's reigning Scrabble champion.



Irene was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry; a daughter, Cathy; her parents; both brothers; one grandson; and one granddaughter.

She is survived by her sister, Shirley (Dick) Egan of Syracuse, Utah; daughter, Sandy (Randy) Amen of Burley, son, Dennis (Holland) of Rupert; daughter, Sharon (Gene) Fadness of Boise; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two sisters-in-law, Delsa Barber of Syracuse, Utah, and Gloria Hutton of Rupert.

Irene's family expresses their heartfelt gratitude to the employees at Rosetta Assisted Living in Burley, for taking such wonderful care of their mother for the last 15 months. They made her feel so loved and reassured. Time spent there was a true blessing for her. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Rosetta Assisted Living Center, 1919 Highland Ave., Burley, ID, 83318, or to a charity of choice.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, where friends and family may call one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery.

Charles Kenneth Hranac

Charles Kenneth Hranac, 83, was called to Heaven on Sept. 18, 2008. He passed away peacefully at his home. Charles was born on Feb. 5, 1925, in the Hansen area to Charles and Rosal Hranac. He grew up in the Hansen area, was drafted in the Army and served his country, and then came home to finish his education and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1942. He started farming in the Hansen area after graduation. While farming, he met and married the love of his life. At a J.C. ball game, he met Betty Presnell, swept her off her feet, and three weeks later they were married on May 26, 1949, in Elko, Nev. They were married for more than 59 years. They later sold the farm and moved to Twin Falls and he worked for Idaho Bean and Elevator for 25 years. At 57, he suffered a heart attack and retired from work due to health problems.



Charles enjoyed fishing, hunting and camping with his family and in his later years enjoyed playing bingo. There are many happy memories and funny stories of the wonderful times spent enjoying the outdoors with his family in the Stanley and Alturas/Redfish Lake area, fishing at Salmon and Magic dams, and hunting in the Rockland area near American Falls.

Charles is survived by his beloved wife, Betty; daughters, Rose of Twin Falls and Linda (Mike) Schaffer of Redmond, Ore.; and sons, Charles (Teri) of Salem, Ore., and Galen of Romeo, Colo. A daughter, Bonnie, preceded him in death in 2004 and a son, Tommy, in 1952, in addition to all his brothers and sisters. He is also survived by several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, including a granddaughter, Melody, who was grandpa's sidekick.

Special thanks is extended to Dr. Cole Johnson for his wonderful care of Charles.

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SERVICES

Rafaela Medina Torrez of Burley, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Monday at Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave. in Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m., with vigil service at 7 p.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley).

(Driskill Memorial Chapel).

Richard A. "Dick" Victor of Rossmore, Calif., and formerly of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Community Presbyterian Church, 222 W. El Pintado Road in Danville, Calif.; graveside service at 2 p.m. Saturday at Mountain View Cemetery, 435 Stecker Ave. in Reno, Nev.

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Franklin Flint

IDAHO FALLS — Franklin Hyde Flint, 97, of Idaho Falls, passed away Sept. 19, 2008, at his home. He was under the care of Dr. Scott Taylor and Joyce at Eastern Idaho.



Franklin was born June 15, 1911, to Franklin B. Flint and Mabel Simmons Hyde Flint in Layton, Utah. He grew up in Downey. After high school, he worked in a garage with automobile and replacement parts. He spent most of his life in various phases of this business.

On Nov. 19, 1944, he married Lorraine Rudd in Parker. The marriage was solemnized July 10, 1953, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. They lived in Burli until 1956. They moved to Twin Falls where he became general manager of old Motor Mercantile stores in the area. In 1974, he went to the College of Southern Idaho as an instructor of parts counter sales, writing the curriculum to announce the first, big-government proposal.

He was a founder of the Automotive Wholesale of Idaho, serving as president

for two terms and on the board of directors. He was a member of the Pacific Automotive Show. He was on the board of directors of the Twin Falls Housing Authority and served chairman of the board. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in many callings. At the time of his death, he was a High Priest. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed camping, fishing and golf with his family and friends.

Survivors include his children, Dr. Gregory L. (Joan) Flint of Boise, Douglas H. (Patty) Flint, Barbara A. Flint, both of Idaho Falls, Dr. LaNay E. (Gordon) Flint of St. Paul, Minn.; daughter-in-law, Evelyn J. Flint of Tucson, Ariz.; 17 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Lorraine; a son, Franklin Flint; and sister, Marie Miller.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, at Ammon 18th Ward, 4459 John Adams Parkway, with Bishop Rod Drake officiating. The family will visit with friends from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Wood East Side Chapel, 963 S. Ammon Road in Ammon, and from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church. Burial will be in Parker Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.woodfuneralhome.com.

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Holocaust survivor Siegfried Halbreich, 98, dies

By Elaine Woo Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Siegfried Halbreich, a survivor of four Nazi concentration camps who devoted the second half of his long life to public education about the horrors of Jewish experiences during World War II, died of heart failure Wednesday at his Beverly Hills home. He was 98.

Halbreich was among the first Jews to be sent to the camp in 1939. Five-and-a-half years later, he was one of

the few to emerge alive. After moving to Los Angeles in 1960, he became one of the Holocaust's most prolific witnesses, giving talks in elementary schools, high schools, colleges, churches and synagogues. By the time he stopped, about three years ago, he had given 2,500 free lectures around the world on the abominations he lived through during Hitler's reign.

"Very few people were imprisoned as long and in as many prisons as he was," said John K. Roth, a Holocaust scholar and emeritus profes-

sor at Claremont McKenna College, who frequently invited Halbreich to speak to his classes. But he said what Halbreich accomplished after leaving the camps also was extraordinary.

"He would speak with great truthfulness about the hard things he had seen and endured. But there was always a note of determination to go forward," Roth said, "to help people remember that the world can be a brutal and nasty place, but that it doesn't have to be that way."

In 1996, Halbreich told a

group of high school students that it was "not a pleasure to go ... from place to place to talk about the horrible past we had to endure. But I feel it is my obligation to tell people what was going on and to warn them. This," he said of the Nazis' campaign of extermination, "has to be seen and happen again to anyone."

Halbreich was born Nov. 13, 1909 in the town of Dzedzice in what is now southern Poland. He had a degree from the University of Krakow and worked as pharmacist until the war began.



Lyman Labry rips out flood-damaged carpet out of Ashton Villa, a building that survived the killer storm of 1900, in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike, in Galveston, Texas, Thursday.

Residents of battered Galveston look for a comeback after Ike

By Allen G. Breed
Associated Press writer

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — The eight-pointed star on the wall outside Trey Click's office marks it as a "survivor." The squat, orange building withstood the ravages of the 1900 hurricane, which nearly flattened this barrier island city and still stands as the nation's deadliest natural disaster.

Click was born on the island. His great-grandparents were among the thousands who ignored warnings that a massive hurricane was pushing a wall of water toward Galveston, and still made it out alive. Last week, thousands stayed behind as Hurricane Ike battered the city with 110 mph winds and a 12-foot storm surge, chewing up landmarks, leaving hundreds homeless and preventing others who fled from returning to the stricken city.

Ike was another tragedy for a place that's had more than its share. But to Click, who publishes a monthly entertainment paper called "The Parrot," the Category 2 storm is just another hiccup in his city's long slow rebirth.

"Galveston's going to survive because it's an island and it's on the water, and people want to be on the water," Click said as he aired out his moldering office. "It's going to be a different Galveston at the other side of this, whenever that is."

Galveston, population 57,000, has always wanted to be a glamorous beach resort, but somehow never quite made it.

In the early 19th century, the island was headquarters for the pirate Jean Lafitte, who had been expelled from New Orleans despite his role in winning the War of 1812. A cannon mounted on the upper story of his mansion, "Maison Rouge," gave him command of Galveston Bay.

As the 20th century dawned, Galveston's future looked bright.

Blessed with the natural harbor of Galveston Bay, the island became one of the nation's largest cotton ports, rivaling New Orleans. It was a popular bathing spot that housed more than a roof's worth of newspapers. And with 37,000 residents, it was Texas' largest city — far and away eclipsing the grubby oil town of Houston.

All that changed on Sept. 8, 1900. Early that morning, winds gusting at an estimated 125 mph pushed a wall of water 15 feet high across the unprotected city. Houses were splintered, and the slate shingles came flying from the roofs "became whirling missiles," evicting men and horses," author Erik Larson wrote in the book "Isaac's Storm."

"I have passed through the most trying, horrible thing in my life," one survivor wrote to his wife. More than 6,000 people died — at least twice as many as perished during the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Between 1902 and 1904, a 17-foot-high seawall rose along the Gulf. When another catastrophic storm hit the city in 1915, fewer than a dozen people perished.



Trey Click, publisher of 'The Parrot' a monthly entertainment newspaper, is seen at his office, a building that survived the killer storm of 1900, in Galveston, Texas, Thursday.

The city rebuilt behind its protective armor. But Galveston never regained its former prominence. Its reputation that of a kind of low-rent Riviera.

From the '30s to the '50s, one writer observed, Galveston was "every bit as thoroughly controlled by the Mob as Atlantic City." Much of that alleged activity revolved around the famed Balinese Room, a nightclub and casino that hosted the likes of Frank Sinatra, Bob Hope, Jack Benny and the Marx Brothers.

The nightclub stood at the end of a 600-foot pier, just beyond the flood wall. As the stories go, by the time raiding police officers made it to the end, the doorman had rolled up the revelers, and roulette wheels were flipped over to reveal ordinary clothing lining tables.

The Balinese Room didn't survive like.

A couple of years ago, the city hired a marketing firm to help improve Galveston's image. In interviews, tourists and even locals repeatedly cited "dirty beaches" and the town's "unclean feel."

The firm's report advised: "Flaunt the uniqueness of your island. Your beaches and island are not dirty — they are colored with stories, history and culture."

Ann Leonardi has fond memories of coming to Galveston as a child from

Houston and staying at the old Jack Tar Motel, a working-class getaway on Seawall Boulevard, where her family enjoyed the swimming pool and beach, then ate at Gaido's, a popular seafood restaurant.

"Growing up, that's what I liked," says Leonardi, a prison social worker who now lives within sight of her old playground.

This March, the 15-story tower Emerald by the Sea — with green-tinted windows and unit prices ranging from \$375,000 to \$1.5 million — opened where Jack Tar once stood, and survived like almost unscathed.

Galveston was slow to follow its Gulf Coast neighbors in embracing the high-rise luxury condominium boom, but it's making up for lost time. "It's inevitable," Jim Gaines, research economist for the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University, told the local newspaper. "You can see it coming."

The well-off and the poor coexist in Galveston, which has a poverty rate of 22 percent, just behind that of New Orleans.

Last week on The Strand, a trendy boulevard of shops and restaurants a couple of blocks from the harbor, Isaac Bennett, an arthritic 69-year-old, peddled his bicycle past the brick and wrought-iron facades. He was towing a wagon crammed with a

crushed aluminum tub and twisted aluminum chair.

"It's every time they have a storm," he said, flashing a nearly toothless grin. He'd sell the load, he said, figuring it would fetch \$18, maybe \$20.

Shoiguin snacks and million-dollar beach homes felt like worth.

At Ashton Villa, an Italianate antebellum brick mansion with cast-iron balconies, 3 feet of water invaded. (In 1900, the surge was even worse, reaching the tenth step of the grand staircase) by Thursday, fuzzy white mold had already begun sprouting on a Victorian settee that had floated to rest on its velvet back. Workers ripped up Oriental carpeting and scraped up the sodden padding to save the warping wooden floors.

"Heartbreaking," Denise Alexander said as she pushed aside her dust mask with a rubber-gloved hand. "There's not a lot else to say about it."

Murdo's Bath House — which once housed a ballroom, bingo parlor, arcade and portrait studio — succumbed to the pounding surf.

"We lost a lot of things on this island," William Cottingham said in a choked voice as he stood on the seawall and peered at the battered remains of the Balinese. "And I'm really sorry to say that it ain't going to be the same."

Residents have been told that it may be months before power and other services are restored, and Mayor Lydia Ann Thomas has asked those who stayed behind to leave the city. But she is eager for the world to know that Galveston's future is secure.

"The city of Galveston is worth rebuilding," she said. "It is recovering according to a well-established plan."

Some don't plan to be a part of that recovery. Click says two business owners have already told him they won't rebuild. But new blood will come in, the fourth-generation islander insists.

New mayor pledges to 'breathe life' into Detroit after scandal

DETROIT (AP) — This downtrodden and scandal-scattered city's new mayor called on residents Friday to work hard, work together and — name-checking a favorite sci-fi series — to "build go where no one has gone before."

"We are truly entering uncharted territory," Ken Cockrel Jr. said at the close of his inaugural address during a mid-morning ceremony at a downtown municipal center.

"No mayor has ever had to ask so much of his citizens as what I am going to ask of you. But I would not be asking that if I didn't know that you and we are up to the challenge."

Cockrel, formerly City Council president, was vaulted into office by a sex scandal that destroyed the former federal prosecutor during a press conference after being sworn in as Detroit's 51st Mayor, Friday at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Building in Detroit.

Cockrel took the oath of office Wednesday, but the change didn't take effect until 12:01 a.m. Friday. He was sworn in later in the morning as Detroit's first mayor by U.S. Appeals Court Judge Damon Keith. He repeated the oath of office, then spoke about leaving behind the scandal.



Former City Council President Ken Cockrel Jr., right, speaks during a press conference after being sworn in as Detroit's 51st Mayor, Friday at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Building in Detroit.

"This is our time for hope and also for renewal," the new mayor said. "It's our time to breathe life back into the city."

Cockrel has already hired a former federal prosecutor as deputy mayor, picked a police chief and urged residents to trust the new team at City Hall.

"Because of the events of the past several months, it's critical that we find closure, mend our wounds, treat our bumps and our bruises and lead as a city," said the 42-year-old former newspaper reporter.

We would like to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness, prayers and donations to the Make a Wish Foundation after our recent loss. To understand the impact she had on so many lives beyond her immediate family is a great comfort to the entire family.

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The family of Phyllis C. Wasko

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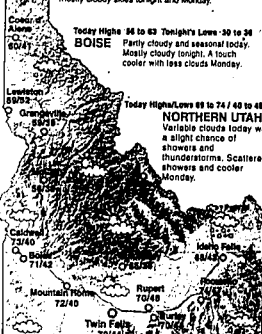
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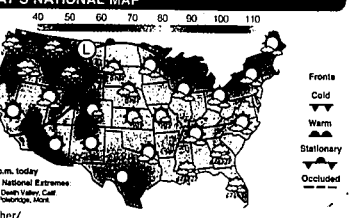
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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New York tries to harness tides to make electricity

The Washington Post

NEW YORK — On a recent morning, a crane sank a 16-foot rotor into the waters of the East River and divers swam deep to bolt it to the bottom. By early evening, as the northerly current sped up, the rotor began to spin, a big thump sounded in the control room, a green light went on, and electricity began to pour into a nearby supermarket.

Verdant Power, a small company that created the experiment and hopes to expand it to commercial use with 300 turbines in the East River that could power up to 10,000 homes in the city. Engineers, policy-makers and energy experts say projects like the East River Tidal City are already placing this turbine at the urban vanguard of energy production.

They say New York City is uniquely positioned to advance sustainable energy projects because of the city's enormous need for power, its high electricity costs, and the pressure for new sources created by its unusual rule that 80 percent of energy must be generated within the city.

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg has sought to make New York the cleanest and greenest major city in the country. He has faced setbacks — for example, when his congestion pricing plan to reduce the number of cars in Manhattan was killed by the state legislature. He was mocked when he spoke of placing windmills on bridges and skyscrapers, and a few New York tabloids ran illustrations of wind turbines on the Brooklyn Bridge and the Empire State Building.

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EDITORIAL

The road ahead
for Twin Falls, Idaho

It makes for dry reading — 197 pages worth — but Twin Falls Comprehensive Plan is still worth a look.

After all, our future's at stake. The Twin Falls City Council and the city's Planning and Zoning Commission got their first official look at the final draft last Monday. It outlines directions for how Twin Falls should look in 20 years and describes how the community can achieve its vision. The plan includes suggestions for implementing the goals, covering schools, municipal services and economic development.

The document recognizes the Snake River Canyon rim as perhaps the critical element in the city's future, and says it should be connected to the Twin Falls through major streets.

It also proposes:

- Establishing a residential business zone, which Twin Falls now lacks.

- Creating a smooth transition between the city's urban, population areas and the surrounding agricultural region.

- Assuring that Twin Falls' natural features are preserved as open spaces and linked through a trail system.

The latter is especially intriguing since the city is ahead of the curve in developing trails. The comp plan envisions a 45-mile-long off-street network of trails, eventually connecting Rock Creek Park with the proposed Auger Falls Park in the Snake River Canyon. Also in the works is a four-mile-long trail in the canyon connecting the Perrine Bridge and Auger Falls.

Fourteen new neighborhood parks encompassing 45 acres are also on the drawing boards.

The plan predicts the city will have half again as many jobs in 2030 as it does today, and to that end proposes that Twin Falls make a priority of making sure infrastructure is in place to support economic development.

The blueprint points out correctly that there are too many strip malls in Twin Falls, and encourages development outside the mall-and-big box retail paradigm.

"The future commercial development of the city should encompass 'place-making' destinations that encourage pedestrian activity and interaction," the plan says. "Such uses reflect the scale of the original Twin Falls community, reinforcing local traditions and patterns of development."

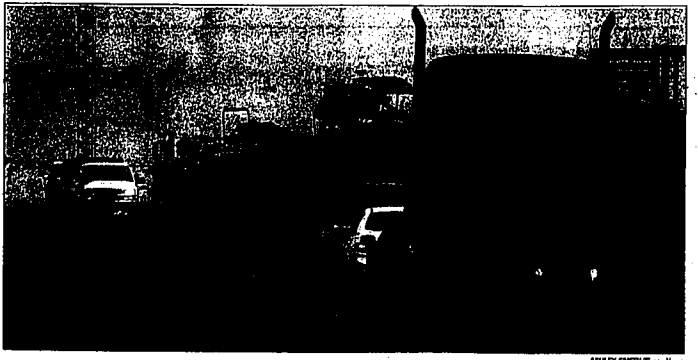
Downtown Twin Falls is undercapitalized and inconsistency maintained, the report points out, and the Townsite and President Streets neighborhoods need an upgrade.

The plan points out that uncertainty about water is already crimping development, and strongly advocates making pressure irrigation available to more Twin Falls residents for use in landscaping.

Few of its proposals are new, but in the context of the plan's population projections — 45,000 of us by 2010, 66,500 by 2030 — they seem more urgent.

The Comprehensive Plan is an intriguing road map to the future, and deserves your consideration. Log on to <http://www.cfdi.org> and click on the "Comprehensive General Plan Update" link.

Our view: The final draft of the Twin Falls Comprehensive Plan envisions a livable, human-scale community. What do you think? We welcome your points from our readers on this and other issues.



A scraper crosses Pole Line Road in Twin Falls in 2005 while traffic is stopped in both directions. The city's draft Transportation Master Plan envisions extensive improvements to the city's arterial and collector roads through 2030.

How we'll get around

Orange cones to be common in Twin Falls through 2030

Last Monday, the Twin Falls City Council and the city's Planning and Zoning Commission received the draft Transportation Master Plan, designed to help the city plan and predict travel needs through 2030.

The price tag for capital improvement projects — mostly street widening — decreased from an early estimate of more than \$100 million to around \$37 million.

Officials said cost concerns drove the revisions, which provide for mostly maintaining, but not improving, congestion on roads. The plan studied arterial and collector roads — which carry the most traffic — and not neighborhood streets.

The draft plan proposes state highway — such as Blue Lakes Boulevard North — be the designated truck routes for trucks passing through and not making deliveries.

But it recommends Eastland Drive and Washington Street North be improved to "truck-use standards" in case things change in the future.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold hearings to the plan in the near future. After that, the transportation road map must be approved by the City Council.

Here are highlights from the draft report:

Future projects

1. **Falls Avenue** (from Washington to Grandview)
Improvement: Widen to four lanes
When: 2015
Estimated cost: \$4.9 million

2. **Falls Avenue** (from Locust to Eastland)
Improvement: Widen to four lanes
When: 2030
Estimated cost: \$5.6 million

3. **Falls Avenue** (Blue Lakes to Locust)
Improvement: Widen to five lanes
When: 2015
Estimated cost: \$530,000

4. **Blue Lakes Boulevard** (from Kimberly to Addison)
Improvement: Widen to three lanes
When: 2030
Estimated cost: \$6.9 million

5. **Washington Street North** (from Pole Line to Addison)
Improvement: Widen to five lanes
When: 2030
Estimated cost: \$250,000

6. **Grandview Drive North** (Filler to Falls)
Improvement: Widen to three lanes
When: 2030

Estimated cost: \$3.4 million
7. **Filler Avenue** (Grandview to Blue Lakes)
Improvement: Widen to three lanes
When: 2030

Estimated cost: \$9.1 million
8. **Filler Avenue East** (Locust to Madrona)
Improvement: Widen to four lanes
When: 2030

Estimated cost: \$1.4 million
9. **Hankins Road** (Addison to Fourth Avenue)
Improvement: Widen to three lanes
When: 2030

Estimated cost: \$7.1 million
10. **Cheney Drive** (Parkview to North College)
Improvement: New, three-lane road
When: 2015

Estimated cost: \$9.3 million
11. **Eastland Drive** (Candleridge to Orchard)
Improvement: Widen to three and four lanes
When: 2015

Estimated cost: \$23 million
12. **Addison Avenue East** (Morningside to Juniper)
Improvement: Widen to five lanes
When: 2015
Estimated cost: \$1.7 million

Fixing bad intersections

1. **Washington and Orchard**
Problems: Congestion, poor turning conditions
Cost to improve: \$400,000

2. **Blue Lakes and Cheney**
Problem: Heavy congestion
Average annual accidents: 29
Cost to improve: \$250,000

... and ...
3. **North and West Five Points** (Blue Lakes and Addison)
Problems: Congestion, confusion, shortage of turning lanes

Average annual accidents: 35
Cost to improve: \$250,000

4. **Blue Lakes and Falls**
Problems: Heavy congestion, turning lane deficiencies
Cost to improve: \$400,000

... and ...
5. **Blue Lakes and Filler**
Problems: Heavy congestion, turning lane deficiencies
Average annual accidents: 61
Cost to improve: \$250,000

6. **West Five Points** (Washington and Kimberly)
Problems: Congestion, confusion
Cost to improve: \$500,000

7. **Falls and Hankins**
Problems: Congestion, turning lane deficiencies
Cost to improve: \$200,000

Travel time to work

Twin Falls
Less than 20 minutes: 33 percent
More than 20 minutes: 67 percent

Burley
Less than 20 minutes: 80 percent
More than 20 minutes: 20 percent

Pocatello
Less than 20 minutes: 81 percent
More than 20 minutes: 19 percent

Boise
Less than 20 minutes: 62 percent
More than 20 minutes: 38 percent

Idaho Falls
Less than 20 minutes: 78 percent
More than 20 minutes: 22 percent

Rexburg
Less than 20 minutes: 82 percent
More than 20 minutes: 18 percent

Drive alone to work

Twin Falls: 83 percent
Boise: 79 percent

Pocatello: 80 percent
Boise: 83 percent

Idaho Falls: 81 percent
Rexburg: 64 percent

... and ...
Addison

Problems: Congestion, operational conflicts with Second Avenue North
Average annual accidents: 35
Cost to improve: \$100,000

8. **Falls and Locust**
Problems: Congestion, turning lane deficiencies
Cost to improve: \$250,000

9. **Addison and Carriage**
Problem: Congestion
Cost to improve: \$300,000

10. **Blue Lakes and Orchard**
Problems: Truck traffic, turning deficiencies
Cost to improve: \$400,000

11. **Addison and Hankins**
Problems: Congestion, turning conflicts
Cost of improve: \$400,000

12. **Eastland and Falls**
Problems: Turning lane deficiencies, free right-turn island
Cost to improve: \$100,000

13. **East Five Points** (Blue Lakes and Kimberly)
Problems: Congestion, confusion
Cost to improve: \$500,000

14. **Falls and Hankins**
Problems: Congestion, turning lane deficiencies
Cost to improve: \$200,000

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James G.
Wright**

A censor is someone who supervises conduct and morals — an official who examines material prior to publication and removes information that is objectionable, usually based on what the government considers objectionable.

An editor assembles information for publication by cutting, rearranging, altering or refining, especially to bring about conformity to a standard or to suit a particular purpose.

That's more-or-less how the Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines the two jobs.

Here at the word factory, we employ editors. No censors on our payroll.

In recent weeks, some writers of letters to the editor or

online comments have confused the two in making their points.

One suggested that I was practicing censorship because we dropped columnist Ann Coulter.

Another took offense at a recent column whose headline suggested that we hope to facilitate, not direct, debate about public issues. By deciding what to publish and what to leave out of the paper, the writer suggested, I really do direct the conversation and

censor views I don't like. The writer was especially upset that we print Michelle Malkin's syndicated column.

I suppose the accusation would be true if we ran only columnists representing a single political viewpoint, or only those with whom I agree. Our philosophy is to provide a range of columnists, particularly those who offer solid logic or thoughtful research to support their opinion.

Like anyone in charge of anything, I have to make decisions. There are hundreds of syndicated columns available to newspapers. Even if we wanted to, we couldn't print them all — there's not enough space in the paper or money in the budget to pay for them.

Deciding which to print is part of the cutting, rearranging, altering and refining job of the editor. Someone has to decide that one columnist is better than another, or better fits our lineup. It goes with the job.

Does that mean a columnist who doesn't make the cut is being censored? Nope. Ms. Coulter is completely free to express her opinions in print or in person to anyone who cares to listen.

The *Times-News* is just as free to not pay her for the right to publish her column.

All this leaves Ms. Coulter a few dollars poorer, but it's not censorship.

Headline writing is one of the hardest jobs at any news-

paper. It takes a lot of skill to boil down 800 words to a four-word headline that has to fit a specific space, all the while keeping it snappy and accurate.

Big-city tabloids live and die by their front page headlines, which are especially bold and brassy because they have to attract the attention of busy, jaded readers. Take, for example, this classic from the *New York Daily News*, which in 1978 reported that former President Gerald Ford had rejected a bail-out for the financially-troubled Big Apple: "Ford to City: Drop Deed."

We're generally more sedate, but sometimes we try to be a little snappy. And sometimes it jumps up and bites us in a delicate place.

"Torch" is slang for arson — a criminal act. The article simply said the fire was under investigation, as is standard in such cases.

The designer didn't intend to imply anything by his word choice. Still, it was the wrong word, and not our best effort.

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The difference between editing and censorship

OTHER VIEWS

Here's what Idaho newspapers are saying about ...

... shy Idaho

Idaho Press-Tribune, Nampa

Just how much can a person learn about a given population, based on little more than impersonal online surveys?

Apparently quite a bit. At least that's what researchers at England's University of Cambridge would have you believe.

According to a recent study led by Louisiana native Jason Rentfrow, a personality map based on online surveys shows "pretty clear signs that there are meaningful differences in the personalities of people living in different areas of the United States."

And what "clear sign" did the researchers at one of England's most prestigious universities learn about Idahoans? Mostly, that we are less social than Americans living in other states.

What poppycock and holdovers! Anyone who has kept the time to actually visit the Gem State and talk face-to-face with its residents

will surely tell you the exact opposite is true. As a rule, "people are people, no matter where you go. There are social individuals and not-so-social individuals."

And to categorize the demographics of an entire state or region based on impersonal online surveys is patently unfair.

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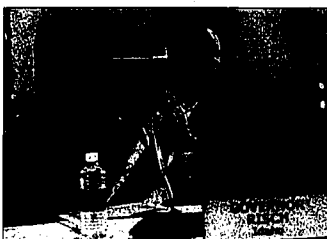
If only Jim Risch were promising to do in the U.S. Senate what he did as governor for seven months in 2006 — replace revenue from an unpopular tax with revenue from one more acceptable to Idahoans — there would be less reason for concern about his election to Congress.

But Republican Lt. Gov. Risch isn't promising that. He is pledging more of the federal tax cuts that have helped put the government, and the nation, on the brink of financial disaster.

That makes him look reckless and clueless.

As former Comptroller General David Walker and many other independent analysts point out, the government has managed to come up with a disturbing \$9 trillion debt. It now heads into a \$53 trillion hole because it has refused to prepare for the expanding costs of federal entitlement programs like Medicare and Social Security at a time when a record number of Americans, the baby boomers, are about to become beneficiaries.

And as Walker and others point out, even returning the government to the balanced budgets it experienced briefly at the end of the



Clinton administration won't solve the problem. Neither, most say, will cutting benefits or mixing taxes by themselves. Benefits must be cut and taxes must be raised.

Some conservatives continue to say the nation can grow its way out of this crisis, and tax cuts will help it do so. Walker says they are wrong... In order for that to happen the U.S. economy would have to expand at a double-digit annual rate for the next several decades.

That is pie in the sky. During the boom years of the 1990s, the average rate of economic growth was 3.2 percent per year.

Despite all this, however, Risch says nothing will come before cutting taxes if he is elected in November to replace Larry Craig. Writing in Sunday's edition of the Idaho Falls Post Register, Risch defended shifting some of Idaho's public school costs from the property tax to the sales tax as governor, and added, "Cutting taxes will continue to be my first priority if Idaho voters send me to the U.S. Senate."

Such a promise has long been popular politically, especially in Idaho. But in

this case, it is economically irresponsible ...

... starving public land

Post Register, Idaho Falls

The Bureau of Land Management has just issued an emergency closure order at the Kill Hill Creek Wilderness Study area in Owyhee County.

The reason? Too much work and not enough resources. Motorists have created 20 miles of illegal trails in this study area, the BLM noted. But the agency simply did not have enough funding and staff to cope.

And that's just one wilderness study area. In Idaho, the BLM has 66 more, totaling 1.8 million acres. How can it develop trail maps and realistically enforce off-road restrictions? It's beyond the agency's scope.

That's just one example of phenomena gripping federal public land. Blossoming wildfire costs, loss of staff and budget cuts have forced both the BLM and the Forest Service to postpone or neglect basic decisions regarding the management of the nation's natural resources.

... In the past four years,



Congress has cut spending for all Forest Service activities \$51 million to \$5.8 billion. Meanwhile, inflation has magnified the impact on programs.

And more of those dollars are being spent to fight the especially huge swath of wildfires now occurring annually.

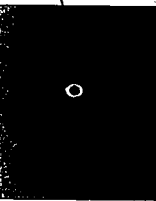
For fiscal year 2008, the cost of fighting wildfires soared, consuming 49 percent of the Forest Service budget ...

A proposal in the House of Representatives (H.R. 2100) intended to separate firefighting costs, thereby freeing up resources for other resource management projects. Originally hailed, it's now being condemned as an unworkable

compromise ... The Forest Service dropped 7 percent of its permanent staff since 2002. Equally telling is the loss of 2,678 seasonal Forest Service positions between 2002 and 2007.

The 28,767 people still at their posts are expected to take on even greater responsibilities related to regulatory duties such as environmental analysis and public comments ... at the very least, it means postponing some programs to restore forests. Worse, when these specialists retire, they're frequently not replaced.

... Congress can and must do better, giving stewardship of those resources the attention and money necessary.



McCain, Palin can't get a break

WASHINGTON — Sunday, we will learn. When it's September and important issues cry out for attention, but we seem consumed by trivia — watch out.

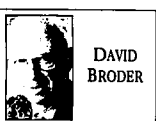
In September 2001, cable news and even some "serious" newspapers were preoccupied with Gary Condit, a married California congressman who had an affair with a Justice Department intern who disappeared and later was found murdered.

It was all Condit — all the time in the news — until Sept. 11, when something far more consequential happened and Condit slipped back into obscurity.

This year a calamity has occurred in the financial world. The nonsense about Sarah Palin's family dynamics and other matters, down to and including lipstick on pigs, has been banished by the mayhem on Wall Street as ruthlessly as the Condit story was erased seven years ago.

Once again, New York has become the focus of the nation's eyes, which guarantees that the mass media concentrated there will keep this economic crisis story where it belongs — at the center of attention.

The presidential candidates certainly recognize the change. It took less than 24 hours after Sunday's dramati-



DAVID BRODER

ic developments involving Lehman Brothers, Merrill Lynch and AIG for John McCain and Barack Obama to prepare new statements and fresh ads on Wall Street issues.

But McCain stumbled at the outset with a comment that the economy is "fundamentally sound," and the Democrats pounced.

Obama, campaigning in Colorado, delivered an unusually tough critique of McCain's long record as an advocate of deregulating markets. Obama was reinforced by an orchestrated chorus of Democratic voices, liberated from their preoccupation with the governor of Alaska and her family.

Neither man had much to offer in the way of advice.

The meetings of Treasury, Federal Reserve and banking officials in New York were dealing with questions of such technical complexity and financial importance that the politicians knew better than to intrude.

The lack of content does not reduce the political sig-

nificance of what has happened. For months, McCain's stock market sell-off were significant in themselves. And these were potential Republican voters who took this shilling. They and their friends and neighbors will be that much harder to enlist in the McCain cause.

The larger effect is the psychological damage to an electorate already struggling to maintain any optimism about the country and its future. For all the excitement Palin has generated, the national mood is still a major barrier for McCain and the Republicans.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Be informed about the candidates

In the letters to the editor on Sept. 9, a gentleman ended his comments with two questions: "Are we better off than we were eight years ago?" and "Want more of the same?" I believe we may be better off than if we had a different administration leading our country. A major item is that the terrorists are not lighting us here. If they were, everything else would be secondary.

I believe Obama's tax proposals and voting record, or lack thereof, would hurt both middle and middle class Americans. Obama proposes 28 percent tax on all home sale profits (now 0 percent up to \$500,000 — dividend tax increase from 15 percent to 39.6 percent) and anything that pays or reinvests dividends — reversion to pre-Bush tax cuts (i.e., married making \$60K would pay \$16,800, up from \$9,000) — restore the inheritance tax and new taxes on gasoline, retirement accounts, national resources consumption.

Obama voted to give Social Security benefits to illegals and voted against making English the official language. Check out all his voting records and tax proposals at CNN, FOX, American Association of Retired Persons, Washington Post and other sources.

Be informed and be sure to vote for your candidate!
RAY EKHAML
Hagerman

Support Nunnally for sheriff

I want to express my total appreciation of Jocelyn Nunnally, who is an independent candidate for sheriff of Jerome County.

She is a lady and a very organized undersheriff for 12 years in Jerome County. She knows the job and gets it done with both genders of deputies. Anybody can talk to her if they have a problem, as I have done. She has a "Medal of Valor" for 2001, and they don't issue those unless the work is "above and beyond." In 2007, she received a Medal of Honor from Gov. Otter at a ceremony in Meridian. This is the type of work she does. She is also POST certified in Idaho. Jocelyn is married and has three grandchildren. She has accomplished a lot in 50 years!

I urge you to vote for Jocelyn Nunnally for sheriff. She is trained and will do a great job.
XENIA WILLIAMS
Jerome

Investigate before you vote

"Unlike the founding fathers' vision of running our democracy using reason, far too often we Americans base our voting decisions on myth or emotion." This quote comes from Carl R. Summers, a man whose education spans many universities, including BYU and the University of Utah. I strongly suggest that everyone take some time to read his observations that are published in the online magazine, OutsidersDC. (www.outsidersdc.com).

The media is paid for by big interest groups and is not above lying to the American public to support agendas. This is evident in the ads for the Democrats being at fault for rising gas prices, a shortage is a shortage and no one can control whether foreign countries will begin to drill for their oil.

The decision for the Americans as a whole is to decide who is not getting money from big oil so they can focus on alternative energy instead of more drilling for short-term gains for that industry. Also, if we incorporate our religious beliefs in our voting, then we are no better off than the countries we are at war with or we are not heeding the real reason for forming our nation in 1776.

Mr. Summers' research is straightforward and simple to understand. Take, for instance, the research on the conventional wisdom that the Republican Party is the party that institutes policies that create superior business conditions. By comparing the Gross Domestic Product or our output of goods and services, the results showed that Republican administrations had an average real increase of 2.8 percent while the Democratic average was 4.4 percent. This emphatically shows that businesses perform an average of 57 percent better under Democratic administrations.

There are other performance-related comparisons and you owe it to your country to investigate the truth. To become complacent in the biggest election in history will prove we are not as great a nation underneath the surface as we portray

ourselves to be.
SHERI THOMAS
Halley

Proud to be an American

I would just like to say that I am proud to be an American. I salute the flag of the United States of America. My grandfather fought in World War I; my father fought in World War II, and my son fought in Iraq.

I say if you can't respect our flag, then leave; go somewhere else; we don't want you and that includes you, Mr. Obama.
DON TABER
Shoshone

Haskins was a great coach, had roots at CSI

Recently in El Paso, Texas, part of the College of Southern Idaho's men's basketball history slipped away after a long struggle with illness. Don Haskins, the Hall of Fame coach of the University of Texas-El Paso Miners, was an icon in the college basketball world. His storied life had a great deal to do with the tradition of the Golden Eagles.

In 1966, Dr. Taylor, then president of CSI, hired Eddie Sutton to lead the Eagles. Sutton was a teammate of Haskins, who had just taken an upstart group of players to the NCAA national finals and won the national championship against Kentucky. Coach Sutton's motivation to our team was that if Texas Western could do it, so could CSI. I can remember how it was pounded into our heads almost daily to the point that this special Texas Western team and Haskins had become our heroes.

At the end of the first full season of play for the Eagles, we entered an AAU tournament in Rupert to play for the right to go to New Mexico and play in the Western Regionals. The winner of that tourney would represent the West in Denver at the national tournament. We ended up playing the Texas Western team who had won the NCAA tourney the year before and defeated them in overtime. To be on the same floor with our idol and then defeat them was the most unbelievable cli-

max to a storybook year! Haskins later signed CSI's first All-American and my teammate, Pies Vann, and later signed one of my ballplayers, Chris Blocker of the 1986 Golden Eagle team. Yes, in his unassuming way Haskins was indeed a friend of the CSI program!

He was a great coach, friend and a strong influence in my life. I not only was inspired by his teams that I played against but I also had the honor of coaching against him. I am a better person, coach, husband, and father because I was blessed to have known this amazing man.

We will miss you, Coach Haskins.
FRED TRENKLE
Shoshone
(Editor's note: Fred Trenkle coached the CSI men's basketball team from 1983-93 and played for CSI from 1966-68. Texas Western was the previous name of the University of Texas-El Paso.)

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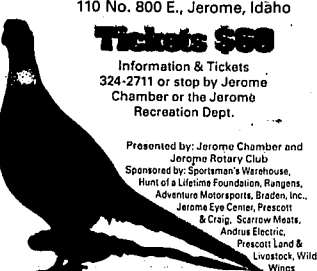
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Suicide bomb guts Pakistan Marriott hotel

Terrorist attack kills at least 40, injures hundreds

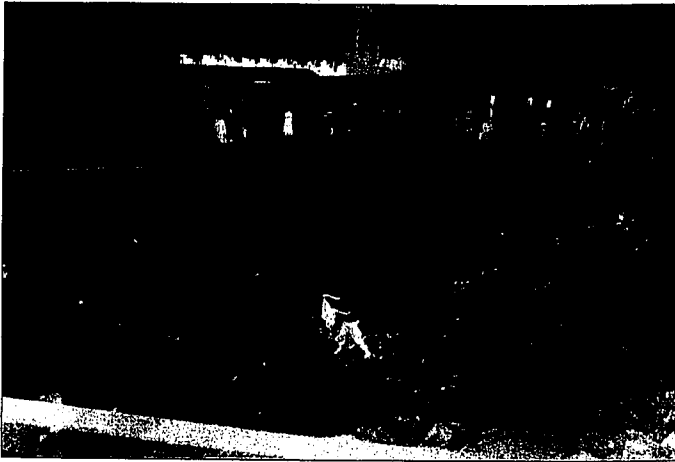
By Stephen Graham and Nahal Toosi
Associated Press writers

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — A massive suicide truck bomb gutted the heavily guarded Marriott Hotel in Pakistan's capital Saturday, killing at least 40 people and wounding hundreds. Dozens more were feared dead inside the building that was still burning hours after the attack.

The targeting of the American hotel chain appeared to be one of the largest terrorist attacks ever in Pakistan and came at a time of growing anger in Pakistan over a wave of cross-border strikes on militant bases by U.S. forces in Afghanistan.

The bomb left a vast crater some 30 feet deep in front of the main building, where rescuers ferried a stream of bloodied bodies. The fire was still burning six hours after the blast and had devastated most of the five-story hotel, sending up a thick pall of smoke over the area.

"The fire has eaten the entire building," said Mohammed Ali, an emergency service official at the scene. He said that after an initial chaotic search to find survivors, rescue teams had only been able to make two brief forays inside but found no bodies or survivors and had to retreat quickly.



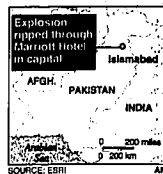
Pakistani security officials collect evidence from a large crater left by a bomb explosion at the Marriott hotel in Islamabad, Pakistan Saturday.

The bombing came just hours after President Asif Ali Zardari made his first address to Parliament, less than a mile away from the hotel, and days ahead of the new leader's meeting with President Bush Tuesday in New York on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly.

Zardari's inaugural address and security had been tightened. Zardari reappeared after midnight on state television to condemn the "cowardly attack."

He said he understood the victims' pain because he had buried his own wife — assassinated former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto — in December. "Make this pain your strength," he said. "This is a menace, a cancer in Pakistan

which we will eliminate. We will not be scared of these cowards," he said. Witnesses and officials said the truck exploded about 60 feet away from the hotel at two heavy metal barriers blocking the entrance. It went off at about 8 p.m., when four restaurants inside would have been packed with diners at the hour that Muslims break their daily fast during the holy month of Ramadan. The Marriott had been a favorite place for foreigners



They had been moving toward the rear of a Chinese restaurant inside the hotel after a first, small blast when a second explosion hurled them against the back wall.

"Then we saw a big truck coming to the gates," he said. "After that, it was just smoke and darkness."

Mohammed Asghar, a worker from a nearby office with a makeshift bandage round his head, said there was more than one man in the truck and that they had argued with the hotel guards.

"Then there was a flash of light, the truck caught fire and then exploded with an enormous bang," he said.

Mohammad Sultan, a hotel employee, said he was in the lobby when something exploded. He fell down and everything temporarily went dark.

"I didn't understand what it was, but it was like the world is finished," he said.

Senior police official Asghar Raza Gardalzi said rescuers had counted at least 40 bodies at the scene and that he feared that there "dozens more dead inside."

Associated Press reporters saw at least nine bodies scattered at the scene.

Jet crash kills 4, injures Blink-182's Barker

By Geoff Boucher and Jennifer O'Kham
Los Angeles Times

Former Blink-182 drummer Travis Barker and Adam Goldstein, known as celebrity DJ AM, were injured critically in a fiery Learjet crash in South Carolina that killed four other people, including Barker's bodyguard and his personal assistant, authorities said.

The pilot, Sarah Lemmon of Anaheim Hills, Calif., and copilot, James Bland of Carlsbad, Calif., also were killed, according to the Lexington County coroner.

The Learjet was taking off shortly before midnight Friday with six people aboard, when air traffic controllers saw sparks. The plane, which was en route to Van Nuys Airport in Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley, veered off the end of the runway, rolled through a fence and crashed on a nearby road, said Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen.

Barker and Goldstein were in critical condition at a burn center in Augusta, Ga., about 75 miles southwest of



Investigators look over the wreckage of a Learjet that was carrying former Blink-182 drummer Travis Barker and Adam Goldstein, also known as DJ-AM, Saturday near Columbia Metropolitan Airport in Columbia, S.C.

Columbia, hospital spokeswoman Beth Frits said. Chris Baker, 29, of Studio City, Calif., and Charles Still, 25, of Los Angeles — both members of Barker's entourage — were among the dead.

According to music industry sources, Charles "Shea" Still was a longtime friend of Barker's and would some-

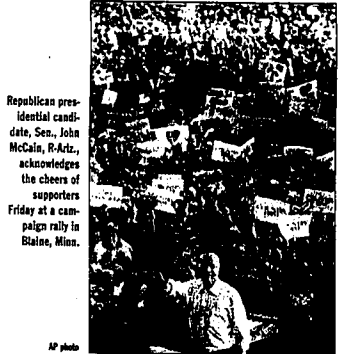
times work as a bodyguard when the star drummer performed in small shows.

Barker and Goldstein had performed together under the name TRVSDJ-AM at a free concert in Columbia on Friday night.

Baker, nicknamed "Little Chris," worked as a personal assistant to Barker and had appeared sometimes on the

MTV show "Meet the Barkers." The MTV domestic-life reality show that aired in 2005 and 2006.

Michael Creger, a friend of Still, said the bodyguard's family was in a yelling match with the news. They were upset, too, that early media reports of the accident focused on the injured Barker instead of the dead passengers.



McCain has biggest spending month

By Jim Kuhnhenn
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Republican presidential nominee John McCain doubled his travel expenditures in August and increased his payroll and media spending from the previous month while enjoying his biggest fundraising stretch of the campaign.

McCain reported raising \$47.5 million in August, with more than \$9 million coming in the three days after he announced his selection of Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin as his running mate on Aug. 29, according to a report filed late Friday with the Federal Election Commission.

Overall, McCain spent nearly \$41 million in August — his most extravagant month so far, but still shy of Democratic rival Barack Obama's whopping \$55 million in August expenditures. McCain spent about \$23 million on advertising, his highest as he jockeyed for position against Obama in battleground states. McCain increased his staff spending, building up a payroll of nearly \$11.2 million. He also spent

more than \$3 million on travel, at least twice as much as what he spent in July.

Obama had not yet filed his FEC report. It is due at midnight Saturday. But his campaign already has announced he raised \$66 million in August, a record for a presidential campaign.

In a report filed Saturday, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton showed only \$1.8 million in donations in August, despite Obama's appeal to his top donors to help his Democratic primary rival retire her debt. She still owed about \$9 million to her campaign vendors. Clinton led her campaign nearly \$13.2 million. Under campaign finance laws, now that Obama is officially the party nominee, she can only raise money to loan \$250,000 of that loan.

Clinton refunded donors \$16.7 million in contributions she received for the general election.

McCain has chosen to accept \$84 million in public funds to spend from September until the Nov. 4 election. That means he can no longer raise private money for his campaign.

Poll: Whites' racial misgivings may cost Obama

By Ron Fournier and Trevor Tompson
Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — Deep-seated racial misgivings could cost Barack Obama the White House if the election is close, according to an AP-Yahoo News poll that found one-third of white Democrats harbor negative views toward blacks — many calling them "lazy," "violent" or responsible for their own troubles.

The poll, conducted with Stanford University, suggests that the percentage of voters who may turn away from Obama because of his race could easily be larger than the final difference between

the candidates in 2004 — about 2.5 percentage points.

Certainly, Republican John McCain has his own obstacles: He's an ally of an unpopular president and would be the nation's oldest first-term president. But Obama faces this: 40 percent of all white Americans hold at least a partly negative view toward blacks, and that includes many Democrats and independents.

More than a third of all white Democrats and independents — voters Obama can't win the White House without — agreed with at least one negative adjective about blacks, according to the survey, and they are significantly less likely to vote

for Obama than those who don't have such views.

Such numbers are a harsh dose of reality in a campaign for the history books. Obama, the first black candidate with a serious shot at the presidency, accepted the Democratic nomination on the 45th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, a seminal moment for a nation that enshrined slavery in its Constitution.

"There are a lot fewer bigots than there were 50 years ago, but that doesn't mean there's only a few bigots," said Stanford political scientist Paul Sniderman, who helped analyze the exhaustive survey.

The pollsters set out to determine why Obama is locked in a close race with McCain even as the political landscape seems to favor Democrats. President Bush's unpopularity, the Iraq war, and a national sense of economic hard times cut against GOP candidates, does that fact that Democratic voters' outnumber Republicans.

The findings suggest that Obama's problem is close to home — among his fellow Democrats, particularly non-Black white voters. Just seven in 10 people who call themselves Democrats support Obama, compared to the 85 percent of self-identified Republicans who back McCain.

Damage to atom smasher forces a two-month halt

By Alexander G. Higgins
Associated Press writer

GENEVA — The world's largest atom smasher — which was launched with great fanfare earlier this month — has been damaged twice and will be out of commission for at least two months, its operators said Saturday.

CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research, said Saturday that a large amount of helium had leaked into the 17-mile circular tunnel deep under the Swiss-French border that houses the Large Hadron Collider.

The massive collider began operating Sept. 10 to the delight of physicists around the world, flinging protons around the circle at nearly the speed of light. But it had to be shut down only 36-hours later due to a failure of an electrical transformer.

That was repaired, but a CERN statement said a second failure took place midday Friday in the last section of the tunnel to undergo testing at high current, causing the large helium leak.

CERN spokesman James Gillies said the latest incident was several miles from the earlier damage. It is considered much more time-consuming to repair than the first malfunction.

"Preliminary investigations indicate that the most likely cause of the (Friday) problem was a faulty electrical connection between two magnets, which probably melted at high current leading to mechanical failure," said the statement Saturday.

It said the sector will have to be warmed up for repairs to take place, which will require a minimum of two

months down time for the collider.

Such faults are common in colliders designed for use at room temperature, and the repair time would be a matter of days, Gillies said. What will slow it down for the LHC is the time it will take to warm up the section and then

cool it down again.

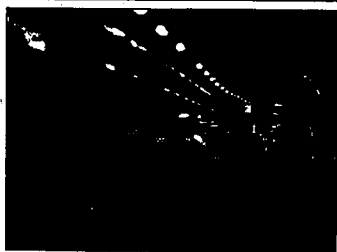
The Large Hadron Collider operates at "near absolute zero, colder than outer space, for maximum efficiency.

Gillies said it would take "several weeks minimum" to warm up the sector.

"Then we can fix it," Gillies said. "Then, we cool it down

again."

The \$10 billion particle collider in the design and construction stages for more than two decades, is the world's largest atom smasher. It fires beams of protons from the nuclei of atoms around the tunnels at nearly the speed of light.



Part of the Large Hadron Collider is seen in May 2007 at the European Center for Nuclear Research near Geneva, Switzerland.

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South African leader forced out

By Robyn Dixon
Los Angeles Times

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — South African President Thabo Mbeki was forced from office Saturday, paving the way for rival Jacob Zuma to take power and leaving the country in a state of political and economic uncertainty.

The populist Zuma, expected to take over after parliamentary elections next year, has made several comebacks from near political oblivion: He beat rape charges in 2006 and just over a week ago managed to have fraud and racketeering charges thrown out on a technicality.

The executive committee of the ruling African National Congress decided to "recall" or depose Mbeki, and a presidential spokesman said Saturday he had agreed to resign.

Mbeki's departure could passage a major shift in economic policy and the resignation of numerous Mbeki loyalists in the Cabinet. The ANC's secretary general, Gwede Mantashe, however, said Zuma was calling on Cabinet ministers to stay on for the sake of stability.

A trusted Zuma ally, parliamentary speaker Baleka Mbete, is expected to be appointed interim president.

Zuma, 66, is president of the ANC, the dominant party in Parliament which won 70 percent of the vote in the last election. Last week, a judge in his fraud case declared that he was the victim of a conspiracy within the political party to block his path to the nation's presidency. That supplied Zuma's supporters in the party with the ammunition to depose Mbeki.

Mbeki, also 66, has presided over a lengthy period of economic growth in South Africa, attracting foreign investment. But few benefits have trickled down to the poor, triggering demonstrations over poor services in townships across South Africa.

Investors have become used to the idea that the charismatic Zuma might be the next South African president since he defeated Mbeki



AP Photo

South African President Thabo Mbeki, right, and ANC President Jacob Zuma, left, shake hands Aug. 2 in Pretoria, South Africa. Mbeki has lost a power struggle against Zuma following a judge's ruling last week that Mbeki was instrumental in Zuma being charged with corruption.

for the presidency of the party in December. Mbeki had sacked Zuma as South African vice president in 2005 after Zuma's financial adviser, Schabir Shaik, was convicted of soliciting a bribe from an arms company on Zuma's behalf.

Last week's judgment did not examine the substance of Zuma's fraud charges, but instead resulted in a dismissal because prosecuting procedures weren't followed. The National Prosecuting Authority has announced it will appeal the decision.

When Zuma won the party presidency, he embarked on an international campaign to woo business and public opinion by pledging to leave ANC economic policies intact. Investors, however, remain uncertain because Zuma's most powerful supporters in the unions, ANC Youth League and the left wing of the ANC are all demanding a major shift to the left at a time at a time when the economy is faltering and business and consumer confidence have slumped.

Zuma's left-wing allies want to see an end to a set inflation target, and they oppose the balanced budgets that have won Mbeki's government economic credibility.

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MAKING THEIR CASE

Abortion foes in Russia hope to raise public opposition

By Megan K. Slack
Los Angeles Times

MOSCOW — Physician Marina Chechneva remembers the old-style Russian gynecologists who worked in state hospitals and churned out back-to-back abortions like Soviet factory workers. She remembers the women who "used to use abortion as a kind of vacation, because in the U.S.S.R., they got three days off from work."

These days, Chechneva, who performs abortions as part of her practice and is head researcher of the Moscow region's Institute of Gynecology and Obstetrics, is writing magazine articles about fetus development in hope of raising public opposition to abortion. After years of handling fetuses, she explains, she has come to feel a responsibility toward them. "They should realize that what they're doing is already a murder," she said.

A fledgling ant-abortion movement is beginning to stir in Russia. Driven by a growing discussion of abortion as a moral issue and, most of all, by a government worried about demographics, doctors and politicians quietly struggle to lower what is believed to be one of the world's highest abortion rates.

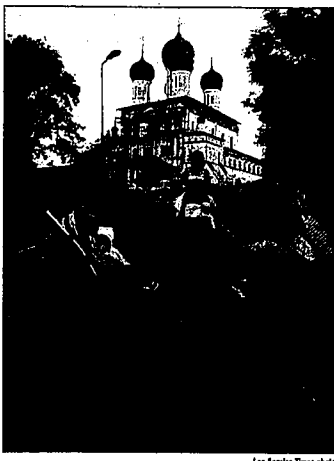
"The attitude has changed," said physician Alexander Medvedev, who also performs abortions. "Even in community clinics, doctors are trying to dissuade patients from abortion. Now teenagers come to see us with already two or three abortions, and it's horrible."

It's an uphill struggle. Doctors say that contraceptive use remains unpopular and that many Russian women rely on abortion for birth control. "The government is desperate to persuade citizens to bear more children. Russians are dying faster than they're being born, one of the most serious challenges faced by this sprawling, scantily populated land."

The discussion is devoid of terms such as "pro-life" or "pro-choice." From doctors to patients to officials, nobody seems to consider seriously the possibility of outlawing abortion. But the government recently imposed new restrictions on the procedures after the 12th week of pregnancy, and toughened the language of a law that Russian women must sign before terminating a pregnancy.

Late-term abortions used to be easily accessible on "social" grounds. A woman merely had to visit a social worker, state that she wouldn't be able to raise a child, and she could collect a stamped waiver. These days, exceptions are available only for extreme circumstances, such as the sudden death of a husband or a medical emergency.

In 2007, for the first time in decades, Russia's Federal State Statistics Service counted slightly more live births than abortions in Russia. But



Young women with children take a stroll in the Russian town of Tatyeva, 150 miles north of Moscow. With Russians dying faster than they are being born, the government is trying to persuade Russians to bear more children.

doctors warn that those statistics are flawed because of the growing number of women who opt for undocumented abortions in private clinics.

Legal system aside, many gynecologists have launched their own small efforts to persuade patients to go through with their pregnancies. Although Russian law requires parental consent only for girls younger than 16, many doctors boast that they involve the parents of any patient younger than 19. "This is the decision of a lifetime," gynecologist Natalia Smirnova said. "It's very important, for me to show them the ultrasound picture of their fetuses. This stops most of them."

Speaking in her private clinic while women in their 20s filled the waiting room outside, Smirnova pointed to pictures of fetuses taped to her office walls and described the conversation she holds with a would-be abortion patient. "I ask her to please explain to me and give me the reasons why she can't preserve her pregnancy. I'm not satisfied with, 'I'm afraid.' I want to hear the whole story. 'What did the father-to-be tell you? What did your mother say? There were cases when I myself called her mother in another town. By appealing to her mother, her partner, the future father, you can often succeed in making her change her decision and preserve her pregnancy.'"

Women interviewed for this article spoke wistfully, even painfully — but with an underlying grain of pragmatism — about the decision to end their pregnancies. Mostly sheltered from public or political discussions of abortion, they tended to describe the procedure as a medical decision that had surprising

living being, but a part of yourself, something that was alive in you," said Irina, a 25-year-old Muscovite who has had three abortions. The young women who were interviewed declined to give their last names. "There's a trauma and a grief you suffer. You murder a child. It was much more difficult than I expected."

Still, Irina repeatedly chose abortion when she felt she was without options — unemployed despite her university degree in accounting, married to first one man and then another who didn't want the babies. She never used birth control. She became pregnant, then went to the state clinic and waited in line for a no-cost abortion.

"It's like a conveyor belt," she said. "Women sit next to the abortion room in a line, and it happens very quickly." It shouldn't be so casual, Russian lawmakers con-

tinued. "The spiritual position," said Natalia Karpovich, a leader of the State Duma committee focused on family, women and children, "should be that this is murder and the woman who does this commits a sin. Still, I want to stress it's a woman's choice."

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The driver of a Sunni cleric holds his head as he was injured in a blast outside the offices of the Iraqi Journalist Union in Baghdad, Iraq, Saturday. The cleric had come to congratulate the newly elected president of the union when a roadside bomb exploded just outside its offices. Several people were hurt in the blast.

Top Shiite cleric's Web site hacked

By Christopher Torchia
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — Hackers defaced the official Web site of Iraq's top Shiite cleric, mocking him in language often used by Sunni Arab extremists. A news agency in Shiite-dominated Iran said Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani's site was among hundreds that were targeted.

The hacked site at www.sistani.org contained a statement accusing al-Sistani of issuing "perverse" edicts. Also posted was a YouTube clip showing American comedian Bill Maher joking about an edict on sexual behavior that was allegedly handed down by al-Sistani.

An aide to al-Sistani, who lives in the Shiite holy city of Najaf, said Saturday that the cleric had never issued such an edict. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to speak to the media.

"This issue is not new and our own Web site has been attacked four times before," said Ali al-Najafi, son of Grand Ayatollah Bashir al-Najafi, a leading cleric in Najaf. "Such acts will not affect our policy and beliefs. Such acts are carried out by groups that want to damage the image of al-Marjani (the Shiite leadership) and to fight the truth we are representing."

The hacked site lists a contact e-mail that includes the words Tora Bora, an apparent reference to the al-Qaida hit-out used by Osama bin Laden, a Sunni Arab, during

the 2001 U.S.-led invasion of Afghanistan. It said the hacking was carried out by "Group XP" but did not elaborate. Sunni extremists do not consider Shiites to be true Muslims and sectarian violence has been intense during the Iraq war.

"Do you think that you are alone on the Internet and no one can attack your Web site?" a statement on the hacked site read. "Today, we are erasing your Web site as we did with many Web sites for the (Shiite) renegades and any other Web sites that offend Sunnis."

Al-Sistani's aide said hackers hit the site on Thursday, and that the cleric's office can open a new site if necessary. Al-Sistani has used the site mostly to respond to questions from followers, but the hackers have made his comments inaccessible.

An Iranian news agency, Fars, reported that the same hackers had blocked access to almost 300 Shiite-related sites on Thursday and Friday. Neither this claim nor an Iranian assertion that the hackers were based in the United Arab Emirates could be verified independently.

Several Iranian news sites said late Friday that many of the Shiite and Iran-related Web sites that had been attacked were running normally again.

Fars reported that a counterattack of sorts had been carried out against "two major Wahhabi Web sites," referring to the puritanical strain of Sunni Islam that is dominant in Saudi Arabia.

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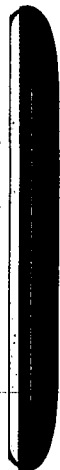
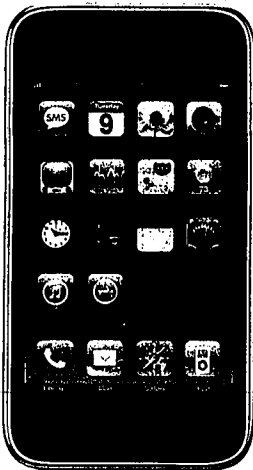
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Times-News writer

Welcome to the new Great Basin Conference.

Canyon Ridge High School and Twin Falls High School are now set to compete in the Class 4A Great Basin Conference as Minico High School athletic director Tim Perriquet reads next fall's

football schedules.

"It's an exciting time for our district to have a six-team league," Perriquet said.

High school administrators from around the state will finalize next fall's conference schedules this week in preparation for the Sept. 29 statewide football scheduling meeting. From there, schools will fill in open weeks with

nonconference opponents. Schedules should be complete early next year.

Despite some talk to the contrary, both high schools in Twin Falls will join Burley, Jerome, Minico and Wood River for a shot at advancing to Class 4A state playoffs starting in 2009.

"The rumors that Twin would stay 5A and Canyon

Ridge would be a 3A aren't true," Canyon Ridge principal Brady Dickinson said. "Both schools will be 4As."

Dickinson is taking the lead for CHS until he can hire an athletic director in the spring. He said the admission process to join District IV and the Idaho High School Activities Association has also begun.

For football, the Great Basin Conference will take the top four of six teams to the Great Eight playoffs.

District V will send the best two of three teams, and District VI will send two of four.

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- page D2, and V will no longer have the post-district tournament for state seeding.

For Twin Falls, the consequences of splitting students Canyon Ridge incorrectly would be dire. According to the discussion agenda of the IHSA's June meeting, Twin Falls would face a postseason ban if it does not align schools correctly.

"Enrollment will be taken from Twin Falls High School and if enrollment falls below the 5A level, they may participate at the 4A level. If they

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Feelin' Ducky

BSU knocks off Oregon

By Anne M. Peterson
Associated Press writer

EUGENE, Ore. — All those quarterback injuries finally caught up to Oregon against Boise State.

The Broncos upset the 17th-ranked Ducks 37-32 for their first victory on the road over a BCS-conference team. Freshman Kellen Moore led the way for Boise State with 386 yards passing and three touchdown throws. "This is big," Boise State coach Chris Petersen said. "I know Oregon had some quarterback issues and stuff, and that helped us. Even with that, you see how explosive they are. So it was great for our guys to hang on and get this done."

The Broncos (3-0) of the Western Athletic Conference are now 3-11 against the Pac-10, with all of their victories coming against teams from Oregon (they had defeated Oregon State twice before in Boise).

The Ducks lost their projected No. 1 quarterback for the season, and now went down last week.

So Jeremiah Masoli, a junior college transfer who was Oregon's third-string quarterback going into the season, started but left the game in the first quarter with a mild concussion.

Oregon (3-1) planned on using both Masoli and true freshman Chris Harper against the Broncos after Justin Roper injured his left knee in the Ducks' 32-26 double-overtime victory at



Boise State quarterback Kellen Moore and running back Ian Johnson, right, celebrate after Johnson scored a touchdown against Oregon in Eugene, Ore., on Saturday.

Breaking out of the shadows

EUGENE, Ore. — They were not supposed to do this.

They never had before. Never. But the Boise State Broncos (3-0) shocked the college football world again Saturday, beating Oregon (3-1) 37-32 on the road.

The Broncos had never beaten a Pac-10 team on the road. When people constantly doubt your ability, you have a tendency to take it personally.

Maybe the Broncos are bigger than that. They just did their jobs.

Now, these Broncos have a legacy of their own. "That Fiesta Bowl got a lot of guys here, but once you got here, you gotta make something else, make something part of your legacy," Ian Johnson said. "These guys feel like they've done something at Boise State now."

But what? What did they do but go 3-0? They made history, sure, but they aren't even bowl eligible yet.

"It's too early," Jeremy Childs said. "This is only the third game. We're going to enjoy this game and then put it behind us and get ready for La Tech."

Louisiana Tech. Imagine beating Oregon in an absolute thriller and already being ready to move on.

None of these guys were hooting and hollering after the game. They just won. They expected it.

Johnson said backup quarterback Bush (arm) was supposed to win the game. And they did, in strange fashion.

They didn't run the ball well at all. In fact, the run game was abysmal. The Broncos only managed 28 yards on 35 carries. That is just plain bad. But they ran the ball 35 times. That is a



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good thing. That run down the clock.

If the game was two minutes longer it very well may have had a different result, especially considering the run Oregon was on in the fourth quarter (21 points, 210 passing yards) for Earlton Thomas, who hurled his redshirt when he came in as the Ducks fifth quarterback (this season).

This one was won by quarterback Kellen Moore. His numbers: 24-for-36, 316 yards, three touchdowns and a 73-yard strike to Vinny Perretta for a long.

Moore wasn't flawless. He was sacked twice and threw a pick (on a tipped ball), but he was on target when he needed to be. A handful of his incomplete passes were on target, just early, before his receivers turned their heads.

According to the redshirt freshman Moore, who is always so deliberate and calm, this game was about more than this team, this day on this field.

"It's not even just about us," Moore said. "It's about all the guys who played before us and keep this strong tradition we've built here. We just gotta keep getting better and better. The games just get bigger from here. We just gotta keep playing and see what happens."

What happens next is the Western Athletic Conference season. The Broncos still have to go to Southern Mississippi in two Please see LAPRAY, Page D4

Utah State overwhelms Idaho

The Associated Press

LOGAN, Utah — Robert Turbin ran for 123 yards on 15 carries and scored a fourth-quarter touchdown to lead Utah State over Idaho 42-17 Saturday.

The Aggies (1-3, 1-0 Western Athletic Conference) scored three times in the fourth quarter, first on a fumble recovery in the end zone by defensive end Ben Calderwood with 12 minutes remaining in the game. Idaho (1-3, 0-1 WAC) quarterback Nathan Enderle had dropped the ball after taking a hit from Aggie Darby Golden.

James Brindley intercepted an Enderle pass with 8:11 remaining on a fourth-down attempt by Idaho. On the next play, Curtis Marsh took a pitch from quarterback Dondre Borel and scampered 41 yards for a score.

Sophomore Borel made his first career start at quarterback for Utah State, logging



Utah State quarterback Dondre Borel, right, tries to scramble away from Idaho defensive end Josh Szure during their game Saturday in Logan, Utah.

97 yards rushing and 191 yards passing and going 12-of-21 with one touchdown.

The Aggies took its first lead of the game, 21-17, on a 15-yard pass from Borel to tight end Jeremy Mitchell with 34 seconds remaining in the third quarter. The touchdown was set up by a 49-yard run by Turbin. USU's longest run of the season, Turbin scored on a 28-yard run with

1:08 remaining in the game.

Idaho scored first in the game on a 11-yard pass from Enderle to Eddie Williams at 6:08 in the first quarter. The Vandals scored twice in the third quarter after a 77-half-time score.

Utah State missed a 23-yard field goal in the second quarter when Peter

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GOLF

Americans lead the Ryder Cup after tense day

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Birdie putts kept falling, one on top of the other, until the Americans finally secured a Saturday lead in the Ryder Cup for the first time since 1995 to set up a final day that finally matters.

The last hour defined the pressure and passion of the Ryder Cup, so intense that players on both teams were emotionally exhausted. All that's left now are 12 singles matches Sunday to determine the winner.

Robert Karlsson concluded a gripping afternoon at Valhalla with his seventh



Europe's Ian Poulter reacts after missing a putt on No. 18 during the Ryder Cup at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Ky., on Saturday.

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LaFell's TD catch lifts LSU past Auburn

AUBURN, Ala. (AP) — Another LSU-Auburn thriller goes to the Tigers from Louisiana.

Jarrett Lee and Brandon LaFell connected on an 18-yard touchdown pass with 1:03 left to lift No. 6 LSU to yet another dramatic comeback win over No. 10 Auburn, 26-21 Saturday in an SEC West showdown that once again produced a fantastic finish and wild momentum swings.

The only major difference in this one was the road team came out on top. The last eight games in the series had gone to the home team. LSU

also snapped Auburn's streak of 13 consecutive victories at Jordan-Hare Stadium against Top 10 teams.

Lee took over for an injured Andrew Hatcher in the third quarter and produced a series of big plays to make up for a lousy start for LSU (3-0, 1-0 Southeastern Conference). Lee missed his first five throws but an interception returned for a touchdown.

Auburn (3-1, 1-1) moved to LSU's 47 on the final drive, with help from Rahim Alem's roughing the passer penalty. Alem atoned with a sack of Chris Todd to recoup the

15-yard loss.

Todd's desperation fourth-and-25 pass to Rod Smith came up short of the first down.

LSU won last year's meeting on Demetrius Byrd's last-second touchdown catch from Matt Flynn, and Byrd came up big again.

He pulled in a 22-yard half-back pass from Kelland Williams on the final play of the third quarter for a 17-14 lead. Colt David added a 32-yard field goal with 8:27 left.

Todd and Auburn's offense had kept the team alive. He hit Robert Dunn for a 15-yard

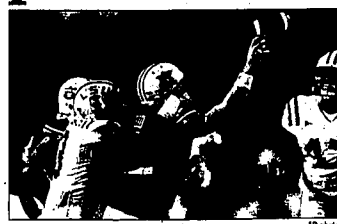
touchdown pass with 6:40 left on third-and-9. It was set up by a 58-yard huddle to Tim Flawhorne when Todd rolled left, turned around and saw Flawhorne running free near the right sideline.

Lee, who had been platooning with Hatcher, was 4-for-4 on the winning drive for 43 yards.

LSU had taken over near midfield after Ryan Shoemaker's 34-yard punt.

It was the first major test for the defending national champions, who opened with wins over Appalachian State and North Texas.

Once again, LSU passed.



LSU safety Chad Jones (3) puts pressure on Auburn quarterback Chris Todd (12) during the first half of their game in Auburn, Ala. on Saturday.

Upset specialist ECU gets upset

RALEIGH, N.C. — Andre Brown's 10-yard touchdown run in overtime lifted North Carolina State to a 30-24 upset of No. 15 East Carolina on Saturday.

322 yards and four touchdowns and Shannon Watkins ran for three scores to help Texas Tech rout Massachusetts.

NO. 3 GEORGIA 27, ARIZONA STATE 10
TENOPE, Ariz. — Knowshon Moreno rushed for 149 yards and two touchdowns, A.J. Green caught eight passes for 159 yards and a score, and No. 3 Georgia scored a decisive victory over Arizona State.

NO. 12 SOUTH FLORIDA 17, FIU 9
MIAMI — Mike Ford ran for two short touchdowns and South Florida spoiled FIU's debut in its new on-campus stadium.

NO. 4 FLORIDA 30, TENNESSEE 6
KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tim Tebow threw two touchdowns passes and helped Florida chase Urban Meyer improve to 4-0 against the self-destructing Vols.

NO. 13 OHIO STATE 28, TROY 10
COLUMBUS, Ohio — Terrell Pryor took charge of Ohio State's offense, throwing four touchdown passes to lead the sluggish Buckeyes.

NO. 5 MISSOURI 42, BUFFALO 21
COLUMBIA, Mo. — Chase Daniel passed for a career-high 431 yards and set a Big 12 record with 20 consecutive completions, helping Missouri overcome a rash of errors.

NO. 16 PENN STATE 45, TEMPLE 3
STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Penn State built another huge halftime lead, then cruised to an easy win over Temple with Hall of Famer Joe Paterno coaching from the press box in the second half.

NO. 7 TEXAS 52, RICE 10
AUSTIN, Texas — Colt McCoy threw four touchdown passes, setting the Texas career record, and the Longhorns romped over Rice.

NO. 18 WAKE FOREST 12, NC 24 FLORIDA STATE 3
TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Sam Swank kicked four field goals and No. 18 Wake Forest forced seven Florida State turnovers in the first half of its winning streak over the 24th-ranked Seminoles to three games.

NO. 9 ALABAMA 49, ARKANSAS 14
FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Javier Arenas and Justin Woodall scored on long interception returns and No. 9 Alabama opened Southeastern Conference play with a rout of Arkansas.

NO. 23 CLEMSON 54, SOUTH CAROLINA 10
CLEMSON, S.C. — James Davis rushed for three touchdowns to lead Clemson's rout of South Carolina State.

NO. 11 TEXAS TECH 56, MASSACHUSETTS 14
LUBBOCK, Texas — Graham Harrell threw for

SAM HOUSTON STATE 38, LAWRENCE, Kan. — Todd Reesing threw for 356 yards and two touchdowns, and ran for another score to lead Kansas.

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weeks as well.

But for a moment, let's go back to the beginning, before Idaho State, when we were all wondering how Moore would behave under pressure, on the road, under center, everything.

Well, "That just goes to show you that the coaches were right when they made the decision at quarterback," Johnson said. "They saw something that we could only get a glimpse of and know it is going to have great years."

Yeah. Succinctly, it seems they made the right choice. Childs said after the game that Moore doesn't look like a freshman out there. He called Kellen Townsend and the caught four of his balls for 100 yards (two of the greatest long-ball leaps I may have ever seen). He should know. Moore hit his tight end Saturday on 10 passes and two of his touchdowns.

"That's what you do when a team has great corners. BSU had a tremendous game plan. If Thomas hadn't taken off his redshirt and started hurling bombs into the secondary, which was not prepared for the passing

game, it wouldn't have been close. "That is preparation. "Our entire game was based on one prepared," defensive coordinator Justin Wilcox (an Oregon alum) said. "We wanted to make them throw the football. They started hooking it up and throwing the ball more. We just wanted our guys to keep battling."

You don't shut down offenses like that. You try and make them earn everything they get."

They got a lot of yards, but the Broncos got the W.

It is the end of Week 3 for BSU. Gone are the days when teams underestimate the Broncos, or at least they should be. Oregon was supposed to be bigger, faster, stronger, but in end it was the Broncos, not the PAT's (Oregon's Matt Evensen missed two field goals and a PAT).

There is always more to the story, always another line, but today only one matters: BSU 37, Oregon 32.



Wyoming running back Devin Moore (5) is hit by BYU defensive back Scott Johnson (21) as he catches the ball during the second quarter of Saturday's game in Provo, Utah.

Hall's 3 TDs lead BYU over Wyoming

PROVO, Utah — Max Hall threw three touchdown passes and No. 14 BYU extended the nation's longest winning streak with a second straight shutout, beating Wyoming 44-0 Saturday.

The Cougars (4-0, 1-0 Mountain West) have won 14 straight, matching their longest winning streak of the decade and got back-to-back shutouts for the first time in 23 years. BYU still held two straight opponents scoreless in Provo, returning two of them for the beating Wyoming's 59-0 and Utah State 44-0 — identical scores to the 2008 shutouts.

BYU was coming off a 59-0 win over UCLA last week and forced the Cougars (2-2, 0-2) into six turnovers, returning two of them for scores. Scott Johnson ran a fumble back 64 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter and David Nixon had a 19-yard interception return for a TD in the third.

It is the end of Week 3 for 189 yards with no interceptions and Austin Collicie had two catches for touchdowns. Harvey Unga ran for one score and caught a pass for another for the Cougars, who are off to a 4-0 start.

Devin Moore ran 14 times for 97 yards and Dax Crum was 15-for-28 for 119 yards for Wyoming, which hasn't

won in Provo since 1987. The Cowboys fumbled four times, losing three, and had three passes intercepted in their first road game of the season.

Wyoming finished with 273 yards of offense.

surging UC Davis team to win their homecoming football game.

The game before a record crowd of 25,209 came down to the fourth quarter after the Aggies took their first lead at 24-23 with 6:36 left on the clock.

Montana, ranked No. 4 in the Football Championship Subdivision, answered with a go-ahead seven-yard touchdown pass from Cole Bergquist to Mike Mariani. UC Davis had a chance to take the lead again but Montana's defense stopped the Aggies on a fourth-and-two, giving undefeated Montana their third win of the season.

Bergquist completed 19-of-29 passes for 255 yards and two touchdowns.

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Purdue the previous week.

But combined Masoli and Harper attempted only six passes in the first half as Boise State took a 24-6 lead.

Then came more bad news: Masoli did not return after halftime. He appeared on the sidelines wearing his jersey with shorts.

Boise's troubles continued in the second half and Oregon gave freshman Darron Thomas a try. The Ducks had hoped to redshirt him.

Masoli's concussion was mild and he wasn't expected to miss time with the team. Roper will likely miss Oregon's next game against Washington State. The team hopes to have him back for a trip to top-ranked Southern California on Oct. 4.

The Ducks went into Saturday's game ranked fourth in the nation in rush-

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Caldwell's attempt was tipped at the line and hit the goal post.

Idaho gained 580 yards of offense in the game, 280 in the first half while holding Idaho to 271 total yards.

The Aggies had been averaging only 245 yards per game on the season prior to Saturday.

Endicott ended the game with 161 yards on 20-35 passing.

The Vandals try to regroup next week when they play at San Diego State.

College Scores

FAIR WEST
Arizona 31, UCLA 10
BYU 44, Wyoming 0
Indiana 27, Ohio State 23
Clemson 54, South Carolina 10
North Carolina 49, Arkansas 14
Montana 29, UC Davis 6
BYU 44, Wyoming 0
Stanford 33, San Jose St. 13
Ohio St. 27, Michigan 20
Iowa 30, Air Force 23
Ole Miss 24, Texas Tech 17
Washington St. 48, Portland St. 9
Wisc. 51, Nebraska 27

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ing with an average of 323.3 yards per game. They were also ranked fourth in total offense, with an average of more than 562 yards per game.

The Broncos managed to slow Oregon, averaging 464 yards of total offense and 227 yards on the ground.

"They're a good running team; no doubt about that. So obviously if we shut the run down, they're going to have the put the ball in the air ... and that's what we wanted them to do," Boise State defensive back Kyle Wilson said.

Oregon's LeGarrette Blount ran 16 yards, leaping of a pair of linemen tangled on the turf — to score, but the 2-point conversion failed and the Ducks were up 6-0 in the first quarter.

Boise State halved the margin on Jeremy Brotzman's 51-yard field goal, a career-best, then took

10-6 lead when Moore found Tommy Gallarda with a 9-yard scoring pass.

Ian Johnson passed the 6-yard scoring pass, before Moore hit Chris O'Neill with a 3-yard pass to make it 24-6 and quiet the Autzen Stadium fans.

Moore was intercepted by Oregon's Talmadge Jackson early in the second half leading to Jeremiah Johnson's 18-yard touchdown run and narrowing it to 24-13.

The Broncos answered on the next series with Moore's 73-yard scoring pass to Perretta. Brotzman added a pair of field goals, from 26 and 34 yards out, to make 34-13 for Boise State.

Thomas gave Oregon life in the fourth quarter. First he left Matt with a 24-yard scoring pass, and then found Ed Dickson with a 20-yard

TD pass to narrow it to 37-26.

Another late comeback appeared possible for Oregon. The Ducks got down to the Boise State 7 after two consecutive passes, but defensive penalties by the Broncos, and Thomas found Moore in the end zone with 2:07 left in the game. But time ran out for Oregon.

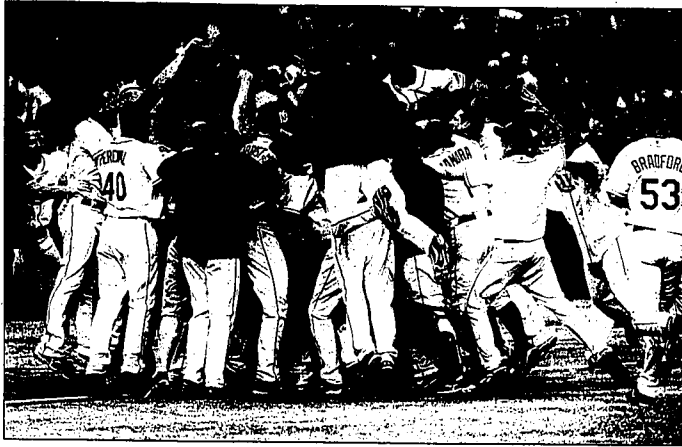
Boise State 37, No. 17 Oregon 32
Boise 28, Oregon 27
Oregon 6, Boise 0

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Members of the Tampa Bay Rays celebrate after beating the Minnesota Twins on Saturday in St. Petersburg, Fla. The Rays clinched their first-ever playoff berth with the victory.

Rays clinch first-ever playoff spot

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The Tampa Bay Rays kept things simple, clinching the first playoff berth in franchise history on their own.

Carlos Pena hit a two-run double and Scott Kazmir rebounded from the worst start of his career to pitch six scoreless innings Saturday, helping the AL East leaders wrap up at least a wild-card spot with a 7-2 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

The crowd of 36,048 that packed Tropicana Field stood for entire ninth inning, chanting "Let's Go Rays" and clanging cowbells. The Twins delayed the celebration by scoring twice, but the party was on once third baseman Evan Longoria chased down Joe Mauer's foul pop for the final out.

BLUE JAYS 6, RED SOX 3 TORONTO — Roy Halladay worked six innings to earn his 19th win, Scott Linton homered and the Blue Jays kept their faint playoff hopes alive.

Toronto pulled within 7 1/2 games of Boston in the wild-card race. The Blue Jays have seven games remaining, and the Red Sox have eight.

YANKEES 1, ORIOLES 0 NEW YORK — Robinson Cano hit an RBI single with two outs in the ninth inning and the Yankees moved off postseason elimination.

ATHLETICS 8, MARINERS 7 OAKLAND, Calif. — Daric Barton hit a go-ahead RBI single in the eighth inning and the Athletics lost the Mariners their season-worst 10th straight loss.

ROYALS 5, WHITE SOX 2 KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kyle Davies gave up three hits in seven-plus innings and the Royals beat the White Sox.

David DeFuss hit an inside-the-park home run, and Alex Gordon and Kila Ka'ialua also homered for the Royals, who won for the eighth time in nine games. The White Sox have lost six of their past 13 road games.

INDIANS 6, TIGERS 3 CLEVELAND — Shin-Soo Choo continued his hot September and Jeremy Sowers pitched six strong innings to help the Indians beat the Tigers.

ANGELS 7, RANGERS 3 ARLINGTON, Texas — Francisco Rodriguez earned his 60th save and Garret Anderson homered and drove in three runs to help the Los Angeles Angels beat the Texas Rangers 7-3 Saturday night.

as they watched the Cubs earn back-to-back postseason appearances for the first time since they participated in three straight World Series from 1906-08.

Ted Lilly (16-9) was sailing along with a 5-0 lead when the Cardinals scored four runs with two out in the sixth, including a three-run homer by Troy Glaus. Lilly regrouped in the seventh and relievers Carlos Marrero and Kerry Wood held off the Cardinals. Wood earned his 32nd save in 39 chances.

REDS 4, BREWERS 3 CINCINNATI — Not even prized acquisition CC Sabathia could keep Milwaukee in contention for the NL Central title. The wild-card race is looking pretty grim now, too.

Pitcher Micah Owings had a pinch-hit single off Sabathia with the bases

loaded in the sixth inning and Cincinnati held on for the win.

BRAVES 4, METS 2 ATLANTA — Pedro Martinez got off to a slow start and the New York Mets never recovered.

Kelly Johnson hit an RBI double off Martinez in Atlanta's three-run first inning, rookie Josh Anderson had three hits and the Braves won to end the Mets' three-game winning streak.

PHILLIES 3, MARLINS 2 MIAMI — The game was as tight as the NL East standings, and at the end of the night, the Philadelphia Phillies led both. Philadelphia went ahead, fell behind, rallied and held on Saturday, escaping threats in the final three innings to beat the Marlins and reclaim first place.

DIAMONDBACKS 5, ROCKIES 3 DENVER — Stephen Drew hit a two-out, two-run homer in the top of the ninth and the Arizona Diamondbacks ended their 11-game road losing streak with a victory over the Rockies.

PIRATES 6, ASTROS 4 PITTSBURGH — Ryan Doumit drove in three runs, with a pair of triples in the first two innings and the Pirates built a five-run lead in the first inning before holding on to beat the skidding Astros.

PADRES 6, NATIONALS 1 WASHINGTON — Chris Young allowed just two hits in seven innings and hit the first home run of his career to lead the Padres over the Nationals.

— The Associated Press

Major League Baseball

Table with columns for American League (East, Central, West) and National League (East, Central, West) divisions. Includes columns for W, L, Pet, GB, L10, S1R, Home, Away, and Infr. Also includes National League Saturday Games and Today's Games.

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Cowboys get to see Rodgers again as they visit Pack

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press writer

NFL WEEK 3

Marquee matchup

First-year Packers' starter Aaron Rodgers will look to build on his best game as a pro when Dallas and Green Bay try to continue their unbroken starts Sunday night. Both teams were 10-1 when they met last season in a Cowboys 37-27 win.

Green Bay was trailing Dallas 27-10 last Nov. 29 when Brett Favre injured his right elbow and separated his left shoulder early in the second quarter. In came Aaron Rodgers for his first significant action as a pro, and a little more than a quarter later, the Packers were within three points in a game Dallas finally won 37-27.

With Favre gone to the Jets, Rodgers starts Sunday night in Green Bay against the only team that's already had a good look at him. Just as it was last season, it's a marquee matchup — the teams were 10-1 when they met last season and each are 2-0 now.

It's also a marquee matchup of young quarterbacks: Rodgers and Dallas' Tony Romo, who is in his third season as a starter. Rodgers was a first-round draft pick and Romo an undrafted free agent, but both got their first major playing time by being thrown in on prime time with little warning. Romo did do on a Monday night two years ago against the Giants when Drew Bledsoe was pulled.

After two games this month, Rodgers has completed 70 percent of his passes, hasn't thrown an interception in 42 attempts and

Miami at New England
(0-2) (2-0)

Bill Belichick acknowledged that the 2007 1-15 Dolphins weren't very good. Matt Cassel's first start was his first win, 19-10 over Jets last week.

Cincinnati at N.Y. Giants
(0-2) (2-0)

Giants have been inconsistent on offense, but have outscored 'Skins and Bengals by a combined 57-00. Carson Palmer is left in NFL at 37.1.

Houston at Tennessee
(0-1) (2-0) *

Taxman's enforced week off was due to Hurricane Ike. Texans showed just 17 points in wins over Jags and Bengals and are efficient enough with Kerry Collins.

Arizona at Washington
(2-0) (1-1)

The Cardinals last scored 2-0 in 1991. Rodgers' book was the worst team in NFC East, but might be the favorite if they were in the West, where the Cardinals reside.

New Orleans at Denver
(1-1) (1-1)

Broncos are averaging 40 points a game and the Saints have all sorts of offensive weapons, even with WR Marcus Colston out.

Detroit at San Francisco
(0-2) (1-1)

The 49ers may have a chance to be at least mediocre this year. The Lions can score, but Jon Kitna usually throws a critical interception.

St. Louis at Seattle
(0-2) (0-2)

The wireless Seahawks could get well against a team that has been outscored 78-16 and hasn't had a snap inside an opponent's 20-yard-line.

Reston Ravens face Browns, who have scored just 16 points in four losses to Dallas and Pittsburgh after averaging 25 per game in a 10-6 07 season.

Jacksonville at Indianapolis
(0-2) (1-1)

The Jaguars were a cruc pick to end the Colts' run of five straight AFC South titles. After losses to Tennessee and Buffalo, they just need a win.

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia
(2-0) (1-1)

There's no dashonor for the Eagles who outplayed the Cowboys for long stretches. Steelers are in position for a fifth division title in eight seasons.

Dallas at Green Bay
(2-0) (2-0)

Aaron Rodgers starts in Green Bay against the only team that's already had a good look at him. QB Tony Romo can make big plays out of nothing.

N.Y. Jets at San Diego
(1-1) (1-1)

Jets are up against it. Not only are Chargers desperate to avoid an 0-3 start, but the odds are even from one over an acknowledged coach call case from last week's game in Denver.

has a superior passer rating of 117.8. "He's making good decisions and he's being accurate with the football," coach Mike McCarthy says. "He hasn't taken many chances, and that's all part of good quarterback play. He needs to continue to do that." Romo, who grew up in Wisconsin, has a lot of Favre in him. He can make big

plays out of nothing, but he can also get himself into trouble, as he did Monday night in the 41-37 win over the Eagles, fumbling in his end zone to give Philadelphia a touchdown, in part because he tried to make a play instead of controlling a safety. He's looking forward this week to performing in a historic venue.

"I'm a nostalgic person in a sense that I enjoy traditional things. I enjoy watching great players or great sporting events at a great atmosphere," Romo said. Lambeau Field obviously has great history and it's going to be fun to get up there and be part of that a little bit. Although this is a glamour game, there's not as much

urgency as last year, when it was to decide home-field advantage in the NFC. As it turned out, Green Bay lost, yet got the advantage because Dallas lost the game that really counted, its opening playoff game. But this is a chance to make a statement.

"You've got to play well in September to get to December," Dallas coach Wade Phillips says. "You can look back at a lot of teams that didn't play well enough early and didn't make it. It's not only the last few games. It's the first games that count, too. They count them all."

Josh Brown braces for return to Seattle

SEATTLE (AP) — Josh Brown is wondering if people in Seattle will still adore him — or boo him off the field.

"I'm praying for 50-50. I'm praying I get booed half the time and 'yay' the other half," St. Louis' first-year kicker said while bracing for Sunday's game between his former Seahawks and his new Rams, a matchup of winless, desperate teams.

Most homecomings for kickers don't have fans cheering love-hate lines. Then again, most kickers don't have their own morning radio shows, as Brown did on a country FM station in Seattle.

Most kickers don't have the guts to send flowers to the dressing room of country music diva Carrie Underwood before a concert, either. Brown did that from his team hotel room hours before a game against Oakland a few years ago — well before he became engaged to his new wife Molly, who is from Seattle.

And most kickers don't leave their former coach shaking his head six months after they leave, particularly one who is otherwise preoccupied with six wide receivers being hurt and Seattle's reign of the NFC West waning.

"I like Josh and he was a good kicker for us. I did not want him to leave. And I think he knows that," Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren said. "But if he's happy, good for him."

Last spring, Seattle's seven-round draft choice in 2003 out of Nebraska took the Rams' five-year, \$14.2 million deal, with a \$4 million signing bonus — the league's largest for a kicker.

The Seahawks say they offered \$14 million. Brown said Seattle's offer had more years and was backloaded, with less guaranteed money.

Rolo the 29-year-old native of rural Oklahoma took more sure cash, four months before getting married and gaining two stepsons. He has the chance to be a free agent again when he's 32. He gets to

kick regularly in a windless dome and be closer to home and his aging father.

Yet Brown's first thought when he signed was: "I'm going to get massaged by the Seattle fans now."

The Seahawks, 2:05 p.m. 41-13 loss to the Giants last week. The league average for success on kicks of that distance was 43 percent in 2007.

he got involved in a contract negotiation for the first time since he was also Seattle's general manager in 2002.

Brown is 15-for-24 (62.5 percent) on kicks from 50 yards or longer in his career, after a pair of 54-yarders in the Rams' 41-13 loss to the Giants last week. The league average for success on kicks of that distance was 43 percent in 2007.

"I thought I had a good handle on what he needed and what he wanted to stay," Holmgren said. "So I thought it was done. Then, when it didn't get done, I was very surprised."

Brown won an NFL record-tying four games in 2006 with kicks in the final minute of regulation or overtime, including two against St. Louis. But if it comes down to a field goal Sunday, it will be the Seahawks who won't want to see Brown.

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A happy homecoming is probably not in the cards for St. Louis Rams kicker Josh Brown as he meets his old team and NFL West rival the Seattle Seahawks today in Seattle.

NASCAR includes random testing to tougher drug policy

DOVER, Del. (AP) — NASCAR has toughened its drug policy and will do random tests in 2009 on everyone in the three national series — from star Chase drivers to anonymous tire changers.

All drivers, over-the-wall crew members and officials will be tested before the start of next season, and will also be subject to random tests throughout the year.

The amended policy for the Sprint Cup, Nationwide and Trucks series kicks in at Daytona International Speedway.

"This is more of a reaction to the modern responsibilities that we also have, not just in NASCAR, but the whole community of sports," NASCAR president Mike Helton said on Saturday. "I think the industry feels like that's the right thing to do."

NASCAR did not reveal a list of banned substances and it reserved the right to test for any substance — anything from steroids to prescription medicines — if there was suspicion of abuse. Under NASCAR's current

policy, testing is only done when there is a "reasonable suspicion" someone is using banned substances.

Steve O'Donnell, NASCAR's vice president of racing operations, noted that other professional leagues have changed their drug policies to adapt to perceived problems.

"We know there's new drugs out there every day," O'Donnell said. "By having a broad policy that doesn't list anything, we feel like we can test for any substance that may be abused."

O'Donnell said NASCAR will go public with anyone who flunks an original "A" sample and backup "B" sample test. While NASCAR reserved the right to issue a lifetime ban after one positive result, O'Donnell said the sport would likely continue with a "three strikes-and-out" policy.

NASCAR told teams of the stricter policy at a mandatory meeting Saturday at Dover's International Speedway. Teams in the Craftsman Truck Series race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway also were notified of the changes.

Waltrip announces new employee

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Steve Hallam is leaving McLaren Racing in Formula One and making the move to NASCAR where he will join Michael Waltrip Racing as director of race engineering for the second-year Toyota team.

Hallam will quit his job as head of race operations for McLaren at the end of the F1 season and join Waltrip's team this winter. The decorated engineer has participated in 430 Grand Prix races and won five world championships in a 27-year career in Formula One. He's



worked for only two teams: Team Lotus and McLaren.

"Michael Waltrip Racing is giving me a wonderful opportunity to enter NASCAR, which is something I have always wanted to experience in my lifetime," Hallam said. "NASCAR racing is invigorating and the spectacle the

fans is phenomenal. I am not understating the challenges before me and I know the differences between Formula One and NASCAR are obvious. However, the essence of what we will be doing is the same and that is racing."

Waltrip, a two-time Daytona 500 winner, has struggled the last few seasons and was 30th in the points standings entering Sunday's race at Dover.

"He will be in a key position that will both allow him to learn about the NASCAR

world-wide implementing the knowledge he has gained over the past 30 years in Formula One," Waltrip said. "This is another step that shows our employees, sponsors and all of NASCAR that MWR is serious about our desire to elevate our organization to an elite status in the Sprint Cup garage."

Hallam joined McLaren in 1990 and served as a race engineer for seven years. Hallam became head of race engineering in 1997 and kept that job until he was named head of race operations in 2007.

Busch races to eighth Nationwide win of year

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Kyle Busch made it eight victories this season in the Nationwide Series, leading 157 laps and absolutely dominating to win Saturday in a green-white-checkered flag finish at Dover International Speedway.

"It was a pretty flawless day for us," Busch said. "We made it look easy."

Busch won in the same No. 18 Toyota that his Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Denny Hamlin drove to Victory Lane in May at Dover.

Starting from the pole, Busch was never really challenged and pulled ahead by a couple of car lengths on the final restart late in an overtime race that stretched to 207 laps.

Mike Bliss was second and Brad Keselowski was third.

Bliss hasn't won this season and wished he could have a shot at victory without Busch in the field.

"Why'd he pick this race to run," said Bliss, chuckling. "We're so close to winning. We're going to get it."

With JGR crew chief Jason Ratcliff suspended, Busch won by what he termed "crew chief by committee." This time, it was Joel Weidman who got credit for his one.

Steve Addington, Busch's crew chief in the Cup series, was on the pit box acting as an adviser.

Busch was impressed with Weidman's debut.

"He did a great job calling the race today," he said. "We've got to say hey to the guys watching at home."

Scott Wimmer and Carl Edwards rounded out the top five.

Points leader Clint Bowyer was involved in a pit-road accident at the halfway mark and severely damaged his No. 2 Chevrolet.

But Bowyer rallied to finish 10th and maintained his lead over Edwards.

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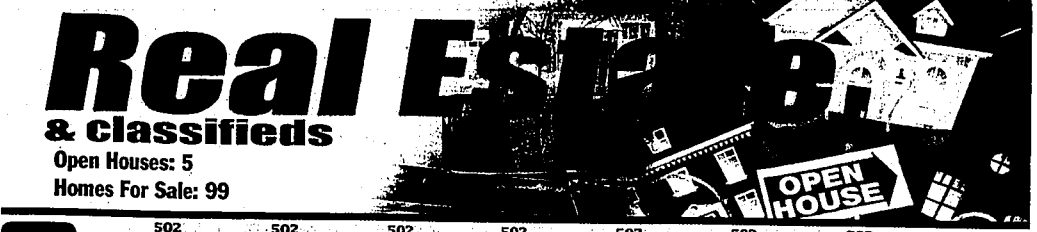
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Josh Dilworth and Liz Jones eat ice cream sandwiches during their wedding reception Aug. 17 at Gull Point State Park in Winford, Iowa. The Austin, Texas, couple decided to get married in the bride's native Iowa because it fit both their ideas of authenticity and was a cheap location for a wedding.

Cut wedding costs, for better or worse

By Martha Irvine
AP national writer

SILOUX RAPIDS, Iowa — It wasn't your typical rehearsal dinner, but it was everything Liz Jones and Josh Dilworth hoped it would be — authentic, casual and relatively cheap.

Guests by the dozens gathered in a barn on the Jones family farm for a simple picnic-style meal. Afterward, they played croquet, horseshoes and badminton, shadowed by towering grain silos and within earshot of lowing cattle.

When the sun set, they returned to the barn for an "open mic" that included guitar-playing, poems and the bride's 5-year-old nephew singing, "You Are My Sunshine."

Her father also offered a little advice to the guests, many of them East Coast city folk from the groom's side of the family.

"If you're watching out here in the cornfield tonight and it gets a little later, you'll see some guys come out of there and ask, 'Is this heaven?' Curt Jones said, grinning. "And you say, 'No, it's Iowa.'"

"Turns out, it was heaven, indeed, for a young couple looking to save some cash. — They might have opted for a wedding in Austin, Texas, where Jones attends graduate school and Dilworth works in public relations, but they had already been saving for a few years — with a working budget of \$10,000 — they knew they'd get more for their money in northwestern Iowa, where she'd always enjoyed taking friends after she'd left home for college.

"It also meant we could say to people, 'If you can get here, it'll be cheap for you while you're here,'" Jones said.

She and Dilworth, both 28, married in a recent Sunday morning outside a state park lodge on the shores of West Okoboji Lake, just north of the farm. Renting the lodge for the entire day cost all of \$200. Brunch for 130 guests, done by a local resident who worked on the side, was \$11 a head.

Looking for ways to save on wedding expenses is an increasingly common scenario for young couples, faced with hefty student loans, credit card debt, a tough job market and ever-increasing living expenses. Many couples are choosing lower-cost locations, as Jones and Dilworth did, or planning smaller "destination" weddings away from home for family and their closest friends.

Teddy Lenderman, an author and longtime wedding consultant in Terre Haute, Ind., has noted the growing concerns about wedding costs among her clients.

"We just work at compromising and spending those wedding bucks where we can get the most impact," said

How to save money at your wedding

Here are a few tips for saving money on a wedding, offered by Teddy Lenderman, an author and wedding consultant, as well as a few couples who've recently married:

- **Set a budget and stick to it.** To do that, make a list of the items that are most important to you. If photos are really important and flowers aren't, hire a professional photographer and have a single rose or a simple arrangement for the bride to carry.
- **Schedule the wedding on a Friday or Sunday.** Venues often cost less to rent when your wedding is not on a Saturday. You also could have your wedding and reception at the same place.
- **Ask wedding vendors you're dealing with for discounts.** The worst thing they can say is "no."
- **If there is another wedding at your location that weekend,** ask the other couple if they'd share costs for the ceremony flowers. Or use your ceremony flowers at the reception.
- **Use disposable dinnerware instead of china and glass.** There are biodegradable options out there, though they're a bit more expensive.
- **Have a mid-afternoon wedding and serve cake and punch or champagne.** Instead of having a meal.
- **Check resale shops for gowns and tuxes** that have never been worn, or with minimal wear. Or consider less traditional attire that may be cheaper. Formal wear stores also often offer deals on multiple tax rentals.
- **Borrow items like cake knives or toast goblets,** the ring bearer pillow or flower girl basket, if you're interested in having these traditional components. If the bride wears a veil, borrow it or use your mother's. Many of these items also can be purchased online at wholesale prices.
- **Instead of spending money on individual favors** for guests, make a donation to your favorite charity and place a nicely written note on each table, telling them "in your honor, a donation has been made to ..."
- **Make use of talented friends** who might be musicians, photographers, chefs or dress designers. Or hire high school music students to play for the ceremony and/or the reception meal (Holtz or piano, for instance). **Do** listen to them before you book.

No kidding

Choosing to stay childfree



Susan and Duane Hankerson of Filer decided not to have children partly because of health issues, and they spend their free time four-wheeling, camping and gardening.

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

FILER — Duane and Susan Hankerson's home is in a perfect location for a family.

The Filer couple lives within walking distance of an elementary school. Outside, children of all ages play ball and ride bikes. The small community is kid-friendly, with nearby playgrounds and minimal traffic. But there are no children in the Hankersons' big backyard. And they're perfectly OK with that.

The Hankersons are part of a growing number of U.S. families without biological or adopted children. Instead of spending their days making playdates and helping with homework, they focus on their careers, marriages and hobbies.

It's hard to tell how many married couples choose to remain childfree, said Cynthia Schmiege, associate professor of family and consumer sciences at University of Idaho in Moscow. Birth statistics are kept on

women, not families. But according to a 2005 Loyola University study, the number of women between the ages of 40 and 44 who don't have children has doubled since 1980.

"It's highly personal, why people choose to do that," said Harriet Shaklee, family development specialist at the UI extension office in Boise. Some may choose to focus on their careers instead of having a family. Some might not be interested in children. And within the past few decades, Shaklee said, reliable contraception has made that an option.

Childfree couples also tend to be more content with their marriages, Schmiege said.

"We have a good 30 years of research to suggest that marital satisfaction declines after the birth of the first child," she said.

Schmiege, 53, who is also childfree, said many women don't plan to stay childless. Often, they marry too late to conceive, have fertility issues or get so involved

with their careers that children just don't happen. Schmiege had planned to have children, but she never married and was uncomfortable raising kids without a father in the picture.

"Sometimes you don't necessarily get what you plan to have, but you get something different that turns out OK, too," she said.

Several factors influenced the Hankersons' decision not to have children. Duane has diabetes and wasn't comfortable with the idea of potentially passing it on to his children. Also, Duane, 59, is 15 years older than Susan and wasn't sure he could keep up with young children. They never seemed to be financially ready, and moved so frequently that they never felt settled enough to have children.

"It just never seemed like there was a good time to even consider adoption," Susan said.

The state of society also affected their decision.

"It seems unfair that they should be brought into a world with so much crime,"

Duane said.

That's not to say the couple, married 22 years, doesn't like children. They enjoy their position as favorite aunt and uncle to Susan's sister's children and spend their free time four-wheeling, camping and gardening.

"There's always certain days where I think it'd be nice to have kids," Duane said. He's aware that his family line will end with him and his brother, who is also childless, and he regrets that he has no children to take care of him when he gets older.

Susan said she used to want children.

"Third grade. Had the names picked out and everything," she said. But when it didn't happen, she didn't mourn. And overall, they're both content with spoiling their nieces and nephews.

"They go home and we have peace and quiet," Susan said.

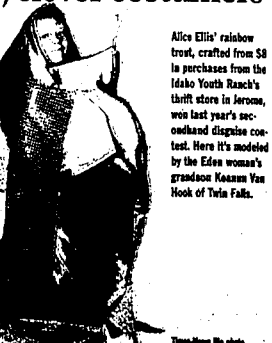
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Calling the savvy shoppers, clever costumers

Perhaps you count yourself among the savviest thrift-store shoppers. Or the cleverest Halloween costume creators. Better yet, you're a pro in both fields. If so, you're invited to compete in the Times-News' second "All-Used Costume Contest." But be warned: We expect cutthroat competition.

To throw your hat in the ring, send an e-mail to virginia.hutchins@lee.net by Sept. 29 explaining your qualifications.

From among the nominations, we'll choose several competitors, give them each a \$13 budget and set them loose on Magic Valley's thrift stores to assemble Halloween costumes for themselves or a family member. Most or all components of each costume must be purchased at local thrift stores, and the competitors will save receipts to prove they stuck within the budget. We'll photograph the results of the searches in October, and let Times-News readers vote to choose a champion.



Alice Ellis' rainbow tux, crafted from \$8 in purchases from the Idaho Youth Ranch's thrift store in Jerome, won last year's second-hand disguise contest. Here it's modeled by the Lees woman's grandaun Keenan Van Hook of Twin Falls.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; lounge and pool rooms; bar/ grill center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Pork chops
Tuesday: Spaghetti
Wednesday: Birthday dinner, roast pork
Thursday: Ham and beans
Friday: Soup and hot dogs

ACTIVITIES:
Today: Dance
Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m. Monday bridge
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday
Blood pressure, 10 a.m. to noon
Exercise class, 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Quilting, 9 a.m. Foot clinic
Elks Card Club, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise class, 1:30 p.m.
Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m.
Lunch bingo

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60. Sunday buffet: 1 p.m.; \$4.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60; \$3.50, under 12. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday.

MENUS:
Monday: Fish sandwich
Tuesday: Cheese enchiladas
Wednesday: Ham
Thursday: Stuffed hamburger

ACTIVITIES:
Today: Pork chop dinner, 1 p.m.
Haak's Band
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.
Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Foot clinic
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven
222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

MENUS:
Tuesday: Beef stew
Wednesday: Hamburgers

Wendell Senior Meal Site
105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays. Hours, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior

Thursday: Birthday lunch, fried chicken
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m., \$2
Jackpot, Nev., trip, 3:30 p.m.
Thursday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.
310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch and full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; take-out; home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Cook's choice
Wednesday: Barbecue beef on a bun
Friday: Pork chops

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Nu:2U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
AA meeting, 8 p.m.
A-Anon meeting, 8 p.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; everyone over 18 welcome
Wednesday: Nu:2U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: AA meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday: Nu:2U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 11:50 a.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens Center
308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Fish
Tuesday: Cheesburger
Wednesday: Salad bar
Thursday: Birthday lunch, ham

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.
Wild one, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.
Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center
130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

MENUS:
Monday: Meatballs and gravy
Thursday: BLT sandwich and potato soup

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.
218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. Lunch at noon. Suggested

Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E., Jerome. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free transportation to and from center Wednesdays through Fridays, call center for information at 324-5642.

MENUS:
Monday: Beef stroganoff
Tuesday: Tater Tot casserole
Wednesday: Hot pork sandwich

ACTIVITIES:
Thursday: Chicken a la king
Friday: Birthday dinner, oven-baked chicken

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Disk and John Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Halley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

MENUS:
Tuesday: Chicken enchiladas
Wednesday: Beef stroganoff
Friday: Roast beef

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Jerome trip, 8:30 a.m.
Salad and soup bar and ice cream bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Exercise class, 1 p.m.
Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Walking club, 9 a.m.
Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Walking club, 9 a.m.
Exercise class, 1 p.m.
Yoga, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday: Jackpot, Nev. trip, 7:30 a.m., \$15
Friday: Table tennis, 9 a.m.
Exercise class, 1 p.m.
National Senior Citizens Appreciation Lunch
Saturday: River Boat Tour, 10 a.m.

Camas County Senior Center
127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$4, under 60; \$2, under 10. Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:
Tuesday: Taco salad
Wednesday: Chicken strips
Friday: Beef roast

ACTIVITIES:
Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Halley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

MENUS:
Tuesday: Chicken enchiladas
Wednesday: Beef stroganoff
Friday: Roast beef

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Jerome trip, 8:30 a.m.
Salad and soup bar and ice cream bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Exercise class, 1 p.m.
Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Walking club, 9 a.m.
Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Walking club, 9 a.m.
Exercise class, 1 p.m.
Yoga, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday: Jackpot, Nev. trip, 7:30 a.m., \$15
Friday: Table tennis, 9 a.m.
Exercise class, 1 p.m.
National Senior Citizens Appreciation Lunch
Saturday: River Boat Tour, 10 a.m.

Carey Senior Center
Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors.

MENU:
Thursday: Roast beef

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center
702 11th St., Rupert. Lunch at noon. Suggested dona-

tion: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.

MENUS:
Tuesday: Chicken a la king
Wednesday: Meat salad sandwich and potato soup
Friday: Roast lamb

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo
Wednesday: Black Out Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo

Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E., Jerome. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free transportation to and from center Wednesdays through Fridays, call center for information at 324-5642.

MENUS:
Monday: Beef stroganoff
Tuesday: Tater Tot casserole
Wednesday: Hot pork sandwich

ACTIVITIES:
Thursday: Chicken a la king
Friday: Birthday dinner, oven-baked chicken

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Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Disk and John Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
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Exercise class, 1 p.m.
Yoga, 5:30 p.m.
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MENU:
Thursday: Roast beef

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center
702 11th St., Rupert. Lunch at noon. Suggested dona-

tion: \$5, seniors; \$6, non-seniors; \$3, under 12; \$4.50, home delivery. Gift shop: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Meatloaf
Tuesday: Potato bar
Wednesday: Birthday and anniversary dinner
Thursday: Finger steaks
Friday: Chicken or fish

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Pool, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Walking, 9 a.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 1 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Walking, 9 a.m.
SHIBA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwidmerman at 436-9107 or Kitty Andrews at 677-4872 for appointments
Friday: Pool, 1 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center
2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors and children under 12; \$6, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Hot beef sandwich
Tuesday: Tater Tot casserole
Wednesday: Cube steak
Thursday: Seafood platter
Friday: Fried chicken

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise
Tuesday: Pool
Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.

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WEDNESDAY IN FOOD

Wife won't allow baby sitter

By Gregory Ramey
Cox News Service

Q. My wife refuses to leave our 8-year-old daughter with a baby sitter with a family member. She is afraid that something bad will happen to our daughter, such as being abused or something like that.

While I've put up with this for many years, I don't think it's good for my daughter or for us. I'm concerned about what effect this is having on our marriage. I'm also afraid that my daughter is becoming overly preoccupied with a stranger or family member sexually abusing her.

A. This is not healthy for you, for your marriage or for your daughter. I suspect there are other issues that need to be addressed. You and your wife should speak with a counselor about her concerns.

Gregory Ramey, Ph.D., is a child psychologist.

Keep your family safe from fire

The Washington Post

When cooking your next meal, be careful not to burn your food or yourself. Although deaths have declined in recent years, fires and burns are the fifth most common cause of unintentional injury deaths in the country, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Fortunately, many fires and related injuries are preventable. In addition to maintaining functioning smoke alarms on each floor of your home and keeping fire extinguishers and matches away from children, the CDC recommends the following tips to keep your family safe from fires:

- Never leave food unattended on a stove.
- Keep cooking areas free of flammable objects.
- Never smoke in bed or leave burning cigarettes unattended.
- Never place portable space heaters near flammable materials.
- Do not empty smoldering ashes in a trash can.

No need to tell daughter about divorce

By Gregory Ramey
Cox News Service

Q. My 6-year-old daughter has had no contact with her biological father. When I was married to her dad, he abused drugs, cheated on me and got in trouble with the law. When she gets older, I want to tell her the real reasons why I am no longer married to her dad, because I think she has a right to know. She is a delightful little girl who is doing well and gets along great with her step-dad. However, I think her knowing the truth about her biological father is very important.

A. The reasons for your divorce are none of her business. If asked, simply tell her the reasons are private.

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As lunchboxes evolve, so do expectations for what's inside

By Annys Shin
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — When her daughter was 15 months old, Kim Becker began packing the girl's lunch to take to her nanny-share. Becker was following the popular cookbook "Super Baby Food," whose recipes are as liberal with wheat germ and desiccated liver as Paula Deen's are with mayo and butter. So one day, Becker baked Alexa and her playmate a treat of muffins secretly fortified with flaxseed and brewer's yeast, figuring Alexa wouldn't notice.

The toddlers excitedly tore into the dense cake and choked down the first bite. Then they put the muffins on the floor and ran away. Great, Becker thought, I've got 22 left.

Packing a child's lunch is truly a labor of love. It also involves guilt and anxiety. The container alone provides all types of questions: Is it made of vinyl? Does the vinyl have lead? Will hot food stay hot? Will cold food stay cold? Will the world end sooner because I used a sandwich bag instead of a reusable tub?

Add to these the usual trials of lunch packing — a child's mercurial tastes, other parents who cut their kids' sandwiches like topplers, the ever-present temptations



Photo by Julia Carr/Washington Post
A modern, vinyl-insulated box with a bento-style meal inside.

of junk food — and you've got a microcosm of parental angst in a 10-by-7-inch box with a handle.

"Packing lunch is 'the bane of every parent's existence,'" said Becker, who now lives in Connecticut. "Funny how something so simple can be so complicated."

The packed lunch began modestly enough: a sandwich in a dome-shaped steel box carried by factory workers. The golden age of the lunchbox as pop culture time capsule and movie tie-in didn't begin until the early 1950s, when Thermos came out with a Hopalong Cassidy box.

The lunchbox became a childhood totem. "It is one of the earliest points when children get to choose something for themselves. It's an early test of consumerism," said David Shayt, a curator with the Smithsonian Institution's

National Museum of American History. Lunchbox makers encouraged obsolescence by switching to thinner, more easily dented gauges of steel and rolling out new models each fall the way automakers did with cars.

Today's lunchboxes are too sterile for Shayt. "The mushy soft packs lack some of the 20th-century rigidity and John Wayne swagger," he said. "They look like a fancy pack or something you stick a Nutri-Grain bar in, not a bologna sandwich."

But lunchbox makers know what they're doing. They're tapping into our avian-fur-fracked, mad-cow-mad, global-warring-worried zeitgeist.

Fear crept gradually into lunchbox design. Thermos boxes came with insulated containers. By the 1980s, rust-prone metal was

replaced with easier-to-clean plastic. The plastic boxes, however, weren't good at keeping food at safe temperatures to reduce the risk of bacterial growth. So in the '90s, plastic gave way to fabric or vinyl stuffed with insulating foam.

Environmentalists have raised concerns recently about the health effects of chemicals used to make vinyl and plastics. Now there are high-tech water bottles with descriptions straight out of a laboratory supply catalogue. Many lunchboxes are PVC-free, meaning that they are not made with polyvinyl chloride, which can contain lead. A popular alternative to vinyl is polypropylene, the material used to make diving suits. Another is FDA-approved food-grade PEVA, a non-chlorinated vinyl.

The biggest challenge, however, has little to do with such externalities. Consciously or not, many parents compare themselves with some unattainable ideal. Several parents interviewed for this article referred to themselves as "the mom who gave up" or "a lazy mom" because they haven't figured out how to pack a scrumptious meal made solely of green vegetables and whole grains sculpted into the shape of a rabbit and laid out in the bento box. The art of the bento as perfected in Japan is a takeout or homemade meal made up of single



Photo by Smithsonian Institution photo
A 1935 Mickey Mouse lunchbox, top, and a 1950s Superman box. Filling kids' lunchboxes still ranks at the top of back-to-school chores.

servings of rice, fish and vegetables, packed tightly into a washable container. Japanese parents have been known to spend hours artfully arranging their children's bento meals, and the containers themselves can be quite elaborate.

Americans have embraced ersatz bentos, most notably in the form of Lunchables, those packaged meals of crackers, cheese and other processed foods sold by Kraft Foods. Inspired by bento boxes, Lunchables have remained huge sellers for 20 years, owning nearly 40 percent of the \$750 million packaged kids-meal market, according to market research firm Packaged Facts.

But for Deborah Hamilton of San Francisco, sending her son to school with Lunchables is the ultimate defeat. Hamilton has tried to reclaim bento as a healthy solution to the lunch-

packing conundrum. With her blog, Lunch In a Box (www.lunchinabox.net), she has become the Rachel Ray of bento, sharing tips and recipes, as well as the reputation her meals get from her 3 1/2-year-old son, whom she refers to on the blog as Bug.

Bug will eat almost anything, allowing Hamilton to try a broad range of foods, including quail eggs and grilled skate wing with chili sambal sauce. The beauty of bento, as she sees it, is its ability to accommodate all sorts of foods and palates and present it in a way that entices kids.

"We're really competing with Lunchables, with fast food," Hamilton said. "One thing the fast-food and packaged-food industry has done really well is make food fun."

Though at first glance her meals look elaborate, her mantra is speed. Packing a bento lunch should take 15 minutes, tops, she said. Preparation is key, Hamilton believes in "leftover makeovers," such as using curried vegetables from dinner as the stuffing for dumplings or turning last night's spaghetti into sesame noodles for lunch the next day.

Packing is an acquired skill. Bento boxes must be packed to the gills to keep food from shifting during transport. Hamilton has a variety of tricks, such as using colorful silicone baking cups to hold a small drumstick and keep it separate from the other food. She fills gaps with cherry tomatoes or other small fruits and vegetables. The result is a riot of colors and textures and tastes.

But she draws the line at trying to turn her son's lunch into food art. "I am wary of setting the bar too high," she said. "I don't want my kid to expect a fabulous creation every day."

Wedding

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Lenderman, author of "The Complete Idiot's Guide to a Perfect Wedding."

The average cost of a wedding is just under \$29,000, according to the Wedding Report Inc., which tracks trends in the industry.

But these days, Lenderman says, couples are more likely to haggle with wedding vendors. Still others are buying wedding supplies from online discount merchants and other wholesalers. And couples are doing a lot more of the work themselves, with the help of family members and friends.

The whole notion of planning a low-cost wedding can be stressful. Eric Hoops, a 23-year-old recent college graduate in St. Louis, says even thinking about it causes her "panic attacks."

"For me, the economy might have a devastating effect on the types of wedding I have," said Hoops, who's already worried about paying off \$50,000 in student loans. She and her 27-year-old fiancé Steve, who works for the federal government, are considering paying off for a smaller wedding.

"I know I can't afford a blowout here at home, and I don't want to be embarrassed," Hoops said. "According to society standards, weddings are supposed to be glamorous and expensive."

But others say it doesn't have to be that way. Susan von Seggern, a bride from Los Angeles who got married in July at her parents' home in suburban Rochester, N.Y., says she and her husband John had to cut costs because they are starting an organic gardening business together.

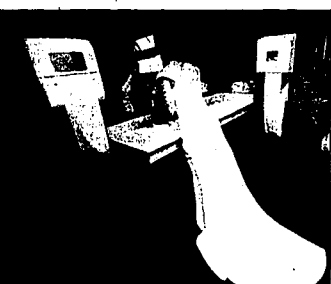
Their parents helped pay for the wedding. But they also found ways to save, including getting help from friends who did the wedding photography and her makeup and helped design her dress — all for free or at cost, as a wedding gift.

"I feel great about it. I saved money and involved the people I love in a meaningful way," von Seggern says. "And really, when you are the bride and getting ready to walk down the aisle, you are so preoccupied you barely notice the details around you."

There's also a chance to get creative. Rather than having the caterer do it, von Seggern ordered cookies and brownies from a supermarket bakery.

In Iowa, Jones and Dilworth also decided to forgo the wedding cake.

Instead, they arranged for Kate Shaw, a resident of the



AP photo
Liz Jones looks in the mirror before her wedding ceremony in Hillford, Iowa. Looking for ways to save on wedding expenses is an increasingly common scenario for young couples faced with hefty student loans, credit card debt, a tough job market and ever-increasing living expenses.

nearby town of Spirit Lake, to arrive in her 1967 vintage Ford ice cream truck to offer frozen treats to the couple's gleeful guests. That cost \$200.

After that, the wedding-goers changed clothes so they could swim and play more games. Wiffle ball included.

"It's very much a find-your-own adventure wedding," said Dilworth, who now shares the last name Jones-Dilworth with his wife. "We went into it knowing we didn't have a lot of money to spend, but it came out even better than we thought."

There were friends and family who were unable to travel to relatively remote Iowa, some because of the high cost of airfare. But once there, Zach Dilworth, the groom's 22-year-old brother, said he needed only "about 40 bucks" for the entire weekend.

"They've shown me that a wedding doesn't really have to be expensive — and it's still all there," he said. "That's what Josh and Liz are about — using what you have. They're very resourceful."

Among other things, the couple decided to e-mail their wedding invitations instead of mailing paper ones. They designed and printed their own wedding programs and had centerpieces that consisted of simple table runners, small Texas cacti and old photos of themselves and their loved ones.

Altogether, they and their parents spent about \$9,300 on the wedding weekend, including the dress and tux, several meals for guests, and compostable forks, plates and napkins, made partly from corn. That's still a lot of money, they say — but thousands less than many of their

friends' weddings.

And even with a smaller price tag, their guests still raved. "I can't imagine anything better than this," Liz's uncle, Sohrab Gandomi, said as he gave the groom a hug at the reception. "It's just wonderful."

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In children's rooms, a splash of color and personality

By Jura Koncius
The Washington Post

Decorative painter Sunny Goodie's goal has always been to get more people painting. Her just-published second book, "Paint Can! Children's Rooms" (Sterling Publishing, \$24.95), empowers parents to take up painting, color washing and stenciling to create a special environment for their child.

Goodie, who has been a decorative painter for more than 15 years, is tapping into a rich market: 21st-century parents anxious to fashion custom environments for their offspring. Forget slapping up a Snoopy-Doc decal. Sophisticated parents fret over the decor for a baby's room as much as they do over their living room color.

"People tend to go all out when it comes to their children," says Goodie, of Richmond, Va. "We see circular cribs and gold-leafed fireplaces. Are you kidding me? My last child got a nursery converted out of a closet." The former closet, however, was given a stylish makeover with color washing, glazing and frehand painting of polka dots and curlicue borders. "Most parents are starting from scratch with nurseries, so they are willing to go one step further than just a fresh coat of paint," Goodie says.

The president of Sunny's Goodtime Paints, Goodie is still building the specialty paint business she started in a garage in 2001. She sells her own line of products and stencils in her shop in Richmond as well as through www.sunnysgoodtimepaint.com. She has always been a cheerleader for do-it-yourself specialty painting, and she spends a lot of time answering e-mail from anxious would-be artists.

"People are too hard on themselves. We want to show it's affordable and fun," she says. Goodie estimates that pros might charge \$300 to \$1,200 to custom paint a 10-by-10-foot child's bedroom. "If you do something yourself," she says, "it can cost you under \$100 and one day's work. If you don't obsess over it," the effect can be dramatic, and cheaper than wallpaper.

Goodie is happiest with a brush in her hand and a can of Sunny's Goodtime Palm Beach Pink Colour Wash in the other. She has painted plenty of frothy princess rooms as well as medieval chambers with faux stone walls for princes. Goodie's own children are 11, 9 and 6, so she's had plenty of inspiration and practice.

Monograms often turn up in Goodie's kid jobs, not only because they are ubiquitous in Southern decorating but also because she says she believes that they encourage family- and self-awareness in a child. Sometimes she paints them frehand and uses stencils. She sells a removable, laser-cut adhesive monogram sticker in 12 colors. The 22-inch custom version is \$95 and is becoming popular in dorms, Goodie says.

Spice up that space

Blamp up the look of your kid spaces using decorative painting tips from Sunny Goodie, whose new book is "Paint Can! Children's Rooms."

- Use patterns low on a wall for children's rooms so they can appreciate the art at their level.

- Personalizing a room, such as creating a monogram or using the child's first name or initials, makes the child feel a sense of ownership.

- Paint a height chart on the wall and record your children's growth, marking it with the



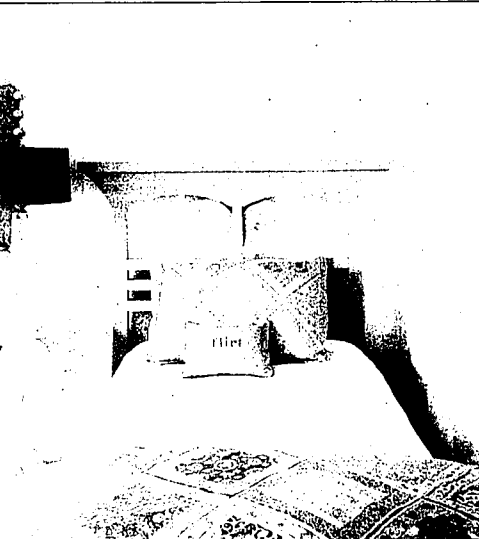
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The whimsical alligator on a child's bed quilt inspired a stencil for the wall. From "Paint Can! Children's Rooms," by decorative painter Sunny Goodie.

date. They will be delighted to see their progress.

- Take inspiration from a favorite item, whether a book, a blanket or a favorite place.
- Use a low-odor paint. If your house was built before 1960, beware of lead paint layers below. Get your walls tested.

- An easy-to-use, inexpensive stencil can give the look of wallpaper in a room, but you can control the color and pattern yourself.



Soft pink stripes balance out the lively colors in a bandanna-print fabric in a girl's room. From "Paint Can! Children's Rooms," by decorative painter Sunny Goodie.

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Imagination at play

By Jura Koncius
The Washington Post

Questions and answers with painter Sunny Goodie.

Q: What was the most unusual request you've had for a child's bedroom?

A: A room based on "When the Wild Things Are." They wanted monsters painted five feet tall all over the pink walls. The girl was 7 years old, and this is what she wanted. It was cute. The characters had smiles on their faces, but the big, huge eyeballs were a bit scary.

Q: What's a good age to start involving your kids in the design of their bedrooms?

A: At age 5, they know what colors they like, and they are totally honest about what they like and dislike they have. Three- and 4-year-olds change their minds all the time about what they want, so it's too soon. What you have to watch out for is that kids pick out a much stronger color than you would probably want to paint a room. They often pick out the most obnoxious pink or purple or green. You have to take that and taper it down into something that will be fun and bright, but that they can live with.

Q: What are the most popular colors kids choose for themselves for bedrooms?

A: Boys choose khaki, blue or green. Girls choose pink, purple or lime green.

Q: Does paint in a child's room require more skill or creativity than doing living room or kitchen walls?

A: Kids' rooms can be a bit more fun to do because they lend themselves to more color and design. The good thing is that you can do anything you want in a kid's room and it doesn't have to match your living room.

Q: What percentage of parents will try to paint a nursery or kid's room themselves?

A: About 80 percent try and paint their kids' rooms. They get so excited about it, at least for the first child. For the second child, maybe 60 percent do it, and the third child may never get a freshly painted room. Many of my customers say that their child's room is the first room where they have ever tried decorative painting. They sometimes move on to other rooms after that.

Q: What are some good color choices for painting a nursery if you don't know the sex of your baby?

A: I love greens, green and brown, orange and tan, or lavender and brown. Powderly blues can be for a boy or girl. Or you can do a tan room and wait until the baby is born and add a monogram in pink or blue. Some families are using high graphic black and white. There are no more boundaries as far as colors for babies.

Q: You often paint designs on the ceilings of kids' rooms. Is there a reason?

A: I like ceiling designs of things like polka dots and swirls for nurseries; when babies are on their back, they can see something up there to focus on. Stars and clouds are fun for any age.

The ABC's of parenthood

By Kathleen Mogan
The Hartford Courant

Rosemary C. Baggish does in 50 pages what other parenting experts have done less effectively with much longer tomes. In her slim volume, "How the Tough Breaks: How to Really Be There for Your Children," (Vantage Press, \$10.95), Baggish sets out easy-to-remember guidelines to help parents better understand their children, develop strong healthy relationships with them and deal with difficult situations.

Baggish has plenty of practical experience in this area, and it is reflected in her down-to-earth writing style. For more than two decades, Baggish directed therapeutic school programs at Yale Psychiatric Institute and Hartford Hospitals' Institute of Living in Hartford, Conn. For the past decade as director of school consultant services at the Institute of Living, Baggish has offered parent education programs for lay and professional audiences.

Q: When do I not want to start with your "ABC's." **A:** When the first is act like an adult. Understand that you have authority and you are viewed by children and students as having authority. They have the expectation

that you will stay in the role and not try to be a friend or a peer.

B: Is for behavioral observation, not interpretation. If you hear secondhand information, don't assume it's true until you check it out. Don't make assumptions; don't interpret. Children say parents do things that push them away by prejudging them.

C: For connection or problem-solving. The best decisions are made in connection with others. When your child brings a problem to you, it's so important that you include others involved in the situation — that you don't just unilaterally come up with a decision you're going to act on. Very often, there is much more to a situation than what your child is telling you. Often you need to go to the other parent or teacher or child.

Q: And the S?

A: Safety through community. Let's take a situation. If your child says, "I've been at my friend's house and his older brother showed pornography on the computer screen," it's not something to fluff off. You need to find out what happened. Ask: "What do you mean? Tell me what happened.... This concerns me: We need to tell the

mother, but would you like to tell your friend first?" Your child might say: "No, don't do it. He'll get angry with me, call me a wimp" or whatever. It's OK for your child to get angry with you. ... You want to model safety through communication — that you are able to talk to another adult to create a safe environment.

Q: You wrote in one chapter that often parents didn't realize how unavailable they actually are to their children. How does that happen?

A: It's very easy. Parents have so much on their plate. They are so overwhelmed with the economy. Everything is done outside of the home: lessons, play groups, practices, recreation. There is very little down time in the home to socialize. With two or three kids, parents are driven almost to distraction. It's very hard to be present.

Q: So how do parents manage to be present?

A: Often there is so much going on that we don't talk about the important things. In the little opportunities that we have when we are home, it's very important to regroup and be there 100 percent of the time when you are home with your children. Kids will bring home the A-

pluses to put them on the refrigerator. They know that good news is really appreciated. Sometimes we are so busy, we may inadvertently give them the message: If it's not good news, I don't want to hear it. It's important to counteract that consciously.

You don't only talk about problems, but in the midst of sharing the activities, the fun, the positive, it's important to consciously ask about problems. It's important for them realize that it's normal to have a problem, that it's normal to feel inadequate, normal to ask for help.

Q: In the last section of the book, you say to pay attention to the whispers. What's that mean?

A: It's a little thing, like your child is on the telephone and you are hearing a conversation that is really inappropriate. Talk to him about it. It's a whisper. They know you are in the room.

Q: In a certain way they want you to hear it and ask about it?

A: Without a doubt. ... Parents put too much credence on independence. ... They give too much space to private life. Rest assured, every child will have a private life. If there is an observation that you can respond to, do it.

The bowl does make a difference

By Jura Koncius
The Washington Post

Feeding your dog can become a monotonous chore which you perform on automatic pilot. But, consider a few of these tips before just dumping the food into your dog's bowl tonight. He will appreciate it.



It is best to feed your dog in glass, stainless steel or ceramic bowls, not in plastic. You know yourself that plastic sometimes transfers a bad taste to whatever is served in it. Your dog's water especially may be taking on a peculiar taste from the plastic in his bowl. Another reason to avoid plastic is that if your dog chews a piece off the edge of the bowl, the crack might encourage the growth of bacteria or leach chemicals.

Use separate bowls for food and water as opposed to a one-unit bowl with a divider in it. You wouldn't like water slopping into your food.

Wash your pet's bowl in the dishwasher or in hot soapy water and rinse well every time before filling it again, just as you would your own plates.

Positive peer pressure
Students intervene to stop bullying

WEEK IN FAMILY

ENGAGEMENTS

GERRISH-FISHER

Phil and Jo Ann Gerrish of Filer announce the engagement of their daughter, Anna Jean Gerrish, to David Lawrence Fisher, son of Sharon Gherman of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Larry Fisher of Anchorage, Alaska. Gerrish is a graduate of Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y., and Utah State University in Logan, Utah. She is on faculty at Levine School of Music in Washington, D.C., and runs a private piano studio in the greater metropolitan area. Fisher is a graduate of Chapman University in Orange, Calif., and attends seminary in Northern Virginia. He works on Capitol Hill as a legislative correspondent for Sen. Lisa



Anna Gerrish and David Fisher

Murkowski of Alaska. The wedding is planned for Saturday, Oct. 25, at First Church of the Nazarene in Twin Falls. A reception will follow at the Herrett Center for the Arts and Science on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

ANNIVERSARIES



Norma and John Hepworth

THE HEPWORTHS

John and Norma Hepworth of Halley will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house Saturday, Sept. 27, with family and friends. John O. Hepworth and Norma Young were married Sept. 25, 1956, in Jerome. After serving in the U.S. Navy for five years, the couple moved to Halley in 1967, where he began a 33-year career in the Forest Service.



He worked six years for school systems and is now retired. She worked at various jobs in banking, retail and secretarial, and is now self-employed. They have four children. Ken (Annab) Hepworth of Salt Lake City, Mary (Ann) Hepworth of Idaho Falls, Jeanette (Mitch) Head of Boise and Russ (Deb) Hepworth of Meridian. The couple has 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

THE STEWARTS

Randall and Beverly Stewart of Buhl will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and family are invited 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Thousand Springs Resort banquet room (formerly Silgars), 16734 U.S. Highway 30 in Hagerman. They were married Sept. 21, 1958, in Hagerman. They have resided in the Lucerne area for the past 50 years. The event is hosted by their children and grandchildren.



Beverly and Randall Stewart

children. Their children are Becky (Fred) Hayes, Doug (Linda) Stewart, Brenda (Mark) Horseshoe and Cathy (Steve) Vulgamore.

HOPE-BEAN

Dan and Margaret Hope of Nevada, Mo., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Hope, to Jason Bean, son of Mark and Cindy Bean of Nevada. Hope is a graduate of Nevada High School and received a bachelor's degree in journalism from Southwestern College in 2004. She runs a therapeutic massage practice. Bean is a graduate of Jerome High School and attended Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston and



Jennifer Hope and Jason Bean

College of Southern Idaho. He is a consultant for Fastenal. An autumn wedding is planned.

STORK REPORT

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

Adyson Shea Osborne, daughter of McKenzie Marlene Burke of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 4, 2008. Ruben Galvez, son of Alda and Celso Alberto Galvez of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 9, 2008. Alejandro Cruz, son of Maria Isabel Jacobo and Jose Guadalupe Cruz of Jerome, was born Sept. 9, 2008. Maybree Mitchell, daughter of Corney and Brandon Dell Mitchell of Rupert, was born Sept. 9, 2008. Kodi Nichole Bryant, daughter of Amber Naomi and Daniel Steven Bryant of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 9, 2008. Carson Snow Clark, son of BreAnn and Silliman Snow Clark of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 9, 2008. Trinity Faith Tennant, daughter of Abby Marie Irace and Jason Paul Tennant of Gooding, was born Sept. 10, 2008. Lyndee Yariska Garcia Perez, daughter of Kristy Margarita Perez of Jerome, was born Sept. 10, 2008. Julian Hernandez

Lagunas, son of Monica Lagunas and Jose Jesus Hernandez of Gooding, was born Sept. 10, 2008. Logan Matthew Jacobson, son of Nicole Kristine and Matthew Lee Jacobson of Buhl, was born Sept. 10, 2008. Jazzlyn Lee Hawkins, daughter of Tara Dawn and Lyle Ray Hawkins of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 11, 2008. Keegan Dee Moreland, son of Korena Dawn and Casey Delno Moreland of Jerome, was born Sept. 11, 2008. Melissa Cervantes-Enslou, daughter of Elena Enslou and Rafael Cervantes of Jerome, was born Sept. 11, 2008. Taelyn Jean Tracy, daughter of Kendall Faye and Justin Gerard Tracy of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 11, 2008. Anli Marie Rosenau, daughter of Lara Janene and Kirk Thor Busenau of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 12, 2008. Emma Anne Chavez, daughter of Rashelle Anne Ostermiller and Miguel Angel Chavez of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 13, 2008. Jonah David Knapp, son of Jessica Marie and Daniel Lee Knapp of Hagerman, was born Sept. 13, 2008. Antonio Guzman, son of

Abril Deyanira and Ruben Guzman Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 15, 2008.

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Ramon Nicholas Ayon, son of Nicole Brennan and Juan Ramon Ayon of Jerome, was born Aug. 9, 2008. Clarly Lyn Turnage, daughter of Tara Turnage and Vern Perkins of Blitchfield, was born Aug. 11, 2008. Ronin Buhler Cockrell, son of Dennis and Angela Cockrell of Jerome, was born Aug. 15, 2008. Keyla Yuridia Garcia, daughter of Silvin Garcia of Buhl, was born Aug. 17, 2008. Jayden Lucas Deal of Dylan and Kathy Deal of Gooding, was born Aug. 24, 2008. Robert Jackson Giles, son of Travis and Chalee Giles of Jerome, was born Aug. 25, 2008. Geronimo Paz, son of Jennifer and Daniel Paz of Jerome, was born Aug. 28, 2008. Celeste Ann Calhoun, daughter of Armandina and Zenon Calhoun of Shoshone, was born Aug. 29, 2008.

August Paul Hendricks, son of Autumn Carter and David Hendricks of Woodell, was born Aug. 29, 2008. Alyssa Hope Vanleeuwen, daughter of Daniel and Stephanie Vanleeuwen of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 29, 2008. Wyatt O'Dell Loewen, son of Crystal Loewen and Riley Charifield of Jerome, was born Sept. 3, 2008. Martin Garcia Jr., son of Martin and Trista Garcia of Jerome, was born Sept. 3, 2008. McKenzie Mae Myers, daughter of Josh and Kallee Myers of Wendell, was born Sept. 8, 2008. Sonja-Mae Elizabeth Walsh, daughter of Robert and Holly Walsh of Jerome, was born Sept. 9, 2008. Lorelia Lee Beckett, daughter of Louisa and Chad Beckett of Jerome, was born Sept. 10, 2008. Anahi Esmeralda Guadarrama, daughter of Rosa and Josue Guadarrama of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 11, 2008. Allica Renee Garcia, daughter of Brianne and Juan Garcia of Jerome, was born Sept. 12, 2008.

WEDDINGS

BUCHANAN-BINGHAM

Taylor Ann Buchanan and Dillon Flint Bingham were married Sept. 19 at the Portland LDS Temple in Oregon. The bride is the daughter of Robert and Stacy Buchanan of Damascus, Ore. She is a 2004 graduate of Fernside High School in Bellingham, Wash., and attends Brigham Young University-Idaho, studying sociology, and will graduate in October. She works at Best Buy in Idaho Falls. The groom is the son of Ken and Wendy Bingham of Burley. He is a graduate of Burley High School and will attend BYU-Idaho in the spring, studying agronomy.



Jennifer Hope and Jason Bean

He served a mission in Warsaw, Poland, for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. A reception will be held 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Burley LDS Institute Building, 1650 Park Ave.

DAY-LABAT

Jessica Ream Day and Brandon Jean Labat were married Sept. 7 at Rock Creek Park in Twin Falls. The bride is the daughter of Michele Smith and Richard Day of Idaho. She is a graduate of Headmasters School of Hair Design in Boise. The groom is the son of Rene Wangler and Phill Labat of Idaho. He attends College of Southern Idaho.



Brandon and Jessica Labat

The couple resides in Twin Falls.

RICHARDSON-BOWMAN

Ashlee Marie Richardson and Phillip Miles Bowman were married July 25 at the home of Larry and Kathleen Truscott in Twin Falls. The bride is the daughter of Brook and Kelly Brodeen of Twin Falls. The groom is the son of Elaine Bowman of Twin Falls and Gary McMurdie of Boise. The bride's aunt Holly Barton officiated. Whitney Mickelson, sister of the bride, was best man of honor and carried the couple's baby girl. Hailee Nicole Bowman, down the aisle. The bride's cousin, Blanca Hite, and the groom's sister, Mallory Verway-Bowman, were bridesmaids. The couple's daughter Madison Marie Bowman was flower girl. The groom's brother, Hayden Verway-Bowman, was ring bearer. The groom's friend Dustin Bledsoe was best man, and friend Jayson Mickelson of California was groomsman. Special guests included the bride's grandparents, Dick and Linda Truscott, Bill and America Brodeen and Don and Debbie Hite. All from Twin Falls. Special guest for



Ashlee and Phillip Bowman

the groom was Burt Perrine of Twin Falls. A tropical-themed reception followed. Serving at the reception was family friend Sheri Vaneck. The bride's cousin, Bailey Barton, attended the guest book and gift table. The bride is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is a student at College of Southern Idaho. She works for the state of Idaho. The groom is a graduate of Twin Falls High. He was discharged from the Marine Corps with a Purple Heart and works for Stutzman Excavating. The couple resides in Twin Falls.

Books can help tackle difficult issues with kids

By Gregory Ramey
Cox News Service

DAYTON, Ohio — How do you talk with kids about divorce, depression or death? Many parents have no idea how to even begin such a conversation about serious topics with their children. Honest and insightful communication is as difficult for kids as it is for most of us. Parents' questions are often viewed as interrogation, met by silence, "I dunno," or a single word response. Speaking with younger children presents even more challenges. Younger kids have intense feelings and complex thoughts, but just don't have the vocabulary to translate ideas into words. How can we gain entry into our children's inner lives, and encourage the expression of what they really think and feel? Children's books provide a tremendous opportunity to promote such communication. These are not the same books that many of us read as youngsters. Contemporary children's literature better reflects the reality and range of issues confronted by many kids. There are books that deal with intense topics of abuse, divorce and death. However, more routine issues such as

friendship, forgiveness, fears, nail biting, bedwetting, ADHD, anger and depression are also common themes in many books. I've used stories in working with many kids in therapy. Books give kids a sense that they are not alone. Great reassurances by me and others, many kids still feel a tremendous sense of isolation, thinking that their experiences, problems and issues are unique. Books allow kids to read about how others have successfully dealt with things they are confronting. Stories give kids hope that they can resolve their problems as well. Books are a great starting point for discussion. Kids have an easier time talking about someone else's experience. They can then relate it by the ways a character in a book deal with an issue is similar or different than their experiences. Here's how to use books to help talk with your children: 1. Locate an appropriate book. Your local librarian can be of great help, but the Internet has invaluable resources. The site www.magnationpress.com has books on variety of topics for children and adolescents. While many of these books are intended for use in

therapy, they can be very helpful for parents wanting to promote communication with their children. If you search the Internet under "bibliotherapy" you'll uncover lists of books on a variety of topics. 2. Don't wait for the perfect book. I've never used a book that entirely reflected my view of some problem. Each story has its own limitations. Some may appear different than your own. Those differences allow opportunities for discussion with your child. Your youngster may read a book about bedwetting and conclude that he never experienced the feelings of the main character. You can then ask questions and gain some understanding as to how your child's reactions differed from the main character. 3. Don't pressure your child to talk. Sometimes kids will read a book and not want to say much to you. That's fine. You've opened that door for discussion that your child has chosen not to enter at this time. Younger kids may need a book read to

them several times before they feel comfortable talking about it. 4. Listen, don't lecture. Don't talk so much. Ask questions. Refrain from giving your own point of view. Your goal is to understand your child's world, not to correct their misperceptions or convince them of the righteousness of your position. 5. Don't select books that only deal with your child's issues. What's great about many of these books is that they help kids understand what other youngsters may be experiencing. These stories help teach empathy to kids, an understanding and acceptance of others with special problems. Your child may not have ADHD, cancer or phobias, but they undoubtedly will encounter children with such problems. Books help you open the door to your child's inner world. It's a door worth opening.

Gregory Ramey is a child psychologist and vice president for outpatient services at The Children's Medical Center of Dayton.

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What you don't know might hurt you

By Fred Boren
Special to The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Anytime you read the sports section or watch ESPN's "Sports Center," it seems you learn that another athlete is hurt.

Injuries are part — a big part — of every sport.

That's true with kids sports, too. According to the National Center for Sports Safety, about 3 1/2 million kids under 15 receive medical treatment for sports injuries each year.

than video games, where about the only thing you can hurt is your thumbs.

Injuries, though, are not fun. Leagues and adults can do more to keep young athletes safe, such as limiting the length of the sports seasons and making sure that players wear proper safety gear. But kids can do more, too.

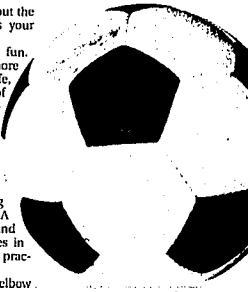
• **Pay attention.** Be alert whenever you are on or around a playing field. Sports are not a place for fooling around — even at practice. A study by Safe Kids USA found that 62 percent of all injuries in organized sports happen at practice, not in games.

• **Don't ignore pain.** If your elbow

starts hurting when you pitch or your ankles and knees are always sore when you play soccer, tell a grown-up. TV announcers make a big deal out of professional athletes who play when injured. But kids should never play when they are hurt. Leave the hero stuff to the pros. If you're hurt, seek help.

• **Get enough rest.** In addition to getting a good night's sleep every night, take a day or two off from sports every week to let your body rest and recover. Too many kids play so many sports and on so many teams that they are bound to get hurt.

The games are fun. Make sure you stay in the game.



It's a hard-knock life

Some sports are more dangerous than others. A recent survey found the following percent of kids ages 5 to 14 got hurt playing these popular sports:

- Football: 28 percent
- Baseball: 25 percent
- Soccer: 22 percent
- Basketball: 15 percent
- Softball: 12 percent

Source: National Center for Sports Safety survey of about 3.5 million kids under 15

Talking with astronauts Carpenter and Duke

By Julian Leth, Laura Russo and Charles Scharf
Kidsday reporters, Newsday

We met astronauts Scott Carpenter and Charles Duke at the Tournon Time Machine Building in Manhattan. They were helping to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Omega Speedmaster watch. It was the first watch — worn by astronaut Buzz Aldrin in 1969 — to be on the moon.

Q: Did you ever worry that your spaceship would break and you couldn't make it back to Earth?

Charles: No. I never worried. We trained for emergencies, but we never thought we wouldn't make it. We had some emergencies and some problems. I never thought the spacecraft would leave us stranded.

Scott: What you are asking is if we were afraid. Well, everybody is afraid, but that makes them do their job better. Fear is OK; panic is not good.

Q: What amazing things did you see in addition to the stars?

Charles: It turns out that you don't see the stars all the time in space because the time. There is no night in space. You are always in daylight.

When you get on the dark side of the moon, then you can look out and see the stars, and they are very bright.

Q: How is the food different in space than on Earth?

Scott: It doesn't taste any different, you just have to hold onto it.

Charles: Most of the food was dehydrated, so you had to add water to it to make it edible. In Apollo, we had hot water so we could have hot soup or hot coffee. You selected your menu before you went into space. The food was pretty tasty, but it didn't look very appetizing.

Q: What is the most interesting thing you found on the moon?

Charles: We found some rocks we weren't expected to find. We thought we would have a lot of volcanic rocks, and we had hardly any. That was exciting to us.

Q: If you weren't an astronaut, what would you be?

Charles: A test pilot.

Scott: Me, too. That is what we did before we were astronauts.

Q: When do you think NASA will be ready for a manned flight to Mars?

Scott: We're ready now. As soon as you and your parents give us enough money, we're ready.



Carpenter



Duke

For students in need of direction: Go Fish!

By Amy Ordorff
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — There is something positively fishy going on at Oakwood School in Annandale, Va.

Students are really nice to each other, even if no adults are around. They listen politely when the teacher is talking. Sometimes a student will walk into a classroom, pump a fist in the air and yell "School rocks!"

The positive attitude is part of the Fish philosophy, a way of thinking and acting toward others that got its name from the fish wharves in Seattle, where the program began.

A filmmaker saw how upbeat the fish sellers were, even in their smelly surroundings, and made a movie about how their outlook helped them through tough 12-hour shifts. The fish dealers try to make each day more pleasant by helping others, playing games, keeping a positive attitude and paying attention to everyone who comes into the fish market.

One such activity has the kids look at an unfortunate situation and try to see the bright side. This helps students learn how to be positive in any situation.

"You can choose ... your attitude ... wherever you are, anywhere, it's your choice," says student Alec Singer.

Not surprisingly, the kids' favorite part of Fish! is playtime. In one game that the class likes, students toss a toy Nemo fish back and forth



while calling out each other's names. The tossing becomes faster and faster while the students try not to drop the fish.

Playing games as a class helps build teamwork, says McGowan, which is especially important for kids who came from schools where they were usually picked last — if at all — for games and teams. "I see the students really wanting to come to school because of the excitement the Fish! philosophy brings to the class," he says.

Another part of the Fish! philosophy is to be a good friend by listening to others and making eye contact

when talking. Students also learn to pay attention to what's going on around them, and to stand up for each other, which is helpful in a bully atmosphere.

"If they are in a school of fish, the predator doesn't know who to pick on, says student Ryan Lesmez. Adds classmate Delaney Bueley: "If your friend is being bullied, don't leave your friend."

Everyone can learn and benefit from Fish!, the students say.

"As we grow, people are less caring about other people," says Alec. "Everyone should care about others and not just themselves."

How do lie detectors work?

By Valerie Strauss
The Washington Post

Police dramas on television or in the movies often show suspects hooked up to a lie detector being grizzled with questions. The device, also called a polygraph, doesn't really detect a lie, but it can monitor changes in the way a person reacts to a specific question.

Polygraphs work through special sensors that measure things such as a person's heart rate, blood pressure, breathing rate and sweat.

When a person answers questions, the results are recorded as jagged lines on a piece of paper that moves through the machine.

The tester begins by asking the person simple questions, such as the day of the week or the color of a shirt. That way the person's responses to ordinary questions can be measured.

Then the tester begins to ask more serious questions about the specific crime. The idea is that if the person is lying, he or she will start to sweat more than his or her heart will beat faster. Such behavior causes the jagged lines that are recording the answers to go up in peaks.

Lie detectors aren't always accurate, and judges sometimes don't allow the results to be used in a trial.

Critics of lie detectors say that changes in heart rate and other such responses can be triggered by various things, including being nervous about taking a polygraph test, not just a lie. And they say that some people can lie and still pass a polygraph.

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Source: "The Handy Answer Book for Kids (and Parents)" by Judy Galens and Nancy Pear

A White House with many stories

By Tracy Grant
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WASHINGTON — It's easy to think of the White House as another chalky monument: an impersonal, 208-year-old structure of brick and stone.

But that would be wrong, as a new book by 108 (9) writers and illustrators proves. "Our White House: Looking In, Looking Out" reminds readers that it is not just a house but a home. The writers of this book, which took 10 years to put together, use essays, short stories and poetry to tell tales of the White House and its residents, showing how the building is really made of flesh and bone.

The book is filled with a variety of writing styles. Some stories are authors' personal accounts of their experiences at the "people's house." Others are little-known tales about presidents, exceptionally well told. Still others are historical fiction in the best sense: Even though the conversations or actions might be made up, the lessons never are.

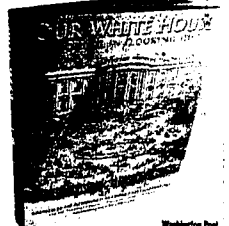
The other fantastic thing about this book is the writers. Jerry Spinelli, Patricia McLaughlin, Walter Dean Myers, Jane Yolen: If you don't find one of your favorites in the pages of this book, we'll be surprised. We think if you look at this book, you'll look at the home at Washington's 1600

Pennsylvania Ave. In a whole new way. Richard Peck (author of "A Long Way From Chicago" and "A Year Down Yonder"). OK, how much do you know about William Henry Harrison? If you said, "He was the ninth president," we're impressed. But we can bet you don't know the sidesplittingly funny — and true — story about President Harrison that Peck recounts. It involves a milk cow and the White House; need we say more?

Kate DiCamillo (author of "Because of Winn-Dixie" and "The Tale of Despereaux"). The creator of those beautiful books comes through with a touching tale called "In Early April" about Abraham Lincoln and Willie, the son he lost. This short work of fiction carries with it truths about love and loss that you can take with you for the rest of your life.

Jane Yolen (author of "The Pit Dragon Chronicles," "Brar Rose" and literally hundreds of other books for all ages). Her poem imagines a conversation between the White House's first residents, John and Abigail Adams. In alternating stanzas, John lists everything that's wrong with the house, while Abigail sees only its charm and possibilities. It is a reminder that in a different time (like today), Abigail Adams could have made a terrific president.

Linda Sue Park (author of "A Single Shard" and "When My Name Was



Keoko"). Her story tells of a more modern president, Harry Truman, and how his love for the piano almost led to the destruction of the White House!

Meg Cabot (author of "The Princess Diaries" and "Linx" and lots of other books). The writer recounts, as only she can, the story of how Dolley Madison saved the famous portrait of George Washington when the White House came under attack. Even if you know the story, Cabot's take on it is a hoot. • Walter Dean Myers (author of "Monster" and "Scorpions"). You can't read anything by Myers without being challenged to think in new ways, and so it is with his essay about the slaves who helped build the White House. It's an interesting thought in a year when a black family might soon call the White House "home."