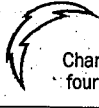




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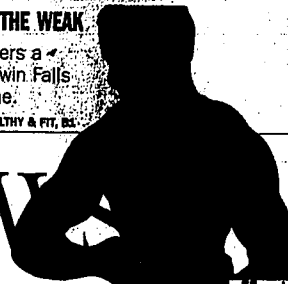
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Pelosi: Rescue is not a bailout but a 'buy-in'

Bailout plan now heads to House, leaders not certain it will pass

By Julie Hirschfeld Davis
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Congressional leaders and the White House agreed Sunday to a \$700 billion rescue of the ailing financial industry after lawmakers insisted on shar-

ing spending controls with the Bush administration. The biggest U.S. bailout in history won the tentative support of both presidential candidates and goes to the House for a vote Monday. The plan, bolstered up for days by election-year politics,

would give the administration broad power to use taxpayers' money to purchase billions upon billions of home mortgage-related assets held by cash-strapped financial firms.

President Bush called the vote a difficult one for lawmakers but said he is confident Congress will pass it. "Without this rescue plan, the costs to the American economy could be disastrous,"

How the bailout money would be allotted

- \$250 billion: To the government immediately.
- \$100 billion: President certifies as necessary.
- \$350 billion: Would require a separate certification, and be subject to a congressional resolution of disapproval.

Bush said in a written statement released by the White House.

Flexing its political muscle, Congress insisted on a stronger hand in controlling

the money than the White House had wanted. Lawmakers had to navigate between angry voters with little regard for Wall Street and administration officials who

warned that inaction would cause the economy to secede and spiral into recession.

A deal in hand, Capitol Hill leaders scrambled to sell it to colleagues in both parties and acknowledged they were not certain it would pass. "Now we have to get the votes," said Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., the majority leader.

The final legislation was Please see **BALLOUT**, Page A4

Who wins, who loses with proposed bailout package? See page A4 | Find more bailout news and videos at MagicValley.com

Cool car, smart stamp



1957 Chrysler 300C
Image courtesy of the United States Postal Service



The United States Postal Service used Twin Falls resident George McKovich's 1957 Chrysler 300C in its new stamp series, "50s: Fins and Chrome". The stamps will be released this Friday.

Area man's car featured on new stamp

By Melissa Devlin
Times-News writer

Forty-two cents won't buy you much these days. But on Friday, those dimes and pennies will snag you a classic car with a southern Idaho tie.

The United States Postal Service will release "50s Fins and Chrome," a new series of stamps depicting classic cars from the 1950s. One of the five cars featured, a '57 Chrysler 300C, belongs to George McKovich of Twin Falls.

A '57 Lincoln Premiere, a '57 Pontiac Safari, a '57 Studebaker Golden Hawk and a '59 Cadillac Eldorado also featured on the stamps, which will sell in sheets of 20. The set is a second installment of the commemorative "America on the Move" series, which debuted in 2005. USPS printed 50 million copies of the First-Class stamps and will sell them until they run out.

The stamp's Idaho connection is generating excitement in the Twin Falls Post Office, said Postmaster Bill Reese.

Stamp party

Get a first glimpse at the new stamp series featuring George McKovich's '57 Chrysler 300C at the official unveiling, 10 a.m. Friday at Pioneer Station Post Office, 1376 Falmore St., Twin Falls. The car will be on display and refreshments will be served until 1 p.m.

"I think it's pretty cool," he said. USPS found McKovich in 2005 when the stamp's artist, Art

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Jerome schools chief Cobble retiring in 2009

Business manager Gibson also retiring

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

Jim Cobble, superintendent of the Jerome School District, will be retiring July 1, 2009.

In the months ahead, Jerome School District officials will be seeking his replacement.

Cobble said the district will begin advertising for the position in November. Applications will be accepted until early next year, with selection coming sometime around February, Cobble said.

Cobble came to Jerome in 1993 and was superintendent of the Gooding School District prior to that.

"While he's retiring from the district, that doesn't necessarily mean he'll take it easy. For now, Cobble said he isn't sure what he'll do after his

career with the school district ends.

"I don't have a personality that will allow me to retire," he said. "I'll find something."

Cobble said he has enjoyed working with the employees at the Jerome School District.

Another administrative employee also will be leaving the district at the same time. Mike Gibson, the district's business manager, will retire after 19 years on the job.

"When you enjoy the people you work with and feel like you're making progress on a day-to-day basis, it makes it pretty easy to come to work," Gibson said.

In the time he's been with the district, three new schools have gone up and the student body has grown from about 2,700 to 3,700, he said. After retiring, Gibson plans to spend more time with his family and traveling.

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Artists flock to Ritter Island for art festival's 16th year

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

The big yellow school bus made its descending trip to Ritter Island, leaving the cars and worries of the daily grind behind in the parking lot.

Filled close to capacity, its passengers quickly exited at the bottom, excited to have finally arrived at the 16th annual Thousand Springs Festival of the Arts.

"You have to work to get down here, and people seem to enjoy the festival more because you leave your car up top, take the bus down and you're in a totally differ-

ent world," said Sheryl West of Jerome.

West has participated in the festival since its inception, selling hand-made ceramics. With the weather cooperating perfectly, West said on Sunday that attendance was steady and strong.

"It's been pretty good," she said. "We've sold quite a few items."

The arts festival is the main fundraiser for the Southern Idaho Land Trust, a local conservation group that promotes and oversees conservation easements. Its mission is to preserve open spaces

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'Clickers' let teachers see who's really learning

By Anne Wallace-Ross
Kids' Stationer

BOISE — Hand-held electronic devices for children may catch a lot of flak. But the little plastic keypad that Jill Hanford's sixth-graders use is revolutionizing the way she teaches her classes. Hanford awards by the "clicker," a device that looks

like a remote control but functions as a silent link between Hanford and her students. The clicker lets students answer Hanford's questions simultaneously and allows her to see what proportion of the class understood the concept.

The device keeps the whole class engaged. And "it's fun," said sixth-grader Sydney Dominguez, a student in Hanford's math class at Army Elementary School in West Boise. "Also, it's way easier than

having to raise your hand, and you don't have to share your answer with the whole class, so you won't get embarrassed."

Hanford stands at the front of the room and explains the math lesson. She displays a problem on the projector screen at the front of her class, which is linked to her computer. Then Hanford asks students to answer the problems.

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Wendy Blankenshall, member of the Plate Art Painters of Idaho, spent Sunday painting artwork at the Thousand Springs Festival of the Arts. It was the first time Blankenshall has attended the festival, she said, and she'll like to come back next year.

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Rickards trial delayed

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Sure, his trial's been delayed for another month.

But anti-nuke activist and District 23 House candidate Peter Rickards is just fine with that, given the success he said he thinks he's had so far fighting misdemeanor battery and trespassing charges.

Rickards, of Twin Falls, was arrested June 16 while passing out leaflets at a public information meeting put on by Alternate Energy Holdings Inc. at the privately owned Glenns Ferry Open House. He was also accused of assaulting AEHI staff member Doug McConaughy on Oct. 24, he'll have his chance to fight those charges before 4th District Magistrate Judge David Eple.

AEHI is seeking to build a nuclear power plant in Elmore County, a project Rickards deeply opposes.

Rickards, who is representing himself, said Friday that the case is a question of fundamental public rights. A guilty plea to the trespassing charge, he said, could set a precedent for any company or group to hold public meetings on private ground and turn away anyone they want to at the door.

"Everyone is part of the public," he said. "They cannot discriminate."

That's far more important than Elmore County is saying on the charges, said Prosecutor Kristina Schindele. Deputy Prosecutor Nathan Henkes is approaching the case as the county would any other, free of political or precedential implications, she said.

The case, Rickards said, will basically come down to disproving AEHI and McConaughy's accounts that he was asked several times to stop leafleting, resisted arrest and played to the media the whole time. His version of events, he said, is backed up by witness statements that also show he only brushed past McConaughy while trying to enter the meeting.

Both sides have set the stage for next month's trial in two recent court hearings and the usual flurry of filings seen before any case. The trial will not be moved to Ada County, as Rickards sought. But he would like the opportunity to present to McConaughy's court

records — which Rickards claimed would prove a history of contempt of court and lack of credibility — and other pieces of evidence. The judge declined to rule on whether Rickards would be allowed to distribute leaflets at Elmore planning and zoning hearings in October, Schindele said.

The activist also said he rejected a plea offer from prosecutors that would have dropped the battery charge in exchange for pleading guilty to the trespassing and paying some court costs. The conviction would have been cleared from his record after no repeat offenses.

Schindele confirmed Rickards had been offered a plea deal, but declined to comment on the specifics. Her prosecutors offer pleas for almost every case, she said.

Rickards said he's seeking with lying to officers and for a photo of him shaking hands with the arresting officer. He'd also like an apology from AEHI, he said, for its conduct so far.

"The whole company slandered me," he said.

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\$200K Powerball ticket sold in Idaho Falls area

BOISE ID — Somebody who played the lottery in the Idaho Falls area is holding a winning Powerball ticket worth \$200,000.

A new Mexico ticket apparently won the \$206.9 million jackpot in Saturday night's draw.

The Idaho Office has confirmed one ticket matching all five winning numbers, but not the Powerball, was sold in the Idaho Falls area.

The winning numbers were 13, 24, 29, 40, and 52. The Powerball was 29.

Jeff Anderson, Idaho's lottery director, says his agency is urging Powerball players who bought their tickets near Idaho Falls to check their picks before throwing away their tickets.

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Lease agreement, hearing on city agenda

Staff report

A lease agreement for office space, contract revisions for the wastewater plant and a public hearing all await the Twin Falls City Council's attention tonight.

On Sept. 15, the council agreed to lease office space at 702 Fairfield St. W. for the city's water department. Tonight, members will review the lease agreement, providing the second-floor office space from Gus Bowman for \$6,000 a year.

A previous staff report placed the overall cost at \$10,100 this year after communications upgrades are factored in.

According to the agreement, the city will pay 25 percent of power and gas costs and will have first right of refusal for other office spaces in the building. Also, 10 parking spots will be dedicated for city use.

The water department needs a new office because its current building has drastic mold problems, officials previously said.

The council will also consider a contract amendment with CH2M Hill OMI, which operates the city's wastewater treatment plant. The

contract is revisited every year, according to meeting materials, and this year, the city will pay the company nearly \$2.8 million for its services.

Council members will also consider a final plan for Sugarwad Subdivision, at 557 Jefferson St. As part of their consent calendar, they will review a site improvement agreement with St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center for construction of the latter's new clinic at Addison Avenue and Carriage Lane.

The council will briefly meet behind closed doors, citing the state statute for evaluating, disciplining or hearing complaints against a

public officer or employee.

Finally, the council will hold a public hearing on amending the 2007-08 budget with nearly \$2.5 million in expenses. None of the expenses will cause additional cost to taxpayers, according to a staff report. The money will come from sales and fines, savings, grants and other contributions. The hearing is a yearly "formality" meant to ensure the budget complies with what the council appropriated for the year, according to the report.

The meeting starts at 5 p.m. in council chambers, 205 Third Ave. E. in Twin Falls. The public hearing starts at 6 p.m.

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Bailout

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released Sunday evening, House Republicans and Democrats met privately to review it and decide how they would vote. "This isn't about a bailout of Wall Street. It's a buy-in, so that we can turn our economy around," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

The largest government intervention in financial markets since the Great Depression casts Washington's long shadow over Wall Street. The government would take over huge amounts of devalued assets from beleaguered financial companies in hopes of unlocking frozen credit.

"I don't know of anyone here who wants the center of the economic universe to be Washington," said a top negotiator, Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., chairman of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee. But he added, "The center of gravity is here temporarily. ... God forbid it's here any longer than it takes to get credit moving again."

The plan would let Congress block half the money and force the president to jump through those hoops before using it all. The government could get \$250 billion immediately, \$100 billion more if the president certified it was necessary, and the last \$350 billion with a separate certification — and subject to a congressional resolution of disapproval.

Still, the resolution could be vetoed by the president, meaning it would take extraordinary congressional majorities to stop it.

Lawmakers who struck a post-midnight deal on the plan with Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and the final congressional action might not come until Wednesday.

The proposal is designed to end a vicious downward spiral that has battered all levels of the economy. Hundreds of billions of dollars in investments based on mortgages have soured and crumpled banks' willingness to lend.

This is the bottom line: If we have to bail out our nation, the chaos and the disruption to everyday Americans' lives will be overwhelming, and that's a price we can't afford to risk paying," Sen. Judd Gregg, the chief Democratic voice in the talks, told The Associated Press. "I do think we'll be able to pass it, and it will be a bipartisan vote."

A breakthrough came when Democrats agreed to incorporate a GOP demand — letting the government insure some bad home loans rather than buy them. That would limit the amount of federal money used in the rescue.

Another important bargain, vital to attracting support from centrist Democrats, would require the government, after five years, submit a plan to Congress on how to recoup any losses from the companies that got help.

"This is something that all of us will swallow hard and go forward with," said Republican presidential nominee John McCain. "The option of doing nothing is simply not an acceptable option."

His Democratic rival Barack Obama sought credit for taxpayer safeguards added to the initial proposal from the Bush administration. "I was pushing very hard and involved in shaping those provisions," he said.

Later, at a rally in Detroit, Obama said, "It looks like we will pass that plan very soon."

House Republicans said they were reviewing the plan. — As late as Sunday afternoon, Republicans regarded the deal as "a proposal that is promising in principle, but that is still not final," said



Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., Secretary of the Treasury Henry Paulson, right, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., second left, and Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., left, announce a tentative deal on legislation regarding the financial crisis on Sunday, on Capitol Hill in Washington. AP photo

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Antonia Ferrier, a spokeswoman for Missouri Rep. Roy Blunt, the top House GOP negotiator.

Executives whose companies benefit from the rescue could not get "golden parachutes" and would see their pay packages limited. Firms that pay the most help would be required to pay \$300 million or more — would face steep taxes on any compensation for their top people over \$500,000.

The government would receive stock warrants in return for the bailout itself, giving taxpayers a chance to share in financial companies' future profits.

To help struggling homeowners, the plan would require the government to try negotiating the bad mortgages it acquires with the aim of lowering borrowers' monthly payments so they can keep their homes.

But Democrats surrendered other cherished goals: getting judges to rewrite bankrupt homeowners' mortgages and steering any profits gained toward an affordable housing fund.

It was Obama who first signaled Democrats were willing to negotiate the bad mortgages. He told reporters Wednesday that the bankruptcy measure was a priority, but that it was "probably something that we shouldn't try to do in this piece of legislation."

"It's not a bill that any one of us would have written. It's a much better bill than we got. It's not as good as it should be," said Democratic Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts, the House Financial Services Committee chairman. He predicted it would pass, though not by a large majority.

Frank negotiated much of the compromise in a marathon series of up-and-down meetings and phone calls with Paulson, Dodd, and key Republicans including Gregg and Blunt.

Pelosi shepherded the discussions at key points, and cut a central deal Saturday night — on companies paying back taxpayers for any losses — that gave momentum to the final accord.

An extraordinary week of talks unfolded after Paulson and Ben Bernanke, the Federal Reserve chairman, went to Congress 10 days ago with ominous warnings about a full-blown economic meltdown if lawmakers did

not act quickly to infuse huge amounts of government money into a financial sector buckling under the weight of toxic debt.

The negotiations were shaped by the political pressure of an intense campaign season in which voters' economic concerns figure prominently. They brought McCain and Obama to Washington for a White House meeting that yielded more discord and behind-the-scenes theatrics than progress, but increased the pressure on both sides to strike a bargain.

Lawmakers in both parties who are facing re-election are loath to embrace a costly plan proposed by a deeply unpopular president that would benefit perhaps the most publicly detested of all companies that got rich off bad bets that have caused economic pain for ordinary people.

But many of them say the plan is vital to ensure the constituents don't pay for Wall Street's mistakes, in the form of unaffordable credit and major hits to investments they count on, like their pensions.

Some proponents even said taxpayers could come out as financial winners.

Gregg, R-N.H., said: "I don't think we're going to lose money, myself. We may — it's possible — but I doubt it in the long run."

Who wins, who loses under bailout plan?

By Tom Raum
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The proposal to bail out U.S. financial markets to the tune of up to \$700 billion creates a lot of potential short-term winners, as well as some losers.

Wall Street and the banking industry are perhaps the biggest winners. Scores of banks and other financial institutions faced with going under stand to gain a lifeline that should allow them to start making loans again.

Under the plan that congressional aide sought to put into final form Sunday, the Treasury Department can start buying up troubled mortgage-related securities now held by these institutions.

These securities are clogging balance sheets, leaving banks without the required capital to make new loans and putting the banks dangerously close to insolvency.

Banks not only have slowed lending to individuals and businesses, they have stopped making loans to each other. The rescue plan should help restore confidence to financial markets.

There are other winners, too. If the bailout works as intended: anyone soon trying to borrow money — for cars, student loans, even to open new credit card accounts.

Top executives at troubled financial institutions, on the other hand, are in the losing column because the proposal would limit their compensation and rules out "golden parachutes."

Of course, these executives may take solace in knowing their jobs still exist.

Investors, including the

millions of people who hold stock in their 401(k) and pension plans, should benefit. Failure to reach a deal over the weekend could have sent stock markets around the world tumbling on Monday.

Homeowners faced with foreclosure or those who have lost their homes get little help from the agreement. Nor will it help people whose losses are worth less than what they owe get refinancing or take out equity loans.

It would do little to halt the slide in home values that are one of the root causes of the current economic slowdown.

"It doesn't deal with the fundamental problems that gave rise to the problem or alleviate the credit crisis," said Peter Morici, an economist and business professor at the University of Maryland.

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke are potential winners.

In just a few months, they have remade Wall Street. If the plan helps to get the economy moving again, they may be remembered for having kept the financial crisis from spreading throughout the economy.

"When I see Hank Paulson and Ben Bernanke on TV, I see fear in their eyes. Like on a battlefield when people are shooting at you, I think they are afraid to say how serious the problem is for fear of making it worse," said Bruce Bartlett, an economist who was a Treasury official under the first President Bush.

Bartlett said the plan is flawed, yet the alternative of doing nothing could be catastrophic.

After the heavy dose of new regulation in the agreement, New York will have a hard time claiming it is the center of the financial industry. That title may have shifted to Washington.

If the plan stays together,

Congress — with approval ratings even lower than those of President Bush — may be seen as having acted decisively at a time of national emergency.

Congressional leaders added new protections to the administration's original proposal. That was only three pages long and bestowed on the treasury secretary almost unfettered powers.

Instead, the agreement would divide the \$700 billion up into as many as three installments, creates an oversight board to monitor the treasury secretary's actions and set up several major protections for taxpayers, including provision putting taxpayers first in line to recover assets if a participating company fails.

The president, on the other hand, probably would get little credit for the deal. He allowed Paulson and Bernanke to do the heavy lifting. The only time he called all the players to the White House — late Thursday afternoon — the wheels almost came off the process entirely.

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Zorn, Redskins hang on to serve Cowboys first loss of season

By Jamie Arn
Associated Press writer

IRVING, Texas — New Washington Redskins coach Jim Zorn was looking for something to help him build up a healthy dose of hate for one of the Dallas Cowboys. Turns out, he kind of likes playing his team's archrival.

Jason Campbell threw two touchdown passes and Clinton Portis ran for 121 yards, leading the Redskins to a 20-24 victory Sunday that knocked the Cowboys from the ranks of the unbeaten.

"It's a brawl," Zorn said. "Our guys laid it on the line."

Washington (3-1) won for only the second time in its last 13 visits to Texas Stadium. With Dallas moving to a different suburb next season, this was the Redskins' last visit to a place that rarely treated them well. Thus, unless Washington returns for a playoff game, Zorn will have the unique distinction of being undefeated here.

More importantly, the Redskins proved the two-game winning streak they brought in wasn't just a byproduct of playing bad teams. They're legit, and that means the NFC East — already the best division in the NFL — is now a four-way race.

"Zorn had to sweat it out, though. After Washington went up 16-17 with 3:22 left, Tony Tomo marched Dallas 82 yards in eight plays, capping it with an 11-yard touchdown to Miles Austin. The Cowboys (3-1) went for an onside kick and the ball came up high and catchable for receiver Sam Hurd but he wasn't able to hold it, losing the ball out of bounds. While team owner Jerry Jones grimaced on the sideline, Redskins owner Dan Snyder was certainly celebrating.

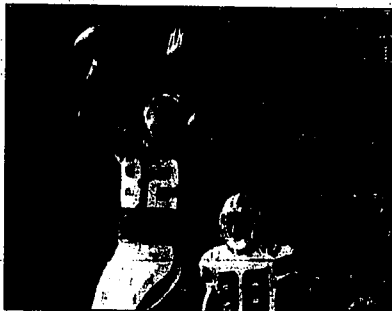
"The reality of it is, you have the opportunity to go 16-0 every year in the regular season, but that's not realistic," said Romo. 1-3 against Washington and 22-6 against everyone else. "We're a confident bunch. I think we'll come back next week

with a lot to prove."

Campbell was 20-of-31 for 231 yards and two touchdowns. Santana Moss caught eight passes for 145 yards and the Redskins made it four straight games without a turnover on offense. Shaun Suisham was 4-for-4 on field goals and Washington needed them all.

Romo was 28-of-47 for 300 yards with three touchdowns, but he wasn't able to move the Cowboys as well as the stats suggest.

T.O. had only two catches in his previous six quarters and Romo seemed intent on getting him involved, throwing to him on the game's first play and giving him a handoff later in the quarter. Owens got another carry in the second half. While he finished with seven catches for 71 yards, Shawn Springs and the Washington defense kept him from getting anything longer than 18, although he did have a 10-yard touchdown catch that tied the game at 17 early in the third quarter.



Washington Redskins wide receiver Antwan Randle El reacts after scoring against the Dallas Cowboys in the second quarter Sunday, in Irving, Texas. In the background is Dallas Cowboys safety Ken Hamlin.

Oklahoma tops AP

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Oklahoma, where the No. 1 ranking rests again.

The Sooners sit atop the AP Top 25 on Sunday after the first upset-filled weekend of the season gave the media poll a powerful shake.

At 14 a tie for

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shaker, as top 25 College Football polls Tide rose to No. 2 after a surprising 41-30 pounding of Georgia.

Previously top-ranked Southern California lost at Oregon State to set the tone for a weekend that brought back memories of the topsy-turvy 2007 season.

On Saturday, two more top-five teams fell. Florida was stunned at home by Mississippi, 31-30. Georgia, which started the season No. 1, was down 31 points by Alabama in Alabama and never recovered.

Oklahoma is No. 1 for the 96th time in the history of the AP poll, breaking a tie with Notre Dame for the most ever. The last time the Sooners were No. 1 was 2003, when they were atop the polls all season before losing the Big 12 title game to Kansas State.

Alabama's impressive performance jumped the Tide sports. Alabama hasn't been ranked this high since No. 2 for the first eight polls of the 1993 season.

The Tide received 21 first-place votes and 1,565 points. LSU is No. 3, moving up

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Chargers rally to win over Raiders

By Josh Dobow
Associated Press writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — Another blown fourth-quarter lead for Oakland led to yet another San Diego win over the Raiders and the possible end of coach Lane Kiffin's tenure.

Darren Sproles' long kickoff return set up Nate Kaeding's go-ahead 47-yard field goal with 1:51 to play and LaDainian Tomlinson sealed the Chargers' 10th straight win over their AFC West rivals with a 41-yard TD run in a 28-18 victory Sunday.

The streak by San Diego (2-2) is the longest any team has held against Al Davis' once-proud franchise that has fallen on rough times in recent years. Kiffin's job security had been in question even before the Raiders (1-3) blew a nine-point lead in the fourth quarter this week sure won't help his situation.

Tomlinson overcame a slow start to put together another strong performance against the Raiders, running for 106 yards and two scores. He has 21 touchdowns in 15 career games against Oakland, the most any player has had in his first 15 games against any team in NFL history.

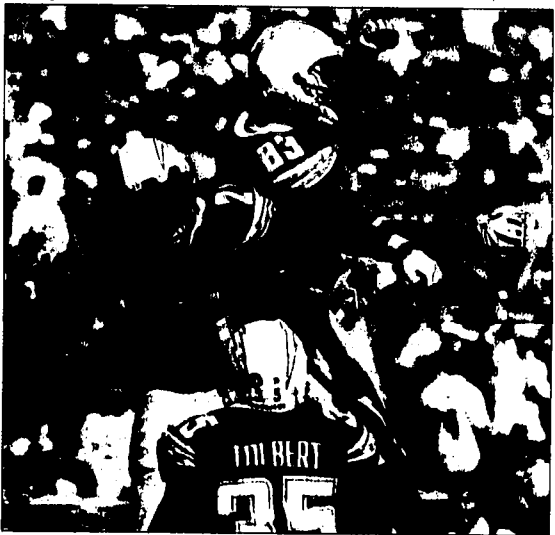
The Raiders took a 15-0 lead in an overpowering first-half performance. But they once again wilted as the game progressed, struggling to stop San Diego's high-powered offense and generating only one first down in the first 22 minutes of the half.

A pair of turnovers by quarterback JaMarcus Russell led to two touchdowns in the fourth quarter that gave San Diego its first lead on a 13-yard run by Tomlinson and a 2-point conversion.

After Kaeding missed his second field goal for the Chargers, Russell finally got the Raiders offense moving with his play from a pair of penalties by defensive back Antonio Cromartie. That set up Sebastian Janikowski's 32-yard field goal that tied the game at 18 with 2:47 to go.

But before the Raiders could even finish celebrating that bit of good news, Sproles returned the ensuing kickoff to the 35. The Chargers were unable to get a first down, but Kaeding didn't miss this kick, giving San Diego the lead.

The Raiders' final comeback attempt was thwarted when Luis Castillo pressured Russell into an incompleion on fourth-and-5 from the Oakland 44 with 1:14 to go. Tomlinson finished it off from there, giving the Chargers two straight wins following two crushing losses to



San Diego Chargers running back LaDainian Tomlinson (21) celebrates with wide receiver Vincent Jackson (83) after Tomlinson scored against the Oakland Raiders in the fourth quarter in Oakland, Calif., Sunday. In front is Mike Tolbert. The San Diego Chargers defeated the Oakland Raiders 28-18.

open the season.

The Raiders held the NFL's second-highest scoring offense scoreless in the first half. But San Diego found its rhythm in the second half. The Chargers opened by moving the ball on the ground in a 13-play drive that led to a short field goal by Kaeding to tie the Raiders led to 15-3.

After the teams traded turnovers, the Chargers finally made it into the end zone on Philip Rivers' 9-yard pass to Antonio Gates on the second play of the fourth quarter.

Just over a minute later, Marques Harris beat Kwame Harris on a third-down rush, stripped

the ball from Russell and recovered at the 13. Tomlinson ran it in on the next play and a 2-point conversion made it 18-15.

The Raiders led 15-0 at halftime but it could have been even bigger. They settled for a field goal on the opening drive after moving the ball inside the 5 and had another touchdown called back on a holding penalty against Cornell Green. They settled for a field goal on that drive as well.

They did get a defensive score when a blitzing Githril Wilson hit Tomlinson as he took a handoff from Rivers and knocked the ball loose. Rivers covered it in the end zone for a safety.

Johnson holds off Edwards

By Mike Harris
Associated Press writer

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Jimmie Johnson barely held off a strong challenge from Carl Edwards on Sunday at Kansas Speedway, winning the race and vaulting into first place in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

Edwards, who overcame a poor starting position and several incidents, to catch and pass Johnson for the lead, lost the top spot to Johnson on a pit stop with 47 laps to go. Edwards finally caught him again on the last lap, shooting past Johnson on the low side of the banked 1.5-mile oval in turn three — but just a little too fast.

"That was cool," Johnson said moments after crossing the finish line. "Where'd he come from?"

"Those two laps he figured out something and got a bunch of grip. I thought he



Jimmie Johnson (48) leaves a trail of tire smoke in front of the crowd after winning the NASCAR Camping World RV 400 Sprint Cup auto race at Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kan., Sunday.

was under control and all of a sudden he was there. Great race. I saw the slide jump coming, dodged it and got a win."

"I was just wondering how far I cleared him by," he said. "I planned on hitting the wall, but I didn't plan on the wall slowing me down that much."

"In video games, you can just run into the wall and run

Singh wins FedEx Cup

ATLANTA — Vijay Singh has won the FedEx Cup, finishing four rounds at the Tour Championship to clinch the PGA Tour's points race and earn a \$10 million bonus.

Singh won the first two playoff events, including such a large lead that no one could catch him at East Lake unless the 45-year-old Fijian withdrew or was disqualified. He closed with an even-par 70 and finished at 9-over 289 for the tournament, far behind the leaders.

It was the second year of the FedEx Cup, and the second straight year the finale lacked drama. Tiger Woods skipped the opening playoff event in 2007 and won by such a big margin he could have skipped the Tour Championship.

OSCHO WINS LPGA CLASSIC
PRATTVILLE, Ala. — Lorena Ochoa won the



Vijay Singh hits from the first tee during the final round of the Tour Championship PGA golf tournament Sunday, in Atlanta. Singh leads the FedEx Cup Standings.

Navistar LPGA Classic on Sunday for her seventh victory of the year and first since May, beating Candie Kung with a 2-foot par putt on the second hole of a playoff.

Recharged after a month away from the tour, the top-ranked Mexican star closed with a 2-under 70 to match Kung (67) and Cristie Kerr (66) at 15-under 273. Kerr was eliminated with a bogey on the first extra hole.

ROMERO TAKES SAS
GARY, N.C. — Argentina's Eduardo Romero won the SAS Championship for his third Champions Tour victory in five starts, closing with a 6-under 66 for a three-stroke victory over Tom Kite.

SPAIN WINS BRITISH MASTERS
SUTTON COLDFIELD, England — Spain's Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano won the British Masters, beating defending champion Lee Westwood with a par on the third playoff hole of a 5-under 67 to match Westwood at 12-under 276.

—The Associated Press

B.C. By Johnny Hart

Panel 1: APE THE BOYS BACK FROM THEIR HUNTING TRIP YET? NOPE.

Panel 2: THEY PROMISED THEY WOULDN'T RETURN WITHOUT SOMETHING TO COOK.

Panel 3: HUH! SOUP ANYONE?

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

Panel 1: GOOD MORNING!

Panel 2: YOU AND I ARE GOING TO SPEND THE MORNING AFTERNOON TOGETHER (WHEN DO YOU THINK OF THAT?)

Panel 3: PRESTO!

Panel 4: LET'S JUST PRETEND THAT I WAS BABY-TALKING FOR "HYPER" AND MOVE ON.

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

Panel 1: HOW COME I NEVER SEE YOU GUYS WRITE LETTERS TO YOUR PARENTS? WE DON'T HAVE TO.

Panel 2: THEY CAN BE READING ON OUR BLOGS.

Panel 3: AND SEND US MONEY THROUGH PAYPAL!

Blonde By Dean Young & Stan Drake

Panel 1: INTERVIEWED A YOUNG FELLOW TODAY, RIGHT OUT OF COLLEGE. LOOKING FOR A JOB AS OFFICE MANAGER.

Panel 2: HE SEEMED TO HAVE THE RIGHT STUFF, TOO.

Panel 3: HE ACTUALLY ZOOZED OFF WHILE I WAS READING HIS RESUME. BOY, IT REALLY TOOK ME BACK!

Dilbert By Scott Adams

Panel 1: AN ELBONIAN COMPANY BOUGHT OUR COMPANY YESTERDAY. WHAT?

Panel 2: THEY PROMISE THEY WON'T DISCRIMINATE AGAINST NON-ELBONIANS.

Panel 3: HEY, HATLESS SPAWN OF SATAN'S BOWELS, PUT A HEAD ON THIS.

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troisi

Panel 1: What's in the wagon, Miss Overdunne?

Panel 2: Just archiving resident files from the past year.

Panel 3: I wasn't aware I had so many neighbors.

Panel 4: This is just one resident's file.

Panel 5: Let me take wild guesses.

Panel 6: Hey, Refactor! The model's broken! Come witness the first ribbon in spec!

Panel 7: ...and this is only Summer '08!

Panel 8: Ah, yes, the ribbon I earned the term "HAZ-MAT".

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

Panel 1: I'M FORCED TO WATCH YOU GUYS! I WISH IT WAS SUMMER MONTHS.

Panel 2: I WISH I COULD GO SWIMMING IN AN INFLATABLE RING. HOW LATE IN THE AFTERNOON CAN I GO? ALL THE TIME. I YEAH.

Panel 3: HOW? THERE'S NOTHING TO BE BORED BORED BORED!

Panel 4: WHY DID SHE SAY "ENJOY"?

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

Panel 1: ARBOREAL GRAMMAR

Panel 2: FIR

Panel 3: FIRTHER

Garfield By Jim Davis

Panel 1: DO YOU REMEMBER MY OLD GIRLFRIEND INGRID? NOPE.

Panel 2: ...THE ONE WITH THE BULGING BICEPS? NOT AT ALL.

Panel 3: ...THE CAT HUGGER? LIKE IT WAS WESTERON.

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

Panel 1: GET UP! IT'S TIME FOR THE BREAKDANCER TO GO TO WORK !!

Panel 2: THE BREAKDANCER IS ON A PIET...

Panel 3: THE DOCTOR TOLD HIM HOW MANY CALORIES ARE IN A SLICE OF BREAD.

Hi and Lois By Chance Brown

Panel 1: HOW WERE THE KIDS TODAY? GOOD AND BAD.

Panel 2: I'LL LET YOU GUESS WHICH WAS WHICH.

Luann By Greg Evans

Panel 1: YOU'RE AUCTIONING SPACE IN THE FREE ZONE. I'M JUST HERE TO ASK WHICH MONTH YOU WANT TO BE FREE.

Panel 2: NO, I DON'T WANT IN FOR FREE. I'M A CALENDAR. I'M JUST LIKE THE OTHERS. I'LL BID.

Panel 3: BUT WE NEED YOU IN THE CALENDAR. WHAT IS YOUR BID FOR ANY FAVORS?

Panel 4: I'LL TAKE THAT CHANGE. I DON'T WANT ANY FAVORS.

Panel 5: HOW? PEOPLE LIKE YOU WASTE ME.

Panel 6: WHAT? PEOPLE WITH MORALS? YEAH, HOW DO YOU DO THAT?

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

Panel 1: YOU'RE GOING TO THE MOON!

Panel 2: BUT YOU HAVE TO WEAR ONE OF THOSE THINGS ON YOUR HEAD.

Panel 3: WELL, YES. SORT OF LIKE THAT.

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

Panel 1: Country Roads, Take me home, To the holler, I belong. West Virginia, Mountain Plains, Take me home, Country Roads.

Panel 2: WHAT ARE YOU DOING, RAT?

Panel 3: I'M PLANTING EARWORMS... AN EARWORM'S A SING YOU HEAR ONCE AND CAN'T GET OUT OF YOUR HEAD FOR THE REST OF THE DAY.

Panel 4: Ho Ho Ho Ho. THAT'S THE SWEETEST THING I'VE EVER HEARD. TAKE ME HOME.

Panel 5: GOOD LUCK.

Pickles By Brian Crane

Panel 1: IT SEEMS AS IF I GET OLDER THAT TIME JUST WHIZZES BY.

Panel 2: WHY CAN'T TIME BE MORE LIKE EARL, AND JUST MOSBY BY?

Rose is Rose By Pat Brady

Panel 1: THERE WAS ONLY ONE SLICE OF HAM... AND THE LETTUCE IS WASTED!

Panel 2: SMOOOCH!

Panel 3: I FOUND YOUR CANDOR TO BE REFRESHING AND IRRESISTIBLE!

Panel 4: DID I MENTION THAT THE APPLE IS QUARTERLY PROPOSED?

Non Sequitur By Wiley

Panel 1: YOU'RE FEEDING WILD DUCKS? YEAH, AREN'T THEY CUTE?

Panel 2: I TAKE IT YOU'RE NOT VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE DUCK COMMUNITY.

Panel 3: UNCLE SO WHAT?

Panel 4: GO... THIS MAY NOT BE SUCH A GOOD IDEA.

Panel 5: I'VE BEEN HOOD OF FREE FOOD TENDS TO SPREAD FAST WITHA THETA.

Panel 6: OH, DEAR.

Panel 7: AT LEAST MY BALL IS STILL AS GOOD AS NEW.

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

Panel 1: BEGGING HOURS MON-FRI 9-4 SAT 9-12 SUN CLOSED

Panel 2: LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER BANK WENT UNDER.

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

Panel 1: CAN HE GO TO THE PHONE STORE? WHY?

Panel 2: SO I CAN GET AN EM CELL PHONE. WHY?

Panel 3: BECAUSE MINE JUST FELL IN THE TOILET.

Panel 4: WHY??? THIS CONVERSATION WAS JUST BETWEEN THE TWO OF US AND YOU'RE LISTENING TO IT.

EDITORIAL

How to make do, Idaho-style

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter on Friday ordered Idaho agencies not to spend 1 percent of their budgets and keep another 1.5 percent in reserve because of an ever-gloomier tax collection outlook.

Under revised forecasts, the state now expects to collect \$174.3 million — 5.9 percent less in taxes this year than expected.

In a state where the budget has to balance every year, these holdbacks — that's bureaucratese for "midyear budget cuts" — have an interesting history.

During a recession in 1992, Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus vetoed a 1.1 percent holdback on state agencies other than schools, but allowed the cut to stand for the budget of the Republican-controlled Legislature — making a not-so-subtle political point in the process. Later, the governor ordered a 0.3 percent holdback when revenues continued to slip.

In 2000 — when Idaho's economy was flourishing — the Legislature hit upon the really dumb idea to cut taxes permanently using one-time tax revenue.

Judith Brown, director of the Center on Budget and Tax Policy at the University of Idaho, explains what happened next:

"Recognizing that the surplus was a temporary phenomenon and that the bust would not be far behind the boom... Gov. Dirk Kempthorne proposed to use the surplus to strengthen the Rainy Day fund. In addition, he proposed a modest, one-time tax rebate. The Legislature instead opted for one-time individual and corporate income tax cuts."

The next year, the surplus grew again. Legislators promptly expanded the temporary tax cuts and made them permanent, taking \$100 million out of the kitty. "The timing of the 2001 permanent cuts could not have been worse," Brown said. "The recession hit at the same time the tax cuts took effect, causing the worst budget crisis in more than 50 years..."

The permanent tax cuts of 2001... changed the structural relationship between state revenues and income. This inhibited the ability of the state to meet ongoing funding commitments and resulted in a structural deficit."

That led to a temporary penny increase in the sales tax — and the mother of all holdbacks.

In 2002, Kempthorne mandated a 2 percent holdback on state agencies and 1.5 percent for public schools. When shortfalls continued, he ordered an additional 1 percent across the board. It was the first permanent holdback on public schools in Idaho. A year later, the governor ordered a 3.5 percent holdback on all state agencies except education.

Since then, lawmakers have heaped up rainy day funds. The Public School Stabilization Fund now holds \$1.18 billion, the Budget Stabilization Fund has \$140.6 million and an "economic recovery reserve fund" has another \$66.7 million. Otter will tap the education reserve to avoid cuts in the public schools, but not the other two funds — in case the state needs the cash later.

All of which means two things: The "structural deficit" Brown talks about has probably made holdbacks more likely and budget crises more severe in the long run. Notwithstanding, Idaho has gotten pretty good at managing hard times.

The credit goes largely to two Magic Valley legislators, Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, and Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, who've chaired the budget-writing Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee since 2001.

They're budget hawks, but they're also gifted legislative craftsmen. And their personal integrity lend Bell and Cameron extraordinary credibility when it comes time to make do with less.

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Thanks for bearing with us, Sen. McCain

John McCain looked a bit off his game during the big presidential debate. Maybe he was exhausted from marching into Washington to resolve the financial crisis. Really, there are only so many hills a man can charge up in the course of a single week.

The debate had barely begun, the financial crisis barely addressed, when McCain started off on government spending. "You know, we spent \$3 million to study the DNA of bears in Montana."



GAIL COLLINS

Oh, no! Not the bear study. Congress is working feverishly on the \$700 billion rescue of the national credit system and McCain is complaining again about the \$3 million the Senate blew to help determine whether the grizzlies are still an endangered species.

To be fair, both McCain and Barack Obama appeared equally eager to move past the central issue of the day and on to — anything else. Neither seems capable of saying anything about the credit crisis except that it's important to protect Main Street from Wall Street. Don't the other streets of America deserve a little consideration, candidates? Can we have a few mentions for Elm Street once in a while? What about Broadway?

Least compelling moment following the bear DNA episode: the intense argument over who came first negotiating with Iran was most like Henry Kissinger's.

This was supposed to be the foreign affairs debate, and it's hard to beat down McCain on foreign affairs — anybody who can start a sentence with "I've been to Waziristan..." has a natural advantage. But Obama really more than held his own.

"John, you like to pretend like the war isn't in Iraq," he said. "You talk about the surge. The war started in 2003. And at the time, when



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the war started, you said it was going to be quick and easy. You said we knew where the weapons of mass destruction were. You were wrong." Although this is a very old argument, it sounded remarkably fresh, like revisiting some long-forgotten territory.

McCain stumbled over the name of the president of Iran and misstated the name of the new leader of Pakistan. This would, under normal circumstances, be less than nothing. But the first presidential debate is meant to be an event so fraught with meaning that combat to the death pales in comparison. Every word matters.

This campaign has been so chock full of excitement however, that the debate lost some of its normal most-important-moment-in-history sheen. The real tension, after all, had been getting McCain there in the first place. A simple trip to Mississippi turned into a saga featuring many, many rapidly changing story lines: Cancel the debate!

Maybe cancel the debate! No debate unless Congress passes a financial rescue bill.

No debate unless Congress has a plan to pass a financial rescue bill.

Oh, what the heck. After all that, when the wandering debate finally showed up Friday night, he just looked like a smallish,

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graysish, slightly grumpy guy with a grizzly obsession.

To be fair, it had been a very long week for McCain, what with ruling out the debate, and returning to a Senate from which he has been AWOL, so long that it's believed his desk is now being used to store janitorial supplies.

He reced there in answer to the crisis call, and a brief detour to New York to deliver a desperately needed speech on fossil fuels at the Clinton Global Initiative. He could not have sounded more filled with passion about service and country and the need for his leadership. Then he joined President Bush,

Obama and members of Congress in a White House meeting that his campaign had orchestrated, where he sat in near-silence as a bipartisan consensus fell apart.

One thing we now know for sure. Electing John McCain would be God's gift to the profession of journalism. A story a minute.

Imagine what would happen if a new beetle infested the Iowa corn belt during the first year of a McCain administration. On Monday, we spray. On Tuesday, we firebomb. On Wednesday, the President marches barefoot through the prairie in a show of support for Iowa farmers.

On Thursday, the White House reveals that Wiley Flum, a postal worker from Williamette, Conn., has been named the new beetle eradication czar. McCain says that Flum had shown "the instincts of a maverick reformer" in personally buying a box of roach traps, and scattering them around the post office locker room. "I can't wait to introduce Wiley to those beetles in Iowa," the president adds. On Friday, McCain announces he's canceling the weekend until Congress makes the beetles go away.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support Proposition 1

Vote yes on Proposition 1, the Blaine County Land, Water and Wildlife Levy! Idaho is a great place to live and so it is no surprise that so many people want to call Idaho "home." We all value our land, clean air, water and wildlife. In the face of rapid change, we need to work together to make sure we protect the things we care about.

I believe that local communities have a right to chart their own future. I have long supported legislation to provide communities with the tools that they need to stay vibrant and attractive. From issues like affordable workforce housing, transportation, residential real estate sales price disclosure or open space, I have been an advocate for local initiatives to ensure responsible growth. Communities across Idaho struggle to keep up

with the rapid pace of growth. Blaine County is no exception. We need local funding to ensure protection of Blaine County's land, wildlife and water now and for future generations. That is why I support Proposition 1, the land, water and wildlife levy.

The two-year levy will ensure protection of land and water quality in the Big Wood and Little Wood River valleys as well as wildlife habitat and working family farms and ranches. Proposition 1 is a good move for the voters of Blaine County. Please join me in voting yes on Proposition 1, the land, water and wildlife levy.

WENDY JAQUET
Ketchum
(Editor's note: Wendy Jaquet, a Democrat, represents Blaine, Camanche, Gooding and Lincoln counties in the Idaho House of Representatives, where she serves as minority leader.)

We shouldn't have to bail out air show organizers

The Times-News article by Jared Hopkins on Sept. 23 reported that Mayor Lance Gowen thinks the air show lost \$21,000 dollars because "we" stepped wrong, or we estimated wrong...

When you look at the advertising expenses, you see there was \$25,000 budgeted. The actual cost was \$3,836. That is a difference of \$28,836. I ask you, mayor and other organizers for this event, how can you guess wrong or estimate wrong on a fixed bill for advertising? You surely contracted with printers and media people who would have given you a price for their services. What is a budget for if not to limit the spending? Who exactly was in charge of arranging advertising? Let them pay the extra \$28,836.

The \$50,000 "absorbed" by the city and county is suspect as well. Just who is

paying (absorbing) the city and county security fees if it isn't we the people of Twin Falls city and county? Or by absorbing the security fees, does that mean the folks who worked won't get paid? I think not.

At a time when the whole country is staggering under increased financial burdens, poor planning and managing of public funds of this magnitude is a crime. I don't believe the people of Twin Falls should "bail out" the poor managers of this event any more than we the citizens of the United States should "bail out" financial institutions that did poor planning and managing.

As soon as we get names for these "organizers" of this event, we should put them on our list of who not to get to plan any community events or hold any public office in the future.

MARY LOU BECKER
Twin Falls

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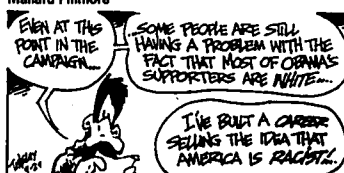
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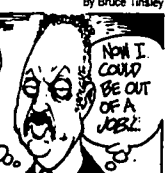
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By Bruce Tinsley



If I'd known I had \$700 billion, I'd have bought a beach house

My wife and I are just not risk takers. We go to work, pay into our 401k plans, make the house payments, avoid shellfish and occasionally rent a place on the beach.

Sharon and I are the types who see someone else's windfall and ask, "Why didn't I think of that?" We're thankful for what we have, but we've also sighed over our share of missed opportunities.

A few years ago, for instance, we passed up a chance to help finance a new product invented by a friend. The minimum investment would have required borrow-



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ing against the equity in our house with no guarantee that the device would actually sell.

That product is now shipped all over the world, and the could-have-been quarterly checks would have long since retired the should-have-been minimum investment.

Sometimes "better safe than sorry" is just plain sorry. Last year, when the housing bubble was still filling up with worthless air, Sharon and I briefly looked into the prospect of buying a house at the beach. It was mostly my idea — an investment scheme to help finance college educations for our three daughters.

The girls are close in age and likely to be simultaneously enrolled — hopefully at the same university — in slightly more than 10 years. That thought, more than anything else, helps me see into Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson's current feelings of

impending economic doom. If I bought a place at the beach, I theorized, we could do weekends and vacations there for the next decade or so while watching the equity swell beyond our wildest dreams. Then we could sell the property, pay for the girls' college and maybe even have a little money left over.

It seemed like a good plan until we actually picked up a few real estate brochures along the North Carolina coast. This was before the bubble popped, of course, but it's safe to say that someone else's wildest equity dreams were already being exceeded.

Any thoughts we had of beach-house ownership evaporated faster than washed up jellyfish. Even a tiny one-room condo — which looked suspiciously like a utility closet inside a parking garage — was beyond our price range.

I'm sure we still could have obtained a loan to buy the world's tiniest condo, but we decided that would not be a prudent use of our excellent credit rating.

Then came news of the mortgage meltdown. "Good thing we didn't buy that beach house," I chuckled to Sharon. "We'd probably be stuck along with all those sad

people holding properties worth less than their mortgages."

But now that the meltdown is swallowing Wall Street like molten lava, I'm not so sure we made the smart-money decision. A sizable portion of this federal bailout intends to take my money — tax dollars — and give it to banks and home buyers who made less-than-prudent real estate decisions.

Now why didn't I think of that?

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Does the Keating Five ring a bell?

Once upon a time, a politician took campaign contributions and favors from a friendly constituent who happened to run a savings and loan association. The contributions were generous: They came to about \$200,000 in today's dollars, and on top of that there were several free vacations for the politician and his family along with private jet trips and other perks. The politician voted repeatedly to lighten regulation of savings and loans, and in 1987, when he learned that his constituent's savings and loan was the target of a federal investigation, he met with regulators in an effort to get them to back off.

That politician was John McCain, and his generous friend was Charles Keating, head of Lincoln Savings & Loan. While he was courting McCain and other senators and urging them to oppose any regulation of savings and loans, Keating was also investing his depositors' federally insured savings in risky ventures. When those lost money, Keating tried to hide the losses from regulators by inducing his customers to switch from insured accounts to uninsured (and worthless) bonds issued by Lincoln's near-bankrupt parent company. In 1989, it went belly up — and more than 20,000 Lincoln customers saw their savings vanish.

Keating went to prison, and McCain's Senate career almost ended. Together with the rest of the so-called Keating Five — Sens. Alan Cranston, D-Calif.; John Glenn, D-Ohio; Don Riegle, D-Mich.; and Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., all of whom had also accepted large donations from Keating, and intervened on his behalf



ROSA BROOKS

— McCain was investigated by the Senate Ethics Committee and ultimately reprimanded for "poor judgment."

But the savings and loan crisis mushroomed. Eventually, the government spent about \$125 billion in taxpayer dollars to bail out hundreds of failed savings and loans that, like Keating's, fell victim to a combination of private-sector greed and the "poor judgment" of politicians such as McCain.

The \$125 billion seems like small change compared to the \$700-billion price tag for the Bush administration's proposed Wall Street bailout. But the root causes of both crises are similar: a jehal mix of deregulation and greed.

Today's meltdown began when unscrupulous mortgage lenders pushed naive borrowers to sign up for loans that would allow them to pay back. The original lenders didn't care: They pocketed the upfront fees and quickly sold the loans to others, who sold them to others still. With the government AIG, some mortgage-backed securities were zipping around the globe. But the time many ordinary people began to struggle to make their mortgage payments, the numerous "good" loans (held by borrowers able to pay) had gotten hopelessly mixed up with the bad loans. Investors and banks started to panic about being left with the hot potato — securities

backed mainly by worthless loans. And so began the downward spiral of a credit crunch, short-selling, stock sell-offs and bankruptcies.

Could all this have been prevented? Sure. It's not rocket science: A sensible package of regulatory reforms could have kept this most recent crisis from escalating, just as maintaining reasonable regulations for savings and loans in the '80s could have prevented that crisis.

But, despite his political near-death experience as a member of the Keating Five, McCain continued to champion deregulation, voting in 2000, for instance, against federal regulation of the kind of financial derivatives at the heart of today's crisis.

Shades of the Keating Five scandal still end there. Until August, the lobbying firm owned by McCain campaign manager Rick Davis was paid \$15,000 a month by Freddie Mac, one of the mortgage giants implicated in the current crisis (now being investigated by the government and under investigation by the FBI). Apparently, Freddie Mac's plan was to gain influence with McCain's campaign in hopes that he would help shield them from any government regulations. And until very recently, Freddie Mac executives probably figured money paid to Davis' firm was money well spent. "I'm not saying there's any real regulation," McCain told the Wall Street Journal in March.

These days, McCain is singing a different tune. "There are no atheists in foxholes and no ideologues in financial crises," Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke said, explaining the sudden mass conversion of so many onetime free marketeers into champions of robust govern-

ment intervention. Fair enough. But as you try to figure out what and who can get us out of this mess, beware of those who now embrace regulation with the fervor of new converts.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Carter for sheriff

As natives of Twin Falls, we believe now more than ever it is time for a change. We would like to take this opportunity to support Tom Carter for sheriff.

Tom has earned the respect of his fellow deputies as well as many other agencies. His willingness to listen and get along with others will be essential to get the sheriff's office back to serving the people of this community. Tom has more than 20


years of experience in law enforcement and has the commitment and knowledge for what it takes to be a good and effective leader. He is a sincere and honest man with sound and moral principles. These are all qualities that we need in our next sheriff. It is our pleasure to support Tom, and we urge you to join us and vote for Tom Carter in November. STAN DETWEILER, RITA DETWEILER, Twin Falls

New mobility planning structure provides increased opportunities and resources for users of services

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sheriff tickets boaters

Fishermen, beware: On Aug. 22, I was night fishing at Salmon Dam and was cited for no nav lights. Well, on this night, there was a light breeze blowing so I was drifting slowly down the bank using my electric trolling motor to correct my position. This was my mistake. I saw a boat coming and then was lit up with their spotlight and flashing red and blue lights. The sheriff!

The officer asked me where my nav lights were. I leaned over and turned them on. I asked what the problem was. He informed me that when my boat is under power, the nav lights have to be on. I told him that while I drift down the bank, I never turn these on. He asked for my registration. I produced this, and at that time I recognized he was the officer that issued me my inspection sticker. I then said to him, you mean you're writing me a ticket? He told me yes. His lieutenant told them to go to Salmon Dam and write tickets to the boats running without lights. (Remember I turned my lights on.)

The officer told me it's not a bad ticket, only \$57.45 minutes later, I asked what was taking so long. He told me was training a new officer. The Twin Falls Sheriff's Department is doing exactly what it was told to do. I suggest the Twin Falls Sheriff's Department take a

look at the real offenders! The people that have no lights. Wayne T., your officers need to be involved in public relations. I guess I did not adhere exactly to the letter of the law. But as a law-abiding, vote-casting citizen, I should not have been cited! A warning would have been sufficient! So night fishermen beware. MIKE CHUPA, Twin Falls

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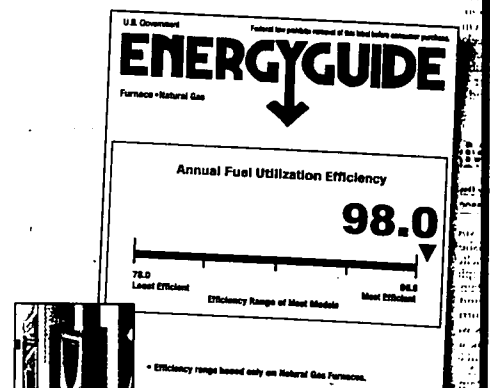
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Medical helicopter crashes in Md. park, killing 4

By Melissa Sywad
Associated Press writer

DISTRICT HEIGHTS, Md. — The pilot of a medical helicopter twice radioed for help in foggy weather before crashing Sunday, killing four of the five people on board in the latest of a growing number of air ambulance accidents, authorities said.

The medical helicopter was carrying victims of a traffic accident when it went down in a suburban Washington park. It was the deadliest medevac helicopter accident in Maryland since the State Police began flying those missions nearly 40 years ago, and the eighth fatal medical helicopter crash in the last 12 months nationwide. About 30 people have died in such crashes during that period, National Transportation Safety Board member Debbie Hersman said.

Crashes of medical aircraft have been increasing since the 1990s, in part because it

is a booming business, fueled by the closing of emergency rooms in rural areas and an aging population, according to the National EMS Pilots Association. However, the state-run program in Maryland does not charge for its services, and has been known for its safety record. It has had just three other fatal helicopter crashes in four decades.

"We are the only operation in the country that has the multiple mission of medevac, search and rescue, law enforcement, homeland security," State Police spokesman Greg Shipley said.

On Sunday, a veteran pilot, a flight paramedic, a county emergency medical technician and one of the traffic accident victims died in the crash, authorities said.

An 18-year-old woman also injured in the traffic accident in Charles County survived the helicopter crash. She was in critical condition at a hospital.

The helicopter was on a roughly 25-mile trip from the traffic accident to the hospital when the aircraft crashed Saturday. It would land at Andrews Air Force Base instead because conditions were "not favorable" at the hospital.

As they approached, the pilot radioed that he was having trouble assessing his surroundings. At 11:55 p.m., he again asked for assistance with the landing, and that was the last air traffic controller heard from him, Hersman said.

The chopper crashed about midnight, three miles from the base, Hersman said. An earlier NTSB news release had incorrectly placed the time of the crash at 1:15 a.m.

The NTSB and the Federal Aviation Administration were investigating the cause of the crash.

Hersman said the bodies have been removed from the site, but the wreckage remained Sunday night. Officials hoped to wrap up

their work at the scene in a couple of days.

Rescue workers found the heavily damaged chopper lying on its side, pinned under a large tree that had to be removed with chain saw.

Hersman said this type of aircraft is not required to carry a voice recorder or data recorder, and this particular helicopter had neither.

She said American Eurocopter, which built the craft, and Turbomeca, which manufactured the engine, are helping with the investigation.

The recent increase in medical helicopter accidents has triggered the safety board to hold a public hearing on the matter, Hersman said, though no date had been set.

A federal investigation in 2006 found there were 55 accidents air ambulance accidents from 2002 to 2005, prompting the safety board to issue four recommendations, including higher standards for medical aircraft

and more stringent decision-making in determining whether to fly in bad weather.

Officials said the helicopter was cleared to fly by Andrews Air Force base.

Crashes in Texas, Wisconsin and Arizona, where two medical helicopters were in a fiery collision in June, have underscored the dangers of the medical flights. Some have questioned whether it would be safer to transport patients by ground ambulance.

Dr. Bryan Bledsoe, an emergency medicine physician who teaches at the University of Nevada and has researched accident rates of medical helicopters, said Sunday the Maryland medevac system has a good safety record, but medical flights are overused nationwide.

"We've just gotten into a situation here in the United States where we think that the helicopters are a panacea," Bledsoe said. "And they are an important tool,

but they are just a fool. We vastly overuse them, patients don't benefit and they are expensive."

There is a tendency to fly in questionable weather, he said. In many cases, the flights aren't justified because the distance to the nearest hospital is not that great or the injuries are not severe enough, he said.

Killed in the crash Sunday were pilot Stephen Bunker, 59; flight paramedic Mickey Lippy, 34; emergency medical technician Tonya Mallard, 39; and 18-year-old Ashley Younger.

Younger and Jordan Wells, who survived the crash, were involved in the traffic accident in Charles County.

An aunt of Tonya Mallard, the medical technician killed in the crash, said she was proud of her niece's work.

"I lost someone I truly, truly love, I'm sorry for everybody else's loss," Cheri Douglas said. "My family is truly, truly hurt."

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NYC museum ship Intrepid coming home shipshape

By Howard Pyle
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Almost two years after being pried ignominiously from the mud by a phalanx of hulling tugboats and towed out to a shipyard for a final overhaul, the historic aircraft carrier Intrepid is returning home.

Freshly painted in naval blue and gray, and once again shipshape from stem to stern, the faded survivor of Pacific War battles and five kamikaze glide attacks will be towed up New York Harbor and stowed into its familiar Hudson River berth on Oct. 2.

The floating military and space museum will reopen to the public on Nov. 8, with a launch celebration on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

"With everything else that's going on, it may seem like a pimple on an elephant but I can't tell you how excited we are," said Bill White, president of the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum. He spent much of the past year lining up private benefactors to help finance the ship's 22-month, \$20 million restoration.

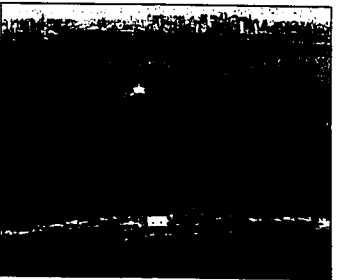
At the enclosed hangar dock the museum is putting new exhibits and facilities for public events, along with visitor access to crew quarters and other spaces previously

off limits. The outdoor flight deck array of some 30 vintage aircraft has five additions — a pair of Soviet-designed MIG fighters, a Grumman F11F fighter that in the 1960s was part of the Navy's Blue Angels flight demonstration team, and two 1950s-era helicopters.

Among five retired World War II aircraft carriers serving today as museums, none has a record to match Intrepid's. Launched in 1943, it fought in six major Pacific campaigns, losing 270 crew members — mostly to Japanese kamikazes. It also served in the Korean and Vietnam wars and was twice a recovery ship for NASA astronauts before being decommissioned in 1974.

Marked for the scrap yard, the 36,000-ton relic was selected in 1981 by real estate developer and philanthropist Zachary Fisher, who brought it to New York to be turned into the museum that in recent years has attracted 750,000 visitors annually, its officials say. In 1986 it was designated a national historic landmark.

In 2006, after 23 years, both vessel and pier were deemed in serious need of restoration. But when a team of powerful tugboats tried to dislodge the



The historic aircraft carrier Intrepid is docked at a repair facility in Bayonne, N.J., Sept. 8. Freshly painted in naval blue and gray, and once again shipshape from stem to stern, the faded survivor of Pacific war battles and five kamikaze glide attacks will be towed up New York Harbor and stowed into its familiar Hudson River berth Oct. 2.

ship, its rudder and four 15-foot bronze screws dug into what Army engineers would later call an underwater "speed bump" — 17 feet of accumulated Hudson River mud.

After that much-ridiculed fiasco, three weeks of dredging finally freed the ship to be moved to an Bayonne, N.J., shipyard on Dec. 6, 2006 — the day before the Pearl Harbor anniversary. Internal

work was performed later on Staten Island.

According to White, overall costs for the ship's restoration topped out close to \$120 million — \$55 million for the ship and \$65 million to rebuild Pier 86 with new space for a British Airways Concorde supersonic jet that had been on a barge.

The Army and Navy spent \$20 million more to design a new trench to cradle the carrier's 900-foot hull.

Maine preps even as hurricane veers toward Canada

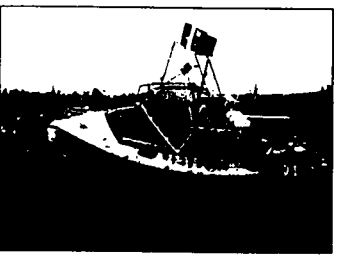
By David Sharp
Associated Press writer

MACHIAS, Maine — Sherman moved boats to shelter from a rare burst of tropical weather along Maine's rugged eastern coast Sunday as a weakening Hurricane Kyle spun past on the way to Canada, threatening a glancing blow equivalent to a classic nor'easter.

A hurricane watch for Maine was discontinued Sunday, but a tropical storm warning remained in effect from Stonington, at the mouth of Kennebec Bay, to Eastport on the Canadian border, the National Hurricane Center said. The Canadian Hurricane Centre issued a hurricane warning for parts of southwestern Nova Scotia with tropical storm warnings for parts of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

The Category 1 storm's track was expected to bring its center ashore in New Brunswick, but by then it is expected to be less than hurricane strength, said Peter Bowyer of the Canadian Center in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

"There were no immediate threats for evacuation in Maine, although residents were warned of potential power outages and interruptions in ferry services to islands. Flooding closed parts in eastern Maine. Heavy rain washed the state Sunday for a third straight day, with as much as 5.5 inches



James Colby hoopes hoops on a rocky shore on the weather after beaching his fishing boat in an estuary, Sunday, in Millis Mills, Maine. Laborers in eastern Maine were taking precautionary measures to protect their vessels before Hurricane Kyle makes landfall.

had already fallen along coastal areas. Flood watches were in effect for the southern two-thirds of New Hampshire and southern Maine through Sunday evening.

Maine emergency responders had been bracing for wind gusts as high as 80 mph and waves up to 20 feet, but as the storm pushed toward the Canadian Maritime Provinces, it became clear that the state was escaping a direct hit.

Officials still expect strong winds and "the attendant power outages," Lynette Miller, spokeswoman for the Maine Emergency Management Agency, said Sunday evening. "We cautiously optimistic that things will not be as bad as we originally feared."

Residents of the area, which New Englanders refer to as Down East, are accustomed to rough weather, but it most often comes in the winter when nor'easters howl along the coast. Maine hasn't had anything like a hurricane since Bob was downgraded as it moved into the state in 1991 after causing problems in southern New England.

While residents took precautions, many weren't impressed by the weather. "It probably won't be much different than a Nor'easter except we don't have to deal with the snow," said Jesse Davis of Marshfield, who planned to ride out the wind and rain at home with his wife and 2-month-old daughter.

He gassed up his vehicles and his generator, took in his deck furniture and filled up water jugs, but said that's what he does for any big storm.

"Down East we get storms with 50 to 60 mph winds every winter. Those storms can become ferocious," said Washington County Emergency Management Agency Director Michael Filmerman. Down East is the rugged, sparsely populated area from about Bar Harbor to the Canadian border.

Many lobstermen moved their boats to sheltered coves, said Dwight Carver, a lobsterman on Beals Island. Some also moved lobster traps from shallow water.

"I'm sure we'll have a lot of snails, a lot of mess, to take care of when it's done," Carver said. "I'll take a few days to straighten things out."

In Lubec, the easternmost town in the U.S., town workers pulled up docks and fishermen moved boats across the harbor into Campobello Island, New Brunswick, which has coves and wharves that offer shelter.

At 8 p.m. EDT Sunday, Kyle was centered near the western tip of Nova Scotia, about 80 miles southeast of the coast border of Maine and New Brunswick, the National Hurricane Center said. It was moving north at nearly 30 mph and was weakening. Kyle's maximum sustained winds were nearly 75 mph, or just barely hurricane strength.

SERVICES

Dicy H. Davis of Castleford, graveside service at 10 a.m. today at West End Cemetery in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Grant Nelson Beyer of Malta, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Malta LDS Church; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Bastussen Funeral Home in Buhl).

Michael Patrick Hurd of Murrtage, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Murrtage LDS Church, 23709 U.S. Highway 30; visitation from

9 to 10:30 a.m. today at the church; interment at 3:30 p.m. today at the Aberdeen Cemetery in Buhl (American Falls; Davis-Hose Mortuary in American Falls).

Clarice Florene Blshop Silver of Shoshone, funeral at 1 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

Fay "Doris" Fairchild of Castleford, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl; visitation will be before the funeral.

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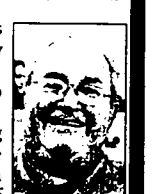
Shirley Coiner
HANSEN — Shirley Coiner, 83, of Hansen, died Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008, at the Caring Place in Twin Falls. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

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U.S. ambassador Crocker appeals for patience in Iraq

Accuses Iran of trying to interfere with security pact between U.S., Iraq

By John Daniszewski
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker on Sunday accused Iran of trying to interfere with a new security pact between Iraq and the United States, and said Americans need to view Iraq with "a sense of strategic patience" because the stakes

in the region are so high. The 37-year veteran diplomat, interviewed by The Associated Press at his embassy in Baghdad, is in the middle of tough negotiations with Iraqi officials to define the basis for a continuing American military presence in the country beyond the end of this year.

The talks hit an impasse

recently and are taking place against a backdrop of increasing calls in the United States for a U.S. withdrawal and declining interest in the war itself from many members of the American public.

Crocker struck an emotional note in discussing the recent accomplishments in Iraq, including a sharp decline in violence across much of the country and some preliminary steps toward political reconciliation, such as last week's agreement to schedule provincial

elections by Jan. 31.

"All Americans should be and are proud of the achievements in Iraq and the American role in bringing about the change," Crocker said. "Iraq is in a far, far better place than it was say 18 months ago."

However, he warned, those gains could be in jeopardy if U.S. interest in the country is allowed to flag. "So I think what Americans need going forward is a sense of strategic patience," he said.

"If we decide we are tired of

it, if we decide we don't want to do it anymore and that it is time to turn our attention to other things, this could all go the other way," Crocker said. "And it is certainly my sense as someone who has served in the Middle East for the better part of three decades, that you would pay a major long-term price."

He suggested it could be seen as a repeat of the U.S. withdrawal from Lebanon in the early 1980s, a move that led countries like Iran and Syria to draw assumptions

about U.S. lack of resolve and to embrace an attitude of defiance. "These kinds of actions have profound and very far-reaching consequences," he said.

The talks on the military pact have hit an impasse recently over U.S. insistence on retaining sole legal jurisdiction over American troops and agreement over a schedule for the departure of the U.S. military. Iraqi officials have said that they want all foreign troops out by the end of 2011.

Investigation finds Palin got zoning aid, gifts

By Brett J. Blackledge
Associated Press writer

WASILLA, Alaska — Though Sarah Palin depicts herself as a pit bull fighting good-ol-boy politics, in her years as mayor she and her friends received special benefits more typical of small-town politics as usual, an Associated Press investigation shows.

When Palin needed to sell her house during her last year as Wasilla mayor, she got the city to sign off on a special zoning exception — and did so without keeping a promise to remove a potential fire hazard.

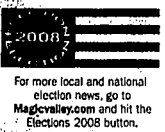
She gladly accepted gifts from merchants. A free "awesome facial" she raved about in a thank-you note to a spa. The "absolutely gorgeous flowers" she received from a wedding supply store. Even fresh salmon to take home.

She also stepped in to help friends or neighbors with City Hall dealings. She asked the City Council to add a friend to the list of speakers at a 2002 meeting — and then the friend got up and asked them to give his radio station advertising business.

That year, records show, she tried to help a neighbor and political contributor fighting City Hall over his small lakeside development. Palin wanted the city to refund some of the man's fees, but the city attorney told the mayor she didn't have the authority.

Palin claims she has more executive experience than her opponent and the two presidential candidates, but most of those years were spent running a city with a population of less than 7,000.

Some of her first actions after being elected mayor in 1996 raised possible ethical red flags: She cast the tie-breaking vote to propose a tax exemption on aircraft when her father-in-law owned one, and backed the city's repeal of all taxes a year later on planes, snow machines and other personal property. She also asked the council to consider looser rules for snow machine races. Palin and her husband, Todd, a champion racer, co-owned a snow machine store



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at the time. Palin often told the City Council of her personal involvement in such issues, but that didn't stop her from pressing them, according to minutes of council meetings. She sometimes followed a cautious path in the face of real or potential conflicts — for example, stepping away from the table in 1997 when he council considered a grant for the Iron Dog snow machine race in which her husband competes.

But mostly, like other Wasilla elected officials at the time, she took an active role on issues that directly affected and sometimes benefited her. Her efforts to clear the way for the \$327,000 sale of the Palin family home on Lake Wasilla is an example.

Two months before Palin's return as mayor ended in 2002, she asked city planning officials to forgive zoning violations so she could sell her house. Palin had a buyer, but he wouldn't close the deal unless she persuaded the city to waive the violations with a code variance.

The Palins, who were finishing work on a new waterfront house on Lake Lucille about two miles away, asked the city for the variance. The request was opposed by one planning official and some neighbors.

"I would ask that the Wasilla Planning Commission apply the exact same rules in this situation that it would apply to other similar requests so that our community can see that being a public figure does not give anyone special benefits," urged neighbor Clyde Boyer Jr. in a 2002 note to the city.

The Palins' house was built by the original owner too close to the shoreline and too close to adjacent properties on each side, including a carport that stretched so far over it nearly connected the two houses.

LIFE AFTER KIM

North Korean puzzle: Amid speculation of Kim being ill, is a succession emerging?



By Jae-Son Chang
Associated Press writer

SEOUL, South Korea — Peering through the North Korean political mist, lately thickened by Kim Jong Il's reported illness and a resurgent nuclear crisis, analysts have begun looking at the North Korean leader's brother-in-law as part of a possible succession.

But if Jang Song Taek were to emerge on top, it would likely be as the head of a collective leadership, rather than as an absolute ruler like Kim Jong Il or his father, North Korea founder Kim Il Sung, experts in Seoul say.

They say no single person in the communist dictatorship is poised to take over as smoothly as Kim — groomed for 20 years — did after his father died in 1994. But the 62-year-old Jang, husband of Kim's younger sister, is seen as a potentially critical player.

Jang heads the administrative department of the all-powerful Workers' Party. More importantly, he oversees the intelligence agency and other military-related institutions, analysts say.

"Jang could play a key role in a collective leadership because he's someone who would be able to bond the military and the party together," said Hong Hyun-uk of the Sejong Research Institute, South Korea's security think tank.

A technocrat educated in Russia during Soviet times, Jang was a rising star until he was summarily demoted in early 2004 in what analysts believe was a warning from Kim against gathering too much influence.

But Kim got Jang back at his side in 2006.

"In such a power structure, the most reliable person is a relative," said North Korea expert Koh Yun-hwan of Seoul's Dongguk University. "He is now No. 2."

Jang's two brothers served in high-level military posts, which

could give him connections to the military, Koh said.

Other senior figures in a collective leadership would likely include Defense Minister Kim Il Chul and other top military and party figures, the analysts said.

But with no way of confirming the speculation, all the guesses could be wrong, Koh cautioned. "Who knows?" he said. "Somebody we don't know may actually be really powerful behind the scene."

The analysts also warn against assuming for a fact that 66-year-old Kim is incapacitated or dying.

South Korea and U.S. officials say their intelligence sources confirm Kim suffered a stroke in August and underwent surgery. Last week, the chief of Seoul's main spy agency told lawmakers that Kim's condition appeared to have "improved a little."

North Korean officials never talk about their leader's health, except to strenuously deny he was felled by a stroke.

The reports have led some to see a link between Kim's health and his country's push to restart its nuclear program — retooling equipment, testing its reactor engine, ordering U.S. inspectors to remove monitoring equipment and keep out of the complex.

Mexico pushes national campaign to lose weight

Country on track to catch up with U.S. as one of world's fattest countries

By Jaime A. Zia
Associated Press writer

MEXICO CITY — Abraham Leon was getting a checkup when he found out he had high blood pressure and was at risk of developing diabetes. On the spot, the 5-foot-6-inch, 240-pound lab researcher joined "Vamos Por Un Millón de Kilos" (Let's Lose a Million Kilos), a national campaign to get Mexicans to collectively trim about 2 million pounds.

The project is one of several new efforts to fight obesity in Mexico, which is on track to catch up with the United States within a decade as one of the world's fattest countries, according to the Mexican government. Nearly half of Mexico's 110 million people are overweight, and the number of fat children

has climbed 8 percent a year over the last decade.

"The longer we carry this excess weight, the more serious the problem becomes," said Dr. Samuel Flores Huerta, director of the Department of Community Health at Children's Hospital. "Obesity is costing this country a lot of money."

Mexico is working to mandate more physical education in public schools and encourage employers and unions to give workers time for exercise. But for now, said President Felipe Calderon says it has built or renovated more than 800 public sports facilities around the country. The National Institute of Public Health is promoting food education and healthier choices in schools, such as fruits and vegetables instead of chips and soda.

Mexican cuisine has always been high in fat and calories. But for decades, people living in small villages could not grow enough crops to eat a lot and had to travel long distances to

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gather more food. Now, as the middle class grows and more people move to cities seeking work, diets have become laden with processed and fast foods. At the same time, doctors say, Mexicans spend more time in sitting in cars or watching TV.

The country has the disease rates to prove it. According to government statistics, new cases of high blood pressure increased 24 percent in Mexico in just six years, from 2000 to 2006. New cases of Type 2 diabetes, believed to be linked in part to obesity, jumped 31 percent during that time.

Companies spend a lot to market unhealthy foods in Mexico, said Margarita

Saldie, an investigator at the public health institute. In one so-called health-conscious promotion, a company offered a free bottle of water to anyone buying two soft drinks.

"It should be the other way around," Saldie said. "It's not that healthy food is much more expensive. What happens is that calories have become cheaper." At Alvaro Llanero's taco stand in downtown Mexico City, customers line up every day for a choice of fatty meats on two corn tortillas washed down with a sugary soft drink. He said his customers are more concerned about money and time than about health.



The former home of Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin on Wasilla Lake in Wasilla, Alaska, is seen Sept. 24. Two months before Palin's tenure as mayor ended in 2002, she asked city planning officials to forgive zoning violations so she could sell the house.

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Exercise: It's not too late to start

If you're trying to get out of exercising, think again. New connections between regular exercise and aging well are being discovered daily. In fact, never have there been more compelling data to support exercise as the closest thing we have to a "magic pill" than now — as we accommodate a graying, bulging baby boomer population.

ALIVE AND WELL
 Jan
 Mittelder

Unfortunately, more than half of older adults in the country, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, forfeit the potential benefits attached to regular physical activity because they simply fail to lace up their sneakers in the first place.

The intention to increase unstructured or organized physical activity to simply feel better can be triggered by some insignificant incident. You try to do a few push-ups and discover that certain body parts refuse to leave the floor. Or you stop on one of those talking scales that croak: "Come back when you're alone."

Once you have made the commitment to start or renew an exercise habit — for whatever reason — it pays to check out the plethora of credible studies that show that exercise can lower stress levels, improve cognitive function, control pain, boost the immune system and prevent or manage significant chronic ailments. And, the newest studies confirm what experts keep telling us: Every little bit of effort counts, and it's not too late to get started.

There is essentially no body system or disease process that can't benefit from regular exercise.

Older adults who regularly get moderate or vigorous exercise can extend their lives, even if they are overweight. A 12-year study, recently published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, is the first to examine the link between fitness, body fat and death in older Americans.

Researchers determined fitness with a treadmill test and body fat percentages. People who were considered fat but fit had a lower mortality rate than those who were unfit with a normal or lean weight.

In a study of more than 800 older adults, Mayo Clinic researchers found that those who engaged in moderate physical exercise two to five times a week had a reduced risk of developing mild cognitive disability that is thought to be a precursor to Alzheimer's.

British researchers examined DNA strands called telomeres, one measure of aging, in more than 1,000 pairs of twins; some were active, others were devout couch potatoes. They found that the more active twins boasted telomeres longer than average; in fact, the length was similar to those of individuals up to 10 years younger.

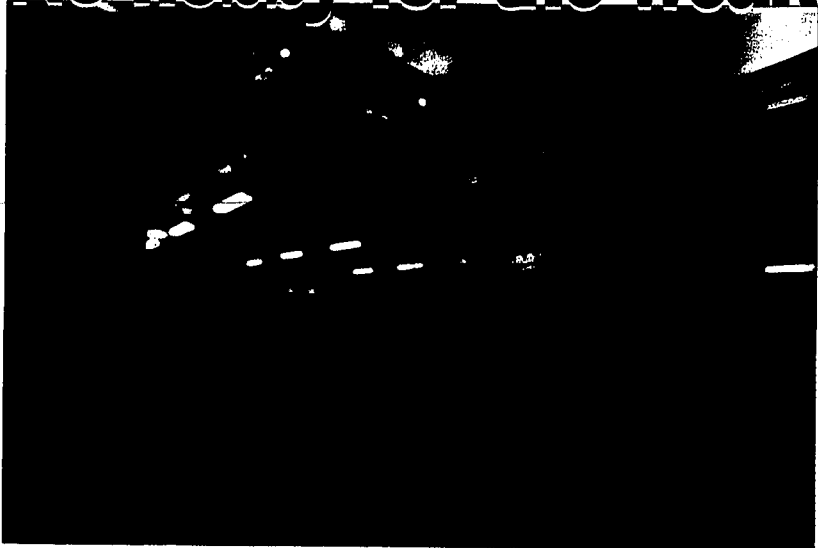
Although the beneficial effect of regular physical activity remains well grounded in research evidence, the impersonal statistics seem insignificant in comparison with some of the lessons I have learned in the College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit Program over three decades.

I have learned that staying active becomes more important than ever during the second half of life from literally hundreds of students who have maintained or reclaimed strength, stability, suppleness and personal confidence. It takes a little longer with some adapted expectations to reap the benefits which spill out into other dimensions for successful aging: new educational opportunities, volunteer commitments in the community and social connectedness. All of that adds purpose, vitality and fun.

As Ashley Montague said: "The goal of life is to die young ... as late as possible."

Health educator Jan Mittelder is coordinator of the Over 60 and Getting Fit Program at the College of Southern Idaho.

No hobby for the weak



Julie Kayle is a little reluctant about striking a classic bodybuilder pose, but after some encouragement she shyly does. Kayle, of Twin Falls, started the sport last year after her bodybuilder doubles partner Jeff Bolton encouraged her to give it a try. 'She's a flippin' stud,' says Bolton of the 32-year-old mother of three.

Bodybuilders a force in Twin Falls gym scene

By Melissa Davlin
 Times-News writer

It takes some coaxing to get Julie Kayle to show her stuff. "Come on," said Jeff Bolton, trainer at Gold's Gym and Kayle's bodybuilding partner.

Kayle rolled her eyes and flexed her arm. Muscles popped up, revealing their definition.

"Iam!" Bolton yelled. "How you doin'?"

Bolton and Kayle are part of the Twin Falls Gold's Gym bodybuilding team. Although there is no organized club, the group trains together for shows and competitions across the northwest.

As new lifters quickly learn, bodybuilding isn't a hobby. It's a lifestyle change.

Bodybuilders aren't the same as competitive weight lifters. They don't lift in front of judges. Instead, they pose and flex, showing off their muscles. The strongest isn't necessarily the winner, Bolton said. It's all about who looks the leanest.

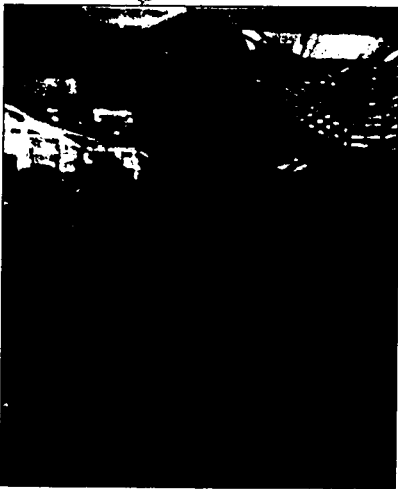
"All you're doing is showing what you got," he said.

"Bodybuilders are not the strongest out there."
 Their will power is an even greater force than their muscles. Bodybuilders typically wake up at 4 a.m. and are at the gym within 30 minutes. They work out at least twice a day for up to three hours.

When it's time to compete, the bodybuilders don't just swim-suits and walk onto stage. Judges compare their physiques while the competitors flex every muscle on their bodies.

It's not for the meek.

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Brandon Adams, 31, shows off his second training physique Thursday evening before beginning his second workout session for the day. Adams says he is up at 4 a.m. and through a disciplined day of workouts and a strict diet he is able to maintain his chiseled form.



Jeff Bolton, the head trainer at Gold's Gym in Twin Falls, and Brandon Adams strike classic bodybuilder poses. They are part of a local bodybuilding group that competes around the state. Bolton says that genetics is a big part of having an award-winning physique, but with hard work and discipline he says anybody can eventually become a competitive body builder.



Brandon Adams is part of the local bodybuilding group that competes around Idaho as well as some other Northwest states.

You

About life skills

Twin Falls Reformed Church will hold Session 2 of its Life Builders classes, 7 p.m. today and Oct. 6, at the church, 1631 Grandview Drive N. Deb Anness will facilitate the "Healthy Bodies" session.

The series of everyday life skills classes is taught by local professionals. Topics: enriching relationships (setting boundaries, communications skills), healthy bodies (eating well, fitness, weight management), managing stress (peace with the past, living in the moment) and positive families (parenting skills, promoting responsibility).

Free. Information: Mike Smith, 733-6128, ext. 103.

'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center's "Baby and Me" classes, 11 a.m.-noon Tuesdays, at Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E.

This week's topic: "Travel with Baby." The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years.

Free; 324-6133.

About back injuries

"Back School," a course on preventing and treating back pain as well as instructions in posture and body mechanics to protect the spine.

Cost is \$25. Pre-registration required; 737-2126.

Jaw damage is traced to one type of osteoporosis drug

By Susan Brink
Los Angeles Times

Drugs to treat osteoporosis are not without possible side effects, most notably a widely publicized condition in which jawbone tissue dies.

Bonnie absolutely intended. Dr. Thomas H. Dodson explains, "Bisphosphonates related osteonecrosis of the jaw" is a mouthful. His expertise is another mouthful — oral and maxillofacial surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital. He's an expert on — let's just call it BRONJ.

The problem has been linked to drugs called bisphosphonates, ranked 10th in sales among all drug categories, according to IMS Health, which analyzes pharmaceutical and health care markets. Most cases come after someone has been treated for cancer with potent, intravenous forms of the drugs. About 1 in 10 cancer patients treated with IV bisphosphonate develops the jaw problem.

But a handful of cases have shown up in women taking much smaller doses of the drugs for treatment of osteoporosis.

Bisphosphonates — marketed as Actonel, Aredia, Boniva, Dilonel, Fosamax, Reclast, Skelrel, Zometa and others — are meant to increase bone density in the short run by reducing the bone-loss part of the bone life cycle. But some scientists

Childbirth refresher

The refresher class of St. Benedict's prepared childbirth series, 7 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, at Jerome Ambulance Building, 240 E. Main.

Topics: labor rehearsal, postpartum care and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Bring two pillows, a blanket and, if possible, a support person. Fee is \$5. Register: 324-6133.

Breast cancer awareness

Brake for Breakfast, a breast cancer awareness event sponsored by The Health Cooperative and St. Benedict's Family Medical Center, will be held 7-10 a.m. Thursday (while supplies last) at the parking lot at the corner of North Lincoln and West Main Street in Jerome.

The drive-through event is designed so women do not get out of their cars. Stations include: Breakfast Junction (receive a brown-bag breakfast); Information Way (receive breast cancer information packets); and Pink Place (receive a pink gift and a coupon for a discounted mammogram).

The goal is to remind women to do monthly self-breast exams and to get a mammogram yearly after age 40, organizers say. Free information: Christy Davies, 324-9533.

Infant safety and CPR

Infant safety and cardiopulmonary resuscitation, 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, in the lobby of St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E.

Rural women needed for chronic illness study

Women 60 years and older with chronic illness in rural communities are being recruited for a study prospecting in Jerome. The project enhances rural health care delivery. Women are needed to participate in a study on chronic illness. The study is designed to assess the impact of chronic illness on rural women. The study is designed to assess the impact of chronic illness on rural women. The study is designed to assess the impact of chronic illness on rural women.

In Twin Falls. New parents, grandparents and caregivers learn CPR and what to do if a baby chokes. No registration required; free; 732-3148.

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Big Kids Klub

Big Kids Klub, 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, in the Sage Room at St. Luke's Education Center, 568 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

Help prepare brothers and sisters for the new baby. Cost is \$10 for one child.

\$15 for two or more children; pre-registration required: 732-3148.

About Medicare

The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho will offer the class "Medicare 101 — A Beginner's Guide" 7-9 p.m. Oct. 16 in Room 180 of CSI's Aspen Building, Ken Azbill will instruct.

Topics: original Medicare (Parts A and B), enrollment guidelines, premiums, Medicare Part D and supplements to Medicare including Medigap and Medicare Advantage plans. Cost is \$15. Bring one guest at no additional charge. Register: 732-6442 or csi.edu/community.



Jeff Bolton already completed his workout for the day but when he wandered over to watch fellow bodybuilding competitor Brandon Adams was working out, he just couldn't help himself. He jumped in for a couple of quick repetitions Thursday evening at Gold's Gym in Twin Falls.

Body

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"Let me just say this — how would you feel going out in a thong in front of everybody?" Bolton said. That's not even the worst part; said fellow bodybuilder Chris Cardinet. The diet is excruciating.

Forget swinging by the drive-thru on the way home from work. Bodybuilders monitor exactly what goes into their bodies, down to the exact amount of protein and ounces of water. Downing a milkshake on a whim, Bolton said, would be suicide.

"You can even grab the wrong kind of protein bar and waste the whole day," Bolton said.

Instead, the bodybuilders eat every two hours or so. Their diet consists mostly of lean protein, like chicken or fish, asparagus, protein shakes, and carbs. They mix up their carb intake to confuse their metabolisms. "Helping them stay lean," Cardinet said.

Three percent body fat is ideal during training season.

Water is the only thing the bodybuilders drink during training. On a typical day, they drink at least one gallon of water each. Leading up to a meet, they gradually reduce their intakes. The day before a competition, each drinks just 5 ounces. Dehydration helps their veins pop, which makes them look even more buff, Bolton said. "Nobody knows the state of mind you're in for the last two weeks (before a competition) except for someone who's done it," Bolton said.

It's rigorous, but worth it. Cardinet said his self-confidence has sky-rocketed since he started competing. Last year, Cardinet overheard Bolton ask a new gym member about his goals. "He points to me and says 'I want to look like that guy,'" Cardinet said.

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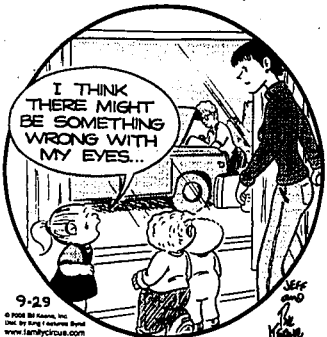
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Grid for a 9x9 Sudoku puzzle with some numbers filled in.

V. EASY #79
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9.

209 General

GENERAL
Retail Looking for permanent part-time work? Car Wash Attendant needed.

GENERAL
University of Idaho Youth/Community Director, full time work with youth and community.

PhoneBase Research currently has immediate openings in our interviewing department.

209 General
Experienced Backhoe Operator needed Must have Class A CDL and current medical card.

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Mobile Pressure Washer Operator needed in Jerome. Contact Bob 731-3476 or 208-226-2482

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Progressive local seed research company is accepting resumes for a Research Assistant to conduct all aspects of disease nursery trials.

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STARK'S Come Join The Fun!
N.S. Start we provide income & community support to an amazing group of people with disabilities.

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PT, PRR Worker Experience a plus. College degree in Human Services. Benefits include Health, Sick Leave, Paid Holidays, Wage DOE

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OUTSIDE SALES
Collection Agency looking for a Outside Sales Rep. Must be highly motivated and proven winner.

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Experienced Agents Needed! Sales Insurance Agents. The #1 Medicare 2007 Warranty Company in the Nation is seeking Licensed Agents

SALES

NOW HIRING
Selection Specialists and Greeters. Base Salary plus commissions and bonuses.

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Sales Associate wanted. Rates sales exp a plus. Motivated, self starter, quick learner. Must be able to work evenings and weekends.

300 Business Opportunities

\$2000 PER WEEK
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301 Homes For Sale

BURLEY
NEW! INTERSTATE COMMERCIAL BUILDING WITH A CAR WASH. 5 bay fully equipped building w/2 restrooms, waiting area, office and storage.

302 Money to Loan

NEED CASH NOW?
We want to make you a loan. \$100-\$5000. Convenient Loans 323 Main Ave. East Twin Falls 734-3333

304 Investments

DRACO INVESTMENT CORP
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112 Rainbow Dr. This 3 bdrm 2 bath home sits on 1.25 w/ great landscaping in 2005 with 1604 sq ft 3 car garage new hard wood floors and stainless steel appliances. \$179,900 733-8676/539-4449

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Communications Technician Apprentice, Journeyman
Twin Falls, Idaho
Ensures secure operation of the interconnected electrical power system by installing, commissioning, troubleshooting, repairing, testing, and maintaining communications systems.

209 General
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Experienced Backhoe Operator needed Must have Class A CDL and current medical card. Wage DOE Apply in person at 212 Highland, Twin Falls. 736-9978

LABORERS
THE AMALGAMATED SUGAR COMPANY, LLC
located in Paul is accepting applications for Beet Receiving Station Workers. Wages begin at \$39.28/hr + overtime. Must be able to work from 6am-8pm Mon-Sat. Season begins in October.

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PRESS OPERATOR
The Times-News is looking for an energetic operator who wants to become a leader on our growing press team on an entry-level worker with a desire to learn a 10-unit Urbaine press.

MANAGEMENT
TRANSYSTEMS
"Excellence in Safety"
Division Safety Manager
Transystems is a motor carrier with operations in the west and mid-west. Transystems seeks an experienced manager for the safety programs in its Idaho Division.

Fall into a great job!
POSITIONS NOW AVAILABLE:
LPN/RN - Noc/Eve/Day
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704 Pets and Pet Supplies

HUNGARIAN VIZSLA puppiel 14 females, 1 male. Will be ready for new homes October 14, 2008. \$500 deposit. Call to hold your pup! 208-420-1656

FREE Black Lab, female, 11 1/2 yrs old, sprayed, all shots. Son has been used to spend with her. 829-4239

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709 Hay Grain and Feed

HAY Baled hay \$9.99 per bale. \$50.00 per ton. Southern Idaho Feeds 208-723-4217

HAY Good quality 1st crop, small bales, 1 ton. \$85.50 bale. 208-312-2221 Barley

HAY Grass & alfalfa mix small bales. Call 208-306-8558

HORSE PASTURE 5 acres, irrigated, will rent part of it. Also 125x20 2 bdrm. home for rent with or without pet. Call 208-862-0033

T.S.G. Hay Raising 167 of 90% grass, 10% alfalfa mix. Con 208-280-0839

712 Miscellaneous AG

GRAVEL & TOP SOIL 208-208-1577 Andrew 733-1178 for more information

NDE 804 2007 Vertical windmill/turbine. Excellent condition. \$30,000. Call 776-762-3714

713 Farms/Pasture/Rentals

FREE pasture grazing for a cow of 1 cow and calf maximum. Wood collection, 18 mashes, 1 dumping only, 1 butter paddle, 1 scrop, 5150 for all. 208-735-2077

POTATO GROUND for rent 189 acres, plus soil, sold sep. private well. 208-431-5916

RENTER are you placed since the Time-News? Here we are to see how you did! We are the best. Call today! 733-0931

701 Antiques and Collectibles

BIRTHDAY PHOTOS Have you forgotten to pick-up your birthday photos? We have some photos we are sure you don't want to lose. These can be picked up at The Times-News Classified Dept. 208-431-5225

702 Appliances

USED APPLIANCES All types and models. Starting price \$65. With warranties. Appliance repair. Delivery available. Call 208-733-0114

WASHER & GAS DRYER \$525/or for both. Call 208-316-2178 or 969-0489

WASHER and DRYER Whirlpool, 5000 lbs. 7 years old. 208-431-8225 or 208-311-5225

WASHER/DRYER dryer is electric, white. Good condition. \$1500. Call 208-733-9143

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Your local guide to professional and personal services

Contact a Times-News classifieds representative for our low monthly rates: 733-0931, ext. 2

CLEANING CONSTRUCTION CONSTRUCTION HANDY WORK LANDSCAPE SERVICES

705 Farm Equipment

LAB CHOCOLATE AKC reg. male, 5 yrs old, good for breeding. 208-421-0217

LABS AKC reg. male, 5 yrs old, good for breeding. 431-212 or 431-7722

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707 Irrigation

WHEEL LINES Thursday, 4 mi. \$1700 each Call 734-4714

709 Hay Grain and Feed

ALFALFA 37-cent small bales \$190/ton 208-834-0973

ALFALFA High best hay 200 lb. bales \$44 bale 208-431-6102

FEEEDER HAY 500 ton in big bales. Call 208-722-7201 or Home 208-856-2930

HAY 1st & 2nd Hay \$10/bale \$190/ton \$58 90/bale 208-426-0638 or 839-7828

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Plenty of sunshine to go around. Highs, lower 80s. Tonight: Fair to clear skies. Lows, 40s. Tomorrow: Another round of sun. Highs, lower 80s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today/Sunny skies. Highs near 80. Tonight: Settled weather conditions. Lows, 40s. Tomorrow: More sunshine. Highs near 80.

TWIN FALLS FIVE DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 81, Low 46, etc.).

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 7 columns: Day, High, Low, Wind, Clouds, Precip. Lists weather for Burley, Coeur d'Alene, and other areas.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Map of Idaho with weather forecasts for various regions: SUN VALLEY, SOUTHERN UTAH, NORTHERN UTAH, and BOISE. Includes temperature ranges and weather descriptions.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Weather statistics including Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, and Moon Phases. Includes a 'WORLD FORECAST' section for various international cities.

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP showing weather patterns across the United States with a color-coded legend for Front, Wind, Stationary, and Occluded.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Lists weather forecasts for major Canadian cities like Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, etc.

WORLD FORECAST table listing weather for cities like London, Paris, Tokyo, Sydney, etc. Includes temperature and weather conditions.

Sudoku Answers:

Grid of numbers representing Sudoku puzzle solutions, arranged in 9 rows and 9 columns.

1010 Autos

CHEVY '02 Sedan, 4 cyl, silver, 28K miles, clear title \$4000. Serviced reg. by Meineke (735-8296). Owners phone 733-2944.

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DODGE '04 Status, 2000 cc, 4 cyl. Fully loaded, AT, fuel efficiency \$7,995. Country Auto 2400 S Lincoln Jerome 324-1457.

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FORD '01 Escort LX, 4 cyl, AC, new tires, \$4200 or best offer. 735-5030.

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Assist AUTO BROKERAGE 275 S. Idaho St. Wendell 208-536-1900.

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NISSAN '05 Sentra, 41K miles, PW, PL, AC, CD, cruise, great gas mileage, automatic, only \$11,000.

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PONTIAC '00 Grand Prix, exc. cond. New tires, cd player, PW windows, remote start \$8K m/s. \$6500. Call 208-733-3928.

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MERCURY '98 Cougar, 4 cyl, auto, \$3500/offer. Call 208-734-2012.

1009 Vans and Buses

WANTED VAN!! Sell your vehicle for immediate CASH TODAY! Buying all years, makes and models 1-800-574-1248.

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AUDI '03 Quattro A4 new brakes, great cond. 79K mi. \$13,000/offer. 208-410-2533.

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CHEVY '02 Impala LT, 3.5L V6, air, automatic, PW, PL, Cruise, \$15,995. Stock #B9100597CP.

1010 Autos

DODGE '07 Charger SXT, alloy wheels, leather, power windows, CD. Stock #79757934CD. Call 208-733-5776.

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FORD '07 Mustang V6, CD, PW, PL, AC, PS, cruise, 25K miles, only \$15,800.

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Mercury '98 Cougar, 4 cyl, auto, \$3500/offer. Call 208-734-2012.

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BUICK '05 LaSalle PW, PL, cruise, AM/FM/CD, air, \$10,588. #119001A. Middlekauff 208-733-7700.

1010 Autos

CHEVY '00 Malibu, Clean, 99K miles, AT, CD, PW \$3800. Call 208-734-7907.

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DODGE '07 Charger SXT, alloy wheels, leather, power windows, CD. Stock #79757934CD. Call 208-733-5776.

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FORD '08 Crown Victoria LX Sedan, 4 door, AC, PW, PL, cruise, new \$2696. #328018.

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NISSAN '07 Maxima, fully loaded, sunroof, leather, 150K miles, \$4500. 208-678-2327 or 208-312-2474.

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PONTIAC '07 Grand Prix, V6, automatic, air, CD, GM certified with 100K m/s P.T. warranty. \$14,135. Stock #7710186CP.

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BUICK '06 Lacrosse CX, 3600 V6, low miles, power seat/wheels, downsloaks, AM/FM/CD, alloy wheels, cruise, local. New \$16,500 #2081.

1010 Autos

CHEVY '03 Cavalier, \$5,995. Stock #104H.

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DODGE '07 Avenger, 113,000 miles, AC, 18 wheel, cruise, 4 cyl engine, \$13,500/offer. Call 208-733-2985.

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FORD '02 Mustang GT, leather, great shape, never driven in winter, 65K miles, new tires, all original \$10,500/offer. 208-420-0590.

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BUICK '06 Park Ave 3800 V6, power windows, leather, cruise, dual disc, dual power seats, dual climate control, loaded. New \$19,995 #2080.

1010 Autos

CHEVY '07 Cobalt LS Sedan, auto, air, dual air bags, factory warranty, great gas mileage, cruise, remote start. New \$11,800 #2078.

1010 Autos

DODGE '07 Avenger, 113,000 miles, AC, 18 wheel, cruise, 4 cyl engine, \$13,500/offer. Call 208-733-2985.

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CADILLAC '05 CTS automatic, leather, sunroof, super clean, \$19,995. Stock #50212636.

1010 Autos

CHEVY '07 Malibu, automatic, air, PW, PL, cruise, \$13,290. Stock #728118CP.

1010 Autos

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