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The Snake River Canyon is at once a familiar part of our landscape and yet the region's greatest mystery.

Running 57 miles from Milner to Upper Salmon Falls, the canyon is a geological wonder. From ancient times the river at its base has sus-

tained human life in the high desert. More than a century ago, the river was dammed and diverted to create farmland, an economic base, cities and towns across the wide, flat land above the canyon rim.

Yet the canyon itself was

largely ignored.

Even now, with mansions and shopping malls crowding the canyon rim and new parks and access points in the offing, the river of stone is seldom visited and poorly understood.

In July, a small band of jour-

nalists set out to explore the canyon and its meaning to the Magic Valley. Their mission was to travel the harsh and forbidding water from east to west. The story of their uncommon adventure begins today in the Times-News and on Magicvalley.com.



INTO THE UNKNOWN

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

At dusk on the second day, with the walls of the Snake River Canyon towering 300 feet above us in the gathering gloom, my brother Nick began to obsess about all the ways that we would soon die.

Just the morning before, he had been so eager to begin our long journey through the unexplored canyon that he begged to be allowed to jump into the river, just because he could.

But as the wide, sluggish water was forced into a cratered basalt funnel, dropping ever lower in the narrow crack that splits the Snake River Plain and becoming ever more treacherous, his mood turned as dark as the shadows.

As we carried our raft above our heads to skirt a class 4-plus rapid, Nick whispered, "It's OK if we want to go on this self-destructive adventure, but we can't take this father

whose baby was born last week."

The new father, Times-News photographer Justin Jackson, was 200 yards behind us, blithely doing his job, ignorant of the danger we were in.

That night, shivering in his water-drenched sleeping bag, Nick would battle the "anxiety nightmares" that would keep him awake all night, imagining over and over the death of our companion.

Nick was the experienced river runner, having floated scores of rafting trips across the West. The semi-pro adventurer I had invited to help us through the rough spots of a daunting assignment.

It wasn't supposed to be like this.

Embarking on a journey

Nearly two centuries have come and gone since the Wilson Price Hunt Party failed to conquer Idaho's river of stone. On July 28, a hot, cloudless midsummer Monday, our three-member expedition set out to finish what they started.

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Magic Valley Symphony's Youth Soloists Concert, featuring winners of 2008 Youth Soloist Competition auditions: Brian Thomsen, alto saxophonist; Emily Vandenberg, pianist; and Andrew Bortz, pianist; photography exhibit of Kim Critchfield's work in the foyer, 4 p.m., College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Center auditorium, tickets: \$8 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and \$5 for students, 734-5323.

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

The first Christmas Cantata organizational meeting, for all who want to sing in the Cantata this year, 7 p.m., Gooding United Methodist Church, 805 Main St., Gooding, 934-4231, or 539-5210.



of lanterns, family games and activities, 1 to 5 p.m., (each weekend until Nov. 11; B&G Food, Pella Road, Flor., 8 1/2 miles west of Costco, \$4 for adults and \$3 for children, weekday tours available by reservation, 326-4935.

TODAY'S DEADLINE

Clubs and Organizations: Reservation deadline for Oct. 7 Magic Valley New Neighbors luncheon, 11 a.m., Vickie's Catering, 803 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, \$12, 734-8418 for reservations.

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

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Sunday Dinner, featuring baked ham and candied yams, noon to 1:30 p.m., Agless Senior Citizens Center, 310 N. Main, Kimberly, \$6 for adults and \$3 for children age 11 and under, take-outs available, 423-4338.

SEASONAL EVENTS

Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch, includes old-fashioned hay ride through field of jack

Pat's Picks ... Pat Marcantonio
Three things to go and do today

- Don't want to cook? Try a Sunday dinner, featuring baked ham and candied yams, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Agless Senior Citizens Center, 310 N. Main St. in Kimberly. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children ages 11 and under.
- If you can sing, think about participating in a Christmas Cantata. An organizational meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Gooding United Methodist Church, 805 Main St. Or call 934-4231 or 539-5210.
- Young talent takes the stage at the Magic Valley Symphony Concert at 4 p.m. at the College of Southern

Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium in Twin Falls. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens and \$5 for students.

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

PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY

Magic Valley history as seen through the lens of photographers, then and now...



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HOW YOUR LAWMAKERS VOTED



FINANCIAL BAILOUT: Voting 263 for and 171 against, the House on Oct. 3 sent President Bush a bill (HR 1424) authorizing the Treasury to spend up to \$700 billion to relieve troubled financial firms of their weakest assets while raising the limit on federal deposit insurance from \$100,000 to \$250,000 per depositor.

Additionally, the bill would extend soon-to-expire tax breaks for businesses, families, renewable energy and education; protect 24 million middle-income households from the creep of the Alternative Minimum Tax in 2008; increase home heating aid to the poor, and provide special aid for rural schools near large federal holdings. These and other additions are projected to cost \$150 billion, \$110 billion of which would be added to national debt. The bill also requires insurers to provide equality in their coverage of physical and mental illnesses in the same policy.

FAILED RESCUE PLAN: Members rejected, 205-228, a bailout proposal that was essentially the same as the one in HR 1424 (above) but unsweetened by add-ons such as an increase in deposit insurance and \$150 billion in business and personal tax breaks. A yes vote was to defeat HR 3997.

FINANCIAL BAILOUT: Senators passed, 74-25, a bill that authorizes the Treasury to spend up to \$700 billion to bail out troubled financial firms in hopes of stabilizing the U.S. economy. A yes vote backed HR 1424, which enables the Treasury to save at-risk mortgages and limit executive pay.

RAILROAD SAFETY: Senators voted, 74-24, to authorize new budgets for Amtrak and the Federal Railroad Administration while requiring technology by 2015 to automatically brake trains facing collision or derailment. A yes vote was to pass a bill (HR 2095) providing \$2.6 billion annually for Amtrak.

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A leap into history

An interactive reflection on Evel Knievel's Snake River Canyon Jump.



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Citizen group cleans up gang graffiti in Jerome

By Damon Huzar
Times-News writer

If you see people painting sections of buildings when the sun is out, don't worry — they're trying to help.

The southwest side of Jerome is inundated with gang-related graffiti — not the kind of painting that could be interpreted, while illegal, as artistic. Instead, it's just a bunch of squiggly spray-paint tags that read: "13," "Westside," and "661" — the latter being the area code of Bakersfield, Calif. — found on various structures, including homes.

Property owners or occupants can be held responsible. A recently passed city ordinance (19-44-050) requires that, upon notification from the police, you must "remove or obliterate" the markings within five days or be cited with a misdemeanor.

"Most of the gangs here are transplants from California,"

Officer Bryan Clayton said. "The gang activity, marking their territory ... They're real fast and sneaky, and they like to do it under the cloak of darkness. We've charged a couple of people with vandalism. Since then, it's slowed down."

But it hasn't stopped. On Saturday, Clayton devoted most of the morning and afternoon, along with about 10 other people, painting over the paint.

The Jerome Graffiti Busters is a city-sponsored organization loosely comprising citizens, police, businesses, kids — anyone willing to spend time rendering inscrutable gang signs invisible.

Most of the people who contributed to the effort were kids — members of Snake River DeMolay, which is not a gang. Bill Watts, the chapter chairman, explained, "DeMolay was conceived during World War I ... a lot of young men were running around without dads,

because their dads were off fighting in the war."

The name dates back even further, a reference to a grand commander of the Knights Templar during the Crusades, Watts said.

"We're just a continuation of the tradition for young men without significant male figures in their lives," he said. "We encourage cleanliness of mind, speech and thought, as well as taking a shower once in a while."

Finding shelter from the rain during a break from cleaning up gang-stamped sht in an alley, 14-year-old Tim Mullewag said, "It's very helpful. We're doing something good for the community."

The Graffiti Busters are looking for more citizens and organizations to contribute. For more information: www.cjjerome.id.us.

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Semi accident kills at least 35 cattle; nobody injured

Andrew Weeks
Times-News writer

At least three dozen cattle were killed Friday after a semi carrying the animals overturned near Murphy Hot Springs.

The truck, owned by Wagner Livestock Transport, was hauling about 107 head of cattle from Diamond A Ranch in Owyhee County to Twin Falls.

The driver of the truck stopped on the edge of a narrow road to make room for an approaching car when the ground beneath the truck gave way and toppled into the East Fork of the Jarbidge River, downstream of Murphy Hot Springs, according to the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office.

"It was a bad wreck for no reason," Roger Wagner,

owner of the trucking company, told the Times-News. "The Idaho Hazardous Materials team, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Elko County Sheriff's Office and the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office responded after an estimated 140 gallons of diesel fuel spilled into the river."

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office is still investigating,

Friday night crash sends three to hospital

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A two-car crash Friday night in Twin Falls sent three people to the hospital.

The Dodge pickup responded to at 8:13 p.m. to the intersection of Falls Avenue and Blue Lakes Boulevard, where the accident occurred.

Jesse Larsen of Oakley was traveling east on Falls Avenue in his Dodge pickup and tried making a left-hand turn onto Blue Lakes when Heather Riley, of Pocatello, who was traveling west on Falls Avenue in her Dodge Dakota, hit Larsen broadside, said Twin Falls Police Sgt. Steve Benkula.

Both drivers had one passenger with them. All but one person was taken to the Idaho Magic Valley Medical Center, Benkula said.

The cause of the accident was still unknown Saturday, but the incident is being investigated, he said.



Picking up a little cash here and there

In these times of economic uncertainty, is it a sin not to pick up a penny?

All my forebears — veterans of the Great Depression — would answer an emphatic "yes."

Understandably so. The average hourly wage in America in 1933 was 43 1/2 cents.

But 75 years later, there has never been a coin in circulation in the United States worth as little as a penny.

Fact is — because of inflation — a nickel today commands about what a cent was worth in 1972.

So, couldn't I just pick nickels off the ground?

The question arises because I was cleaning the garage the other day and lifted up a cardboard box that belongs to my 29-year-old son; he lives in California now. The bottom fell out of the carton and thousands of dimes, nickels and pennies went cascading across the concrete floor.

Until recently, that box had been in a self-storage unit I rented. That means for a couple of years, I was paying to store Michael's dimes, nickels and cents.

On my hands and knees, I scooped up all the dimes and nickels, but swept the pennies into a dustpan. Yet I just couldn't bring myself to dump them in the garbage can.

So there they sit, in a dusty little pile next to the trash bin — prisoners of my sense of guilt.

See, when I was a kid I used to visit my Uncle Fred and Aunt Hazel in Soda Springs. Fred was a coin collector, and during the winter months he'd buy every penny the First National Bank could spare and sort through them looking for the Holy Grail of numismatics: the 1943 copper cent.

Today, one of those rare coins can fetch thousands of dollars. Back in the 1950s, it would bring several hundred — but still worth poring over many thousands of pennies.

Uncle Fred did the sort-

ing; I did the wrapping — stuffing 50 cents in each paper coin wrapper. I came to loathe the left side of Abraham Lincoln's face.

Worse, the head teller at the bank was a stickler for accuracy. She'd actually spot-check the rolls of pennies Fred returned to make sure there were 50 — not 49, not 51 — cents in each.

I couldn't bring myself to roll Michael's pennies any more than I could throw them away.

So I went to the post office.

My son will be \$37.37 richer any day now.

Assuming the box doesn't break open again.

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In my column Wednesday about the woes of former Boise State, University of Idaho and Idaho State football coaches who make it to the National Football League, I left out a winning coach with an Idaho pedigree: John Fox, head coach of the Carolina Panthers.

Fox, who coached defensive backs at BSU in 1980, has a 162-144 record as head coach of the Panthers and as an assistant coach with the New York Giants, Los Angeles Raiders, San Diego Chargers and Pittsburgh Steelers of the NFL and with the Los Angeles Express of the now-defunct United States Football League.

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Ketchum council approves rental housing plan

By Susan Bailey
The Wood River Journal

Bringing back the middle class by building rental housing it can afford edged closer to reality as the Ketchum City Council agreed to a 99-year lease on its Saddle Road property.

The lease would carry with it an \$890,000 up-front payment from the Ketchum Community Development Corporation, which has a plan to construct 32 rental units for young professionals, administrative workers, retail managers and other workers.

A household earning \$46,000 a year, or 60 percent of the area median income of \$74,700 a year, is eligible to rent the proposed units.

"We want people to be happy to live in Ketchum again and not commute," said Michael Carpenter, head of housing for the KCDC. "Can we really depend on our workforce to commute from Shoshone, from the Magic Valley, from Bellevue indefinitely?"

Carpenter thinks not.

And in a man named Greg Dunfield, a former Ketchum resident who moved to Portland and then Seattle in search of a better income, he's found a solution. Dunfield and his Allied Pacific Development plan to develop a group of five buildings to permanently remain as rentals in the city with the help of a grant from the Idaho Finance and Housing Association.

The KCDC has applied to the IFHA for a grant of special tax credits to finance the rental construction in a neighborhood bordered by industrial buildings, the Wood River Community YMCA, and the new Scott-Northwood building, with its share of units sold to chefs, accountants and Web site managers.

"There's the appropriateness of the neighborhood to consider and Ketchum needs rentals," Dunfield said. "I've tried twice before."

His group wanted to convert the Wood River Racquet

Club into housing for professionals and tradesmen, and in 1996 proposed community housing for property at the entrance to Ketchum now occupied by Trail Creek Crossings town homes.

Carpenter hopes the IFHA approves the application. If it does, rentals of three-bedroom units 1,234 square-foot

in size, will rent for \$980 to \$1,074 a month. Two-bedroom units would be \$513 to \$934 and one-bedroom apartments rent would go for \$430 to \$781.

Carpenter and Dunfield think the middle class will be permanently locked out of Ketchum otherwise.

"You'll never find an apartment building being built these days in Ketchum," said Carpenter.

"You can't afford to build a building like these and charge \$1,000 rent. This is being managed very carefully. Economies do not exist without a middle class. That's what I'm trying to reintroduce."

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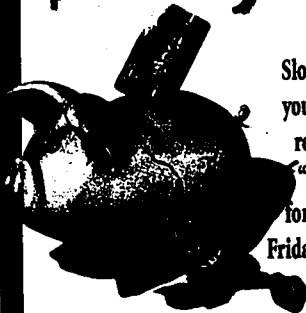
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Fueled by lattes, we were driven to Milner, a town that died in 1913 after the last of its 5,000 settlers decided that life at the hard-rock maw of the Snake River Canyon wasn't worth the hardship.

Our plan was to show the Magic Valley the true face of a geological and historical wonder that most people think they know, but few have ever really seen. We would hike, climb and float all 57 miles of the canyon floor from Milner Dam, east of Murlough to Upper Shannon Falls Dam near Hagerman.

Despite the importance of the Snake River to the region's agricultural economy and the proximity of the canyon to where we eat, shop, work and live, relatively few people ever explore the canyon beyond its few parks or tourist overlooks. For generations it was ignored as a wasteland, an obstacle to travelers and almost exclusively as a place to throw away trash.

That began to change in the late 1980s, as outdoor recreation and homes with a view gained popularity in a region where anything that couldn't be played had been considered a waste. Even today, the canyon's main uses are industrial — hydroelectric power generation, irrigation and fishing — and even state and federal agencies responsible for a place's appearance shun it.

"I think a lot of it is people are so busy on the surface they never go down in the canyon," said Sonny Bahadur, regional manager of water quality protection at the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. "There's some beauty down there that people don't notice."

Though a phenomenon of nature sadly considered the region's signature natural landmark, the canyon remains largely unknown. By Tuesday night, our second on the river, I knew why.

The first, and the last?

"As far as I can tell you're the first one to try this," Tony Tucker, co-owner of River and Adventure Toys in Twin Falls, had said when I told him our plan. An expert river runner who has floated nearly every inch of the canyon on his catamaran, not even Tucker had ever tried to travel the entire canyon from end to end.

Historians say the last group that attempted to conquer the mile-long stretch at the start of the Hunt Party, the second



- 1 digital still camera
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- 3 sleeping pads
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- 1 hand-held GPS
- 1 cooking pot and misc. silverware
- 1 water purification pump
- 5 water bottles
- 1 can insect repellent
- 1 small first-aid kit
- 3 headlamp/flashlights
- 1 tube sunscreen

overland expedition after Lewis and Clark, was exploring on behalf of John Jacob Astor's Pacific Fur Co. when it arrived at the eastern end of the canyon on Oct. 28, 1811. They had abandoned horses and built canoes at Henry's Fork, hoping to float the river all the way to the Columbia and to claim lucrative fur trading posts in the coastal Northwest.

But when they came to a point on the river later known as The Cedars, French-Canadian trapper Antoine Clappine made history as the first white man known killed in Idaho when his canoe was shattered on a house-size boulder now called Clappine Rock. Just a few yards downstream from where Milner Dam was later built.

"Everything that could go wrong did go wrong," said Twin Falls historian Ron James. "The dream of an easy waterway to the Pacific ended at the hands of Antoine Clappine. The voyagers dismissed the snake as 'Mad River,' and as they trudged west they kept so far from the river of stone that they were never aware of the massive waterfalls that would later become the canyon's most famous features."

Not one knows where Clappine was buried. For generations it was wrongly assumed that he was killed far downstream at Star Falls, which is also today incorrectly called Calderon Linn. The Hunt Party actually applied that name to the area around Clappine Rock.

In 1930 a farmer looking to make a little extra cash by mining gold discovered two flintlock muskets, four animal traps and a hand-forged ax wedged between two rocks in the river about two miles below Milner. They likely came from Clappine's boat, and are displayed at the Idaho State Historical Museum in Boise.

Historians say an explorer, no matter how experienced or how well equipped, ever again tried to transit the canyon. We were going to do it in a 500 inflatable raft.

A place of vision

Monday morning, Nick had

fallen somewhere between happy to be paid to do my hobbies — swimming and hiking — while my older brother handled the worries. Our journey began at a place of visions.

Legend has it that farmer Ira Burton Perrine saw the future of an irrigated Magic Valley in the flames of his campfire on the banks of The Cedars in 1855.

Just a decade later, on March 1, 1905, Perrine watched from the audience as officials of the Twin Falls Land and Water Co. helped Form closed steel gates to let Milner Reservoir fill, diverting the Snake into a network of canals and ditches south of the canyon, where land-hungry boomers had



Clappine and two others clung to the shattered bark, and drifted with it to a rock. The wreck struck the rock with one end, and swinging round, split by numerous rapids. These grew more and more dangerous, and the utmost skill was required to steer among them. Mr. (Ramsay) Crooks was seated in the second canoe of the squadron, and had an old experienced Canadian for steersman, named Antoine Clappine, one of the most valuable of the voyagers. The leading canoe had glided safely along the turbulent and roaring surge, but in following it Mr. Crooks perceived that his canoe was bearing toward a rock. He called out to the steersman, but his warning voice was either unheard or unheeded. In the next moment they struck upon the rock. The canoe was split and overturned.

There were five persons on board. Mr. Crooks and a young man named ... were thrown amid roaring breakers and a swirling current, but succeeded, by strong swimming, to reach the shore.

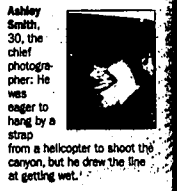
Artifacts from the Hunt Party expedition including an axhead, hammer trap and a brass mounted clock were found in the Snake River near the Murlough area in 1930 during a low water period. A plaque at the Idaho State Historical Museum in Boise says the artifacts survived 127 years in the river.

Washington Irving, from Astoria: Or, Anecdotes of the Enterprise Beyond the Rocky Mountains, 1835.

The voyagers



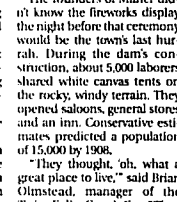
Casey Friedman, 28, the writer: After two years on the police beat, he was ready for a new challenge. His hobbies are swimming and hiking, but this assignment just might be his last.



Ashley Smith, 30, the chief photographer: He was eager to hang by a strap from a helicopter to shoot the canyon, but he drew the line at getting wet.



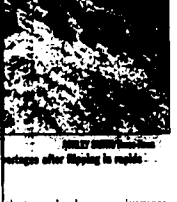
Nick Coley, the videographer: He was excited to film the canyon, but he drew the line at getting wet.



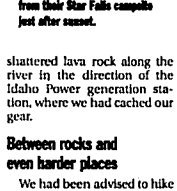
With raft in hand, Casey Friedman poses after slipping in rapids near Star Falls.



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Mountain lion tracks are prominent here, and Nick Coley takes the view from their Star Falls campsite just after sunset.

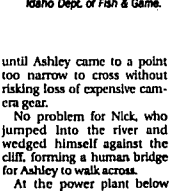
shattered lava rock along the river in the direction of the Idaho Power generation station, where we had cached our gear.

until Ashley came to a point too narrow to cross without risking loss of expensive camera gear. No problem for Nick, who jumped into the river and wedged himself against the cliff, forming a human bridge for Ashley to walk across.

At the power plant below Milner Dam, Nick and I swam across the still pool to inflate our boat, then paddled back for Ashley, stranded between the river and a difficult cliff. After hours of hot, difficult crawling across broken rock, we agreed that the boat was a godsend.

We soon knew better. We named the grey and blue raft "Bessie" because she reminded us of an old cow, sagging in some places, over-inflated and bulbous in others. Her label claims she fits six — nothing more than a cruel practical joke hatched at a factory deep in China. Lawyers were also on the job there. The label clearly warned against taking Bessie into rapids, strong wind, all waves and perhaps even water of any kind.

As we paddled away from the powerhouse, Bell was on hand to wave us off. His smile was more a smirk at our expense. I realize now. Within minutes he would be telling co-workers downriver to watch out for "three men floating in a two-man raft."



Mountain lion tracks are prominent here, and Nick Coley takes the view from their Star Falls campsite just after sunset.

When the abandoned canal ended at the ruins of a penstock, we worked our way down a series of cracks and ledges — 50 feet of sheer basalt to a barren rock shelf at the river's edge. Clinging to the base of the cliff at water level, we traveled another 100 yards

After attempting some minor rapids and nearly meeting disaster as Bessie lurched, bobbled and jackknifed, Ashley decided that he would rather walk, taking his chances on the rocky face of the cliffs with only

After nine hours — and just six miles — we pulled out at the boat launch on the north side of the canyon above Star Falls. A sign on the river warned that the deadly, 30-foot falls were 500 feet ahead.

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Canyon carved by massive flood

By Cassidy Friedman Staff writer

MILNER — When the world's second-most powerful flood hit Magic Valley from the east 15,000 years ago, it found the chink in the desert's basalt armor.

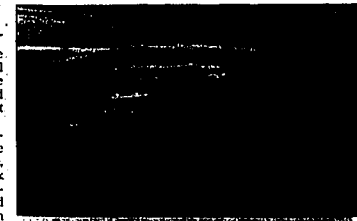
Lake Bonneville, an enormous inland sea whose residue is the Great Salt Lake, exploded through Red Rock Pass south of Potomello. A 50-foot wall of water crashed across the Snake River Plain until it found the entrance to a small canyon at Milner.

The Hansen Bridge — now 350 feet above the river — would have been 15 feet under water as the flood scoured the gorge in the lava. The torrent pried massive boulders from the canyon walls and floor. When the water settled, the canyon was six times its original size.

"The Bonneville Flood made the canyon 100 to 200 feet deeper," said Ron James, a Twin Falls history teacher. For six weeks, 1,128 cubic miles of water moving at highway driving speed relentlessly stripped the landscape down to its lava rock foundation.

"The Bonneville Flood scoured everything off of this," said Brian Olmstead, manager of the Twin Falls Canal Co., as he perched on the spillway of the Milner Dam, pointing at barren crags flanking the reservoir.

The flood accelerated as it



Milner Dam was completed in 1908 to divert the Snake River for irrigation. Idaho Power and Milner Dam Inc. rehabilitated the dam and added a hydroelectric power plant in 1992.

It raced through the narrow canyon between what are now the Hansen and Perrine bridges — a 9-mile stretch that is still the steepest and deepest part of the canyon.

But not all of the floodwaters washed directly west. A second channel broke north at Burley, swelled to the northern rim of the valley and then circled south again toward Twin Falls. At Devil's Corral Alcove north of Shoshone Falls it returned to the canyon.

The collision of the two channels, as described by a video presentation on the 1966 scientific paper that best describes the canyon's creation, caused "rim-to-rim turbulence — a furious wash-bowl in Devil's Corral and across the canyon in Twin Falls Park" that gouged out the deep canyon at the base of the

falls, failing to destroy only the deepest layer of hard rhyolite rock there.

Even relatively small spill-over snatched away topsoil, leaving scablands from Falls Avenue to the rim of the falls, and at the Blue Lakes Alcove, now the site of the Blue Lakes Country Club.

The curves in the Snake River show how the flood swerved, surging from side to side and bashing off the canyon walls.

The toughest basalt and rhyolite resisted the water, but countless rocks, worn smooth by the river, were washed miles downriver to pepper the ground north of Bull and around Hagerman.

One day the local sharps would offer the ancient "petrified watermelons" for sale to rubes traveling cross-country.



Casey Friedman wades in the canyon below Milner Dam with his brother, Nick Coley, wading in the background.

we made camp, knowing we would portage Star Falls but defy our boss' strict order to use the boat only in calm water. From our campfire we could see more white water. "It's nothing," I told Ashley that night. He insisted, all the same, that he'd rather walk. He was right.



Check out an interactive map of the canyon, with photographs and additional information about points in the journey.

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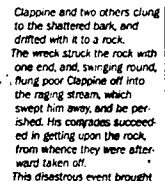
Hunt Party had a 'day of disaster'

Excerpt from party's journal:

"The 28th of October... was a day of disaster! The river again became rough and impetuous, and was crossed and broken by numerous rapids. These grew more and more dangerous, and the utmost skill was required to steer among them.

Mr. (Ramsay) Crooks was seated in the second canoe of the squadron, and had an old experienced Canadian for steersman, named Antoine Clappine, one of the most valuable of the voyagers. The leading canoe had glided safely along the turbulent and roaring surge, but in following it Mr. Crooks perceived that his canoe was bearing toward a rock. He called out to the steersman, but his warning voice was either unheard or unheeded. In the next moment they struck upon the rock. The canoe was split and overturned.

There were five persons on board. Mr. Crooks and a young man named ... were thrown amid roaring breakers and a swirling current, but succeeded, by strong swimming, to reach the shore.



Clappine and two others clung to the shattered bark, and drifted with it to a rock. The wreck struck the rock with one end, and swinging round, split by numerous rapids. These grew more and more dangerous, and the utmost skill was required to steer among them. Mr. (Ramsay) Crooks was seated in the second canoe of the squadron, and had an old experienced Canadian for steersman, named Antoine Clappine, one of the most valuable of the voyagers. The leading canoe had glided safely along the turbulent and roaring surge, but in following it Mr. Crooks perceived that his canoe was bearing toward a rock. He called out to the steersman, but his warning voice was either unheard or unheeded. In the next moment they struck upon the rock. The canoe was split and overturned.



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Map of the Snake River Canyon showing the route from Milner Dam to Calderon Linn. The map includes labels for Milner Dam, Clappine Rock, and Calderon Linn. A scale bar indicates 'ON THE RIVER FROM MILNER DAM TO CALDERON LINN (ABOUT 6 MILES)'.

Twin Falls celebrates Oktoberfest, despite rain

By Damon Hunziker
Times-News writer

If you're going to hold a festival in October, the weather may interfere, which was the case at Oktoberfest in downtown Twin Falls on Friday and Saturday, but at least it happened.

The event was canceled by the city in July and then resurrected by local businesses.

Friday — in addition to the food and craft vendors — a street dance with live music near the fountain attracted a large crowd, many of whom ended up waiting in line for more music at Woody's late into the night.

But Saturday, vendors along Main Street began to pack up and leave at about 3:45 p.m., and the closest thing to live music was people playing Guitar Hero under a canopy behind a BridgeMax/Wireless van.

Still, people of all ages roamed the streets and — amid shouts of "Face-painting! Get your faces painted!" — downtown was much more lively than it is on an average October afternoon.

"Last night was a lot of fun.

"It's a great time — I don't know why they wouldn't do it. How often do you get to just go out in the street and drink beer?"

—Burley resident Cody Toile

We heard the city wasn't going to do it this year. Then we heard on the radio that it was actually going to happen," Burley resident Cody Toile said. "It's a great time — I don't know why they wouldn't do it. How often do you get to just go out in the street and drink beer?"

Some of the vendors — Smoked Turkey Legs, for example — stayed open into the evening.

Bud Onohundro operated the Journey's End booth and sold blankets, flags, and knives.

"I haven't done that well, but I'm sure the weather contributed to that," he said. "I think the city needs to keep it going. People need something to do. It keeps you out of trouble — kept me out of trouble," Beverly O'Connor, who owns O'Dunkens — for which people lined up from outside at 4 p.m. — said her business

increased significantly and compared the event to Oktoberfest 2007.

"Even though the weather wasn't great, it was warm. Last year we had the wind and the cold. I don't think we had as many vendors this year, but the weather was better," O'Connor said.

"It's kind of wet," Todd Dalrymple said, sitting outside O'Dunkens, "but it's only my first beer."

Dalrymple's perspective was representative of many who attended Saturday afternoon.

"Oh, we're getting hampered — you've got to love that," Dan Bryant said.



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Shane Gerson takes a moment to show off his face painting Saturday afternoon in downtown Twin Falls. Members of the College of Southern Idaho Cheer and Dance squads painted faces as a fundraiser during Oktoberfest. To purchase reprints, go to <http://gallery.pictopia.com/magicalrrly/>




Passersby stroll across the street during Oktoberfest Saturday afternoon in historic downtown Twin Falls.

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Balloon fiesta limits hot air from political campaigns

By Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Hundreds of thousands of potential voters will pass through Albuquerque over the next several days. Their purpose is to enjoy a breakfast burrito as they sip hot chocolate and take in the spectacle of the annual International hot-air balloon fiesta.

But this year — a presidential election year when Americans are worried about the economy and feeling the pinch of growing energy pressures — some groups are using the event to share their points of view with as many people as possible.

Armed with his clipboard and dozens of voter registration forms, Chris Foster greeted some of the people who poured into Balloon Fiesta park early Saturday. Fellow workers are for the most part Obama's Democratic presidential campaign were stationed at other entrances and at park-and-ride locations throughout the city, he said.

Their goal has been to register



Shortly after sunrise Saturday, the sky in Albuquerque, N.M., is filled with hot-air balloons on the opening day of the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta.

ter 30,000 voters in 30 days, and the deadline to register in New Mexico is Tuesday, he said.

"This campaign is very important to us," Foster said. "This is a perfect thing here at the balloon fiesta."

Across town, members of

the international environmental watchdog Greenpeace geared up to launch their new Stop Global Warming. Save the Climate Balloon. The balloon is colored like Earth to get people thinking about global warming, organizer Kristin Wheeler said.

"This is a historical and cultural event for the state of New Mexico," she said of the fiesta, first held 36 years ago. "It's a great way to elevate our message of stopping global warming to the thousands of people that will be here this week."

Although fiesta officials

acknowledged the political and environmental messages for the nine-day event. And keep politics off the launch field. They have strict rules about campaigning and handing out fliers, spokeswoman Kathie Leyendecker said.

"This is a huge event. It's a spectator event. It's a family event," she said. "You're pretty much looking up in the air and ooh-ing and aah-ing at all the beautiful balloons, and you don't need someone tagging on your shoulder."

Between 800,000 and 850,000 people are expected for the nine-day event. And Saturday was the perfect day for this year's first mass ascension, as hundreds of balloons in all shapes and colors lifted off.

"There are new exciting balloons every year, and seeing them rise up above you is better than looking at them from afar," said Christie Wente, of Albuquerque, who brought her family to the fiesta. "There's nothing like being down here on the field."

Like mountains that stole Fossett, mystery looms

By Evelyn Nieves and Scott Sommer
Associated Press writers

RENO, Nev. — The sky was clear that morning, the wind light. Steve Fossett took off alone from his 17th-magnitude Barron Hilton's ranch about 70 miles southeast of Reno in a blue and white stunt plane with orange stripes and blue sunbursts on the wings.

It was supposed to be a short pleasure ride before lunch. The two-seater was Hilton's, but Fossett could fly anything. He had circumnavigated the globe without refueling, had orbited around the world in a balloon. Two months earlier, he had been inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame.

"I'm hoping you didn't give me this award because you think my career is complete," he said at the time, "because I've not done."

Just over a year after the 63-year-old Fossett vanished during his jaunt from the Flying M Ranch, a lingering mystery has been solved, with discovery last week of his plane's wreckage and possible remains in the wilds of California's Sierra Nevada. He slammed into a mountain-side at about 10,000 feet and probably died instantly.

But a larger question remains: What caused such an accident? The crash site, a crash in a place he knew well, on a fine September day?

Finding the answer may take many months. On Friday, investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board began hauling debris from the crash site by helicopter. They plan to reassemble the plane at a Sacramento warehouse piece by piece to look for mechanical failures.

Gathering archival weather records, including wind and clouds and turbulence for the day of his flight, also is not simple, officials said. With luck, radar data will help determine Fossett's path and pinpoint the time of the crash.

For now, speculation runs the gamut. Ralph Obenberger, undersecretary of Mono County, Calif., thinks Fossett might have run into unexpected weather. He remembers large storm clouds over the peaks around Mammoth Lakes on Sept. 3, 2007.

But Bill Manning, the director of Mammoth-Yosemite Airport, said that day was generally clear and calm in the Mammoth Lakes region. He wondered whether Fossett ran into other trouble.

The high Sierra is always a dangerous and unforgiving area to fly, he said. There's little room for error. He reasoned, for pilots who try to fly low and slow, "banking and banking" through the region's spectacular granite peaks and canyons.

Joe Sanford, the undersecretary of Lyon County, Nev.,

had more ideas.

"There are so many things that could have gone wrong," he said. "Was it a medical problem? Did the aircraft fail? He had flown that aircraft before but not a whole lot. Did he know the area? The wind shears, the down drafts? Did he just get into a compromised position where he couldn't get out?"

Sanford had obsessed about Fossett since the disappearance. So had many others. The hunt for the Chicago multimillionaire adventurer who set more than 100 world records in hot-air balloons, gliders, jets and boats had become an almost mythic quest.

Searching for Fossett cost millions of dollars, occupied crews of dozens for weeks at a time and spanned more than 24,000 square miles. A Nevada state audit called the effort to find Fossett "the largest search-and-rescue effort ever conducted for a person within the U.S."

The first week, the small air force of planes and helicopters scouring the Sierra spotted eight uncharted crash sites, some decades old, suggesting it might also take years to find Fossett's plane. Sanford fretted publicly that it might never be found.

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Mormon temple planned for Rome

By Jennifer Dobner
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Mormon church president Thomas S. Monson said Saturday the church will build a temple in Rome, the home of the Roman Catholic Church.

The Rome temple is one of five new temples planned by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Others will be in Calgary, Canada; Cordoba, Argentina; Philadelphia and in the greater Kansas City, Mo. area.

Temples play an important role in the lives of Latter-day Saints. Only members in good standing may enter temples, which are used for sacred religious ceremonies, including proxy baptisms and wedding ceremonies known as sealings.

Monson's announcement came as the church opened its two-day semiannual General Conference. The event draws more than 100,000 to downtown Salt Lake City, packing the faith's 21,000-seat conference center at each of five sessions.

The 13 million-member

Utah-based church currently has 128 operating temples worldwide. Construction or plans for another 12 were announced Saturday.

There are currently 11 Mormon temples in Europe, but none are in the Mediterranean region. Mormons have had a presence in Italy since 1850, although its missionaries have not always been allowed to proselytize there, according to information on a church Web site.

Currently the church has more than 22,600 members in Italy. In May, the Vatican's Congregation for Clergy issued an order to Catholic dioceses worldwide to withhold member registries from Mormons. Officials said the step would prevent Mormons from posthumously baptizing by proxy their Catholic ancestors.

A Kansas City-area temple should hold great significance for Mormons. In the 1830s church founder Joseph Smith led an early Mormon migra-

tion to Independence, Mo., and declared the area would be the center of Zion and the New Jerusalem. Now a Kansas City suburb, many Mormons also believe the area was the original site of the Garden of Eden.

Worldwide temple building is a legacy from 15th church president Gordon B. Hinckley, who began the effort so that members of the church outside the United States could more easily access the buildings to perform their religious rituals.



Mormon church president Thomas S. Monson, right, and coeditor Henry B. Eyring share a laugh during the faith's semi-annual general conference Saturday in Salt Lake City. Monson said the church plans to build five new temples worldwide — in Rome; Calgary, Canada; Cordoba, Argentina; Philadelphia and in the greater Kansas City, Mo. area.

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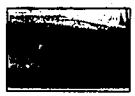
30 percent and the Nasdaq is down 32 percent. The Dow Jones Wilshire 5000 Composite Index, which measures 5,000 U.S. based companies' stocks, saw an estimated paper loss of about \$1.5 trillion for the week.

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Standard & Poors 500:	1,098.23	1,213.27
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How sweet it is Tax breaks big and small sweeten financial bailout

By Jim Abrams
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Millions of taxpayers, thousands of businesses and groups as diverse as solar power developers and natural disaster victims will see tax relief with the House vote Friday to approve and send to the president a \$700 billion financial rescue plan. The tax relief package attached to the rescue bill promotes renewable energy development and extends dozens of tax breaks from the critical research and development tax credit to breaks for such narrowly focused groups as motor sports racetrack owners, film producers and bicycle commuters.

The renewable energy part of the package alone, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said, will "create and save half-a-million good-paying jobs in America immediately."

Virtually all of the tax breaks already exist. But many of them expired Jan. 1 for use in the current tax year, and the others will expire three months from now unless Congress renews them.

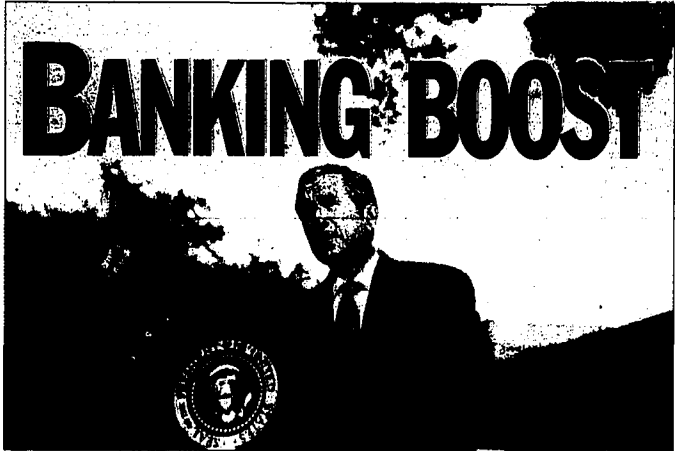
The largest group of beneficiaries in the tax portion of

the financial rescue bill is about 20 million mainly upper-middle income taxpayers. Without congressional action, the AMT, which originally was supposed to affect only the very rich, would add some \$2,000 this year to the tax bill of these people, most earning under \$200,000 a year.

Thousands of businesses are waiting for renewal of the research and development tax credit, which expired at the end of last year. Without that credit, industry advocates say, high tech, biotech and aerospace companies would have trouble hiring the highly skilled workers needed to compete with foreign competitors.

The Information Technology Association of America reports an \$18.5 billion drop in R&D activity since the beginning of the year, when the credit lapsed. The R&D credit extension would cost \$19 billion over 10 years. The cost of the entire tax portion of the bill is close to \$110 billion.

The renewable energy incentives include an eight-year extension of investment credits for solar energy, as



President Bush delivers a statement on the economic bailout package at the White House in Washington. The bailout does not address the underlying problems in the housing and mortgage markets, analysts say.

U.S. banks likely to get short-term stimulus from bailout

By Stephen Bernard
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The \$700 billion rescue package passed Friday by Congress will help alleviate short-term pressures on the faltering credit markets, but will not necessarily cure all the problems of the financial sector, analysts said.

"I don't consider this a permanent fix," said David Wyss, Standard & Poor's chief economist.

The bailout will probably work to free up the credit markets which have nearly ground to a halt in recent months, but it does not address the underlying problems in the housing and mortgage markets, Wyss said.

Christian Leuz, a professor at the University of Chicago's Graduate School of Business,

said the package "buys time," but banks still need to raise more capital to help avoid long-term problems.

On Friday, the House passed a financial rescue plan that calls for the government to purchase up to \$700 billion in troubled mortgage-backed securities from financial institutions in an effort to improve liquidity in the credit markets.

President George W. Bush quickly signed the legislation.

Earlier this week, the House had voted down a similar measure. A revised bill was passed by the Senate on Wednesday in an effort to appease some House voters who shot down the initial bill. The revised bill includes \$100 billion in tax breaks for businesses and the middle class and increases the limit on federal deposit insurance to

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\$250,000 from \$100,000.

Backers say the bill was needed because the credit markets have effectively been shut down. Since the middle of 2007, mortgages have increasingly defaulted and bonds backed by the troubled loans and other debt deemed risky have lost much of their value. As those losses mounted, banks have shied away from lending to each other and to consumers for fear of losing even more money.

Banks also are worried about the how much more they might lose on current investments and the size of losses other banks might take as well.

"No one wants to lend," Wyss said.

The idea of the rescue plan is to remove a large portion of the troubled securities from banks' balance sheets, said Lawrence White, a professor of economics at New York University's Stern School of Business. Because there is no

active market for those assets, and total losses on them are still unknown, the government stepping in to buy some of them will help set a floor for pricing, White said.

That will provide two benefits: the government will remove some of the bad debt from balance sheets and banks will now have an approximation for the value of those assets still held, White said. That in turn will make banks more comfortable lending to each other and consumers again, he added.

Once those troubled assets begin pricing and selling again, the credit markets could start improving within a couple of months, White added.

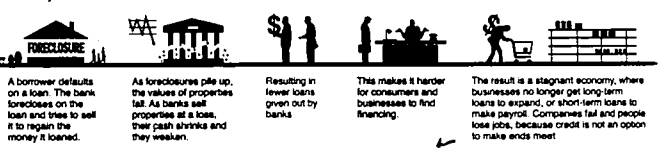
S&P's Wyss said the psychology of even knowing that markets could be freed up in the near future could have an impact within weeks.



Senate Majority Leader Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., center, with, from left, Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., Sen. Max Baucus, R-Mont., Sen. Reid Grigs, R-N.H., and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., speak at a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington. Senators backed the economic rescue bill with tax breaks and other sweeteners before passing it by a wide margin, 74-25, a month before the presidential and congressional elections.

Diminishing loans

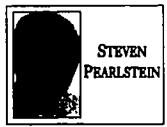
When banks don't have much money to lend or aren't willing to lend it, the economy freezes and business and consumers get hurt.



There's nothing wrong with greed — it's stupidity that hurts

WASHINGTON — During financial crises like this one, after people have had their fill of discussions about margin calls and credit default swaps, they experience a strong desire to have the whole thing put in some larger and more human context. Invariably they come around to some variation of, "Isn't this really just a story about excessive greed?"

I've never really figured out how to answer that question.



STEVEN PEARLSTEIN

In a capitalist economy like ours, the basic premise is that everyone is motivated by a healthy dose of economic self-interest — the shopper looking for the best bargain on tomatoes and the farmer

looking to get the highest price for his produce, the grocery clerk looking to earn the highest wages for restocking shelves and the investor looking to earn the biggest profit from Safeway stock. Without some measure of greed and the tension it brings to most economic transactions, capitalism wouldn't be as good as it is in allocating resources and spurring innovation.

Perhaps that's why most definitions of greed refer to

an excessive desire for wealth that is beyond what anyone really needs or deserves. The obvious problem with that, of course, is that those are terribly subjective criteria. Do you draw the greed line at two cars, a three-bedroom house, two weeks at the beach in the summer, and college tuition for the kids? Or is it at seven houses, 50 pairs of designer shoes, a yacht, two Bentleys and a Rolex?

Others suggest that for

greed to really be greed, the money or goods that are desired have to be denied to somebody else who might want, need or deserve them. A landowner who gets rich by overcharging tenant farmers who can barely feed and clothe their families — he's obviously greedy. But someone who owns a restaurant who overcharges his millionaire patrons for lobster salad and file omelet is a lot less greedy.

In many minds, greed may

have less to do with the amount of wealth of possessions someone has, or aspires to have, than it does with the way in which it is earned. Even before they decided to give away most of their money, nobody seemed to begrudge Bill Gates or Warren Buffett their billions or criticize them for their "unbridled" greed. That seems to have a lot to do with the fact that Gates and

Business Beat

Plenty of blame has been placed on predatory lenders, but should fault also be attributed to consumers who borrowed more than they could pay back? Join the conversation, only at Magicvalley.com/business.

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Renato Larios and Mike Patterson

Snake River Auto Body and Paint Inc., located at 404/419 Fourth Ave. W. in Twin Falls, announced the addition of two new employees.

Renato V. Larios was raised in Burley. He is a graduate of Southern Idaho Auto Body graduate and GM Body Service Education Program graduate and has worked in the industry since 2004. He enjoys snow-bunting and riding his bike.

Mike Patterson was born and raised in Twin Falls. He is a graduate of Southern Idaho Auto Body graduate and has I-CAR training. He has 25 years of experience. He enjoys spending time with his two children and playing golf.

Debrah Roundy

East Minico Middle School teacher, Debrah Roundy recently returned from speaking at the international 2008 Institute for Advanced Studies of Health (IASH) conference in San Francisco, Calif.

Roundy was invited to speak on how she uses NLP programs and the study of psychoneuroimmunology in her special education classroom to promote good health and good health practices with her students. With help from a grant from the National Education Association, she has created curriculum for special needs students modeled after the work of master neurologist, Dr. Patricia Newak.

Garth Dayley

Garth Dayley, a package car driver for UPS, was recently recognized by the company for completing 25 years without an accident. He works out of the facility located in Heyburn and presently provides service in the Main Street Burley area.

Manager Dax Wilkenson presented Dayley with the 25-year Safe Driving Award, recognizing his achievement. Dayley lives in Burley. UPS has long enjoyed an outstanding reputation for safety in the transportation industry. UPS drivers log over two billion miles a year in U.S. roads and average less than one accident per million miles driven.

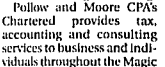
Valerie McClaymonds

Valerie McClaymonds, of the accounting firm of Moore and Moore CPAs Chartered located at 2188 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, has recently completed the Quickbooks Certification Course.

McClaymonds received training in the use of Quickbooks software including setting up clients in Quickbooks, exchanging data between Quickbooks files and other software programs, modifying reports and tracking sales and payroll taxes. This designation as a Quickbooks ProAdvisor was awarded after numerous hours of training and testing.

GLENEAGLES APARTMENTS

Gleneagles Apartments located at 1847 Harrison St. N. in Twin Falls held a ribbon cutting recently along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors. Gleneagles Apartments is a senior housing facility that caters to its residents needs. It is a sister property of Devon Senior Apartments also located in Twin Falls. It provides independence as well as a community atmosphere where residents can enjoy a secure and safe home environment. Information: 735-0308. Pictured from left, Frances Hauer, Rita Blake, Investment manager/Boise; Iris Bishop, manager; Marsha Casanova, manager of Devon Senior Apartments in Twin Falls. Not pictured is Larry Beezley, maintenance.



Sarah Goin

Mountain West Realty announced the addition of Sarah Goin to its staff. Mountain West Realty is located at 658 Overland Ave. in Burley.

Goin has always been interested in the real estate industry and is excited to finally be part of it by helping people with their real estate needs. She lives in Burley with her husband and their two boys, John and Logan. They enjoy fishing, camping, boating and riding four-wheeleders.

Vicki Overacker

Vicki Overacker of Gem State Realty was recently honored by the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors as the 2008 Realtor of the Year. She has been a Realtor since 1999; as a member of the Greater Twin Falls Association, State of Idaho Association, and The National Association of Realtors, as well as a graduate of the Realtor Institute (GRI). She specializes in residential real estate and new construction.

In addition to serving four years on the Board of Directors and chairing the BRAC Committee for the past eight years, serving on the Professional Standards Committee, Overacker has been involved in a multitude of committees at the local level. She has been an Honor Society member for five years and is a graduate of the Magic Valley Leadership Summit and the Idaho Real Estate Leadership Academy. Overacker's involvement within the community also includes the Every 15 Minute Program, Coats for Kids, Feed the Hungry and the Chamber and Nampa and is engaged to be married next summer.

Austin Franks

Jensen Jewelers announced the graduation of Austin Franks of the Magic Valley Mall store from the prestigious "Certified Professional Jeweler" program.

Franks completed the 11-week course and received certification. The course involves extensive training in all product areas of the jewelry industry, including diamonds, genuine stones, watches and all facets of jewelry making.

MILESTONES

AMERICAN REAL ESTATE



American Real Estate and Appraisal LLC has a new location, 210 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls. The Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors took part in the ribbon cutting and celebration of the new facility. American Real Estate and Appraisal LLC has been located downtown since 1973. Doug Vollmer, former mayor of Twin Falls, is the broker and appraiser. They moved to their new location across from the City Park and Catholic church. The newly remodeled office has water-friendly landscaping. They have a staff of 10 including appraisers, realtors and administrative personnel. They provide residential and commercial real estate appraisals and sales in the Magic Valley. Information: 734-5650. Pictured from left, Doug Vollmer, Denis Vollmer, DeAnna Vollmer, Jim Herrett, Donna Carney, Linda Lewis, Amber Fievor and Joe Costa. Not pictured, Lois Granger and Scott Vollmer.

BRIDGEVIEW ESTATES



Bridgeview Estates located at 1828 Bridgeway Blvd. in Twin Falls held a ribbon cutting along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors as they celebrated the opening of their Transitional Care Unit, The Bridge (the bridge between their residents' hospital stay and home). Significant remodeling and redecorating were completed. The unit has been a success since opening with frequent requests for its services. Information: 735-3900. Pictured from left, Bill Reynolds, RN; Camille Murphy, sales director; Brad Jones, RN/CC; Brian Jones, RN, director of nursing; Lori Beezley, executive director; Teri Nelson, director of marketing; Tall Emerson, director of admissions; Julie St. Clair, rehab director.

2008 J.D. Power and Associates study show Medicine Shoppe pharmacy's customer satisfaction score as 873 out of 1,000, exceeding the industry average for chain pharmacies by 68 points. The average score is 805. The study was conducted online in June through

Medicine Shoppe wins honors for customer satisfaction

ST. LOUIS — Medicine Shoppe pharmacies have been awarded top honors for customer satisfaction among retail pharmacy chains by J.D. Power and Associates. The

August 2008 among 15,163 consumers nationwide who filled a new prescription or refilled a prescription in the three months prior to the survey. This syndicated study examined the full experience of typical retail pharmacy customers by exploring a variety of factors, such as convenience, the pharmacist and non-pharmacist staff, availability of medication and information, layout and design of the store or Web site, and competitiveness of pricing among others.

New pizza parlor opens in Burley

A new pizza parlor, 5 Buck Pizza, opened in August in Burley. The business is owned by Kevin and Kami Millward. Scott and Sabrina Barnedi and Dwight and Carol Millward. 5 Buck Pizza is a franchise company with stores in Utah and Nevada. This is the first franchise in Idaho. The Burley business features a variety of pizzas, breadsticks and wings at an affordable price. It is located at 2205 A Overland Ave. and can be reached at 678-5555.

Zions Bank honored for volunteer efforts

Zions Bank was honored by the Institute for Financial Literacy with the Excellence in Financial Literacy Education Award in the for-profit organization of the year category. The awards acknowledge innovation, dedication, and the commitment of those that support financial literacy education and was presented at Institute for Financial Literacy's annual convention in Atlanta on Sept. 10. Zions Bank received the award based on its volunteer efforts on National Teach Children to Save Day and Get Smart About Credit Day, and for its partnership with schools and non-profit organizations, including JumpStart, Junior Achievement, and Bi/Wolf. Zions Bank's financial education Web sites BankYou.com and BankKids.com for students, teachers and parents were also recognized in the recognition. On National Teach Children to Save Day last April, nearly 300 Zions Bank employees taught more than 15,000 K-12 students in Utah and Idaho the concepts of interest, budgeting and "needs" versus "wants" for adults and families. Zions Bank employees teach Financial Peace University, a three-month personal finance program. More than 9,000 people have taken the Zions supported classes since 2003.

Market turmoil takes costly toll on video games

By Alex Fiam Los Angeles Times

The swoon in video game shares this week, as with the rest of the stock market, can make any investor queasy.

The video game sector dropped much more sharply than the Nasdaq. Activision Blizzard Inc. saw more than \$4 billion in market value vanish this week, close to a quarter of the Santa Monica, Calif., company's value. Electronic Arts Inc. lost more than \$2 billion.

Theories abound about why game companies are suffering more than the broader market, calling into question the notion that the sector is recession-proof because it provides more entertainment bang for the buck.

One explanation is that no good deed goes unpunished. More than 90 percent of game stocks are held by institutions such as hedge funds and mutual funds that are attracted by the sector's strong sales growth. When the market collapsed Monday, hedge fund investors seeking to minimize their losses cashed out, said one hedge fund investor who declined to be identified. Mutual funds also dumped game stocks to take their profits sooner rather than later.

Panic is another explanation. "Self first, ask questions later," said Michael Pachter, an analyst with Wedbush Morgan Securities. "It's an insane overreaction."

Games also are caught up in the hand-wringing over the retail sector heading into the holidays. With as much as 40 percent of video game sales occurring during the last three months of the year, a collapse in consumer confidence could have a disproportionate impact.

"Consumers are going to be very value-conscious," said Jack Kyser, chief economist at the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corp. "This means you have to produce killer titles or it's going to be a rough Christmas for you."

Kyser said games, while vulnerable, still could do well if consumers switch away from more expensive forms of entertainment, such as theme parks and live sports events. "People are looking for alternatives," he said. "With video games, you can play it again and again."

"We're still going to spend the same amount of hours entertaining ourselves," Pachter said. "It's just a matter of which entertainment we choose to buy, and games are still perceived to be a super value."

With consumers feeling the pinch in their pocketbooks, this holiday season might turn out to be more cutthroat than usual for the hundreds of video games set to hit store shelves.

Analysts predict that only top-tier titles and those that are highly rated by critics will thrive as consumers pare down spending in the fourth quarter, when the game industry typically pulls in 40 percent of its annual revenue.

This will be particularly true of shooter games. The genre is highly sensitive to quality rankings dished out by reviewers, generally on a scale of 0 to 100.

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WaMu debt holders stake claim in bankruptcy court

By Deborah Yao
Associated Press writer

WILMINGTON, Del. — Lawyers for Washington Mutual Inc. and its bondholders stood before a Delaware bankruptcy court judge on Friday to tussle over assets — including \$5 billion in cash — and set timelines for the organized demise of what was once the nation's largest savings and loan.

On the first day of hearings in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing of Seattle-based WaMu, bondholders who hold \$800 million of senior notes expressed concern about continued over the \$5-billion and called for greater transparency.

"We have precious little in the way of facts," said Thomas Lauria, a lawyer for the 16 bondholders. "We are very concerned about the status of our debt holders and ... how fast things seem to be moving outside the court."

Lawyers also asked Judge Mary E. Walrath of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Wilmington, Del., for joint administration of cases, an extension of the date by which they must file a list of creditors, statement of financial affairs and other documents.

They sought approval for these and other actions that the bankruptcy filing said will let WaMu "operate in Chapter 11 with minimal disruption and loss of productivity."

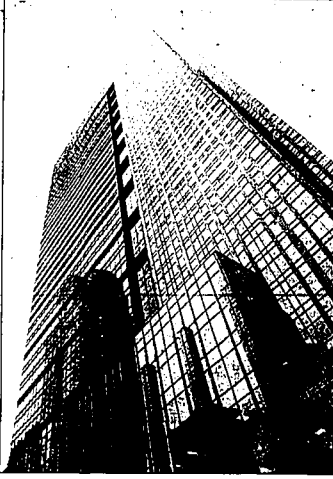
The court's matter-of-fact tone stood in stark contrast to the dramatic and painful end of a 119-year-old financial institution that built its fortune on home loans and, increasingly, went down in flames as a result of a bad bet on home mortgages.

The thrift, rising from the ashes of The Great Seattle Fire of 1889 to extend loans to 1.8 millioners for rebuilding, went down in flames as a result of a \$1.9 billion fire sale to JPMorgan Chase & Co., which also assumed secured debt. It is the largest ever failure of a U.S. bank.

Woholders of unsecured debt are fighting for a JPMorgan's \$1.9 billion payment and whatever is left of WaMu — or other companies, real estate assets — that the investment bank didn't buy.

WaMu's end was dictated by its slipping out of financial dominion that involved credit ratings agencies, talk of instability, and quick action by federal regulators.

During the housing boom, WaMu ran into trouble after getting caught up in loans to people who had never been known as subprime borrowers. Troubles then spread to other parts of WaMu's home loan portfolio, namely its



Washington Mutual headquarters at WaMu Center reflects the companies former headquarters, the Washington Mutual Tower, in Seattle.

"option" adjustable-rate mortgage loans. Option ARM loans offer low introductory payments and let borrowers defer some interest payments until later years.

WaMu was initially strengthened by restructuring efforts and a \$7.2 billion investment in April by investors led by TPG Capital. But its stability would soon be challenged, the bankruptcy filing said, by credit ratings downgrades with which WaMu took issue.

These actions and the market's growing uneasiness "brought an intense amount of public focus on WaMu and its ability to withstand the latest economic crisis," court documents said. People panicked and withdrew "significant" amounts of money, and forecasts of instability "became a self-fulfilling prophecy," the company said in its filing.

An outflow of deposits began on Sept. 16 and reached \$16 billion, leaving the thrift without enough cash to meet obligations.

A seizure of WaMu also had been widely anticipated because of the company's heavy mortgage-related losses. It reported a \$3 billion loss in the second quarter — the biggest in its history — after boosting reserves to more than \$8 billion to cover losses on bad loans. Over the last three quarters, it added \$10.9 billion to its loan loss provisions.

Meanwhile, the Federal Reserve Bank turned off the

primary credit spigot to WaMu after the thrift got a low rating on its overall condition from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. Primary credit from the Fed banks' lending facility is typically an overnight loan for sound financial institutions. It carries a lower interest rate than secondary credit.

In this line, the office of Thrift Supervision and the FDIC strongly urged WaMu to seek a sale or merger deal with a stronger financial institution. Interested suitors were Citigroup Inc., Wells Fargo & Co., Tyranno Dominion Bank, JP Morgan and Banco Santander SA of Spain.

TPG and its investor group agreed to waive a provision that would require WaMu to pay or issue up to \$1.5 billion in cash or common shares in the event of a big equity sale or major change in the thrift's ownership, such as a merger, at a price lower than \$8.75 per share.

But WaMu said sale talks were unsuccessful and pursued alternatives including debt for equity swaps and divestitures designed to boost capital and liquidity levels. The thrift said that while it was going after these options, on Sept. 25 federal thrift regulators began bankruptcy proceedings and WaMu's assets were sold to JPMorgan Chase on the same day.

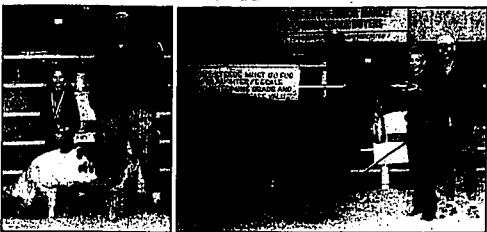
The following day, WaMu filed for Chapter 11 reorganization to list assets of \$12.9 billion and total debt of \$8.2 billion on the holding company level.

The month before, they were less than 200. If there is a surprise here, it is that anyone should be surprised by the level of greed on Wall Street. Wall Street is nothing if not an organized system of greed, a high-stakes game in which the object is to take advantage of customers and counterparties by buying pieces of paper from them at less than they are worth, and selling them to others for more than they are worth. And while it's hard to see a grand social purpose in all that, it has proven a relatively efficient process for connecting people who have money with the households and businesses that want to borrow it.

The big problem with Wall Street isn't that it's greedy — it's that it keeps making the same mistakes over and over. Each cycle, the masters of finance start out with reasonably good products and good intentions, only to get swept away by their success. They become arrogant, take too many risks and begin to believe their own marketing spels. Then, when the cycle turns against them and the

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Buffett made their money on the basis of their own ingenuity, skill and hard work. On the other hand, when a people line up to buy tickets to a Powerball lottery with a \$10 million payout, we don't consider them particularly greedy just because they would get rich through dumb luck.

If the person who wins that lottery, however, doesn't send some of that money to his struggling Aunt Mildred or offer to fix up the local Little League field, most people would call him greedy. But no matter how many millions the overpaid corporate chief executive gives away to charity, in the minds of many, greed will always be his middle name.

Which brings us to the now widespread belief that the cause of the current financial crisis has been "the greed on Wall Street." Both John McCain and Barack Obama believe that. So do Joe Biden and Sarah Palin. A clip search of major publications over about 2,700 stories turns up about 2,700 stories that contained the words "Wall Street" and "greed."

Several Pearlsteins is a business and economics columnist for The Washington Post.

All revved up with no place to borrow

Easy auto loans are more difficult to obtain

By Mike Spector
The Wall Street Journal

The era of easy auto loans has come skidding to a halt. Mortgages were among the first consumer products to be hit by the credit-market freeze. Now car loans and leases are drying up as dealers, auto-finance companies and other lenders are having trouble finding money to lend to car buyers. The upshot: Those with less-than-stellar credit are getting shut out of loans, and even some so-called firm borrowers are having trouble getting financing.

"You have to just about be walking on water to get financed," says Mike Jackson, chief executive of AutoNation Inc., the largest U.S. chain of dealerships. He added that the subprime market is "basically almost closed" but "even with our prime customers, banks are looking for a reason to say no."

AutoNation dealerships sold 532,862 light-duty cars and trucks last year, and this year, amid the credit crunch, that number could fall by as much as 20 percent, Mr. Jackson says.

For shoppers with good credit, financing is still usually available, especially among healthier foreign auto makers like Toyota Motor Corp. and luxury companies like BMW AG. But overall, financial institutions have become less likely to lend.

Credit unions and so-called captive-finance companies — the lending arms of major auto makers — are likely to offer the best chance of getting a loan. Paying down outstanding debt to boost your credit score could also help. And car shoppers should consider turning to the used-vehicle market if they can't get financed, or at least settle for a less-expensive car.

These days, though, even the used-car market can be hard to negotiate. Laura Ryan-Day of Austin, Texas, says she was rejected four times by Wells Fargo & Co. for a loan on a 2006 Honda Element, even though she has no credit-card debt and rents her home, and her credit score is above the national average. Her income as a psychotherapist has been consistently high, she says, and she earned an additional \$30,000 last year after she started her own practice.

After she found the car, Ms. Ryan-Day, 32 years old, thought getting a \$13,500 loan through Wells Fargo, where she has her checking, savings and two credit-card accounts, would be a snap. "I've had friends take out loans before for a bigger amount with much less hassle," she says.

Ms. Ryan-Day says that Wells Fargo's initial denial stemmed from confusion over her tax returns, which the bank said hadn't been filed. After she found the forms and resubmitted, the bank offered a series of objections to her income and expenses related to her new practice, she says.

Then, nearly two weeks after first applying for the loan, she received a call from Wells Fargo Financial, a subprime unit of the institution. She was quickly approved for a 12.24 percent APR loan for \$14,500, after taxes and fees.

"I really needed the car," says Ms. Ryan-Day. "What else was I going to do?" She hopes to pay the loan off in six months. "We work hard to ensure the best pricing for our customers while managing the risk for the company," a Wells Fargo spokesman says. "Beyond that, we do not comment on customer relationships because they are confidential."

As of Sept. 20, about 64 percent of auto-loan applications were getting approved, down from 83 percent during the same period last year, according to CNW Marketing Research

Inc., a research firm based in Bendon, Ore. Subprime application approvals suffered a dramatic drop, falling to about 23 percent from 67 percent a year ago, but even near-prime and prime approvals fell somewhat.

When they do get a loan, car shoppers are likely to get fewer cash offers from lenders, requiring them to put more money down to borrow — sometimes 10 percent to 20 percent of a car's value. The average down payment on a roughly five-year auto loan in August was \$3,007, up from \$2,435 a year earlier, according to Edmunds.com, an auto-research firm. It's only the second time the figure has exceeded \$3,000 in nearly four years.

J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.'s Chase Auto Finance unit is asking buyers for higher down payments and more documentation for loans, a spokeswoman says. Other standards implemented in the past year or so on subprime loans longer than 72 months and capping all new-vehicle loans at 84 months.

AmeriCredit Corp., a big subprime auto lender, expected to originate about \$10 billion in loans between July 2007 and June 2008, but fell short. It now expects to originate about \$3 billion for the year ending in June 2009, a spokeswoman says. The firm recently launched a financing device called Wachovia Corp. for auto-asset-backed security notes it expects to issue in the future.

Customers can expect interest rates on AmeriCredit car loans to be two percentage points higher than a year ago, a spokeswoman says.

Customers used to leasing their vehicles will also have to grapple with a tougher financing environment. Detroit's auto makers have scaled back leasing amid big losses on SUVs, which they relied on more than their foreign competitors.

Chrysler has stopped leasing altogether. One piece of good news: With car sales plunging across the industry, you should be able to at least nab a good price. Overall, U.S. sales of light-duty cars and trucks were down 26.5 percent in September from a year earlier, according to Autodata Corp., a research firm in Woodcliff Lake, N.J. The best deals are being offered by General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler LLC, who sales have suffered the most.

GM's employee-discount program ended last month, but the auto maker plans to offer discounts of up to \$7,000 on some models, the company said Wednesday. A 2008 Ford Edge with all-wheel drive, meanwhile, can be had for a little bit more than \$23,500 in many areas after \$3,000 cash back, or customers can get 0 percent financing for 60 months. Even a 2009 Toyota Camry, among the best-selling cars in the U.S., has modest cash-back offers or 0 percent financing deals in some regions.

Here are a few tips that could increase your chances of getting a new car — and the financing needed to pay for it:

- Negotiate a better price. To get the best price on a new car, you can email dealers for quotes through Web sites such as Edmunds.com and Kelley Blue Book's www.kbb.com.

- Dealership sales managers know they're competing with other dealer quotes this way and are more likely to give you the lowest price possible.

- Do your homework on lenders. Before visiting a dealership, try to get pre-approved for loans at a nearby bank or through Internet lenders such as Loan Inc. You'll know whether you can get a loan, and what the terms should look like. Then try to get the dealer to match or beat those terms.

Auto makers' captive-

finance arms and credit unions are likely to offer you the best terms. Captive lenders are under pressure to sell vehicles for their parent companies, though Detroit's finance arms have become more discriminating in recent months amid the credit crunch. Credit unions, meanwhile, are in a better financial position these days than larger banks, and will often consider many factors with a customer beyond the litmus-test FICO score.

- Improve your credit. Walking into a dealership with a FICO score in the upper 600s to 700 will make your car shopping a lot easi-

Car-buying tips

- Consider the used-car market. Used cars are much cheaper and many will last for years.
- Visit banks and online lenders. Then try to get the dealer to match or beat their best offers.
- Check your credit report for errors, which can drag down your FICO score. Pay off debt, especially on credit cards.
- Negotiate the best deal. Auto sales are in freefall so prices and deals are good.

- Check your credit report — available free from the three credit bureaus at AnnualCreditReport.com — for mistakes that could inadvertently lower your score.

Pay down debt, especially credit cards. The more maxed-out your credit line is, the more potential for a negative impact on your credit.

And, of course, try to come up with a bigger down payment — the more you put down, the easier it is to get a loan.

Shop the used-car market. Average used-vehicle prices at auction were \$9,430 in August, compared with \$9,775 a year earlier, according to Manheim Consulting, an Atlanta firm that runs dealer auctions nationwide. Dealers often don't mark these vehicles up significantly.

Fuel-thirsty full-size SUVs are auctioning for about

\$10,500, according to Manheim, 23 percent lower than a year ago. More efficient entry-level midsize and compact cars are auctioning for about \$7,700 and \$8,500, respectively.

As bad as the car-loan market is right now, it could get worse — meaning that waiting too long to buy could be perilous. The federal bailout isn't likely to make car-loan conditions better in the short-term, as financial institutions are apt to be careful with any new infusion of capital, says Rich Kwast, a Wachovia auto analyst.

"Right now I think it's certainly tough, and I think it just gets tougher before it gets better," he says.

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James Robert 'Bob' Hanks

BURLEY — James Robert "Bob" Hanks, age 93, of Burley, went to be with our Lord and Savior, on Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2008, at Highland Estates, surrounded by his family. Bob was born May 5, 1915, in Salem, Utah, to George Williams and Zina Elizabeth Hanks. He received and completed his education in Burley. He married his sweet-heart, Bonnie Koch, on Nov. 20, 1936, in Burley, and they were later buried for time and all eternity in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple on April 24, 1952. Bob farmed most of his life and it was on the farm that he and Bonnie were able to raise their six children. Bob was always a character and had everyone in the room laughing. He blessed his family with his gift of singing. He also enjoyed fishing, golfing,



snowmobiling, bowling, and working in his yard. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Survivors include his daughter, Karlen J. Barrow of Burley; a sister, Donna Gardner of St. George, Utah; three grandchildren, Tandy Hanks of Oregon, Chris (Winston) Inouye and Kurt Bartlett of Burley; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters; three brothers; his wife, Bonnie K. Hanks; and five sons, Robert, Lettroy, Daniel, Larry and Kevin Hanks. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 6, at the Star LDS Church, 100 S. 200 W. in Burley, with Bishop Ross Spackman officiating. Burial will be in Gem Memorial Gardens. Friends may call from 6 until 9 p.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Freda Arlene (Peg) Dodson

Freda Arlene (Peg) Dodson, 91, passed away Friday, Sept. 26, 2008. She was born in American Falls, the daughter of Dr. Lettroy and Jessio Drake. She is survived by three children: Freda (Don) Roemer and Loy Dodson; grandchildren, Teresa (Kevin) Lee, J.D. (Katie) Dodson, Shawna (Derek) Mynear, Jimmy Dodson and Teresa (Stephen) Shea; seven great-grandchildren; and one



brother, Richard L. Drake. Peg was preceded in death by her husband, Jack (children: Kenneth and Jack LeRoy (Butch) Dodson; her parents; and six siblings. The children would like to thank Aspen Grove Hospice and Snake River Living Center for their kindness, comfort and support. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, at Sunset Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls. Condolences may be sent to www.magicvalleyfuneralhome.com.

Rebekah (Becky) Jean Posthuma

Rebekah (Becky) Jean Posthuma, 38, of Twin Falls, passed away Thursday Oct. 2, 2008, at her home in Twin Falls. Becky was born Jan. 1, 1970, in San Diego, Calif. She lived in San Diego until 1977, when her family moved to Wyoming. In 1983, Becky moved with her family to Twin Falls. Becky married Kevin Posthuma on Nov. 30, 1991, in Twin Falls and together they had two children, Britney and Jordan. Her father was her hero. While her children were young, she began to teach aerobics and she also ran a daycare in her home. When the children grew older, she returned to school and in 2006, she obtained her medical coding degree. At the time of her death, she was employed by St. Benedicts Family Medical Center.



Becky was an active participant in many of the races around the valley, including the rim to rim and the Sawtooth Relay. She loved keeping herself active and fit. Becky and her husband enjoyed the simple things of life, which created many fond memories. She loved being a mom and spending time with her family and friends. Holidays were an important time for Becky. She always made them special by decorating and baking lots of goodies to share with family and friends. A celebration of Becky's life will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 6, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Pastor John Collins Jr. officiating. A private family inurnment will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery. At Becky's request, there will be no public viewing. Services may be viewed or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. The family suggests memorials be given in Becky's name to a trust fund that has been set up for her children, Britney and Jordan at Wells Fargo Bank. Contributions may be dropped off at any Wells Fargo Bank or given to funeral chapel staff at the Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Helen Hall Rich

BURLEY — Helen Margaret Hall Rich was born Nov. 26, 1920, to Crete King and Virgil Hall in Pasadena, Calif. She spent her early years attending school in Covina, Calif., where her parents and grandparents grew oranges. The summers were spent swimming and sailing at Newport Beach, where she graduated from high school in January, she and her grandmother traveled on a Norwegian freighter from Los Angeles through the Panama Canal to France, where they visited relatives and friends there and in Germany. She attended Pomona College in Claremont, Calif., for two years, where she met her future husband, Elwood. She graduated from UCLA in 1942. Helen married Elwood after he completed naval officer's training in New York. At the end of World War II in 1945, they moved to Burley, where Elwood joined his family from a nearby farm. Elwood, Roscoe J., in the RC, Rich Sheep Co. Suzanne, Barbara, Ionna and Lorraine joined the family in Burley. They spent summers in Soda Springs, where the sheep company was headquartered during this time of year.



In later years, Helen and Elwood spent time in their condo in Sun Valley, where Helen enjoyed bicycling, cross-country skiing, the summer symphony and the October Jazz. This was often the place for Christmas family reunions. She loved her

family and having reunions. On Helen's and Elwood's 50th wedding anniversary, the family accompanied them on a Caribbean cruise. In addition to four children and their spouses, Suzanne and Don Hartwich, Barbara and Bill Davis, Rona and Roberta Rich and Lorraine and Don Philstrom, the family has grown to include eight grandchildren, Ginger Jordan, William Davis, Scott Hartwich, Daren Hartwich, Eric Hartwich, Zane Philstrom, Helen Philstrom and Max Philstrom, and eight great-grandchildren, Bridget, Melissa, Cody, Jackson, Anabella, Alyssa, Lauren and Riley. Helen was a member of the Burley First Presbyterian Church, Chapter 81B of the PEO Sisterhood, Iris Better Homes, Burley Ladies Golf Club and several bridge clubs. She volunteered for many groups including Campfire Girls and the Burley Library Board. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6, at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2400 Burley Ave., where friends and family may call one hour prior to the service. Officiating will be the Rev. Al Fry. A private family burial will precede the service at the Pleasant View Cemetery. The family suggests that memorials be directed to the King Fine Arts Center, the Friends of the Burley Library or to the Burley Public Library in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Becky is survived by her husband, Kevin of Twin Falls; their two children, Britney Elizabeth and Jordan Michael, both of Twin Falls; her mother, Virginia (Ralph) Lockerby of Twin Falls; her sister, Mary Brown of Twin Falls; her two brothers, John (Andrea) Collier of Jordan Falls and David Collins of Twin Falls; and a very special aunt and uncle, Georgia and John Credille, also of Twin Falls. She is also survived by her mother-in-law, Judy (Todd) Schimmels of Eagle; her sister-in-law, Lori (Chris) Linder of Boise; and her brother-in-law, Randy Posthuma of Boise; as well as four nieces and five nephews whom she loved very much, and many close friends.

TyErin Jerome Maxwell

JEROME — TyErin Jerome Maxwell, 6-month-old son of Kenneth Maxwell and Shaina Bomer, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2008, in Twin Falls. Ty was born March 25, 2008, in Twin Falls. He is survived by his parents; his sister, Morgan Raquel; and his parents, Oleana Hensley, Larry Hansel, Kenneth Maxwell and Del and DeAnn Bomer. He is also survived by his great-grandparents and

many aunts, uncles and cousins. A funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, at the Hazelton LDS 1st Ward Chapel, 531 Middleton Ave. in Hazelton, with Bishop Douglas Carluqui officiating. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Inurnment will follow in the Hazelton Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

Susan Wilson

GOODING — Susan Beatty Wilson, 72, passed away Sept. 30, 2008, in Idaho Falls, at the home of her daughter. Susan was married with her children at her side. She was a very sweet lady, friend and mother. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.



Susan was a fabulous cook, able to make meals from scratch without recipes. "No one could make like Grandma." She loved to sing, dance, and go camping with her family, as well as travel the United States by motor home. She visited her sisters in Co. Ariz., with her sister, Sally, and brother-in-law, Leon. Survivors include her daughter, Karen (David) Smith of Idaho Falls; son, Brian (Tracy) Wilson of Minden, Nev.; sisters, Audrey Bender of Clinton, Minn., and Sally (Leon) DeMars of Alto, Ariz.; brother, Jerry (Carol) Beatty of Coresgold, Calif.; brother-in-law, Joe (Ada) Wilson of Idaho Falls; sister-in-law, Anita (Ray Burgess) Smith of Grangeville; grandchildren, K.C. (Deborah) Pagaoga, Brian Smith and Danielle Smith of Boise and Ryan (Caitlyn) Pagaoga and Lindsay Smith of Seattle, Wash.; and great-grandchildren, Jessica, Olivia and Ryan "R2". She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Harold; brother, Fredton; and sisters, Ruthie and Olive.

At Susan's request, there will not be a service at this time. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations be made to the Clinton High School Reunion, 711 N. Minnesota, Ortonville, MN 56278. Arrangements are under the direction of Wood Funeral Home in Idaho Falls. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.woodfuneralhome.com.

SERVICES

Leroy D. (Lee) Lancaster of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. today at the Twin Falls First Baptist Church at Ninth and Shoshone streets (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Edward Fletcher Churchman of Jerome, memorial at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Elks Lodge on U.S. Highway 93 in Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

DEATH NOTICES

Jennie Hutton Sisk RUPERT — Jennie Ethyl Hutton Sisk, 44, of Rupert, died Friday, Oct. 3, 2008. Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Ted J. Peterson JEROME — Ted J. Peterson, 74, of Jerome, died Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008, in Boise. Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Edith M. Maxey JEROME — Edith May Maxey, 79, of Jerome, died Friday, Oct. 3, 2008, at her home. Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

William Anchetta William Anchetta, 43, of Twin Falls and formerly of Jerome, died Friday, Oct. 3,

2008, in Pocatello. Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Lena C. Haxby BUHL — Lena C. Haxby, 71, of Buhl, died Friday, Oct. 3, 2008, at her home. Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Evelyn K. Puder MOUNTAIN HOME — Evelyn Kay Puder, 69, died Friday, Oct. 3, 2008, in Mountain Home. Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Deltha Olason Deltha Albertson Olason, 81, died Friday, Oct. 3, 2008, in Seattle, Wash. Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Proposed Idaho home for troubled teens loses grant

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The Idaho Department of Commerce has pulled a \$500,000 grant that would have helped pay for construction of a group home for troubled teens after losing confidence in the project. The city of Ammon was awarded the federal community development block grant in 2006, and intended to pass the money on to Family Care Center. The money was to be used in the construction of the center's proposed \$7.5 million, 35-bed Peat House. The Post Register reported that None of the money had been

issued yet, because the Department of Commerce was holding the money in trust until construction began. But construction on the project has been delayed for years because Family Care Center hasn't been able to sell \$5 million in bonds. The Family Care Center's board of directors has also faced problems. Thana Singarajah, who launched the Peat House project in 2004, was stripped of his administrative duties in May and no longer has any involvement in the project.

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AP photo

Republican vice presidential candidate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, passes during a rally in Carson, Calif., Saturday.

Palin says Obama 'palling around' with terrorists

By Jim Kuhnhenn
Associated Press writer

CARSON, Calif. — Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin on Saturday accused Democrat Barack Obama of "palling around with terrorists" because of an association with a former '60s radical, stepping up an effort to portray Obama as unacceptable to American voters.

Palin's reference was to Bill Ayers, one of the founders of the group the Weather Underground. Its members took credit for bombings, including nonfatal explosions at the Pentagon and U.S. Capitol, during the Vietnam War era. Obama, who was a child when the group was active, has denounced Ayers' radical views and activities.

In 1970, the group was blamed for a pipe bomb in San Francisco that killed a police officer and injured another. Three members of the group were killed in 1970 in an accidental explosion of a bomb in their Greenwich Village basement.

While it is known that Obama and Ayers live in the same Chicago neighborhood, served on a charity board together and had a fleeting political connection, no one has provided evidence to say the pair ever palled around. And it's simply wrong to suggest that they were associated while Ayers was committing terrorist acts.

Nonetheless, Palin made the comments at two appearances in separate states.

Todd Palin plans Troopergate probe interview

By Matt Voz
Associated Press writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Gov. Sarah Palin's husband is planning to speak to an investigator looking into abuse-of-power allegations against the governor, Todd Palin's lawyer said Saturday. He previously refused to testify under subpoena in a separate probe.

Attorney Thomas Van Flein said he asked the investigator, Anchorage attorney Timothy Petrunos, to reserve the third week of October to interview Todd Palin, but a date has not been set because he is waiting to hear back from Petrunos.

Todd Palin refused to testify under subpoena last month in a separate investigation by the Alaska Legislature. Petrunos is heading a parallel probe by the Alaska State Personnel Board into whether Sarah Palin, the Republican vice presidential nominee, acted improperly when she fired Public Safety Commissioner Walt Moberg this summer.

Whether Palin, her husband and her aides pressured Moberg to fire a state trooper who was involved in a contentious divorce from Palin's sister and then fired Moberg when he wouldn't denounce the trooper, Palin says Moberg was ousted over budget disagreements.

of news stories detailing the campaign's come-from-behind offense.

"What's clear is that John McCain and Sarah Palin would rather spend their time tearing down Barack Obama than laying out a plan to build up our economy," Obama campaign spokesman Karl Sevagn said in a statement.

Palin's remarks come as e-mails circulate on the Internet with suggestions that the Democratic candidate is secretly a radical, foreign-born Muslim with delusions against the U.S. Obama is a native of Hawaii who lived in Indonesia as boy. He is a Christian.

Palin, Alaska's governor, said that donors on a greeting line had encouraged her and McCain to get tougher on Obama. She said an aide then advised her, "Sarah, the gloves are on, the tees are on, go get it them."

The escalated effort to attack Obama's character dovetails with TV ads by outside groups questioning Obama's ties to Ayers, convicted former Obama fundraiser Antoin "Tony" Ilexko and Obama's former pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright.

Ayers is a professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He and Obama live in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood and served together on the board of the Woods Fund, a Chicago-based charity that develops community groups to help the poor. Obama left the board in December 2002.

Obama campaign called Palin's remarks offensive but not surprising in light

Palins' life in the Last Frontier

By Garance Burke
Associated Press writer

WASILLA, Alaska — To people in this hard-scrabble region tucked between two soaring mountain ranges, Gov. Sarah Palin is a working-class heroine. As the Republican vice presidential candidate's star rises nationally, she's increasingly held up as the model for life in the Last Frontier.

Palin and her husband, Todd, a champion snowmobiler racer, have all the trappings of that life: a coveted permit to fish salmon-rich Bristol Bay, a vast gun collection, a vintage float-plane and a fleet of gas-powered vehicles to roar through the wilderness.

"Everyone hunts and fishes here, but it's just that few people look so good doing it as Todd and Sarah," said David Parks, a 27-year-old Republican who has known Sarah Palin since he was a child and is volunteering for her campaign. "What attracts people is they have the plane, the snow machines and the whole lifestyle."

Others, though, object to the governor's readiness to equate her conservative values with the Alaskan way of life.

"Sarah's got all the toys to be marketed as the Alaskan wilderness woman, but the reality is that she's been in that uppercrust for a while," said John Gourley, who with his wife, Jennifer, raised

three children in a generator-powered cabin near Wasilla. "Plus, she's a trophy hunter, and I tend to respect people who shoot a moose because they need the meat."

Gourley said he hasn't voted for a presidential candidate since liberal Sen. Eugene McCarthy but now plans to vote for Democrat Barack Obama.

Even before McCain chose Palin as his running mate, she had appeared in magazines like *Vogue* — where she's shot in a long wrap, striding on the tundra — and in local brochures aimed at new arrivals to Wasilla that tout "hours of local dog mushing kennels and local farms, trips to glaciers and musk ox farms are part of the local fun."

"First Dude" Todd Palin is also a local celebrity, having won four medals in the Iron Dog, a grueling 55-hour snowmobile race that follows the 2,000-mile Iditarod Trail from Wasilla to Fairbanks.

"They're competitive people, and you can judge their level of sport by how hard they go at it all," said his longtime racing partner, Scott Davis. "You're trying to raise a family and run a company and race and be in politics? That takes a lot of dedication."

The family's seasonal working arrangement — common to many rural Alaskans — has earned them a relatively affluent life

in the sprawling Matanuska-Sitka area 40 miles north of Anchorage, where many roads are still dirt and some houses lack indoor plumbing.

"A huge part of Sarah Palin's appeal is that people see her as an ordinary person," said Diane Woodruff, the lone nonpartisan member of Wasilla's Republican-dominated city council. "Truthfully, though, she's been a very fortunate ordinary person."

Considering estimates of the value of their property and investments, the Palins appear to be worth at least \$1.2 million.

Palin draws a \$125,000 annual salary. Todd Palin's self-employment in 2007 brought him \$56,893 in gross receipts from fishing and snowmachine racing, though tax returns released Friday show an overall net income of only \$5,874 after deductions. He also earned \$43,519 working part-time on the North Slope for BP Exploration.

In the past two decades, the Palins have owned 43 vehicles, including at least 17 snowmobiles. In 2000, the most recent year for which information is available, there were 33,576 registered snowmobiles for a total of 221,600 Alaskan households, which means the average household did not have even one snowmobile, according to the Division of Motor Vehicles and the U.S. Census Bureau.

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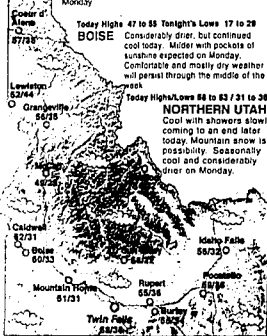
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Boy, 7, breaks into zoo, feeds animals to croc in Australia

Wednesday after the boy jumped a security fence at Alice Springs Reptile Zoo in central Australia, said zoo director Rex Neindorf.
The child then went on a killing spree, bashing three lizards to death with a rock, including three young, beloved, 20-year-old terrapins, which he then fed to "Garry," an 11-foot, 440-pound saltwater crocodile, said Neindorf.

animals to Terry by throwing them over two fences surrounding the crocodile's enclosure, at the one child climbing over the outer fence to get closer to the giant reptile.
In the footage, the boy's face remains largely blank, Neindorf said, adding, "It seems like he was playing a game."
By the time he was done, 13 animals worth around \$5,500 had been killed, including a

turtle, bearded dragons and thorny devil lizards, Neindorf said. Although none were considered rare, some are difficult to replace, he said.
"Where horrified that anyone can do this and saddened by the age of the child," Neindorf said.
Alice Springs police said they are unable to press charges against the boy because of his age. Children under age 10 can't be charged with criminal offenses in the Northern Territory. His name was not released because of his age.
Neindorf said he plans to sue the boy's parents.
The boy's small size is probably the reason he didn't trigger the zoo's security system, which relies on sensors to detect intruders, Neindorf said.
"Just want people to learn that they can't let their children go and run amok," Neindorf said. "If we can put the blame onto the child, then someone has to accept the responsibility."

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Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., speaks during a rally at Schwanman Stadium at Abington High School in Abington, Pa., Friday. AP photo

Obama assails McCain over health care plan

By Charles Babington
Associated Press writer

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. — Democrat Barack Obama sharply criticized Republican John McCain's health care proposals Saturday, saying they could force millions of Americans to struggle to buy medical insurance.

Turning to an issue that has faded somewhat during the economic crisis, Obama gave an unusually detailed outline of his own plans in a 40-minute speech to thousands of sun-soaked Virginians at a waterside park in Newport News. He would make coverage more affordable to most Americans, he said, paying for the subsidies largely by canceling the Bush administration's tax cuts for people making more than \$250,000 a year.

In a sign that the presidential campaign's final month may have a nastier tone, Obama called McCain's health plan "radical," and Republican officials accused Obama of lying.

Wearing a dark suit and speaking from a TelePrompTer, Obama told the Virginia crowd he would reduce premiums for most

people by "as much as \$2,500 per family."

He would save money in the health care system, he said, by holding drug and insurance companies "accountable for the prices they charge and the harm they cause." He also said he would outlaw "insurance company discrimination against people with pre-existing conditions."

Medicare would be allowed to negotiate with drug makers for cheaper prices, and his administration would place greater emphasis on preventing illnesses, he said.

"The time has come to solve this problem, to cut health care costs for families and businesses, and provide affordable, accessible health insurance for every American," Obama said.

He devoted at least half his speech to criticizing McCain. The Republican nominee has proposed to tax the health benefits that 156 million people get through the workplace as income. In exchange, McCain would give tax credits to help pay for insurance — \$2,500 for individuals and \$5,000 for families, paid directly to the insurer they choose.

Unlucky number

In the end, O.J. comes up a loser in Vegas

By Linda Deutsch
Associated Press writer

LAS VEGAS — In a city where luck means everything, O.J. Simpson came out the big loser — and his unlucky number in a case full of bizarre twists was 13.

He was convicted of an armed robbery that happened on Sept. 13 and was found guilty on the 13th anniversary of his Los Angeles murder acquittal. The Las Vegas jury deliberated for 13 hours after a 13-day trial.

And then, as only the sobs of Simpson's sister broke the silence late Friday, the lights went out.

Court marshals flipped on floodlights and shouted for everyone to stay seated. Only the judge knew what had happened. It was 11 p.m. and the courthouse lights had shut down automatically.

"Timed out," Judge Jackie Glass said in a fitting epitaph for the story of O.J. Simpson, which has long haunted America.

The 61-year-old Hall of Fame football star was convicted of kidnapping, armed robbery and 10 other charges for gathering five men a year ago and storming a room at a hotel-casino to seize Simpson sports mementos — including game balls, plaques and photos — from two collectors.

Prosecutors said two of the men with him were arrested one said Simpson had asked him to bring a gun.

After the verdict, Simpson, the sports-idol-turned-celebrity-pariah, was handcuffed and led from the room with his co-defendant, Clarence "C.J." Stewart. They could spend the rest of their lives in prison.

"There is justice," said attorney Gloria Allred, who has represented the family of his slain ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson. "Justice was delayed, but in this case it was not denied. Now that he may spend the rest of his life in prison, the law, and not O.J. Simpson, will have the last word."

Some observers said the Las Vegas case paled in comparison to the "trial of the century" in 1995, a yearlong opus in which Simpson was acquitted of murdering his ex-wife and her friend Ingrid Goldman.

A rapit nation followed the Los Angeles trials. Tales of a gruesome murder and a bloody glove, as well as the celebrity defendant, drew a media frenzy.

A piece of Simpson's fate played out in a small courtroom dotted with empty seats. Even the stunning verdict came as most of America slept, oblivious to the irony that Simpson might spend the rest of his life in prison for what most perceived as a petty crime, a tussle among dysfunctional middle-aged men.

Simpson's Las Vegas defense tried to tell the jury that the



O.J. Simpson is taken into custody after being found guilty on all charges, including felony kidnapping, armed robbery and conspiracy, at the Clark County Regional Justice Center in Las Vegas on Friday. The verdict came thirteen years to the day after he was acquitted of double murder charges. AP photo

Some on jury disagreed with 1995 acquittal

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The jurors in O.J. Simpson's armed robbery and kidnapping trial claimed a mixture of opinions about his acquittal on murder charges more than a decade ago, but all told attorneys they could set aside their feelings.

According to jury questionnaires released Saturday, five of the 12 jurors wrote that they disagreed with the 1995 verdict that cleared Simpson in the deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend

Ronald Goldman. Most others claimed to be uncertain or did not answer the question.

Redacted versions of the questionnaires were made public by Clark County District Judge Jackie Glass after The Associated Press and Stephens Media LLC, the owners of the Las Vegas Review-Journal, petitioned for their release.

As released, the 26-page, 116-question surveys blacked out some information about the jury, including

hometowns, parents' occupations and details of past experience with the judicial system. The surveys were used to identify prospective jurors with biases and to reduce the jury pool.

They revealed the jury was largely made up of middle-age people who claimed to pay little or no attention to Simpson's past legal troubles.

The jury contained 11 people who were identified as Caucasian and one who was identified as Hispanic.

two cases had nothing to do with each other, but it was a losing battle.

"I don't know that one trial cancels out the other," said Loyola University law professor Laurie Levenson, who attended Simpson's murder trial. "People will always be troubled by O.J. For the people troubled by the Los Angeles acquittal, this case will make small arrears. Saying finally there is justice, at least from a legal perspective, is every grade word of looking at justice."

She predicted that Stewart,

64, will have a strong chance for reversal on appeal because he was forced to stand trial beside Simpson.

"O.J. was toxic, and he has been toxic since 1994, and this jury was just ready to clean up the mess," Levenson said.

Simpson lawyer Yale Galanter said Saturday he felt bad for Simpson but even worse for Stewart, who got dragged along in a campaign to convict Simpson.

"This was just payback," he said of the verdict. "They were on an agenda."

Galanter and Stewart's lawyers promised to appeal, in part because unlike the predominantly black jury that decided Simpson's murder case, this panel included no African-Americans. Neither Simpson nor Stewart testified. Simpson friend Tom Scott, who wept in court, called it "a public lynching."

"Was this something to put someone in jail for the rest of their life for? It's a total injustice. There was no justice served in that courtroom," Scott said.

Edwards: Passion for health reform keeps me going

By Jocelyn Novack
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Elizabeth Edwards said Saturday that her passion for reforming the nation's health care system has been a "great refuge" for her during the recent turmoil over her husband's extramarital affair.

Edwards, who has incurable breast cancer, also said medical tests this week showed that her condition hadn't worsened since March of 2007, when she and her husband, former Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards, announced her cancer had returned and she would undergo another round of chemotherapy.

Edwards was interviewed at the New Yorker Festival by medical writer and surgeon Atul Gawande, who asked how she was managing to continue spending out publicly on health care, given the turmoil in her personal life.

"Partly by plowing through, like I intend to do with your question, as well," she said, to laughter and applause from the audience.

"The ability to speak out doesn't require a particular skill. It requires one thing — passion about what you believe in. And that passion has been a really great refuge for me," she said.

On her medical condition, Edwards said doctors don't believe the cancer has spread to her lungs or her liver.

"It hasn't really changed since March 2007," she said of her condition. "Then they gave me five years, so if I had five years then, I have five years now, and if I can just keep that up..." The crowd interrupted her with laughter.

Edwards ruefully described a day recently when she was diagnosed with another problem, and said that when she checked a Google alert she has set up for her name, she read that she had been sick.

"It would really be nice to be able to throw it without having it appear in the Google alerts," she joked.

Mexican police find 9 bodies dumped in Tijuana

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — Police have found nine more bodies dumped around the Mexican border city of Tijuana, where nearly 50 people have been killed in a week of violence related to the drug trade.

Five men were found asphyxiated in a car Saturday in the eastern part of the city, according to the Baja California state Attorney General's Office. The men were found in a car.

The bodies of two beheaded men were found wrapped in blankets on a road elsewhere in the city, the office said. The heads were in black plastic bags nearby.

A piece of cardboard left by the bodies read "These are the best people." On Monday, a message found with 12

bodies next to a Tijuana elementary school threatened "all of those who are with 'The Engineer.'"

State prosecutor Rommel Moreno has blamed the violence on warring leaders within the Arellano Felix drug gang. More than 400 people have been killed in drug-related violence in the city across from San Diego this year, including at least 49 this week.

State police and prosecutors were found at the elementary school where the 12 bodies were found Monday.

Execution-style killings, beheadings and shootings have soared across Mexico since the army and federal police intensified their fight against the drug trade nearly two years ago. Gunmen Saturday killed the mayor of

Itapan de la Sal, a resort town southwest of Mexico City. Salvador Vega was in a car with two other people when the gunman opened fire from another vehicle, said Moises Gonzalez, a spokesman for Mexico state Attorney General's Office. The two other people were injured.

In the southern city of Oaxaca, four banners purportedly signed by the Gulf Cartel blamed another drug gang for the deaths of 11 people during Independence Day celebrations in another Mexican state capital, Morelia.

Police earlier arrested three alleged Gulf Cartel hit men accused of throwing the grenades into crowds of revelers. Messages in the name of La Familia have blamed the Gulf Cartel for the attack.

Islanders who insisted on staying died in Ike

By Monica Rbor
Associated Press writer



A large boat sits in the dead trees and grass along with other debris Tuesday in the middle of a destroyed fishing camp in Trinity Bay near Anahuac, Texas. Much of the debris was blown by Hurricane Ike from Bolivar Peninsula miles across the bay.

GALVESTON, Texas — The final hours brought the awful realization to victims of Hurricane Ike that they had waited too long. This storm wasn't like the others, the ones that left nothing worse than a burrowing tale to tell.

George Helmond, a hardy Galveston salt, watched the water rise and told a buddy: I was born on this island and I'll die on this island.

Gail Ettenger, a free spirit who adopted the Bolivar Peninsula as her home 15 years ago, told a friend in a last phone call: I really messed up this time.

Within hours, the old salt and the free spirit were gone as the powerful Category 2 hurricane wrecked the Texas Gulf Coast on Sept. 13, flattening houses, obliterating entire towns and claiming at least 33 lives.

The dead — as young as 4, and as old as 79 — included lifelong Galvestonians firmly rooted on the island and transplants drawn by the quiet of coastal living.

Seven people drowned in a storm surge that moved in earlier and with more ferocity than expected. Nine others died in the grimy, sweaty aftermath, when lack of power and medicine exacted its toll. Eleven people were injured, by either mosquito bite or killed in fires from the generators they used in their own attempts to survive.

Hundreds of people remain missing three weeks after Ike's assault on Texas. Local and city officials are no longer keeping their own

count of missing residents, and the estimate varies wildly from one agency to another.

According to the nonprofit Laura Recovery Center, about 300 people are missing. Of those, about 200 from Galveston. However, the number "goes up and down by the minute" as people call in to remove or add names, cautioned executive director Bob Walcutt.

Some vanished during the evacuation of towns in the storm's path. Many were last heard in desperate, last-ditch calls for help.

Immediately after the hurricane, Galveston officials conducted door-to-door searches for survivors and possible victims. But the city is no longer taking an active

role in the search, city spokeswoman Alicia Cahill said.

Instead, scores of teams of sheriff's deputies, volunteer firefighters and special K-9 searchers and recovery units have been using all-terrain vehicles to sift through debris fields, tangled and fetid marshlands, and the rubble left behind by Ike.

Bodies could have been tossed anywhere in the marshes, where thickets of trees are littered with the contents of houses, refrigerators, office chairs, and television sets are scattered everywhere — in the mud, in bushes, on rooftops.

"We are definitely looking and are going to do anything we can to find them, but

there may not be any answers to be given," said Galveston County emergency management spokesman Colin Rizzo. "There are definitely going to be people from Hurricane Ike that are never found."

Gail Ettenger stumbled upon her house in Gilchrist by accident. But once she saw the site on the bay side of Bolivar Peninsula, she knew she would never leave.

Ettenger, a native of New Jersey, instilled the house with her own energy and style. The 50-year-old's garden bloomed with vibrant birds-of-paradise.

And Reba, an 11-year-old Great Dane hobbled by arthritis, was her baby. Ettenger loved to treat the

dog to dinners of chicken and roast beef, recalled JoAnne Burns, Ettenger's neighbor and close friend.

Ettenger, a chemist at ExxonMobil, didn't evacuate, reasoning that her house had weathered Hurricane Rita in 2005 without a problem. She also did not want to leave Reba, who could no longer climb into Ettenger's Jeep.

Burks and her husband pleaded with Ettenger to change her mind. But she insisted.

Hours before Ike made landfall, Ettenger knew she had made the wrong choice. She called Burks and described the water pushing up under her feet, the propane tanks and other household items drifting by her windows, and wondered which would float better: her Jeep or her house.

Her voice was shaky with fear, Burks said.

Burks spent the next 10 days searching for her friend, calling local, county and state officials without success. She tried the American Red Cross, FEMA, even private investigators.

"I didn't want her to wind up like the victims of Katrina, who were never found or identified," Burks said.

Ettenger's body was found Sept. 23, tossed on a debris field in a Chambers County marsh about 10 miles from her house.

Amid the muck and remnants of homes, Burks found a pink leather collar. The name Reba was spelled out in rhinestones.

At 72, George Helmond had ridden out many storms

and thought he could take on Ike, too, neighbor Don Hanson said. A lot of old Galvestonians are like that.

Helmond had been one of the first residents of Snyder Lane, which overlooks a bayou on one side and a golf course on the other. A retired electrician, Helmond was a die-hard fisherman, a dove hunter and straight-shooter. Intensely proud of his Galveston roots.

Around 10 a.m., Helmond called Hanson, who had already left, to say the water had already slipped over the road and toward his house. The street — the only way out of the neighborhood — was already impassable.

At 9:30 p.m., Helmond and Hanson talked for the last time. By then, the water had pummeled through Helmond's garage, crushing the doors and submerging his Cadillac. Hanson begged his friend to grab a life vest at his house or to seek shelter there.

But at 2:30 a.m., for reasons no one knows, Helmond got in his pickup truck and drove off at the height of Ike's fury.

Neighbors found Helmond's body the next day inside the truck, which had slammed into the white golf course fence. The windshield was shattered.

Helmond's home suffered little damage. The water had reached above the first-floor garage, but not inside the house.

The had stayed home and hadn't gone out, he'd be OK, but he panicked," said Hanson, 66. "Life goes on, but I will miss a good friend and I will think about him."

Blog on meat plant was astroturf, not grassroots

By Nigel Daura
Associated Press writer

IOWA CITY, Iowa — As Agriprocessors Inc. was getting stung by criticism after a federal immigration raid snared hundreds of its workers, a blog by people who live and work in Postville appeared in its defense in May.

The blog defended the hiring practices of the plant in the small Iowa community, rebutting allegations in a federal affidavit and rallying against the media, government and labor union.

"We've had enough of every organization with an agenda cynically misrepresenting our town and workplace to further their own ends," PostvilleVoices.com said. It added that "there is one thing we do know — the people that run Agriprocessors are good, decent, honest people and we trust that they have credible answers."

It was grassroots activism at its finest — if you think of the son of the plant CEO at the time and two of his friends count as grassroots activists.

The anonymous blog was an odd twist in the case against Agriprocessors, since it expanded to include child-labor charges — as well as an example of an increasingly common practice known as astroturfing — inventing grassroots support without the trouble of engaging a community.

"There's not a big penalty associated with doing this and being caught," said Herman B. Leonard, a professor at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. "There's a potentially substantial benefit from being able to get out there with something that seems like a well-informed and active and energetic view that does not seem to be self-interested."

"So if you get away with it, it's a plus. If you don't, they say, 'Well, it's not too surprising.'"

Aiding the deception was a new development in astroturfing: Web hosts that protect a site owner's identity from anyone not holding a subpoena.

Dan Handy, the general manager of the Postville site's Web host, Bluehost.com, said the intention of his site is to stop spammers from stealing

personal information from online registries. But he acknowledged there's also the benefit of complete anonymity.

Tracking such sites is difficult because of the anonymity, but other examples include:

• Immigrants Against Teen Drinking was presented as a front of grassroots opposition to Internet sales of alcohol, but its Web site didn't mention that the group was backed by major alcohol lobbying firms that wanted to kill legislation allowing people to buy wine from other states.

• Consumers Organized for Reliable Electricity ran a Web site warning about the consequences of an electricity rate freeze. It was later revealed the group was largely funded by Illinois electric utility company Commonwealth Edison.

The pro-Agriprocessors site was formed by 24-year-old Getzel Rubashkin and two friends who connected to the company. His father, Shalom Rubashkin, was until this summer the plant's CEO, and his grandfather, Aaron Rubashkin, owns the New York-based company.

The blog drew the suspicion of area residents, including a radio host. Getzel

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Rubashkin said in an interview with the host that he provided some technical assistance for the site, then acknowledged in an interview last month with The Associated Press that he and his friends created it.

Rubashkin, who lives in Postville and worked part time at Agriprocessors, said he didn't use plant money to work on the blog, but did film the interviews in the plant and had unfettered access to it and its employees.

Getzel Rubashkin said he and his friends started the Web site about two weeks after the May 12 raid, in which 389 workers were arrested on immigration charges. The hope, he said, was to counteract false media reports.

Rubashkin said that, in hindsight, he should have attached his name to the site, but that he wanted the claims to stand on their own merits.

"I do see now in retrospect that I could look deceptive," Rubashkin said. "That was not the intent."



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Politics scuttles plan to put U.S. diplomats in Iran

By Matthew Lee
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration has shelved plans to set up a diplomatic outpost in Iran, in part over fears it could affect the U.S. presidential race or be interpreted as political meddling. The Associated Press has learned.

The proposal to send U.S. diplomats to Tehran for the first time in three decades attracted great attention when it was floated over the summer, but has now been placed on indefinite hold as November's election nears and Iran continues to make demands to halt suspect nuclear activities, officials told the AP.

The administration officials familiar with the matter spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal administration deliberations on the sensitive subject. The officials said a decision had been made to leave the decision to the next U.S. president because it could be seen as a reward for Iran's nuclear intransigence, especially when Iran policy has become a key part of the heated campaign between Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain.

Obama has called for unconditional direct talks with the leaders of adversarial nations such as Iran and North Korea, assuming that groundwork by lower-level officials indicated that the two-level talks would be fruitful.

McCain has ridiculed the suggestion as naive. Obama, opening an interest section, or de facto embassy, in Tehran could be interpreted as a Republican president helping a Republican nominee by neutralizing a distinction that might make the Democrat appealing. Or, it could be seen as hurting McCain by leaving him to defend a more hard-line position than the current Republican president's.

Al-Qaida says U.S. economic crisis is proof of Muslim victory

By Hadeel Al-Shalchi
Associated Press writer

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — An American member of al-Qaida pointed to economic troubles in the United States as proof that "the enemies of Islam" face defeat, in an English-language video released Saturday.

California-native Adam Gadahn, urged Pakistanis to unite against their government and U.S. forces, and taunted Americans over their economic crisis, relating it to their military interventions. "The enemies of Islam are facing a crushing defeat, which is beginning to manifest itself in the expanding

crisis their economy is experiencing," said Gadahn, in a clip of the message distributed by the SITE Intelligence Group, a Washington-based monitor of militant Web sites.

"A crisis whose primary cause, in addition to the above, and to the unstable and unsustainable crusades they are waging in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iraq, is their turning their backs on Allah's revealed laws, which forbid interest-bearing transactions, exploitation, greed and injustice in all its forms."

Gadahn, 29, grew up in Riverside County, east of Los Angeles. He was indicted by a federal grand jury in Santa Ana in 2005 and charged with one count of treason and two counts of providing material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization.

The FBI says Gadahn moved to Pakistan in 1998 and attended an al-Qaida training camp six years later, serving as a translator and consultant. Gadahn also urged Pakistanis to unite and establish an Islamic state. Al-Qaida's media arm, al-Sahab, is increasingly using English-language videos to address Muslims in Pakistan who are unlikely to speak Arabic.

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10530	WF	Peaches - Sliced or Halves	12	29.2	\$15.00	4/55	10205	WF	Burritos	24	5.2	\$8.00	3/51
10531	WF	Peas - Sliced or Halves	12	29.2	\$15.00	4/55	10190	WF	Frozen Vegetables - Cant. Peas, Gr. Beans.	12	16.2	\$7.48	\$0.79
10596	WF	Ass'd Canned Tomatoes - Whole, Stewed, Sliced, Crushed, Diced, and more.	24	145.2	\$11.76	\$0.49							
10503	WF	Canned Corn - Whole Kernel, Cream Style	24	15.2	\$11.76	\$0.49	7001	Red Raspberries	1	8 LB	\$29.99	\$29.99	
10009	WF	Canned Green Beans - Cut, French Sliced	24	15.2	\$11.76	\$0.49	7022	Bananas, Marionberries, Boysenberries, Strawberry	1	8 LB	\$15.99	\$15.99	
10410	WF	Canned Sweet Peas	24	15.2	\$11.76	\$0.49	7016	Pilled Soft Pack Cheeses	1	22 LB	\$44.99	\$44.99	
10411	WF	Canned Mixed Vegetables	24	15.2	\$11.76	\$0.49	Bulk Foods Supervalues						
10019	WF	Canned Beans - Chk. Garbanzo, Kidney, Gr Northern, Black, Pinto, Sm Red, Blackeye	24	15.2	\$11.76	\$0.49	10104	WF	Granulated Sugar	1	25 LB	\$8.99	\$8.99
10367	WF	Chk. - Hot, Mild, Thick & Chunky, Turkey	24	15.2	\$13.92	\$0.58	10102	Big J	Baking Flour	1	50 LB	\$18.99	\$18.99
10436	WF	Mac & Cheese Dinner	24	7.25	\$6.00	4/51	2028	Wheat - Hard Red or Hard White in poly bag	1	50 LB	\$14.99	\$14.99	
10223	WF	Albacore Tuna	24	6.2	\$32.76	\$0.99	2029	Wheat - Hard Red or Hard White 6-gallon Bucket	1	45 LB	\$22.99	\$22.99	
10224	WF	Pineapple - Crushed, Chunks, Sliced, Tidbits	24	20.2	\$21.12	\$0.88	2034	Morning Moo Powdered Milk - Regular or Choc	1	50 LB	\$10.99	\$10.99	
10225	Capri Sun	Assorted Flavors	4	10 CT	\$10.00	4/510	2035	Non-Fat Powdered Milk	1	50 LB	\$11.99	\$11.99	
10226	Galatada	Assorted Flavors	12	32.2	\$9.48	\$0.79	2000	Rolls Oats - Regular or Quick	1	25 LB	\$7.99	\$7.99	
10227	Shasta 12 Pack Soda Pop - Assorted		1	12/12.2	4/59	4/59	2052	Iodized Salt	1	25 LB	\$7.99	\$7.99	
10207	WF	Soup - Tomato & Chicken Noodle	24	10.5	\$11.04	\$0.46	2047	Bulk Mixes - Corn Muffin, Pancake, Blueberry Muffin, Fudge Brownie, and Hot Cocoa	1	25 LB	\$44.99	\$44.99	
10579	WF	Dry Pasta - Spaghetti, Mac, Shell, Fettuccine	12	22.2	\$19.08	\$1.59	2056	Gronola - Super Blend	6	#10 can	\$54.99	\$9.17	
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10477	Top Ramen Noodles - Beef, Chicken, Oriental		24	3.2	\$3.00	8/51	2043	Brown Rice - Long Grain	1	25 LB	\$15.99	\$15.99	
10089	WF	Purified Drinking Water - 1/2 gal per customer	1	24/5L	\$2.50	4/510	2044	Pinto Beans	1	20 LB	\$14.99	\$14.99	
10007	WF	Mandarin Oranges	24	11.2	\$10.56	2/50.88	2045	Popcorn	1	25 LB	\$15.99	\$15.99	
10097	WF	Tomato Sauce	48	8.2	\$9.40	5/51	2055	Honey - in a food Grade Bucket	1	45 LB	\$11.99	\$11.99	
10317	WF	Mustard - Peas & Stems	24	4.2	\$14.16	\$0.59	2051	Dehydrated Eggs - 48 oz can equals 96 eggs	6	48.2	\$79.99	\$16.67	
10326	Hunt's	Pasta Sauce - All Varieties	12	26.2	\$10.68	\$0.89	Produce, Meat & Bakery						
10538	WF	Refined Beans - Regular, Vegetarian, No Fat	24	16.2	\$14.16	\$0.59	185	Dozen Donut Glazed Wings	1	Doz	\$3.99	\$3.99	
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10159	WF	Liquid Bleach - Regular Only	6	9.2	\$8.34	1/39	scan	Lean Ground Beef - 5 lb Chub @ 1.79 per lb	1	5 LB	\$8.95	\$1.79	
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Chinese man wins international tightrope contest across Seoul river

By Jeong Jae-Hyun
Associated Press writer

SEOUL, South Korea — A professional tightrope walker from China zipped across the Han River in just under 11 minutes to win Seoul's second international high-wire championship, which concluded Saturday.

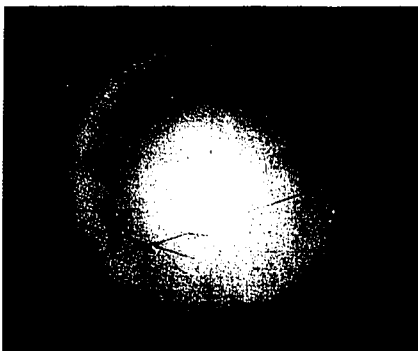
Yakov Fujiang, Maimaiti, competing Friday on the second day of the three-day contest, beat 26 other competitors in traversing the three-quarter-mile-long wire to claim the \$20,000 prize.

Columbian Alan Martinez came in second place with a time of 11 minutes, 23 seconds. Last year's winner, Abudusatair Wujiahadulla of China, finished in 11 minutes, 28 seconds, for third place.

Maimaiti, 26, said he has been a tightrope walker since the age of 7, following in his ethnic Uighur family's tradition in his native Xinjiang in northwestern China.

"I was really excited while I was walking on the rope," Maimaiti said Saturday.

Tightrope walking is also a Korean tradition going back centuries, with performers often leaping and turning somersaults in midair — and sometimes even crack-



South Korea's Jeong Jae-Hyun walks a high wire during the World High Wire Championships in Seoul, South Korea, Thursday. The 1.2-kilometer wire rope stretched three-quarters of the Han River in Seoul.

AP photo

ling jokes — to entertain onlookers.

A 2005 film, "The King and the Clown," which featured a troupe of entertainers who became court jesters, rejuvenated interest in the Korean tradition.

Organizer Kwon Won-tae, a professional tightrope walker who did the stunt work in the film, also competed this week. He credited the competition with keeping the tradition of tightrope walking alive, and said he hopes to

eventually compete in communist North Korea.

"Sometime in the future, I want to hold this high-wire

championship across the Taedong River in Pyongyang," North Korea's capital, he said Saturday.

Report: North Korean leader appears in public

By Jean H. Lee
Associated Press writer

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea's state news agency reported a public appearance by reclusive leader Kim Jong Il for the first time in nearly two months, an absence that prompted speculation he was seriously ill.

Kim watched a university football game, the state-run Korean Central News Agency reported Saturday. It did not say anything about his health condition or when he made the appearance.

The 66-year-old leader had not been seen in public since mid-August. U.S. and South Korean officials said last month that Kim suffered a stroke and underwent brain surgery but North Korea has denied he was ill.

Kim's failure to appear for two key occasions — a military parade marking the 60th anniversary of the

founding of North Korea and Korean Thanksgiving — reinforced the notion that he was seriously ill and raised questions about future leadership of the isolated communist country.

KCNA said Kim, accompanied by other officials, watched the game marking the 62nd anniversary of his alma mater Kim Il Sung University, named for his late father who founded North Korea.

The report did not say when or where the game was held or whether Kim and the other officials attended in person or watched it televised from another location. It said he played after the game.

The KCNA report could not immediately be verified. In Seoul, South Korean Unification Ministry spokesman Kim Ho-nyeon said late Saturday he was aware of the report but had nothing to add.



Polish soldiers of the 12th Mechanized Division stand at attention during an end-of-mission ceremony at military Camp Echo in Dwaiahak, 80 miles south of Baghdad, Iraq, Saturday. Poland marked over control of the area south of Baghdad to U.S. troops Saturday, marking it the latest in a string of countries to leave the dwindling U.S.-led coalition.

U.S. military: Iraqi killed in helicopter collision

By Kim Camel
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — Two U.S. helicopters collided while landing at a base in Baghdad on Saturday, killing one Iraqi soldier and wounding four people, including two Americans, the military said. It was the second helicopter crash in two weeks.

The U.S. military said how the fire did not appear to be the cause.

Also Saturday, the military said it killed an al-Qaida in Iraq leader suspected of masterminding one of the deadliest attacks in Baghdad, several other recent bombings and the 2006 videotaped killing of a Russian official.

The two UH-60 Black Hawks crashed shortly before 9 p.m. in a northern section of the capital, known as Azamiyah, the military said. The wounded included two American troops and two other Iraqis, but the total number of people on board was not yet known, a statement said.

"The situation is under control. Emergency services are on the scene," military spokesman Lt. Patrick Evans said. An investigation into the crash was under way.

Two Iraqi police officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to release the information, said the crash occurred during clashes between gunmen and U.S.-backed Iraqi forces in northern Baghdad.

Evans denied the reports, saying "we have absolutely no reports of any clashes taking place nearby."

A witness who identified himself only by his nickname Abu Sattar said he was receiving guests in his house when

he heard a big explosion.

"We went outside the house and we saw a fire coming from nearby. Then we heard the sounds of gunfire and U.S. soldiers came and sealed off the area," he said.

The U.S. military relies heavily on helicopters to ferry troops, dignitaries and supplies to avoid the threat of ambushes and roadside bombs. At least 70 U.S. helicopters have gone down since the war started in March 2003, according to military figures. Of those, 36 were confirmed to have been shot down.

On Sept. 18, a CH-47 Chinook en route from Kuwait crashed in the southern desert about 60 miles west of Basra on Sept. 18, killing all seven American soldiers on board. The military said that crash apparently was due to a mechanical problem, not hostile fire.

The al-Qaida in Iraq leader was killed Friday elsewhere in northern Baghdad. American troops also killed the man's wife in a firefight as they tried to capture him, the military said.

Mahir Ahmad Mahmud al-Zubaydi, also known as Abu Assad or Abu Itani, was accused of directing an insurgent cell believed to be responsible for nearly simultaneous car-bomb and suicide attacks Thursday, according to the statement.

Iraqi police and hospital officials have said some two dozen people were killed in Thursday's attacks targeting two Shiite mosques in Baghdad.

Those attacks and others that struck during Ramadan have raised fears that al-Qaida in Iraq is trying to provoke Sunni-Shiite reprisal killings as U.S.-led forces begin to draw down.

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Elderly endangered turtle pair fails to produce offspring

SUZHOU, China (AP) — She's around 80 years old. He's 100. Breathless scientists were not as the world's most endangered turtles successfully mated.

But the attempt to breed the species' last known female with the last known male in China has failed because the eggs didn't hatch, disappointed conservationists said Saturday.

The elderly pair can try again next year, part of a del-

icate attempt to keep the species alive.

Just four known Yangtze giant soft-shell turtles are left and three are in captivity.

The only female was found in a Chinese zoo just last year after a long and desperate search. She was quickly protected with a surveillance camera, a guard and bullet-proof glass and given the nickname "China Girl."

A successful batch of baby turtles would be a welcome

environmental win for China. The country's efforts to save its pandas are famous, but scientists have said about 40 percent of China's mammal species are endangered.

Pollution and hunting almost erased the Yangtze turtles.

Conservationists were thrilled this spring when the female and male finally were introduced, nudged each other curiously and slowly got down to business. Artificial insemination was

deemed too risky.

Within weeks, dozens of eggs were found in the sandy nesting area at the Suzhou Zoo, about an hour's drive west of Shanghai.

Conservationists predicted possible hatchlings by early August. But this week, they said the effort had failed.

"Unfortunately, none of the eggs successfully hatched this time," Stephen G. Sautner, a communications official with the Wildlife Conservation

Society, said in an e-mail Saturday.

While more than half of the eggs seemed fertile, the embryos died early, a statement released Wednesday by

the U.S.-based Turtle Survival Alliance said. The statement did not indicate whether the female turtle's age was a factor and instead blamed years of a low-cal diet.

Developed countries push back against modern-day pirates

By Jamey Keaten
Associated Press writer

DEAUVILLE, France — Armed pirates aboard fast-moving ships have increasingly turned the shipping lanes off Somalia into a lucrative hunting ground, commanding vessels large and small and leaving the world's maritime powers frustrated about how to stop the seafaring bandits.

Now, however, momentum is growing for coordinated international action to back up the sharp response late last month of a Ukrainian cargo ship laden with tanks and heavy weaponry — as the pirates quickly found themselves encircled by U.S. warships and receiving only silence to their demands for millions of dollars in ransom.

It could be a sign of a more aggressive and unified front in the one of the world's most important shipping lanes.

Several European Union countries are planning to launch an anti-piracy patrol.

Russia announced Friday it would cooperate with the West on fighting the pirates. U.S. warships, meanwhile, are being diverted from counterterrorism duties to respond to the hijackers.

America and some of its allies already have 10 warships in the area in the Gulf of Aden, north of Somalia on Africa's eastern elbow and between the Indian Ocean and the Red Sea.

France's defense minister this week — meeting in northern French seacoast town of Deauville — said eight EU countries have volunteered to take part in an anti-piracy operation off Somalia that could get a formal go-ahead next month.

Nobody has any illusions that the patrols — which officials say would at first involve only three frigates — will halt piracy through the Gulf of Aden, which is crossed by some 20,000 ships each year.

"It's a positive development, but whether it's sufficient is another matter," said Roger Middleton, an expert on East Africa at Chatham House think tank in London.

French defense officials say the EU plan will be modeled on successes of another operation designed to protect World Food Program convoys — destined for Somalia, a mostly lawless state where warlords and Islamic militias have replaced government control in many regions. The French



An officer aboard a U.S. Navy guided-missile cruiser monitors the (MV) Falca, which was seized by Somali pirates, off the coast of Somalia, Tuesday.

officials note that none of the 27 relief deliveries was hit by pirates.

International cooperation also has yielded results against piracy in Southeast Asia, where Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore have teamed up to fight bandits in the Malacca Strait.

But there are obstacles to the campaign against Somali pirates. Not least is lack of support from Somalia's embattled leaders — busy fighting Islamic insurgents — as well as the vast expanse of sea to cover and the tricky task of telling a pirate vessel from a fishing boat.

"Frankly we could put 250 boats out there and we'd never be sure we're free from hostage-taking," said one

French defense official on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly on the issue. "It's a little bit like fighting the drugs trade — there's no watertight solution."

EU defense officials say the best they can hope for is to deter the pirates, whose prey has included merchant ships, aid vessels and even a cruise ship and a luxury yacht.

But with many in Somalia driven to desperation because of violence at home and the high cost of prevention, results could take years.

"What is lacking at the moment is a deterrent," said Noel Choong, head of the piracy reporting center of the

International Maritime Bureau. "As long as there is no deterrent, the pirates will find ways to attack."

He added: "Navy boats can't be everywhere at all times."

Developed countries are contemplating their full potential arsenal: France has led a charge at the United Nations for legal powers to use force against pirates off Somalia; others floated ideas of using decoy ships or lure pirates into traps or launching amphibious assaults on pirate beachheads.

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War in the shadows

Sri Lankan government bars all outsiders from war zone

By Ravi Nessman
Associated Press writer

MADHU, Sri Lanka — There are no worshippers at Sri Lanka's holiest Christian shrine.

The cherished statue of the Virgin Mary in the pale yellow church gazes out onto emptiness. The two villages nearby are abandoned. Everyone has fled for safety deep into rebel territory, disappearing into the black hole of Sri Lanka's civil war.

The conflict — deadlier this year than the fighting in Afghanistan — has grown increasingly ferocious as a new government coalition pushes deep into the rebels' power base in the northern jungles.

Yet it is taking place mostly in the shadows. The government has barred independent observers and foreign journalists from the war zone. Last month it banned foreign aid groups as well, promising to make up for their absence by providing aid itself.

That leaves the military and rebel-linked Web sites as the only source of information on the course of the war, the growing number of casualties, and the plight of some 220,000 displaced civilians trapped in the shrinking territory controlled by the Tamil Tigers. Analysts and diplomats say neither side can be trusted to report accurately on the latest fighting in the 25-year-old civil war between the ethnic Tamil separatists and the government, dominated by the Sinhalese majority.

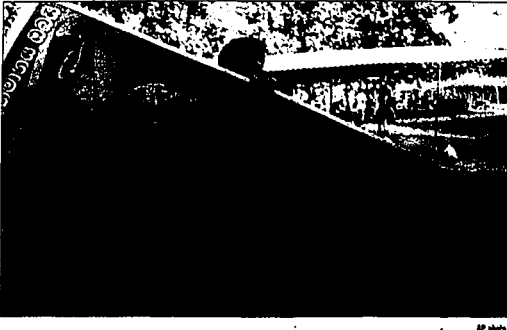
The scale of the blackout is extremely "swerving," said Yolanda Foster, Amnesty International's Sri Lanka researcher. "There is no one really left to report and act as a witness to the outside world."

In a rare visit to the restricted area just south of the war zone, the Associated Press heard of the repeated displacement of thousands of civilians, of fighting far deadlier than the government reports, and of growing disenchantment with the Tamil Tigers in the areas under their control.

Never-ending exodus

The modesty of the Madhu church belies its importance to Sri Lanka's Christians, who make up about 7 percent of the population. Our Lady of Madhu, a statue of the Virgin Mary that wanders over the altar inside, is believed to hold miraculous healing powers and usually attracts hundreds of thousands of worshippers to an annual pilgrimage.

Now, abandoned cots lazily trace grass in overgrown fields. A pair of wild monkeys



A relative carries a poster of special forces soldier C. Priyadarshna, hours after his burial at his home in Medawachchiya, about 125 miles northeast of Colombo, Sri Lanka, on Sept. 16.

shares a fallen mango.

The church used to be located inside rebel-held territory, 130 miles north of Colombo, the capital. When the government started shelling the area last year people started leaving — the worshippers who came every day, the dozens of workers who lived in the church compound, the 3,000 residents of two nearby villages.

Father Emilianuspillai Santhiapillai, the priest at the church, described the heartbreak of watching hundreds of departing families clogging the dirt road with tractors and other vehicles. Some were so poor they only had bicycles to move their belongings. Others carried what they could on their heads.

Most moved just a few miles up the road, out of artillery range, Santhiapillai said. But as the fighting pushed toward them, they had to flee again, he said. Some moved as many as eight times.

"When the shells start falling, they moved. When the army captures that place, they move again," he said, rifling through snapshots of the exodus. "Stage by stage, they were displaced."

With each move, villagers left behind more of their goods, and spent more of their dwindling cash, he said. They are among more than 160,000 civilians who have fled deeper into rebel-held territory for safety.

"The church itself came under fire, and Santhiapillai fled in April, just before government forces overran the area. He rode in the back seat of a car, his arms draped around the statue to protect it. "Even as we were going, the shells were falling," said Sister Ida Thomas, a nun at the compound.

By August, with the government in control of Madhu and

the traditional festival looming, Santhiapillai and the statue returned.

But the pilgrimage was not the joyous gathering of 500,000 people of previous years, he said. With the government still concerned over security and the possible infiltration of rebel fighters, only 500 worshippers were allowed through the thicket of checkpoints, he said.

Now, no worshippers can come at all, and the priest and nuns are sequestered in the abandoned area, only allowed out with an army escort, he said. "They should let people come, otherwise there is no reason for the statue to be here," he said. "They are afraid."

Doubts about offensive

While civilians flee for safety, many of the soldiers fighting the war are dying.

About an hour away from Madhu, in the government stronghold of Medawachchiya, mourners sat quietly on plastic chairs amid the dust and trees in the yard outside C. Priyadarshna's house, hours after the Special Forces soldier was buried with full military honors. His comrades bowed in turn before his grieving mother.

The death of the 22-year-old lance corporal cast doubt on the government's account of the toll the war is taking on the military as it slowly pushes its way into the de facto state the rebels have set up in the north. President Mahinda Rajapaksa has said he hopes government forces will capture the rebels' administrative capital of Kilinochchi by the end of the year. But it's impossible to tell at what cost.

The military says the war killed 856 government troops and 6290 rebels from January

Udaya Nanayakkara denied the rebels were using deadly chemical weapons, saying six soldiers suffered minor breathing problems from inhaling tear gas.

Other battles in the area that day killed eight more soldiers for a total of 15 military fatalities, or five times the official death toll, according to an official involved in the transfer of bodies from the war zone. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the topic.

A message of condolence from the military praised Priyadarshna as a "hero" who gave his life to the fight against the "terrorists."

It gave no details of his final battle.

Increasingly fearful

Those still living under rebel rule are increasingly worried about their safety and increasingly defiant of the Tamil Tigers' hard-line

Backed in a corner

As a result of incessant fighting in Sri Lanka's 25-year-old civil war, more than 160,000 displaced civilians are trapped in the existing territory controlled by the Tamil Tigers.

Area of Tamil Tiger control as of Sept. 7, 2008



regime, according to Vincent, a 47-year-old fisherman and one of the few civilians who managed to flee to government-held territory.

"People there are very scared, and they all want to come," he said. "If you stay there, you are just going to get killed."

Vincent, who fled last month from his home in a tsunami resettlement village of 100 families in the east coast region of Mullaitivu, asked that only his first name be used, fearing rebel retaliation against relatives he left behind. He now lives in the Sidambarapuram relocation camp north of Medawachchiya.

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Slow progress continues as Vandals thumped

By Josh Wright
Times-News correspondent

MOSCOW — For folks in, say, Fresno (Calif.) or Reno (Nev.), it must seem like the Idaho football team is miles away from being competitive. Saturday marked its fourth straight loss, and not one has been remotely close.

But here's the thing: Even after getting shellacked 49-14 by Nevada, the Vandals insisted they're not that far away.

"We're right on the brink," 11-back Eddie Williams said. "And you can't really debate

that. It's clear: We're right on the brink."

Idaho nevertheless failed again to inject even a trace of suspense into the fourth quarter against the Wolf Pack. A thinned-out Kibbie Dome crowd (originally announced at 15,013) stayed around as Idaho tacked on meaningless yards and tried ill-fated onside kicks.

The Vandals (1-5, 0-2) have now dropped 21 consecutive games to FBS (formerly



Nevada 49
Idaho 14

coach "There's absolutely no question in my mind. It's driving my tail crazy that we have plays that could be made that we didn't (and have) players that have made those plays. That's the driving-you-crazy

part right now."

Behind three touchdowns apiece from quarterback Colin Kaepernick and second-string tailback Val Taus, the Wolf Pack methodically picked apart Idaho. They outgained the Vandals 264-24 on the ground and jumped out to a 21-0 lead midway through the second quarter.

Really, though, it could have been closer. The Vandals' first two possessions ended with a blocked 39-yard field goal and a failed sneak attempt by quarterback Nathan Enderle on fourth-

and-1 from Nevada's 39.

Later in the first half, Vandal punter T.J. Conley dropped a punt at the 1-yard line and was smothered just inside the goal line. UNR scored on the next play to push its lead to 14-0.

"The muffed punt to go up 14-0 was huge," Wolf Pack coach Chris Ault said. "To get the ball on the 1-yard line always give you a chance to put something behind the sticks."

For the Vandals, one promising drive after another fizzled in excruciating fashion.

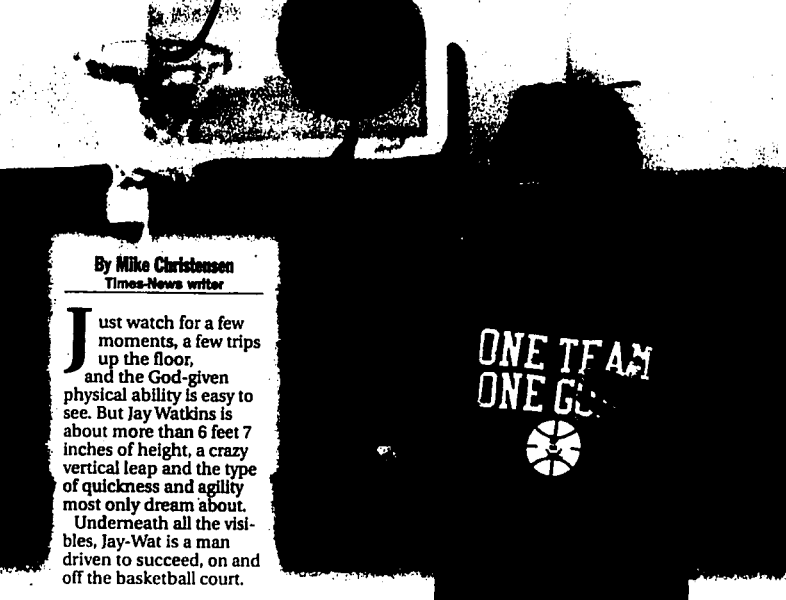
A late second-quarter march, for instance, ended after Deonte Jackson unsuccessfully lunged for the goal line on fourth down.

With the ball at the 1, the tailback scurried over the line of scrimmage and came up inches shy of scoring. His acrobatic TD attempt was reviewed by officials but upheld.

"I think 100 percent that I got in, because I stretched the ball out before I got flipped," Jackson said. "And when I

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Source of inspiration



By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

Just watch for a few moments, a few trips up the floor, and the God-given physical ability is easy to see. But Jay Watkins is about more than 6 feet 7 inches of height, a crazy vertical leap and the type of quickness and agility most only dream about.

Underneath all the visibles, Jay-Wat is a man driven to succeed, on and off the basketball court.

ONE TEAM
ONE GOAL

Photo by JEFFREY MCCOY/Times-News. Illustration by MICHAEL PETERSON/Times-News

CSI's Watkins driven to succeed on many levels

"I'm dedicated 110 percent to bringing a championship to CSI."

Motivation

Accomplishing something great requires internal drive and fortitude. Watkins possesses both on many levels. For starters, there's the tick-tock of the clock.

Watkins was named to the All-West Coast Conference Freshman team following a 2006-07 season in which he averaged 6.2 points and 3.5 rebounds at the University of San Francisco. But he was ruled academically ineligible for the start of the 2007-08 campaign, and soon thereafter transferred to the College of Southern Idaho.

He sat out in Twin Falls as the Golden Eagles got off to a 30-1 start before failing to Sali Lake Community College in the Region 18 title game.

A sophomore in eligibility, Watkins has not played a competitive game in more than 18 months.

"I'm very excited," he said, "after not playing for a year and a half."

The evidence is found on his cell phone, which contains a countdown to CSI's Nov. 6 season-opener against Central Arizona. Ask him how far away tip-off is and he can tell you down the day, hour and minute.

He's hungry to play.

But that's not his only motive. At CSI, there's one supreme goal each season: winning the NJCAA national title.

"I'm dedicated 110 percent to bringing a championship to CSI," said Watkins.

But Watkins' biggest inspiration is the one that comes in the smallest package, the one he refers to as

a "life-changing experience."

Jaybrien Jordan Watkins. Jaybrien is Watkins' 9-month-old son, who lives with his mother in Memphis, Tenn. While Jaybrien resides 1,400 miles from Twin Falls, he's never far from Watkins' thoughts.

"It's definitely on my mind," said Watkins. "Everything I do, it's for him, to tell him, 'You might have to give up some things, but if you stick with it you can still get your goals accomplished as far as basketball and school.'"

From basketball glory to obtaining a four-year degree, Watkins is doing it all for Jaybrien.

Growing up

The Golden Eagles' roster will tell you Watkins is from Phoenix, but he begs to differ. Watkins spent most of his life in Memphis, growing up in a "neighborhood (that) wasn't bad, but it was rough."

His father was always around but never lived with him during his early years. Watkins' environment and family situation, caused him

to mature earlier than most and learn to make life's hard decisions.

When he was a sophomore in high school, his mother moved to Phoenix, leaving Watkins to live with his father for the first time in his life. Watkins said it was a tough season in his life as he clashed with his father and stepmother.

Despite the challenges, he found a place to thrive, starting at Memphis' Hamilton High. He led Hamilton to a 39-0 record and AAA state title as a senior. There he averaged 18 points and 10 rebounds per game. College scholarship offers came in from Tennessee, Virginia and others.

His signing with San Francisco came through his summers spent in Arizona with his mom. There he played for Anthony Ray's Arizona Magic AAU team. Ray helped connect him with then-USF coach Jesse Evans and a campus visit quickly convinced Watkins the Dons were the team for him.

After a promising start, the experience turned sour.

Watkins said he was the victim of a feud between Evans and San Francisco athletics director Debra

Jay Watkins file

- 6-7, 200-pound forward sophomore
- Transferred from University of San Francisco midway through 2007-08 season
- Led Hamilton High (Memphis, Tenn.) to AAA state title and 39-0 record as a senior
- Averaged 6.2 points and 3.5 rebounds as freshman at USF
- Has 9-month old son named Jaybrien



Gore-Mann that led to Watkins' academic ineligibility and ultimate departure from USF.

"I lost trust," he said.

In December, Evans took a leave of absence from the team and was replaced by former CSI coach Eddie Sutton, who came out of retirement to get the Dons through the season. Sutton encouraged Watkins to stay, but he decided to reopen his recruitment.

His connection with Ray again proved beneficial as he wound up coming to a town he'd never heard of.

"If you'd asked me to name two cities in Idaho, I'd say Boise and that's it," said Watkins.

Even through the hardships that led him to CSI, Watkins found a silver lining. Had he been playing for USF he would have been on a road trip shortly before Christmas

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Turnovers help extend Idaho State's winless slide

By Mark Liptak
Times-News correspondent

POCATELLO — When Idaho State's players and coaches review the tape of their game with Montana State, they'll say it was a big missed opportunity.

Montana State won the game over the Bengals 33-21 even though ISU (0-2 Big Sky, 0-5 Overall) outgained the Bobcats offensively and had chances to tie the game in the first half.

But turnovers and the play of quarterback Cody Kempt made the difference for MSU. The sophomore went a very efficient 15-for-21 for 187 yards and a touch-down on the afternoon. Couple that with three ISU turnovers, as well as having a punt blocked for a safety, and it was more than enough to keep the 2008 losing streak going for Idaho State.

"Turnovers hurt us today, no question," said ISU head coach John Zamberlin. "And Montana State is a good football team."

When told that ISU actually out-gained the Bobcats, Zamberlin's reply was quick and sharp: "Stats are for losers, we've got to put more points on the board."

A big first quarter had MSU out from 21-7 when ISU scored on a 22-yard touchdown pass from Russel Hill to Kerryon Blue. That pulled the Bengals within seven points, but then the missed opportunities cropped up. They turned the ball over on one drive, then missed a field goal right before the half that could have cut the lead down to four points.

They wouldn't get as close again as the Bobcats stretched the lead out to 28-14 then saw Jesse Anderson come through clean and block the punt attempt by John Vanderwielen for a safety.

The Bengals fumbled again and MSU cashed in with a 50-yard field goal by Jason Cunningham, effectively ending the game.

Hill went over the 300-yard passing mark for the fourth straight game, as he threw for 350 yards and two scores, but still has yet to win despite the gaudy numbers. With seven catches, Eddie Thompson became the school's all time leading receiver, breaking the old record of 187 set by Saly Key.

Idaho State plays at Northern Colorado next week.



CSI rebounds with win over Snow

Times-News

After Friday night's drubbing at the hands of No. 6 Salt Lake Community College, the No. 2 College of Southern Idaho volleyball team was compelled to issue a response.

It wasn't particularly awe-inspiring, but it did the trick.

CSI rebounded from the dispiriting loss to crunch the Snow Badgers in

Ephraim, Utah, on Saturday, winning in three games, 25-21, 25-14, 25-20.

"We came in and took care of business. It definitely was better than last night, but last night was really bad," said CSI coach Heidi Carrisser.

Jessica Penneck led CSI (24-4, 3-1 Scenic West Athletic Conference) with seven kills, but the most



effective hitter on the afternoon was the Golden Eagles' setter Jelena Savic.

Santia Sanders had 12 digs and three aces for CSI, which capitalized on its practice theme of starting strong.

"What we did was we started the games pretty strong, got ahead in every game and just stayed ahead

of them," Carrisser said. "It was better, just not great."

Up next for the Golden Eagles, in addition to hoping they don't fall too far in next week's NJCAA Division I volleyball poll, is a trip up north next weekend. They'll face SWAC rival North Idaho College on Saturday at 2 p.m., MDT, and then will make the short trip to face Spokane Falls (Wash.) CC at 8 p.m., the same night.

Creamer finishes strong to take lead at Samsung event

HALF MOON BAY, Calif. — Paula Creamer birdied the final three holes for a 3-under 68 and a one-stroke lead over Angela Stanford on Saturday after the third round of the Samsung World Championship.

Playing near her hometown of Pleasanton, Creamer had a 6-under 210 total on the Half Moon Bay Golf Links Ocean Course.

Stanford led for much of the day but hurt herself with two double bogeys on the back nine. She birdied the final two holes for a 69. Australian Katherine Hull eagled No. 4 and also birdied 18 for a 69 to stay within two strokes of the lead on a day when birdies were hard to come by for everybody in the elite 20-player field.

Two-time defending Samsung champion Lorena Ochoa shot a 70, also leaving her two strokes back along with Song-Hee Kim (70). Ochoa is seeking her eighth victory of the year.



Paula Creamer follows her shot to the second green during the third round of the Samsung World Championship golf tournament in Half Moon Bay, Calif., on Saturday.

HOWELL, RIDINGS TIED AT TURNING STONE

VERONA, N.Y. — Tag Ridings missed a short par putt on the final hole to fall into a tie with Charles Howell III for the third-round lead in the Turning Stone Resort Championship, the second of seven Fall Series events.

Ridings (71), whitens in 130 starts on the PGA Tour, finished with a 1-under 71 to match Howell (69) at 8-under 208.

Jeff Overton (73), who led both the first and second rounds by one shot, was tied for third at 7 under with Brian Davis (69), Jason Day (71) and Kyle Thompson (69).

Another shot behind were Dustin Johnson (70) and Robert Allenby (71), while Davis Love III (66), Charles Warren (67), and Mark Henley (72) were tied at 5 under.

in to share the third-round lead after another wet and windy day in the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship.

Sandelin and Kaymer had 6-under 210 totals after rounds at Kingsbarns, St. Andrews and Carnoustie. The final round will be played at St. Andrews.

Sweden's Magnus Carlsson

(73) was a stroke back, and two-time champion Padraig Harrington (74) was another shot behind along with Markus Brier (76) and Thongchai Jaidee (72). They also all finished at Carnoustie.

KOREA OPEN

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea's Kim WJ-joong shot a 2-under 69 to take a

one-stroke lead after the third round of the Korea Open.

Kim had a 10-under 203 total on the Wood Leong Hills Country Club course.

American Anthony Kim (67), Englishman Ian Poulter (69) and South Korea's Bae Sang-moon (67) and Kim Dae-sub (69) were tied for second.

— The Associated Press

Twin Falls, Highland boys play to 1-1 tie

The Times-News visits Jerome.

Girls soccer

TWIN FALLS 2, HIGHLAND 2

Twin Falls grabbed a two-goal lead, but visiting Highland scored twice in three minutes late in the second half to salvage a draw on Saturday.

Stephanie Peck converted a penalty kick for the Bruins in the 25th minute after Madi Worst was fouled by the Highland goalkeeper on a breakaway, and Vanessa Sanchez made it 2-0 40 minutes later when the goalkeeper spilled Worst's cross right to Sanchez.

Highland scored in the 68th and 70th minutes to grab the draw.

Twin Falls (10-4-2, 3-2-2 Region Four-Five-Six) wraps up the regular season at Madison on Tuesday, needing a win to secure the No. 2 seed in the district tournament.

WOOD RIVER 2, BURLEY 0

Sam Johnson scored twice to lead Wood River to a 2-0 win at Burley on Saturday.

The game had no bearing on the Great Basin Conference West standings, as both teams had already sealed their fates before the game. Wood River finishes the regular season 13-1-1 (6-0 GBW), and Burley winds up 15-1 (10-5-1).

The two teams will play each other in Halley in the first round of the conference tournament on Thursday.

Tour organizer: Armstrong has 'embarrassed' race

PARIS (AP) — Lance Armstrong says the Tour de France organizer's new president is being pretentious by claiming that the seven-time champion has "embarrassed" cycling's premier race.

Jean-Etienne Amaury told French sports newspaper L'Equipe on Saturday, "We can't say that he has not embarrassed the Tour de France, as he has had a quite a complicated history with it."

The comment astounded Armstrong.

"I've stated clearly, my main objective in 2007 is to bring about global awareness of a disease that kills 8 million people annually worldwide. Nobody ever said that I wanted the Tour de France in order to try and achieve this," he said in a statement.

"It comes down to an issue of distraction — while I love the event and France's people, I can't account for this sort of grandstanding which distracts from the Livestrong message that is urgently needed, and being sought out, in many other places around the world."

The 35-year-old Amaury was also never found to be guilty of doping despite seven years of intense scrutiny," Armstrong said. "Not to mention that my team of 25 riders over those seven years was also never found to be positive. We won clean and fair."

Clerc, who was known for his hard line against doping. Some observers interpreted the change as a sign that the ASO intended to soften its position.

Amaury, however, insisted the fight against doping remains a top priority.

The Tour de France's position has always been very strict and that will not change in the years to come," he said. "ASO is quite conscious of the fact that doping undermines cycling's credibility."

Asked whether a comeback by the 37-year-old Armstrong, who retired in 2005 after winning his seventh consecutive title, would throw suspicion on the race, Amaury said that "most of the time in the fight against doping are different."

Armstrong announced last month he was coming out of retirement.

The last time I checked I won it seven straight years and was never once found to be guilty of doping despite seven years of intense scrutiny," Armstrong said. "Not to mention that my team of 25 riders over those seven years was also never found to be positive. We won clean and fair."

Watkins

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of 2007. His departure allowed him to be home in Memphis when Jaybrien was born on Dec. 23.

"I feel blessed for that," he said.

Flying with the Eagles

While this will be his first year in a Golden Eagles uniform, Watkins is already a leader for first-year coach Steve Gosar. The athletic small forward is one of only three sophomores on this year's 17-man roster.

"It's going to be really interesting to see what Jay does early on," said Gosar.

"Early on, I think Jay's going to feel the pains from having been out a whole year and a half. That game-time speed and timing you just can't replace. It's just different when the lights are on."

While it may take Watkins a few games to settle in, watch out once he does.

"Jay is potentially a game-breaker for us. In that regard, I'm very excited about having Jay on the court," said Gosar. "He's got a huge upside and he's got a chance to really be a difference-maker for us."

While the sophomore-led team of a year ago had more talent and sent nine players to NCAA Division I teams, Watkins believes this year's team has one thing the previous one lacked.

The 2007-08 team was "not as together off the court, which I think eventually caused our downfall," he said. This year's squad has the type of chemistry that could carry the Golden Eagles a long way.

Said Watkins: "I'm very appreciative, thankful and blessed to be a part of this team."

Beyond CSI

Part of Watkins' future is already lined up. During the first week of September, Watkins made an official recruiting trip to the University of Utah. Before leaving Salt Lake City, he verbally committed to play for the Utes next season. He plans to make his commitment official during the November signing period.

Last year's CSI head coach Barrett Peery, now an assistant at Utah, played a key role in Watkins' decision.

"(Peery) was a big part of it, having someone you already know there who's going to take care of you," said Watkins.

After his experience at San Francisco, Watkins places a high value on honesty. He found just that in Utah head coach Jim Boylson.

"He didn't just tell me what I wanted to hear, he

told me exactly the truth, and that's what I love and respected about that," said Watkins.

It's just another sign of Watkins' maturity, another gem of truth he plans to pass on to Jaybrien. Just like the ones he learned in Memphis, Phoenix and San Francisco.

One day, he plans to tell Jaybrien, "Adversity is going happen. But that's what makes the person. How you deal with adversity makes you a man or not a man."

Yes, Jay Watkins is a basketball player. But he's so much more. He's a gentleman, a son, a loving father and a determined student.

Five months from now, he may be one more thing as well: **NCAA champion.**

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Idaho

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came down, my knees were already in the end zone. But, hey, I'm not the ref."

One of the few bright spots for Idaho was another news item: I can't account for this sort of grandstanding which distracts from the Livestrong message that is urgently needed, and being sought out, in many other places around the world."

The 35-year-old Amaury was also never found to be guilty of doping despite seven years of intense scrutiny," Armstrong said. "Not to mention that my team of 25 riders over those seven years was also never found to be positive. We won clean and fair."

Rank	Name	Score
1	Paula Creamer	68
2	Angela Stanford	69
3	Katherine Hull	69
4	Jeff Overton	73
5	Jason Day	71
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7	Dustin Johnson	70
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Baltimore welcomes home Michael Phelps with parade, salute

BALTIMORE — Michael Phelps was formally welcomed home Saturday with a two-pronged celebration that began with a parade and ended with a fireworks show at historic Fort McHenry.

Phelps was the focal point of the "Parade of Gold," which served as a homecoming for Maryland's Olympic heroes, most notably the swimmer who won a record-setting eight gold medals at the Beijing Games this summer.

The festivities then moved to Fort McHenry, birthplace of "The Star-Spangled Banner." Wearing a dress shirt, sports jacket and jeans, Phelps walked onto the makeshift stage to cheers from thousands of people, many of whom arrived several hours before the event.

Watson to accept a roster spot for Henry. Watson sat out a 20-12 loss to the Cleveland Browns on Sunday with a hamstring injury suffered during practice the previous week.

Henry missed the first four games of the season because of his latest suspension for violating the NFL's conduct policy. Henry also was suspended for the first eight games last season.

Cardinals WR Boldin has surgery. TEMPE, Ariz. — The Arizona Cardinals' Anquan Boldin is out indefinitely following surgery on a facial bone fractured in a helmet-to-helmet hit during last Sunday's game against the New York Jets.

Sports Shorts

Brookie first-round pick Leodis McKelvin and nickelback Ashton Yulish will split time opposite starting cornerback Jabari Greer.

NHL Kennedy lifts Pens past Ottawa in NHL's Stockholm debut.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Tyler Kennedy scored his NHL debut with 25 seconds left in overtime to lift the Pittsburgh Penguins past the Ottawa Senators, 4-3 in the first NHL, regular-season opener in Sweden on Saturday night.

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event at its scrimmage against the College of Idaho on Oct. 21. Admission is free to the public, with donations requested.

Bruin Boosters meet Monday. TWIN FALLS — The Bruin Boosters invite Bruin fans and supporters to their next meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the Twin Falls High School faculty lounge.

Rocky Mountain and CSI rodeos set for Friday. TWIN FALLS — The Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9 at the CSI Expo Center. Tickets are \$5.

JRD holds women's hoops sign-ups. JEROME — Jerome Recreation District will hold sign-ups for women's basketball through Oct. 17. Team fees are \$180, while player fees are \$15 for those in the district and \$20 for those outside the district.

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NFL Bengals activate WR Chris Henry

CINCINNATI — Receiver Chris Henry was activated from the Cleveland Browns' practice roster to the Bengals' roster on Friday.

McGee won't play Sunday at Arizona

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Bills starting cornerback Terrence McGee won't play Sunday against the Arizona Cardinals because of a sore hamstring.

CSI holds 'Dig Pink' event

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho volleyball team will host a Dig Pink event on Oct. 10.

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Still alive!

Hardy, Brewers stave off elimination

MILWAUKEE (AP) — J.J. Hardy and the Milwaukee Brewers got three hits to keep their postseason alive for another day.

Back home at Miller Park, the Brewers got three hits from Hardy and a sharp outing from Dave Bush to beat the Philadelphia Phillies 4-1 Saturday night and stave off elimination in the NL division series.

Prince Fielder and Ryan Braun each had a sacrifice fly for Milwaukee, making its first trip to the postseason since 1982. Hardt and Jason Kendall added RBI singles.

After CC Sabathia and Yovani Gallardo flopped in Philly, Bush allowed one run in 5 1/3 innings to help send the best-of-five series to a fourth game on Sunday.

Three relievers stymied the Phillies before Salomon Torres worked a rocky ninth inning for the save. Philadelphia loaded the bases with no outs and Pedro Feliz hit a double-play grounder to third that appeared to drive in Ryan Howard.

But Shane Victorino, who hit a grand slam off Sabathia in Game 2, was called for interference when he didn't slide into second. The runners were sent back to second and third, and Carlos Ruiz tapped back to Torres for the final out.

Phillies manager Charlie Manuel continued to discuss the play with umpires after the game.

Only seven teams in baseball history have come back from an 0-2 deficit in a best-



Milwaukee Brewers closer Salomon Torres (16) reacts after throwing out Philadelphia Phillies catcher Carlos Ruiz for the final out in Game 3 of the National League division series Saturday in Milwaukee.

of-five playoff series — but the '82 Brewers were one of them.

Jeff Suppan will start for Milwaukee on Sunday; The Phillies did not announce a Game 4 starter before Saturday's game but are expected to send Joe Blanton to the mound.

The Brewers managed just three runs and seven hits as the Phillies won the first two games convincingly. But Milwaukee showed some

patience at the plate in Game 3 that was noticeably lacking in Philadelphia.

Mike Cameron and Bill Hall, two free-swinging Brewers, walked with no outs in the first against Jamie Moyer, known for his control. Both runners moved up on a wild pitch before Fielder hit a sacrifice fly to right with one out.

Hardy followed with a run-scoring single to give Milwaukee a 2-0 lead.

Bush (1-0) allowed the leadoff hitter to reach in four of the first six innings but managed to wiggle out of trouble. He departed with one out and a runner on third in the sixth, and Howard's groundout off Mitch Stetter cut Milwaukee's lead to 3-1.

Moyer (0-1) was lifted in favor of pinch-hitter Matt Stairs in the fifth. The 45-year-old left-hander allowed four hits and two runs in four innings.

Rays loose before potential clincher

CHICAGO — Relaxed and loose, some of the Tampa Bay Rays wore ski caps and scarves for a week Saturday, only to find sunny skies and crisp temperatures not requiring extra protection.

The Rays were ready for the elements. Then again, they were prepared for everything the Chicago White Sox did in the opening two games of their AL playoff series.

"You see a group of kids there — I won't say happy just to be there — just like enjoying the moment," said White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen, contrasting the demeanor of his veteran team and the younger Rays. "We have a veteran clubhouse of 300 losses last season. They go about their business a different way."

The Rays were ready to add another chapter to this remarkable season, taking a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five series heading into Game 3 on Sunday.

One of the biggest differences in the first two games was Tampa Bay's ability to deliver clutch hits. The White Sox left 12 runners on in Friday's 6-2 loss and were just 4-for-17 with runners in scoring position in the first two games in Florida.

Reliant on homers all year — they led the majors with 234 during the regular season — the White Sox hope a return home will rejuvenate their offense. They were 54-28 in their home park this year — only the Rays and Red Sox were better.

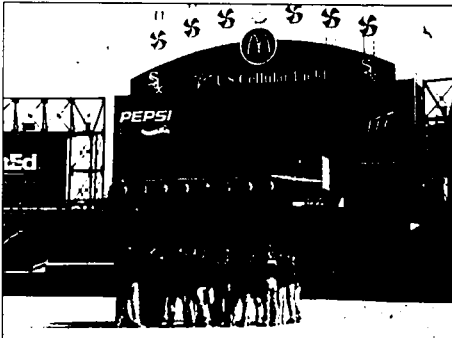
Matt Garza, 11-9 with a 3.70 ERA, will start for Tampa Bay, which went from a one-run lead to a 3-0 losses last season to 57 victories this year.

Lefty John Danks, who beat Minnesota on Tuesday in a one-game debreaker for the AL Central, will start for Chicago, which would host Game 4 on Monday — if the White Sox get that far.

"I don't want to mess around," said Rays rookie star Evan Longoria, who homered twice in Tampa Bay's 6-4 victory in the opener. "I don't want to give these guys any momentum. ... We really don't want to let them bounce back and give them a sense that they are actually come back and win this thing. We have to bury them as soon as we can."

Beckett, Red Sox look to finish Los Angeles Angels

BOSTON — The Los Angeles Angels



The Tampa Bay Rays inside the outfield at U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago before baseball practice on Saturday. The Rays play the Chicago White Sox today in Game 3 of the American League division series.

might have thought they caught a break when they didn't have to face Red Sox ace Josh Beckett in Game 1 of their first-round playoff series.

Turns out, they'll have to get past him to keep their season alive.

Beckett said Saturday he's ready to pitch in Game 3 of the best-of-five AL playoff series against Los Angeles. That means that if Angels lefty Joe Saunders is going to force a Game 4 on Monday, he'll have to do it against Beckett, one of the best postseason pitchers in baseball history to watch.

"He loves that pressure situation," Red Sox reliever Justin Masterson said. "When you have a 2-0 lead on the board and Josh Beckett on the mound, it's a great feeling. He's one of my favorites to watch."

"What we need to do is jump on them early, in baseball terms, we have to jump on their throats and not give them any momentum."

Beckett has won five consecutive postseason starts dating to Game 6 of the 2003 World Series, when he pitched a five-hit shutout on three days' rest to help Florida eliminate the Yankees. He won all four of his postseason starts last year, when Boston swept the Angels in the first round en route to its second championship in four seasons.

In all, Beckett is 6-2 with a 1.73 ERA in the postseason — the third-lowest playoff ERA ever for pitchers with at least 40 innings.

"The stage, or the size of the game, he doesn't care for that," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said. "I think he looks forward to the challenge. He has pitched in some unbelievable games — not just in the postseason. But when you get to the postseason, he has been some kind of pitcher."

Indeed, Beckett has been plenty good in the regular season, too. He was the only 20-game winner in the majors last year, going 36-18 in his first two seasons in Boston as he became the ace of the staff. But this season he was just 12-10 with a 4.03 ERA while fighting off right elbow tendinitis in August and a strained oblique muscle that scratched him from the regular-season finale.

With Beckett pushed back from his presumptive series-opening start, Jon Lester and Daisuke Matsuzaka filled in at Anaheim and stabilized the Red Sox to a 2-0 lead in the series. Now Beckett will have a chance to eliminate the team that had beaten Boston eight straight times while going a major league-best 100-62 in the regular season.

— The Associated Press

DODGERS VS. CUBS



Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Manny Ramirez and catcher Russell Martin celebrate after both scored on a two-run double by James Loney during the first inning of Game 3 of the National League division series against the Chicago Cubs in Los Angeles on Saturday. The Dodgers were poised to complete a sweep of the Cubs, leading 3-0 in the seventh inning at 10:30 a.m., EDT. For a full recap, visit MagSavley.com/sports.

Selig to owners: Don't get 'cocky' on ticket pricing

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Given the state of the U.S. economy, baseball commissioner Bud Selig warned team owners Saturday not to "get too cocky" and over-price game tickets.

"Because you do pay a price," Selig said.

Speaking before Game 3 of the NL playoff series between the Philadelphia Phillies and Milwaukee Brewers, Selig called 2008 a "phenomenal success" for baseball despite a decline in attendance that Selig attributed to bad weather and high gas prices.

But Selig acknowledged concern about a prolonged economic downturn and how it might affect the sport next year.

"I think anybody in every business is concerned," Selig said.

Selig was optimistic about baseball's economics, citing playoff appearances by the small-market Brewers and Tampa Bay Rays as an example of the positive effects of revenue sharing.

"I think the sport has more competitive balance today than there's ever been," Selig said.

Selig, a former owner of the Brewers, planned to throw out the ceremonial first pitch Sunday if the series reached a fourth game. He said the festive atmosphere surrounding Milwaukee's first playoff appearance since 1982 made him recall the contentious legislative fight he went through to get Miller Park built in 2001, mostly with public funds.

"Every time I drive by the stadium I'm reminded of

much that went on," Selig said. "But as my mother would have said, thank goodness for small favors: All the politicians that fought it are either gone or not saying anything. That's a good thing. It's a wonderful day for Milwaukee."

Selig acknowledged that there are "reasonable" arguments for and against public financing of sports stadiums, but insisted that it would be hard to argue that the new stadium didn't make Milwaukee a better place.

"You can debate the economics," Selig said. "I think it's a plus, but we can have a reasonable debate. But the question you must always ask yourself is, will this be a better place because we have done this?"

Selig also praised the popularity of the wild card and how it allowed more teams into the playoffs.

"I don't happen to believe that," Selig said. "I happen to think the system is good this way. I don't think it should be changed. But I think it's fair. And nobody can say that the Milwaukee and Tampa Bay Rays can't say that the Milwaukee club this year that won 90 games shouldn't be in the playoffs. Because, of course, they should."

Selig also downplayed any talk of expanding the first round of the playoffs from best-of-seven series. He told team owners that expressed support of more playoff games they would have to cut regular-season games from the schedule — something team owners clearly weren't willing to do and the players' union likely would oppose.

"End of discussion," Selig said.

Selig said there were no impediments in the impending sale of the Chicago Cubs.

Indians complete trade with Brewers

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cleveland Indians acquired a speedy minor league outfielder Friday from the Milwaukee Brewers to complete the CC Sabathia trade.

The Indians selected Michael Brantley as the player to be named in the July deal. The 21-year-old hit .319 with 80 runs and 28 steals at Double-A Huntsville.

"He's a guy obviously that's at an advanced level for his age," Indians general manager Mark Shapiro said.

Brantley will likely start next season at Triple-A Columbus, the Indians' new affiliate, and has the potential to be playing in Cleveland soon, Shapiro said.

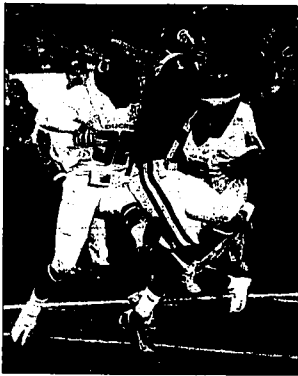
"We'll let him dictate the pace from the start," Selig said. "He's probably not too far away."

The Indians previously got outfielder Matt LaPorta and pitchers Rob Bryson and Zach Jackson from Milwaukee in the trade for Sabathia, who went 11-2 for the Brewers and helped them reach the playoffs for the first time since 1982.

LaPorta, a first-round pick in last year's amateur draft, hit .288 with 20 homers and 66 RBIs in 84 games for Huntsville last season before the trade.

USC bounces back, pastes Oregon

Southern California receiver Patrick Turner, right, passes down a pass at the goal line for a touchdown in front of Oregon cornerback James Byrd in the second quarter of Saturday's game in Los Angeles.



AP photo

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mark Sanchez threw for 332 yards and three touchdowns Saturday night and No. 9 Southern California stormed back from a stunning loss to rout No. 23 Oregon 44-10.

The Trojans (3-1, 1-1 Pac-10) shook-off a defeat at Oregon State in Corvallis that knocked them out of the No. 1 ranking, and dominated the Ducks (4-2, 2-1), who had been considered the better of Oregon's two Pac-10 schools.

Sanchez, coming off a so-so performance in the 27-21 loss, completed 19 of 28 and did not throw an interception.

He threw to seven different receivers: with Joe McKnight catching five passes for 86 yards, and Patrick Turner grabbing five for 77 yards and a TD. The Trojans also used a committee of five runners, led by C.J. Gable's 49 yards on 10 carries, and Stafon Johnson's 43 yards on seven carries.

Oregon's Jeremiah Masoli, a

third-stringer pressed into duty by injuries and making his second college start, completed 18-of-29 for 156 yards, with one interception.

USC's defense, which allowed Oregon State's Jacques Rodgers to run for 186 yards and two scores the previous game, held the Ducks' tandem of Jeremiah Johnson and LaCarrette Blount to a combined 45 yards — all by Johnson. Blount was held to 20 yards on nine carries.

Trailing 10-3 midway through the second quarter, USC reeled off 24 points before halftime, then tacked on another touchdown in the opening minutes of the third quarter.

Taking advantage of blown coverage by the Oregon secondary in the second quarter, Sanchez connected on scoring passes of 34 yards to a wide-open Damian Williams in the left flat and 63 yards to Ronald Johnson several

steps before the final defenders.

David Buehler's second field goal of the game, a 36-yarder 40 seconds before halftime, had put the Trojans up 20-10, and an Oregon turnover set up still another USC touchdown.

Josh Pinkard recovered Jason Williams' fumble at the Ducks 20 and, with 22 seconds on the clock, Sanchez threaded an 11-yard scoring pass to Turner, who caught the ball at the goal line with a defender right on him.

Finishing off the Trojans' first possession of the third quarter, a hemmed-in Stafon Johnson stopped, changed direction, then got a good block from Sanchez on his way to a 22-yard touchdown.

The six-time defending Pac-10 champion Trojans have lost two games in a row since early in coach Pete Carroll's first season in 2001. By throttling the Ducks, they also avenged last year's 24-17 loss in Eugene.

Upstart Vanderbilt knocks off Auburn

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Vanderbilt, welcome to the big time.

Mackenzil Adams came off the bench and threw for 153 yards and two touchdowns, and No. 19 Vanderbilt beat 13th-ranked Auburn 14-13 Saturday night to improve to 5-0 for the first time since 1943.

The Commodores also improved to 3-0 in the Southeastern Conference for only the third time — the first since 1950. This win keeps them undefeated atop the SEC East while also snapping a 13-game skid to Auburn (4-1, 2-2-1). It was Vandy's first win in the series since the 1955 Gator Bowl.

Trying to preserve a one-point lead, Vandy had to punt the ball back to Auburn one last time with 2:16 left, but Brett Upson kicked it 55 yards and Alan Strong dived into it at the Tigers 3. On the next play, Myron Lewis intercepted Chad Todd's pass intended for Hodgetries Smith.



Vanderbilt wide receiver Alex Washington (4) dances on the field as players celebrate the No. 19 Commodores' 14-13 win over No. 13 Auburn in an NCAA college football game in Nashville, Tenn., Saturday.

for a 17-7 lead, and the points proved necessary.

Mike Hardline hit DeMoro Ford's breaking down the right sideline for a 48-yard touchdown pass with 40 seconds left for the Wildcats (4-1, 0-1). The outside kick attempt went out of bounds to give Alabama the ball and the game.

NO. 5 TEXAS SO, COLORADO 14
BOULDER, Colo. — Chris Ogbonnaya scored two touchdowns and saved another in Texas' rout.

The oft-overlooked senior running back scored on a 65-yard dump-off and a 13-yard gallop through the befuddled Buffs' defense, then saved a score when he chased down cornerback Jali Brown at the Texas 16 after a rare interception of Colt McCoy.

Ogbonnaya's trio of tremendous plays helped the Longhorns (5-0, 1-0 Big 12) take a 21-0 halftime lead and assured there would be no peeking toward next week-end's Red River Rivalry showdown against top-ranked Oklahoma in Dallas.

Cody Hawkins completed 13 of 33 passes for 247 yards for Colorado (3-2, 0-1).

and scored three times and the fourth-ranked Tigers nabbed their first win against the Commodores in 30 years.

The 35-point defeat was the Huskers' most lopsided home loss in 53 years and fifth-worst in Lincoln in the program's 119-year history.

NO. 6 PENN STATE 20, PURDUE 6
WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Evan Hoyster ran for 141 yards and a touchdown for Penn State, which outgained Purdue 422 to 241 in its last test before next Saturday's showdown at Wisconsin.

Hoyster also had 53 yards on four catches for the Nittany Lions (6-0, 2-0 Big Ten).

Purdue quarterback Curtis Painter finished 13-for-22 for 112 yards. He moved past Mark Herrmann into second place on the school's career yards passing list, but on a day in which the 10,000 career yards passing milestone was in reach, he fell short and was benched in the fourth quarter. The loss left Painter with an 0-9 record against ranked teams in his career.

lyle Leong snared three touchdowns passes from Harrell, who was 38-for-51 for 454 yards. Texas Tech (5-0, 1-0 Big 12), with its highest ranking in 32 years, scored on seven straight possessions and did not attempt a punt until late in the fourth quarter.

Michael Grabtree had nine catches for 107 yards and two TDs, and the Red Raiders rolled up 626 yards of total offense against the woeful Wildcats (3-2, 0-1).

The six TD passes tied the career-best for Harrell, who spread his passes around to 10 different receivers. Texas' three-year starter ran his career total to 12,709 yards, crasing the record to 12,429 yards by Cliff Kingsbury from 1999-02.

NO. 12 FLORIDA 38, ARKANSAS 7
FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Tim Tebow threw two touchdown passes, and Jeffrey Demps ran for 103 yards and two long TDs as the Gators rebounded from an upset loss to Ole Miss.

The Gators led 17-7 late in the third quarter when Jerry Franklin picked off Tebow, snapping the Heisman Trophy winner's streak at 203 passes without an interception. The Florida defense held Tebow and Demps to a 10-yard run and a yard touchdown drive to put it away.

The Gators (4-1, 2-1) might

College Scores

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Arizona 48, Washington 23
Cal Poly 41, South Dakota 23
Colorado St. 41, UNLV 28
Idaho 40, Oregon State 21
N. Arizona 47, Sacramento St. 10
New Mexico 24, Oregon 16
Nevada 48, Utah 14
New Mexico St. 24, South 16
Portland St. 47, Washington 36
San Diego 24, Utah State 21
San Diego St. 49, Wyoming 14
Texas Tech 41, Baylor 27
Utah St. 38, Colorado 14
- BIG EAST**
Florida 38, Arkansas 7
Georgia Tech 28, North Texas 10
Illinois 34, Indiana 17
Oklahoma St. 28, Iowa 28
Ole Miss 34, Penn State 27
Tulsa 41, West Virginia 27
- SEC EAST**
Auburn 14, Vanderbilt 14
East Carolina 31, Georgia 21
East Tennessee State 21, Mississippi State 21
Kentucky 27, Missouri 14
Louisiana State 14, Tennessee 14
Mississippi State 21, South Carolina 14
Tennessee 14, West Virginia 27
- SEC WEST**
Alabama 20, Texas 20
Arkansas 7, Florida 38
Georgia 21, Kentucky 27
Kentucky 27, Missouri 14
Louisiana State 14, Tennessee 14
Mississippi State 21, South Carolina 14
Tennessee 14, West Virginia 27

Ohio State on two fourth-quarter scoring drives, snapping Wisconsin's 16-game home winning streak that ended coach Jim Tresselt's record to 3-3 against the Badgers (3-2, 0-2).

NO. 16 KANSAS 35, IOWA STATE 33
AMES, Iowa — Todd Reesing threw for 319 yards and three touchdowns, and the Jayhawks rallied from a 20-point halftime deficit.

Kerry Meier caught seven passes for 125 yards and two TDs for the Jayhawks (4-1, 1-0 Big 12), who tied the third-biggest comeback in school history.

NO. 20 VIRGINIA TECH 17, WESTERN KENTUCKY 23
BLACKSBURG, Va. — Darren Evans ran for two touchdowns, quarterback Tyrod Taylor threw for another and the Hokies held on to beat the Hilltoppers.

Virginia Tech (5-1) led 27-3 when Western Kentucky (2-4) added a field goal late in the third quarter. The Hilltoppers recovered a punt outside the end zone 50 yards without a quarterback on the field, choosing instead to snap the ball to running back Dexter Taylor.

NO. 21 OKLAHOMA ST. 56, TEXAS A&M 27
STILLWATER, Okla. — Dez Bryant caught three passes in for touchdowns and scored another on a punt return, and Oklahoma State took advantage of five first-half turnovers in rolling over Texas A&M.

The Cowboys set a school record by surpassing 50 points for the fourth straight game, with some big help from their defense and special teams. Ugochi Asanike and Ohio State's new double interception returns as Oklahoma State (5-0, 1-0 Big 12) snapped a four-game losing streak to the Aggies (2-3, 0-1).

NORTH CAROLINA 38, NO. 24 CONNECTICUT 12
CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Shawn Draughn rushed for a career-high 109 yards and a touchdown, defensive lineman Marvin Austin returned an interception 23 yards for a touchdown and North Carolina routed Connecticut.

— The Associated Press

Weber St. QB helps Wildcats snap Montana win streak

OGDEN, Utah — Cameron Higgins overcame a bad first quarter and threw for 237 yards and four touchdowns as Weber State defeated

Football, Championship Subdivision No. 3 Montana 45-28 for the Wildcats first win over the Grizzlies in 10 years.

Trevyn Smith led the way on the ground for Weber State (4-2, 2-0 Big Sky Conference) with 150 yards on 22 carries and one touchdown. He also had four catches for 54 yards and a touchdown.

Cole Bergquist was 14-of-26 for 273 yards and two touchdowns for the Grizzlies (4-1, 0-1) who had

their 25-game regular season winning streak come to an end.

The Grizzlies, who sacked Bergquist seven times, also gave the Grizzlies their first conference loss in 17 games after Montana went 16-0 over the past two seasons.

Bergquist scored on a 7-yard run to give the Grizzlies a 21-10 lead with 8:43 left in the second quarter. But the Wildcats scored three straight touchdowns, including Mike Phillips' second touchdown on the half which came on an 8-yard pass with 15 seconds left, to lead 31-21 at the break.

Smith made a diving catch in the end zone on a 30-yard pass from Higgins and then Brendon Doyse ran 20 yards for another WSU touchdown.

Phillips' first score came early in the second quarter on a 28-yard pass from Higgins, who completed 21-of-30 passes in the game. Montana took a 14-3 lead in the first quarter after Chase Reynolds scored on a 10-yard run and Bergquist found Tyler Palmer on a 75-yard scoring pass.

But WSU's defense held the Grizzlies to just seven points in the second half. Smith scored on a 5-

yard run early in the fourth quarter following Montana's third turnover of the game to give the Wildcats a 38-21 lead.

Bergquist answered with a 4-yard touchdown pass to Mike Ferriter to cut WSU's lead back to 10, but Higgins went down. Less than two minutes later he hit Bryant Eteuau on a 28-yard scoring pass.

third quarter and rallied from a 10-7 deficit to take a 48-10 victory over Eastern Oregon University in a Frontier Conference football game Saturday.

The Saints got 119 yards and rushing and two touchdowns from junior Gabe Le and two scoring passes from a former Minico High star, freshman quarterback Dane Broadhead, and remained unbeaten at 6-0 overall heading into next Saturday's home game with the University of Montana-Western.

CARROLL, MONT. 48, EASTERN OREGON 10
LA GRANDE, Ore. — NAIA top-ranked Carroll College scored three times in a span of 1:26 of the

MARTIAL ARTS

Pil Sung holds tourney

Pil Sung Martial Arts of Rupert held its fifth annual Taekwondo Martial Arts Tournament at the Rupert Civic Gym on Sept. 13. Pil Sung collected 31 gold medals, 12 silver and 19 bronze medals among its 41 competitors. The tournament featured 83 total competitors from California, Washington and Idaho.

— staff report

Courtesy photos



Pictured, from left, are colored belt winners Janie Toner, Macklon Morgan, Jalzon Castillo, Fernando Larios, Carrissa Toner and Austin Toner.



Pictured, from left, are Lincoln Taylor, Theodros Bisson, Stephanie Morales, Devan Lewis, Kady Morales, Cory Morales, Casey Leonard and Elizabeth Pazzetti.



Pictured, from left, are Kyilee Mountzakis, Fletcher Taylor, Yessama Madera, Felix Deppong, Alex Jerez, Quetta Taylor and Leslie Hernandez.



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Colored belt double gold medalist Clark Deppong.

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Spuds receive Special Olympics training

For the Times-News

Special Olympics Idaho held training in August to select athletes and coaches. Ten athletes from Idaho were chosen for Advanced Global Messenger Training out of 3,000 Idaho athletes. Three of those 10 came from the Minico Spuds team. Athletes Ana and Maribel Dominguez and Mat Braden represented the Spuds. At the training they were taught to give talks and how to present and represent themselves to the public. Accompanying the girls was coach Laura Henschel. Brett Camull of Progressive Behavior Systems was the coach for Mat Braden.

Debrah Roundy, Local Program Coordinator for the Spuds, also went to training. She attended The Power of Partnerships session presented by Special Olympics North America. Roundy presented a session for coaches on NLP Meta Model programs. This session taught coaches how they can use words more effectively with their athletes to produce better results.

Roundy also presented to the athletes. Their session was an NLP program she had developed for them using the NLP Circle of Excellence model. It is called the Pentagon of state of athletic excellence in Special Excellence and is used to develop a



Three members of the Minico Spuds team attended a recent Advanced Global Messenger Training along with their coaches and others. Pictured, from left, front row: Maribel Dominguez, Ana Dominguez and Debrah Roundy; back row: Brett Camull, Laura Henschel, and Mat Braden.

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SUN, EARLY MIXED MEN'S GAMES: Neil Welsh 615, Travis Dayley 515. MEN'S GAMES: Neil Welsh 232, Byron Waymont 230, Travis Dayley 199. LADIES SERIES: Ella Mae Jorgensen 545, Misty Welsh 488, Suzi Leon 338. LADIES GAMES: Ella Mae Jorgensen 187, Suzi Leon 176, Misty Welsh 173, Angie Waymont 166.

MON, MAJORS

BOYS' SERIES: Nicholas Parsons 574, Anthony Vest 546, Tyler Black 192, Joe Campbell 515. BOYS' GAMES: Nicholas Parsons 205, Anthony Vest 196, Tyler Black 192, Joe Campbell 191. GIRLS' SERIES: Kati Jo Moses 414, Erica Reeves 365, Krista Hertel 306. GIRLS' GAMES: Kati Jo Moses 163, Erica Reeves 154, Krista Hertel 139.

MON, FOLLIES

MEN'S SERIES: Rick Morrow 628, Dennis Seckel 597, Mitch Wood 579, John Holloway 575. MEN'S GAMES: Harold Radd 259, Rick Morrow 246, Dennis Seckel 225, Kevin Hamilton 213. LADIES SERIES: Georgia Randall 565, Kay Hertel 542, Michele Seckel 528, Rebekah Reece 518. LADIES GAMES: Terri Thompson 204, Georgia Randall 200, Michele Seckel 198, Kay Puschel 190.

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MEN'S SERIES: Blake Kondracki 640, Kelly Jeroue 636, Darrell Reynolds 574, Mike Olson 553. MEN'S GAMES: Kelly Jeroue 269, Blake Kondracki 236, Mike Stan 222, Craig Pittman 222. LADIES SERIES: Dana Brady 581, Barbara Reynolds 560, Julie Shui 519. LADIES GAMES: Dana Brady 243, Barbara Reynolds 224, Michele Baugman 204, Julie Shui 189, Nath Jeroue 189.

MID MORN, MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Tom Smith 666, Doc DeLozhe 629, Cal Moser 604, Ed Dutz 542. MEN'S GAMES: Tom Smith 238, Doc DeLozhe 224, Cal Moser 222, Ed Dutz 218. LADIES SERIES: Ami Leazer 639, Gail Coerlund 516, Ada Pennie 516, Dons Brown 511. LADIES GAMES: Ami Leazer 235, Gail Coerlund 216, Bernie Smith 200, Ada Pennie 193.

TUES, A-F TROUS

SERIES: Jessie Begerstaff 521, Imagine Morgan 517, Londa Stout 479, Barbara Short 474. GAMES: Barbara Short 188, Jessie Begerstaff 186, Amy Haddock 186, Imagine Morgan 182, Anita Hebert 182.

LATECOONS

SERIES: Susan Kepner 631, Lisa Allen 588, Barb Azzett 503, Dee Hal 501, Linda Vining 501. GAMES: Susan Kepner 218, Lisa Allen 215, Dee Hal 201.

Linda Vining 195

CONSOLIDATED SERIES: Jon Powlis 700, John Bonnett 698, Tommy Barker 663, Nathan Yoern 659. GAMES: Jim Boehm 265, Dustin McClister 258, John Bonnett 254, Jon Powlis 249.

MIL, SENIORS

MEN'S SERIES: Lavere Bennett 532, Blaine Ross 532, Bob McLean 531, Bob Chaffant 509. MEN'S GAMES: Clayne Williams 204, Bob McClain 204, Bob Chaffant 197, Del McGuire 189. LADIES SERIES: Linda Vining 527, Jean McGuire 483, Debra Campbell 478, Shirley Kunzman 467. LADIES GAMES: Jean McGuire 201, Linda Vining 190, Shirley Kunzman 177, Debra Campbell 169.

SERIES: Kathy Gray 582, Lorena Rodriguez 536, Georgia Randall 534, Michele Seckel 526, Jessie Begerstaff 526.

GAMES: Gretchen Black 223, Kathy Gray 215, Lorena Rodriguez 214, Jessie Begerstaff 105. SUNSET SERIES: Kristy Rodriguez 563, Karen Warren 558, Misty Welsh 550, Michele Seckel 538. GAMES: Michele Seckel 210, Sharon Lancaster 210, Kristy Rodriguez 208, Marie Bourn 204.

FRI, PLM SENIORS

MEN'S SERIES: Blaine Ross 588, Tom Smith 583, Myron Schroeder 581, Bill Boren 545. MEN'S GAMES: Myron Schroeder 219, Blaine Ross 207, Harry Barker 198, Cy Butlers 198. LADIES SERIES: Jean McGuire 545, Barbara Short 512, Barbara Frith 507, Bonnie Draper 504. LADIES GAMES: Jean McGuire 219, Bonnie Frith 207, Barbara Short 192, Shirley Merrill 188.

MOOSE

SERIES: Cobey Magee 746, Bob Staffen 740, Tom Smith 719, Nathan Yarns 707. MEN'S GAMES: Bob Staffen 257, Nathan Yarns 257, Cobey Magee 254, Bob Leazer 247, Tom Smith 247.

MOONSHINERS

SERIES: Flame Kuntz 487, Jackie Boyd 440, Hairen Smith 414, Crystal Brassfield 397. GAMES: Flame Kuntz 189, Crystal Brassfield 163, Jackie Boyd 157, Hairen Smith 149.

PEWEE & BUBBER

SERIES: Brendon 204, Griffin Magee 176, Riey 141, April 172, Steffi Leazer 133. GAMES: Brendon 106, Griffin Magee 89, April 80, Riey 73, Steffi Leazer 69.

GIANTS

BOYS' SERIES: Joe Campbell 576, Jayson Malay 416, Tom Upchurch 349, Matt Jiffel 345. BOYS' GAMES: Joe Campbell 210, Jayson Malay 145, Tom Upchurch 135, Dylan Mace 131.

GIRL'S SERIES: Kati Jo Moses 412, Brooke Wetters 381, Marlene Curtis 379, Britney Sheehan 359.

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153, Brooke Wetters 149,

Miranda Curtis 147, Brooke Newlan 143. MAGIC BOUL, TWIN FALLS SUNDAY ROLLERS MEN'S SERIES: Derrick Lingraw 648, Brent Larsen 601, Zach Black 600, Stan Vissar 594. MEN'S GAMES: Derrick Lingraw 257, Jeremy Trum 256, Sonny Miller 232, Zach Black 225.

LADIES SERIES: Stephanie Evans 576, Ann Shepherd 544, Ida Courtman 543, Nicole Trump 541.

LADIES GAMES: Nicole Trump 202, Stephanie Evans 203, Ann Shepherd 199, Ida Courtman 197. COMMERCIAL SERIES: Harley Simmons 669, Tad Caputo 664, Ian DelVines 646, Kyle Schroeder 624. GAMES: Harley Simmons 274, Tad Caputo 247, Ben Ramere S. 247, Kyle Schroeder 238.

MASON

SERIES: Kathy McClure 574, Jean Stokesberry 542, Becky Leazer 528, Nancy Lewis 519. GAMES: Nancy Lewis 245, Kathy McClure 239, Jean Stokesberry 201, Kathy Gry 200. PROMEX SERIES: Barb Reynolds 569, Amber Blackwell 546, Connie Davis 542, Brenda Affin 534. GAMES: Connie Davis 220, Barb Reynolds 204, Arne Umh 201, Amber Blackwell 201.

VALLEY

SERIES: Cobey Magee 690, Ron Dawson 682, R D Adema 673, Kent Stowe 671. GAMES: Cobey Magee 268, R D Adema 258, Ray Turpan 248, Kent Stowe 247.

FIFTY PLUS

MEN'S SERIES: Jack Boyd 603, Howard Harter 600, Darryl Cameron 585, Roger Graefe 582. MEN'S GAMES: Jack Boyd 223, Roger Graefe 223, Steve Hal 223, Howard Harter 222. LADIES SERIES: Dot Van Hook 562, Gail Coerlund 494, Barbara Smith 487, Joan Les 484. LADIES GAMES: Dot Van Hook 194, Gail Coerlund 194, Barbara Smith 183, Joan Les 178.

THURS, MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Joe McClure 640, Clayne Williams 592, Jim Shirley 573. MEN'S GAMES: Joe McClure 236, Jim Shirley 228, Clayne Williams 212, Jeff Whittlemore 212. LADIES SERIES: George Johnson 508, Nancy Lewis 500, Lon Williamson 486, Bev O Connor 480. LADIES GAMES: Cheryl Kerr 181, George Johnson 179, Nancy Lewis 177, Lon Williamson 172.

EARLY FRI, MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Tad Caputo 632, Blaine Thompson 628, Andy Cotens 586, Joe McClure 577. MEN'S GAMES: Tad Caputo 246, Darvin Dudley 234, Blaine Thompson 221, Joe McClure 220.

LADIES SERIES: Julie Shaffer 564, Traci Hanson 557, Melissa Strub 550, Twilna Bryant 528.

LADIES GAMES: Traci Hanson 214, Twilna Bryant 203, Bobbie Thompson 202, Melissa Strub 202. SAT, YABA BOYS' SERIES: Kevin Wakley 609, Kyle Mason 571, Anthony Brady 547, Dominic Curtis 434. BOYS' GAMES: Kevin Wakley 216, Kyle Mason 202, Anthony Brady 193, Dominic Curtis 154. GIRLS' SERIES: Kaitlyn Simpson 581, Marissa Eggeston 471, Steve Reeves 467, Leah Waska 453. GIRLS' GAMES: Kaitlyn Simpson 202, Marissa Eggeston 177, Steve Reeves 168, Jessica Jenkins 165.

SUNSET SENIORS

MEN'S SERIES: Ed Hanna 572, Weiman Caldwell 565, John Healy 560, Ron Fugate 497. MEN'S GAMES: Weiman Caldwell 212, Ed Hanna 211, Ron Fugate 189, John Healy 177. LADIES SERIES: Verna Kodesh 456, Phyllis Cullen 478, Carol Ruffer 337, Camille Zach 332. LADIES GAMES: Verna Kodesh 188, Phyllis Cullen 186, Bonnie Sigar 130, Carol Ruffer 124.

LUCKY STRIKERS

SERIES: Darla McCallister 589, Claudene Stiskalan 492, Elaine Wigninton 460, Beverly Rodig 461. GAMES: Darla McCallister 210, Beverly Rodig 210, Claudene Stiskalan 179, Cheryl Russell 169.

PINBUSTERS

SERIES: Cortin Runyan 674, Keith Simmons 654, John Benedictus 630, Jordan Hicks 629. GAMES: Cortin Runyan 267, Pat Russell 256, Brandon Bartolo 247, Dirk McCallister 244.

SPARE PARTS

MEN'S SERIES: Dustin McCallister 706, Bob Fields 609, Dirk McCallister 608, TC Tomkinson 582. MEN'S GAMES: Dustin McCallister 269, Mitch Olson 235, Dirk McCallister 232, Bob Fields 225.

LADIES SERIES: Lois Tomkinson 509, Darla McCallister 495, Kay Miller 493, Candy Evans 492.

LADIES GAMES: Angela McCallister 202, Candy Evans 198, Lois Tomkinson 196, Kay Miller 190.

STARBUKE

MEN'S SERIES: Matt Olson 654, Dirk McCallister 653, Mitch Olson 599, Chuck Hicks 581. MEN'S GAMES: Dirk McCallister 267, Matt Olson 226, Chuck Hicks 224, Drew Foster 222.

LADIES SERIES: Jeanne Heas 513, Debbie Graham 506, Teresa Boehm 487, Dana Griffin 480.

LADIES GAMES: Debbie Graham 183, Jeanne Heas 174, Teresa Boehm 171, Dana Griffin 169.

AMATEUR GOLF

Anderson, Bliss win at Magic Valley Intercity event

Rosemary Anderson shot a 71 to claim the gross title at Magic Valley Intercity golf played at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course on Sept. 30.

Heaven Odenwald shot a 78 to take second, while Linda Fennan (81) was third and Kathy Hansen fourth (82).

Janet Cantor, Diana Gutles and Darcy VanWhite shared seventh. Sherry Bliss won the net title with a 65. Maggie Flynn was second, while Diana Campbell took third, Louise Smith, Amyca Brodeen, Jackie Gasser and Joyce Grindstaff tied for fourth with 78.

Shirley eighth were Carla Haeg and Bebeck, while ninth went to Sergene Jensen, Caroline Beaver, Cathy Sprattling and Lynn Morgan with 70.

Clear Lake was the team standings title winners with 78 points. Rupert, Blue Lake, Gooding, Jerome, Mamie, Burley and Canyon Springs rounded out the standings.

M.V. Intercity will hold Pun Day at 9:30 a.m., Oct. 9, at Blue Lake Country Club.

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Seahawks' east blues vs Giants bye-week blahs

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The NFL probably should have considered moving the New York Giants game against the Seattle Seahawks to the Bermuda Triangle on Sunday.

It would have been a far more appropriate spot for two of the league's oddities to converge in this post-bye-week for the teams.

Seahawks at Giants (3-0) are one of 11 a.m. FOX League's worst teams after a bye. How can one explain the 4-15 record, that includes a 1-3 mark under current coach Tom Coughlin?

The Seahawks (1-2) don't handle travel well, especially when the destination is the West Coast. Mike Holmgren's team is 1-5 in its last six trips, and 3-7 in its last 10 games away from home. The one cross-country trip this season resulted in a 34-10 loss at Buffalo.

If it were a fan this one would be hard to pick. The Giants defensive tackle Barry Colefield said, noting that both streaks are inexplicable.

Holmgren seemed to have fun when questioned about his team's travel woes.

"I'm not frustrated. What do you mean?" he said playfully banging his fist on a table. "It's something we know we have to do. You coach in Seattle, were on the West Coast, you know you're going to travel. That's the deal. It is a frustration that we have not played as well as I think we're capable of playing at times on the road. That's the frustration."

NFL WEEK 5 Two of a kind

A pair of the NFL's stingiest defenses will clash in Baltimore when the Titans look to improve upon the fastest start in franchise history against the Ravens. Open dates: Cleveland, N.Y. Jets, St. Louis, Oakland

Indianapolis at Houston (1-2) (0-3)

First home game for Texans, whose opener was postponed because of Hurricane Ike. Colts had more losses in September than in any year since 2001.

Buffalo at Arizona (4-0) (2-2)

Trent Edwards has become a cash QB, making Buffalo a team that needs only to stay close. Kurt Warner can still throw, but needs perfection

Tennessee at Baltimore (4-0) (2-1)

Ravens' defense is tied for second in the NFL with 14.3 points per game allowed. The No. 1 team in points allowed? Tennessee, at 11.5.

San Diego at Miami (2-2) (1-2)

What tricks did the Dolphins dream up during their bye week? The Chargers intend to defeat the Raiders last week to move closer to top of division.

Chickasha at Dallas (0-4) (2-1)

Bengals' Carson Palmer may miss game with a sore elbow. Figure the Cowboys to be a little angry after losing to the Redskins last week

Kansas City at Cleveland (1-3) (2-1)

Carolina's in top 10 in yards allowed, meaning the Panthers are likely to be in the AFC South race all year. Chiefs remain a lower-odds team.

Seattle at N.Y. Giants (1-2) (3-0)

Seahawks get wideouts Deion Branch and Bobby Engram back from injury. Giants, off a bye week, will be without suspended Plaxico Burress.

New England at San Francisco (2-1) (2-2)

Interesting game between a team on the rise and one on the decline this year because Tom Brady's out. Pats looking to bounce back from four losses

Chicago at Detroit (2-2) (2-2)

The post-Matt Allen era begins for the Lions. Kyle Orton is back in the Lions' quarterback, but it's still the defense that wins games.

Washington at Philadelphia (2-1) (2-2)

It's early, but given the high level of NFC East, this is close to a must-win for Eagles. Redskins have to maintain level they had in their upset of Dallas.

Pittsburgh at Jacksonville (3-1) (2-2)

The Steelers' have an injury list that seems to be growing each week. Jaguars backed Ben Roethlisberger 11 times in two games last season

Atlanta at Green Bay (2-2) (2-2)

Packers could be in real trouble if Aaron Rodgers' shoulder injury causes him to miss significant time. Falcons have trouble on the road.

Tampa Bay at Denver (2-1) (2-2)

Broncos have allowed more than 20 points per game, third worst in NFL behind wireless St. Louis and Detroit. Bucs have allowed less than 20.

Minnesota at New Orleans (1-3) (2-2)

The Vikings have been plagued by turnover but are only a game behind Chicago and Green Bay. New Orleans' problem is offense

The oddsies aside, this is a game that might be decided by the receivers — the addition of two for Seattle and the absence of one for the Super Bowl champions.

Leading receiver Plaxico Burress has been suspended by the Giants for missing a team activity on Sept. 22, the day after they beat Cincinnati in overtime. Burress, who blamed his absence on a family issue, is the team's deep threat and the top receiver in scoring position. He led the team with a career-high 12 touchdown catches last season.

Third-year pro Domenik Hixon will make his first start, replacing him at split end.

"I am not worried about it," Giants' middle linebacker Antonio Pierce said. "If anybody has been watching whenever those guys get their number called — Steve Smith, Hixon, Mario Manningham if he is playing — all those guys are capable of putting up big numbers. They are all explosive. They all, I think, are pretty much itching for the opportunity to go out there and showcase what they have."

The play of the youngsters and veteran Matt Toner will be important because Seattle has had success stopping the run. It is ranked No. 4 in the league, yielding an average of 88 yards.

The Giants are averaging 157 yards rushing, which is allowed by Matt Manning to pick and choose when to throw.

"They are putting eight guys up in the box sometimes where they are making you throw," Manning said. "That is what we are going to have to do. We are going to try to establish the run and hopefully we will get that going. But if they are putting too many guys up there, then we will have to throw it, and we have to find completions and make some plays."

The Seahawks have been running the ball better than the Giants. With Julius Jones posting two consecutive 100-yard games, they have averaged 166.3 rushing yards.

Matt Hasselbeck and the passing game have only produced roughly 170 on average, but this week the offense gets back veteran receivers Bobby Engram and Deion Branch for the first time this season.

Branch, who had 49 receptions and four touchdowns in 11 games last season, is coming back from knee surgery. Engram, who had 94 catches for 1,147 yards and six touchdowns, is returning from a shoulder injury.

"They have had some issues there at wide receiver since the beginning of the season," Coughlin said. "They have talked about that open-

ly so I'm just mimicking what they said. Now that gives them the balance they need. They are veterans and they know how to play. And so those two are back. So they will be at pretty much full strength."

While the Giants and Seahawks have downplayed their problems with the bye and travel, a lot of New York players will be looking for a little payback. The Seahawks stopped the Giants 42-30 two years ago in a game in Seattle that was not that close. Hasselbeck had a career-high five touchdown passes, helping his team build a 35-3 half-time lead.

What made the game more memorable for New York was that former tight end Jeremy Shockey compounded the loss by saying Coughlin and his staff were outmatched.

"It's exciting for us," tackle David Diehl said. "In '05 and '06 those five-hour flights coming home from Seattle were not fun. Those games do a terrible taste in our mouths, and now it's time to do something about it."

Center Shaun O'Leary said it will be fun to hear all the noise the Seattle fans make.

"My only request is that our fans return the favor and bring their outsiders and do their part to get them to have 15 false starts," he said.

Backup Giants guard Grey Rugeamer smirked when asked about the Giants' bye-week blahs and the Seahawks' travel woes.

"It's poppycock," he said. "You can look at stats and everything else. It's irrelevant. The game will be decided on the field."

AL DAVIS' MIXED LEGACY

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press writer



Oakland Raiders owner Al Davis speaks during a news conference in Alameda, Calif., Tuesday. Given recent history, it's easy to overlook the many contributions Davis has made to the NFL. They include moves that led to the AFL-NFL merger, making the league into the multimillion-dollar corporation it is today. They include significant contributions toward solving labor disputes, in part because of his closeness to the late Gene Upshaw, an ex-Raider who ran the union for 25 years.

Kiffin, the only one whose bones fides are not yet established.

Davis also alienated them, just as he's refusing to pay the remainder of Kiffin's contract, he and Shanahan have been locked in a dispute for two decades over \$300,000 that the Denver coach claims he's owed.

The normally humor-deprived Shanahan can now joke about it in a manner that demonstrates what many people around the NFL think of the chaos in Oakland.

"I'll be honest with you, I was a little disappointed," he said the day after Kiffin was fired. "When you take a look at it, I was here 500 days. So what it really means is that Al Davis liked Lane more than he liked me. I really don't think it's fair. I won

three more games and he got 34 more days of work. It just doesn't seem right."

Other than those youngsters, Davis' head-coaching hires have either been ex-Raiders — Shell and Tom Flores, who was the NFL's first Latino coach — or coaches in little or no demand elsewhere. Tom Cable, the offensive line coach who became the interim head coach when Kiffin was fired, fits into the latter category.

This approach allows Davis to continue to "coach" because guys who are happy just to have one of 32 NFL jobs will take what goes with it. The youngsters with aspirations for long coaching careers will take what they can get and Kiffin's future is uncertain.

owner after turning around what was one of the worst teams in the old AFL.

The problem is Davis still wants to do it. During Tuesday's news conference, that was clear as he critiqued moves that Kiffin made in losses to Buffalo and San Diego. And he defended his pick of Al Marcus Russell with the first pick of the 2007 draft, a move he said Kiffin was against.

Russell could end up as a franchise QB — he certainly has the physical tools. But it's also clear why Davis had fewer questions about him than the NFL's other football people: Russell is a classic Al Davis quarterback, a recreation of Danyle Lamonica from the AFL days or Jim Plunkett from the early 1960s who can throw 40 or 50 in every 60 yards conference. Think of another Davis mistake: Jay Schroeder, a mediocre QB with a huge arm who Davis thought could carry the team in the late '80s.

Silly, Davis can adjust when he has to.

During the 1970s, the quarterback was Ken Stabler, who probably couldn't throw more than 30 yards but led a franchise that was 112-39-7 during the Madden years. The Raiders succeeded again in the early part of this decade with Rich Gannon, another quarterback with less than a power arm who took the team to an AFC title game after the 2000 season and a Super Bowl two years later.

This is the Gruden's version of the shorter-passing West Coast offense. But Davis was never really happy with that and his interference finally alienated Gruden, who left after the 2001 season for Tampa, taking with him Bruce Allen, the only GM the team has had.

So the Raiders are 20-64 since the start of the 2003 season.

Madden thinks the problems reflect the way the game has changed.

"When I was there we just had five or six coaches and Ron Wolf was in the personnel department and Al Davis," he told Sirius Satellite radio this week. "So there were really less than 10 of us and there everyone was kind of together and we kind of did everything so we didn't have any of these problems."

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Kvapil puts Yates on pole, DEI also strong

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP)—A pair of once-nightly teams returned to the top of the Talladega Superspeedway leaderboard with very different things to prove.

Travis Kvapil won the pole Saturday to show Yates Racing is on an upswing after several lean years, and Dale Earnhardt Jr. had a strong qualifying day to counter rumblings that the team is in trouble.

Kvapil turned a lap at 167.364 mph in his Yates Racing Ford to edge Casey Mears' lap of 167.295 in a Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet.

It was the first pole of Kvapil's career and came in his 100th start. And it was the eighth Talladega pole for Yates, who also has the last Ford team to win at this track when Dale Jarrett grabbed a 2005 victory.

"This is a place that's really special to the Yates family and my crew chief, Todd Parrott, loves coming here,"



NASCAR driver Travis Kvapil smiles after winning the pole for Sunday's Amp Energy 500 auto race at Talladega, Ala., on Saturday.

said Kvapil. "It's awful special. There are a lot of (No. 14) fans in the Talladega area, so it's pretty cool that we can come out here and get my first pole and give those 20 fans something to cheer about."

There's also a lot of



Earnhardt fans in the area, and the loyal crowd has had little to cheer about since DEI reeled off six wins in seven races at Talladega from 2001 to 2004.

A slow slide began last year when Dale Earnhardt Jr. decided to move to Hendrick Motorsports, and the team took another hit this week when Paul Menard said he was moving with his sponsor Yates Racing next season. It's created a steady stream of questions about the long-term stability of the team founded by the late Dale Earnhardt Jr.

But DEI got a huge boost when all four of its cars qualified in the top 10 for Sunday's race. Aric Almirola qualified third, Regan Smith was fourth, Menard was fifth

and Martin Truex Jr. was 10th to give DEI something to celebrate.

"I think it says a great deal about our program and where we are at Dale Earnhardt Inc.," said DEI president Max Siegel. "To also put three cars inside the top five, including a pair of rookie drivers with Aric and Regan, that really says a great deal about the future of our programs and where we are headed as a company."

Qualifying at Talladega is essentially just about horsepower, and both Yates and DEI have strong engine programs. Yates' is a well-established operation, but had fallen on hard times as the engine program became the most successful part of the organization. Technology seemed to pass the Yates' by, and Jarrett and Elliott Sadler both jumped ship and their sponsors soon followed.

Robert Yates stepped aside at the end of last season, and son, Doug, formed an

alliance with Roush Fenway Racing that has kept the team afloat. What's most impressive is that Yates has done it with very limited sponsorship on Kvapil and teammate David Gilliland's cars.

In winning the pole, Kvapil hopes he can attract funding to the team. "Today is a big day in helping for 2009 and beyond for Yates Racing. Paul coming over and adding a third car, that's great," Kvapil said. "We're still trying to lock down all of our sponsors for next year. We're talking with a bunch of companies and we've had a bunch of interest, but to go out there and get those deals wrapped up, if you can go out and run good and run up front, that makes it a lot easier."

"So this is just a big step and hopefully will help put these packages together — get our name out there and run up front and a lot of times those sponsor things

kind of take care of themselves."

DEI has the same hopes. With just one full sponsor signed on for next year, the team wants to run four cars but needs to find the funding to secure its 2009 plans. An engine alignment with Richard Childress Racing gave DEI the horsepower it needed for qualifying, and a team-wide strong run Sunday would put a positive spotlight on the slumping team.

"It's a tough time for all the teams right now," Smith said. "I think if you look through the garage, there's probably five or six teams that have at least one car unsponsored, maybe two. That's not just directed to our company. That's going on all over the garage right now."

"We're very comfortable where we are performance-wise right now, and I feel like the cars and the company as a whole is getting better each week."

Tony Stewart still searching for first win at Talladega

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Tony Stewart has a pair of winless streaks he wants to end Sunday.

Yes, the two-time Cup champion would love a win at an end-of-season race and finish the year with a hard-earned victory in his final seven races for Gibbs Racing. But Talladega Superspeedway is a special track for Stewart and one of only four active ones on the schedule where he has yet to win a Sprint Cup race.

Not that he hasn't come close.

Stewart has finished second at Talladega an agonizing six times — including three straight over 2005-06 — in 19 starts and has tried not to think about all his close calls entering Sunday's race. He's in 11th place in the Chase for the championship standings and is all but out of hope to win a third title for GM.

Stewart said he was focused on Sunday and not looking back at his past mistakes at Talladega.

"You do at the time when it's over," Stewart said. "You go to the next day and worry about the weekend coming up and not look back."

Stewart starts his No. 14 Toyota in the 35th spot, way in the back of the field on NASCAR's biggest track. He got tangled up in a wreck in Friday's practice triggered by Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s blown tire. Stewart crashed into Kasey Kahne, slid down the track and into the grass. Crew chief Greg Zipadelli decided to repair the primary car instead of moving to a backup, like Earnhardt did.

Stewart said his team worked on the car until 10 p.m. on Friday night to get it ready for qualifying.

"They said it wasn't anything mechanical, it was all cosmetic," Stewart said. "We've got a great body shop and we've got a lot of great guys that are more than capable of getting this thing where it needs to be."

A win would allow Stewart to check off one more track where he won a race before he leaves at the end of the year to own a race team. Stewart also hasn't won at Darlington Raceway, Fontana, Calif., and Las Vegas.

Stewart did win the Nationwide Series race here in April.

DEI left scrambling after Menard decision

Paul Menard is ready to boot Dale Earnhardt Jr. out of his seat next season at Yates Racing, and he's happy to take his sponsorship with him. DEI driver Martin Truex Jr. just missed Menard gave the team more notice so organization had more time to find a sponsor. With Menard taking his father's hardware chain sponsorship, DEI is left scrambling for a new deal right as the country spirals toward a deep recession.

"I don't think it's fair for them to walk into my ears and go in the season and say all of a sudden, 'We're not com-

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ing back," Truex said. "They had us hanging for a few months now waiting for an answer. I didn't think it was fair."

Menard is 29th in the points standings and has no top-10 finishes this season. He's winless in two Sprint Cup seasons driving the No. 15 for DEI.

Menard said there was no one reason why he decided to drive for Yates.

"It's a number of things, but ultimately Max and Doug Yates are pretty hardcore racers," Menard said. "I believe in what they're trying to accomplish."

Truex was upset with the perception that DEI had fallen on hard times. The four-car team qualified all its drivers in the top 10 on Saturday.

Menard was fourth for his second straight top-10 start, but he hasn't finished any better than 11th this season.

Mears may have to race to delivery room

Before Casey Mears becomes a first-time father, he had an overdue delivery of his own: a season-high second place start at Talladega Superspeedway.

Mears' girlfriend, Tisha Grablander, could deliver any day now and contingency plans are in place to get the Hendrick Motorsports driver at the delivery room in time for the birth. Brad Keselowski finished the second practice on Friday in Mears' car to get him track time in case he's needed this weekend.

Hendrick has a plane ready to fly Mears back to North Carolina at a moments notice

— even if he has to miss any or all of Sunday's race.

"The last thing I want to do is miss the birth of my child. That is definitely No. 1 on my list," Mears said. "It's exciting. I can't wait for it."

Mears turned a lap of 167.295 mph Saturday and finished second to pole sitter Travis Kvapil. Mears hadn't started better than fifth this season.

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Stubborn tot plays hard to get with frustrated grandmother



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

anyone else. ("Kiss Auntie Abby! Kiss Uncle Walter!") Yeah. You say Adam enjoys playing and having fun with his grandmother. Has it occurred to you that he has turned his refusal to demonstrate affection to you into another game? Don't push. Let it happen. And please tell your mother not to let a 3-year-old ruin her day. He may be acting like a brat, but she's the grown-up, and she should be able to rise above it.

Should I continue this relationship? I know real love is a rare gift, yet I worry that I may be setting myself up for problems in the future. I'm afraid I may end up resenting Chris for what he can do, and my parents for not accepting him. I would greatly appreciate some advice. Should love be blind? — INDECISIVE IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR INDECISIVE: Although love is often blind, couples are better off if they go into relationships with their eyes wide open. People with disabilities often have abilities that enable them to contribute meaningfully to the community, as well as to their families. Do they have obstacles? Certainly. Can they be accommodated? Usually.

DEAR ABBY: I have fallen in love with "Chris," an amazingly thoughtful, supportive, caring man. I have been together for seven months. We have many values and interests in common, such as religion, social justice and the great outdoors. However, Chris is visually impaired.

You have serious decisions to make about your future. Your parents' unwillingness to accept Chris because of his race will prevent you from being able to have any love for him strong enough to marry him anyway? If the answer is yes, then you and Chris should consult a geneticist to see what the odds are of your children inheriting his disability should you decide to have any.

reading and writing. My parents, whose opinion I respect, are against the relationship because of Chris' genetic disability and his race.

You are asking all the right questions. However, some of the answers will have to come from within.

DEAR ABBY: After 12 years on the West Coast, my husband and I moved back East last year with our 3-year-old son, "Adam." My parents, my husband's mom and our siblings live here, and we wanted Adam to know his family.

The problem is, our son has taken to everyone except my mother. He'll hug and kiss everyone but her. He kisses the others in front of her, but crosses his arms over his chest and says, "No!" or runs away if he's asked to kiss her.

At first, Mom said it was OK because Adam needed time to adjust to her. But it has been a year, and he has barely given her two pecks. She says Adam doesn't like her, but he plays with her and has fun with her. Mom is wondering that I need to teach him to "respect" her. She has referred to him as a "little brat" to others (in front of me) when he refused to be affectionate. I think she's being childish.

I can't force my son to be affectionate with Grandma, and if I continue to press it, he may never be. What can I do to make Mom feel better? — ADAM'S MOMMY

DEAR MOMMY: The subject of respecting affection to others should be dropped. The harder you push your son, the more resistant he will become. Nor should your child be told to kiss

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IF OCTOBER 5 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You seem to have a yen for excitement and the desire for the spotlight in the months ahead. You are not sure of the idea of being in love, but aren't ready for a long-term commitment. Because some important matters in your life are in a state of flux, or easily disrupted, you should not begin anything of significance until next February.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may learn the hard way that business and pleasure don't mix this week. Steer clear of parties where you are expected to buy products to help out a friend. The boss may overestimate your abilities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may tend to be overindulgent with loved ones or overdo the good things in life this week. The worst that can be said is that you may yield and compromise when it is not in your best interest.

CANCER (June 21-July 21): Sit up straight and let your backbone support you. If you are organized and ethical this week, you will more successfully overcome adversity. The question is how to balance caution with optimism.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If you are expected to work like a dog, be glad you aren't also expected to learn new tricks, too. This is a week in which you will succeed best by sticking to tried and true routines and not making changes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The keyword may be "frustration," but the message is that "hard work pays off." You will find that overcoming adversity and meeting high standards this week makes you stronger and gives you confidence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Put on your thinking cap. You may be in a situation in which there is a stubborn refusal to compromise or a lot of loose ends kept slipping out of your grasp. Think before acting this week.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

maintain the trust of friends and partners, you must always communicate. To prevent the feeling of security and safety from turning into frustration, you must be truly honest and forthright.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your innate optimism is your best friend in the week ahead. When everyone else is grumpy and out of sorts, you can rise above your squabbles. On the other hand, don't ignore warnings.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep running on the treadmill. Your ability to take the lead, even if you feel you aren't getting anywhere, will be a helpful example to those caught up in frustrating circumstances during the week.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Remember that "thoughts are things." If you let negativity creep in or react badly to criticism you may attract negativity into your life. Don't waste your time and thoughts on minor issues this week.

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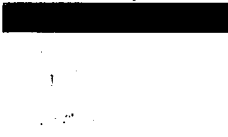
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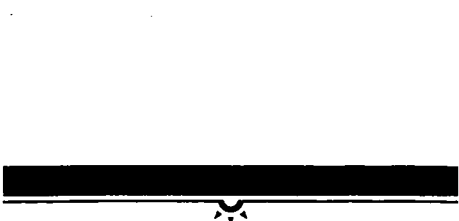
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Today is Sunday, Oct. 5, the 279th day of 2008. There are 87 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Oct. 5, 1947, President Truman delivered the first televised White House address, speaking on the world food crisis. Truman called on Americans to refrain from eating meat on Tuesdays and poultry as well as eggs on Thursdays.

On this date:
In 1829, the 21st president of the United States, Chester Alan Arthur, was born in Fairfield, Vt. (Some sources list 1830).

In 1912, the Dalton Gang, notorious for its train robberies, was practically wiped out while attempting to rob a pair of banks in Coffeyville, Kan.

In 1908, stage and film director Joshua Logan ("Brno," "His Story," "South Pacific") was born in Teutzbach, Texas.

In 1921, the World Series was broadcast on radio for the first time. (The New York Yankees 5 games to 3 in the best-of-nine contest.)

In 1931, Clyde Pangborn and

Hugh Herndon completed the first nonstop flight across the Pacific Ocean, arriving in Washington state some 41 hours after leaving Japan.

In 1953, Earl Warren was sworn in as the 14th chief justice of the United States, succeeding Fred M. Vinson.

In 1958, racially desegregated Clinton High School in Clinton, Tenn., was mostly leveled by an early morning bombing.

In 1970, author Isaac Bashevis Singer was named winner of the Nobel Prize for literature.

In 1983, Saturday founder Lech Walasa was named winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1988, Democrat Lloyd Bentsen lambasted Republican Dan Quayle during their vice-presidential debate, telling Quayle, "Senator, you are no Jack Kennedy."

The House Judiciary Committee voted along hardened partisan lines to investigate whether President Clinton should be removed from office. Michael Carnall pleaded guilty but mentally ill to shooting to death three U.S. Senators, including five other people at Heath High

School in West Paducah, Ky. (Carnall was later sentenced to life in prison without the chance of parole for 25 years.)

Five years ago, Israel bombed an Islamic Jihad base in Syria in the first Israeli attack deep inside Syrian territory in three decades. A woman opened fire at an Atlanta church before Sunday services, killing her mother and the minister before committing suicide. The Chicago Cubs won their first postseason series since 1908 when they beat Atlanta 5-1 in the decisive Game 5 of the National League playoffs.

One year ago, President Bush defended his administration's methods of detaining and questioning terrorism suspects, saying they were successful and lawful. Lippie was inattentive about losing its 67-year-old business six days after it was forced to close the second-largest beef retail in U.S. history. Track star Marion Jones pleaded guilty in White Plains, N.Y., to lying to federal investigators when she denied using performance-enhancing drugs, and announced her retirement.





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THE ACES ON BRIDGE® Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff:
If I want to play bridge on the Internet, do I have to master any conventions beforehand? Are there sites to watch major events?
Web browser, San Francisco, Calif.

(though you would be surprised at how often you pick up partner's trump honor). However, against a small slam, be active. You want to use the tempo of the opening lead, and when you get in again, to set up and cash winners. Against a grand slam, if you get in once, you won't score too badly whatever you chose to lead.

ANSWER: You timed your question well, since the World Olympiad can be seen on BBO or Swan Games right now. (Google those words to find the precise site.) if you want to play, you can enjoy yourself in novice or intermediate games; you can even play for masterpoints! No experience is necessary.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
I picked up ♠ A-K-J-9, ♥ 7-2, ♦ K-9-6-4, ♣ Q-7, and my HO opened one heart. What sensible options do I have?
Lost in Space, Elmhurst, NY.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
Can you give me a justification for passing in first or second seat with hands in the opening range and an unattractive shape and unprotected honors? Specifically, holding ♠ A-J-4-3-2, ♣ K-Q-K-Q, ♠ 10-6-3-2, I elected to pass because of the rebid problem, and scored very well for staying out of a marginal game contract that could not be made. My opponents were furious, and I don't blame them, but I thought I had a reason.
Strange Brew, Grand Junction, Colo.

ANSWER: I would not pass this. The safest moment to get in is now, before the opponents have described their hands. The choices, in ascending order, are two diamonds (because the suit is too weak), one spade (only a four-card suit) and double (because a club response leaves you awkwardly placed). Some could double and correct a two-club response to two diamonds without showing extras, but I do not subscribe to that approach.

ANSWER: I would never pass a 13 count, and would only pass a 12 count with a five-card suit in it if there were both an awkward rebid and a series of unguarded honors. With a five-card major, you are playing against the field when you pass, even though it may work from time to time.
Dear Mr. Wolff:
Why is a trump lead against a slam a bad idea? I've been having some success with this approach myself.
Road to Damascus, Vancouver, British Columbia

Dear Mr. Wolff:
Do computerized deals produce wider hands than hand-dealt ones? Whenever I play in a club with computer-dealt hands, trumps never seem to split!
Nostalgic, Doylestown, Pa.

ANSWER: When you're looking for a passive lead, a trump can sometimes be most effective

ANSWER: You are confusing several issues here and drawing a false conclusion. Hand-dealt cards tend to produce flatter shapes than they should, so the computer simply restores the true percentages. Second, whenever suits don't split, you remember it and add fuel to your theory, discounting the regular breaks, which go by unnoticed. I would never go back to the old ways, given a choice!
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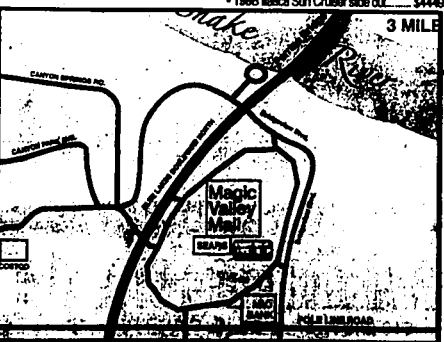
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Kenny Anderson lifts the front end of his son Brenden's dragster out of its trailer last Sunday. Brenden, his father and both of his father's parents compete in the motor sport, bringing the family together around their hobby.

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

• "STICKS AND STONES" —
SEPT. 28

Bully story hits home

Last Sunday's bullying story touched a nerve with readers across southern Idaho.

Several parents wrote and called to share their children's bullying stories.



One Jerome father, who had been picked on in high school, was fed up with what he viewed as his son's school's indifference to bullying.

Another parent, Jessica Forbis, applauded Oregon Trail Elementary School's efforts to protect students from teasing. When older children started picking on her daughter in first grade, Principal Kasey Teske personally involved himself in the problem and made sure it wouldn't happen again.

"To our family the bullying is a big deal," Forbis said. "It tears at these kids' self-esteem and they will carry it with them for the rest of their life."

Forbis agreed that most children don't feel comfortable confiding in adults about their peer problems. Although Teske helped stop her daughter's bully, her other children have internalized years of bullying without seeking help.

"I know for a fact that it would take major convincing to get my children to talk to anyone at the school after the several years of nothing being done," she said. "I feel that my children and I have a very close relationship, and the only time that they seem to come to me with the problem of a bully is when it gets to the point that they do not feel they can deal with it anymore."

It reminded me of my childhood, when I was a bully-turned-victim. One of my most vivid memories from kindergarten is making fun of a girl on the playground for having red hair.

In second grade, my friends and I ganged up on a kid to steal his pencils. In fourth grade, I punched my little brother's friend in the face after he called me narces.

I didn't realize what I was doing until karma struck back: I blossomed into a back-toothed, near-sighted, gangly victim.

Nearly every memory from middle school and early high school involves avoiding bullies or dodging projectiles in math class.

It seems children will always suffer from cruel words from insecure or insensitive classmates. In the meantime, I hope the good kids I knew would realize how fantastic they are, despite what they might be hearing at school.

— Matthew Demby

Playing together for three generations

By Ariel Hansen • Staff writer

The Anderson family loves drag racing so much you might think it's genetic.

Their weekend trips to Boise's speedway. Their scrapbook crammed with racing photos. Their well-worn T-shirts emblazoned with cars.

Don Anderson started racing in high school, then stopped to build his career in Twin Falls. When his son Kenny started racing in his teens, though, Don and his wife, Diane, picked up the sport again. Kenny met his wife, Gena, at a race track, and when their son Brenden was 2 days old, he came to the track too.

Why does this family drag race?

"The reason we stuck to it was we could do it as a family," Diane said. She paused. "And the adrenaline rush that comes with it, the need for speed."

Family hobbies like the Andersons' are a good way to build familial relationships, provided everyone enjoys the activity, said Larry Lutz, counselor at Preferred Child & Family Services in Twin Falls.

"To paraphrase a term, the family that plays together stays together," he said. "The more relational contact you have, the deeper the ties they have."

Generational closeness is priceless, Lutz said, and having a common activity allows families to be more aware when one member is upset.

"Conflicts don't tend to remain hidden," he said. "They get a chance to learn from their elders and have some guidance and learn from others' mistakes."

When several generations have the same hobby, it becomes part of the family's identity, its legacy. Even the family members who don't actively participate find ways to be involved.

Although Kenny and 10-year-old Brenden race — as well as Don and Diane — Gena and Brenden's older brother, Wacey, don't.

"It's kind of fun to tag along and watch them," said Wacey, 15, 18

does wish some of the Andersons' vacation time and money could be spent on other activities he enjoys more, but he doesn't begrudge the family its hobby.

"It's all something they like together, and I like different things. It doesn't really bother me that much."

Gena pays attention to the family's basic needs, making sure meals are ready during breaks. "In between racing rounds, we sit together as a family and eat and talk," she said. "I enjoy it as much as they do, even though I'm not driving." And, of course, she cheers.

Not to say they don't need a little alone-time, too.

"When we used to all travel together and stay in the same motor home, by the end you could tell we were all ready for our own space," Gena said. "We all get home, we do our own thing, then a few days later we're ready to do it again."

The hobby doesn't come with-out costs.

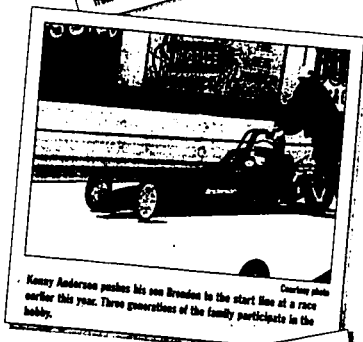
Diana missed her brother's 60th birthday because she and Don were out racing, and close friends and family know to call and get a date for things like weddings.

Brenden has to work for his

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Don Anderson, left, puts a hand under the hood of his drag racer from his grandson Brenden in this 2008 family photo.



Kenny Anderson pushes his son Brenden in the start line at a race earlier this year. Three generations of the family participate in the hobby.



Don and Diane Anderson pose at a fence at the Firebird Raceway in Boise in 2006. The two, as well as their son Kenny and his son Brenden, drag race as a family hobby.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center

530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; lounge and pool rooms; bar-grain center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Chicken-fried steak
Tuesday: Spaghetti
Wednesday: Ham
Thursday: Barbecue chicken
Friday: Fish sticks

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m.
Monday: bridge
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday
Blood pressure, 10 a.m. to noon
Exercise class, 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Quilting, 9 a.m.
Foot clinic, 1 p.m.
Elks Card Club, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise class, 3:30 p.m.
Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m.
Lunch bingo
Saturday: Pork prime rib dinner fundraiser

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60. Sunday buffet: 1 p.m.; \$4.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60; \$3.50, under 12. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday:

MENUS:

Monday: Ham bean soup and sandwich
Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese
Wednesday: Zucchini hamburger casserole
Thursday: Meatloaf or fish

ACTIVITIES:

Today: Ham dinner, 1 p.m.
Haak's Band
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Turkey
Wednesday: Spaghetti
Thursday: Chicken-fried steak

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Thursday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.



Charlotte Jones of Twin Falls raises her hand in response to a question Tuesday during the lunch hour at the Twin Falls Senior Center. The center will start serving ciassmon rolls and coffee on Wednesday mornings, and there is home-cooked hot lunch daily.

Bingo, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch and full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; take-out; home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:

Today: Baked ham
Monday: Cook's choice
Wednesday: Sauerkraut and franks
Friday: Meatloaf

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Nu-2U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
AA meeting, 8 p.m.
At-Anon meeting, 8 p.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Everyone over 18 welcome
Wednesday: Nu-2U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday: Nu-2U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Gem State Fiddlers, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 11:50 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizen Center

308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Liver and onions
Tuesday: Philly steak sandwich
Wednesday: Beef stew
Thursday: Pork roast
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.
Wild one, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.

Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.
Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E., Jerome. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free transportation to and from center Wednesdays through Fridays, call center for information at 324-5642.

MENUS:

Monday: Chili
Tuesday: Chicken a la king
Wednesday: Tater Tot casserole
Thursday: Polish sausage and kraut
Friday: Barbecue banquet

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Diego and John Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Board meeting, 10 a.m.
Foot clinic, 1 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Center

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday: 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Potato bar

Thursday: Orange chicken
ACTIVITIES:
Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.

218 N. Roll St. W., Shoshone. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Roast beef
Wednesday: Bean soup and sandwich
Friday: Meatloaf

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo
Wednesday: Black Out Bingo, 12:30 a.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo

Camas County Senior Center

127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$4, under 60; \$2, under 10. Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Pulled pork sandwich
Wednesday: Cheeseburger
Friday: Zucchini/chicken
ACTIVITIES:
Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Saturday: Fundraiser breakfast

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

MENUS:
Tuesday: Beef stew
Wednesday: Hot turkey sandwich
Friday: Roast beef

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Fit and Fall Proof, 1 p.m.
Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Caregivers meeting, 10:30 a.m.
Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Fit and Fall Proof, 1 p.m.
Friday: Table tennis, 9 a.m.

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

MENUS:

Monday: Meatloaf
Thursday: Ham sandwich and soup

Wendell Senior Meal Site

105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays. Hours, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Carey Senior Center

Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors.

MENUS:

Thursday: Roast beef

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors; \$6, non-seniors; \$3, under 12; \$4.50, home delivery. Gift shop; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Lasagna
Tuesday: Fish sandwich
Wednesday: Salsbury steak
Thursday: Taco salad
Friday: Chicken or fish
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Pool, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

p.m.
Walking, 9 a.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 1 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Walking, 9 a.m.
SHIBA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwindeman at 436-9107 or Kitty Andrews at 677-4872 for appointments
Friday: Pool, 1 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors and children under 12; \$6, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Parmesan chicken
Tuesday: Pork noodles
Wednesday:
Thursday: Birthday/anniversary dinner
Thursday: Beefy tomato macaroni
Friday: Italian meatballs

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise
Tuesday: Pool
Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
Radio show, 9:06 a.m.
Exercise
Wednesday: Pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise
Thursday: Pool
Exercise, 9:30 a.m.
Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
Friday: Pool
Exercise
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$6, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. For rides: \$66.20. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Meatloaf
Tuesday: Chicken strips
Thursday: Roast beef
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Flu shots, 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.
Gem meeting
Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.
Cardio, 1 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free high-speed Internet.

MENUS:

Monday: Lasagna
Wednesday: Trout
Friday: Swiss veggie casserole

As we grow older, everything is illuminated

By Deborah Tannen
Special to The
Washington Post

Not long ago, I read that slaves made up one-fifth of the population of New York City in the 1700s. I gasped. The 18th century, which at one time sounded to me like ancient history, now feels shockingly recent.

It was less than 300 years ago — less than three times the span of my father's life. And how absurdly young the U.S. now seems, our country's age only a little more than twice my father's when he died two years ago, just shy of 98.

Because my father's life

spanned nearly a century, my sense of time, of history and of aging have been transformed.

My father recalled attending, as a child, a Veterans' Day parade led by men who had fought in the Civil War. When I think of this, that once-distant war comes within range of my experience, through his.

I always knew that old people had been young people once, but until my parents aged, this was just an idea, not something I knew in a gut-level, automatic way. For most of my life, I saw old people as old first, people second. It wasn't until my mother and father

joined their ranks that I saw old people as people first, their age a meaningful mantle laid over who they really are.

I think I now understand why former classmates often meet again years later and fall in love. They see one another as the young people they were when they first met, which means that they see one another as they see themselves — their real selves, not the senior-citizen pods who have replaced them in the eyes of the world.

At my 40th college reunion, I spotted a gray-haired man across the room and wondered, "Who's that

old guy, and what's he doing here?"

But as I looked at him, familiar features began to emerge. As though I were watching a time-lapse film in reverse, the markers of age — the gray hair, the wrinkled skin, the extra pounds — all fell away and the old-guy face dissolved before my eyes into the face of an 18-year-old I'd known in college. Aha, I realized with a jolt, it's Craig! That's who he is, that's who he really is. It was as if aging was a layer of makeup smeared upon his face — makeup that someone had just wiped off.

I remembered then a con-

versation I'd had with my father when he was in his early 90s. "Daddy," I asked, "what does it feel like to be old?" "I don't know," he replied. "I don't feel old. When I pass a mirror I think, 'Who's that old man?'"

My father's own sense of time was telescoped as he aged. Though he never lost his mental acuity or wit, he often remembered past events as more recent than they were. Toward the end of his life, he referred to his mother having died a few years before I pointed out that she'd been dead for 33 years. "Thirty-three years!" he said in astonishment. "And she's still bugging me!"

In his last year of life, my father remarked, "When I'm walking along and thinking of people I knew, I think about them as if they're alive. Then I remember that they're dead."

This comment gave substance to the cliché of people living on in memory. And so my father lives on in mine. Because he lived nearly a hundred years, history isn't history anymore.

Tannen is a professor of linguistics at Georgetown University and the author, most recently, of "You're Wearing That? Understanding Mothers and Daughters in Conversation."

Kids trade Spongebob for spongepaint with DIY TV

By Jennifer Foraker
Associated Press Writer

ARVADA, Colo. — I knew something was amiss when the knickknacks — the small bowls, colorful vases, even an unused incense burner — mysteriously appeared in my living room.

It could only mean one thing: My 10-year-old daughter was watching too much HGTV again.

Hope likes to watch those home design shows as much as anything that airs on Disney or Animal Planet. During the early evening down time, Hope and her sister, Grace, are tuned into "Designed to Sell" or "House Hunters."

A friends' three daughters are similarly fixated, ignoring popular television for HGTV's "Landscapers' Challenge" and "It Walls Could Talk," a favorite of Hope's that blends history and intrigue into a storyline that may sound like a cover story on paper — we're talking about a house here — but captures the children.

"My kids have never seen 'American Idol.' There's nothing wrong with that show, but it's not so tall as the grand, hilarious," says my friend, Sloane Given. "It's just not really their thing."

They're not alone in the elementary school set. HGTV and other do-it-yourself channels are a track draw for viewership, but hosts like Vera Yip of "Decorating Design" on

HGTV say they're often stopped by kids. It calls his elementary-school-aged groupies a "funny little fan base."

Paige Davis, the host of TLC's "Trading Spaces," which just launched a new season, says parents e-mail her about their children's fixation with the show. (It spawned a Disney's Kids cable channel spinoff, "Trading Spaces: Boys vs. Girls," in 2003, and repeats still air.)

Given's 7-year-old, Lyle, also has taken that next step: Like Hope, she inserts her two cents into her parents' design projects for their suburban home. Recently, Lyle's attention was directed to the backyard.

"When we did our landscaping project this year, Lyle was so into it," says Given. "She wanted to see the plans, she wanted to walk around with the architect and she wanted to help pick out plants."

When Given tried to include hipines in the yard at Lyle's request, she ran out and bought two lupines for the little girl's next birthday.

"What child gets lupine plants for her birthday?" misses Given.

Lyle's opinions run from plant species to paint chips, from furniture layout to the color of granite countertops. Her mom says it's all thanks to the design shows on HGTV and TLC.

Tori Coons, of Overland



Seven-year-old Lyle Given works on a craft project at her Arvada, Colo., home Sept. 18. Given likes to help with her parents' design projects for their suburban home.

Park, Kan., has an 8-year-old son, Dylan, and an 11-year-old daughter, Hayden, who watch the design shows.

"It's better than 'SpongeBob,'" says Coons, referring to the popular children's cartoon on Nickelodeon.

The only problem is sometimes Dylan wants to depict what he sees on television, and I'm not going to put a two-story slide in his bedroom," says Coons, an interior decorator.

Both Given's daughter and my own have unleashed their design tastes in their respective bedrooms, arranging and rearranging their possessions — some so very tiny, as are finds in children's bedrooms — to suit their changing tastes.

Davis says that's the allure for kids. "There's no accounting for

taste, but what I think 'Trading Spaces' can do is empower children to believe they can make a space their own, whatever that is," says Davis. "It tells them your environment and surroundings are important — you can treat your things better and you can treat yourself better."

Family therapist Karl Rosston, of Helena, Mont., supports kids having a space to call their own, but he says

parents also need to give their children design control over that space, within reason.

"It's important for parents to provide some guidelines and some structure to it, but not too much," he says.

For example, Rosston, who has two children, ages 9 and 11, recommends allowing younger kids to pick out their room colors. Teenagers can have greater say.

"The role for us, as parents, is to help our children to develop a sense of accountability and ownership of their actions," says Rosston. "One of the first ways to do that is to give them that opportunity to create something, and then they own it. And their rooms are a wonderful way for them to do that."

Given approves of her children's "hutte" improvement television fix, and even has nurtured it along the way.

"I'd rather have (Lyle) yammering on about paint colors than repeating some naughty music she's learned somewhere," says Given.

In my next life, I've decided to quietly return an unwanted object to the storage room and to herald any particularly clever decorating idea that my daughter Hope devises.

She's got more hits than mine. She's casually arranged rocks in a wooden bowl atop the stacked art books I love it.

I can't help wondering what that says about her mother's design style.

Is it time to visit your vet?

The Washington Post

"Push Pups" by Irene Hochberg (Sterling Publishers, \$13) is billed as a chronicle of "dogs who live better than you." It's a memory from dog beds, canine coat jackets, you get the idea, but it also contains a surprising amount of practical advice. Here, from the book, are a few of the reasons to take

your doggie to the doctor, in addition to yearly check-ups or anything recommended by your vet.

- Immediately after purchase or acquisition
- If your dog is drinking excessively
- If your dog is losing weight or is disinterested in food
- If your dog is scratching excessively

• If you feel any unusual lumps under his skin

• Before any trip
Other useful info in the book includes lists of pet loss support hot lines, easy directions for knitting a doggie warmie, and a list of dog magazines on the market including "Whole Dog Journal," "Dog's Life," "Next Year's Dog," and "Poodle Review."



Bredden Anderson, 10, won his first plaque of the season Sept. 27, which he displays proudly in his car last Sunday at the family's Twin Falls home.

Family

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right to take — doing chores, keeping up his grades, and working on the cars. And he has to have a good attitude both on and off the track.

"This boy is not just given his race on without some expectations on his end. Even when he loses, he's more than content to test, just to go down the track." Diana said, sitting with the others in her sons' living falls kitchen.

"You always congratulate him when he beats your hubby," Diana said to his grandson, who nodded.

"Not all families find common ground in a hobby, though

for Skaug, a "ferris car enthusiast," said his first marriage failed because his wife wasn't interested in the sport, which led to conflict. He met his current wife at the track.

"My advice is to be sure your wife is with you and be sure she enjoys what you enjoy or

you're looking for trouble," Skaug said. "I've seen it both ways, and I learned a lot from the first experience."

The couples he knows who both race, he said, appear to have strong marriages.

"When they do it together, it seems to strengthen the relationship. The divorce rate seems to be really low," Skaug said. Fishing or gardening together would work just as well, he speculated. "Not because fishing's extra wonderful, but these couples that have a healthy marriage and want to involve their children, it seems to work out very well."

It's certainly working for the Andersons, and they said their friends are sometimes envious of their generational racing passion.

"Really? That's cool that you do it as a family," I have heard that several times," Genia said. She compares that with grumbling from other

wives whose husbands do solitary or male-only activities. "It's really nice that we have something that gives us a common bond."

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Transition to college harder on men than women

By Kathleen Megan
The Hartford Courant

When Aman Kidwai arrived at the University of Connecticut, he was scared, nervous and anxious like most young men. And, like most young men, he didn't talk about it.

He had played football and run track in high school, and while he might have played sports at a Division 3 school, he wasn't going to play at UConn. He was used to the highly-structured life of high school, with every moment spoken for, ever-vigilant parents and teachers and a team full of friends.

The university felt cold and impersonal and he had a hard time connecting with people, much less discussing his uncomfortable feelings.

"Those are tough feelings to emot[e]," said Kidwai, now a senior, "tough feelings to tell anyone about." He found himself skipping classes just because he could.

While most kids — young men and young women — have a mix of anxiety and excitement when they head off for college, experts on men and masculinity say that young men handle those feelings differently from young women and therefore often experience different problems and sometimes greater difficulties in the transition.

James M. O'Neil, a University of Connecticut professor who has been studying gender issues and masculinity for the past 30 years, said the college transition issues are a reflection of the crisis in the development of boys and young men in America. O'Neil said that he now addresses these issues in his classes on gender and masculinity, but that he wants, eventually, to explore whether students would find it helpful to have a men's center or discussion programs in residence halls.

While girls are raised to feel relatively comfortable expressing emotions, to seek help by talking to friends, family or professionals, O'Neil said, young men learn early on that it isn't considered strong or masculine to express fear, anxiety or other vulnerable feelings. "If you haven't been taught to label your feelings, to express them and use them constructively, if you don't have that skill," O'Neil said, those feelings may be expressed in "negative ways." Troubled young men are more likely than women to drink to act out aggressively, to fight or vandalize, O'Neil said, while troubled young women are more likely to talk out their issues with a friend or to seek help at a counseling center.

Professionals at other universities and colleges say they see the same patterns. Susan Birge, director of counseling and psychological services at

Fairfield University, said young men "just don't have societal permission to speak up and ask for help." Birge said, and college is a place where asking for help can be crucial for success.

Jason Zelesky, wellness outreach coordinator at Clark University in Worcester, Mass., said that "the whole formation of the social construction of masculinity sends young men these lofty and unfair messages about what it means to be a young man," and that it's "a narrative of violence, confrontation, fierce independence, of a sort of emotional apathy or non-communication of emotion with the exception of anger."

"Our dashboard indicators are pretty convincing that for the most part it is men who are the predominant judicial load (at the university); men acting out in residence halls, men likely to be hospitalized for drinking too much," Zelesky said. "The numbers bear that out."

Zelesky said he does a plenty of outreach with students and is starting men's discussion groups to help men learn to talk about their emotions and how to seek help when they need it.

At the University of Connecticut, the numbers show that young men are more likely to skip the weekly disciplinary issues, Catherine Cocks, the director of community standards, said that of the 2,489 students referred to the office during the last academic year, 65 percent were men.

There are experts who believe that any crisis affecting boys in general is overwhelmed, but O'Neil feels the signs are clear. He notes the trends he finds troubling: a higher percentage of boys in special education than girls, more male high school dropouts, more males in prison, fewer young men enrolling in colleges, more males dropping out of college and a higher suicide rate among young men.

These trends make it crucial, he said, that parents, educators and professionals take steps to intervene in much the same ways that were done for girls in the past 20 or 30 years when they were not achieving as much as boys.

O'Neil believes that just as women's centers at colleges were established, there should be men's centers that offer safe places for them to discuss their feelings. Birge said that at Fairfield they have tried to destigmatize counseling for boys and have a male therapist on staff. "We put him out in front to show he's not here a guy who's smart, a skilled professional, but has emotional availability."

There are also other ways to make it easier for a guy to



Freshmen, want a good roomie?

By Kathleen Megan
The Hartford Courant

How do you get a kind, compassionate, supportive roommate who is also a friend? The answer is simple: Be one.

That's according to University of Michigan researchers who studied more than 300 college freshmen assigned to share rooms with other students they didn't know.

"Roommate relationships can be really good or they can be really bad. And the fear is that they'll go from bad to worse," says Jennifer Crocker, one of the social psychologists who conducted the university's study. "But our study shows that you can create a supportive relationship and turn the stranger who's your roommate into a friend."

One of Crocker's colleagues, Amy

Canevello, says that college freshmen often wait to become friends with roommates before interacting in a caring, compassionate manner. If you have a goal from the beginning to be caring and supportive, Canevello says, "the friendship will come and you become that much closer and develop a really strong friendship." Here are some guidelines:

Don't just be polite or tolerant of your roommate; practice caring about them, responding compassionately and supportively.

You can't fake this. The very awareness if the other was acting "nice" or "supportive," but wasn't sincere. Roommates easily spot the motives of someone who asks how his partner's day went mainly because he wants to talk about his own day, Canevello says.

After years of impressing teachers and coaches with their intelligence and skills, some kids come to college thinking that's the way to make friends. Canevello says trying to impress a roommate creates distance. A far better goal for a relationship is to be supportive.

Have the difficult conversations with your roommate early and with sensitivity, says Canevello. If your night owl roommate is keeping you up too late, or she's messy when you're neat, don't see it as "her problem." See it as "our problem." Get away from the "ego-system" approach — in which each person focuses on their own needs and tries to shore up their own self-image — and instead move toward an "eco-system" approach, in which roommates are motivated by genuine caring for each other.

seek therapy, Chris Kilmartin, professor of psychology at the University of Mary Washington in Virginia, said young men aren't very comfortable talking directly about their feelings but can be

encouraged to tell stories about what's been happening. "What I try to listen for are the emotional themes of the story ... It's the Gumbo roommate," Mark Stevens, director of

the counseling center at the California State University, Northridge said he uses "guy-to-guy" language and is often not to have an overly feminine waiting room. "If you've got scented candles out there

and Zen stuff 'all over,' he said, "the guys aren't going to relate to that stuff."

Senior Information Specialist Christina Rubbett contributed to this story.

Preparing for a natural disaster

The Washington Post

Intruders like you may have passed you by, but 60 percent of Americans will be affected by a natural disaster at some point in their lives, the American Academy of Pediatrics' "Healthy Children" magazine says. Preparing for the worst may not help you and your kids get through it. Here are some of the AAP's top tips:

- **Do the research:** Learn about the types of disasters most likely to happen near your home, identify community warning signals and determine what emergency services are available.
- **Make a plan:** Tell your

kids where they need to go if disaster hits — whether it's to higher ground in the event of a flood or to the basement during a tornado warning. Decide now where you'll go if you have to evacuate.

• **Prepare a disaster kit:** Include water, ready-to-eat foods, infant formula and diapers, a change of clothes, battery-powered radio and flashlights, first-aid kit, immunization records and personal identification.

• **If disaster does strike:** Be alert to any lingering signs of distress in your kids, such as sleep disturbances and sadness. And, get professional help if necessary.

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Hunter Matthew Crawford, son of Lisa Marie and Justin Matthew Crawford of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 17, 2008.

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Alexander Glenn Horning, son of Sylvia Irene and James Edwin Horning of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 17, 2008.

Christian Alexander Duran, son of Kaylee Fay Canderaris of Kimberly, was born Sept. 18, 2008.

Min J. Martinez, daughter of Katrina Kay Escobar of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 18, 2008.

Zachary Cole Sheen, son of Nicole Marie and Jonathan Clark Sheen of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 18, 2008.

Gavyn Michael Wood, son of Keyene Cheryl and Ilyan Michael Wood of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 18, 2008.

Erick Herman Hutton Jr., son of Sheri Lynne and Erick Herman Hutton of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 19, 2008.

María Abigail Mora, daughter of Tiffany Krystine Jensen of Wendell, was born Sept. 19, 2008.

Daniel Daniel Martinez, son of Innae Ellen Bennett of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 20, 2008.

William Ivan Blair, son of Lara Maria and James Joel Blair of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 21, 2008.

Cole Jackson Kelsey, son of Angie Marie and Nicholas James Kelsey of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 22, 2008.

Emerson Tachel Barnes, daughter of Kille-Ann and Bradley Ralph Barnes of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 23, 2008.

Logan Scott Stevens, son of Kortney Lynn and Joseph Edwin Stevens of Kimberly, was born Sept. 23, 2008.

Evan Donald Howell, son of Amy Lou Browser and Dustin Lee Howell of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 23, 2008.

Alessandro Gonzalez, son

of Lorena and Israel Gonzalez of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 24, 2008.

Saphyra Lacey Haycock, daughter of Daniel Dawn and Cody Joe Haycock of Hanson, was born Sept. 24, 2008.

Isak Matthew Kolsen, son of Claribel and Aaron David Kolsen of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 24, 2008.

Cameron Mae Fischer, daughter of Mary Margaret and Brian Gene Fischer of Buhl, was born Sept. 25, 2008.

Luke Leavitt Gates, son of Deborah Jean and Kelly Leavitt Gates of Filer, was born Sept. 25, 2008.

Kaylie Ryan Grace, daughter of Sierra Dawn and Michael Bryon Grace of Filer, was born Sept. 25, 2008.

Shya Elaine Allen, daughter of Hanna Marie and Dru Michael Allen of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 26, 2008.

Nayeli Georgina Carmona, daughter of Darla Jean Day and Efrain Gregorio Carmona Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 26, 2008.

Taylor Jolee Gerdon, daughter of Rachel Filizbeth and Joseph Andrew Gerdon of Jerome, was born Sept. 26, 2008.

Danika Marie Humphries, daughter of Marie Carmen Celine and James Richard Humphries of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 26, 2008.

Aaron Bravo-Godoy, son of Susana Godoy-Juarez and Jorge Bravo-Zarate of Jerome, was born Sept. 27, 2008.

Jaelynn Mae Patton, daughter of Heather Kathryn and Joshua John Patton of Gooding, was born Sept. 27, 2008.

Desiree Lynn White, daughter of Leshia Marie and Emmanuel Jose White of Jerome, was born Sept. 27, 2008.

Trevor Drew Jones, son of Ainslie Jo and Jason Miller Jones of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 28, 2008.

Brylee Ann Nebeker, daughter of Stephanie Ann and Kellen W. Nebeker of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 29, 2008.

ENGAGEMENTS

KNUTSON-BRACKETT

Gerald and Twila Knutson of Filer announce the engagement of their daughter, Samantha Jo Knutson, to Jacob Christopher Brackett, son of Bert and Paula Brackett of Three Creeks.

Knutson is a graduate of Filer High School and attended College of Southern Idaho. She works at US Bank and Jensen Jewelers in Twin Falls.

Brackett is a graduate of Filer High and Iowa State University. He works at the family ranch in Three Creeks.

The wedding is planned for



Jacob Brackett and Samantha Knutson
 Saturday, Oct. 25. A reception will follow at 7 p.m. at the Filer American Legion Hall, 203 Main St.

WOODARD-GOMEZ

Cecil and Deborah Roberts of Fresno, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Season Marie Woodard, to Derrick Joshua Gomez, son of Duane Gomez and Sherry Gomez of Rupert.

Woodard is a 1999 graduate of Hoover High School in Fresno. She received an associate degree at Saddleback College in Mission Viejo, Calif., and recently earned a license in aesthetics.

Gomez is a 2003 graduate of Minico High School and served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps. He will attend Boise State University and



Derrick Gomez and Season Woodard
 works at Guardia Armored Services and Home Depot in Boise.
 The wedding is planned for 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Bishop's House, 2420 Old Penitentiary Road in Boise. A reception will follow.

Hard times complicate recruiting of foster parents

By David Cray
 Associated Press writer

A veteran of 15 years in child welfare, Penny Esser has never weathered a tougher climate for the work to which she's so devoted — recruiting foster parents.

"It's had an 'Oz' feel," said Esser, based in Medford, Ore. "We are really at a critical shortage — we're crowding the foster homes that we have."



Foster parent recruitment leader Penny Esser, left, in Medford, Ore., speaks with Karen Hatfield at the Department for Human Services on Sept. 29. Hatfield, a foster parent of five years, is doing her part in the search for more foster parents in southern Oregon. Hatfield has fostered 16 children so far.

Even in good times, recruitment is often challenging because of concern about inadequate reimbursement rates, burdensome oversight or simply a perception that foster parents get a bad rap due to periodic horror stories in the news.

Now, amid epic economic turmoil, the challenge is aggravated — especially in the majority of states whose payment rates to foster parents fall well below estimates of what's needed to raise the children.

On the Net:

National Foster Parent Association:
<http://www.nfpac.org/>

"It's the fear factor that's keeping some people from even applying," said Don Darland, who heads the Oregon Foster Parent Association. "People are saying, 'I don't even want to try. I don't know what's going to happen... Maybe we have enough income, but we're not sure what's going to be there in the future.'"

sequences, she said, include having to assign multiple children to each available home and settling for less-than-desirable matches for special-needs and minority children.

Darland, a quadriplegic, is a retired Marine officer, he said he and his wife have been foster parents for 18 years, caring over that span for about 60 children, many with physical or emotional problems.

"From the national perspective, foster care advocates are deeply concerned by the budget woes besetting many states. Even if reimbursement rates aren't reduced, there may be other damaging cutbacks in training and support programs," said Carl Jones, interim executive director of the National Foster Parent Association.

"The problem is that there are not more folks like him: Retention is a problem in Oregon, with a need to replace at least 60 percent of the foster parents every two years," Darland said.

"There's particular concern about the financial struggles of foster parents caring for special-needs children with serious emotional problems."

"It's always been a problem even in the best of times — it's probably going to get worse before it gets better," said Lauri Stewart, a spokeswoman for Oregon's Department of Human Services. "People are being pinched hard."

"The level of therapeutic needs for some kids is pretty high," said Joe Krull of the North American Council on Adoptable Children. "As we go into economic downturns, we start to lose some of those supports."

Stewart said the number of foster homes in Oregon has remained relatively steady in recent years, but at too low a level to provide optimal care for foster children. The con-

Foster parent Susan Bell is wrestling with that very issue.

She and her husband already have two teenage foster sons in their home in Portland, and case workers are pleading with them to take more — including one youth who sexually molested a sibling and another who stabbed his mother.

"Nationally, the situation varies from state to state. The president of the Texas Foster Family Association, Irene Clements, said her state's reimbursement rates — well above the national average — are a problem. But she said many potential foster parents are deterred by the rules they'd be subject to — "The system's gotten so punitive that they don't want to do it any more."

likely to eat if they're hungry.

- Don't force your children to clean their plates. Let them eat until they're full.
- Set a good example. If your kids are eating a variety of healthy foods, they're more likely to follow your lead.

In Georgia, the foster-care community is waiting to

How to handle picky eaters

The Washington Post

Having trouble getting your kids to eat? It's common for kids to be picky and, as long as they meet nutritional guidelines within a week, there's no need to worry about when they eat

and what. The Mayo Clinic suggests the following:

- Respect your children's hunger, or lack thereof. If they're not hungry, don't force them to eat.
- Be careful not to give them snacks or juice an hour before a meal. They're more

"Are we wanting to tackle that with the amount of reimbursement we're getting? It's a heavy subject," said Bell. "We realize the amount of supervision these kids require... Generally, what's foremost on our minds is, 'Can we financially continue to do this?'"

Bell, 58, said the state pays \$512 a month for each of the boys now in her home — not enough to cover the surgical costs of providing for them. Like other teens, the boys take long showers, leave windows open in the winter — jacking up utility bills — and eat heartily.

"Teenage boys don't eat a little bowl of cereal — they eat a mixing bowl size," Bell said.

For now, she and her husband are wary of taking on more children, despite the state's enticements.

"If you take in a 14-year-old, you're looking at a four-year commitment, even if things worsen economically," Bell said. "It's a 24/7 job that definitely has its rewards, but there is an emotional and financial cost."

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In Georgia, the foster-care community is waiting to

learn what the impact will be of across-the-board budget cuts ordered by Gov. Sonny Perdue — at least 6 percent for every agency.

David Elliott, head of Georgia's Foster Parent Association, said cutbacks in foster-parent training are viewed as likely.

"I'm not seeing mass panic — I'm seeing people taking studied approach," Elliott said. "We are feverishly working and looking for one of the box solutions so we can take care of our children."

Back in Oregon, Penny Esser also is seeking new solutions. She works for the state's Child Welfare Division in Jackson County, where there are about 325 children in foster care — up from roughly 200 five years ago.

"We're crowding foster homes," she said.

"People are willing, but we don't want to burn out our foster parents."

"We're just finding beds. What we're not doing is matching. We're not keeping kids in their neighborhoods or with their siblings."

Gripping for new recruitment tactics, Esser recently went through a local directory, found the names of 134 places of worship in Jackson County, and issued an appeal to them.

"My challenge was, 'Every church, one foster family,'" she said. "If we got every church to recruit one family out of their congregation, we'd be in really good shape."

ANNIVERSARIES

THE FUNKS

Gene and Sherry Funk of Burley will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Family and friends are invited 4:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at the United Methodist Church.

They were married Sept. 5, 1958. They farmed for more than 40 years in the Burley area, retiring in March 2004. They are active in the Burley United Methodist Church. The event is hosted by their



Sherry and Gene Funk
 children and 10 grandchildren, with the assistance of friends.

THE SIGMONS

Wilbur and Mary Sigmon of Jerome celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 4. Cards and letters may be sent to the couple at 187 S. 200 W., Jerome, ID 83338.

Wilbur Sigmon and Mary Seagle were married Oct. 4, 1958. They have lived in Jerome for 33 years. He works at Sunrise (Austin's) Express.

Their children are Eugene Sigmon of Jerome, Gary (Pam) Sigmon of Utah and Robert (Ginger) Sigmon of



Wilbur and Mary Sigmon
 Jerome. The couple has four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

THE HOLOHANS

Russell and Mary Lou Holohan of Burley will be honored at an open house for their 60th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at the couple's home at 1414 Carke Ave., No. 25, in Burley.

Russell Lee Holohan and Mary Lou Hamilton were married Oct. 11, 1948, in Elko, Nev. They have lived in the Heyburn and Burley areas all of their lives.

He worked at Lamb Lumber Co. and McBride Lumber and as a journeyman carpenter, building homes and working on businesses in the Mini-Cassia and Twin Falls areas. She worked at Kings and J.R.



Mary Lou and Russell Holohan
 Simplot for years and was a stay-at-home mom. She has been active in the Burley First Christian Church for years. The event is hosted by their daughter, Susan Strunk of Sandy, Utah, and four grandchildren. The couple has two great-grandchildren.

Weekly deadline

To submit an announcement, e-mail it to ramona@magvalley.com. The deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday for publication the following Sunday. If you submit that close, your news might not be published in advance of the event. With questions, call Ramona Jones at 735-3262.

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Why do hyenas laugh?

By Valerie Strauss
The Washington Post

If you ever hear a spotted hyena making a sound, you might think it is laughing hysterically. It isn't.

When a hyena is excited or scared, it lets out a noise that is a combination of a strange howl and a cluck, and that can sound like wild, crazy laughter.

There are several living species of the predatory animal native to Africa and Asia, including the best known, the spotted hyena, which is also known as the laughing hyena.

Hyenas make as many as 14 sounds that are produced in different conditions, according to new research by three professors at the University of California at Berkeley.

Hyenas are scavengers, living on the rotting remains of dead animals. They often prefer to eat the leftovers of what other animals have killed.

But they will sometimes hunt live animals, often by attacking in packs. According to National Geographic, they are skilled hunters that can kill big animals, such as wildebeests and antelopes, as well as small animals, such as birds, lizards, snakes and insects.

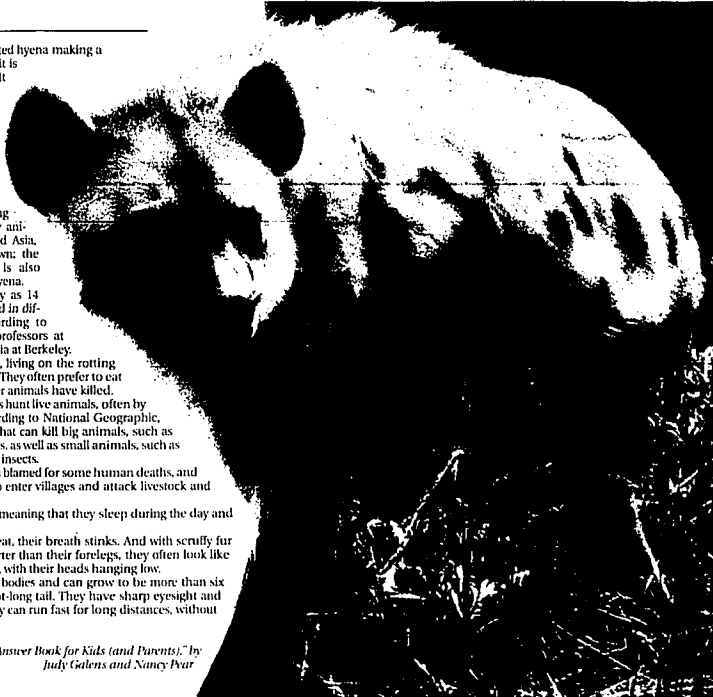
Hyenas have even been blamed for some human deaths, and they have been known to enter villages and attack livestock and sleeping people.

Hyenas are nocturnal, meaning that they sleep during the day and prowls for food at night.

Because of what they eat, their breath stinks. And with scruffy fur and hind legs much shorter than their forelegs, they often look like they are skulking around, with their heads hanging low.

Hyenas have powerful bodies and can grow to be more than six feet long, including a foot-long tail. They have sharp eyesight and hearing at night, and they can run fast for long distances, without getting tired.

Source: "The Handy Answer Book for Kids (and Parents)," by Judy Galens and Nancy Pear



Talking with the Jonas Brothers

By Katie Beach
and Samantha Boraca
Kidsday reporters, Newsday

We spoke with the Jonas Brothers along with about 15 other reporters during a conference call recently. During the hourlong phone call we were able to talk to all three brothers—Joe, Kevin and Nick Jonas. The Jonas Brothers had a new album coming out this summer. They also have their own Disney TV show, "J.O.N.A.S."

Our first question was, we know you worked with actress Chelsea Staub on the new TV show. What do you think of the show? Joe said:

"We're really excited about the show. It's a show called 'J.O.N.A.S.' and it's an acronym for Junior Operatives Networking As Spies. I know that probably took a long time to come up with, so we're really excited about it. It's when we're secret agents and our cover is that we're spies, and we're a band. So it's really cool, and I think it's going to be a very fun and great concept. And we're so excited to start filming."

Later, we asked them what they do before they get onstage. Kevin said:

"We do a bunch of different things. We warm up, we have a lockout, which means that 45 minutes or about an hour before the show, before we're on stage, we lock down the dressing room and no one comes in or comes out, and we get dressed, we warm up, we stretch out, we do a couple push-ups, we just get ready for the show, get in the mind-set of that you're about to go on stage. And we work really hard at making sure we're prepared every single time."

Finally, we asked if there were any other performers besides Miley Cyrus that they have toured with. Kevin said:

"Yes, we've played multiple concerts and we've toured with different artists. We played with Jesse McCartney. We toured with the Veronicas. It's so exciting to be able to play our music in venues where we've been able to do multiple things at the same time. It's really exciting."

Why do songs get stuck in your head?

The Washington Post

It happens to all of us: We hear a song or a jingle and then it keeps running through our brains over and over and over, sometimes to the point where we wish we could forget it.

Researchers have given the phenomenon a



name: earworms. Nobody knows exactly why they get stuck in our heads, but there are some interesting theories.

The first study on earworms showed that the kind of music most likely to get stuck in your head is simple and repetitive. In addition, the lyrics are usually unexpected. Think about the words to "Who Let the Dogs Out?" Here's the chorus: "Who let the dogs out (woof, woof, woof, woof)." Repeat the sentence three times.

No wonder that song is a common earworm! (Some other popular earworms, which we list here only so

that you can perhaps mention them in passing to siblings, parents and teachers and thus infect them, include "We Will Rock You," "M.C.A." and "It's a Small World.")

The researcher who conducted the study on earworms was James Kellaris of the University of Cincinnati's College of Business. He learned that any song can become an earworm for some people.

Some people get more earworms than others. Who are they? It turns out that musicians are more likely to get them than non-musicians, and women get them more than men. For some reason, people who worry a lot are more earworm-prone than non-worriers.

This suggests that the music alone is not responsible for an earworm. Individual traits and brain design seem to play a big role, too.

Earworms can get stuck in our heads for a few minutes or even a few days. The University of Cincinnati Web site on Kellaris and earworms offers a few remedies to stop the repetition in your brain.

- Try to replace it with another, perhaps less annoying song.
- Do something to distract yourself.
- Walk to a different tempo from the one in the earworm.

Source: www.business.uc.edu/earworms/facts

How does a snake eat things bigger than its head?

By Brenna Maloney
The Washington Post

If you had a head like a snake's, you could swallow a watermelon whole, no problem! All you need is a flexible skull, backward-curved teeth and very elastic skin.

A snake swallows the prey's head first, and produces lots of saliva to ease the prey down its throat.

Let's start with that skull: The bones are connected by elastic ligaments, which have a lot of stretch. The joint of the upper and lower jaws is set far back in the skull, allowing the mouth to open as wide as possible. The bones of the lower jaw are not fused at the front,

enabling the snake's lower jaw to widen to make room for its meal. The skin stretches.

The quadrate bone, loosely attached on each side of the joint, enables the snake's lower jaws to move independently side to side.

And the teeth? A snake's teeth are angled toward the throat and act as hooks to prevent live prey from wiggling loose. The snake uses these teeth to help "walk" the prey down its throat.

Snake teeth are attached to the bone and can grow back when lost. A snake may have several sets of teeth throughout its lifetime.

A snake swallows the prey's head first, and produces lots of saliva to

ease the prey down its throat. In some cases, it may take more than an hour for the snake to swallow an animal.

Once the prey has been swallowed, the snake reconnects its bottom jaw with a wide yawn. Remember, the snake's jaws were designed to do this, so it doesn't hurt.

How does the snake breathe while its mouth and throat are full? The windpipe can be pushed forward over the tongue and out the mouth, so the snake's airway is not blocked.

Source: Matt Evans, biologist and herpetologist at the National Zoo in Washington.



Jokes for kids

- Newsday
- What do you get when you cross a hula dancer with a bear? A Hawaiian punch.
 - What did the pig say when he went to the beach? "I'm bacon."
 - There was a doctor and a fireman, and they both were in love with the same woman. One day the fireman had to go away for a week and he gave the woman seven apples. Why? Because an apple a day keeps the doctor away.
 - What does an evil chicken lay? Devilish eggs.
 - What happened to the dog that swallowed a fly? It barfed with delight.

EDITORIAL

Cobble's legacy in Jerome: excellence in education

You wouldn't recognize the Jerome School District before Jim Cobble and Mike Gibson — who are both retiring at the end of the current school year — came to town:

Flat-to-declining test scores; frequent teacher turnover; racial polarization among students; a high dropout rate; and school-houses that were, quite literally, falling apart.

But Cobble, the superintendent since 1993, and Gibson, the district's business manager since 1990, engineered a remarkable transformation in the fast-growing, 3,350-student district. Their bricks-and-mortar achievements are obvious enough: a new elementary school and a new middle school. But by fundamentally changing the culture of public education in Jerome and the taxpayers' perception of the schools, they helped make their district a model for other communities.

What went so right?

- Buy-in from teachers. Nearby school districts paid better in the early '90s than Jerome, so the district had to make its wages competitive. But it had to do more: Cobble and company sold faculty and staff on the importance of excellence, and that had tangible results in the classroom.

- Buy-in from the community. "Our schools send a message," Cobble told a community forum in 2004. "Don't come to Jerome."

If you wonder how skeptical Jerome taxpayers were of the schools, consider that five different bond issues failed before voters agreed to a \$26 million issue for Jerome Middle School and Summit Elementary School in 2005. Before that, patrons had passed just one bond issue in 30 years.

To change that, Cobble and the School Board brought community leaders and businessmen into the process. They became the most vocal and effective advocates for the school projects.

- Embracing technology. The J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation donated more money to the Jerome schools than to any other district in Idaho, mostly for computers. And the district incorporated all that new technology into every aspect of the teaching process.

- Talking seriously its responsibility to provide quality education for non-English-speaking students. In the Jerome School District, bilingual programs start in kindergarten. Partly as a consequence, Latino test scores are much higher than in other districts.

This is not a school system without challenges. The Jerome schools are in their seventh year of failing to meet Adequate Yearly Progress in reading under federal No Child Left Behind Act mandates; they haven't made the grade in math for five years.

And growth — 25 percent since Gibson went to work for the district — will soon stress existing facilities.

But it's a school system that engages students and makes teachers want to go to work in the morning.

Can their be a better legacy for a retiring school superintendent?

Our view:
School superintendent Jim Cobble and the people he hired transformed education in Jerome.

No place like home

Affordable housing crunch stifling Blaine County's growth

By Wendy Jaquet

As the executive director of the Sun Valley-Ketchum Chamber of Commerce in the mid-80s to mid-90s, I began to realize that employers were having difficulty finding employees due to the shortage of affordable workforce housing. In 2006 Blaine County updated its Housing Needs Assessment and disturbing conclusions were put forth.

Approximately 17 percent of the workers (2,795 total) were commuting into Blaine County from homes outside the county. In-commuter survey responses indicated that about 74 percent of those workers would prefer to live in Blaine County if affordable and suitable housing were available.

Forty-five percent of the employers said that workforce housing was "one of the more serious problems" in the county and another 27 percent indicated that it was "the most critical problem."

Employers cited issues such as unqualified applicants, employee turnover, no applicants and unfilled jobs. The study indicated that up to 850 jobs were unfilled in northern Blaine County and housing was a major contributor.

Between 2000 and 2007, home prices in Blaine County increased 60.1 percent but during that same time period, income rose only 20.55 percent. The Bureau of Labor statistics found that in order to afford a median-priced home, throwing out the lowest and highest priced, a family needed to earn nearly twice the median income. The 2005 median home value in Blaine County was \$381,578, in Bellevue \$271,400, in Hialeah \$241,500 and in Ketchum, \$858,000.

Salaries and wages in Blaine County did rise to try to keep up with the challenge. For example, food service managers on average were making \$40,980, but the gap between wages and home prices was unbridgeable. Affordability as defined by the



A shuttered retail establishment in Ketchum seen earlier this year. Some Blaine County merchants can't find enough qualified employees to remain in business, largely because of high housing costs.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is when a household pays no more than 30 percent of its gross annual income on housing and utilities. And even today, with the housing market softening and the ongoing economic crisis, home prices have increased so sharply in Blaine County that rents and mortgage payments are still out of reach for working families.

The Blaine County School District human resources director told me that she attended the Boise State University Pre-Employment Fair for Educators last year. Applicants shared with her that they wouldn't be stopping by her booth or fill out an application because they knew they couldn't afford to live in Blaine County no matter how good the salary.

What are the consequences when a community lacks affordable housing for its workforce? There are impacts on families and on quality of life. The commute keeps parents away from their families, children require longer hours of childcare, absenteeism and stress-related illnesses occur, gas prices make the commute a challenge and employees begin to look at home for jobs. In addition, "community" is lacking in the

hometown as well as the work destination, public safety employees have a longer response time, traffic congestion and air quality worsens. There are increased costs to expand and maintain roads, and parking demands increase in the northern part of the Wood River Valley where most of the jobs are located. And finally, whatever happened to the American Dream of home ownership? Aren't our kids supposed to be better off than we are? Last session, the House Revenue and Taxation Committee invited me to present a workshop on affordable workforce housing. I introduced four bills; three were not printed and a fourth needed technical corrections. There is no one silver bullet that will "solve" this problem which over time could eventually destroy Blaine County's ability to accommodate economic growth.

However, it is time for the Legislature to realize that the local option for qualifying communities should be taken seriously.

Blaine County needs an expansion of county local option taxing authority for affordable workforce housing. A dedicated sales tax would begin to address the revenue needs for government to create housing

for service employees and teachers. Expanding the use of impact fees would enable local governments to require developers to provide housing that would meet the workforce needs of that development such as landscapers, snow removal staff, etc.

A state initiative which would incentivize employers through tax credits to provide assistance in the form of paying title fees, down payment assistance tied to length of service and paying closing costs would help and is being explored at the federal level.

A community land trust can help provide down payment assistance to qualified applicants. Habitat for Humanity has just finished their first home for an employee of the Blaine County Sheriff's Department. How can we incentivize property owners to come forth with land for future homes?

I intend to continue working on this issue and invite your comments.

Wendy Jaquet, a seven-term Democrat from Ketchum, represents Blaine, Camas, Gooding and Lincoln counties in the Idaho House of Representatives, where she serves as minority leader.

"... even ... with the housing market softening and the ongoing economic crisis, home prices have increased so sharply in Blaine County that rents and mortgage payments are still out of reach for working families."

Why we don't deal in conspiracy theories

I spent some time reading Barack Obama's birth certificate Tuesday.

Why, you ask?

A gentleman from Rupert called me — twice — to ask why the *Times-News* wasn't reporting the shocking news that Obama wasn't even an American citizen, and thus cannot legally be president.

Either we weren't paying attention or — start the scary music here — we must be part of the coverage, he intimated.

My inquirer had read an article about Obama's documentation on a Web site that says it "reports what the mainstream media will not" — generally the kind of stories that blame Israel for the Sept. 11 attacks (if they happened at all) or suggest that Hillary may personally charter a plane and site a small town in North Carolina.

Now, I enjoy a good conspiracy theory as much as the next guy, but in the news business we try to stick to facts we can prove. Folks who post on the internet a lot usually consider that a falling of "the mainstream media." I usually have a few other



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things to do during the day, but I told the man from Rupert I'd check out his Web site and get back to him.

Without going into the gory details, here is the "evidence" on Obama: His Hawaiian certification of birth, as shown on his campaign Web site in response to those "net rumors, lacks an official signature and the registration number is blacked out. There are other alleged clues, but none of them mean anything if the paperwork is good.

I don't have access to the X-Files. So I visited FactCheck.org, a Web site run by the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania that bills itself as "a nonpartisan, non-profit, consumer advocate" for voters that aims to reduce the level of deception and confusion

in U.S. politics... Our goal is to apply the best practices of both journalism and scholarship, and to increase public knowledge and understanding."

In short, FactCheck does it the old-fashioned MSM way. They inspected the original document and found it in order; ran it by the state of Hawaii to ensure that it increased public knowledge and alternative explanations and went it one better by coming up with the birth notice placed in the *Honolulu Advertiser* back in 1961.

I sent all this, in the form of a link to the organization's Web site, to my new friend in Rupert.

Case closed?

Not really. The beauty in any and all conspiracy theories is that it's almost impossible to prove that something did not happen, and any evidence that punches holes in the theory is easily dismissed as part of a cover-up motivated by an ever-growing circle of conspirators.

Take, for example, this bit of logic: The McCain and Clinton campaigns, among others, have expended a sizeable fortune and untold energy in busting Obama

for the White House. If there were a silver bullet that would immediately knock him out of the race, wouldn't they use it?

Well, not if they're also part of the cover-up.

In fact, to a die-hard conspiracy theorist there are no bounds to how far you can stretch logic.

Some time ago I had a call from a perfectly nice woman who wanted to pass on her theory that the CIA and NASA conspired to fake the deaths of Marilyn Monroe (a known Mossad agent code-named Norma Jean) and JFK so they could secretly live out the rest of their days on a desert island where Marilyn gave birth to their love child, thus sparing the nation the embarrassment of learning about the president's philandering.

Interesting theory, I said, but you have to acknowledge that there's not a shred of evidence to support it.

"Yes," she responded emphatically, "Isn't it suspicious that there's no proof?"

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote no twice to property tax increases in Blaine

Nay! Nay! Not Not Nay! Nyet! However you say it, vote no twice against Blaine property tax increases this November.

Consolidated dispatch: Although previous consolidated dispatch squabbles in Idaho have determined that the fairest ways to pay for consolidated dispatch is either population based or charging on a per call basis, Hailey and Bellevue are claiming that they are being cheated. Kerchum, Sun Valley and north county property owners already contribute a larger percentage of funds to county coffers than their southern counterparts. Kerchum county property values are higher. So north county taxpayers are already paying a larger share of consolidated dispatch equipment and building costs.

Hailey and Bellevue seem to be pleading that they have more economically disadvantaged citizens causing emergency dispatch calls and therefore their consolidated dispatch costs should be subsidized. Hailey lot revenues are increasing and Hailey needs to look at how similar disputes have been resolved in Idaho and then dig a little deeper before asking to raise everyone's taxes in Blaine County.

Open space: Lordy, how much open space is enough? Blaine County is 82 percent federally and state-owned open space, about 1,000,000 acres of untraced open space. Only 300,000 acres, or 14 percent, is privately owned. Furthermore, if contiguous counties are counted, Blaine residents are surrounded by about 12 million acres of open space for their recreational pleasure. Additionally, according to the National Resources Inventory by the National Resources Conservation Service, as of 2000, only 1.5 percent of Idaho's land is developed and only 0.8 percent is urban.

The so-called smart growth, land greedy people, who have taken over county government are using a tax fix, zoning to set aside private open space and to raise the cost of housing beyond the reach of thousands of low-income working families, seniors and minorities working in Blaine County.

Vote no! We don't need any more stinking open space! We need more land for affordable housing for working folks in Blaine County. MICKEY GARCIA Kerchum

Vote for the right candidate, not the party

The Founding Fathers saw wisdom in a system of checks and balances. Too often, Idahoans elect someone simply because they are Republican, regardless of which candidate may be more qualified. This election cycle, the Democratic candidate for the District 26 Senate seat is clearly a more qualified and better choice than his opponent.

Scott McClure is a lifelong Idaho native with a farm background, he was student body president at Idaho State University, is a Marine Corps veteran, is an independent business owner, is an engineer with strong expertise in energy, and has experience in state government, having served 10 years on the Idaho State Board of Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors. He is clearly the best choice.

Please vote for the most qualified candidate on Nov. 3, regardless of the candidate's party affiliation. HELEN SERR Paul

Bush and Cheney had a part in economic ruin

Bush told us shortly after 9/11 that Osama bin Laden was trying to ruin the U.S. economy. Well, mission accomplished, but he had help. It couldn't have happened without Bush and Cheney doing their part. They rewrote the Constitution, trying to give themselves supreme power over the legislative and judi-

cial branches of government while they were pilfering the treasury to pay Halliburton, Blackwater and others in Iraq to secure Cheney's financial future.

They did all they could to cut funding for good government programs in order to subsidize and deregulate big business. Under the Bush/Cheney policy, the rich get richer and when things go bad for them, you and I get to pay for it.

Bin Laden knew Bush and Cheney would bankrupt the United States. All he had to do was get things started. Not bad for a guy who lives in a cave. While Bush was always vacationing at his ranch and Cheney was trying to learn how to handle a shotgun, Osama was busy studying, learning and planning. Yes, he was.

The good news is Bush and Cheney are on their way out.

The bad news is it's seven years too late. Yes, seven long years and Osama is still out there running around loose. He outsmarter Huey, Dewey and Cantolozza in more ways than one. Well, that's really not a major accomplishment — if you catch my drift.

John McCain said that the economy was basically strong. Remember him? He traded a bridge to nowhere

for a war to nowhere. Nowhere man, pay attention!

Wow, isn't this great? Here I am, voicing my opinion, speaking my mind, putting in my 2 cents worth and just basically enjoying my right of free speech. Lucky for me, I don't work for Idaho Fish and Game. KEN WHITE Twin Falls

Paper could do better than Michelle Malkin

I look forward to day that the Times-News editors get over their love affair with Michelle Mudslinger Malkin. You subject us to the diatribes of this mean girl on the grounds that she does her homework and argues her points well. She may lead us up with little facts she drums up from God-knows-where, but her attitude is sour enough to pickle a tub of cucumbers.

Michelle is not witty, not insightful, but only inexplicably bitter for someone who is so successful at peddling the droppings of her poison pen.

I write this as a kind of "write-in vote" in the hope that the editors will continue their search for a "conservative" columnist for Times-News readers. BRENDA LARSEN Twin Falls

About election letters ...

The Times-News welcomes letters to the editor from and on behalf of candidates for the Nov. 4 general election. Deadline for election letters is Wednesday, Oct. 29, at 5 p.m. Election letters received after that date will not be published. Letters must be 300 words or less, and the Times-News will publish one letter from each writer in October. The Times-News will not publish extended, 600-

word reader comments by or on behalf of candidates after Saturday, Oct. 11. That rule includes reader commentaries written in response to letters from other candidates or their supporters. Deadline to submit such election-related reader commentaries is Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 5 p.m. Email letters to eletters@magicvalley.com, fax them to 734-5538, or mail them to Letters to the Editor, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303. If you have questions, phone Opinion Editor Steve Crump at 735-3223.

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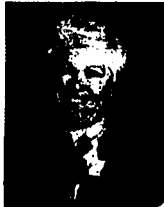
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OTHER VIEWS

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



... coddling CAFOs

Post Register, Idaho Falls
The Environmental Protection Agency wants to exempt confined animal feeding operations from rules requiring them to tell you how much hazardous material they release into the air.

For that, EPA's under fire — and for good reason. The EPA proposal would relieve dairies and feedlots from reporting how much hydrogen sulfide and ammonia they release on a regular basis.

At high levels, both chemicals can impact human health.

... Ammonia can burn people's eyes, skin and lungs. It can also damage water quality.

Hydrogen sulfide can damage a person's central nervous system and cause dizziness, headaches and irritability. A factory feedlot literally produces tons of these toxic substances. For example, a 585,000-hog farm once proposed for the Burley area would have produced at least 22,580 pounds of ammonia a day and about 1,000 pounds of hydrogen sulfide daily.

For the public, the most contentious issue has been controlling manure and preventing it from contaminating both surface and underground water. Manure-contaminated irrigation water has led to several national E. coli epidemics involving different vegetables.

Livestock operators have lobbied hard to have the EPA eliminate or reduce the oversight of these hazardous wastes. The compliant Bush administration has set a Nov. 1 deadline for this rule change to take effect — 80 days before it leaves office.

If enacted, it could have amazing scope. The Government Accountability Office estimates that "some large farms raise animals that can generate more raw waste than the populations of some U.S. cities produce annually." And the issue poses considerable issues for southern Idaho. Mega-dairies line the Magic Valley. In a recent controversial decision, the Big Sky Farm feedlot in Magic Valley — originally proposed at an incredible 18,000 animals — was reduced to a still risky 13,000 and then approved.

... let's hope time will run out on this effort to undermine public health.

essential in a downturn. If it's worth cutting \$27.3 million ... then it's worth the effort to minimize the effect on everyday Idahoans.

The holdback hits the Department of Health and Welfare the hardest, in the sum of \$5.4 million, followed by the college and university system, which endures a \$2.8 million cut.

Health and Welfare and higher education probably should have been subject to some smaller cuts. But when the economy sputters and unemployment increases, the demand intensifies for Medicaid and other public health programs ... (and) for higher education and worker retraining.

Health and Welfare and higher education lose more dollars ... because their agency budgets were relatively larger in the first place. Some budget vagaries also hurt these two agencies: Public schools are protected by a \$100 million reserve fund for K-12 schools, established by legislators in 2006; road projects get a free ride, since the Idaho Transportation Department doesn't get a dime from (the) general fund budget ...

Otter ... found no cuts that would cripple must-have state programs. "They were all very doable," said Wayne

Harmon of Otter's Division of Financial Management.

Hammon believes the 1 percent holdback should be enough to balance the books without further cuts — but then again, Otter asked agency heads to put another \$40.8 million on hold. That's an additional 1.5 percent coming from the same agencies subject to general fund cuts ...

... If further cuts are necessary, Otter takes a more targeted approach.



... voting by mail

Idaho Statesman, Boise

If you live in Ada County and you don't vote this fall, you're pretty much out of excuses. For that, you can thank county officials, who are bringing the polling place

to your doorstep. Every registered voter in Ada County will receive a card allowing them to request an absentee ballot. A large effort — considering more than 180,000 registered voters live in the county — but a good effort ...

If these matters alleviate some of the lines and snarls at the polls on Nov. 4, then it's well worth the effort and the mailing costs, pegged at \$35,000 to \$40,000. Ada County election officials need to try something to prepare for an Election Day crush.

Secretary of State Ben Yursa, the state's elections guru, is forecasting 75 to 80 percent turnout statewide this fall (the 2004 turnout was about 77 percent). Any number of variables

can slow down the traffic on Election Day. Same-day registration, a convenient service for new voters, takes a couple minutes per voter.

About 35,000 Ada County residents registered at the polls in 2004 ... County clerks have proposed vote-by-mail bills in

the past, but lawmakers have rejected the idea — even though vote-by-mail is in place in Oregon and has helped boost voter participation. Perhaps if legislators see absentee balloting work smoothly in the state's largest county, they will be willing to trust county clerks to offer voting by mail ...



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With Wall Street wobbling and banking institutions gripped in a credit vise, it was only a matter of time before the bad times hit the Statehouse.

Gov. Butch Otter tapped the brakes ... ordering a 1 percent spending "holdback."

Otter took the right step, though the best approach. He targeted budget cuts that are across-the-board — in name only. The cuts are particularly problematic, since they hit some programs that are most

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

News programs know about another crisis

I have been housebound for a few weeks. I have spent a lot of time listening to the 24-hour news programs. CNBC, CNN, Fox News, etc. The news was the same to me until we suddenly are made aware of a financial crisis. All of these stations advertise a cure for what they seem to think is the real crisis: erectile dysfunction. DWIGHT SHAW Twin Falls

have been a little more aware of marketing going way over budget. But that was a one-time event that was enjoyed and heralded by thousands, young and old alike. The city of Twin Falls thinks nothing of paying out-of-state agencies thousands upon thousands to "study" roads, bridges and future development — oftentimes with no end result. Our city pool and city golf course have lost money and

at year's end have been deeply in the red for many years. The city of Twin Falls has been bailing them out every single month for years. So, although this year's air show was a huge hit for all and wasn't profitable, it was still well worth it. PATTY LYMAN Twin Falls Eastland Drive traffic deserves attention In regard to Lanning

Morrison's letter in the Sept. 24 Times-News about the traffic on Washington Street North and North College Road, I would like to invite you to sit in the driveway of my house on Eastland Drive North and see some real traffic problems. (But I must warn you, you might not be able to get out of my driveway for quite a while!) I have lived between Falls Avenue and Blitterroot for two years now, and the traffic congestion has increased

tremendously in that time. During peak times, the cars (and trucks) are lined up at the stoplight at Falls and Eastland sometimes past my house. Trying to get out of my driveway is all but impossible. The large trucks idling outside my house cause things inside to rattle. During non-peak times, everyone seems to think of it as a speedway. It is sometimes scary to watch trucks attempting to turn right from Falls Avenue East onto

Eastland. And, speaking of trucks, I guess truck drivers can't read the sign which says "no compression brakes!" I can see no answer to this problem. There has already been one accident outside my house. There are eight townhouses in the block between Falls and Blitterroot. Two of them are currently for sale. I would love to move but, unfortunately, can't afford it. SARAH BENTON Twin Falls

Washington College intersection needs work

A comment on the article published recently about the most dangerous intersections in Twin Falls: Glaringly omitted was the North Washington Street-North College Road deadly uncontrolled intersection. This should have been at the top of the list. Only two stop signs are used at North College. It is often used as a Peking bye-pass. Why can't the street department find justification to at least put up some caution signs on Washington Street? Instead they have posted a 45 mph speed limit sign in the north-bound Washington traffic lane within a few feet of North College. Southbound is posted at 35 mph. With all of the nearby school and Wal-Mart construction, truck traffic and a distant unfunded plan to widen and presumably install a signal, all users are put in a very dangerous situation. LEE KELLY BOBBIE KELLY Twin Falls

A lot of reasons for Gross Domestic Product

The research on the Gross Domestic Product might be correct on the low numbers but fails to examine the underlying reasons for the numbers, as did a recent letter to the editor. The GNP since 2001, has been affected negatively by 9/11, the Oklahoma disaster, Hurricane Katrina, rising gasoline and food prices, and the subprime fiasco. The Reagan tax cuts, which fueled economic growth, happened with a Democratic congress. Listed below are further explanations of some of the events that effected GDP negatively. Increased fuel prices are directly related to tight supplies and OPEC, which created the opportunity for oil to maximize its profits. Even if all cars were electric powered, we would still be buying foreign oil from countries that hate us. A large percentage of the oil we use is for non energy purposes, such as road surfaces, chemicals, etc. The Democrats and their environmental friends are directly responsible. Why are we sending billions overseas every year when we can keep it here and create more jobs? The idiotic rush to ethanol fuel has driven up food costs and does not save one drop of fuel. Both parties have messed this one up. Fannie May and Freddie Mac were created by Congress and are two of the major underlying causes of the subprime mess. Democrats have had their hands in the till of these companies for a long time as evidenced by the fact that they are working for the Obama campaign. Raines took \$100 million in compensation and left under an ethical cloud. Clinton, along with Janet Reno, forced banks and loaning institutions to make subprime loans. Even Robert Reich said that the Democrats were responsible. DARRELL HAMPTON Twin Falls

Despite loss, air show was still well worth it I was indeed unfortunate that the Twin Falls Air Show showed a loss. Maybe a little too much generosity hurt them in the end. Maybe someone should



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